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

### [LISTENING FOR LIONS](#)

by Whelan, Gloria

#### **J FICTION WHE**

*Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1918, 13-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital.*

### [NZINGHA: Warrior Queen of Matamba](#)

**Series Title:** [Royal Diaries](#)

by McKissack, Pat

#### **J FICTION MCC**

*Presents the diary of 13-year-old Nzingha, a 16th-century West African princess who loves to hunt and hopes to lead her kingdom one day against the invasion of the Portuguese slave traders.*

### [SABA: Under the Hyena's Foot](#)

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

by Kurtz, Jane

#### **J FICTION KUR**

*After being kidnapped and brought to the emperor's palace in Gondar, Ethiopia, 12-year-old Saba discovers that she and her brother are part of the emperor's desperate attempt to consolidate political power in the mid-1840's.*

### [SARACEN MAID](#)

by Garfield, Leon

*After being captured by pirates near England and sold as a slave, a forgetful young Englishman faces a long imprisonment on the African coast because he can't remember where the ransom note should be sent.*

### [SECRET JOURNEY](#)

by Kehret, Peg

*In 1834, when a storm at sea destroys the slave ship on which she is a stowaway, 12-year-old Emma musters all her resourcefulness to survive in the African jungle.*

### [STONES FOR MY FATHER](#)

by Kent, Trilby

#### **J FICTION KEN**

*Corlie Roux's life in South Africa in the late 1800's is not easy. But when the British invade and drive out the Boer families, some of them are driven to internment camps. This happens to Corlie. Will the love of her country survive the British invasion?*

## **Books for Teens (YA Fiction)**

### [AFRICAN MASK](#)

by Rupert, Janet E

*12-year-old Layo, a Yoruba girl living in the area of 11th-century Africa which is now Nigeria, attempts to reject the man who has been chosen to be her husband.*

### [COPPER SUN](#)

by Draper, Sharon

*Two 15-year-old girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.*

### [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.*