Prehistoric Cultures and Ancient Civilizations

Chapter Books (J Fiction) -- Grades 3-8

ASSASSINS OF ROME
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #4
by Lawrence, Caroline

Flavia and Nubia follow Jonathan to Rome and into the Golden House built by the emperor Nero, where a dangerous assassin lurks.

BEGGAR OF VOLUBILIS
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #14
by Lawrence, Caroline

A gripping adventure set in the most exotic location of all the bestselling Roman Mysteries. Flavia and her friends are searching for a precious gem called "Nero's Eye." Their mission takes them on a caravan across North Africa, where they encounter beast-hunters, sandstorms and mirages, actors and a mysterious beggar who claims to have witnessed Nero's death.

BOY OF THE PAINTED CAVE
by Denzel, Justin

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.

BRONZE BOW
by Speare, Elizabeth George

A young boy seeks revenge against the Romans for killing his parents, but is turned away from vengeance by Jesus. (Newbery Medal, 1962)

CASTING THE GODS ADRIFT: A TALE OF ANCIENT EGYPT
by McCaughrean, Geraldine

Tutmose, an apprentice sculptor, and his nearly-blind brother, Ibrim, an apprentice musician, are content at the court of Pharoah Akhenaten, but their father rages against Pharoah's rejection of traditional Egyptian gods and plots a deadly revenge.

CHARIOTEER OF DELPHI
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #12
by Lawrence, Caroline

Flavia and her friends go to Rome to celebrate the Festival of Jupiter at Senator Cornix's town house, where they befriend the young charioteer, Scopas, and quickly find themselves embroiled in a campaign to sabotage one of the rival racing factions.

CLEOPATRA VII: DAUGHTER OF THE NILE
Series Title: Royal Diaries
by Gregory, Kristiana
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Subtitle: Daughter of the Nile, Egypt, 57 BC While her father is in hiding after attempts on his life, twelve-year-old Cleopatra records in her diary how she fears for her own safety and hopes to survive to become Queen of Egypt some day.

COLOSSUS OF RHODES
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #9
by Lawrence, Caroline

In 80 AD, 10-year-old Roman sleuth Flavia and her friends sail from Corinth to Rhodes to try to stop a mysterious man who is kidnapping children and selling them into slavery.

DOLPHINS OF LAURENTUM
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #5
by Lawrence, Caroline

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.

ENEMIES OF JUPITER
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #7
by Lawrence, Caroline

Jonathan and his friends are called to Rome by the emperor in the winter of 80 A.D. to find the new Prometheus believed to have brought an epidemic to the city, but Jonathan, obsessed with reuniting his parents, makes some unwise--and life-threatening--choices.

FUGITIVE FROM CORINTH
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #10
by Lawrence, Caroline

Flavia and her friends pursue tutor Aristo from Corinth to Athens when he escapes after being accused of committing a brutal attack on Flavia's father.

GALEN: MY LIFE IN IMPERIAL ROME
by Moss, Marissa

Twelve-year-old Galen describes his life as a slave in Rome under the Emperor Augustus. ANCIENT WORLD JOURNAL series

GLADIATORS FROM CAPUA
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #8
by Lawrence, Caroline

Suspecting their friend Jonathan is alive, Flavia, Nubia, and Lupus go to Rome for the Colosseum Games, facing wild beasts, criminals, conspirators, and gladiators, and where Nubia is called upon to

make a terrible choice.

GOLDEN GOBLET
by McGraw, Eloise

A young Egyptian boy struggles to reveal a hideous crime and reshape his own destiny. (Newbery Honor)

LAST GIRLS OF POMPEII
by Galloway, Priscilla and Lasky, Kathryn

12-year-old Julia knows that her physical deformity will keep her from a normal life, but counts on the continuing friendship of her life-long slave, Mitka, until they learn that both of their futures in 1st-century Pompeii are about to change for the worse.

MAROO OF THE WINTER CAVES
by Turnbull, Ann

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.

MORNING GIRL
by Dorris, Michael

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)

OUTCAST
by Sutcliff, Rosemary

In Britain during the Roman occupation,15-year-old Beric is cast out because of his Roman birth by the Celtic tribe that raised him. He feels increasingly bitter isolation when, after reaching a Roman settlement, he is sold into slavery and sentenced to serve in a galley for the rest of his life.

PIRATES OF POMPEII
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #3
by Lawrence, Caroline

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.

RETURN TO THE PAINTED CAVE
by Denzel, Justin

14-year-old Tao, a cave painter living in prehistoric times, sets out on an odyssey to bring healing to the blind girl, Deha, and the outcast children. Sequel to BOY OF THE PAINTED CAVE.

SECRETS OF VESUVIUS
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #2
by Lawrence, Caroline

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.

SHADOW SPINNER
by Fletcher, Susan

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.

SIRENS OF SURRENTUM
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #11
by Lawrence, Caroline

It's June, A.D. 80. Everyone is thinking about love at the lavish Villa Limona where a group of friends has come to visit. But their host suspects that there's a poisoner among the houseguests, and the youngsters must investigate.

SLAVE-GIRL FROM JERUSALEM
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #13
by Lawrence, Caroline

When a triple murder occurs in Ostia, a beautiful slave-girl is the prime suspect. And if so, who will defend her? Also, Jonathan has been having premonitions of death, and his premonitions are never wrong.

THIEVES OF OSTIA
Series Title: Roman Mysteries #1
by Lawrence, Caroline

In Rome, 79 AD, a group of children from very different backgrounds work together to discover who beheaded a pet dog -- and why.

TRIMALCHIO'S FEAST AND OTHER MINI-MYSTERIES
Series Title: Roman Mysteries
by Lawrence, Caroline

Six short stories that tell what Flavia and her friends were doing between the main stories.

Books for Teens (YA Fiction)

COURTESAN'S DAUGHTER
by Galloway, Priscilla

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.