

WAR FICTION

French and Indian War 1755-1763

FIC EDM AR MG il, 5.1 rl, 1 pt
Edmonds, Walter Dumaux. The Matchlock Gun. New York: Troll, 1990.

In 1756, during the French and Indian War, ten-year-old Edward is determined to protect his home and family with the ancient, and much too heavy, Spanish gun.

FIC KEE AR MG il, 4.4 rl, 8 pts
Keehn, Sally M. I Am Regina. New York: Philomel Books, 1991.

In 1755, as the French and Indian War begins, ten-year-old Regina is kidnapped by Indians in western Pennsylvania, and she must struggle to hold onto memories of her earlier life as she grows up under the name of Tskinnak and starts to become Indian herself.

FIC SPE AR MG il, 6.0 rl, 9 pts
Speare, Elizabeth George. Calico Captive. New York: Dell, 1957.

An Englishwoman, Miriam Willard, becomes a captive during the French and Indian War in 1754. After a harrowing march north to Montreal she discovers a city filled with the intrigue of war.

American Revolution 1775-1783

FIC AVI AR MG il, 4.2 rl, 4 pts
Avi. The Fighting Ground. New York: Harper & Row Publishers, 1987.

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan goes off to fight in the Revolutionary War and discovers the real war is being fought within himself.

FIC BLA AR UG il, 5.9 rl, 10 pts
Blackwood, Gary L. The Year of the Hangman. New York: Penguin Group Inc., 2002.

In 1777, having been kidnapped and taken forcibly from England to the American colonies, fifteen-year-old Creighton becomes part of the American Revolution.

FIC COL AR MG il, 4.9 rl, 7 pts
Collier, James Lincoln. My Brother Sam is Dead. New York: Scholastic, 1974.

Recounts the tragedy of the Meeker family during the Revolution when one son joins the rebel forces while the rest of the family tries to stay neutral in a Tory town.

FIC DEN AR MG il, 5.6 rl, 4 pts
Denenberg, Barry. The Journal of William Thomas Emerson: a Revolutionary War Patriot. New York: Scholastic, 1998.

William, a twelve-year-old orphan, writes of his experiences in pre-Revolutionary War Boston where he joins the cause of the patriots who are opposed to British rule.

FIC DUR AR MG il, 4.9 rl, 6 pts
Durrant, Lynda. Betsy Zane: the Rose of Fort Henry. New York: Clarion Books, 2000.

In 1781 twelve-year-old Elizabeth Zane leaves Philadelphia to return to her brothers' homestead near Fort Henry where she plays an important role in the final battle of the American Revolution.

FIC FOR AR MG il, 5.9 rl, 13 pts
Forbes, Esther. Johnny Tremain. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1943.

The Revolutionary War with its famous Boston Tea Party is described in this novel of the revolt in Boston.

FIC GRE AR MG il, 5.5 rl, 4 pts
Gregory, Kristiana. The Winter of Red Snow: the Diary of Abigail Jane Stewart. New York: Scholastic, 1996.

Eleven-year-old Abigail writes an account of life in Valley Forge from December 1777 to July 1778 as General Washington prepares his troops to fight the British.

FIC GRE AR MG il, 4.4 rl, 2 pts
Gregory, Kristiana. Five Smooth Stones: Hope's Diary. New York: Scholastic, 2001.

In her diary, a young girl writes about her life and the events surrounding the beginning of the American Revolution in Philadelphia in 1776.

FIC KEE AR MG il, 4.4 rl, 7 pts

Keehn, Sally M. Moon of Two Dark Horses. New York: Bantam Doubleday, 1995.

At the beginning of the Revolutionary War, hoping to keep bloodshed away from their valley, a twelve-year-old Delaware Indian boy and his white friend search sacred land for the bones of a legendary beast.

FIC ODE AR MG il, 4.9 rl, 7 pts

O'Dell, Scott. Sarah Bishop. New York: Scholastic, 1980.

Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who took opposite sides in the War for Independence, and fleeing from the British, Sarah struggles to shape a new life in the wilderness.

FIC OKE AR UG il, 5.9 rl, 10 pts

Oke, Janette. The Distant Beacon. Minneapolis, MN: Bethany House Publishers, 2002.

In a time of revolution, even hearts can be overthrown.

FIC REI AR MG il, 6.1 rl, 4 pts

Reit, Seymour. Guns for General Washington. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1990.

Nineteen-year-old Will Knox and his brother Colonel Henry Knox undertake the task of moving 183 cannons from Fort Ticonderoga to Boston in the dead of winter.

FIC RIN AR UG il, 4.4 rl, 9 pts

Rinaldi, Ann. Time Enough for Drums. Mahwah, N.J.: Troll, 1986.

Sixteen-year-old Jem and her servant struggle to keep things going at home in Trenton, New Jersey, when the family men join the war for independence from King George.

FIC RIN AR UG il, 4.6 rl, 10 pts

Rinaldi, Ann. Finishing Becca a Story about Peggy Shippen and Benedict Arnold. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1994.

Fourteen-year-old Becca takes a position as a maid in a wealthy Philadelphia Quaker home and witnesses the events that lead to General Benedict Arnold's betrayal of the American forces.

FIC RIN AR MG il, 3.7 rl, 7 pts

Rinaldi, Ann. The Secret of Sarah Revere. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1995.

Paul Revere's daughter describes her father's "rides" and the intelligence network of the patriot community prior to the American Revolution.

FIC RIN AR UG il, 4.1 rl, 9 pts

Rinaldi, Ann. Cast Two Shadows: the American Revolution in the South. San Diego: Harcourt, 1998.

In South Carolina in 1780, fourteen-year-old Caroline sees the Revolutionary War take a terrible toll among her family and friends and comes to understand the true nature of war.

FIC RIN AR MG il, 4.0 rl, 6 pts

Rinaldi, Ann. Or Give Me Death: a Novel of Patrick Henry's Family. Orlando, FL: Harcourt, Inc., 2003.

With their father away most of the time advocating independence for American colonies, the children of Patrick Henry try to raise themselves, manage the family plantation, and care for their mentally ill mother.

FIC TRI AR MG il, 4.1 rl, 1 pt

Tripp, Valerie. Changes for Felicity: a Winter Story. Middleton, WI: Pleasant Co., 1992.

The outbreak of the Revolutionary War in 1775 brings drastic changes to Felicity's life in Williamsburg, affecting both her family and her friendship with Elizabeth.

War of 1812

FIC RIN AR UG il, 3.9 rl, 8 pts

Rinaldi, Ann. Broken Days. New York: Scholastic, 1995.

In 1811, life with Aunt Hannah becomes more difficult for fourteen-year-old Ebie with the arrival of a half-Indian girl who claims to be the daughter of Hannah's sister and with the threat of impending war.

FIC ROB AR MG il, 4.7 rl, 4 pts

Robinet, Harriette. Washington City Is Burning. New York: Atheneum Books, 1996.

In 1814 Virginia, a slave in President Madison's White House, experiences the burning of Washington by the invading British army.

FIC WHE AR MG il, 5.4 rl, 6 pts

Whelan, Gloria. Once on This Island. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1995.

Twelve-year-old Mary and her older brother and sister tend the family farm on Michigan's Mackinac Island while their father is away fighting the British in the War of 1812.

Civil War 1861-1865

813 POL AR MG il, 3.8 rl, 1 pt

Polacco, Patricia. Pink and Say. New York: Philomel Books, 1994.

Say Curtis describes his meeting with Pinkus Aylee, an African-American soldier, during the Civil War and their capture by Southern troops.

FIC BAR AR UG il, 4.6 rl, 4 pts

Bartoletti, Susan Campbell. No Man's Land: a Young Soldier's Story. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1999.

Because he had been unable to fight off the gator which injured his father, fourteen-year-old Thrasher joins the Confederate Army hoping to prove his manhood.

FIC BEA AR MG il, 5.2 rl, 7 pts

Beatty, Patricia. Charley Skedaddle. New York: Morrow, 1987.

During the Civil War, a twelve-year-old Bowery Boy from New York City joins the Union Army as a drummer, deserts during a battle in Virginia, and encounters a hostile old mountain woman.

FIC COL AR MG il, 4.9 rl, 7 pts

Collier, James Lincoln. With Every Drop of Blood. New York: Bantam Doubleday, 1997.

While trying to transport food to Richmond, Virginia, during the Civil War, fourteen-year-old Johnny is captured by an African-American Union soldier.

FIC CRA AR UG il, 8.0 rl, 8 pts

Crane, Stephen. The Red Badge of Courage. New York: Golden Press, 1968.

During his service in the Civil War, a young Union soldier matures to manhood and finds peace of mind as he comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war.

FIC CRI AR MG il, 4.9 rl, 1 pt

Crist-Evans, Craig. Moon over Tennessee: a Boy's Civil War Journal. Boston: Houghton, 1999.

A thirteen-year-old boy sets off with his father from their farm in Tennessee to join the Confederate forces on their way to fight at Gettysburg.

FIC DEN AR MG il, 6.6 rl, 3 pts

Denenberg, Barry. When Will This Cruel War Be Over?: the Civil War Diary of Emma Simpson. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 1996.

The diary of a fictional fourteen-year-old girl living in Virginia, in which she describes the hardships endured by her family and friends during one year of the Civil War.

FIC FLE AR UG il, 5.3 rl, 2 pts

Fleischman, Paul. Bull Run. New York: HarperCollins Publishers, 1993.

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys, and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill, and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

FIC FOR AR MG il, 5.0 rl, 6 pts

Forrester, Sandra. Sound the Jubilee. New York: Puffin, 1997.

A slave and her family escape from their North Carolina plantation during the early part of the Civil War, finding refuge on Roanoke Island.

FIC HES AR MG il, 5.3 rl, 4 pts

Hesse, Karen. A Light in the Storm: the Civil War Diary of Amelia Martin. New York: Scholastic, 1999.

In 1860 and 1861, while working in her father's lighthouse on an island off the coast of Delaware, fifteen-year-old Amelia records in her diary how the Civil War is beginning to devastate her divided state.

FIC HIT AR MG il, 5.9 rl, 3 pts

Hite, Sid. The Journal of Rufus Rowe: Witness to the Battle of Fredericksburg. New York: Scholastic, 2003.

In 1862, sixteen-year-old Rufus Rowe runs away from home and settles in Fredericksburg, Virginia, where he documents in his journal the battle he watches unfold there.

- FIC HUN AR MG il, 6.6 rl, 10 pts
 Hunt, Irene. Across Five Aprils. New York: Berkley: Pacer, 1964.
 During the Civil War, nine-year-old Jethro must run the family farm in southern Illinois almost alone.
- FIC KEI AR MG il, 6.1 rl, 14 pts
 Keith, Harold. Rifles for Watie. New York: Harper & Row, 1957.
 The struggles and hardships faced by Jeff Bussey on his 300-mile escape route during the Civil War.
- FIC LYO AR MG il, 5.6 rl, 5 pts
 Lyons, Mary E. Dear Ellen Bee: a Civil War Scrapbook of Two Union Spies. New York: Scholastic, 2000.
 A scrapbook kept by a black girl details her experiences and those of the white woman, "Miss Bet," who freed her and her family, sent her north for an education, and then worked to bring an end to slavery.
- FIC LYT AR MG il, 5.3 rl, 12 pts
 Lytle, Robert A. A Pitch in Time. Auburn Hills, MI: EDCO Publishing, Inc., 2002.
 Tells the tale of a modern-day boy who tumbles from his bike and wakes up to find he has traveled back in time to the spring of 1864 in rural Michigan during the Civil War.
- FIC MAT AR MG il, 5.1 rl, 6 pts
 Matas, Carol. The War Within: a Wovel of the Civil War. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2001.
 In 1862, after Union forces expel Hannah's family from Holly Springs, Mississippi, because they are Jews, Hannah reexamines her views regarding slavery and the war.
- FIC MIT AR UG il, 7.1 rl, 71 pts
 Mitchell, Margaret. Gone With the Wind. New York: Warner Books, 1936.
 After the Civil War sweeps away the genteel life to which she has been accustomed, Scarlett O'Hara sets about to salvage her Georgia plantation home.
- FIC MRA AR UG il, 6.3 rl, 11 pts
 Mrazek, Robert J. Stonewall's Gold. New York: Thomas Dunne Books, 1999.
 When Jamie arrives in Port Republic, he learns a terrible secret the army wants to keep hidden, and with the help of a one-armed soldier and a young woman, must find a way to outwit Sherman's army.
- FIC MUR AR MG il, 5.7 rl, 6 pts
 Murphy, Jim. The Journal of James Edmond Pease: a Civil War Union Soldier. New York: Scholastic, 1998.
 James Edmond, a sixteen-year-old orphan, keeps a journal of his experiences and those of "G" Company which he joined as a volunteer in the Union Army during the Civil War.
- FIC OSB AR MG il, 4.3 rl, 2 pts
 Osborne, Mary Pope. My Brother's Keeper: Virginia's Diary. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2000.
 In 1863, as the Civil War approaches her quiet town of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, nine-year-old Virginia records in a journal the horrible things she witnesses before, during, and after the Battle of Gettysburg.
- FIC PAU AR MG il, 5.7 rl, 2 pts
 Paulsen, Gary. Soldier's Heart: a Novel of the Civil War. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1998.
 Eager to enlist, fifteen-year-old Charley has a change of heart after experiencing both the physical horrors and mental anguish of Civil War combat.
- FIC PEC AR UG il, 5.9 rl, 5 pts
 Peck, Richard. The River Between Us. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2003.
 During the early days of the Civil War, the Pruitt family takes in two mysterious young ladies who have fled New Orleans to come north to Illinois.
- FIC PIN AR MG il, 5.4 rl, 7 pts
 Pinkney, Andrea Davis. Silent Thunder: a Civil War Story. New York: Hyperion Books, 1999.
 In 1862 eleven-year-old Summer and her thirteen-year-old brother Rosco take turns describing how life on the quiet Virginia plantation where they are slaves is affected by the Civil War.
- FIC REE AR MG il, 5.3 rl, 6 pts
 Reeder, Carolyn. Shades of Gray. New York: Avon, 1989.
 At the end of the Civil War, twelve year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, reluctantly leaves his home in the city to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a traitor.
- FIC REE AR UG il, 6.3 rl, 10 pts
 Reeder, Carolyn. Across the Lines. New York: Avon, 1997.
 Edward, the son of a white plantation owner, and his black house servant and friend Simon witness the siege of Petersburg during the Civil War.

- FIC REE AR MG il, 6.0 rl, 9 pts
Reeder, Carolyn. Captain Kate. New York: Avon, 1999.
Determined to take her father's coal-carrying barge on the C & O Canal from Cumberland, Maryland, to Georgetown in D.C., twelve-year-old Kate learns hurtful truths about herself.
- FIC RIN AR UG il, 4.1 rl, 13 pts
Rinaldi, Ann. The Last Silk Dress. New York: Bantam, 1988.
During the Civil War, Susan finds a way to help the Confederate Army make a balloon and in the process uncovers a series of mysterious family secrets.
- FIC RIN AR MG il, 5.0 rl, 9 pts
Rinaldi, Ann. Girl in Blue. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2001.
Sarah Wheelock disguises herself as a boy and enlists in the Union Infantry during the Civil War, going from male nurse to Pinkerton detective.
- FIC RIN AR MG il, 4.2 rl, 5 pts
Rinaldi, Ann. Numbering all the Bones. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2002.
In 1864 the Civil War is coming to an end and Southern slaves are slowly gaining their freedom. But for thirteen-year-old Eulinda, a house slave on a Georgia plantation, it is the most difficult time of her life.
- FIC RIN AR MG il, 4.0 rl, 7 pts
Rinaldi, Ann. Amelia's War. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1999.
When a Confederate general threatens to burn Hagerstown, Maryland, unless it pays an exorbitant ransom, twelve-year-old Amelia and her friend find a way to save the town.
- FIC SHA AR UG il, 4.7 rl, 15 pts
Shaara, Michael. The Killer Angels: a Novel. New York: Ballantine Books, 1974.
This re-creation of the Battle of Gettysburg won a Pulitzer Prize and was made into the motion picture "Gettysburg."
- FIC SHA AR UG il, 7.0 rl, 31 pts
Shaara, Jeff. Gods and Generals. New York: Ballantine Books, 1996.
Traces the lives of military leaders Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson, Winfield Scott Hancock, Joshua Chamberlain, and Robert E. Lee, who all meet on the same battlefield at Fredericksburg.
- FIC STE AR UG il, 4.7 rl, 5 pts
Steele, William O. The Perilous Road. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1958.
Fourteen-year-old Chris learns a difficult lesson about the waste of war when he reports the approach of a Yankee supply troop to the Confederates, only to learn that his brother is probably part of that troop.
- FIC STO AR MG il, 4.0 rl, 1 pt
Stolz, Mary. A Ballad of the Civil War. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1997.
Weary of the war, a Union lieutenant recalls his life with his twin brother on their family's Virginia plantation and the events that led them to fight on different sides in the Civil War.
- FIC WIS AR UG il, 5.4 rl, 6 pts
Wisler, G. Clifton. Red Cap. New York: Puffin Books, 1991.
A Yankee drummer boy displays great courage when he's captured and sent to Andersonville Prison. This fictionalized account is based on a real person, Ransom J. Powell.
- FIC WIS AR MG il, 5.3 rl, 5 pts
Wisler, G. Clifton. Mr. Lincoln's Drummer. New York: Lodestar Books, 1995.
Recounts the courageous exploits of Willie Johnston, an eleven-year-old Civil War drummer, who became the youngest recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor.
- FIC WIS AR MG il, 5.3 rl, 5 pts
Wisler, G. Clifton. Thunder on the Tennessee. New York: Dutton, 1983
Following his father's example, sixteen-year old Willie Delamer joins the Second Texas Regiment and leaves his beloved Texas to fight for the Confederacy.

World War 1914-1918

FIC HEM AR UG il, 6.0 rl, 13 pts

Hemingway, Ernest. A Farewell to Arms. New York: Scribner, 1957.

An American ambulance officer serving on the Austro-Italian front deserts to join an English nurse after the retreat of Caporetto.

FIC LAW AR MG il, 4.5 rl, 8 pts

Lawrence, Iain. Lord of the Nutcracker Men. New York: Delacorte Press, 2001.

An English boy during World War I comes to believe that the battles he enacts with his toy soldiers control the war his father is fighting on the front.

FIC LEV AR MG il, 5.8 rl, 5 pts

Levine, Beth Seidel. When Christmas Comes Again: the World War I Diary of Sione Spencer. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2002.

Teenage Simone's diaries for 1917 and 1918 reveal her experiences as a carefree member of New York Society, then as a "Hello girl," a volunteer switchboard operator for the Army Signal Corps in France.

FIC ROS AR MG il, 3.8 rl, 8 pts

Rostkowski, Margaret I. After the Dancing Days. New York: HarperTrophy, 1986.

A forbidden friendship with a badly disfigured soldier in the aftermath of World War I forces thirteen-year-old Annie to redefine the word "hero" and to question conventional ideas of patriotism.

World War 1939-1945

FIC AVI AR MG il, 2.7 rl, 3 pts

Avi. "Who Was That Masked Man, Anyway?" New York: Avon, 1992.

In the forties when nearly everyone else is thinking about World War II, sixth-grader Frankie Wattleson gets in trouble at home and school because of his preoccupation with his favorite radio programs.

FIC AVI AR MG il, 3.6 rl, 4 pts

Avi. Don't You Know There's a War On? New York: Scholastic Inc., 2001.

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

FIC BRU AR MG il, 6.4 rl, 9 pts

Bruchac, Joseph. Code Talker: A Novel about the Navajo Marines of World War Two. New York: Speak, 2005.

After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue.

FIC COO AR MG il, 6.0 rl, 6 pts

Cooper, Susan. Dawn of Fear. New York: Aladdin Books, 1989.

Three English children, fascinated by the war air raids, gradually become aware of true fear and horror when they seek vengeance on an opposing gang that destroyed their hideaway.

FIC COR AR MG il, 5.9 rl, 4 pts

Cormier, Robert. Other Bells for Us To Ring. New York: Dell, 1990.

When her father is transferred to an army camp in Massachusetts, Darcy feels isolated in her French-Canadian neighborhood until she meets the Kathleen Mary O'Hara and learns about Catholicism.

FIC DEJ AR MG il, 5.5 rl, 6 pts

De Jong, Meindert. The House of Sixty Fathers. New York: Harper, 1956.

Alone in a sampan with his pig and three ducks, a Chinese boy is whirled down a river, back to where he and his parents had escaped the invading Japanese, and spends frightening days regaining his family.

FIC DEN AR MG il, 5.6 rl, 3 pts

Denenberg, Barry. Early Sunday Morning: the Pearl Harbor Diary of Amber Billows. New York: Scholastic, 2001.

In her diary, twelve-year-old Amber describes moving to Hawaii in 1941 and experiencing the horror of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

- FIC ELL AR UG il, 4.8 rl, 10 pts
Elliott, Laura. Under a War-Torn Sky. New York: Hyperion, 2001.
After his plane is shot down by Hitler's Luftwaffe, nineteen-year-old Henry Forester of Richmond, Virginia, strives to walk across occupied France, with the help of the French Resistance, in hopes of rejoining his unit.
- FIC GIF AR MG il, 4.6 rl, 5 pts
Giff, Patricia Reilly. Lily's Crossing. New York: Delacorte, 1997.
During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war and her own world differently.
- FIC GRE AR MG il, 5.2 rl, 9 pts
Greene, Bette. Summer of My German Soldier. New York: Dell Publishing, 1973.
Sheltering an escaped prisoner of war is the beginning of some shattering experiences for a twelve-year-old girl in Arkansas.
- FIC HAH AR MG il, 4.7 rl, 8 pts
Hahn, Mary Downing. Stepping on the Cracks. New York: Clarion Books, 1991.
In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, eleven-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, and decides to help.
- FIC HAR AR MG il, 4.2 rl, 5 pts
Harlow, Joan Hiatt. Shadows on the Sea. New York: Aladdin Paperbacks, 2003.
In 1942 fourteen-year-old Jill goes to stay with her grandmother on the coast of Maine, where she discovers that the war is closer than she thought.
- FIC HEN AR MG il, 5.8 rl, 7 pts
Heneghan, James. Wish Me Luck. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 1997.
While on an ocean voyage to Canada to escape the air raids in his Liverpool home, twelve-year-old Jaimie Monaghan faces another kind of life-threatening situation.
- FIC HES AR LG il, 3.7 rl, 1 pt
Hest, Amy. Love You, Daddy. New York: Puffin Books, 1991.
Katie, a Jewish girl living in New York City during World War II, sees many dynamic changes in her world as she ages from seven to ten waiting for her father to return from the war.
- 813 GAL AR MG il, 5.9 rl, 1 pt
Gallico, Paul. The Snow Goose. New York: Knopf 1992.
Against the backdrop of World War II, friendship develops between a lonely crippled painter and a village girl, when together they minister to an injured snow goose.
- FIC HUG AR MG il, 5.4 rl, 7 pts
Hughes, Dean. Soldier Boys. New York: Simon Pulse, 2001.
Two boys, one German and one American, are eager to join their respective armies during World War II, and their paths cross at the Battle of the Bulge.
- FIC LIS AR MG il, 5.0 rl, 7 pts
Lisle, Janet Taylor. The Art of Keeping Cool. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2000.
In 1942, Robert and his cousin Elliot uncover family secrets while staying in their grandparents' Rhode Island town, where they also become involved with a German artist who is suspected of being a spy.
- FIC LIS AR MG il, 4.4 rl, 6 pts
Lisle, Janet Taylor. Sirens and Spies. New York: Bradbury Press, 1985.
No one agrees on the truth about the mysterious violin teacher, Renee Fitch, until she herself tells the definitive story of her life and brings together all the differing views people have of her.
- FIC LOW AR MG il, 4.5 rl, 4 pts
Lowry, Lois. Number the Stars. New York: Yearling Books, 1989.
In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, ten-year-old Annemarie learns how to be brave and courageous when she helps shelter her Jewish friend from the Nazis.
- FIC MAG AR MG il, 4.8 rl, 12 pts
Magorian, Michelle. Good Night, Mr. Tom. New York: Harper & Row, 1981.
A battered child learns to embrace life when he is adopted by an old man in the English countryside during World War II.

- FIC MAT AR MG il, 3.8 rl, 3 pts
 Matas, Carol. Lisa's War. New York: Scholastic, 1987.
 During the Nazi occupation of Denmark, Lisa and other teenage Jews become involved in an underground resistance movement and eventually must flee for their lives.
- FIC MAZ AR UG il, 3.8 rl, 3 pts
 Mazer, Harry. A Boy at War: a Novel of Pearl Harbor. New York: Scholastic, 2001.
 While fishing with friends off Hawaii on December 7, 1941, Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack and later tries to find his father, a naval officer serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.
- FIC MAZ AR MG il, 3.5 rl, 4 pts
 Mazer, Harry. A Boy No More. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2004.
 After his father is killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Adam, his mother, and sister are evacuated to California, where he deals with feelings about war, Japanese internment camps, and his identity.
- FIC MAZ AR MG il, 4.0 rl, 3 pts
 Mazer, Harry. Heroes Don't Run: a Novel of the Pacific War. New York: Simon & Schuster, 2005.
 To honor his father who died during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, seventeen-year-old Adam enlists in the Marines in 1944, survives boot camp, and faces combat on the tiny island of Okinawa.
- FIC MCS AR MG il, 5.3 rl, 5 pts
 McSwigan, Marie. Snow Treasure. New York: Scholastic, 1958.
 The fictionalized story of the group of Norwegian children who helped Norway move its gold reserves to the United States during the German occupation by carrying bullion to the sea on their sleds.
- FIC MYE AR MG il, 5.0 rl, 4 pts
 Myers, Walter Dean. The Journal of Scott Pendleton Collins: a World War II Soldier. New York: Scholastic, 1999.
 A seventeen-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.
- FIC NAP AR UG il, 4.2 rl, 7 pts
 Napoli, Donna Jo. Stones in Water. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1997.
 After being taken by German soldiers from a movie theater with other Italian boys, Roberto is forced to work in Germany where he escapes into the Ukraine before making his way back home to Venice.
- FIC OSB AR MG il, 5.5 rl, 4 pts
 Osborne, Mary Pope. My Secret War: the World War II Diary of Madeline Beck. New York: Scholastic, 2000.
 Thirteen-year-old Madeline's diaries for 1941 and 1942 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during World War II while her father is away in the Navy.
- FIC PAU AR MG il, 5.0 rl, 3 pts
 Paulsen, Gary. The Cookcamp. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1991.
 During World War II, a little boy is sent to live with his grandma, a cook in a camp for workers building a road through the wilderness.
- FIC REE AR MG il, 5.9 rl, 9 pts
 Reeder, Carolyn. Foster's War. New York: Scholastic, 1998.
 When his older brother joins the army during World War II in order to escape the rages of an authoritarian father, eleven-year-old Foster fights his battles on the homefront.
- FIC REU AR MG il, 5.0n rl, 7 pts
 Reuter, Bjarne B. The Boys from St. Petri. New York: Puffin Books, 1996.
 In 1942, a group of young men begin a series of increasingly dangerous protests against the German invaders of their Danish homeland.
- FIC RIC AR UG il, 3.8 rl, 1 pt
 Rice, Earle. Escape or Die. (The Animals.) New York: Bantam Books, 1979.
 Confined to the hospital after being blinded in the crash of his B-17, an army officer tries to find a way to stop a German mission from bombing the Prime Minister's home in London.
- FIC RIN AR MG il, 3.9 rl, 5 pts
 Rinaldi, Ann. Keep Smiling Through. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1996.
 A ten-year-old girl living in middle-class America during World War II learns the painful lesson that doing what's right is not always an easy thing to do.

FIC SAC AR UG il, 4.6 rl, 4 pts
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 During World War II in occupied France, a young Jewish girl returns from an overnight visit with a friend to find her family has disappeared.

FIC SAL AR MG il, 3.9 rl, 6 pts
 Salisbury, Graham. Eyes of the Emperor. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2005.
 Following orders from the United States Army, several young Japanese American men train K-9 units to hunt Asians during World War II.

FIC SAL AR UG il, 4.0 rl, 8 pts
 Salisbury, Graham. Under the Blood-Red Sun. New York: Bantam Doubleday, 1994.
 Tomikazu Nakaji's biggest concerns are baseball, homework, and a local bully, until life with his Japanese family in Hawaii changes drastically after the bombing of Pearl Harbor in December 1941.

FIC SAV AR MG il, 3.9 rl, 5 pts
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 The friendship between San Francisco girls Mitzi Fujimoto and Ruthie Fox is changed when World War II begins and Mitzi and her family are forced to go into an internment camp.

FIC SHE AR MG il, 5.4 rl, 2 pts
 Shemin, Margaretha. The Little Riders. New York: Beech Tree Paperback, 1993.
 An American girl living in Nazi-occupied Holland resents the presence of a German soldier quartered in her grandparents' home until the night she tries to hide part of the town's treasured clock mechanism.

FIC STR AR MG il, 5.8 rl, 11 pts
 Streatfeild, Noel. Theater Shoes. New York: Random House, 1994.
 During World War II, three motherless children, whose father is missing in action, go live with their grandmother in London and join members of their talented theatrical family in a school for stage training.

FIC TRI AR MG il, 4.2 rl, 1 pt
 Tripp, Valerie. Meet Molly: an American Girl. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1989.
 During World War II, Molly finds her life full of change as she eats terrible vegetables from the victory garden and plans revenge on her brother for ruining her Halloween.

FIC VOS AR MG il, 3.6 rl, 4 pts
 Vos, Ida. Hide and Seek. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1991.
 A young Jewish girl living in Holland tells of her experiences during the Nazi occupation, her years in hiding, and the aftershock when the war finally ends.

FIC WAT AR MG il, 4.7 rl, 6 pts
 Watkins, Yoko Kawashima. So Far from the Bamboo Grove. New York: Beech Tree Books, 1986.
 A fictionalized autobiography in which eleven-year-old Yoko escapes from Korea to Japan with her mother and sister at the end of World War II.

FIC WES AR UG il, 5.9 rl, 9 pts
 Westall, Robert. Blitzcat. New York: Scholastic, 1989.
 During World War II a black cat journeys all across war-ravaged England in an effort to track down her beloved master.

FIC WHE AR UG il, 5.6 rl, 5 pts
 Whelan, Gloria. Burying the Sun. New York: Harper Collins Publishers, 2004.
 In Leningrad in 1941, when Russia and Germany are at war, fourteen-year-old Georgi vows to help his family and his city during the terrible siege.

FIC WIN AR MG il, 4.1 rl, 8 pts
 Winter, Kathryn. Katarína. New York: Scholastic Signature, 1998.
 During World War II in Slovakia, a young Jewish girl in hiding becomes a devout Catholic and is sustained by her belief that she will return home to her family as soon as the war ends.

FIC WOL AR MG il, 5.1 rl, 8 pts
 Wolff, Virginia Euwer. Bat 6. New York: Scholastic Press, 1998.
 In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one 6th grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

FIC WUL AR UG il, 5.7 rl, 7 pts
Wulffson, Don L. Soldier X. New York: Viking, 2001.

In 1943 sixteen-year-old Erik experiences the horrors of war when he is drafted into the German army and sent to fight on the Russian front.

FIC ZIN AR UG il, 4.5 rl, 4 pts
Zindel, Paul. The Gadget. New York: HarperCollins, 2001.

In 1945, having joined his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II, thirteen-year-old Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue.

Vietnam War 1961-1975

FIC MCD AR UG il, 4.9 rl, 8 pts
McDaniel, Lurlene. Garden of Angels. New York: Dell Laurel-Leaf, 2003.

In Conners, Georgia, in 1974, fourteen-year-old Darcy tries to deal with her mother's battle with breast cancer, as she also learns that the war in Vietnam is more than a school project.

FIC NEL AR UG il, 5.2 rl, 6 pts
Nelson, Theresa. And One for All. New York: Dell, 1989.

Geraldine's close relationship with her older brother Wing and his friend Sam changes when Wing joins the Marines and Sam leaves for Washington to join a peace march.

FIC TAL AR MG il, 5.9 rl, 4 pts
Talbert, Marc. The Purple Heart. New York: Avon Camelot Book, 1992.

When his wounded father is sent home early from Vietnam, Luke finds it difficult to adjust to the troubled, emotionally shaken man who seems so unlike the fearless hero of his dreams.

FIC WHI AR MG il, 5.9 rl, 7 pts
White, Ellen Emerson. The Journal of Patrick Seamus Flaherty, : United States Marine Corps. New York: Scholastic, Inc., 2002.

An eighteen-year-old Marine records his experiences in Vietnam during the siege of Khe Sanh, 1967-1968. Includes a history of Vietnam, war timeline, glossary, and related military information.

FIC WHI AR MG il, 5.8 rl, 6 pts
White, Ellen Emerson. Where Have All the Flowers Gone?: the Diary of Molly MacKenzie Flaherty. New York: Scholastic Inc., 2002.

After her brother Patrick goes to fight in Vietnam, fifteen-year-old Molly misses her brother, volunteers at a Veterans' Hospital, and deals with the Vietnam War and tumultuous events in the United States.

Persian Gulf War 1991

FIC WES AR MG il, 4.9 rl, 4 pts
Westall, Robert. Gulf. New York: Scholastic Inc., 1992.

Tom Higgins, a British schoolboy during the Persian Gulf War, narrates his younger brother's struggle with an apparent mental illness or "mystery of nature" which drives the child to assume the role of an Iraqi.