

Europe, 1600 - 1800

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

[AT THE SIGN OF THE SUGARED PLUM](#)

by Hooper , Mary

In June 1665, excited at the prospect of coming to London to work at her sister Sarah's candy shop, teenaged Hannah is unconcerned about rumors of Plague until, as the hot summer advances and increasing numbers of people succumb to the disease, she and Sarah find themselves trapped in the city with no means of escape.

[BONNIE DUNDEE](#)

by Sutcliff, Rosemary

In exile in Holland, Hugh Herriot recalls the exploits of his youth as a follower of Bonnie Dundee, who tried to win back Scotland for the Catholic King James and whose death during a victorious battle proved to be a final blow for the Jacobite cause.

[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

[CAT AMONG THE PIGEONS](#)

Series Title: [Cat Royal Adventure #2](#)

by Golding, Julia

J FICTION GOL

Catherine "Cat" Royal, an orphan who lives at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790s London, rallies her friends to try to save Pedro from the clutches of Mr. Hawkins, a slavemaster who considers Pedro his property.

[CATHERINE: The Great Journey](#)

Series Title: [Royal Diaries](#)

by Gregory, Kristiana

J FICTION GRE

A fictional diary of Princess Sophie, later named Catherine, from 1743 until 1745, when at age 15 she is married to her second cousin Peter, Grand Duke of Russia, who will one day be Emperor.

[CECILE: Gates of Gold](#)

Series Title: [Girls of Many Lands](#)

by Casanova, Mary

J FICTION CAS

In 1711, 12-year-old C?ecile Revel unexpectedly gets the chance to serve Louis XIV's sister-in-law at

the palace of Versailles, France, but instead of a dream come true, life at court proves to be complicated and precarious.

DARK FRIGATE

by Hawes, Charles

J FICTION HAW

A young man dares not return to England after his ship is taken over by pirates and he becomes a member of their crew. Takes place ca 1625-49. Newbery Award winner, 1924

DEN OF THIEVES

Series Title: [Cat Royal Adventure #3](#)

by Golding, Julia

J FICTION GOL

Asked to become a spy while living a public life as a ballerina in 1786, Cat accepts the challenge and leaves the Theater Royal behind; suddenly finding herself in the heart of revolutionary Paris where she must work to save her friends who have been declared traitors and are being held captive for their crimes.

DIAMOND OF DRURY LANE

Series Title: [Cat Royal Adventure](#)

by Golding, Julia

J FICTION GOL

Orphan Catherine "Cat" Royal, living at the Drury Lane Theater in 1790's London, tries to find the "diamond" supposedly hidden in the theater, which unmasks a treasonous political cartoonist, and involves her in the street gangs of Covent Garden and the world of nobility.

FLAME-COLORED TAFFETA

by Sutcliff, Rosemary

12-year-old Damaris and her friends become involved with smugglers and a young man who may be a spy, in a rural community near the southern coast of England in the 18th century.

HANDEL, WHO KNEW WHAT HE LIKED

by Anderson, M.T

A man who would later compose some of the world's most beautiful music is shown as a stubborn little boy with a mind of his own.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY

by Thompson, Kate

J FICTION THO

On a cold day in 18th-century England, a poor young boy agrees to watch a stranger's fine horse for a golden guinea but soon finds himself in a difficult situation when the king's guard appears and wants to use him as bait in their pursuit of a notorious highwayman.

KRISTINA: The Girl King

Series Title: [Royal Diaries](#)

by Meyer, Carolyn

J FICTION MEY

Presents the fictionalized diary of the highly unconventional Kristina who became queen of Sweden in the 17th century.

[LAST WOLF OF IRELAND](#)

by Malterre, Elona

Despite the frightening stories they've heard about wolves, a boy and girl, living in Ireland in the 1780's, attempt to defy authority and save the last wolf left in the country.

[LION TO GUARD US](#)

by Bruchac, Joseph and Bulla, Clyde Robert

Left on their own in 17th-century London, three impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together and make their way to the Virginia Colony in search of their father.

[Little House in the Highlands](#)

Series Title: [LITTLE HOUSE](#)

by Wiley, Melissa

J FICTION WIL

Set in the late 1700's, this series chronicles the childhood adventures in the Scottish countryside of 6-year-old Martha Morse, who would grow up to become the great-grandmother of author Laura Ingalls Wilder. 1. <a

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[LOOK TO THE HILLS](#)

Series Title: [Dear America](#)

by McKissack, Patricia C.

J FICTION MCK

Subtitle: The Diary of Lozette Moreau, a French Slave Girl, New York Colony, 1763 Brought up in France as the African slave companion of a nobleman's daughter, 13-year-old Zettie records the events of 1763, when she and her mistress escape to the New World where they are inadvertently drawn into the hostilities of the ongoing French and Indian War and, eventually, find a new direction to their lives.

[MARIE ANTOINETTE: Princess of Versailles](#)

Series Title: [Royal Diaries](#)

by Lasky, Kathryn

J FICTION LAS

In 1769, 13-year-old Maria Antonia Josepha Johanna, daughter of Empress Maria Theresa, begins a journal chronicling her life at the Austrian court and her preparations for her future role as queen of France. Also available in Spanish as Maria Antonieta: Princesa de Versalles

[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

[RAVENMASTER'S SECRET: ESCAPE FROM THE TOWER OF LONDON](#)

by Woodruff, Elvira

The 11-year-old son of the Ravenmaster at the Tower of London befriends a Jacobite rebel being held prisoner there.

[STINK ALLEY](#)

by Gilson, Jamie

Living in Holland in 1614 with the harsh Puritan leader, William Brewster, and working for the family of a mischievous Dutch boy named Rembrandt, a spirited 12-year-old orphan girl struggles to do what is right.

[STOWAWAY](#)

by Hesse, Karen

A fictionalized journal relates the experiences of a young stowaway from 1768 to 1771 aboard the Endeavor which sailed around the world under Captain James Cook.

[TRUE PRINCE](#)

by Cheaney, J. B

Newly apprenticed to Shakespeare's theater company, Richard and Kit are drawn into a series of crimes involving the members of Queen Elizabeth's court.

[WRECKERS](#)

by Lawrence, Iain

Shipwrecked after a vicious storm, 14-year-old John Spencer attempts to save his father and himself while also dealing with an evil secret about the English coastal town where they are stranded.

Books for Teens (YA Fiction)

[ABDUCTION](#)

by Newth, Mette

YA FICTION NEW

Based on an actual kidnapping of Inuit Eskimos by European traders in the 17th century, this novel tells the story of the abduction of two Inuit Eskimos who are taken to Norway and are treated as animals by their captors.

[AT THE SIGN OF THE STAR](#)

by Sturtevant, Katherine

YA FICTION STU

In 17th-century London, Meg, who has little interest in cooking, needlework, or other homemaking skills, dreams of becoming a bookseller and someday inheriting her widowed father's bookstore.

BLOOD STONE

by Gavin, Jamilla

YA FICTION GAV

In the early 17th century, young Venetian Filippo Veroneo travels from Venice to Afghanistan to rescue his imprisoned father and stops in India to raise the ransom by selling his father's beautiful diamond to the ruler Shah Jehan, who later uses the stone as the model for the Taj Mahal.

BLOODY JACK

Series Title: [Bloody Jack Adventure](#)

by Meyer, L.A.

YA FICTION MEY

Reduced to begging and thievery in the streets of London, a 13-year-old orphan disguises herself as a boy and connives her way onto a British warship set for high sea adventure in search of pirates.

BURNING ISSY

by Burgess, Melvin

YA FICTION BUR

In 17th century England, 12-year-old Issy is accused of being a witch and struggles with the belief that she actually does have strange powers.

BURNING TIME

by Matas, Carol

YA FICTION MAT

After her father's sudden death, 14-year-old Rose Rives finds that 16th-century France is a dangerous place for women, when some greedy, vindictive men charge her mother and others with being witches.

FORGED IN THE FIRE

by Turnbull, Ann

YA FICTION TUR

After spending 3 years apart, 18-year-old Susanna is eager to be reunited with her fiance Will who is due to arrive from London so that they can be married, but it is the summer of 1665 and, unbeknownst to Susanna, the plague is beginning to spread throughout the city. Sequel to NO SHAME, NO FEAR

IN MOZART'S SHADOW: HIS SISTER'S STORY

by Meyer, Carolyn

YA FICTION MEY

In 18th-century Europe, Anna "Nannerl" Mozart, a musician whose talent and dedication is overshadowed by that of her gifted younger brother, Wolfgang, struggles to win the notice of her father and patrons who might further her career, despite her gender.

NO SHAME, NO FEAR

by Turnbull, Ann

YA FICTION TUR

In England in 1662, a time of religious persecution, 15-year-old Susanna, a poor country girl and a Quaker, and 17-year-old William, a wealthy Anglican, meet and fall in love against all odds.

PIRATE'S SON

by McCaughrean, Geraldine

YA FICTION MCC

Left penniless in 18th-century England, 14-year-old Nathan Gull and his mousy sister Maud accompany Tamo, the son of a notorious pirate, to his homeland of Madagascar where they are all changed by their encounter with Tamo's dangerous past.

PRINCE ACROSS THE WATER

by Yolen, Jane

YA FICTION YOL

In 1746, a year after the Scottish clans have rallied to the call of their exiled prince, Charles Stuart, to take up arms against England's tyranny, 14-year-old, epileptic Duncan MacDonald and his cousin, Ewan, run away to join the fight at Culloden and discover the harsh reality of war.

REVOLUTION OF SABINE

by Ain, Beth Levine

YA FICTION AIN

*During Benjamin Franklin's visit to Paris in 1776, 16-year-old Sabine Durand rails against the strict rules of society and her social-climbing mother by rejecting her arranged marriage and spending more time with servants and others who accept Franklin's political ideals and those she read in Voltaire's *Candide* while having her portrait painted by the renowned artist, Fragonard.*

ROGUES

Series Title: [Scottish Quartet #4](#)

by Yolen, Jane

YA FICTION YOL

After his family is evicted from their Scottish farm in the 1700's, 15-year-old Roddy forms an unlikely friendship with a notorious rogue who helps him outwit a tyrant landlord in order to find a family treasure and make his way to America.

SOVAY

by Rees, Celia

YA FICTION REE

In 1794 England, the rich and beautiful Sovay, disguised as a highwayman, acquires papers that could lead to her father's arrest for treason, and soon her newly-awakened political consciousness leads her and a compatriot to France during the Revolution.