

Latin America / Caribbean Area

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

[ANACAONA: Golden Flower](#)

Series Title: [Royal Diaries](#)

by Danticat, Edwidge

J FICTION DAN

Beginning in 1490, Anacaona keeps a record of her life as a possible successor to the supreme chief of Xaragua, as wife of the chief of Maguana, and as a warrior battling the first white men to arrive in the West Indies, ravenous for gold.

[BUCCANEERS](#)

by Lawrence, Iain

In the 18th century, 16-year-old John Spencer sails from England in his schooner, the Dragon, to the Caribbean, where he and the crew encounter pirates, fierce storms, fever, and a strange man, who some fear may be cursed. Sequel to THE SMUGGLERS

[CAY](#)

by Taylor, Theodore

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a 12-year-old white boy, blinded by a blow on the head, and an old Negro are stranded on a small desert island in the Caribbean where the boy acquires a new kind of vision, courage, and love from his old companion.

[GUNS OF TORTUGA](#)

Series Title: [Pirate Hunter](#)

by Strickland, Brad

Davy Shea, Captain Hunter, and the Aurora head for the Caribbean island of Tortuga for repairs to the ship after a sea battle. They try to rescue captured British officers held there before they resume the search for the pirate Jack Steele.

[JOURNEY TO THE RIVER SEA](#)

by Ibbotson, Eva

Sent with her governess to live with the dreadful Carter family in exotic Brazil in 1910, Maia endures many hardships before fulfilling her dream of exploring the Amazon River.

[LADY OF PALENQUE: Flower of Bacal](#)

Series Title: [Royal Diaries](#)

by Kirwan, Anna

J FICTION KIR

In 749, the Maya princess Green Jay, of the Kingdom of Bacal, writes in her diary about her arduous

journey to Xukpip to meet King Fire Keeper, her future husband.

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)

MUTINY!

Series Title: Pirate Hunter

by Strickland, Brad

The lawless Caribbean of the 1680's is a hotbed of sailors, spies, and pirate gold, where the line between patriot and privateer is a thin one. New to this exciting and dangerous world, 14-year-old orphan Davy Shea arrives at the home of his disreputable uncle Patch...

OUT OF MANY WATERS

by Greene, Jacqueline Dembar

Kidnapped from their parents during the Portuguese Inquisition and sent to work as slaves at a monastery in Brazil, two Jewish sisters attempt to make their way back to Europe to find their parents, but instead one becomes part of a group founding the first Jewish settlement in the U.S. Sequel is ONE FOOT ASHORE

TIMOTHY OF THE CAY

by Taylor, Theodore

Having survived being blinded and shipwrecked on a tiny Caribbean island with the old black man Timothy, 12-year-old white Phillip is rescued and hopes to regain his sight with an operation. Alternate chapters follow the life of Timothy from his days as a young cabin boy in the early 1900's. Prequel/Sequel to THE CAY

TOM CRINGLE: BATTLE ON THE HIGH SEAS

by Hausman, Gerald

During the War of 1812, a 13-year-old officer in the British navy records in his logbook his capture by pirates off the coast of Jamaica.

Books for Teens (YA Fiction)

PIRATES!

by Rees, Celia

YOUNG ADULT FICTION

In 1722, after arriving with her brother at the family's Jamaican plantation where she is to be married off, 16-year-old Nancy Kington escapes with her slave friend, Minerva Sharpe, and together they become pirates traveling the world in search of treasure.