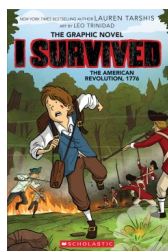




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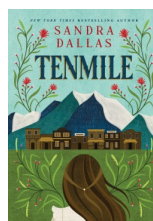
### Historical Fiction for Grades 4-5



#### **I Survived the American Revolution, 1776**

by Georgia Ball

A gripping graphic novel adaptation of the best-selling *I Survived the American Revolution, 1776* follows 11-year-old Nathaniel Fox as he survives the Revolutionary War as a camp helper.



#### **Tenmile**

by Sandra Dallas

In 1880, Tenmile, Colorado, is a rough gold mining town. 12-year-old Sissy Carlson, assistant to her doctor father, sees firsthand the personal and not-always-private struggles of his patients. Is there a world outside of Tenmile where she might fit in?



#### **The Enemy's Daughter**

by Anne Blankman

In 1915, Marta and her father are trying to get home to Germany when her father is detained and Marta is welcomed into an Irish family's home, in a story about friendship and learning to think for oneself.



#### **Max in the Land of Lies**

by Adam Gidwitz

Max Bretzfeld has become a British spy and is returning to Germany with two missions: to infiltrate the Funkhaus, the center of Nazi radio and propaganda; and to find his parents.



#### **The Night War**

by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley

In 1942, with the Nazis occupying much of France, 12-year-old Miriam, who is Jewish, escapes to a school near the famous Chateau de Chenonceau where she is given a deadly task and encounters the person who will save her life and countless others.



#### **Heroes**

by Alan Gratz

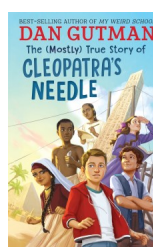
Under Japanese attack aboard the WWII battleship USS Utah with their Navy pilot fathers, Frank and Stanley find their friendship — and dreams — in jeopardy when Stanley is seen as the “enemy” because his mother is Japanese- American.



#### **One Big Open Sky**

by Lesa Cline-Ransome

In 1879, Lettie, her mother, and teacher Philomena, who are free from slavery but bound by poverty, access to opportunity and a patriarchal society, head westward on a perilous wagon journey that could cost them everything they have — including their lives.



#### **The (Mostly) True Story of Cleopatra's Needle**

by Dan Gutman

This account of Cleopatra's Needle, which resides in Central Park, New York, is narrated by five kids who watched the Needle at each phase of its history, recounting the daring story of how something that seemed impossible succeeded against all odds.

# Travel Back in Time

## Historical Fiction for Grades 4-5



### Warrior on the Mound

by Sandra W. Headen

In 1939, in North Carolina, an all-Black baseball team "trespasses" on the whites-only baseball field, and the resulting racial outrage can only be resolved on the mound.



### When We Flew Away : A Novel of Anne Frank, Before the Diary

by Alice Hoffman

After the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and as prejudice, loss and terror run rampant, young Anne Frank learns who she truly is in the face of impossible danger while bearing witness as ordinary people become monsters,

and children and families are caught up in the inescapable violence.



### The Plot to Kill a Queen: A Royal Spy Story in Three Acts

by Deborah Hopkinson

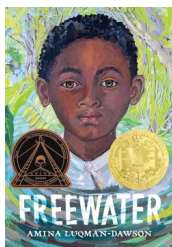
Accidentally uncovering a plot to assassinate Queen Elizabeth I, aspiring playwright Emilia Bassano and her friends, including Will Shakespeare, set out to foil the plans of a disguised murderer on the loose.



### Botticelli's Apprentice

by Ursula Murray Husted

Mella has been secretly teaching herself to paint while tending to artist Sandro Botticelli's chickens, and when an apprentice discovers Mella's work and threatens to take credit for it, Mella must summon her courage and skills to prove her worth.



### Freewater

by Amina Luqman-Dawson

After escaping Southerland Plantation with his little sister, 12-year-old Homer becomes part of a secret community called Freewater, where he finally finds a place to call home and the courage to go back and free his mother from enslavement.



### Painting the Game

by Patricia MacLachlan

Lucy's father is a pitcher for the minor leagues, hoping to get called up to the majors. Lucy inherited his passion for the game, but she's never played pitcher. Now she wants to learn to throw the perfect knuckleball. Can she prove to her family, and herself, that she has what it takes?



### Radiant

by Vaunda Micheaux Nelson

In a historical novel told in verse, Cooper Dale begins school in 1963, wrestling with what it means to "shine" for a black girl while facing bullying in a predominantly white community near Pittsburgh.



### Iceberg

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

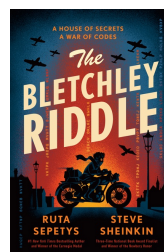
Traveling all alone aboard the Titanic, stowaway and aspiring journalist Hazel Rothbury secretly explores the opulent ship with the help of a porter and a sweet first-class passenger until disaster strikes, forcing Hazel to fight to save her friends and herself.



### Will's Race for Home : A Western

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

In 1889, a young Black family hears about a land rush, so Will and his father set out from Texas to Oklahoma, racing thousands of others on a difficult journey to where land is free.



### The Bletchley Riddle

by Ruta Sepetys

A stunning collaboration between two award-winning authors follows siblings Jakob Novis and his quirky younger sister Lizzie as they find themselves at Bletchley Park, the home of WWII codebreakers working to decrypt the Nazi's Enigma cipher, where the two try to unravel a mystery surrounding

their mother's disappearance against the backdrop of the Battle of Britain and Hitler's feared invasion.



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