

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### Prehistoric Cultures and Ancient Civilizations

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Juvenile and Young Adult Departments.

Blacklock, D. PANKRATION: THE ULTIMATE GAME  
Greece, 430 B.C.  
J Fiction c1999

Having been kidnapped from a ship leaving plague-ridden Athens in 430 B.C., 12-year-old Nic attempts to escape his captors and keep his promise to meet his friend at the Olympic games.

Bosse, Malcolm. TUSK AND STONE  
India, 600's  
YA Fiction c1995

After dacoits attack his caravan and he loses his identity as a Brahmin, Arjun resigns himself to his new life, becomes an elephant driver, and searches for his kidnapped sister.

Brennan, J.H. SHIVA  
(ADVENTURE OF THE ICE AGE, v.1)  
Europe, 30,000 B.C.  
J Fiction (4-8 gr.) c1990

A Cro-Magnon tribe is forced to confront its collective fear of the Neanderthal people they call ogres, when a young girl of the tribe, Shiva, befriends an ogre boy, and when Hiram, a young hunter from the tribe, is captured by ogres.

Brennan, J.H. SHIVA ACCUSED  
(ADVENTURE OF THE ICE AGE, v.2)  
Europe, 30,000 B.C.  
J Fiction (4-8 gr.) c1991

As the major ceremony the Star Jamboree approaches, political rivals from another tribe falsely accuse the Shingu girl Shiva of murdering the Hag, the leader of all the tribal witch women.

Brennan, J.H. SHIVA'S CHALLENGE  
(ADVENTURE OF THE ICE AGE, v.3)  
Europe, 30,000 B.C.  
J Fiction (4-8 gr.) c1992

14-year-old Shiva submits to an ordeal in the frozen wasteland north of her tribe's camp, to test her potential for becoming shaman for the Shingu people.

Carter, Dorothy Sharp. HIS MAJESTY, QUEEN  
HATSHEPSUT  
Egypt, 1500-1480 B.C.  
J Fiction (6-9 gr.) c1987

A fictionalized account of the life of Hatshepsut, a queen in ancient Egypt who declared herself king and ruled as such for more than 20 years.

Craig, Ruth. MALU'S WOLF  
Europe, Stone Age (Cro-Magnon)  
J Fiction (4-6 gr.) c1995

Malu is permitted to raise a wolf pup, which eventually is instrumental in bringing about significant changes to the lives and traditions of the young girl's Stone Age clan.

Cowley, Marjorie. ANOOKA'S ANSWER  
France, Paleolithic Era  
J Fiction c1998

While living in a river valley in southern France during the Upper Paleolithic era, 13-year-old Anooka rejects the ways of her clan and sets out to make another kind of life for herself.

Denzel, Justin. BOY OF THE PAINTED CAVE  
Southern Europe, 18,000 B.C.  
J Fiction (4-7 gr.) c1988

Forbidden to make images, 14-year-old Tao, the boy with the bad foot, yearns to be a cave painter, recording the figures of the mammals, rhinos, bison, and other animals of his prehistoric times.

Denzel, Justin. HUNT FOR THE LAST CAT  
Florida  
J Fiction (4-8 gr.) c1991

10-year-old Thorn feels conflicting loyalties when members of his clan blame his friend Fonn, a girl from a rival clan, for the marauding actions of a man-eating sabertooth cat.

Dickinson, Peter. BONE FROM A DRY SEA  
Africa, present day and 4,000,000 B.C.  
(chapters alternate: "Then" and "Now")  
J Fiction/YA Fiction c1993

In two parallel stories, an intelligent female member of a prehistoric tribe becomes instrumental in advancing the lot of her people, and the daughter of a paleontologist is visiting him on a dig in Africa when important fossil remains are discovered.

Dorris, Michael. MORNING GIRL  
West Indies, 1492, pre-Columbian  
J Fiction (4-6 gr.) c1992

Morning Girl, who loves the day, and her younger brother Star Boy, who loves the night, take turns describing their life on an island in pre-Columbian America; in Morning Girl's last narrative, she witnesses the arrival of the first Europeans to her world. (Taino, Arawak Indians)

Dorris, Michael. SEES BEHIND TREES  
United States, 1500's  
J Fiction (4-7 gr.) c1996

A Native American boy with a special gift to "see" beyond his poor eyesight journeys with an old warrior to a land of mystery and beauty.

Fletcher, Susan. SHADOW SPINNER  
Ancient Persia  
J Fiction c1998

When Marjan, a 13-year-old crippled girl, joins the Sultan's harem in ancient Persia, she gathers for Shahrazad the stories which will save the queen's life.

- Galloway, Priscilla. *COURTESAN'S DAUGHTER*  
Athens  
YA Fiction c2002  
From humble beginnings, Phano rises to become one of ancient Athens' most powerful citizens through her marriage to Theo, but they both have powerful enemies who don't share their political views.
- Lawrence, Caroline. *ASSASSINS OF ROME*  
Roman Empire, 79 AD  
J Fiction c2002  
Flavia and Nubia follow Jonathan to Rome and into the Golden House built by the emperor Nero, where a dangerous assassin lurks.  
Book 4 in *ROMAN MYSTERIES* series.
- Lawrence, Caroline. *DOLPHINS OF LAURENTUM*  
Roman Empire, 79 AD  
J Fiction c2002  
A ragged stranger and the prospect of losing her family's fortune lead Flavia Gemina and her friends, Jonathan, Lupus, and Nubia to a seaside villa where possible danger and treasure are close at hand.  
Book 5 in *ROMAN MYSTERIES* series.
- Lawrence, Caroline. *PIRATES OF POMPEII*  
Roman Empire, 79 AD  
J Fiction c2002  
At a refugee camp following the eruption of Mt. Vesuvius which buried Pompeii, Flavia and her friends discover that children are disappearing and a very powerful citizen might be involved  
Book 3 in *ROMAN MYSTERIES* series.
- Lawrence, Caroline. *THE SECRETS OF VESUVIUS*  
Roman Empire 79 AD  
J Fiction c2002  
10-year-old Flavia and her friends encounter the Roman admiral Pliny before making a journey to her uncle's farm near Mt. Vesuvius, where they try to solve a riddle, reunite a family, and get out of the path of a natural disaster.  
Book 2 in *THE ROMAN MYSTERIES* series.
- Lawrence, Caroline. *THIEVES OF OSTIA*  
Rome, 79 AD  
J Fiction c2002  
In Rome in the year 79 A.D., a group of children from very different backgrounds work together to discover who beheaded a pet dog -- and why.  
Book 1 in *ROMAN MYSTERIES* series.
- McCaughrean, Geraldine. *CASTING THE GODS ADRIFT: A NOVEL OF ANCIENT EGYPT*  
Egypt  
J Fiction c2002  
Tutmose, an apprentice sculptor, and his nearly-blind brother, Ibrim, an apprentice musician, are content at the court of Pharaoh Akhenaten, but their father rages against Pharaoh's rejection of traditional Egyptian gods and plots a deadly revenge.
- McGraw, Eloise. *GOLDEN GOBLET*  
Egypt  
J Fiction c1986  
A young Egyptian boy struggles to reveal a hideous crime and reshape his own destiny. (Newbery Honor)
- McGraw, Eloise. *MARA, DAUGHTER OF THE NILE*  
Egypt  
YA Fiction c1985
- The adventures of an ingenious Egyptian slave girl who undertakes a dangerous assignment as a spy in the royal palace of Thebes, in the days when Queen Hatshepsut ruled.
- McLaren, Clemence. *INSIDE THE WALLS OF TROY: A NOVEL OF THE WOMEN WHO LIVED THE TROJAN WAR*  
Troy  
YA Fiction c1996  
The events surrounding the famous battle between the Greeks and the Trojans are told from the points of view of 2 women, the beautiful Helen and the prophetic Cassandra.
- Moss, Marissa. *GALEN: MY LIFE IN IMPERIAL ROME*  
Rome, ca 30 B.C. - 14 A.D.  
J Fiction c2002  
Twelve-year-old Galen describes his life as a slave in Rome under the Emperor Augustus.  
*ANCIENT WORLD JOURNAL* series
- Pfitch, Patricia Curtis. *DEEPER SONG*  
Ancient Jerusalem  
YA Fiction c1998  
When Judith, the daughter of a high priest of Solomon, decides to write the scriptures which had always been told orally, she confronts Jewish practices, particularly as applied to women.
- Rubalcaba, Jill. *PLACE IN THE SUN*  
Egypt  
J Fiction (3-6 gr.) c1997  
In ancient Egypt, the gifted young son of a sculptor is taken into slavery when he attempts to save his father's life, and is himself almost killed before his exceptional talent leads Pharaoh to name him Royal Sculptor.
- Rupert, Janet E. *THE AFRICAN MASK*  
Ife (Nigeria), ca 1000  
YA Fiction c1994  
12-year-old Layo, a Yoruba girl living in the area of 11<sup>th</sup>-century Africa (which is now Nigeria), attempts to reject the man who has been chosen to be her husband.
- Speare, Elizabeth George. *BRONZE BOW*  
Middle East  
J Fiction c1961  
A young boy seeks revenge against the Romans for killing his parents, but is turned away from vengeance by Jesus. (Newbery Medal, 1962)
- Spinka, Penina Keen. *WHITE HARE'S HORSES*  
California, 1522  
J Fiction (5-7 gr.) c1991  
In 16<sup>th</sup>-century California, a young Chumash Indian, White Hare, must find the courage to save her people from Aztec invaders with their frightening horses.
- Sutcliff, Rosemary. *CAPRICORN BRACELET*  
Roman Britain, 55 B.C.-449 A.D.  
J Fiction (6-9 gr.) c1973  
Six episodes chronicle the lives of a family in Roman Britain over 300 years.
- Sutcliff, Rosemary. *SONG FOR A DARK QUEEN*  
Britain, 62 A.D.  
J Fiction (6-9 gr.) c1978

The life of Boadicea (Boudicca), queen of the Iceni, who led them and other British tribes in a valiant but futile revolt against the Romans in 62 A.D.

Sutcliff, Rosemary. SUN HORSE, MOON HORSE

Britain, pre-Roman

J Fiction (5-8 gr.) c1977

A young boy in pre-Roman England becomes chieftain of his tribe and learns just how much he must sacrifice for his people.

Turnbull, Ann. MAROO OF THE WINTER CAVES

Europe, latest Ice Age (Madeleine People)

J Fiction c1984

Maroo, a girl of the late Ice Age, must take charge after her father is killed, and lead her little brother, mother, and aged grandmother to the safety of the winter camp before the first blizzards strike.

Turner, Ann. MAIA OF THEBES, 1463 B.C.

Egypt, 1463, B.C.

J Fiction c2005

A young Egyptian girl, whose brother secretly taught her to read and write, accuses her uncle of stealing grain from the temple and must run away from Thebes to survive. ("Life and Times" series)

Vande Griek, Susan. GIFT FOR AMPATO

Peru, Inca Civilization

J Fiction (6-8 gr.) c1999

When Timta is chosen as the girl to be sacrificed to the gods, she finds she cannot feel the pride and joy she is expected to feel. With the help of her friend Karwa, a solution is found that allows for the restoration of harmony that is so essential to Inca life. Based on the discovery of the 500-year-old mummy recently found in the Andes.