

Historical Fiction

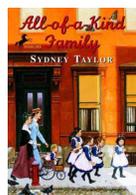
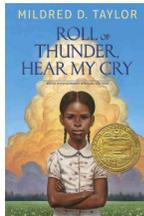
For Older Readers



The Witch of Blackbird Pond
by Elizabeth George Speare
In 1687 Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft. **850 Lexile @**

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

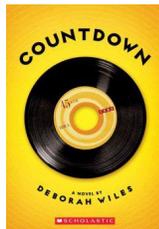
by Mildred D Taylor
This title tells of a black family's struggle to overcome the prejudices and hatred they face in Mississippi during the Great Depression. **920 Lexile @**



*** All-of-a-Kind Family**
by Sydney Taylor
The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York in the early twentieth century. **750 Lexile @**

Countdown

by Deborah Wiles
The fearful events of the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis are witnessed by Franny, who finds her life and perspectives changing throughout the course of a week that is also marked by difficult family issues. **800 Lexile @**



The Unsung Hero of Birdsong USA
by Brenda Woods
In 1946, Gabriel gains new perspective when he becomes friends with Meriwether, a Black World War II hero who has recently returned to the unwelcoming Jim Crow South. **780 Lexile @**

Front Desk

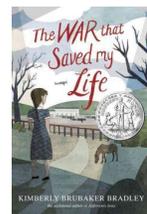
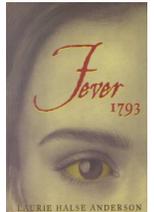
by Kelly Yang
Immigrants from China and desperate for work and money, Mia's parents take a job managing a rundown motel in the early 1990s. Mia works the front desk and tries to cope with demanding customers and other recent immigrants. **Lexile 640 @**



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Fever, 1793

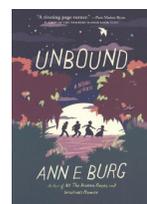
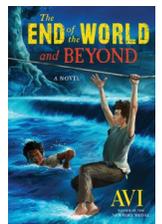
by Laurie Halse Anderson
In 1793 Philadelphia, Matilda, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic. **580 Lexile @**



The War That Saved My Life
by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
A young disabled girl and her brother are evacuated from London to the English countryside during World War II, where they find life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother. **580 Lexile @**

* The End of the World and Beyond

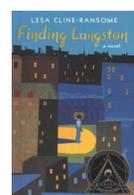
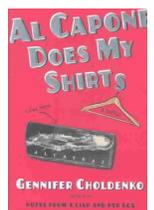
by Avi
Oliver's adventures take him to 18th-century colonial America, where he is forced to fend for himself in the harsh wilderness, live as an indentured servant and come face to face with the brutality of enslavement. **810 Lexile**



Unbound : A Novel in Verse
by Ann E Burg
Summoned from the slave cabins to work in the Big House, Grace finds it difficult to follow her uncle's advice to keep her thoughts to herself and sets in motion a chain of events. **900 Lexile @**

Al Capone Does My Shirts

by Gennifer Choldenko
A 12-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister Natalie. **600 Lexile @**



Finding Langston
by Lesa Cline-Ransome
In 1946, discovering a book of Langston Hughes' poetry in the library helps Langston cope with the loss of his mother and relocating from Alabama to Chicago as part of the Great Migration. **Lexile 760 @**



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The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963

by Christopher Paul Curtis

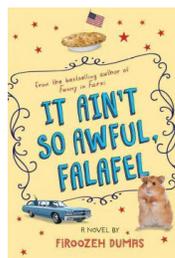
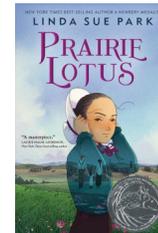
The Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, decide to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963 during a dark period in American history. **920 Lexile @**



Prairie Lotus

by Linda Sue Park

A young half-Asian girl arriving in 1880s America struggles to adjust to new surroundings while navigating the almost unanimous prejudice of the townspeople in her heartland community. **730 Lexile @**



It Ain't So Awful, Falafel

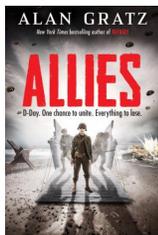
by Firoozeh Dumas

When her family once again moves and lands in California's Newport Beach in the late 1970s, Zomorod Yousefzadeh takes a new name in the hope of fitting in as tensions rise between America and her native Iran. **730 Lexile @**

Allies

by Alan Gratz

Racing toward the French coast, a terrified World War II American soldier participates in the top-secret D-Day operation, while a young French spy works to sabotage German occupiers and a paratrooper orchestrates a daring midnight raid. **780 Lexile @**



How High the Moon

by Karyn Parsons

In 1944, a girl living in Jim Crow South Carolina is bullied for her light skin tone before an invitation to spend Christmas with her mother in Boston reveals her family's history. **680 Lexile @**

The Seventh Most Important Thing

by Shelley Pearsall

In 1963, Arthur is sentenced to community service helping the neighborhood Junk Man after he throws a brick at the old man, but the junk he collects might be more important than he suspects. **760 Lexile @**



We Dream of Space

by Erin Entrada Kelly

Joining their fellow seventh graders to watch the 1986 Challenger launch, three siblings struggle with respective difficulties including falling grades, an out-of-control temper and depressed NASA ambitions. Grades 4-7 **@**



Fair Weather

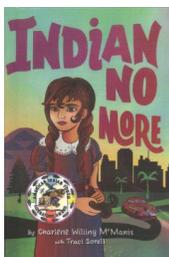
by Richard Peck

Set at the Chicago World's Fair in 1893, Rosie gets her first taste of big city life as she attends the big event. **730 Lexile**

Indian No More

by Charlene Willing McManis

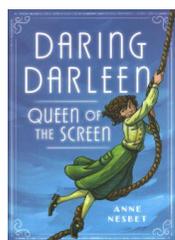
In 1954, Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles, she goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being far from home. **Lexile 720**



May B.

by Caroline Starr Rose

1800s. A gripping novel in verse follows the experiences of young May, who is separated from her family when she is sent to help at a neighbor's Kansas prairie homestead. **680 Lexile @**



Daring Darleen, Queen of the Screen

by Anne Nesbet

When a publicity stunt goes terribly wrong, a 12-year-old silent-film star finds herself navigating murderous plots and a runaway air balloon to rescue a kidnapped heiress from a

band of dastardly criminals. Grades 4-7 **@**



Paper Wishes

by Lois Sepahban

Near the start of World War II, Manami, and her family are evacuated from their home and sent to Manzanar, an ugly, dreary internment camp Japanese-American citizens in the desert. **550 Lexile**