

Historical Fiction

Recommended Teen Reads

Ancient History

Spirit's Princess (Spirit's Princess Series, #1) by Esther Friesner
(3rd century Japan)

Sphinx's Princess (Sphinx's Princess, #1) by Esther Friesner (18th dynasty Egypt)

Beauty's Daughter: The Story of Hermione and Helen of Troy by Carolyn Meyer
(1200 B.C. Greek Mythology)

Medieval Era

Flame in the Mist (Flame in the Mist, #1) by Renee Ahdieh (1100s or 1200s Feudal Japan)

The Passion of Dolssa by Julie Berry (mid 13th century France)

Shadow of the Wolf by Tim Hall (13th or 14th century England)

A Daring Sacrifice by Jody Hedlund (14th century England)

Lady Macbeth's Daughter by Lisa Klein (11th century Scotland)

Grave Mercy (His Fair Assassin, #1) by Robin LaFevers (15th century France)

Renaissance

VIII by H.M. Castor (1500s England)

Da Vinci's Tiger by L.M. Elliott (Late 1400s Florence)

Changeling (Order of Darkness Series, #1) by Philippa Gregory (1400s Europe)

My Lady Jane by Cynthia Hand, Brodi Ashton, and Jodi Meadows (1500s England)

Ophelia by Lisa Klein (1600s Denmark)



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Renaissance, Continued:

Witchstruck (Tudor Witch Trilogy, #1) by Victoria Lamb (1500s England)

Dawn of Spies: A Crusoe Adventure by Andrew Lane (1600s England)

Gilt (Royal Circle Series, #1) by Katherine Longshore (1500s England)

Blood Water Pain by Joy McCullough (1600s Italy)

Venom: The Secrets of the Eternal Rose by Fiona Paul (Renaissance Venice)

And I Darken (Conquerors Saga #1) by Kiersten White (1400s Transylvania)

Georgian (1714-1830) and Regency Eras (1811-1820): English History

Love, Lies and Spies by Cindy Anstey (1800s)

Suitors and Sabotage by Cindy Anstey (1817)

A School for Unusual Girls by Kathleen Baldwin (1814)

Murder, Magic, and What We Wore by Kelly Jones (early 1800s England)

Hell and High Water by Tanya Landman (18th century England)

The Gentleman's Guide to Vice and Virtue by Mackenzie Lee (1700s Europe)

Always Emily by Michaela MacColl (Early 1800s)

Secrets in the Snow: A Novel of Intrigue and Romance by Michaela MacColl (Early 1800s England)

French Revolution (1789-1799)

Revolution by Jennifer Donnelly

The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner



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Victorian England (1837-1901)

The Forbidden Orchid by Sharon Biggs Waller

A Mad, Wicked Folly by Sharon Biggs Waller

A Great and Terrible Beauty (Gemma Doyle Series, #1) by Libba Bray

Etiquette and Espionage (Finishing School Series, #1) by Gail Carriger

The Midnight Dance by Nikki Katz (1879 Italy)

Death Cloud (Young Sherlock Holmes Series, #1) by Andrew Lane

Olivia Twist by Lorie Langdon

A Spy in the House (The Agency Series, #1) by Y.S. Lee

The Falconer (Falconer Series, #1) by Elizabeth May (Scotland)

These Vicious Masks by Tarun Shanker and Kelly Zekas

Early American History

All the Truth That's In Me, by Julie Berry (Colonial America)

Crossing Ebenezer Creek by Tonya Bolden (1860s Civil War America)

Walk on Earth a Stranger (Gold Seer Trilogy, #1) by Rae Carson (Mid 1800s, Gold Rush Era)

Alex and Eliza: A Love Story (Alex and Eliza #1) by Melissa de la Cruz (Late 1700s, Revolutionary War Era)

Hamilton and Peggy!: A Revolutionary Friendship by L.M. Elliott (Late 1700s, Revolutionary War Era)

Two Girls of Gettysburg by Lisa Klein (1860s Gettysburg)

Daughters Unto Devils by Amy Luckavics (1800s American Frontier)



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Early American History, Continued

Juba! by Walter Dean Myers (1800s New York City)

The Mirk and Midnight Hour by Jane Nickerson (1862 Civil War South)

Turn of the Century (1900-1930s)

The Diviners (The Diviners Series, #1) by Libba Bray (1920s New York City)

Deadly by Julie Chibbaro (Early 1900s New York)

The Luxe (The Luxe Series, #1) by Anna Gobdersen (Early 1900s New York City)

Uprising by Margaret Peterson Haddix (1911 New York)

A Countess Below Stairs by Eva Ibbotson (1910s England)

The Life Fantastic: A Novel in Three Acts by Liza Ketchum (1913 America)

Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson (1917 Montana)

Outrun the Moon by Stacey Lee (1906 San Francisco)

A Death-Struck Year by Makiia Lucuer (1918 Oregon)

Silent by David Mellon (World War I Europe)

Anastasia and Her Sisters by Carolyn Meyer (1910s Russia)

The Beautiful and the Cursed by Page Morgan (Early 1900s Paris)

Beck by Mal Peet

Out of Darkness by Ashley Hope Perez (1930s Texas)

Cinders and Sapphires (At Somerton, #1) by Leila Rasheed (1910 England)

Belle Epoque by Elizabeth Ross (1888-1889 Paris)

Blood Red Snow White by Marcus Sedgwick (1910s Russia)



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Turn of the Century (1900s-1930s), Continued

Touched By Fire by Irene N. Watts (1911 New York)

The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz (1911 Baltimore)

Distant Waves: A Novel of the Titanic by Suzanne Weyn (1912 Atlantic Ocean)

The Steep and Thorny Way by Cat Winters (1920s Oregon)

Boxers (Boxers and Saints, #1) by Gene Luen Yang (Graphic novel) (Early 1900s China)

World War II Era (1939-1945)

Prisoner of Night and Fog by Anne Blankman

The Boy in the Striped Pajamas by John Boyne

Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac

Once (Once Series, #1) by Morris Gleitzman

Front Lines (Soldier Girl Series, #1) by Michael Grant

Prisoner B-3087 by Alan Gratz

Girl in the Blue Coat by Monica Hesse

Stones On a Grave by Kathy Kacer

Among the Red Stars by Gwen C. Katz

Orphan Monster Spy by Matt Killeen

Night Witches: A Novel of World War II by Kathryn Lasky

Wait for Me by Caroline Leech

X-Men Magneto Testament by Greg Pak (Graphic novel)



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World War II Era (1939-1945), Continued

Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys

What the Night Sings by Vesper Stamper

Climbing the Stairs by Padma Venkatraman

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein

Briar Rose by Jane Yolen

Mapping the Bones by Jane Yolen

The Book Thief by Markus Zusak

Modern History (1950s-1990s)

Everybody Sees the Ants by A.S. King (1970s)

A Big Dose of Lucky by Marthe Jocelyn

Never Fall Down by Patricia McCormick (1970s)

Burn Baby Burn by Meg Medina (1970s)

Eleanor and Park by Rainbow Rowell (1980s)

Out of the Easy by Ruta Sepetys (1950s)

X: A Novel by Illyasah Shabazz and Kekla Magoon

Sekret (Sekret Series, #1) by Lindsay Smith (1960s)

When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead (1980s)

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Story Collections Featuring Various Time Periods

All Out: The No-Longer-Secret Stories of Queer Teens Throughout the Ages,
edited by Sandra Mitchell

The Radical Element: 12 Stories of Daredevils, Debutantes, and Other Dauntless Girls, edited by Jessica Spotswood

A Tyranny of Petticoats: 15 Stories of Belles, Bank Robbers and Other Badass Girls, edited by Jessica Spotswood

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