United States, 1800's

The Eastern States

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

BATTLE FOR ST. MICHAELS
by McCully, Emily Arnold

In 1813, nine-year-old Caroline, a fast runner, helps the residents of Saint Michaels, Maryland, as they defend their town against the British. "An I Can Read Chapter book."

BECOMING LITTLE WOMEN: A NOVEL ABOUT LOUISA MAY AT FRUITLANDS
by Atkins, Jeannine

Relates events in author Louisa May Alcott's 10th year, 1843, when her family moved from Boston to a farm where, along with an odd assortment of idealists, they try to establish a community based on equality and love.

BOBBIN GIRL
by McCully, Emily Arnold

A 10-year-old bobbin girl working in a textile mill in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1830's, must make a difficult decision--will she participate in the first workers' strike in Lowell?

COAL MINER'S BRIDE
Series Title: Dear America
by Bartoletti, Susan
J FICTION BAR
Subtitle: The diary of Anetka Kaminska Lattimer, Pennsylvania, 1896 A diary account of 13-year-old Anetka's life in Poland in 1896, immigration to America, marriage to a coal miner, widowhood, and happiness in finally finding her true love.

EMMA'S SECRET: THE CINCINNATI EPIDEMIC
Series Title: Sisters in Time
by Jones, Veda Boyd

Natural disasters and social attitudes in 1832 Cincinnati threaten to ruin twelve-year-old Emma Farley's secret hope. Can she rise above them to live her God-given dreams?

GATHERING OF DAYS: A NEW ENGLAND GIRL'S JOURNAL, 1830-32
by Blos, Joan W.

The journal of a 14-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in her small New Hampshire town, her father's remarriage, and the death of her best friend. Companion novel is LETTERS FROM THE CORRUGATED CASTLE.

JEFFERSON'S SONS; A FOUNDING FATHER'S SECRET CHILDREN
by Bradley, Kimberly
J FICTION BRA
A fictionalized look at the last twenty years of Thomas Jefferson's life at Monticello through the eyes of three of his slaves, two of whom were his sons by his slave,

KING OF MULBERRY STREET
by Napoli, Donna Jo

In 1892, Dom, a 9-year old stowaway from Naples, Italy, arrives in New York and must learn to survive the perils of street life in the big city.

LIKE THE WILLOW TREE: THE DIARY OF LYDIA AMELIA PIERCE
by Lowry, Lois
J FICTION LOW
After being orphaned during the influenza epidemic of 1918 in Portland, Maine, 11-year-old Lydia Pierce and her 14-year-old brother are taken by their grieving uncle to be raised in the Shaker community at Sabbathday Lake. Includes author's note about the Shakers.

LITTLE HOUSE BY BOSTON BAY
Series Title: LIttle House
by Wiley, Melissa
J FICTION WIL
Taking place in Massachusetts in the early 1800's, this series describes the childhood of Charlotte Tucker, who would become the grandmother of Laura Ingalls Wilder of the LITTLE HOUSE series. 1. <a href="http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=LITTLE+HOUSE+BY+BOSTON+BAY&qt House by Boston Bay 2. On Tide Mill Lane 3. Road from Roxbury 4. <a href="http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=Across+the+Puddingstone+Dam&qtype=t the Puddingstone Dam

LYDDIE
by Paterson, Katherine

Impoverished Vermont farm girl Lyddie Worthen is determined to gain her independence by becoming a factory worker in Lowell, Massachusetts, in the 1840's. Also available in Spanish and in Large Print.

PREACHER'S BOY
by Paterson, Katherine

In 1899, 10-year-old Robbie, son of a preacher in a small Vermont town, gets himself into all kinds of trouble when decides to give up being Christian in order to make the most of his life before the end of the world. Also available in Large Type.

ROLLER SKATES
by Sawyer, Ruth

The discoveries and adventures of 10-year-old Lucinda, who spends a wonderful year exploring the New York City of the 1890's. Newbery medal winner

SO FAR FROM HOME
Series Title: Dear America
by Denenberg, Barry
J FICTION DEN
Subtitle: The Diary of Mary Driscoll, an Irish Mill Girl, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1847 In the diary account of her journey from Ireland in 1847 and of her work in a mill in Lowell, Massachusetts, 14-year-old Mary reveals a great longing for her family.

TEETONCEY
by Taylor, Theodore

In 1898, 11-year-old Ben rescues an English girl from a shipwreck off the Outer Banks of North Carolina; and, though she becomes part of his family, she never speaks.

TREEHOUSE TALES
by Isaacs, Anne

Three chapters relate the experiences and adventures of three 1880's Pennsylvania farm children in their family tree house, which serves as a refuge, a source of adventure, a lookout post, & a frightening dragon's lair.

TRUE CONFESSIONS OF CHARLOTTE DOYLE
by Avi
J FICTION
As the lone "young lady" on a transatlantic voyage in 1832, Charlotte is led into a mutinous mess by a deceptively docile crew.

VOYAGE OF PATIENCE GOODSPEED
by Frederick, Heather

Following their mother's death in Nantucket, Massachusetts, Captain Goodspeed brings 12-year-old Patience and 6-year-old Tad aboard his whaling ship, where a new crew member incites a mutiny and Patience puts her mathematical ability to good use.

WATER STREET
by Giff, Patricia Reilly

In the shadow of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, 8th graders and new neighbors Bird Mallon and Thomas Neary make some decisions about what they want to do with their lives. Sequel to MAGGIE'S DOOR.

WHEN JESSIE CAME ACROSS THE SEA
by Hest, Amy

In the late 1800's, a 13-year-old Jewish orphan reluctantly leaves her grandmother and immigrates to New York City, where she works for 3 years sewing lace and earning money to bring Grandmother to the U.S., too.

Books for Teens (YA Fiction)

CURSE OF THE BLUE TATTOO: Being an Account of the Misadventures of Jacky Faber, Midshipman and Fine Lady
Series Title: Bloody Jack Adventure
by Meyer, L.A.

In 1803, after being exposed as a girl and forced to leave her ship, Jacky Faber finds herself attending school in Boston, where, instead of learning to be a lady, she battles her snobbish classmates, roams the city in search of adventure, and learns to ride a horse.

IN THE BELLY OF THE BLOODHOUND: Being an Account of a Particularly Peculiar Adventure in the Life of Jacky Faber
Series Title: Bloody Jack Adventure
by Meyer, L.A.

In 1805, Jacky Faber and her classmates at the Lawson Peabody School for Young Girls in Boston are kidnapped while on a school outing and transported in the hold of a slave ship bound for the slave markets of North Africa.