

## HISTORICAL FICTION

### United States - World War II

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Juvenile & Young Adult Departments.

Avi. DONT YOU KNOW THERE'S A WAR ON?

Brooklyn, NY  
J Fiction c2001

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, 11-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

Bat-Ami, Miriam. TWO SUNS IN THE SKY

New York  
YA Fiction c1999

Just after Rome is liberated in 1944, teen Yugoslavian Jewish refugee, Adam Bornstein, and his family are offered passage to Oswego, New York, to America's only refugee camp. This fictional account is based on a true incident.

Davies, Jacqueline. WHERE THE GROUND MEETS  
THE SKY

New Mexico, 1940's  
J Fiction c2002

During World War II, a 12-year-old girl is uprooted from her quiet, East coast life and moved to a secluded army post in the New Mexico desert where her father and other scientists are working on a top secret project.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. LILY'S CROSSING

Rockaway Beach, New York  
J Fiction (5-7 gr.) c1997

During a summer spent at Rockaway Beach in 1944, Lily's friendship with a young Hungarian refugee causes her to see the war & her own world differently.

Giff, Patricia Reilly. WILLOW RUN

Michigan  
J Fiction c2005

During World War II, after moving with her parents to Willow Run, Michigan, when her father gets a job in the B-24 bomber-building factory, 11-year-old Meggie learns about different kinds of bravery from all of the people around her.  
(Sequel to LILY'S CROSSING.)

Hahn, Mary Downing. STEPPING ON THE CRACKS

U.S.  
J Fiction (5-8 gr.) c1991

In 1944, while her brother is overseas fighting in World War II, 11-year-old Margaret gets a new view of the school bully Gordy when she finds him hiding his own brother, an army deserter, & decides to help him.

Holt, Kimberley. MISTER AND ME

Louisiana, 1940  
J Fiction (3-6 gr.) c1998

In a small Louisiana mill town in 1940, Jolene does not want her Momma to marry the logger who is courting her, but it seems that even her most defiantly bad behavior cannot make him go away.

Kerr, M. E. SLAP YOUR SIDES

Pennsylvania  
YA Fiction c2001

Life in their Pennsylvania hometown changes for Jubal Shoemaker & his family when his older brother witnesses to his Quaker beliefs by becoming a conscientious objector during World War II.

Kochenderfer, Lee. VICTORY GARDEN

Kansas, 1943  
J Fiction c2001

Hoping to contribute to the war effort during World War II, 11-year-old Teresa organizes her friends to care for an ill neighbor's victory garden.

Lee, Milly. NIM AND THE WAR EFFORT

San Francisco, 1943  
J Fiction c1997

In her determination to prove that an American can win the contest for the war effort, Nim does something which leaves her Chinese grandfather both bewildered & proud.

Levitin, Sonia. SILVER DAYS

New York City/ California  
J Fiction (6-9 gr.) c1989

Escaping from Hitler's Germany, a prosperous Jewish family lives in a New York City tenement until Papa decides to move the family to California.  
(Sequel to Journey to America.)

Lisle, Janet Taylor. ART OF KEEPING COOL

Rhode Island, 1942  
J Fiction c2000

In 1942, Robert & his cousin Elliot uncover long-hidden 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.

Mazer, Harry. BOY AT WAR: A NOVEL OF PEARL  
HARBOR

Hawaii, 1941 (US Territory in 1941)  
J Fiction c2002

While fishing with his friends off Honolulu on December 7, 1941, teenaged Adam is caught in the midst of the Japanese attack & through the chaos of the subsequent days tries to find his father, a naval officer who was serving on the U.S.S. Arizona when the bombs fell.

Mazer, Norma Fox. GOOD NIGHT, MAMAN

Paris & New York  
J Fiction c1999

After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, 12-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.

Means, Florence Crannell. MOVED-OUTERS

California/Japanese American internment camps  
J Fiction (5-9 gr.) c1992

After the Japanese bomb Pearl Harbor in 1941, life changes drastically for 18-year-old Sumiko Ohara & her family when they are sent from their home in California to a series of relocation camps.

Mochizuki, Ken. BASEBALL SAVED US

American deserts, Japanese American  
internment camps

J Fiction (4-6 gr.) c1993

A Japanese American boy learns to play baseball when he & his family are forced to live in an internment camp during World War II, & his ability to play helps him after the war is over.

Paulsen, Gary. COOKCAMP

Northern Minnesota, 1944

J Fiction (5-8 gr.) c1991

During World War II, a little boy is sent to live with his grandma, a cook in a camp near the Canadian border for workers building a road through the wilderness.

Rinaldi, Ann. KEEP SMILING THROUGH

U.S.

J Fiction c1996

A 10-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.

Uchida, Yoshiko. JOURNEY TO TOPAZ: A STORY OF  
THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN  
EVACUATION

S.F. Bay Area & Japanese internment camps

J Fiction (5-8 gr.) c1971

After the Pearl Harbor attack an 11-year-old Japanese-American girl & her family are forced to go to an aliens camp in Utah.

(Sequel is JOURNEY HOME.)