

Peck, Richard. A LONG WAY FROM CHICAGO: A NOVEL IN STORIES

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother. In **A YEAR DOWN YONDER**, his sister, Mary Alice, is sent to live with their grandmother for the year of 1937.

Rinaldi, Ann. AN ACQUAINTANCE WITH DARKNESS

When her mother dies and her best friend's family is implicated in the assassination of President Lincoln, 14-year-old Emily must go live with an uncle suspected of stealing bodies for medical research.

Rinaldi, Ann. HANG A THOUSAND TREES WITH RIBBONS: THE STORY OF PHILLIS WHEATLEY

A fictionalized biography of the eighteenth-century African woman who, as a child, was brought to New England to be a slave and gained renown as a poet.

Ryan, Pam Munoz. ESPERANZA RISING

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their life of wealth in Mexico and work in the labor camps of Southern California on the eve of the Great Depression.

Soto, Gary. JESSE

Two Mexican American brothers hope that junior college will help them escape their heritage of tedious physical labor during the Vietnam War era.

Taylor, Theodore. THE BOMB

In 1945, when the Americans liberate the Bikini Atoll from the Japanese, 14-year-old Sorry Rinamu does not realize that the next year he will lead a desperate effort to save his island home from a more deadly threat.

Thesman, Jean. THE ORNAMENT TREE

When 14-year-old Bonnie moves to her cousin's boardinghouse in Seattle in 1918, she learns about life from the boarders and progressive women who live and work there.

Walter, Mildred Pitts. SECOND DAUGHTER: THE STORY OF A SLAVE GIRL

In colonial Massachusetts, Aissa, the teen-age fictional sister of Elizabeth Freeman, struggles against a system which declares that she is property and that she is to remain silent.

White, Ellen Emerson. THE ROAD HOME

Rebecca, a young nurse stationed in Vietnam during the war, must come to grips with her wartime experiences when she returns home.

White, Ruth. MEMORIES OF SUMMER

In 1955, 13-year-old Lyric finds her whole life changing when her family moves from the hills of Virginia to Michigan and her older sister Summer begins descending into mental illness.

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Anderson, Laurie Halse. FEVER 1793

In 1793 Philadelphia, 16-year-old Matilda Cook learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Armstrong, Jennifer. THE DREAMS OF MAIRHE MEHAN

Mairhe, who lives in an Irish slum in Washington, D.C. in the 1860s, struggles to come to grips with the impact of the war on her family.

Avi. BEYOND THE WESTERN SEA

Book One: The Escape from Home

Driven from their impoverished Irish village, 15-year-old Maura and her younger brother meet their landlord's runaway son in Liverpool and sail to America.

Bruchac, Joseph. SACAJAWEA

Sacajawea, a Shoshoni interpreter, peacemaker, and guide, alternates describing her experiences on the Lewis and Clark Expedition with those of William Clark.

Cormier, Robert. FRENCHTOWN SUMMER

A series of vignettes in free verse in which the writer reminisces about his life as a 12-year-old boy in a small town during the hot summer of 1938.

Cormier, Robert. HEROES: A NOVEL

After joining the army at 15 and having his face blown away by a grenade, Francis returns home hoping to find and kill the former childhood hero who he feels betrayed him.

Curtis, Christopher Paul. THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM—1963

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Michigan are drastically changed after they go to visit family in Alabama.

Gallo, Donald R., editor. TIME CAPSULE

Ten short stories written by notable authors each of which presents a life of a teenager in a different decade of the 20th century.

Grimes, Nikki. JAZMIN'S NOTEBOOK

Jazmin, an African American teenager who lives with her sister in Harlem in the 1960s, finds strength in writing poetry and keeping a record of her sometimes difficult life.

Hardman, Ric Lynden. SUNSHINE RIDER: THE FIRST VEGETARIAN WESTERN

In the late 1800s, on a cattle drive north from Texas, 17-year-old Wylie learns that it is no longer necessary to run from the father he never knew.

Hesse, Karen. OUT OF THE DUST

In a series of poems, 15-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

Hesse, Karen. A TIME OF ANGELS

Sick with influenza during the 1918 epidemic and separated from her two sisters, a young Jewish girl living in Boston relies on the help of an old German man, and her visions of angels, to get better.

Holt, Kimberly Willis. WHEN ZACHARY BEAVER CAME TO TOWN.

During the summer of 1971 in a small town in Texas, 13-year-old Toby and his best friend Cal, meet the star of a side-show act, 600 pound Zachary, the fattest boy in the world.

Karr, Kathleen. GO WEST, YOUNG WOMEN!

Meet the first feminists of the frontier; the fearless Petticoat Party wagon train on their way from Massachusetts to Oregon.

Krisher, Trudy. SPITE FENCES

As she struggles with her troubled relationship with her mother during the summer of 1960, a young girl is also drawn into the violence, hatred, and racial tension of a small Georgia town.

Lewis, Catherine. POSTCARDS TO FATHER ABRAHAM

When 16-year-old Meghan loses her leg to cancer and her brother to Vietnam, she expresses anger in postcards she writes to her idol, Abraham Lincoln.

Lisle, Janet Taylor. THE ART OF KEEPING COOL

In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden family secrets and become involved with a German artist suspected of being a spy.

Lyons, Mary E. and Muriel M. Branch. DEAR ELLEN BEE: A CIVIL WAR SCRAPBOOK OF TWO UNION SPIES

A scrapbook kept by a young black girl details her experiences and those of an older white woman, Miss Bet.

Matcheck, Diane. THE SACRIFICE

When her father's death leaves her an orphan and an outcast among her Apsaalooka (Crow) people, a 15-year-old sets out to avenge his death and prove that she is destined to be the Great One.

Paterson, Katherine. LYDDIE

A poor Vermont farm girl is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts in the 1840s.

Paulsen, Gary. SARNY: A LIFE REMEMBERED

Sarny, taught to read in NIGHTJOHN, now teaches other former slaves to read in the aftermath of the Civil War.

Paulsen, Gary. SOLDIER'S HEART: A NOVEL OF THE CIVIL WAR

Eager to enlist, 15-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.