

Historical Picture Books



Youth Services

E/Fiction
Cole

Unspoken : A story from the Underground Railroad by Henry Cole

In this wordless picture book, a young Southern farm girl discovers a runaway slave hiding behind the corn crib in the barn and decides to help him.

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Davies

Tricking the Tallyman by Jacqueline Davies

In 1790, the suspicious residents of a small Vermont town try to trick the man who has been sent to count their population for the first United States Census.

E/Fiction
Fern

Buffalo Music by Tracey E. Fern

A woman ships four of her orphan buffalo calves to Yellowstone National Park, where they form the and beginnings of newly thriving buffalo herds. Based on the true story of Mary Ann Goodnight and her husband.

E/Fiction
Figley

Emily and Carlo by Marty Rhodes Figley

The only sibling left in the Dickinson house In Amherst, Massachusetts, in the winter of 1849, Emily gets a dog who is featured in some of the poems she writes. Includes brief notes on the life and work of Emily Dickinson.

E/Fiction
Garland

The Buffalo Soldier by Sherry Garland

A young man raised as a slave becomes a buffalo soldier--a member of an all-black cavalry regiment formed to protect white settlers from Indians, bandits, and outlaws, and that later fought in the Spanish American War.

E/Fiction
Gerrard

Wagons West! by Roy Gerrard

A rhyming story of a family's move by wagon train between Missouri and Oregon in the 1850's and their daughter's role in outwitting cattle thieves.

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Glaser

Hannah's Way by Linda Glaser

In rural Minnesota in 1938, Hannah, a young orthodox Jewish girl, deals with being the new girl in class.

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Griffin

The ride : the legend of Betsy Dowdy by Kitty Griffin

Recounts the legend of North Carolina teenager, Betsy Dowdy, whose courageous ride on a cold night in 1775 may have played a crucial role in the American Revolution.

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Grigsby
In the Garden With Doctor Carver by Susan Grigsby
Plant scientist George Washington Carver came to an Alabama school and taught the children how to grow plants and reap the rewards of nature's bounty.
- E/Fiction
Hallowell
Wagons Ho! By George Hallowell
Compares the experiences of Jenny Johnson and Katie Miller as their families move from Missouri to Oregon, one in 1846 and one in 2011.
- E/Fiction
Hest
When Jessie Came Across the Sea by Amy Hest
A thirteen-year-old Jewish orphan reluctantly leaves her grandmother and immigrates to New York City, where she works to bring Grandmother to the United States too.
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Howard
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The Log Cabin Quilt by Ellen Howard
When Elvirey and her family move to a log cabin in the Michigan woods, something even more important than Granny's quilt pieces makes the new dwelling a home.
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Meyer
New Shoes by Susan Lyn Meyer
Ella Mae and her cousin Charlotte, both African American, start their own shoe store when they learn that they cannot try on shoes at the shoe store.
- E/Fiction
Oberman
The Always Prayer Shawl by Sheldon Oberman
A prayer shawl is handed down from grandfather to grandson in this story of Jewish tradition and the passage of generations.
- E/Fiction
Ringgold
Aunt Harriet's Underground Railroad in the Sky by Faith Ringgold
With Harriet Tubman as her guide, Cassie retraces the steps escaping slaves took on the Underground Railroad in order to reunite with her younger brother.
- E/Fiction
Rosenberg
Grandmother and the Runaway Shadow by Liz Rosenberg
Relates how Grandmother, accompanied by a mischievous shadow, emigrated from Russia to the United States.
- E/Fiction
Rumford
Silent Music: A Story of Baghdad by James Rumford
As bombs and missiles fall on Baghdad in 2003, a young boy uses the art of calligraphy to distance himself from the horror of war.
- E/Fiction
Sabuda
Tutankhamen's gift by Robert Sabuda
His tutor foresees that little Tutankhamen's 'gift for the gods' will someday be revealed.
- E/Fiction
Tingle
Crossing Bok Chitto : A Choctaw Tale Of Friendship & Freedom by Tim Tingle
In the 1800s, a Choctaw girl becomes friends with a slave boy from a plantation, and when she learns that his family is in trouble, she helps them cross to freedom.