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# Historical Fiction for Teens

The following books are all located in the young adult section of the Fayetteville Public Library.

## 65000 B. C. – 500 A.D.

***Troy***, by Adele Geras

Told from the point of view of the women of Troy, portrays the last weeks of the Trojan War, when women are sick of tending the wounded, men are tired of fighting, and bored gods and goddesses find ways to stir things up.

***Pharaoh's Daughter***, by Lester Julius

A fictionalized account of the Biblical tale in which a Hebrew infant, rescued by the daughter of the Pharaoh, passes through a turbulent adolescence to eventually become a prophet of his people while his sister finds her true self as a priestess to the Egyptian gods.

## 500 – 1400 A.D.

***Catherine Called Birdy***, by Karen Cushman

The thirteen-year-old daughter of an English country knight keeps a journal in which she records the events of her life, particularly her longing for adventures beyond the usual role of women and her efforts to avoid being married off.

***The Raging Quiet***, by Sherryl Jordan

Suspicious of sixteen-year-old Marnie, a newcomer to their village, the residents accuse her of witchcraft when she discovers that the village madman is not crazy but deaf and she begins to communicate with him through hand gestures.

***His Majesty's Elephant***, by Judith Tarr

Charlemagne's daughter must call on her own magic and the power of a young Breton and a special elephant to save her father from a deadly Byzantine spell.

## 1400 – 1600 A.D.

***Burning Issy***, by Melvin Burgess

In seventeenth-century England, twelve-year-old Issy is accused of being a witch and struggles with the belief that she actually does have strange powers.

***Mary, Bloody Mary***, by Carolyn Meyer

Mary Tudor, who would reign briefly as Queen of England during the mid sixteenth century, tells the story of her troubled childhood as daughter of King Henry VIII.

***Daughter of Venice***, by Donna Jo Napoli

Frustrated with the restrictions her gender imposes on her life, fourteen-year-old Donata, disguised as a boy, sneaks out of her noble family's house to roam the streets of late sixteenth-century Venice and then must confront the repercussions of her actions.

## 1700 – 1900 A.D.

***The Ransom of Mercy Carter***, by Caroline Cooney

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, eleven-year-old Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.



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***Bull Run***, by Paul Fleischman

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.

***Girl in Blue***, by Ann Rinaldi

To escape an abusive father and an arranged marriage, fourteen-year-old Sarah, dressed as a boy, leaves her Michigan home to enlist in the Union Army, and becomes a soldier on the battlefields of Virginia as well as a Union spy working in the house of Confederate sympathizer Rose O'Neal Greenhow in Washington, D.C.

***In My Father's House***, by Ann Rinaldi

For two sisters growing up surrounded by the Civil War, there is conflict both outside and inside their house

## 1901 A.D – Present

***The Watson's Go to Birmingham, 1963***, by Christopher Paul Curtis

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

***Fallen Angels***, by Walter Dean Myers

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam

***Stones in Water***, by Donna Jo Napoli

After being taken by German soldiers from a local movie theater along with other Italian boys including his Jewish friend, Roberto is forced to work in Germany, escapes into the Ukrainian winter, before desperately trying to make his way back home to Venice.

***Stranded in Harmony***, by Barbara Shoup

While struggling with the changes he faces during his senior year in a small Indiana town, Lucas gains insight through a unique friendship with a former Vietnam war protester.

***Come in from the Cold***, by Marsha Qualey

The Vietnam War protest movement brings together two Minnesota teenagers.

***The Road Home***, by Ellen Emerson White

Rebecca, a young nurse stationed in Vietnam during the war, must come to grips with her wartime experiences once she returns home to the United States.

***Bat 6***, by Virginia Euer Wolff

In small town, post-World War Oregon, twenty-one sixth-grade girls recount the story of an annual softball game, during which one girl's bigotry comes to the surface.

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