

A Boy No More

Harry Mazer
YA MAZER

After his father is killed in the attack on Pearl Harbor, Adam and his family are evacuated from Hawaii to California, where he must deal with his feelings about the war, Japanese internment camps, and his own identity.

Edenville Owls

Robert B. Parker
YA PARKER

Just after World War II, Bobby finds himself facing many new challenges as he tries to help his basketball team, cope with new feelings for his friend Joanie, and discover the identity of the person threatening his teacher.

Horse Thief

Robert Newton Peck
YA PECK

In 1938, with the help of a doctor and her horse-thieving father, an orphan steals thirteen horses from a doomed rodeo.

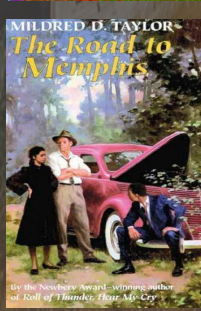
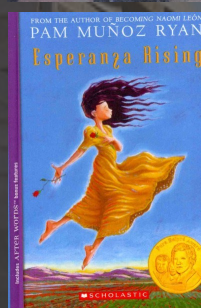
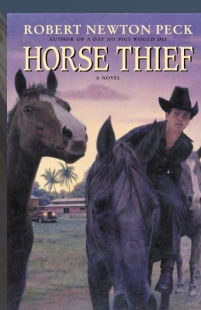
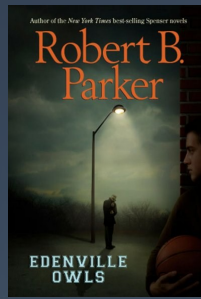
Esperanza Rising

Pam Muñoz Ryan
YA RYAN

Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave their privileged life in Mexico to go work in the labor camps of California, where they must adapt to the harsh circumstances facing Mexican farm workers.

The Road to Memphis

Mildred D. Taylor
YA TAYLOR (also PB YA)
Sadistically teased by two white boys in 1940s rural Mississippi, a black youth severely injures one of the boys with a tire iron and enlists Cassie's help in trying to flee the state.



Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

Mildred D. Taylor
YA TAYLOR (also PB YA)

A black family living in the South during the 1930s are faced with prejudice and Discrimination, which their children don't understand.

Dragon Road

Laurence Yep
YA YEP

In 1939, unable to find jobs because of the Great Depression, long-time friends Cal Chin and Barney Young tour the country as members of a Chinese American basketball team.

Dust Girl

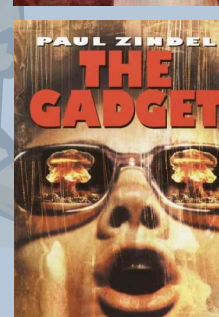
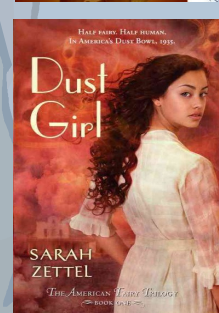
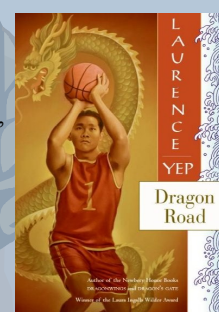
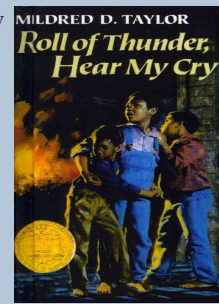
Sarah Zettel
YA ZETTEL

On the day in 1935 when her mother vanishes during the worst dust storm ever recorded in Kansas, Callie learns that she is not actually a human being.

The Gadget

Paul Zindel
YA ZINDEL

In 1945, Stephen becomes caught in a web of secrecy and intrigue when he joins his father at Los Alamos, where he and other scientists are working on a secret project to end World War II.



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What I Saw and How I Lied

Judy Blundell
YA BLUNDELL

In 1947, with her jovial stepfather Joe back from the war and family life returning to normal, Evie finds herself caught in a complicated web of lies.

Is it Night or Day?

Fern Schumer Chapman
YA CHAPMAN

In 1938, Edith, a young German Jew, is sent to Chicago to live with an aunt and uncle and tries to assimilate into American culture. Based on the author's mother's experience.

Al Capone Does My Shirts

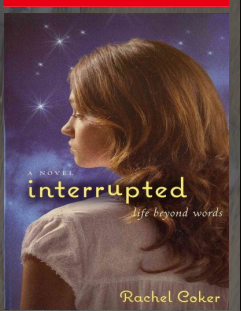
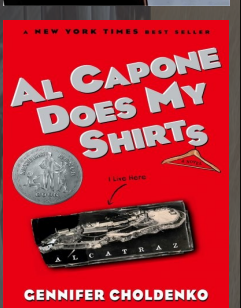
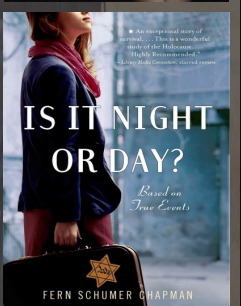
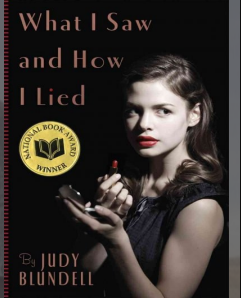
Gennifer Choldenko
YA CHOLDENKO

A boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there and has to contend with his extraordinary new home in addition to life with his autistic sister. Sequel: Al Capone Shines My Shoes.

Interrupted

Rachel Coker
YA COKER

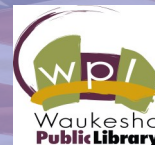
After the loss of her mother, Allie is sent from Tennessee to Maine to become the daughter of Miss Beatrice Lovell, a prim woman with a faith Allie cannot accept.



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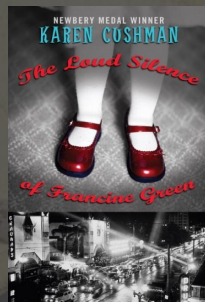
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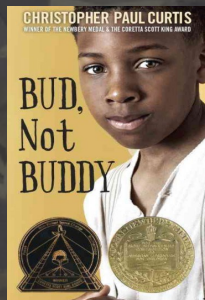
The Loud Silence of Francine Green
Karen Cushman
YA CUSHMAN

In 1949, Francine goes to Catholic school in Los Angeles where she becomes best friends with a girl who questions authority, causing Francine to question her own values.



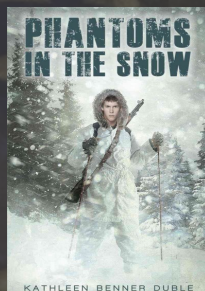
Bud, Not Buddy
Christopher Paul Curtis
YA CURTIS
(also PB YA CURTIS)

Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, MI, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father.



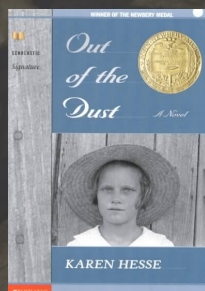
Phantoms in the Snow
Kathleen Benner Duble
YA DUBLE

In 1944, recently orphaned Noah Garrett finds his pacifist views put to the test when he is sent to live at Camp Hale, CO, with an uncle he has never met.



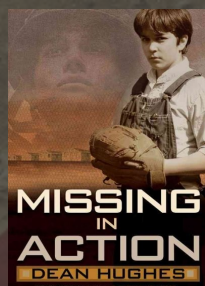
Out of the Dust
Karen Hesse

YA HESSE (also PB YA)
Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.



Missing in Action
Dean Hughes
YA HUGHES

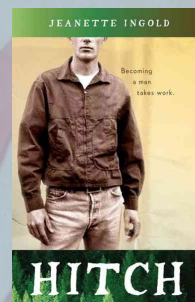
While his father is missing in action during World War II, Jay moves to Utah with his mother and witnesses prejudice, not only as part Navajo, but also through an unlikely friendship with Japanese American Ken from the nearby internment camp.



Hitch

Jeanette Ingold
YA INGOLD

To help his family during the Depression and avoid becoming a drunk like his father, Moss joins the Civilian Conservation Corps, and helps build a new camp near Monroe, Montana.



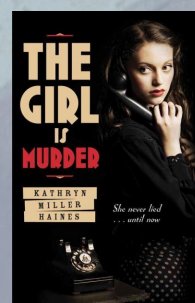
Ten Cents a Dance
Christine Fletcher
YA FLETCHER

In 1940s Chicago, Ruby hopes to escape poverty by becoming a taxi dancer in a nightclub, but the work has unforeseen dangers.



The Girl is Murder
Kathryn Miller Haines
YA HAINES

In 1942 New York City, Iris grieves for her mother who committed suicide, and secretly helps her father with his detective business. Sequel: The Girl is Trouble.



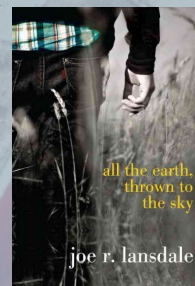
The Darkness Under the Water
Beth Kanell
YA KANELL

In 1930, Molly lives under the shadow of a governor who wants to sterilize people "unfit to be true Vermonters," such as her Abenaki family, while the loss of her family home, her mother's pregnancy, her first love, and other events transform her life.



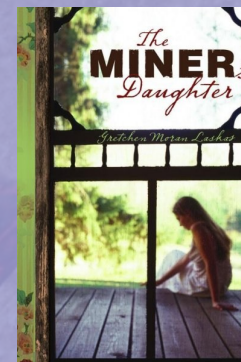
All the Earth, Thrown to the Sky
Joe R. Lansdale
YA LANSDALE

When the devastation wrought by endless dust storms in 1930s Oklahoma makes orphans of Jack, his schoolmate Jane, and her brother Tony, they take a dead man's truck and set out to find a new start.



The Miner's Daughter
Gretchen Moran Laskas
YA LASKAS

Willa, living in a Depression-era West Virginia mining town, works hard to help her family, experiences love and friendship, and finds an outlet for her writing when her family becomes part of the community supported by Eleanor Roosevelt.



Guardian
Julius Lester
YA LESTER

In a rural southern town in 1946, a white man and his son witness the lynching of an innocent black man. Includes historical notes.



Autumn Street
Lois Lowry
YA LOWRY

When her father goes to fight in World War II, Elizabeth goes with her mother and sister to her grandfather's house where she learns to face up to the always puzzling, and often cruel, realities of the adult world.



Open Wounds
Joe Lunievicz
YA LUNIEVICZ

After an abusive childhood in 1930s New York, Cedric, now orphaned, is taken in by a cousin suffering from mustard gas poisoning who becomes a father figure, helps him reconnect with friends, and gives Cedric a means to avenge past wrongs and forge a better future.

