

## United States, 1800's

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*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.*

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House by Boston Bay</a> 2. <a

Tide Mill Lane</a> 3. <a

from Roxbury</a> 4. <a

the Puddingstone Dam</a>

### [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.*