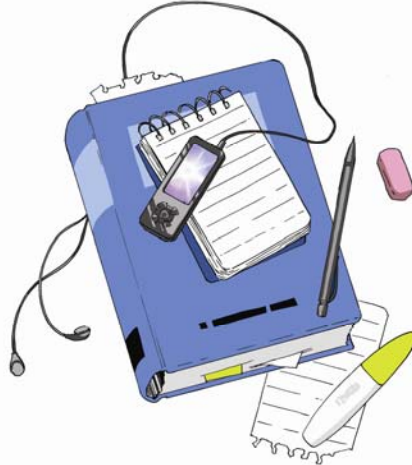


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Tween

Anderson, Laurie Halse. Chains. New York: Simon & Schuster Children's Publishing, 2008. Sisters Isabel and Ruth are young girls who are promised freedom after the death of their slave master. Instead, they become property of a New York City couple. Isabel soon catches Revolution fever after meeting a young boy named Curzon who encourages her to spy on her owners. Together Isabel and Curzon strive for their personal freedom and the freedom of New York and their country.

ALA Notable Children's Book

FICTION

Audio CD by Brilliance (2008), Playaway (2008)

Auch, Mary Jane. Journey to Nowhere. New York: Yearling, 1998.

In 1815, while traveling by covered wagon to settle in the wilderness of western New York, eleven-year-old Mem experiences a flood and separation from her family. The trilogy continues with Frozen Summer and Road to Home, both out of print.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 47447

Auch, Mary Jane. One-handed Catch. New York: H. Holt and Co., 2006.

After sixth-grader Norman loses his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, he uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 64853

Avi. Don't You Know There's a War On? New York: HarperCollins, 2001.

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 54773

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Avi. The Seer of Shadows New York: HarperCollins, 2008.

In New York City in 1872, fourteen-year-old Horace becomes entangled in a plot to create fraudulent spirit photographs. When Horace accidentally frees the real ghost of a dead girl bent on revenge, his life takes a frightening turn.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 67358

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2008)

Barter, James. A Travel Guide to Colonial New York. New York: Lucent Books, 2004.

A visitor's guide to the weather, transportation, overnight accommodations, dining, shopping, sightseeing, and entertainment of New York City in colonial times.

NON-FICTION

Benton, Amanda. Silent Stranger. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1998.

Fifteen-year-old Jessica finds a young stranger hiding in the barn on Christmas Eve. Though he is completely silent, Jessica brings him to the house, where her family agrees to let him stay. With the War of 1812 being fought nearby, they suspect the mysterious stranger could be a soldier, but he hardly looks old enough.

FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. North Country: Writing from the Upper Hudson Valley and the Adirondacks. Greenfield Center: Greenfield Review Press, 1986.

ANTHOLOGY OF POETRY, SHORT FICTION, AND ESSAYS

Burgan, Michael, and Timothy J. Shannon. New York, 1609-1776. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2006.

Series: Voices from Colonial America.

Presents the history of New York by discussing the interaction between Native American tribes and Dutch settlers, as well as leaders including Peter Stuyvesant and Alexander Hamilton.

Complete with period maps and first-person accounts.

NON-FICTION

Carvell, Marlene. Sweetgrass Basket. New York: Dutton Juvenile Books, 2005.

In alternating passages, two Mohawk sisters describe their lives at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, established in 1879 to educate Native Americans, as they try to assimilate into white culture.

FICTION

Chambers, Veronica. The Harlem Renaissance. New York: Chelsea House, 1998

This history discusses the emergence of Harlem as a cultural center in the 1920s in the context of the social and political forces of the time, weaving in accounts of such greats as Langston Hughes, Countee Cullen, Zora Neale Hurston, and others who were part of this artistic and intellectual movement. *Best Books for Young Teen Readers*

NON-FICTION

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Tween**

Clifford, Eth. Will Somebody Please Marry My Sister? Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1992.

Out of Print

In 1920s Brooklyn, Abel and friend Hilda try to find a husband for Abel's doctor sister to marry.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 39311

Connor, Leslie. Waiting for Normal. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2008.

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC068286

Digital book: DB068286

Braille format: BR018148

Conrad, Pam. Our House: The Stories of Levittown. New York: Scholastic Press, 2005.

Six stories, one from each decade from the 1940s to the 1990s, about children growing up in Levittown, New York.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 44202

Danticat, Edwidge. Behind the Mountains. New York: Orchard Books, 2002.

Out of Print

Writing in the notebook which her teacher gave her, thirteen-year-old Celiane describes life with her mother and brother in Haiti as well as her experiences in Brooklyn after the family finally immigrates there to be reunited with her father.

FICTION

Braille format: BR 14941

DeFelice, Cynthia. Under the Same Sky. New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2003.

To earn money for a coveted motorbike, young Joe Pedersen joins the Mexican laborers who work on his father's farm in upstate New York and soon discovers racism and romance while learning to see the world in a whole different way.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 57189

Durrant, Lynda. Echohawk. New York: Clarion Books, 1996.

Out of Print

A twelve-year-old white boy, adopted and raised by Mohicans in the Hudson River Valley during the 1730s, is sent with his younger brother to an English settlement for schooling.

FICTION

Braille format: BR 12923

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Durrant, Lynda. My Last Skirt: The Story of Jennie Hodgers, Union Soldier. New York: Clarion Books, 2006.

Emigrating from Ireland to start a new life in New York, Jennie Hodgers dresses as a boy and serves in the 95th Illinois Infantry as Private Albert Cashier, a Union soldier in the American Civil War.

FICTION

Emery, Joanna. Brothers of the Falls. New York: Silver Moon Press, 2004.

As the orphaned Doyle brothers leave Ireland to sail to the United States in 1846, thirteen-year-old Aiden is accidentally separated from sixteen-year-old Liam and must make his own way to New York, find work, and somehow find his brother. Much of the book is set in Niagara Falls.

FICTION

Fritz, Jean. You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? New York: Putnam, 1995.

With her trademark humor and anecdotal style, the Newbery Honor Award-winner and preeminent biographer for young people turns her attention to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the lively, unconventional spokeswoman of the woman suffrage movement. Convinced from an early age that women should have the same rights as men, Lizzie embarked on a career that changed America.

NON-FICTION

Braille format: BR 10778

George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain. New York: Puffin, 2004.

Sam Gibley's great-grandfather owned land in the Catskill Mountains that had been uninhabited for years. Tired of living in the hustle and bustle of New York City, teenage Sam runs away to the Catskills in search of that land. *Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Braille format: BR 15070 / Recorded format: RC 50211

Getzinger, Donna. Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. North Carolina: Morgan Reynolds, Inc., 2008.

In 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, a clothing company located in the top floors of a New York high rise. The fire spread fast, and soon the factory's workers, mostly immigrant women, faced death by fire, as their only way out was to jump from the windows.

NON-FICTION

Giff, Patricia. All the Way Home. New York: Delacorte Press, 2001.

In 1941, circumstances bring together Brick, a boy from New York's apple country, and Mariel, a young girl made shy by her bout with polio. The two make a journey from Brooklyn to upstate New York to help Brick's elderly neighbors save their apple crop and to help Mariel learn about her past.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 53791

**You Are Here: Explore New York
Tween**

Giff, Patricia. Lily's Crossing. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 1999.

A vivid portrait of the home front in World War II, where a young American girl befriends a Hungarian refugee during the summer of 1944 in Rockaway Beach. *Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Braille format: BR 17375 / Recorded format: RC 45659

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005), Audio Cassette by Recorded Books (1997)

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Storyteller. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2010

Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feels a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall. Zee reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War in upstate New York, as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.

FICTION

Giff, Patricia. Water Street. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2006.

In the shadow of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, eighth-graders and new neighbors Bird Mallon and Thomas Neary make some decisions about what they want to do with their lives.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 64195

Audio CD and Cassette by Listening Library (2006)

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Wild Girl. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2009.

When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her new life, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC070322

Digital book: DB070322

Grab, Daphne. Alive and Well in Prague, NY. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2008

Manhattanites Matisse Osgood and her artist parents move to upstate New York when her father's Parkinson's disease worsens. Matisse must face high school in a small, provincial town as she tries to avoid thinking about her father's future.

FICTION

Greenberg, David. A Tugging String. New York: Dutton Children Books, 2008.

A fictionalized account of the author's years growing up in Great Neck, New York, during the turbulent Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Includes commentary from the author's father, Jack Greenberg, who was a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

FICTION

Grimes, Nikki. Jazmin's Notebook. New York: Puffin, 2000.

Jazmin is growing up during hard times in 1960s Harlem. She expresses hope for her future as she observes life around her neighborhood. *Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 47277

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Tween**

Course, Leslie. Sophisticated Ladies: The Great Women of Jazz. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2007.

This lively collective biography of 14 singers begins in the 1920s with Bessie Smith and Ethel Waters and moves on through current performers Cassandra Wilson and Diana Krall. A vibrant, full-page portrait opens each chapter, depicting the performer with bold vitality, in a style suggestive of a theater poster. Includes references to Jazz Clubs in Harlem during the 1920s.

NON-FICTION

Hesse, Karen. The Brooklyn Bridge. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2008

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. Nearby, the glitter of Coney Island contrasts with the dismal lives of children dwelling under the Brooklyn Bridge.

FICTION

Braille format: BR018212

Jocelyn, Marthe. How It Happened in Peach Hill. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2007.

When fifteen-year-old Annie Grey and her "clairvoyant" mother arrive in Peach Hill, New York, in 1924, each finds a reason for wanting to finally settle down. To reach their goals they will have to do some serious lying and Annie will have to stand up for herself.

Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION

Kirkpatrick, Katherine. Escape Across The Wide Sea. New York: Holiday House, 2004.

After escaping religious persecution in France in 1686, a young Huguenot boy and his parents travel on a slave ship to West Africa, then to the Caribbean, and finally to New York, where they help found the town of New Rochelle.

FICTION

Kirkpatrick, Katherine. Trouble's Daughter: The Story of Susanna Hutchinson, Indian Captive.
New York: Delacorte Books for Young Readers, 1998.

Out of Print

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.

FICTION

TBBL holding RC 48226

Klein, Frederick C. For the Love of the Yankees: An A-to-Z Primer for Yankees Fans of All Ages. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2008.

No other franchise in the history of sports can boast the tradition and worldwide appeal of the New York Yankees. The list of legends that have donned the blue-and-white pinstripes over the years is as long as one of Mantle's epic tape-measure home runs, and the names themselves have become synonymous with everything we love about baseball. From Ruth and Gehrig to DiMaggio and Berra to Jackson and Steinbrenner to Jeter and Torre, an introduction to the prominent names in Yankee lore provides a comprehensive history of baseball over the last century.

NON-FICTION

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Lasky, Kathryn. Dreams in the Golden Country: The Diary of Zipporah Feldman, a Jewish Immigrant Girl. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1998

Twelve-year-old Zippy, a Jewish immigrant from Russia, keeps a diary account of the first eighteen months of her family's life on the Lower East Side of New York City in 1903-1904.

Best Books for Young Teen Readers

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 53540

Levine, Ellen. Catch a Tiger by the Toe: Voices from the McCarthy Era. New York: Viking, 2005.

In the Bronx, New York, during the McCarthy era, twelve-year-old Jamie keeps a terrible secret about her family; when the truth is exposed, her parents lose their jobs and she is fired from the school newspaper.

NON-FICTION

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. Hiawatha and Megissogwon. Illus. Jeffrey Thompson. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2001.

A dramatic combination of scratchboard and computer illustrations capture the magic, action, and excitement of the classic tale of Hiawatha, the son of the West Wind, who valiantly slays serpents, eludes ghosts, and finally confronts the evil Megissogwon.

POETRY

Braille format: BR 06112 / Recorded format: RC 22692

Luper, Eric. Bug Boy. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR), 2009.

The setting is Saratoga Springs in the summer of 1934 and fifteen-year-old Jack is promoted to apprentice jockey - his lifelong dream. With all the pressure to maintain a low weight and avoiding crooked bookies and horse owners, it turns out to be more of a nightmare.

FICTION

Lupica, Mike, Heat. New York: Scholastic, 2007.

A young Cuban immigrant, Michael Arroyo is a great pitcher in the Little League in the Bronx. When a rival player's team questions his age and ability, he is sidelined, and the young star athlete cannot help get his team to the Little League World Series.

FICTION

Braille format: BR 17941 / Recorded format: RC 62264

Audio CD by Listening Library (2006)

Lurie, April. Dancing in the Streets of Brooklyn. New York: Delacorte Press, 2002.

In 1944, a thirteen-year-old girl grapples with the discovery that "Pa" isn't her biological father, experiences her first romance, and faces hardships dealt to friends in Brooklyn's Norwegian community.

FICTION

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Tween**

Martin, Ann. Here Today. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 2005.

In 1963, 11-year-old Eleanor Roosevelt Dingman's mother is crowned the Bosetti Beauty at Mr. Bosetti's supermarket, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated, and the Dingman family begins to fall apart. So begins this richly woven novel by the Newbery Honoree.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2004)

Marx, Trish. Steel Drumming at the Apollo: The Road to Super Top Dog. New York: Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2007.

Photo-essay about a high school steel drum band from upstate New York that participated in a series of talent competitions for a chance to win Super Top Dog on Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. Includes a CD of the band performing.

NON-FICTION

Mazer, Norma Fox. Good Night, Maman. Collingdale: DIANE Publishing Company, 2006.

After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.

FICTION

Braille format: BR 13026

Mebus, Scott. Gods of Manhattan. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2008.

Twelve-year-old Rory discovers a spirit world that thrives alongside his contemporary New York City, filled with fantastical creatures and people from the city's colorful past who have become gods and goddesses and who have chosen Rory to perform a dangerous mission.

FICTION

Merrill, Jean. The Pushcart War. New York: Yearling, 1987

Mack's truck runs down Morris's pushcart and starts a war that is humorous and also reveals many human foibles. *Best Books for Junior High Readers*

FICTION

Braille format: BR 07784 / Recorded format: RC 28765

Audio Cassette by Recorded Books (1994)

Messner, Kate. Champlain and the Silent One. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2008.

In the winter of 1609, with his people starving, the Innu Indian called Silent One must overcome his reluctance to speak and trust Samuel de Champlain and his Frenchmen in order to save his brother and regain his own spirit.

FICTION

Messner, Kate. Spitfire: A North Country Adventure. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2007.

In October of 1776, two twelve-year-olds meet on a ship on Lake Champlain--Abigail, disguised as a boy, and Pascal, brought aboard by his stepfather, the captain--and forge a fast friendship while serving together as soldiers.

FICTION

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Tween**

Murphy, Jim. Desperate Journey. New York: Scholastic Press, 2006.

In the mid-1800s, with both her father and her uncle in jail on an assault charge, Maggie, her brother, and her ailing mother must rush their barge along the Erie Canal to deliver their heavy cargo or risk lose everything.

FICTION

Murphy, Jim. The Real Benedict Arnold. New York: Clarion Books, 2007

A fascinating portrait of a brilliant man, consistently undervalued by his peers, who made a choice that continues to reverberate through American history.

NON-FICTION

Recorded format: RC 66523

Myers, Anna. Hoggee. New York: Walker & Co., 2004.

Always overshadowed by his competitive older brother, especially in their work as mule drivers on the Erie Canal, fourteen-year-old Howard finally finds the courage to pursue his dreams of becoming an educator after he learns about sign language and teaches it to his deaf friend in nineteenth-century New York State.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 61365

Platt, Richard. New York City. New York: Kingfisher, 2010

Follow the triumphs and turmoils of one of the world's most famous cities, from 1600 until the present day. Meet Manhattan's native people; watch the arrival of Europeans, witness riots and revolution, and experience life in the Big Apple.

NON-FICTION

Reber, Jack. The Erie Canal. Unionville, NY: Royal Fireworks Press, 1996.

Two ten-year-olds on a class trip to the Erie Canal find themselves transported back in time to the canal of 1829. Dragged aboard a canal boat, the boy and girl experience adventures in getting through each day by blending into its tempo and chores while trying to find a way back to the present.

FICTION

Sachs, Marilyn. Lost in America. New York: Roaring Brook Press, 2005.

Follows the story of Nicole, a teenage French Jew, from 1943-1948, as she loses her parents and sister to the concentration camps and then leaves her native France to make a new life in New York City.

FICTION

Schwabach, Karen. The Hope Chest. New York: Random House Children's Books, 2008.

Eleven-year-old Violet has one goal in mind when she runs away from home: to find her sister, Chloe, in New York City. As Violet's journey grows longer, her single-minded pursuit of reuniting with her sister changes. Before long she is standing side-by-side with her new friends—suffragists, socialists, and others—the type of people whom her parents would not approve.

FICTION

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Tween**

Scieszka, Jon Francesco. Spaceheadz. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010.

On his first day at Brooklyn's P.S. 858, fifth-grader Michael K. is teamed with two very strange students. He gradually comes to believe they are aliens who need his help, but he has trouble convincing anyone else of the truth.

FICTION

Sherry, Maureen and Adam Stower. Walls within Walls. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2010

When the Smithfork family moves into a lavish Manhattan apartment building, they discover clues to a decades-old mystery hidden behind the walls of their new home.

FICTION

Smith, Chari R. Extraordinary Women from U.S. History: Readers Theatre for Grades 4-8.

Portsmouth, NH: Teacher Ideas Press, 2003.

Includes scripts about famous women in history--many of whom have links to New York State--including Eleanor Roosevelt, Amelia Earhart, Susan B. Anthony, Nellie Bly, and Harriet Tubman. Can be performed or read.

NON-FICTION / DRAMA

Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2009.

Set in New York City circa 1979, Sixth grader Miranda begins to receive mysterious notes about the future; notes that are eerily reminiscent of her favorite novel *A Wrinkle in Time*.

2010 Newbury Medal winner.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2009)

Sterman, Betsy. Saratoga Secret. New York: Dial Books for Young Readers, 1998.

Out of Print

In 1777, as General Burgoyne and his British troops invade the Upper Hudson River Valley, sixteen-year-old Amity must carry a secret message to the Continental army to give warning of an impending attack.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 49709

St. George, Judith. The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr.

New York: Viking Juvenile, 2009.

Early on a July morning in 1804, on a patch of field overlooking the Hudson River, two prominent political figures fought a duel. The story tracks the lives of both men from their service under George Washington to their political careers as founders of a new nation.

FICTION

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Taylor, Kim. The Great New York City Trivia and Fact Book. Nashville: Cumberland House Publishing, 1998.

A celebration of the people, places, and institutions that have given New York City its character. Arranged topically, it covers business, politics, crime, religion, education and health, theater, architecture, media and literature, sports, history, and more. Illustrated with period photographs.

NON-FICTION

Uttendorfsky, Irene. Hannah and the Two Sisters: An Erie Canal Adventure. Rome, NY: Spruce Gulch Press, 2005

In the spring of 1864, fifteen-year-old Hannah Miller struggles with the ups and downs of growing up in the sleepy foothills of the Adirondacks. Her world is turned upside down suddenly when cholera strikes her family, and the boy she hoped to marry enlists in the 146th Regiment, New York State Volunteers. Hannah must leave her home in Boonville and live with a disagreeable aunt in Rome, unless she can convince her Pa to take her along when he goes back to work on the Erie Canal aboard the Two Sisters.

FICTION

Watts, Leander. Stonecutter. New York: Graphia, 2002.

In 1835, in rural New York State, apprentice stonecutter Albion Straight relates his experiences when he is hired by the strangely menacing John Good to carve a statue of his daughter.

FICTION

Welsh, T.K. The Unresolved. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2006

In 1904 in New York City, the spirit of a deceased German American teenage girl searches for the person responsible for the Slocum Steamboat Fire that claimed her life and the lives of more than 1000 other passengers.

FICTION

Recorded format RC 64054

Woodson, Jacqueline. After Tupac & D Foster. New York: G.P. Putnam, 2008.

In 1996 in Queens, two girls become friends through the music of Tupac Shakur; the music continues to touch their lives as they deal with their families and their futures. *Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 66700

Audio CD by Brilliance (2009)

Woodson, Jacqueline. If You Come Softly. New York: G.P. Putnam, 2010.

Two 15 year olds, Jeremiah (Miah) who is black, and Elisha (Ellie) who is white, meet during their first year at an exclusive New York prep school and fall in love. The teenagers must deal with the subtle and not-so-subtle bigotry that they are subjected to as a mixed-race couple.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 63810