

Historical Fiction

The following are suggestions of Historical Fiction books. These titles can be found in the young adult (YA) and Teen collections. This is not a comprehensive listing of our holdings; please ask the Librarian for further assistance if needed.

Location	Title/Author	Entry Grade	Synopsis
YA ARN	<u>Rat Life</u> By Tedd Arnold	6	In 1972, 14 year old Todd lives a standard life – until the dead body shows up in the river. That same day, he meets Rat, a moody young Vietnam veteran. Soon Todd begins to wonder if his new friend might have something to do with the unidentified body.
YA AND	<u>Chains</u> By Laurie Halse Anderson	5	After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.
YA GRA	<u>How the Hangman Lost His Heart</u> By K.M. Grant	6	What's a nice girl like Alice doing with a hangman called Dan Skinslicer? He likes a good clean killing and a hearty supper afterwards. She likes pretty dresses and riding a well-bred horse. But fate throws them together on a mission of mercy--to save Alice's poor uncle Frank's head and restore his dignity. Soon they find themselves on the run from every soldier in London. It could be their necks next!
YA HAD	<u>Uprising</u> By Margaret Peterson Haddix	5	In 1927, at the urging of twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike, then the fire that took the lives of her two best friends.
YA HES	<u>Brooklyn Bridge</u> By Karen Hesse	5	In 1903 Brooklyn, fourteen-year-old Joseph Michtom's life changes for the worse when his parents, Russian immigrants, invent the teddy bear and turn their apartment into a factory, while nearby the glitter of Coney Island contrasts with the dismal lives of children dwelling under the Brooklyn Bridge.
Teen IBB	<u>Countess Below Stairs</u> By Eva Ibbotson	7	After the Russian revolution turns her world topsy-turvy, Anna, a young Russian countess, has no choice but to flee to England. Penniless, Anna hides her aristocratic background and takes a job as servant in the household of the esteemed Westerholme family.

YA NAP	<u>The Smile</u> By Donna Jo Napoli	6	In Renaissance Italy, Elisabetta longs for romance, and when Leonardo da Vinci introduces her to Guiliano de Medici, whose family rules Florence, she has no inkling of the romance--and sorrow--that will ensue.
YA PAR	<u>Edenville Owls</u> By Robert Parker	5	Fourteen-year-old Bobby, living in a small Massachusetts town just after World War II, finds himself facing many new challenges as he tries to pull together his coachless basketball team, cope with new feelings for his old friend Joanie, and discover the identity of the mysterious stranger who seems to be threatening his teacher.
Teen PEE	<u>Tamar</u> By Mal Peet	8	In England in 1995, fifteen-year-old Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of his family.
Teen SED	<u>The Foreshadowing</u> By Marcus Sedgwick	7	Sasha Fox has the gift of being able to see the future, but as World War I approaches she is unsure how she can use her power to save her brothers and change their destiny.
YA SHE	<u>Keeping Corner</u> By Kashmira Sheth	6	In India in 1918, 12-year-old Leela looks forward to her <i>anu</i> , the ceremony to send her to her husband's home. Instead, his sudden death forces the young widow to stay in her own home for a year and face a bleak future. If you enjoyed <i>Homeless Bird</i> by Gloria Whelan, try this story.
YA WEL	<u>Red Moon at Sharpsburg</u> By Rosemary Wells	7	As the Civil War breaks out, India, a young Southern girl, summons her sharp intelligence and the courage she didn't know she had to survive the war that threatens to destroy her family, her Virginia home, and the only life she has ever known.
YA ZUS Teen ZUS	<u>The Book Thief</u> By Markus Zusak	8	The character of Death tells the story of how Liesel Meminger first learns to read and is transformed into the "book thief," stealing books before they can be burned by the Nazis or confiscated from personal libraries. When her family decides to hide a Jew in the basement, Liesel holds out hope to him in the form of her two most precious commodities: words and stories.