

# Whose History is it Anyway?

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### Titles for Elementary School

1. *Bud, Not Buddy* -Christopher Paul Curtis (1999) Depression-era US, African-American characters
2. *Chickadee* - Louise Erdrich (2012) -Ojibwe family in northern Minnesota in the mid 1800s.
3. *Drita, My Homegirl* -Jenny Lombard (2008). Balkan War; Culture clash, immigration.
4. *Encounter* -Jane Yolen (1996). Alternative viewpoint of Columbus' "discovery" of the New World.
5. *Esperanza Rising* -Pam Munoz Ryan (2002) - migrant farm workers in California; Depression Era.
6. *The Clay Marble* -Mifong Ho (1991) - Cambodian war of 1980's.
7. *Inside Out and Back Again* -Thanhha Lai (2013)- Fall of Saigon; immigration to Alabama
8. *One Crazy Summer* -RIta Williams-Garcis (2011) Civil Rights era; Black Panthers movement.
9. *Stella by Starlight* - Sharon Draper (2015) ) Segregated South in the 1930's.
10. *Three Years and Eight Months* -Icy Smith (2013). Japanese Occupation of China, 1940's

### Titles for Middle School

1. *Before We Were Free* - Julia Alvarez (2002) - 1960 Dominican Republic
2. *Blue Birds* - Caroline Starr Rose (2015) -Roanoke Colony, 1587
3. *Caminar* -Skila Brown (2014). Civil war, Guatemala, 1981; Told in verse.
4. *Chains* - Laurie Halse Anderson (2008) - American Revolution - African-American
5. *Climbing the Stairs - Padma Venkatraman* (2008) - Indian Independence
6. *Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines of World War Two* -Joseph Bruchac (2006)
7. *Day of Tears* - Julius Lester (2007) - 1859 slave auction, Georgia
8. *Echo* - Pam Munoz Ryan (2015). Various eras; African-American and Japanese American.
9. *Like Water on Stone* -Dana Walrath (2015). Armenia, 1915. Religious differences.
10. *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* - Marjorie Agosin (2014) - Chile in 1970s (Pinochet)
11. *A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story* - Linda Sue Park (2010) - 1985 - Sudan

12. *The Rock and the River* - Kekla Magoon (2009) - Chicago 1960s Civil Rights

### **Titles for High School**

1. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing Traitor to the Nation: Vol I The Pox Party* - M.T. Anderson (2006) - American Revolution - African American
2. *Black Dove, White Raven* - Elizabeth Wein (2015) - 1930s Ethiopia
3. *Boxers & Saints* (2 vol set) - Gene Luen Yang (2013) - Graphic novels - Boxer Rebellion in China
4. *Come August, Come Freedom: the Bellows, the Gallows and the Black General Gabriel* - Gigi Amateau (2012) - Post revolutionary Virginia - slave rebellion
5. *Copper Sun* - Sharon Draper (2006) - Colonial America - African-American
6. *Forbidden* - Kimberley Griffiths Little (2014) - Ancient Mesopotamia
7. *Heart of a Samurai* - Margi Preus (2010) - Graphic novel about first Japanese person to come to US
8. *In Darkness* - Nick Lake (2012) - Haitian earthquake & Haitian Independence
9. *Invasion* - Walter Dean Myers (2013) - World War II - African-American
10. *Never Fall Down* - Patricia McCormick (2012) - 1970s Cambodian genocide
11. *Under a Painted Sky* - Stacey Lee (2015) - Oregon Trail - Chinese-American & African-American
12. *X: a novel* - Ilyasah Shabazz (2015) - Fictional account of Malcolm X's childhood

### **Print Resources**

- *Historical Fiction for Children: Capturing the Past* - Fiona Collins and Judith Graham, editors (2001, 2012).
- *Cultural Journeys: Multicultural Literature for Elementary and Middle School Students* - Pamela S. Gates and Diane L. Hall Mark (2010).
- *A Broken Flute: the native experience in books for children* - Doris Seale and Beverly Slapin, editors (2006).
- *The Distant Mirror: Reflections on Young Adult Historical Fiction* by Brown & St. Clair (2005)
- *Historical Fiction for Teens: A Genre Guide* by Rabey (2010)

### **Web-based Resources**

- Gangji, Jane M. and Nancy Benfer (2014, September 16, 2014). How Common Core's recommended books fail children of color. *The Washington Post*. Retrieved from <http://www.washingtonpost.com/blogs/answer-sheet/wp/2014/09/16/how-common-core-recommended-books-fail-children-of-color/>

- We Need Diverse Books - <http://weneeddiversebooks.org/>
- We Need Diverse Books official Tumblr - <http://weneeddiversebooks.tumblr.com/>
- Multicultural Literature from the Cooperative Children's Book Center - <http://ccbc.education.wisc.edu/books/multicultural.asp>
- Selecting Anti-Bias Children's Books - <http://www.tfcbooks.org/2013-guide-anti-bias-childrens-books>
- Oyata <http://oyate.org/index.php/resources/41-resources/how-to-tell-the-difference>
- World of Words <http://wowlit.org/catalog/genre/historical-fiction/>
- Lee and Low Books (blog post: authors discuss diversity in children's books) <http://blog.leeandlow.com/2013/06/17/why-hasnt-the-number-of-multicultural-books-increased-in-eighteen-years/>
- Collaborative for Equity in Literacy Learning <http://cell.msmc.edu/literature/>
- Notable Trade Books for the Social Studies - <http://www.socialstudies.org/notable>

**Suggested Titles from the Wisdom of the Room Activity: (Edited to only include historical fiction)**

**Africa**

1. Journey to Jo'burg; a South African story - Beverley Naidoo (2002) - upper elem, middle
2. The Other Side of Truth - Beverley Naidoo (2010) - middle
3. The Good Braider - Terry Farish (2012) - high school

**Asia**

1. A Single Shard - Linda Sue Park (2001) - middle
2. Beneath my Mother's Feet - Amjed Qamar (2009) - middle
3. Ghost in the Tokaido Inn - Dorothy & Thomas Hoobler (2012) - middle
4. I Survived...the Japanese Tsunami, 2011 - Lauren Tarshis (2013) - middle
5. Lon Po Po: A Red-Riding Hood Story from China - Ed Young (1996) - elementary
6. Saraswati's Way - Monika Schroder (2010) - upper elem, middle
7. The Not So Star-Spangled Life of Sunita Sen - Mitali Perkins (1993) - middle

**Australia/Pacific**

1. The wake of the Lorelei Lee: being an account of the adventures of Jacky Faber on her way to Botany Bay - L A Meyer (2010) - high
2. The Golden Day - Ursula Dubosarsky (2013) - high

### **Central/South America**

1. Cuba 15: a novel - Nancy Osa (2003) - high

### **Other/Non-white U.S.**

1. Crow - Barbara Wright (2012) - middle
2. Dash - Kirby Larson (2014) - Upper elem/middle
3. Dear America Series - Kristiana Gregory (1997+) - upper elem/middle
4. Dust of Eden - Mariko Nagai (2014) - middle
5. Flygirl - Sherri L. Smith (2008) - high
6. I Survived...the Battle of Gettysburg - Lauren Tarshis (2013) - upper elem
7. Journey to Topaz: a story of the Japanese-American evacuation - Yoshiko Uchida (1971/2004) - middle
8. Ruth and the Green Book - Calvin A. Ramsey (2010) - upper elem
9. Road to Tater Hill - Edith Morris Hemingway (2009) - upper elem/middle