

Historical Fiction and True Accounts Reading List

The following lists are designed to help with wider reading of a particular subject. All books are stocked in our school library.

Places and events and/or people

Africa

Apartheid -	<i>Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace</i>
Egypt	
Mummies -	<i>The Three Legged Mummy by Vivian French</i> <i>The Lost Diary of Tutankhamun's Mummy</i>
Tutankhamun -	<i>The Curse of King Tut's Tomb (Graphic Novel)</i> <i>The Lost Diary of Tutankhamun's Mummy</i>
Guerilla warfare -	<i>AK by Peter Dickinson</i>
Kenya -	<i>Harvest by Robert Westall</i>
Robert Mugabe -	<i>Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace</i>
Rwandan genocide -	<i>Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You by Hanna Jansen</i>

America

19 th C -	<i>All the Truth That's in Me by Julie Berry</i>
American Civil War -	<i>Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson</i> <i>Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson</i> <i>Timeriders: The Eternal War by Alex Scarrow</i>
Aztecs -	<i>The Lost Diary of Montezuma's Soothsayer</i>
Cuba -	<i>Life: An Exploded Diagram by Mal Peet</i> <i>The H-Bomb Girl by Stephen Baxter</i>
Great Depression -	<i>Boxcar Molly by James Riordan</i>
Haiti -	<i>In Darkness by Nick Lake</i>
Irish immigrants -	<i>Dream Chaser by Joan O'Neill</i> <i>Bound for America by Elizabeth Lutzeier</i>
Native American Indians -	<i>Walk Two Moons by Sharon Creech</i> <i>At Yellow Lake by Jane McLoughlin</i> <i>Ghost Hawk by Susan Cooper</i>
Mayan Civilisation -	<i>Timeriders: The Mayan Prophecy by Alex Scarrow</i>
Slave Trade -	<i>Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson</i> <i>Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson</i> <i>Slave Girl by Patricia McKissack</i> <i>In Darkness by Nick Lake</i>

Asia

China	
13 th C -	<i>The Kite Rider by Geraldine McCaughrean</i>
20 th C -	<i>Wild Swans by Jung Chang</i>
Russia	
Russian Revolution -	<i>The Road of Bones by Anne Fine</i> <i>Anastasia by Carolyn Meyer</i>
Vietnam	
Vietnam War -	<i>Warlands by Rachel Anderson</i> <i>Fighting Phantoms by M Zachary Sherman</i>

Australia

Aborigines - *Rabbit-proof Fence by Doris Pilkington*
Great Depression - *Thursday's Child by Sonya Hartnett*
Transportation - *Transported (Diary)*

Europe

Bosnia

Bosnian genocide - *Fran's War by Sally Trench*

France

French Revolution - *The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner*

Joan of Arc - *Sparrow by Michael Morpurgo*
Warrior Girl by Pauline Chandler

Napolean Bonaparte - *Betsy and the Emporer by Staton Rabin*

Great Britain

British Empire - *The Prince Who Walked with Lions by Elizabeth Laird*

London - *Horrible Histories: London (Gruesome Guide to)*

Greece

Ancient Greece - *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief by Rick Riordan*
The Last Olympian by Rick Riordan
The Battle of the Labyrinth by Rick Riordan
The Sea Monsters by Rick Riordan
The Titan's Curse by Rick Riordan
The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan
The Son of Neptune by Rick Riordan
The Mark of Athena by Rick Riordan

Ireland -

Dream Chaser by Joan O'Neill
Bound for America by Elizabeth Lutzeier

Northern Ireland Conflict - *Starry Night by Martin Waddell*

Potato Famine - *The Coldest Winter by Elizabeth Lutzeier*

Italy -

Shylock's Daughter by Mirjam Pressler
Hero on a Bicycle by Shirley Hughes

Ancient Rome - *Time Riders: Gates of Rome by Alex Scarrow*

Julius Caesar - *Horribly Famous: Julius Caesar and his Foul Friends*
The Lost Diary of Julius Caesar's Slave

Kosovo -

Only a Matter of Time by Stewart Ross

Spain

Spanish Armada - *Armada (Diary)*

Spanish Civil War - *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morn by Laurie Lee*

Spanish Inquisition - *Prisoner of the Inquisition by Theresa Breslin*

Eras and events and/or people

Prehistoric and Stone Age (15 billion years ago to 10,000 years ago)

Dinosaurs -	<i>Timeriders: Day of the Predator</i> by Alex Scarrow <i>Journey to the Centre of the Earth</i> by Jules Verne
Stone Age -	<i>Wolf Brother</i> by Michelle Paver <i>Spirit Walker</i> by Michalle Paver <i>Soul Eater</i> by Michelle Paver <i>Outcast</i> by Michelle Paver <i>Oath Breaker</i> by Michelle Paver <i>Ghost Hunter</i> by Michelle Paver

Neolithic and Bronze Age (6000bc to 800 bc)

Ancient Egypt -	<i>The Three-Legged Mummy</i> by Vivian French <i>Weird World of Wonders: Egyptians</i> by Tony Robinson
King Tutankhamun -	<i>The Curse of King Tut's Tomb (Graphic Novel)</i> <i>The Lost Diary of Tutankhamun's Mummy</i>
Mayan civilisation -	<i>Timeriders: The Mayan Prophecy</i> by Alex Scarrow

Iron Age (800bc to 42ad)

Ancient Rome -	<i>Timeriders: Gates of Rome</i> by Alex Scarrow <i>The Thieves of Ostia</i> by Caroline Lawrence <i>The Secrets of Vesuvius</i> by Caroline Lawrence <i>The Pirates of Pompeii</i> by Caroline Lawrence <i>The Assassins of Rome</i> by Caroline Lawrence <i>The Twelve Tasks of Flavia Gemina</i> by Caroline Lawrence <i>The Dolphins of Laurentum</i> by Caroline Lawrence
Julius Caesar -	<i>Horribly Famous: Julius Caesar and his Foul Friends</i> <i>The Lost Diary of Julius Caesar's Slave</i>

Roman Britain (45ad to 406ad)

Boudica -	<i>Horrible Histories: Boudica and her Barmy Army</i> <i>Real Lives: Boudica</i> by Gaby Halberstam
Romans -	<i>Tiger, Tiger</i> by Lynne Reid Banks <i>Power and Stone</i> by Alice Leader <i>Roman Invasion</i> by Jim Eldridge <i>Horrible Histories: Ruthless Romans</i> <i>Horrible Histories: Rotten Romans</i> <i>Weird World of Wonders: Romans</i> by Tony Robinson <i>Pompeii</i> by Sue Reid <i>The Lost Hero</i> by Rick Riordan <i>The Son of Neptune</i> by Rick Riordan <i>The Mark of Athena</i> by Rick Riordan <i>Gladiator</i> by Alan Gibbon and Robbie Gibbon

Vikings and Anglo-Saxons (413ad to 1065ad)

Harald Hadrada -	<i>Scramasax</i> by Kevin Crossley-Holland
Saxons -	<i>Sword of Light</i> by Katherine Roberts <i>Horrible Histories: Smashing Saxons</i>

Vikings - *Bracelet of Bones* by Kevin Crossley-Holland
Scramasax by Kevin Crossley-Holland
Viking Blood by Andrew Donkin
Lords of the Sea (Graphic Novel)
Horrible Histories: Vicious Vikings
The Lost Diary of Erik Bloodaxe, Viking Warrior
Castles and knights - *Horrible Histories: Dark Knights and Dingy Castles*

Norman Britain (1066ad to 1153ad)

Castles and knights - *Horrible Histories: Dark Knights and Dingy Castles*
Domesday Book - *TimeRiders: The Doomsday Code* by Alex Scarrow
Normans - *Horrible Histories: Stormin' Normans*

Middle Ages (1157ad to 1484ad)

Aztecs - *The Lost Diary of Montezuma's Soothsayer*
Crusades - *War: Stories of Conflict Compiled by Michael Morpurgo*
Black Death - *Kiss of Death* by Malcolm Rose
Fire, Bed and Bone by Henrietta Branford
The Great Death by John Smelcer
All Fall Down by Sally Nicholls
China - *The Kite Rider* by Geraldine McCaughrean
Joan of Arc - *Sparrow* by Michael Morpurgo
Warrior Girl by Pauline Chandler
Medieval period - *The Cats of Seroster* by Robert Westall
Spanish Inquisition - *Prisoner of the Inquisition* by Theresa Breslin

Tudors (1488ad to 1602ad)

Elizabeth I - *Tudor Rose* by Anne Perry
Rose of No Man's Land by Anne Perry
Blood Red Rose by Anne Perry
By Royal Command by Mary Hooper
At the House of the Magician by Mary Hooper
The Betrayal by Mary Hooper
Northside of the Tree by Maggie Prince
Beware, Princess Elizabeth by Carolyn Meyer
The Prince of Rags and Patches by Terry Deary
Black Arts by Prentice and Weil
1602 by Neil Gaiman (GN)
Henry VIII - *Treason* by Berlie Doherty
VIII by HM Castor
Italy - *Shylock's Daughter* by Mirjam Pressler
City of Masks by Mary Hoffman
City of Stars by Mary Hoffman
City of Flowers by Mary Hoffman
City of Secrets by Mary Hoffman
Mary Queen of Scots - *By Royal Command* by Mary Hooper
At the House of the Magician by Mary Hooper
The Betrayal by Mary Hooper
Spy for the Queen of Scots by Theresa Breslin
New world settlers - *A World Away* by Pauline Francis
Shakespeare - *The Lost Diary of Shakespeare's Ghostwriter*

Spanish Armada - *Armada (Diary)*

Stuarts (1603ad to 1714ad)

Charles I - *Rose Between Two Thorns by Anne Perry*
Charles II - *No Shame, No Fear by Ann Turnbull*
The Remarkable Life and Times of Eliza Rose by Mary Hooper
English Civil War - *Rose Between Two Thorns by Anne Perry*
Great Fire of London - *Timeriders: The Pirate Kings by Alex Scarrow*
Petals in the Ashes by Mary Hooper
Oliver Cromwell - *I, Coriander by Sally Gardner*
Rose Between Two Thorns by Anne Perry
Plague - *At the Sign of the Sugared Plum by Mary Hooper*
Plague by David Orme
Witches - *The Witching Hour by Elizabeth Laird*
Witch Child by Celia Rees

Georgians (1714ad to 1837ad)

French Revolution - *The Red Necklace by Sally Gardner*
Georgians - *The Girl in the Mask by Marie-Louise Jensen*
Napolean Bonaparte - *Betsy and the Emporer by Staton Rabin*
Pirates - *Pirates! By Celia Rees*
Slave Trade - *Blood Red Rose by Anne Perry*
In Darkness by Nick Lake
Transportation to Australia - *Transported (Diary)*

Victorians (1837ad to 1901ad)

American Civil War - *Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson*
Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson
Timeriders: The Eternal War by Alex Scarrow
British Empire - *City of Ghosts by Bali Rai*
The Prince Who Walked with Lions by Elizabeth Laird
Industrial Revolution - *Mill Girl (Diary)*
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Victorian Workhouse (Diary)
Hard Times by Charles Dickens
Irish immigrants to America - *Bound for America by Elizabeth Lutzeier*
Irish Potato Famine - *The Coldest Winter by Elizabeth Lutzeier*
The Hunger (Diary)
London - *Montmorency by Eleanor Updale*
Montmorency on the Rocks by Eleanor Updale
Montmorency's Revenge by Eleanor Updale
Montmorency and the Assassins by Eleanor Updale
Slave Trade - *Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson*
Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson
Slave Girl by Patricia McKissack
Victorians - *Great Expectations by Charles Dickens*
This House is Haunted by John Boyne
Timeriders: City of Shadows by Alex Scarrow
Whisper My Name by Jane England
The Ruby in the Smoke by Philip Pulman
The Shadow in the North by Philip Pulman

The Tiger in the Well by Philip Pulman
The Tin Princess by Philip Pulman
The House of Silk by Anthony Horowitz
The Printer's Devil by Paul Bajoria
A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens
Twentieth Century Girl (Diary)
 Workhouses - *Street Child by Berlie Doherty*
Oliver Twist by Charles Dickens
Victorian Workhouse (Diary)
Hard Times by Charles Dickens

20th Century (1901ad to 2000ad)

Boy: Tales of Childhood by Roald Dahl
Cider with Rosie by Laurie Lee
Beswitched by Kate Saunders
The Secret Countess by Eva Ibbotson
Atonement by Ian McEwan
Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury
 Apartheid - *Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace*
 Bosnian genocide - *Fran's War by Sally Trench*
 Europe - *The Star of Kazan by Eva Ibbotson*
 Great Depression - *Thursday's Child by Sonya Harnett*
Boxcar Molly by James Riordan
 Moon landing - *The First Moon Landing (GN)*
 Northern Ireland Conflict - *Starry Night by Martin Waddell*
 North Pole expedition - *Arctic Hero by Catherine Johnson*
 Russian Revolution - *The Road of Bones by Anne Fine*
Anastasia by Carolyn Meyer
 Suffragettes - *Give Us the Vote by Sue Reid*
 Titanic - *Titanic by Ellen Emerson White*
The Sinking of the Titanic (Graphic Novel)

20th Century Wars, Conflicts and Revolutions

Afghanistan - *Control Under Fire by M Zachary Sherman*
Last Night Another Soldier... by Andy McNab
 Taliban - *The Kite Runner by Khalid Hosseini*
A Thousand Splendid Suns by Khalid Hosseini
 Bosnian genocide - *Fran's War by Sally Trench*
 Chinese Cultural Revolution - *Wild Swans by Jung Chang (true)*
 Cold War
 Berlin Wall - *Sektion 20 by Paul Dowswell*
 Cuban Missile Crisis - *Life: An Exploded Diagram by Mal Peet*
The H-Bomb Girl by Stephen Baxter
 Nuclear bombs - *The Last Children by Gudrun Pausewang*
When the Wind Blows by Raymond Briggs
 Iraq - *War: Stories of Conflict by Michael Morpurgo*
Pride of Baghdad by Brian K Vaughan (Graphic Novel)
 Korean War - *Blood Brotherhood by M Zachary Sherman*
 Kosovo War - *Only a Matter of Time by Stewart Ross*
 Lebanon - *War: Stories of Conflict compiled by Michael Morpurgo*
 Russian Revolution - *Blood Red, Snow White by Marcus Sedgwick*
 Rwandan genocide - *Over a Thousand Hills by Hanna Jensen*
 Spanish Civil War - *As I Walked Out One Midsummer Morn by Laurie Lee (true)*

Vietnam War -	<i>Warlands</i> by Rachel Anderson
WWI -	<i>Fighting Phantoms</i> by M Zachary Sherman
	<i>War Horse</i> by Michael Morpurgo
	<i>Private Peaceful</i> by Michael Morpurgo
	<i>Birdsong</i> by Sebastian Faulkes
	<i>Remembrance</i> by Theresa Breslin
	<i>One Good Turn</i> by Chris Ryan
	<i>Farm Boy</i> by Michael Morpurgo
	<i>Rose of No Man's Land</i> by Anne Perry
	<i>Soldier Dog</i> by Sam Angus
	<i>Horrible Histories: Frightful First World War</i>
	<i>Danger Money</i> by Mary Chapman
	<i>Road to War</i> by Valerie Wilding
	<i>Flying Ace (Diary)</i>
	<i>The Shell House</i> by Linda Newbery
WWII -	<i>The Escape</i> by Robert Muchamore
	<i>The Prisoner</i> by Robert Muchamore
	<i>Eagle Day</i> by Robert Muchamore
	<i>Secret Army</i> by Robert Muchamore
	<i>Grey Wolves</i> by Robert Muchamore
	<i>The Machine Gunners</i> by Robert Westall
	<i>The Watch House</i> by Robert Westall
	<i>Fathom Five</i> by Robert Westall
	<i>Once</i> by Morris Gleitzman
	<i>Then</i> by Morris Gleitzman
	<i>Now</i> by Morris Gleitzman
	<i>After</i> by Morris Gleitzman
	<i>Going Solo</i> by Roald Dahl
	<i>Escape from Shangri-La</i> by Michael Morpurgo
	<i>A Time of Fire</i> by Robert Westall
	<i>War: Stories of Conflict</i> compiled by Michael Morpurgo
	<i>A Time for War</i> by M Zachary Sherman
	<i>The Double Shadow</i> by Sally Gardner
	<i>D-Day</i> by Bryan Perrett
	<i>Horrible Histories: Woeful Second World War</i>
	<i>U-Boat Hunter (Diary)</i>
	<i>Battle of Britain (Diary)</i>
	<i>Desert Danger (Diary)</i>
<i>What I Saw and How I Lied</i> by Judy Blundell	
Blitz -	<i>Blitzcat</i> by Robert Westall
	<i>Horrible Histories: Blackout in the Blitz</i>
	<i>Blitz</i> by Vince Cross
Evacuees -	<i>Goodnight Mister Tom</i> by Michelle Magorian
	<i>The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe</i> by CS Lewis
	<i>Carrie's War</i> by Nina Bawden
	<i>Friend or Foe</i> by Michael Morpurgo
Europe -	<i>Don't Forget to Write</i> by Pam Hobbs
	<i>The Midnight Zoo</i> by Sonya Hartnett
	<i>Under a War-torn Sky</i> by LM Elliot
France -	<i>The Things We Did for Love</i> by Natasha Farrant
Holocaust -	<i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i> by John Boyne
	<i>Between Shades of Gray</i> by Ruta Sepetys
	<i>Schindler's List</i> by Thomas Keneally
	<i>Diary of Anne Frank (true)</i>

	<i>Once by Morris Gleitzman</i>
	<i>Then by Morris Gleitzman</i>
	<i>Now by Morris Gleitzman</i>
	<i>After by Morris Gleitzman</i>
Home front -	<i>Adolphus Tips by Michael Morpurgo</i>
Hitler -	<i>Timeriders by Alex Scarrow</i>
	<i>Hitler's Daughter by Jackie French</i>
	<i>When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit by Judith Kerr</i>
Hitler Youth -	<i>Auslander by Paul Dowswell</i>
Italy -	<i>Hero on a Bicycle by Shirley Hughes</i>
Nazis -	<i>The Book Thief by Markus Zusak</i>
Prisoners of War –	<i>Stones in the Water by Donna Jo Napoli</i>
	<i>The Great Escape by Paul Brickhill</i>
	<i>I am David by Anne Holm</i>
	<i>Hero on a Bicycle by Shirley Hughes</i>
Resistance -	<i>Tamar by Mal Peet</i>
	<i>The White Rabbit by Bruce Marshall</i>
	<i>Hitler's Canary by Sandi Toksvig</i>
	<i>Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein</i>
Russia -	<i>Between Shades of Gray by Ruta Sepetys</i>
Spies -	<i>Spies by Michael Frayn</i>
	<i>Hitler's Angel by William Osborne</i>
	<i>Code Name Verity by Elizabeth Wein</i>

21st Century (2001ad onwards)

911 Twin Towers attack - *Timeriders by Alex Scarrow*

Black History

1500s	<i>A World Away by Pauline Francis</i>
1700s	<i>Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson</i>
	<i>Forge by Laurie Halse Anderson</i>
	<i>Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin</i>
	<i>In Darkness by Nick Lake</i>
1800s	<i>The Prince Who Walked with Lions by Elizabeth Laird</i>
1900s	<i>To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee</i>
	<i>Arctic Hero by Catherine Johnson (true)</i>
	<i>Yankee Girl by Mary Ann Rodman</i>
	<i>Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You by Hanna Jensen</i>
	<i>Out of Shadows by Jason Wallace</i>
	<i>Mister Pip by Lloyd Jones</i>
	<i>Harvest by Robert Westall</i>
	<i>The Garbage King by Elizabeth Laird</i>
	<i>Forest of the Pygmies by Isabel Allende</i>
	<i>Purple Hibiscus by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie</i>
	<i>The Other Side of Truth by Beverley Naidoo</i>
	<i>Web of Lies by Beverley Naidoo</i>
	<i>Out of Bounds by Beverley Naidoo</i>
	<i>The Help by Kathryn Stockett</i>

