

World Cultures:

Africa, Asia, Australia, Latin America, Oceania, & the Polar Regions

[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.

[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.

[ANILA'S JOURNEY](#)

by Finn, Mary

In late 18th-century Calcutta, India, half-Indian half-Irish Anila Tandy finds herself alone with nothing but her artistic talent to rely on, searching for her father who is presumed dead.

[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.

[Book of the Lion](#)

by Cadnum, Michael

YA Fiction

In 12th-century England, after his master, a maker of coins for the king, is brutally punished for alleged cheating, 17-year-old Edmund finds himself traveling to the Holy Land as squire to a knight crusader on his way to join the forces of Richard Lionheart.

[CLIMBING THE STAIRS](#)

by Venkatraman, Padma

In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, 15-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.

[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.

EXAMINATION

by Bosse, Malcolm J.

15-year-old Hong and his older brother Chen face famine, flood, pirates, and jealous rivals on their journey through 15th century China as Chen pursues his calling as a scholar and Hong becomes involved with a secret society known as the White Lotus.

LONG SEASON OF RAIN

by Kim, Helen

When an orphan boy comes to live with her family, 11-year-old Junehee begins to realize that the demands placed on Korean women can destroy their lives.

PARADISE: BASED ON A TRUE STORY OF SURVIVAL

by Goodman, Joan E.

In 1542, eager to escape the French Huguenot household of her harsh father, 16-year-old Marguerite de la Rocque sails with her equally stern uncle, the Sieur de Roberval, to the New World, where she is left alone on an island off the Canadian coast with only her young Catholic lover and her chaperone to help her survive.

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.

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.

TREE OF HEAVEN

by Binstock, R.C.

Set against the violence of Japan's invasion of China in the 1930's, a love story tells of a Chinese woman who becomes the servant of a Japanese officer after he rescues her, and the strange intimacy that develops between them.