Books to Support

Middle School Social Studies



A Suggested List of Titles:

Historical Fiction

**Introduction**

The list of “Suggested Titles to Support Middle School Social Studies Instruction” was developed as a resource for teachers and administrators. Historical fiction can provide a point of entry for students into time periods and events, and reinforce the natural connection to English Language Arts. Most of the entries on the list are annotated, and all include either the author or publisher. Some titles appear in more than one category.

Our hope is that these resources will be valuable as you write units of study, plan your project-based assessments (culminating and exit projects), and enhance your existing classroom libraries for independent reading and research.

This list is a starting point and is by no means exhaustive. We welcome your suggestions in any category as we continue to update this list of books that support Social Studies instruction. Please contact Fran Macko at [fmacko@aihe.info](mailto:fmacko@aihe.info) with your recommendations.

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Stories of Colonial Life

**Anderson** Zeb (boy must survive in the wilderness)   
**Avi** Encounter at Easton (two indentured servants run away); Night Journeys (two servants escape to Pennsylvania)   
**Bulla** Charlie’s House (boy sent to America to be servant); A Lion to Guard Us (English children search for father in Virginia)   
**Clapp** Constance: A Story of Early Plymouth (girl moves to Plymouth);  Witches Children (girls believe they are victims of witches)   
**Collier** The Corn Raid: Story of the Jamestown Settlement   
**Dalgliesh** The Courage of Sarah Noble (girl accompanies father to wilderness)   
**Edmonds** The Matchlock Gun (boy protects mother and sister)   
**Farber** Mercy Short: A Winter Journal, North Boston 1692-1693   
**Field** Calico Bush (orphaned French girl becomes servant in Maine)   
**Fleischman** Saturnalia (Indian boy apprenticed to a printer searches for twin)   
**Gregory** The Winter of the Red Snow: Revolutionary War Diary   
**Hildick** Hester Bidgood (story of Salem during witchcraft scare)   
**Howard** When Daylight Comes (1733 slave uprising in Virgin Islands)   
**Lasky** Beyond the Burning Time (Salem witchcraft trials);A Journey to the New World (Mayflower settler's diary)

**Levitan**  Roanoke: A Novel of the Lost Colony   
**Osborne** Standing in the Light: The Captive Diary of Catherine Carey Logan   
**Rinaldi** The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce   
**Speare**  Calico Captive (girl captured by Indians travels to Montreal); The Witch of Blackbird Pond (girl and woman accused of witchcraft)

Stories of the American Revolution

**Avi** The Fighting Ground (13 year old goes off to war)   
**Banim** Drums at Saratoga (11 year old boy follows soldiers)   
**Boyd** Drums (North Carolinian goes off to fight)   
**Buckey** The Smuggler's Treasure (History Mystery-War of 1812)   
**Collier** My Brother Sam is Dead (family torn apart by war) ; Jump Ship To Freedom; War Comes to Willy Freeman (free Black dresses as a boy and searches for her mother- during American Revolution)   
**Forbes** Johnny Tremain (boy becomes apprentice to Paul Revere)   
**Fritz**  Early Thunder (boy's life in Salem before Revolution) ; Double Life of Pocahontas  
**Gregory** The Winter of Red Snow: The Revolutionary War Diary of Abigail; Jane Stewart (life in Valley Forge)  
**Keith** Rifles for Watie

**McGovern** Secret Soldier: The Story of Deborah Sampson (female soldier in Revolution)  
**O'Dell** Sarah Bishop (girl must fend for herself)   
**Peck** Hang for Treason (boy joins Vermont Green Mountain Boys)   
**Wisler** Kings Mountain (boys forced to serve enemies)

Stories of a Young America   
**Blos** A Gathering of  Days: A New England Girl's Journal, 1830-32   
**Brink** Caddie Woodlawn   
**Collier** The Bloody Country (Pennsylvania frontier) **DeFelice** The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker (19th century  medicine)   
**Garland** A Line in the Sand: Alamo Diary of Lucinda Lawrence   
**Hurst** Through the Lock (1840 Vermon; two orphans save a Canal)   
**Lasky** The Journal of Augustus Pelletier (Lewis & Clark expedition)   
**Osborne** Adaline Falling Star (story of Kit Carson's daughter)

**Stewart** On the Long Trail Home (Trail of Tears story)   
**Turner** The Girl Who Chased Away Sorrow: Diary of a Navajo Girl     
**Yep** The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner

Stories of the Civil War and its Aftermath

**Ayers** North By Night: Story of Underground Railroad   
**Beatty** Who Comes With Cannons? (Quaker in NC helps runaway); Eben Tyne, Powdermonkey (13 year old works on Merrimac); Jayhawker (boy works as abolitionist freeing slaves)   
**Burchard** Jed, The Story of a Yankee Soldier and a Southern Boy North By Night (Yankee prisoner looks to escape)   
**Calvert** Bigger (boy goes after father who disappeared in Civil War)   
**Carbonne** Stealing Freedom (young slave escapes to Canada)   
**Clapp** The Tamarack Tree: A Novel of the Siege of Vicksburg   
**Collier** With Every Drop of Blood (Confederate boy is captured)   
**Daringer** Mary Montgomery, Rebel (war brings changes to a girl's life)   
**Davis** Three Days (Gettysburg through the eyes of Robert E. Lee)   
**Denenberg** When Will This Cruel War Be Over? Civil War Diary of E. Simpson   
**Forrester** Sound the Jubilee (girl & her family take refuge on Roanoke)   
**Fox** The Slave Dancer (boy is kidnapped to work on a slave ship)   
**Fritz** Brady (boy takes part in anti-slavery activities)   
**Hansen** Out From this Place (girl looks for friend after Emancipation);I Thought My Soul Would Rise and Fly: Diary of Freed Girl   
**Hesse** A Light in the Storm: Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin   
**Houston** Mountain Valor (NC girl dresses as boy to defend her family)   
**Hunt** Across Five Aprils (family torn apart by divided loyalties)   
**Hurmence** A Girl Called Boy (time travel to slavery days in NC); Tancy (girl searches for her mother after Civil War)   
**Johnson** My Brothers' Keeper (orphan enlists in Union Army)   
**Jones** Watcher in the Piney Woods (Am Girl History Mystery)   
**Lasky** True North: Novel of the Underground Railroad

**Lester** This Strange, New Feeling (stories about slavery and freedom); To Be a Slave (former slaves tell of their lives)   
**Lyons** Dear Ellen Bee: Scrapbook of Two Union Spies;Letters From a Slave Girl: The Story of Harriet Jacobs   
**Meader** Phantom of the Blockade (ship brings supplies to Lee's army)   
**Reeder** Across the Lines (two different views of slavery)   
**Smucker** Runaway to Freedom: The Story of the Underground Railroad Underground to Canada (two girls escape to Canada)   
**Wisler** The Drummer Boy of Vicksburg (based on true story); Run the Blockade (boy works on British ship; NC setting)

**Yates** Amos Fortune, Free Man

Stories of Westward Expansion

**Annixter** Wagon Scout (going west on a wagon train)   
**Avi** The Barn (settling the Oregon Territory)   
**Baker** The Spirit is Willing(girl grows up in Arizona mining town)   
**Brink** Caddie Woodlawn; Magical Melons (girl growing up in Wisconsin)   
**Cushman** The Ballad of Lucy Whipple (girl in California mining town)   
**Durbin** The Journal of Sam Sullivan: A Transcontinental Railroad Worker   
**Fleischman** Bandit's Moon (an orphan is protected by a bandit)   
**Gregory** Across the Wide and Lonesome Prarie: Oregon Trail Diary; The Great Railroad Race: Utah Territory 1868; Jenny of the Tetons (Idaho Territory, 1875)   
**Holm** Boston Jane (1854; long sea voyage to Washington Territory)   
**Hughes** Hoofbeats of Danger (History Mystery; Pony Express Station)   
**Karr** The Great Turkey Walk (boy herds turkeys from Missouri to Denver)   
**Kheridan** Bridger: Story of a Mountain Man (Jim Bridger, scout)   
**Kurtz** I'm Sorry Almira Ann (girl travels the Oregon Trail)   
**Lasky** Beyond the Divide (life on a wagon train))   
**Liles** Rebecca of Blossom Prairie: Grandmother of a Vice-President   
**Marvin** A Bride for Anna's Papa (Minnesota Iron Range, 1907)   
**Moeri** The Devil in Rosie (Oregon, 1907)   
**Myers** The Journal of Joshua Loper: A Black Cowboy; The Righteous Revenge of Artemis Bonner   
**O'Dell** Sing Down the Moon (explorers come to Navajo land)   
**Osborne** Adaline Falling Star (daughter of Kit Carson runs away)   
**Paulsen** Mr. Tucket (first of trilogy; kidnapped boy helped by mountain man)   
**Rinaldi** My Heart is on the Ground: Diary of a Sioux Girl   
**Turner** The Girl Who Chased Away Sorrow: Navajo Girl, New Mexico, 1864;Grasshopper Summer (family settles in the Dakota Territory)   
**Yep** The Journal of Wong Ming-Chung: A Chinese Miner

Stories of the New Century

**Alter** After Pa Was Shot (girl in Texas)   
**Bartoletti** A Coal Miner's Bride (Dear America series)   
**Blos** Brooklyn Doesn't Rhyme (story of a Polish immigrant girl)   
**Denenberg** So Far from Home: Diary of an Irish Mill Girl   
**Jones** Secrets on 26th Street (History Mystery; suffragists)   
**Hallstead** Conqueror of the Clouds (1912; teen becomes stunt pilot)   
**Hesse** A Time of Angels (1918 flu epidemic); Witness (Ku Klux Klan in Vermont, told in poetry in several voices )   
**Lowell** I am Lavina Cumming (life in California)   
**McKissak** Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love, The Great Migration North   
**Moeri** The Devil in Ol'Rosie (ranch in eastern Oregon, 1907)   
**ONeal** A Long Way to Go (women's suffrage movement)   
**Paterson** Preacher'Boy (Will the world end when the year 1899 does?); Lyddie   
**Tate** The Minstrel's Melody (History Mystery; girl wants to be star)   
**White** Voyage on the Great Titanic

Stories of WWI

**Jones** The Night Flyers (History Mystery; spies in NC)   
**Lindquist** Summer Soldiers (boy keeps ranch running when father goes to war)

Stories of the Great Depression

**Avi** Smugglers' Island (boy from Maine fights bootleggers)   
**Gates** Blue Willow (story of a loving farm family)   
**Hoobler** The 1930s" Directions (family goes to 1936 Olympics)   
**Karr** The Cave (drought & Depression trouble farm family); The Great Turkey Race (turkeys "herded")   
**Uchida** A Jar of Dreams (Japanese American Family)

Stories of WWII

**Anderson** Paper Faces (father returns from WWII)   
**Avi** Don't You Know There's a War On? (Teen in Brooklyn, 1943)   
**Banks** Under the Shadow of Wings (life in Alabama during war)   
**Bauer** Rain of Fire (brother returns from WW II)   
**Bishop** Twenty and Ten (children are hidden in a cave)   
**Bogard** Los Alamos Light (girl's father works on atomic bomb)   
**Bonham** Burma Rifles (American born Japanese acts as interpreter at the front in Burma); The Ghost Front (twins participate in Battle of the Bulge)   
**Chaikin** Friends Forever (how war affects two friends)   
**Cutler** My Wartime Summers (growing up in the US during WW II)   
**Denenberg** The Diary of Julie Weiss: Vienna, Austria to NY, 1938; The Journal of Ben Uchida: Mirror Lake Internment Camp   
**Garrigue** The Eternal Spring of Mr. Ito (Japanese family sent to an internment camp after Pearl Harbor)   
**Giff** Lilly’s Crossing (American girl & Hungarian refugee become friends)   
**Glassman** The Morning Glory War (5th grader writes to serviceman)   
**Greene** Summer of My German Soldier (a girl falls in love with a prisoner of war imprisoned in Arkansas)   
**Hahn** Stepping on the Cracks (an army deserter is hidden by his brother)   
**Hoobler** The 1940s: Secrets (what life in U.S. was like in 1944)

**Hough** Razor Eyes (WWII pilot tells of experiences)   
**Means** The Moved Outers (Japanese-American family sent to camp)   
**Myers** The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins (soldier)   
**Orgel** The Devil in Vienna (two girls' friendship)   
**Osborne** My Secret War (Dear America series)   
**Uchida** Journey to Topaz (Japanese American Family sent to camp)   
**Wechter** Taffy of Torpedo Junction (Outer Banks spy mystery)   
**Williams** Behind the Bedroom Wall (family hides refugees)

Life in the U.S. after WWII

**Beaman** Broken Acres (1950s life on NC tobacco farm)   
**Curtis** The Watsons Go to Birmingham: 1963 (African American family)   
**Yep** Child of the Owl (Chinese living in California); Dragonwings   
**Young** Learning By Heart (1960s school integration)

# Life in Other Times and Places

**Alter** After Pa Was Shot (girl from Texas at turn of century)

**Annixter** Wagon Scout (story of going west on a wagon train)

**Armer** Waterless Mountain (story of a Navajo boy)

**Auch** Frozen Summer (NY, 1816; mom & sister disappear)

**Avi** The Barn (settling in the Oregon Territory); The Fighting Ground (Rev. War); Don't You Know There's a War Going On

**Ayres** North by Night: A Story of the Underground Railroad

**Baker** The Spirit is Willing (girl grows up in Arizona mining town 1880s)

**Bauer** Twenty and Ten (WWII; school children hide refuges)

**Beaman** Broken Acres (1950s; life on NC tobacco farm)

**Beatty** The Nickel-Plated Beauty (family life in Washington Territory 1880s); Ben Tyne, Powdermonkey (boy works on the ironclad Merrimack)

**Blos** A Gathering of Days: New England Girl’s Journal, 1830-32

**Bogard** Los Alamos Light (girl’s father works on atomic bomb)

**Brink** Caddie Woodlawn

**Bruchac** The Arrow over the Door (Quakers & Indians in Rev. War); Children of the Longhouse (Mohawk twins in 1400s)

**Buck** The Big Wave (tsunami destroys Japanese village)

**Burandt** Tales from the Homeplace: Adventures of a Texas Farm Girl (Depression)

**Burton** In Spite of All Terror (WWII; girl is evacuated from London)

**Calvert** Bigger (boy sets out to find father after Civil War)

**Carrick** The Elephant in the Dark (boy works for circus in New England)

**Clapp** Constance: A Story of Early Plymouth

**Clark** Santiago (an Indian boy in Guatemala); The Secret of the Andes (story of an Inca boy)

**Collier** The Bloody Country (the Pennsylvania frontier); The Clock (Industrial Rev.); My Brother Sam is Dead (Rev. War); With Every Drop of Blood (Civil War)

**Colver** Bread and Butter Indian; Bread and Butter Journey (pioneer girl)

**Curtis** The Watsons Go to Birmingham: 1963

**Cushman** The Ballad of Lucy Whipple (girl lives in California mining town); Catherine, Called Birdy (Middle Ages)

**De Angeli** The Door in the Wall (Middle Ages; crippled boy saves castle)

**DeFelice** The Apprenticeship of Lucas Whitaker (boy studies to become doctor)

**Fisher** Shabanu: Daughter of the Wind (Muslim girl in Pakistan)

**Fleischman** Humbug Mountain (humorous story of the Old West); Bull Run (sixteen people talk about the famous Civil War battle); Saturnalia (Indian boy apprenticed to printer searches for twin)

**Fletcher** Walk across the Sea (kids hide boy in lighthouse)

**Forrester** My Home is Over Jordan (story of a freed slave); Sound the Jubilee (slave family on Roanoke Island during Civil War)

**Fox** The Slave Dancer (kidnapped boy plays flute on a slave ship)

**Freeman** Prairie Fire! (The life of homesteaders in Manitoba, 1876)

**Freuchen** Eskimo Boy (an Eskimo boy becomes the man of his house)

**Frost** Maple Sugar for Windy Foot (growing up on a New England farm)

**Garfield** Young Nick and Jubilee (two orphans make their way around London)

**Gates** Blue Willow (girl yearns for a permanent home)

**Glassman** The Morning Glory War (5th grade class writes to serviceman)

**Gray** Jane Hope (life in Chapel Hill before Civil War); Meggy MacIntosh: A Highland Girl in the Carolina Colony

**Gregory** Jenny of the Tetons (Idaho territory, 1875)

**Hallstead** Conqueror of the Clouds (1912; teen takes up stunt flying)

**Hansen** The Captive (African boy kidnapped & brought to America); Out From This Place (ex-slave looks for friend after Civil War)

**Harnett** The Great House (London, 1690; children of an architect); The Wool Pack (England 400 years ago; kids unmask plot)

**Haugaard** The Revenge of the Forty-Seven Samurai (boy is servant to samurai)

**Haworth** Home Child (English orphan sent to work on Canadian farm, 1914)

**Hayes** The Eskimo Hunter

**Henegan** Torn Away (Irish boy sent to live with relatives in Canada)

**Hermann** Seeing Lessons: Story of Abigail Carter and America’s First School for Blind People

**Hesse** Letters from Rifka (Jewish writes about flight from Russia, 1919)

**Holm** Boston Jane: An Adventure (young lady moves to frontier Northwest); Our Only May Amelia (tomboy growing up in Washington State, 1899)

**Hough** Razor Eyes (WWII; pilot tells of experiences)

**Humphrey** No Resting Place (family travels Trail of Tears)

**Hunter** You Never Knew Her as I Did (imprisoned queen)

**Hurmence** Tancy (North Carolina slave looks for her mother); A Girl Called Boy (girl transported back to days of slavery)

**Hurwitz** Faraway Summer (Russian immigrants at turn of century)

**Irwin** Jim-Dandy (boy works as wrangler in Custer’s army)

**Johnson** My Brother’s Keeper (drummer boy in Civil War)

**Kalnay** Chucaro: Wild Pony of the Pampas (Argentine boy wants pony)

**Karr** The Cave (South Dakota farm during Depression); The Great Turkey Race (turkeys "herded" from Missouri to Denver)

**Kerr** When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (girl & family escape Germany)

**Kherdian** Bridger: Story of a Mountain Man (western adventurer); This Strange New Feeling (stories about slavery and freedom)

**Lasky** Beyond the Burning Time (girl fights to save mother); True North (story of Underground Railroad)

**Lester** To Be a Slave (former slaves describe their experiences)

**Levitin** Roanoke: A Novel of the Lost Colony

**Lindquist** Summer Soldiers (WWI-boy must run ranch)

**Lingard** The File on Fraulein Berg (Irish girls think teacher is a spy); Tug of War (twins & family become refugees)

**Lottridege** Ticket to Curlew (settling the Canadian prairie)

**Lowell** I am Lavina Cumming (life in California early 20th century)

**Lyons** Letters from a Slave Girl (story of Harriet Jacobs who escaped from slavery)

**Mazer** A Boy at War: A Novel of Pearl Harbor (WWII)

**McCraw** The Golden Goblet

**Means** The Moved Outers (Japanese-American family sent to relocation camp)

**Montgomery** Anne of Green Gables (series about girl on Prince Edward Island)

**Myers** Glory Field (African American family’s story over 250 years); The Righteous Revenge of Artemis Bonner (1880s West; 15 yr. old seeks revenge)

**Nhuong** Land I Lost: Adventures of a Boy in Vietnam

**Nixon** A Family Apart (1850s; foster kids sent from NY to Missouri)

**O’Dell** Sarah Bishop (girl in Revolutionary War)

**Orgel** Devil in Vienna (friendship between a Jewish girl & daughter of Nazi)

**Orlev** Island on Bird Street (WWII; Warsaw ghetto life); The Man from the Other Side (family shelters a Jewish man)

**Paterson** Master Puppeteer; The Man from Preacher’s Boy (Vermont at turn of the century)

**Pearson** The Sky is Falling; The Lights Go on Again (WWII; English children sent to Canada)

**Peck** Hang for Treason (boy joins Vermont Green Mountain Boys)

**Rankin** Daughter of the Mountain (Tibetan girl searches for her dog)

**Reeder** Shades of Gray (Virginia just after the Civil War)

**Rhoads** The Corn Grows Ripe (Mayan boy is responsible for family)

**Rinaldi** Hang a Thousand Trees with Ribbons (story of Phyllis Wheatley)

**Rosen** Speed of Light (Jewish girl struggles with anti-Semitism)

**Sawyer** Roller Skates (a tomboy grows up in old New York)

**Serraillier** Escape from Warsaw (WWII; kids look for father)

**Shemin** The Empty Moat (family’s home taken by Nazis)

**Snyder** Egypt Game (modern kids go back in time to ancient Egypt)

**Speare** Calico Captive (girl captured during war); Witch of Blackbird Pond (accusations of witchery); The Bronze Bow (ancient Judaism and Christianity)

**Stahl** Blackbeard’s Ghost

**Steele** The Man with the Silver Eyes (Cherokee boy lives with white man)

**Sterling** My Name is Seepeetza (Indian girl sent away to school)

**Trevino** El Guero (boy’s adventures during Mexican Revolution)

**Tunis** Silence Over Dunkerque (WWII; adventure of men and dog)

**Turner** Grasshopper Summer (pioneer life in the Dakota Territory)

**Uchida** A Jar of Dreams (Japanese American family during Depression); Journey to Topaz (Japanese American family during WWII)

**Wallen** The Slavery Ghosts (two kids help ghost of a slave)

**Wechter** Betsy Dowdy’s ride (Rev. War/ Outer Banks story); Swamp Girl (Outer Banks); Taffy of Torpedo Junction (WWII; spies on Outer Banks)

**Westall** Blitzcat (cat travels around England to find its master); The Machine Gunners (English children hide a machine gun); Time of Fire (English family torn apart by war)

**Wisler** Caleb’s Choice (Should boy help slave run for freedom?); Run the Blockade (cabin boy on British ship during Civil War)

**Yep** Child of the Owl; Dragonwings (Chinese living in California)

**Yolen** The Devil’s Arithmetic (time travel brings girl to Jewish village); Girl in a Cage (Princess Marjorie captured by King Edward)

**Young** Learning by Heart (1960s school integration)

Global Studies

Africa and the Middle East

**Berry** Ajeemah and His Son  (Slavery – West Africa – Jamaica)  
**Gedge** Child of the Morning  (Women Rulers – Egypt)   
**Lester**  Pharaoh’s Daughter  (Egypt – To 332 B.C.)  
**Levitin**  Escape from Egypt  (Jews – Exodus (Biblical event); The Return   (Black Jews in Ethiopia)   
**McGraw** Mara, Daughter of the Nile  (Egypt – To 332 B.C.)  
**Naidoo**  Chain of Fire   (Apartheid – South Africa)  
**Orlev**  The Lady with the Hat   (Jewish Refugees – Palestine)   
**Williams**  Crocodile Burning   (Soweto, South Africa)   
      
Asia  
**Bosse**  The Examination  (China – Ming Dynasty, 1368-1644)  
**Choi**  Year of Impossible Goodbyes   (Korea – Japanese occupation, 1910-1945)  
**Haugaard**  The Samurai’s Tale  (Japan – Period of civil wars, 1480-1603)  
**Namioka**  The Coming of the Bear  (Japan – Period of civil wars, 1480-1603)  
**Paterson**  The Master Puppeteer  (Japan – 18th Century)  
**Taylor**  The Bomb  (WW II – Bikini Atoll)  
**Watkins** So Far from the Bamboo Grove  (WW II – Korea)  
  
Europe  
**Alder** The King’s Shadow  (Great Britain – Anglo Saxon, 4499-1066)  
**Barrett**  Anna of Byzantium  (Europe – 476-1492)  
**Cadnum**  The Book of the Lion  (Europe – 476-1492);Raven of the Waves  (Invasion – England – 449-1066)   
**Cushman**  Catherine, Called Birdy  (England – 12th Century);The Midwife’s

Apprentice  (England – 14th Century)  
**Garden**  Dove and Sword    (France – 15th Century)  
**Holman**  The Wild Children   (Soviet Union – Revolution, 1917-1921)  
**Kanefield**  Rivka’s Way   (Prague, Czech Republic – 18th Century)  
**Konigsburg**  The Second Mrs. Giaconda  (Leonardo de Vinci, 1452-1519)  
**Lingard**  Sisters by Rite  (Northern Ireland)  
**Lutzeier**  The Wall   (Berlin Wall – Dismantling, 1989)  
**Matas**  The Burning Time  (Witch Hunting – France – 16th Century)  
**Posell**  Homecoming  (Jewish Children – Soviet Union, Revolution)

**Pullman** The Ramsay Scallop  (England – 14th Century);The Ruby in the Smoke  (London, England – 19th Century)  
**Schmidt**  Anson’s Way   (Ireland – 18th Century)  
**Skurzynsk**i Spider’s Voice  (France – Medieval period to 1515)  
**Sturtevant**  At the Sign of the Star  (Great Britain – 1660-1714)  
**Walsh**  Grace   (England – 19th Century); Parcel of Patterns   (Great Britain – Charles II, 1660-1685)

Picture Books

Native American

Martin Rough Face Girl

Osofsky Dreamcatcher

Baylor I’m in Charge of Celebrations

American History

**Hearne** Seven Brave Women (women in American History)

**Polacco**  Pink and Say (Civil War)

**Bunting** Going Home (migrant family from Mexico)

**Bunting** How Many Days to America? (Immigration)

**Edwards**  Boston Tea Party

**Rappaport** A Freedom River (based on a true slave escape story)

**Ray**  Basket Moon (early 20th century in Hudson Valley

**Rockwell**  Only Passing Through (Sojourner Truth)

**Stewart** The Gardener (the Great Depression)

**Myers**  One More River to Cross (photo essay of African-Americans in history)

**Ringgold**  Aunt Harriet’s Underground Railroad in the Sky

**Thomas**  I Have Heard of a Land (African American pioneers in the 1800’s)

American Life

**Hest**  How to Get Famous in Brooklyn (Brooklyn life)

**Moore**  Good Morning, City (urban life)

**Ryder**  The Waterfall’s Gift (communing with nature and one’s past)

**Polacco**  Aunt Chip and the Great Triple Creek Dam Affair (fable about the dangers of TV)

**MacLachlan**  What You Know First (family forced to leave the prairie)

**Disalvo-Ryan** City Green (urban garden in empty lot); Uncle Willie and the Soup Kitchen

**Hooper**  River Story (tracing a river’s course)

**Innocenti**  Rose Blanche (girl discovers concentration camp during WWII)

**Tsuchiya**  The Faithful Elephants (WWII)

**Yolen**  Owl Moon (searching for owls in the woods)

**Wiesner**  Sector 7 (whimsical story of clouds in NYC)

**Pinkney**  The Sunday Outing; Back Home

**Myers** Harlem; Brown Angels (African American childhood in photos and verse)

**Rylant** The Relatives Came

**Schottner**  Nothing Ever Happens on 90th Street

**Flournoy**  The Patchwork Quilt (African American family)

**San Souci** The Hired Hand (African American folk tale)

**Dorros**  Abuela (Hispanic-American girl “flies” all over NYC)