

## Latin America / Caribbean Area

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### 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.*