

New Historical Fiction

For Teens

Anderson, M. T. *The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, Vol. 2 : The Kingdom on the Waves.*

When Octavian hears that Lord Dunmore, governor of Virginia, will free all slaves who join his "Ethiopian Regiment," the recent runaway gladly signs up. Upon enlisting, Octavian is reunited with his friend Pro Bono. The two comrades, who once shared a master, are thrilled to meet again, but their joy quickly subsides. [Second book in the *Octavian Nothing* series]

Barnes, John. *Tales of the Madman Underground : An Historical Romance 1973.*

In September 1973, as the school year begins in his depressed Ohio town, high-school senior Kurt Shoemaker determines to be "normal," despite his chaotic home life with his volatile, alcoholic mother and the deep loyalty and affection he has for his friends in the therapy group dubbed the Madman Underground.

Boyne, John. *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas : A Fable.*

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Bunce, Elizabeth C. *A Curse Dark as Gold.*

Upon the death of her father, seventeen-year-old Charlotte struggles to keep the family's woolen mill running in the face of an overwhelming mortgage and what the local villagers believe is a curse, but when a man capable of spinning straw into gold appears on the scene she must decide if his help is worth the price.

Collins, Pat Lowery. *Hidden Voices : The Orphan Musicians of Venice.*

Anetta, Rosalba, and Luisa, find their lives taking unexpected paths while growing up in eighteenth century Venice at the orphanage Ospedale della Pietà, where concerts are given to support the orphanage as well as expose the girls to potential suitors.

Friesner, Esther M. *Sphinx's Princess.*

Although she is a dutiful daughter, Nefertiti's dancing abilities, remarkable beauty, and intelligence garner attention near and far, so much so that her family is summoned to the Egyptian royal court, where Nefertiti becomes a pawn in the power play of her scheming aunt, Queen Tiye.

Godbersen, Anna. *Splendor*.

In 1900 New York City, fashionable debutante Diana Holland and married soldier Henry Schoonmaker flaunt the rules of society to be with one another. [Fourth book in the *Luxe* series]

Hearn, Julie. *Hazel : A Novel*.

Thirteen-year-old Hazel leaves her comfortable, if somewhat unconventional, London home in 1913 after her father has a breakdown, and goes to live in the Caribbean on her grandparents' sugar plantation where she discovers some shocking family secrets.

Meyer, Carolyn. *The True Adventures of Charley Darwin*.

In nineteenth-century England, young Charles Darwin rejects the more traditional careers of physician and clergyman, choosing instead to embark on a dangerous five-year journey by ship to explore the natural world..

Miller, Sarah Elizabeth. *Miss Spitfire : Reaching Helen Keller*.

At age twenty-one, partially-blind, lonely but spirited Annie Sullivan travels from Massachusetts to Alabama to try and teach six-year-old Helen Keller, deaf and blind since age two, self-discipline and communication skills. Includes historical notes and timeline.