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## Historical Fiction

### Post-World War II and Beyond

for  
Middle Readers  
9-12 years old

**All the broken pieces** by Ann E. Burg  
Matt is airlifted out of Vietnam during the war and adopted by an American family. He tries to enjoy his favorite activities—baseball and music—while dealing with his feelings about leaving his mother and brother behind.



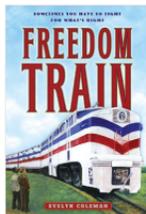
**Catch a tiger by the toe** by Ellen Levine  
During the McCarthy Era, life changes drastically for Jamie and her family when her father is fired from his job and accused of being a Communist.

**Countdown** by Deborah Wiles  
Eleven-year-old Franny tells about her life in the early 1960s when President John F. Kennedy is dealing with the Cuban Missile Crisis, the Vietnam War is heating up, and there are air raid drills at school.



**Cracker!: the best dog in Vietnam** by Cynthia Kadohata  
Willie moves and cannot take his dog with him so he gives him to the military who trains the dog and then sends him to Vietnam. This story of the Vietnam War is told through the point of view of Cracker and his new handler.

**Dogtag summer** by Elizabeth Partridge  
After the Vietnam War, Tracy moves to California from Vietnam. Several years later, she finds a box of her adopted father's things including a dog tag and a picture from the war causing her to question her time in Vietnam.



**Freedom Train** by Evelyn Coleman  
Clyde is excited that his brother is a guard on the Freedom Train that traveled all over the United States in 1947 carrying important historical documents—including the Declaration of Independence. When the Freedom Train arrives in Atlanta and Clyde is targeted by a bully, he is surprised that a young black boy comes to his aid.

**Glory be** by August Scattergood  
Gloriana has enjoyed celebrating her July 4th birthday at the town pool, but this year it is closed as her town of Hanging Moss, Mississippi, struggles with segregation.

**The gold Cadillac** by Mildred D. Taylor  
Two black girls from the North experience racial prejudice when they travel to Mississippi in their family's new Cadillac in the 1950s.

**Greetings from planet earth**  
by Barbara Kerley  
In 1977, Theo is fascinated by the space program, while questioning why his father never returned from the Vietnam War.



**Inside out and back again** by Thanhha Lai  
A young girl tells about her family's departure from Vietnam in 1975 and their new life in Alabama.

**The journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty, United States Marine Corps** by Ellen Emerson White  
The eighteen-year-old Marine recounts his experiences fighting in Khe Sanh, Vietnam in 1968.



**Keeping score** by Linda Sue Park  
Maggie enjoys following her favorite baseball team in Brooklyn in 1951 and learning how to keep score and statistics from her new friend, Jim. When Jim goes to serve in the Korean War, Maggie writes to him, but is discouraged when she doesn't hear from him.

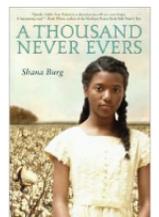
**Kaleidoscope eyes** by Jen Bryant  
In 1968 New Jersey, thirteen-year-old Lyza and her African-American best friend dig for treasure and deal with changes in their families and community during the Vietnam War.

**The lions of Little Rock** by Kristin Levine  
Marlee tells about the changes for her family and in her school in 1958 in Little Rock, Arkansas, as racial desegregation leads to her school's temporary shutdown and she becomes friends with a black girl.

**A million shades of gray** by Cynthia Kadohata  
Y'Tin and his family escape to the jungle when the Viet Cong invade their village in 1975 after American troops have left Vietnam.

**Shooting the moon** by Frances O'Roark Dowell  
Twelve-year-old Jamie and her older brother, TJ, hope to follow in their father's footsteps by serving in the army. When TJ is sent to Vietnam and sends undeveloped film home for Jamie, she sees a different side of war and feels scared for her brother.

**A thousand never evers** by Shana Burg  
When her brother goes missing after he speaks out about rights for blacks, Addie begins to question racial prejudice in her small town in Mississippi in 1963.



**War and watermelon** by Rich Wallace  
At the end of summer 1969, Brody goes to Woodstock with his older brother, Ryan and his family worries that Ryan may be drafted to go to the Vietnam War. (Recommended for older middle readers.)

**The Watsons go to Birmingham – 1963: a novel**  
by Christopher Paul Curtis  
Ten-year-old Kenny narrates the story of the Watson family as they travel from Flint, Michigan to Alabama in the summer of 1963 to visit their grandmother.

**Yankee girl** by Mary Ann Rodman  
When Alice and her family move from Chicago to Mississippi in 1964 she tries to befriend the only black girl in her class, but soon discovers it is more difficult than she expected.

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