

## Readers - Historical Fiction

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### 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 the 1860'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. <div class="clear"></div>*

### [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 high 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.*