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PREHISTORY

HISTORICAL JF OSBORNE

THE FINAL BATTLE

After struggling with the gods and his fate for more than twenty years, Odysseus has returned to Ithaca at last. But things have changed: what used to be his island has been overrun by suitors who clamor for his wife's hand in marriage and plague his son, Telemachus. With the help of the gray-eyed goddess, Athena, Odysseus and Telemachus set out to regain control of Ith.

HISTORICAL JF RUBALCABA

A PLACE IN THE SUN

In ancient Egypt, the gifted young son of a sculptor is taken into slavery when he attempts to save his father's life, and is almost killed before his exceptional talent leads Pharaoh to name him Royal Sculptor.

1400s

HISTORICAL JF DORRIS

MORNING GIRL

This story is written from the point of view of two Taino siblings living on a Bahamian island in 1492. A string of images of everyday life and the dynamics between family members introduce listeners to what this part of the world was like before the arrival of Christopher Columbus.

HISTORICAL JF SCHLEIN

I SAILED WITH COLUMBUS

This story describes Columbus's first voyage of discovery as seen through the eyes of a 12-year-old ship's boy.

1600s

HISTORICAL JF DALGLIESH

COURAGE OF SARAH NOBLE

The story of an 8-year-old girl who finds the courage to accompany her father into the Connecticut wilderness and remain with the Indians. While her father returns to his family and brings them to his daughter.

HISTORICAL JF GILSON

STINK ALLEY

Living in Holland in 1641 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.

HISTORICAL JF TAYLOR

MISSISSIPPI BRIDGE

During a heavy rainstorm in 1930s rural Mississippi, a 10-year-old white boy sees a bus driver order all the black passengers off a crowded bus to make room for late-arriving white passengers and then set off across the raging Rosa Lee River.

HISTORICAL JF TAYLOR

THE WELL : DAVID'S STORY

In Mississippi in the early 1900s 10-year-old David Logan's family generously shares their well water with both white and black neighbors in an atmosphere of potential racial violence.

HISTORICAL JF THESMAN

MOLLY DONNELLY

Twelve-year-old Molly, who lives next door to a Japanese American family and whose cousin is a nurse in the Philippines, experiences many changes in her life when World War II breaks out.

HISTORICAL JF WESTON

THE COASTWATCHER

While eleven-year-old Hugh, his family, and his cousin Tom are spending the summer of 1943 on the South Carolina shore to escape the polio epidemic, Hugh uncovers clues that point to a German plot to sabotage a nearby naval base.

HISTORICAL JF KUDLINSKI

EARTHQUAKE! : A STORY OF OLD SAN FRANCISCO

In 1906, after the devastating earthquake hits San Francisco, 12-year-old Phillip struggles to save the horses in his family's livery stable.

HISTORICAL JF LASKY

MARVEN OF THE GREAT NORTH WOODS

When his Jewish parents send him to a Minnesota logging camp to escape the influenza epidemic of 1918, ten-year-old Marven finds a special friend.

HISTORICAL JF LIEURANCE

THE LOCKET: SURVIVING THE TRIANGLE SHIRTWAIST FIRE

After Galena, an eleven-year-old Russian immigrant, survives a terrible fire at the non-unionized Triangle Shirtwaist factory while her older sister and many others do not, she begins fighting for improving working conditions in New York City factories.

HISTORICAL JF MATHEWS

THE LINDEN TREE

In 1948, nine-year-old Katy Sue's mother dies suddenly, and she and her family spend the next year trying to recover from their loss, assisted by her Aunt Katherine, who quits her teaching job to help out on their Iowa farm.

HISTORICAL JF MORPURGO

THE AMAZING STORY OF ADOLPHUS TIPS

When Boowie reads the diary that his grandmother sends him, he learns of her childhood in World War II England when American and British soldiers practiced for D-Day's invasion in the area of her home, and about her beloved cat, Adolphus Tip, and the cat's namesake.

HISTORICAL JF PAULSEN

THE QUILT

During World War II, while his father is in Europe fighting and his mother is working in Chicago, a five-year-old boy goes to live with his grandmother in a rural Norwegian American community in Minnesota.

HISTORICAL JF TAYLOR

ALL-OF-A-KIND FAMILY

The adventures of five sisters growing up in a Jewish family in New York during the early 20th century.

HISTORICAL JF TAYLOR

THE CAY

When the freighter on which they are traveling is torpedoed by a German submarine during World War II, a twelve-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.

HISTORICAL JF STRICKLAND

HEART OF STEELE

It is 1688 and the Aurora is still sailing under cover, searching for the real pirate King, Jack Steele. Young Davy Shea is a full member of the crew now, helping his uncle in the ship's surgery whenever casualties arrive.

1700s

NEWBERY JF EDMONDS

THE MATCHLOCK GUN

In 1756, during the French and Indian War in upper New York State, 10-year-old Edward is determined to protect his home and family with the ancient, heavy, Spanish gun that his father had given him before leaving home to fight the enemy.

NEWBERY JF FORBES

JOHNNY TREMAIN

After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.

JFS AMERICAN GIRL FRINEDS

VERY FUNNY, ELIZABETH!

Elizabeth and her best friend Felicity play a funny trick on Elizabeth's snobby older sister when she becomes engaged.

JFS DEAR AMERICA

FIVE SMOOTH STONES : HOPE'S DIARY

In her diary, a young girl writes about her life and the events surrounding the beginning of the American Revolution in Philadelphia in 1776.

HISTORICAL JF AVI

NIGHT JOURNEYS

Two young indentured servants escape into Pennsylvania in the late 1700s and receive help from an unexpected source.

HISTORICAL JF BRUCHAC

THE ARROW OVER THE DOOR

In the year 1777, a group of Quakers and a party of Indians have a memorable meeting.

HISTORICAL JF BRUCHAC

THE WINTER PEOPLE

As the French and Indian War rages in October of 1759, Saxso, a 14-year-old Abenaki boy, pursues the English rangers who have attacked his village and taken his mother and sisters hostage.

HISTORICAL JF CARLSON
ATTACK OF THE TURTLE

During the Revolutionary War, 14-year-old Nathan joins forces with his older cousin, the inventor David Bushnell, to secretly build the first submarine used in naval warfare.

HISTORICAL JF COOPER
THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

In 1757, during the third year of the fierce French and Indian Wars, a colonial scout named Hawkeye and his companion Chingachgook weave through the spectacular and dangerous wilderness of upstate New York, fighting to save two English sisters from the Huron traitor Magua.

HISTORICAL JF GIRLS OF MANY LANDS
CECILE: GATES OF GOLD

In 1711, twelve-year-old Cecile Revel unexpectedly gets the chance to serve Louis XIV's sister-in-law at the place of Versailles, but instead of a dream come true, life at court proves to be complicated and precarious.

HISTORICAL JF KIMMEL
BLACKBEARD'S LAST FIGHT

Jeremy Hobbs, a cabin boy in 1718, knows the horror stories about Blackbeard the Pirate, who has recently blockaded the port of Charleston. However, he has also heard that the daring pirate is loved by his men, especially the slaves he has freed. As he accompanies Lieutenant Maynard on a mission to defeat Blackbeard, Jeremy has never been more nervous. Will the confrontation end in a sea battle? And is he doing the right thing? This thrilling adventure reveals how the line between hero and villain often becomes blurred.

HISTORICAL JF WOODRUFF
GEORGE WASHINGTON'S SOCKS

In the midst of a backyard campout, 10-year-old Matt and four other children find themselves transported back into the time of George Washington and the American Revolution, where they begin to live out American history firsthand and learn the sober realities of war.

1800s

NEWBERY JF BLOS
**A GATHERING OF DAYS : A NEW ENGLAND GIRL'S JOURNAL, 1830-32 :
A NOVEL**

The journal of a 14-year-old girl, kept the last year she lived on the family farm, records daily events in her small New Hampshire town, her father's remarriage, and the death of her best friend.

HISTORICAL JF CURTIS
THE WATSONS GO TO BIRMINGHAM--1963

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

HISTORICAL JF DAVIS
CHRISTMAS BARN

In 1930, when a snowstorm destroys their home in the Appalachian Mountains, 12-year-old Roxie and her family move into the barn and prepare for a very unusual Christmas celebration.

HISTORICAL JF GIFF
WILLOW RUN

During World War II, after moving with her parents to Willow Run, Michigan, Meggie's father gets a job in the B-24 bomber-building factory, 11-year-old Meggie learns about different kinds of bravery from her environment.

HISTORICAL JF HAHN
ANNA ALL YEAR ROUND

Eight-year-old Anna experiences a series of episodes, some that are funny, others sad, involving friends and family during a year in Baltimore just before World War I.

HISTORICAL JF HAHN
FOLLOWING MY OWN FOOTSTEPS

In 1945, Gordy's grandmother takes him and his family into her North Carolina home after his abusive father is arrested, and Gordy just begins to respond to his grandmother's loving discipline when his father returns.

HISTORICAL JF HISTORICAL HOUSE
JOSIE UNDER FIRE

In London in 1941, Josie has to deal with the World War II Blitz, bullying at school and family shame over her brother who refuse to fight in the war.

HISTORICAL JF HOOBLER
FLORENCE ROBINSON: THE STORY OF JAZZ AGE GIRL

Unable to endure the discrimination in his small Mississippi town when he returns home from serving in France during World War I, Flo's father moves the family to Chicago, where jazz symbolizes the freedom he hopes they will find.

HISTORICAL JF KINSEY-WARNOCK
A DOCTOR LIKE PAPA

When the influenza epidemic of 1918 comes to Vermont, 11-year-old Margaret, who has always wanted to be a physician, finds out what doctoring is like.

HISTORICAL JF KOCHENDERFER
THE VICTORY GARDEN

Hoping to contribute to the war effort during World War II, 11-year-old Teresa organizes her friends to care for an ill neighbor's victory garden.

HISTORICAL JF WHELAN

NIGHT OF THE FULL MOON

When she sneaks away to visit her friend, a young girl living on the Michigan frontier is caught up in the forced evacuation of a group of Potawatomi Indians from their tribal lands in the 1840s.

HISTORICAL JF WOODS

MY NAME IS SALLY LITTLE SONG

When their owner plans to sell one of them in 1802, twelve-year-old Sally and her family run away from their Georgia plantation to look for both freedom from slavery and a home in Florida with the Seminole Indians.

1900s

JFS AMERICAN GIRL FRIENDS

BRAVE EMILY : 1944

Molly befriends a war refugee named Emily Bennett, who struggles to overcome shyness.

JFS DEAR AMERICA

MY SECRET WAR : THE WORLD WAR II DIARY OF MADELINE BECK

Thirteen-year-old Madeline's diaries for 1941 and 1942 reveal her experiences living on Long Island during World War II while her father is away in the Navy.

HISTORICAL JF AVI

DON'T YOU KNOW THERE'S A WAR ON?

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

HISTORICAL JF BUCHANAN

GOODBYE, CHARLEY

In 1943, twelve-year-old Celie's father brings home a rhesus monkey that helps Celie deal with all the difficulties that the war has brought into her life in Gloucester, Massachusetts.

HISTORICAL JF CURRIER

**KAI'S JOURNEY TO GOLD MOUNTAIN :
AN ANGEL ISLAND STORY**

In 1934, twelve-year-old Kai leaves China to join his father in America, but first he must take a long sea voyage, then endure weeks of crowded conditions and harsh examinations on Angel Island, fearing that he or his new friend will be sent home.

NEWBERY JF BRINK

CADDIE WOODLAWN

Chronicles the adventures of 11-year-old Caddie growing up with her six brothers and sisters on the Wisconsin frontier in the mid-19th century.

JFS DEAR AMERICA

A LIGHT IN THE STORM : THE CIVIL WAR DIARY OF AMELIA MARTIN

In 1860 and 1861, while working in her father's lighthouse on an island off the coast of Delaware, 15-year-old Amelia records in her diary how the Civil War is beginning to devastate her divided state.

HISTORICAL JF ALCOTT

LITTLE WOMEN

Chronicles the joy and sorrows of the four March sisters as they grow into young ladies in 19th-century New England .

HISTORICAL JF CALVERT

SOONER

With the realization that his father may not return now that the Civil War is over, 13-year-old Tyler finds himself the man of their Missouri farm and the master of a new dog, the strikingly colored Sooner.

HISTORICAL JF AYRES

SILVER DOLLAR GIRL

In 1885, unhappy living with her aunt and uncle in Pittsburgh, Valentine Harper disguises herself as a boy and runs away to Colorado determined to find her father who has gone there in search of gold.

HISTORICAL JF DICKENS

A CHRISTMAS CAROL: CHARLES DICKEN'S TALE

A miser learns the true meaning of Christmas when three ghostly visitors review his past and foretell his future. Illustrated notes throughout the text explain the historical background of the story.

HISTORICAL JF DEFELICE

BRINGING EZRA BACK

In the mid-1800s, twelve-year-old Nathan journeys from his farm on the Ohio frontier to Western Pennsylvania to rescue a friend held captive by the owners of a freak show.

HISTORICAL JF DEFELICE

WEASEL

Alone in the frontier wilderness in the winter of 1839 while his father is recovering from an injury, 11-year-old Nathan runs afoul of the renegade killer known as Weasel and makes a surprising discovery about the concept of revenge.

HISTORICAL JF FLEISCHMAN

BULL RUN

Northerners, Southerners, generals, couriers, dreaming boys and worried sisters describe the glory, the horror, the thrill and the disillusionment of the first battle of the Civil War.

HISTORICAL JF GARLAND

THE BUFFALO SOLDIER

Realizing that his future lies in owing land not just being free, a young man raised as a slave becomes a buffalo soldier— a member of an all-black cavalry regiment formed to protect white settlers from Indians, bandits, and outlaws, and that later fought in the Spanish American War.

HISTORICAL JF GIPSON

OLD YELLER

This classic novel tells the story of a Texas pioneer family in the 1860s and the big yellow stray dog that affects their lives.

HISTORICAL JF HARVEY

CASSIE'S JOURNEY : GOING WEST IN THE 1860S

A young girl relates the hardships and dangers of traveling with her family in a covered wagon from Illinois to California during the 1860s.

HISTORICAL JF HISTORICAL HOUSE

CECILY'S PORTRAIT

In London in 1895, Cecily is a photographer's model and hopes to become a photographer herself.

HISOTRICAL JF HURST

TORCHLIGHT

In 1864, fifth-grader Charlotte befriends an Irish-American girl at school and tries to understand the prejudices between the Irish and the Yankees in her town of Westfield, Massachusetts.

HISTORICAL JF KALMAN

TCHAIKOVSKY DISCOVERS AMERICA

Eleven-year-old Jenny, whose family came from Russia to America to start a new life, meets the famous Russian composer on his 1891 trip to the New World and writes about it in her diary.

HISTORICAL JF KINSEY-WARNOCK

GIFTS FROM THE SEA

Quila and her father, living alone in a remote Maine lighthouse in the 1850s, find their lives profoundly changed when a baby washes ashore and they decide to keep her as part of their family.

HISTORICAL JF MYERS

GRAVEYARD GIRL

During the yellow fever epidemic in Memphis in 1878, 12-year-old Eli and Addie, a young child he befriends, struggle to survive with the help of Addie's ghost-mother and a girl who works at the busy graveyard.

HISTORICAL JF PEARSALL

CROOKED RIVER

When twelve-year old Rebecca Carter's father brings a Native American accused of murder into their 1812 Ohio settlement town, Rebecca, witnessing the town's reaction to the Indian, struggles with the idea that an innocent man may be convicted and sentenced to death.

HISTORICAL JF PINKNEY

ABRAHAM LINCOLN : LETTERS FROM A SLAVE GIRL

A fictional correspondence between President Abraham Lincoln and a 12-year-old slave girl that discusses his decision to write the Emancipation Proclamation.

HISTORICAL JF POLACCO

JUST IN TIME, ABRAHAM LINCOLN

When two brothers visit a museum in Harper's Ferry, West Virginia, with their grandmother, they find themselves in a very realistic Civil War setting where they see the Antietam battlefield and meet historical figures from the aftermath of that momentous battle.

HISTORICAL JF REEDER

SHADES OF GRAY

At the end of Civil War, 12-year-old Will, having lost all his immediate family, reluctantly leaves his city home to live in the Virginia countryside with his aunt and the uncle he considers a "traitor" because he refused to take part in the war.

HISTORICAL JF SEWELL

BLACK BEAUTY

A horse in 19th-century England recounts his experiences with both good and bad masters.

HISTORICAL JF WHELAN

HANNAH

Hannah, a blind girl living in Michigan in the late 19th century, doesn't go to school, until a new teacher comes to board at their house.

HISTORICAL JF WHELAN

NEXT SPRING AN ORIOLE

In 1837, ten-year-old Libby and her parents journey by covered wagon to the Michigan frontier, where they make themselves a new home near friendly Indians and other pioneers.