

Historical Fiction

For Older Readers



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, a dreary internment camp Japanese-American citizens in the desert. **550 Lexile**

The Witch of Blackbird Pond

by Elizabeth George Speare

In 1687, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in a Puritan household, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft.

850 Lexile @



I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018

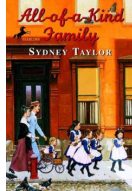
by Lauren Tarshis

A boy moves to California, where his efforts to adjust are challenged by a fast-moving firestorm that places family homes and lives at risk. **Lexile 610 @**

* 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 @**



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, 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 @**



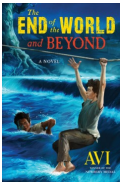
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* The End of the World and Beyond

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**



The Blackbird Girls

by Anne Blankman

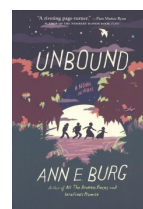
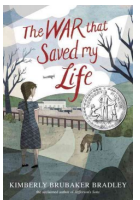
Relocating to Leningrad in the wake of the Chernobyl disaster, two girls who have been taught to hate each other uncover painful family secrets while learning what it means to trust another person.

560 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 @**



Unbound : A Novel in Verse

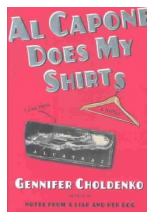
by Ann E Burg

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

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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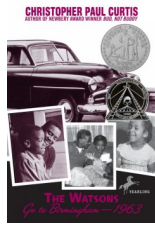
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The Watsons Go to Birmingham—1963

by Christopher Paul Curtis

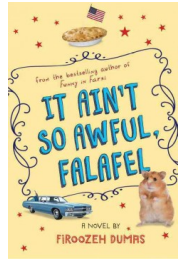
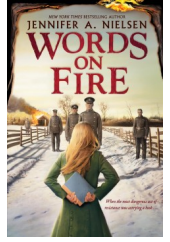
The Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, decide to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963 during a dark period in American history. **920 Lexile @**



Words on Fire

by Jennifer A. Nielsen

Avoiding the occupying Cossack soldiers who would force everyone to become Russian, a girl from Lithuania helps her family preserve her culture, literature and religion when she is forced to leave her parents behind to escape with an important package. **820 Lexile @**



It Ain't So Awful, Falafel

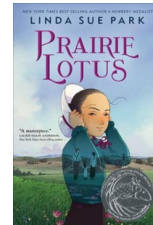
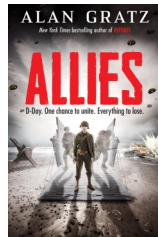
by Firoozeh Dumas

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 @**



Prairie Lotus

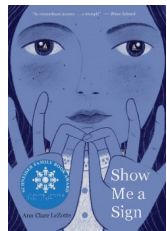
by Linda Sue Park

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 @**

How High the Moon

by Karyn Parsons

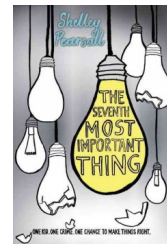
In 1944, a girl living in Jim Crow South Carolina is bullied for her light skin tone before an invitation to spend Christmas with her mother in Boston reveals her family's history. **680 Lexile @**



Show Me a Sign

by Ann Clare LeZotte

Based on the history of a 19th-century Deaf community on Martha's Vineyard is the story of a girl whose proud lineage is threatened by land disputes with the Wampanoag and a ruthlessly ambitious scientist. **730 Lexile @**



The Seventh Most Important Thing

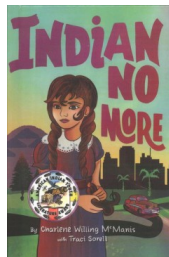
by Shelley Pearsall

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 @**

Indian No More

by Charlene Willing McManis

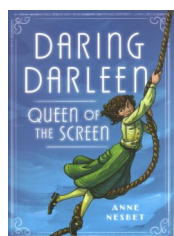
In 1954, Regina's Umpqua tribe is legally terminated and her family must relocate from Oregon to Los Angeles. She goes on a quest to understand her identity as an Indian despite being far from home. **720 Lexile**



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**

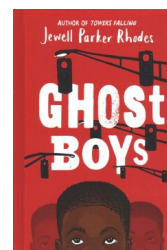


Daring Darleen, Queen of the Screen

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. **880 Lexile @**



Ghost Boys

by Jewell Parker Rhodes

After seventh-grader Jerome is shot by a police officer who mistakes his toy gun for a real threat, he observes the aftermath of his death and meets the ghosts of other fallen black boys including historical figure Emmett Till. **360 Lexile @**