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## Historical Fiction

### Early 20th Century & World War I

for  
Middle Readers  
9-12 years old

#### **All-of-a-kind family** by Sydney Taylor

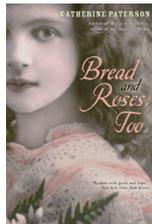
Five young daughters raised in a Jewish family in New York City just prior to World War I share stories of their daily life.

#### **The best bad luck I ever had** by Kristin Levine

A young white boy, Dit, is surprised to meet the new postmaster's daughter, who is black, and the two strike up an unlikely friendship while dealing with racial issues in their small town in Alabama in 1917.

#### **Bread and roses, too** by Katherine Paterson

When Rosa is sent to Vermont to avoid the upheaval caused by the mill worker strikes in Massachusetts in the early 20th century, she meets a homeless boy named Jake and forms an unlikely friendship.



#### **Bridge to America: based on a true story** by Linda Glaser

A young boy lives with his mother and siblings in Poland in 1920, awaiting news from his father and hoping that he will send for them to come to America.

#### **Brooklyn Bridge: a novel** by Karen Hesse

Joseph's life in Brooklyn, New York, in 1903 changes drastically when his parents invent the teddy bear and his life suddenly revolves around too much work.

#### **The city of orphans** by Avi

A few years before the turn of the 20th century, Maks is living in New York City and working as a newsboy when his sister is accused of a crime at the newly built Waldorf and he must try to clear her name.

#### **Dave at night** by Gail Carson Levine

Dave sneaks out from the orphanage at night to attend parties during the Harlem Renaissance in the 1920s.

#### **The doll shop downstairs** by Yona Zeldis McDonough

Three sisters live with their parents in New York City in 1914, as their parents deal with their doll repair shop's decline due to World War I.

#### **The earth dragon awakes: the San Francisco earthquake of 1906** by Laurence Yep

Two young boys, Henry and Chin, alternately tell what happened to their families when the big earthquake struck in San Francisco.

#### **Hattie big sky** by Kirby Larson

Sixteen-year-old orphan Hattie moves from Iowa to Montana in the early 20th-century and struggles to keep the homesteading claim she inherited from her uncle.

#### **The hope chest** by Karen Schwabach

Violet runs away from home and goes to New York City hoping to find her sister, but instead meets an African American girl and the two become involved in the suffragist movement.

#### **I survived the San Francisco earthquake, 1906**

by Lauren Tarshis

Ten-year-old Leo tells about the major earthquake and how he survived it on April 18, 1906.

#### **Into the firestorm: a novel of San Francisco, 1906**

by Deborah Hopkinson

A young orphan arrives in San Francisco from Texas just before the major earthquake in 1906 and helps save his new employer's possessions and dog.

#### **The locked garden** by Gloria Whelan

Set in the early 1900's when asylums were places to lock away mentally ill people, two young sisters move with their psychiatrist father to his new workplace – an asylum. Recovering from the death of their mother, the girls form a relationship with a sweet, lonely patient in the asylum and hope that their father might one day marry her.

#### **Quake!: disaster in San Francisco, 1906** by Gail Karwoski

Jacob is out walking when the big earthquake strikes in San Francisco in 1906 and is able to save the life of another young boy, who then helps him to search for his family.



#### **The trouble with May Amelia**

by Jennifer Holm

Amelia lives in Washington State at the turn of the twentieth century with her Finnish-American parents and seven brothers when a land speculator arrives with hopes of buying their property.

#### **The secret school** by Avi

Ida lives in Colorado in 1925 and longs to be a school teacher. When her teacher has to leave the school unexpectedly, she secretly takes over teaching the other students.

#### **The silver donkey** by Sonya Hartnett

During World War I, two sisters find a blind soldier hiding in the forest near their home in France and listen to several stories he tells, each involving a donkey, before they and their brother help him to find his way home.

#### **Voyage on the great Titanic: the diary of Margaret Ann Brady** by Ellen Emerson White

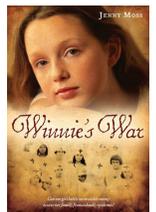
An orphan girl travels as a companion to a wealthy woman on the Titanic with hopes of reuniting with her brother in America.

#### **War horse** by Michael Morpurgo

A war horse named Joey tells about his life living on a farm and then his time in World War I after he is sold to the army and joins the troops on the battlefield.

#### **Winnie's war** by Jenny Moss

Twelve year old Winnie has to be the strong one at home when the Spanish influenza arrives with the soldiers home from fighting in the Great War, and she wants to protect her weak mother and younger siblings.



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