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Reading List for Juveniles

A Break With Charity: A Story About The Salem Witch Trials by Ann Rinaldi. While waiting for a church meeting in 1706, Susanna English, daughter of a wealthy Salem merchant, recalls the malice, fear, and accusations of witchcraft that tore her village apart in 1692.

A Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple, Mayflower 1620 by Kathryn Lasky. Dear America Series. 1620 / Twelve-year-old Mem presents a diary account of the trip she and her family made on the Mayflower in 1620 and their first year in the New World.

A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde Robert Bulla
Left on their own in seventeenth-century London, three impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together and make their way to the Virginia colony in search of their father.

A Little Maid of Massachusetts Colony by Alice Turner Curtis. Revolutionary War / During the Revolutionary War, Anne Nelson journeys with Indians, is imprisoned, escapes, and helps capture an English privateer

A Little Maid of Old New York by Alice Turner Curtis. Revolutionary War / Ten-year-old Annette finds a way to prove her loyalty as a good American during the British occupation of New York City in the Revolutionary War

A Stage for Rom by Nancy Faulkner
Rom and his twin Polly move to Colonial Williamsburg and Rom joins a company of actors. Their lives are changed forever when some old puppets and a stolen horse add up to a mystery and they make an exciting discovery.

A Stolen Life by Jane Louise Curry
In 1758 in Scotland, teenaged Jamesina MacKenzie finds her courage and resolution severely tested when she is abducted by "spirited" and, after a harrowing voyage across the Atlantic, sold as a bond slave to a Virginia planter.

Abenaki Captive by Muriel L. Dubois
In 1752, nineteen-year-old Abenaki warrior Ogistin is present when a band of his people capture an English trapper, John Stark, and as Stark is carried into captivity in Canada a bond of hate and competition develops between him and Ogistin.

Adventure on the Wilderness Road, 1775 by Laurie Lawlor . Wilderness Road -- Frontier and pioneer life -- Adventure stories.

Amos Fortune: Free Man by Elizabeth Yates
Amos Fortune was born an African prince but enslaved, then sold in Boston in 1725. He learned a trade and was sold to several new masters. All the while he saved what money he could, so that forty years later, when he was 60, he had enough to buy his freedom. He devoted the rest of his life to education and to buying the freedom of other slaves.

Amos Lately Discovered by Robert Lawson.
Revolutionary War / Benjamin Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's inventions and discoveries.

And Then What Happened, Paul Revere? by Jean Fritz
Describes some of the well-known as well as the lesser-known details of Paul Revere's life and exciting ride.

Anson's way by Gary D. Schmidt
1740 / While serving as a British Fencible to maintain the peace in Ireland, Anson finds that his sympathy for a hedge master places him in conflict with the law of King George II

Ben and Me by Robert Lawson
Benjamin Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's inventions and discoveries.

Benjamin West and his cat Grimalkin by Marguerite Henry and Wesley Dennis. 1746 / With his beloved black cat Grimalkin as his constant companion, the young Quaker boy Benjamin West discovers and develops his talent as an artist.

Betsy Zane, the Rose of Fort Henry by Lynda Durrant
In 1781 twelve-year-old Elizabeth Zane, great-great-aunt of novelist Zane Grey, leaves Philadelphia to return to her brothers' homestead near Fort Henry in what is now West Virginia, where she plays an important role in the final battle of the American Revolution.

Beyond the Burning Time by Kathryn Lasky

When, in the winter of 1691, accusations of witchcraft surface in her small New England village, twelve-year-old Mary Chase fights to save her mother from execution.

Black Hands, White Sails: The Story of African-American Whalers by Patricia McKissack

A history of African-American whalers between 1730 and 1880, describing their contributions to the whaling industry and their role in the abolitionist movement.

Boston Tea Party: A Rebellion in the Colonies by

James E. Knight. A Boston merchant describes the American colonists' act of protest against British taxation and the tea monopoly of the East India Company.

Breaking Ground, Breaking Silence: The Story of New York's African Burying Ground by Joyce and Gary

McGowan Hansen. Describes the discovery and study of the African burial site found in Manhattan in 1991, while excavating for a new building, and what it reveals about the lives of black people in Colonial times.

By the Dawn's Early Light by Steven Kroll

An account of the writing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," detailing how Key was actually behind enemy lines at the time seeking release of a captured friend from the British, who would not allow their departure until the bombardment of Baltimore was completed.

Caesar's story, 1759 by Joan Lowery Nixon

1759 / After having been a slave on Carter's Grove plantation near Williamsburg, Virginia, since childhood, Caesar finally finds a way to plan his own future.

Calico Bush, by Rachel Field, 1894-1942.

Set in Maine, 1743. Soon after her arrival in the New World from France in the early 1700's, thirteen-year-old Marguerite's parents are killed and she is taken in as an indentured servant by the Sargent family. She acts heroically while living with the Sargents and, when later offered her freedom, decides to stay with them.

Calico Captive by Elizabeth George Speare

This story is very loosely based on the true captivity narrative of Susannah Johnson. The focus of the book is on Mrs. Johnson's younger sister, Miriam Willard, who was just 14 at the time she and her older sister's family were captured by Abenaki Indians in 1754, but Ms. Speare increased her age to 16. The book is filled with adventure and romance and how cultures and religions clashed on the 18th century frontier: New England farmers vs. Abenaki warriors, Puritanism vs. Roman Catholicism, and English vs. French loyalties.

Captain Grey by Avi

Following the Revolution, an eleven-year-old boy becomes the captive of a ruthless man who has set up his own "nation," supported by piracy, on a remote part of the New Jersey coast.

Carry on, Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham

1770 / A fictionalized biography of the mathematician and

astronomer who realized his childhood desire to become a ship's captain and authored the American Practical Navigator.

Cecile : gates of gold by Mary Casanova

1711 / In 1711, twelve-year-old Cecile Revel unexpectedly gets the chance to serve Louis XIV's sister-in-law at the palace of Versailles, but instead of a dream come true, life at court proves to be complicated and precarious.

Constance: A Story about Early Plymouth by Patricia

Clapp. Fourteen-year-old Constance does not want to leave England. From the time she first sees Plymouth, she resents the unfriendly looking land, the work she is asked to do, and the hardship the Pilgrims face during the first winter. After several years, she begins to appreciate the religious freedom and decides to stay.

Cutlass in the Snow by Elizabeth Shub

In 1797 Sam and his grandfather explore the wild and uninhabited Fire Island, just missing a band of pirates but finding a cutlass and buried treasure.

Danger Along the Ohio by Patricia Willis

1793 / Lost in the Ohio River Valley in May 1793, twelve-year-old Clare and her two brothers struggle to survive in the wilderness and to avoid capture by the Shawnee Indians.

Dawn rider by Jan Hudson

Kit Fox's sixteenth year with her people, the Bloods, is filled with preparations for an important buffalo run, talk of her older sister's coming marriage, and skirmishes with their traditional enemy the Snakes.

Diary of Anna Green Winslow by Anna Green Winslow

Emma's journal: story of a Colonial girl by Marissa

Moss. From 1774 to 1776, Emma describes in her journal her stay in Boston, where she witnesses the British blockade and spies for the American militia. Features hand-printed text, drawings, and marginal notes.

Encounter at Easton by Avi

The doomed flight of two young indentured servants from their unkind master brings together an unlikely assortment of people in a mid-eighteenth-century Pennsylvania town.

Enemy in the Fort by Sarah Masters Buckey

In 1754, with her own parents taken captive, twelve-year-old Rebecca must confront her fear and hatred of the Abenaki when a boy raised by members of that tribe is brought to the fort at Charleston, New Hampshire, just before a series of thefts occurs.

Estebanico by Helen Rand Parish

Historical novel of the adventures of Estebanico, an African slave and one of the four conquistadors who first crossed America in search of the Seven Cities of Gold.

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson

In 1793 Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and

self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Finding Providence: Story of Roger Williams by Avi

After being forced to leave the Massachusetts Bay Colony, Roger Williams travels south and, with the help of the Narragansett Indians, founds Providence, Rhode Island.

Five Smooth Stones: Hope's Diary by Kristiana

Gregory. In her diary, a young girl writes about her life and the events surrounding the beginning of the American Revolution in Philadelphia in 1776.

Grandmother Bryant's Pocket by Jacqueline Briggs

Martin. Suffering from nightmares after her dog is killed in a fire, a young girl in eighteenth-century Maine goes to live with her grandparents.

Growing Up In Colonial America (American Children)

by Tracy Barrett. Reading level: Grade 4-6. Publisher: Millbrook Press (October 1, 1995)

Guests by Michael Dorris

Moss and Trouble, an Algonquin boy and girl, struggle with the problems of growing up in the Massachusetts area during the time of the first Thanksgiving.

Hester Bidgood, Investigatrix Of Evil Deedes by E. W.

Hildick. Thirteen-year-old Hester Bidgood and her fourteen-year-old friend Rob Macgregor investigate the stoning and branding of a kitten in a New England town caught in the grip of witchcraft rumors during the year 1692.

Homes in the Wilderness: a Pilgrim's Journal of the Plymouth Plantation in 1620 by William Bradford and Others of the Mayflower Company by Margaret W.

Brown. A modern translation of the journal kept by Governor William Bradford and others of the Mayflower company describing the landing of the Pilgrims on Cape Cod, their search for a homesite, the first meetings with Indians, and the final building of the settlement at Plymouth.

"First published at London in 1622 as A relation or journal of the proceedings of the plantation settled at Plymouth in New England. The book is commonly called Mourt's relation, because the preface is signed G. Mourt, and no other indication of authorship is given ... It is now believed that Governor Bradford, Edward Winslow, and others of the colonists kept this journal"

Hope's Crossing by Joan Elizabeth Goodman.

Revolutionary War / When kidnapped by English Loyalists during the Revolutionary War, thirteen-year-old Hope draws on every ounce of courage within her to respond to the ordeal.

Hopkins of the Mayflower: Portrait of a Dissenter by Margaret Hodges

I Am Regina by Sally M. Keehn

In 1755, as the French and Indian War begins, ten-year-old Regina is kidnapped by Indians in western Pennsylvania, and

she must struggle to hold onto memories of her earlier life as she grows up under the name of Tskinnak and starts to become Indian herself.

I'm Deborah Sampson: a Soldier in the War of the

Revolution by Patricia Clapp. Relates the experiences of the woman who disguised herself as a man in order to enlist and fight in the American Revolution.

Indian Captive: The Story of Mary Jemison written and

illustrated by Lois Lenski, c1941. 1758 / A fictional retelling of the experiences of twelve-year-old Mary Jemison, who after being captured by a Shawnee war party during the French and Indian War, is rescued and adopted by two Seneca sisters with whom she ultimately chooses to stay.

John Billington, Friend of Squanto by Clyde Robert

Bulla. A young Pilgrim boy is always causing trouble for Plymouth Colony until one day his mischief results in more friendly relations with the Indians.

Johnny Tremain: a novel for old & young by Esther

Forbes. Revolutionary War / After injuring his hand, Johnny Tremain, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston, takes part in the Boston Tea Party and the Battles of Lexington and Concord. He becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

Jump Ship to Freedom by James Lincoln & Christop

Collier. In 1787 a fourteen-year-old slave, anxious to buy freedom for himself and his mother, escapes from his dishonest master and tries to find help in cashing the soldier's notes received by his father for fighting in the Revolution. He soon finds himself forced aboard a ship headed for the West Indies, where he faces certain slavery.

King of the Wind by Henry, Marguerite

1757 / Traces the abuses and triumphs of the Arabian stallion who became a founding sire of the Thoroughbred breed, and of the mute Arabian boy who tended him as long as he lived.

Lavender-Green Magic by Andre Norton

An old pillow, found in an attic trunk, guides three children through a maze to a house with an unusual occupant.

Marie : summer in the country France, 1775 by

Jacqueline Dembar Greene; c1997. 1775 / In August, 1775, while spending a month on her cousin's farm in the French countryside, Marie takes care of her younger sisters, picks vegetables, and helps her cousin find a way to earn money so she won't be sent away from home

Melitte by Fatima Shaik

In 1772, years of mistreatment force thirteen-year-old Melitte to decide whether or not to run away from the Frenchman who has kept her as a slave on his poor Louisiana farm and leave the young girl who is the only person who ever loved her.

Moon of Two Dark Horses by Sally M. Keehn

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, hoping to keep bloodshed away from their valley, a twelve-year-old Delaware

Indian boy and his white friend search sacred land for the bones of a legendary beast.

Mr. Revere and I by Robert Lawson.

Revolutionary War / Account of certain episodes in the career of Paul Revere, Esq., as recently revealed by his horse, Scheherazade, late pride of his royal majesty's 14th regiment of foot.

Mutiny! by Brad Strickland and Thomas E. Fuller

1680 / After arriving at the home of his disreputable uncle Patch, fourteen-year-old orphan Davy Shea finds himself embroiled in a failed mutiny aboard the HMS Retribution ending in death sentences for all involved, including his uncle. Pirate Hunter series.

My Brother Sam is Dead by James Lincoln Collier
Revolutionary War / Recounts the tragedy that strikes the Meeker family when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

My Brother, My Enemy by Madge Harrah
Determined to avenge the massacre of his family, fourteen-year-old Robert Bradford joins Nathaniel Bacon's rebel army in hopes of wiping out the Susquehannock Indians of Virginia.

My Name is Not Angelica by Scott O'Dell
Relates the experiences of a young Senegalese girl brought as a slave to the Danish owned Caribbean island of St. John as she participates in the slave revolt of 1733-1734.

Mystery on Skull Island by Elizabeth McDavid Jones
In 1724, twelve-year-old Rachel and her friend Sally discover a pirates' hiding place on a deserted island near Charles Town, South Carolina, and they suspect it may be connected to the woman who will soon become Rachel's stepmother.

Nancy's Story, 1765 by Joan Lowery Nixon
1765 / In 1765, twelve-year-old Nancy worries about effect of the British Stamp Act on her father's silversmith business in Williamsburg and about how to get along with her new stepmother

Night Journeys by Avi
1768 / In the spring of 1768, twelve-year-old Peter, living with his Quaker guardian near the Pennsylvania-New Jersey border, joins in the search for two runaway indentured servants.

Pearl by Debby Atwell
Events in the history of the United States, from George Washington's presidency through the beginning of the space program, are related to the experiences of one family.

Pilgrim Voices: Our First Year in the New World by Connie and Peter Roop (ed.)

Prince Charlie's Year by James D. Forman.
1745 / In 1745 fourteen-year-old Colin joins his father to fight with Bonnie Prince Charlie in his attempt at the throne.

Rebecca's War by Ann Finlayson
Revolutionary War / Left in charge of her brother and sister in occupied Philadelphia in 1777, fourteen-year-old Rebecca's life is complicated further when two British soldiers are billeted in her house.

Roanoke: A Novel of the Lost Colony by Sonia Levitin
An English youth and an Indian girl are caught up in the events leading to the mysterious disappearance of the colony at Roanoke Island.

Ruffles and Drums by Betty Cavanna
Devoted to the revolutionary cause, sixteen-year-old Sarah finds it difficult to accept the presence of a young British officer convalescing in their Concord house.

Samuel Eaton's Day: A Day in the Life of a Pilgrim Boy by Kate Waters. Text and photographs follow a six-year-old Pilgrim boy through a busy day during the spring harvest in 1627: doing chores, getting to know his Wampanoag Indian neighbors, and spending time with his family.

Sarah Bishop by Scott O'Dell
Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness.

Sarah Morton's Day: A Life in the Day of a Pilgrim Girl by Kate Waters. Text and photographs of Plimouth Plantation follow a Pilgrim girl through a typical day as she milks the goats, cooks and serves meals, learns her letters, and adjusts to her new stepfather.

Saturnalia by Paul Fleischman
In 1681 in Boston, fourteen-year-old William, a Narraganset Indian captured in a raid six years earlier, leads a productive and contented life as a printer's apprentice. Although he is adopted by the printer and his family, he is increasingly anxious to make some connection with his Indian past.

Second Daughter: The Story of a Slave Girl by Mildred Pitts Walter. In late eighteenth-century Massachusetts, Aissa, the fictional younger sister of Elizabeth Freeman, relates how her sister gains freedom for herself and her family by bringing a suit against their owner in court.

Small Wolf by Nathaniel Benchley
A young Native American boy sets out to hunt on Manhattan Island and discovers some strange people with white faces and very different ideas about land.

Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan, Delaware Valley, Pennsylvania, 1763 by Mary Pope Osborne. 1763 / A Quaker girl's diary reflects her experiences growing up in the Delaware River Valley of Pennsylvania and her capture by Lenape Indians in 1763

Stowaway by Karen Hesse

1768 / A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768 to 1771 aboard the Endeavor which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook.

Stranded at Plimoth Plantation, 1626 by Gary Bowen

Tapenum's Day: A Wampanoag Indian Boy in Pilgrim Times by Kate Waters. Pilgrim boy through a busy day during the spring harvest in 1627: doing chores, getting to know his Wampanoag Indian neighbors, and spending time with his family.

The Arrow Over The Door by Joseph Bruchac

In the year 1777, a group of Quakers and a party of Indians have a memorable meeting.

The Bay Boy: or, The Autobiography of a Youth of Massachusetts Bay, A Semi-Autobiographical Account of 1700s Boston by Royall Tyler. Contains delightful sketches of Colonial life, politics, manners, and mores. Also depicts growing tensions against the strictures of the Crown.

The Beaded Moccasins: The Story of Mary Campbell by Lynda Durrant. 1759 / After being captured by a group of Delaware Indians and given to their leader as a replacement for his dead granddaughter, twelve-year-old Mary Campbell is forced to travel west with them to Ohio.

The Bloody Country by James Lincoln & Christop Collier. In the mid-eighteenth century a family moves from Connecticut to Pennsylvania and becomes involved in the property conflict between the two states.

The Bound Girl by Nan Watson Denker
Historical fiction set in Massachusetts during the Colonial Era.

The Bread Sister of Sinking Creek by Robin Moore
Fourteen-year-old Maggie Callahan, who has a special talent for making bread, struggles to survive on the Pennsylvania frontier in the late 1700s.

The Cabin Faced West by Jean Fritz
Ten-year-old Ann overcomes loneliness and learns to appreciate the importance of her role in settling the wilderness of western Pennsylvania.

The Captive (2) by Joyce Hansen
When Kofi's father, an Ashanti chief, is killed, Kofi is sold as a slave and ends up in Massachusetts, where his fate is in the hands of Paul Cuffe, an African American shipbuilder who works to return slaves to their homeland in Africa.

The Courage of Sarah Noble by Alice Dalgliesh
Remembering her mother's words, an eight-year-old girl finds courage to go alone with her father to build a new home in the Connecticut wilderness and to stay with the Indians when her father goes back to bring the rest of the family.

The Crimson Cap by Ellen Howard

In 1684, wearing his father's faded cap, eleven-year-old Pierre Talon joins explorer Rene-Robert Cavelier on an ill-fated expedition to seek the Mississippi River, but after the expedition falls apart Pierre, deathly ill, is taken in by Hasinai Indians. Includes historical facts.

The Dark Frigate by Charles Boardman Hawes
1640 / A young man dares not return to England after his ship is taken over by pirates and he becomes a member of their crew. The story is told of Philip Marsham who lived in the time of King Charles and was bred a sailor but came home to England after many hazards by sea and land and fought for the King at Newbury and lost a great inheritance and departed for Barbados in the same ship, by curious chance, in which he had long before adventured with the pirates /

The Double Life of Pocahontas by Jean Fritz
A biography of the famous American Indian princess, emphasizing her life-long adulation of John Smith and the roles she played in two very different cultures.

The Fighting Ground by Avi
Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

The First Year by Enid La Monte Meadowcroft
A story of the Pilgrims in America.

The Ghost of Nicholas Greebe by Tony Johnston
In Colonial Massachusetts, the ghost of a recently-buried farmer haunts his widow's house after a dog takes one of his bones on a long journey.

The Griffin Legacy by Jan O'Donnell Klaveness
Amy Enfield becomes involved with the spirit of her ancestor Lucy Griffin and undertakes a quest for silver stolen from the parish church by Lucy's lover during the Revolution.

The Hired Hand: An African American Folk Tale by Robert D. San Souci. Old Sam hires a man to help out at his saw mill, and the hired hand also teaches Sam's lazy son a lesson about how to treat people.

The Hollow Tree by Swoboda
It is 1777, and fifteen-year-old Phoebe Olcott is thrown headlong into the turmoil of war when her beloved cousin Gideon is hanged as a British spy.

The House on Stink Alley: a Story about the Pilgrims in Holland by F.N. Monjo. Young Love Brewster describes the experiences of his family and other Pilgrims living in Leyden in years before the Mayflower sailed for New World.

The Journal of William Thomas Emerson, a Revolutionary War Patriot by Barry Denenberg.
Revolutionary War / William, a twelve-year-old orphan, writes of his experiences in pre-Revolutionary War Boston where he joins the cause of the patriots who are opposed to the British rule.

The Landing of the Pilgrims by James Henry Daugherty

In order to escape religious persecution, a group of English Separatists set sail for America in 1620, hoping to establish a new colony.

The Little Maid Series by Alice Turner Curtis

The series details the adventures of girls set in the US during the 1700s. A little maid of Mohawk Valley: During the Revolutionary War, ten-year-old Joanne Clarke, living in a log cabin in the Mohawk Valley, delivers an important message to General Philip Schuyler at Albany after being kidnapped and abandoned by an Indian.

The Matchlock Gun by Walter Dumaux Edmonds

In 1756, during the French and Indian War in upper New York state, ten-year-old Edward is determined to protect his home and family with the ancient, and much too heavy, Spanish gun that his father had given him before leaving home to fight the enemy.

The Mayflower Secret by Dave Jackson

Teenage Elizabeth Tilley, one of the colonists landing at New Plymouth on the Mayflower, sees her parents die from illness and wonders if God is punishing her for the terrible secret she carries.

The Pilgrims of Plimoth by Marcia Sewall

Chronicles, in text and illustrations, the day-to-day life of the early Pilgrims in the Plimouth Colony.

The Pumpkin Flood at Harpers Ferry by Lila Gravatt

Scrimsher. Reilly & Lee; First Edition, January 1, 1962. Juvenile level, historic fiction based on a true account of ripe pumpkins that washed out of Indian gardens during a flood on the Potomac River in October 1753. Most (if not all) characters are people who were documented as real in the historic account. This book is out of print but is available in several libraries in and around Jefferson County, WV. A copy is available (purchased in 2010 at an inexpensive used rate) at Reliving History, Inc.

The Ransom of Mercy Carter by Caroline B. Cooney

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

The Second Bend in the River by Ann Rinaldi

1798 / Rebecca, a young settler in the Ohio territory, meets the Shawnee called Tecumseh and later develops a deep friendship with him.

The Seekers by Eilis Dillon

Young Andrew and his friend Edward follow Rebecca, the girl Andrew plans to marry, from England to the Plymouth colony in 1632. Although they expect adventure, Andrew and Rebecca finally decide to return to England because the strict lifestyle of the Pilgrims and difficulties with the Indians make life much more difficult than they imagined.

The Serpent Never Sleeps: A Novel of Jamestown and Pocahontas by Scott O'Dell.

In the early seventeenth century, Serena Lynn, determined to be with the man she has loved since childhood, travels to the New World and comes to know the hardships of colonial life and the extraordinary Princess Pocahontas.

The Sign of the Beaver by Elizabeth George Speare

1769 / Left alone for several months to guard the family's wilderness home in 18th century Maine, 12-year-old Matt faces dangers. He must rely on local Indians to teach him their skills, which they do because he agrees to teach the chief's son to read, even though the boy does not really want to learn.

The Spinning Wheel Secret by Lillie Vanderveer

Albrecht. Joan Tower has never done the typical things a girl growing up in Colonial America should have done. She played and romped with her brothers and learned other skills than those of a housewife. But, after an Indian raid she must do all she can to keep her family together - even learn the skills she has never had.

The Voyage of Patience Goodspeed by Heather Vogel

Frederick. Following their mother's death in Nantucket, Captain Goodspeed brings twelve-year-old Patience and six-year-old Tad aboard his whaling ship, where a new crew member incites a mutiny and Patience puts her mathematical ability to good use.

The Warlock of Westfall by Leonard Everett Fisher

A lonely old recluse is accused by his fellow villagers of being the devil's disciple when they discover he has invented an imaginary family to keep himself company.

The Way of the Eagles by Clifford Lindsey Alderman

Enoch Robinson didn't like being apprenticed to dour wheelwright Nathaniel Crane and he liked being beaten even less. So, one day in the summer of 1775, he tore the switch out of his master's hand, broke it into four pieces, and began to fight back. Fearing a jail sentence he joins a patriot force taking part in an attempt to drive the British from Canada.

The Winter Hero by James Lincoln Collier

Anxious to be a hero, a young boy relates how he becomes involved in Shays' Rebellion begun by farmers in western Massachusetts against unfair taxation levied on them by the Boston government.

The Winter People by Joseph Bruchac

As the French and Indian War rages in October of 1759, Saxso, a fourteen-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth George

Speare. In 1687 in Connecticut, after her grandfather dies, Kit Tyler, an orphan, must leave her Caribbean home to live with her aunt in Connecticut. Once there, her colorful personality clashes with her somber Puritan uncle's. Kit befriends a kindly old woman the townspeople think is a witch and, when sickness strikes, finds herself on trial for witchcraft.

The Witchcraft of Salem Village by Shirley Jackson

This Dear-Bought Land by Jean Lee Latham

In 1607 a fifteen-year-old boy joins the expeditionary force that hopes to establish a permanent English colony in Virginia.

Thomas: 1778 -- Patriots on the Run by Bonnie Pryor.

Revolutionary War / Having lost their home when the Revolutionary War reached their part of rural Pennsylvania, Thomas and his family start a new life running an inn in Philadelphia, where Thomas finds new danger that takes him into captivity among the Iroquois.

Thunder from the Clear Sky by Marcia Sewall

Tituba of Salem Village by Ann Petry

1692 / Salem Witch Trials. Soon after the Reverend Samuel Parris arrived in Salem Village, Massachusetts in 1692 with his family and two slaves from Barbados, one of them, Tituba, was accused of witchcraft. Tituba, whose stories from Barbados were misinterpreted by her teenage listeners, was the first person accused in the Salem Witch Trials.

Toliver's Secret by Esther Wood Brady

During the Revolutionary War, a 10-year-old girl crosses enemy lines to deliver a loaf of bread with a message for the patriots.

Touchmark by Mildred Lawrence

An orphaned girl living in pre-Revolutionary Boston longs to be apprenticed to a pewterer.

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

1670 / While going through the possessions of a deceased guest who owed them money, the mistress of the inn and her son find a treasure map that leads them to a pirate's fortune.

Trouble's Daughter: The Story of Susanna

Hutchinson, Indian Captive by Katherine Kirkpatrick

1643 / When her family is massacred by Lenape Indians in 1643, nine-year-old Susanna, daughter of Anne Hutchinson, is captured and raised as a Lenape

War Comes to Willy Freeman by James Lincoln &

Christop Collier. Willy, a 13-year-old free black girl, sees British redcoats shoot her father in Connecticut, then discovers that her mother has been taken prisoner. She runs off to stay with relatives who are still slaves, but, fearing their master will sell her back to slavery, goes to New York disguised as a boy, later returning to help her uncle win his freedom.

Wayah of the Real People by William O. Steele

Weaver's Daughter by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

1791 / In 1791 after her family's journey from Pennsylvania, ten-year-old Lizzie suffers from the disease of asthma in her new home in the Southwest Territory (present-day Tennessee).

What's the Big Idea, Ben Franklin by Jean Fritz

A brief biography of the printer, inventor and statesman.

Witch child by Celia Rees

1659 / In 1659, fourteen-year-old Mary Newbury keeps a journal of her voyage from England to the New World and her experiences living as a witch in a community of Puritans near Salem, Massachusetts

Witches' Children by Patricia Clapp

Mary Warren, a teenage servant for a 1690's Salem family, tells about the group of young girls who listen to the stories and fortune telling of Tituba, a slave just brought to New England from Barbados. As the stories get more exciting, accusations of witchcraft lead to the famous Salem witch trials.

Yankee Trader: Ben Tanner, 1799 by Marjorie

Chickering. Sixteen-year-old Ben is the equal of any woodsman with gun and trap and he thinks St. Johnsbury, Vermont is a pretty good place to live but he longs to see more. He gets his chance on a journey to Portland.

Young George Washington: the making of a hero by

John Rosenburg. 1742 / A fictionalized biography, with emphasis on the early life, of the Virginia farmer's son who would eventually become a Revolutionary War leader and first President of the United States.

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