Readers - Historical Fiction

Grades K-3

18 PENNY GOOSE
by Walker, Sally M.

8-year-old Letty attempts to save her pet goose from marauding British soldiers in New Jersey during the Revolutionary War.

ABIGAIL TAKES THE WHEEL
by Avi

When the first mate of the freight boat Neptune falls ill, it is up to Abigail, the captain's daughter, to steer the ship up the Hudson River from New Jersey to New York City in the 1880's.

AT HOME IN A NEW LAND
by Sandin, Joan

Carl Erik, a recent immigrant from Sweden, becomes the man of the house when his father and uncle go to work in a logging camp, and he learns many things about life in Minnesota while attending school, his chores, and trying to put meat on the table. Sequel to LONG WAY TO A NEW LAND

BIG BALLOON RACE
by Coerr, Eleanor

In 1884, Ariel almost causes her famous mother to lose a balloon race and then helps her win it.

BUFFALO BILL and THE PONY EXPRESS
by Coerr, Eleanor

In th e1860's, 16-year-old Bill finds adventure when he becomes a rider for the Pony Express (though his letters home never hint at the dangers he encounters.)

CHANG'S PAPER PONY
by Coerr, Eleanor

In San Francisco during the 1850's gold rush, Chang, the son of Chinese immigrants, wants a pony, but cannot afford one, until his friend Big Pete finds a solution.

CLIPPER SHIP
by Lewis, Thomas

Captain Murdock is accompanied by his wife and children as he commands a clipper ship from New York to San Francisco.

DANIEL'S DUCK
by Bulla, Clyde Robert

A novice wood carver is momentarily defeated when people laugh at the result of a winter of work.

DRINKING GOURD
by Monjo, F. N.

Sent home alone for misbehaving in church, Tommy discovers that his house is a station on the underground railroad. Also available in Spanish as OSA MENOR: UNA HISTORIA DEL FERROCARRIL SUBTERRANEO

DUST FOR DINNER
by Turner, Ann Warren

Jake narrates the story of his family's life in the Oklahoma dust bowl and the journey from their ravaged farm to California during the Great Depression (1929-.)

HILL OF FIRE
by Lewis, Thomas

An easy-to-read account of the birth of Paricutin volcano in the field of a poor Mexican farmer. Also available in Spanish as MONTANA DE FUEGO

JOSEFINA STORY QUILT
by Coerr, Eleanor

While traveling west with her family in 1850, a young girl makes a patchwork quilt chronicling the experiences of the journey and reserves a special patch for her pet hen Josefina. Also available in Spanish as JOSEFINA Y LA COLCHA DE RETAZOS

LONG WAY TO A NEW LAND
by Sandin, Joan

*Carl Erik journeys with his family from Sweden to America during the famine of 1868. *

LONG WAY WESTWARD
by Sandin, Joan

Relates the experiences of two young brothers and their family, immigrants from Sweden, from their arrival in New York through the journey to their new home in Minnesota. Sequel to LONG WAY TO A NEW LAND

LOST AT THE WHITE HOUSE: A 1909 EASTER STORY
by Griest, Lisa

When Rena gets lost at the 1909 White House Easter egg roll, a guard takes her to meet President William Taft.

PIONEER BEAR
by Sandin, Joan

Andrew and his family are excited when a photographer comes to take a picture of their dancing bear, but then Bearly can't be found.

PRAIRIE FRIENDS
by Levinson, Nancy

In the mid 1800's, when Betsy learns that a new family is coming to the Nebraska prairie, she hopes they have a girl who will be her friend.

Rescue on the Outer Banks
by Ransom, Candice F.

Sam Deal and his horse, Ginger, help an African-American lifesaving crew rescue shipwreck victims off the coast of North Carolina in 1896.

SNOWSHOE THOMPSON
by Levinson, Nancy

One winter, John Thompson skis across the Sierra Nevada Mountains and creates a path upon hich mail and people may travel, thus earning his nickname "Snowshoe Thompson." Based on a true story.

The White Stallion
by Shub, Elizabeth

Carried away from her wagon train in Texas in 1845 by the old mare she is riding, a little girl is befriended by a white stallion.