

United States, 1939 - 1945

World War II

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

[BASEBALL SAVED US](#)

by Mochizuki, Ken

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.

[BOY AT WAR: A NOVEL OF PEARL](#)

by Mazer, Harry

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.

[BOY NO MORE](#)

by Mazer, Harry

After his father is killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Adam, his mother, and sister are evacuated from Hawaii to California, where he must deal with his feelings about the war, Japanese internment camps, his father, and his own identity.

[COOKCAMP](#)

by Paulsen, Gary

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.

[DRAGON ROAD](#)

by Yep, Laurence

In 1939, unable to find regular jobs in San Francisco because of the Great Depression, long-time friends Cal Chin and Barney Young tour the country as members of a Chinese American basketball team.

[EARLY SUNDAY MORNING](#)

Series Title: [Dear America](#)

by Denenberg, Barry

J FICTION DEN

Subtitle: The Pearl Harbor Diary of Amber Billows, Hawaii, 1941 In her diary, 12-year-old Amber describes moving to Hawaii in 1941 and experiencing the horror of the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

[GREEN GLASS SEA](#)

by Klages, Ellen

It is 1943, and 11-year-old Dewey Kerrigan is traveling west on a train to live with her scientist father--but no one will tell her exactly where he is. When she reaches Los Alamos, New Mexico, she learns why: he's working on a top secret government program.

[HOUSE OF THE RED FISH](#)

by Salisbury, Graham

Over a year after Japan's attack on Pearl Harbor and the arrest of Tomi's father & grandfather, Tomi and his friends, battling anti-Japanese-American sentiment in Hawaii, try to find a way to salvage his father's sunken fishing boat. It's an impossible task, but Tomi is determined. For just as he now has new enemies, his struggle to raise the boat brings unexpected allies and friends.

[JENNIE'S WAR: THE HOME FRONT IN WORLD WAR 2](#)

by Hahn, Mary Downing and Hinman , Boonie

In 1944, ten-year-old Jennie Fleming is doing what she can to help win the war -- she's hoeing weeds in her "Victory Garden" on the "home front."

[JOURNAL OF BEN UCHIDA](#)

Series Title: [My Name is America](#)

by Denenberg, Barry

J FICTION DEN

Subtitle: Citizen #13559: Mirror Lake Internment Camp, California, 1942 12-year-old Ben Uchida keeps a journal of his experiences as a prisoner in a Japanese internment camp in Mirror Lake, California, during World War II.

[JOURNAL OF SCOTT PENDLETON COLLINS](#)

Series Title: [My Name is America](#)

by Meyers, Walter Dean

J FICTION MYE

Subtitle: A World War II Soldier, Normandy, France, 1944 A 17-year-old soldier from central Virginia records his experiences in a journal as his regiment takes part in the D-Day invasion of Normandy and subsequent battles to liberate France.

[JOURNEY TO TOPAZ: A STORY OF THE JAPANESE-AMERICAN EVACUATION](#)

by Uchida, Yoshiko

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

[JUMP INTO THE SKY](#)

by Pearsall, Shelley

J FICTION PEA

In 1945, 13-year-old Levi is sent to find the father he has not seen in three years, going from Chicago, to segregated North Carolina, and finally to Pendleton, Oregon, where he learns that his father's unit, the all-Black 555th paratrooper battalion, will never see combat but finally has a mission. Includes

historical notes.

LILY'S CROSSING

by Giff, Patricia Reilly

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. Newbery Honor Book

MEET MOLLY

Series Title: AMERICAN GIRLS

by Tripp, Valerie

While her father is away fighting in World War II, Molly finds her life full of change as she eats terrible vegetables from the victory garden and plans revenge on her brother for ruining her Halloween. 1. [Meet Molly](http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=Meet+Molly&qtype=title) 2. [Molly Learns a Lesson](http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=Molly+Learns+a+Lesson&qtype=title) 3. [Molly's Surprise](http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=Molly's+Surprise&qtype=title) 4. [Happy Birthday, Molly](http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=Happy+Birthday%2C+Molly&qtype=title) 5. [Molly Saves the Day](http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=Molly+Saves+the+Day&qtype=title) 6. [Changes for Molly](http://catalog.santacruzpl.org/eg/opac/results?fi%3Aformat=&query=Changes+for+Molly&qtype=title)

MY SECRET WAR

Series Title: Dear America

by Osborne, Mary Pope

J FICTION OSB

Subtitle: The World War II Diary of Madeline Beck, Long Island, New York, 1941 13-year-old Madeline's diaries for 1941 and 1942 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during World War II while her father is away in the Navy.

PEDRITO'S WORLD

by Martínez, Arturo

In southern Texas in 1941, 6-year-old Pedrito holds onto his hope for a better future as he helps to grow watermelons on his parents' farm and sell them in San Antonio, and attends school five miles from home.

STEPPING ON THE CRACKS

by Hahn, Mary Downing

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

SUMMER OF THE WAR

by Whelan, Gloria

14-year-old Belle resents the presence of her sophisticated cousin on a family vacation in the summer of 1942, but their strained relationship is overshadowed by the war in Europe.

Sylvia and Aki

by Conkling, Winifred

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At the start of World War II, Japanese-American third-grader Aki and her family are sent to an internment camp in Poston, Arizona, while Mexican-American third-grader Sylvia's family leases their Orange County, California, farm and begins a fight to stop school segregation.

WILLOW RUN

by Giff, Patricia Reilly

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.

Books for Teens (YA Fiction)

MARE'S WAR

by Davis, Tanita S.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION DAV

Teens Octavia and Tali learn about strength, independence, and courage when they are forced to take a car trip with their grandmother, who tells about growing up Black in 1940s Alabama and serving in Europe during World War II as a member of the Women's Army Corps.DAV

ON THE WINGS OF HEROES

by Peck, Richard

A boy in Illinois remembers the homefront years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war.

TEN CENTS A DANCE

by Fletcher, Christine

In 1940s Chicago, 15-year-old Ruby hopes to escape poverty by becoming a taxi dancer in a nightclub, but the work has unforeseen dangers and hiding the truth from her family and friends becomes increasingly difficult.

TWO SUNS IN THE SKY

by Bat-Ami , Miriam

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.

WEEDFLOWER

by Kadohata, Cynthia

After 12-year-old Sumiko and her Japanese-American family are relocated from their flower farm in southern California to an internment camp on a Mojave Indian reservation in Arizona, she helps her family and neighbors, becomes friends with a local Indian boy, and tries to hold on to her dream of owning a flower shop.