
Historical Fiction

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Grifalconi, Ann. *Ain't Nobody A Stranger To Me*. Hyperion, 2007. A grandfather tells his granddaughter about his remarkable journey on the Underground Railroad and teaches her the importance of kindness, hope and friendship.

Levine, Ellen. *Henry's Freedom Box*. Scholastic, 2007. In 1849 a slave named Henry escapes to freedom by shipping himself in a wooden box from Richmond to Philadelphia. (Based on the inspiring true story of Henry "Box" Brown). The luminous illustrations add rich meaning and emotion to the text.

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Kimmel, Eric. *A Picture For Marc*. Random House, 2007. A charming fictionalized account of how young Marc Chagall discovered his incredible talent in late-1800's Russia, and how he persevered in pursuing his dream to be an artist despite the objections of his parents.

White, Ruth. *Way Down Deep*. Farrar, Straus, and Giroux, 2007. In 1944 in the close-knit town of Way Down Deep, West Virginia, young Ruby's comfortable life is upset by the arrival of a new family with a link to her mysterious past. Ruby is forced to explore the true meaning of love, family and community in this touching story with memorable characters.

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Curtis, Christopher Paul. *Elijah Of Buxton*. Scholastic, 2007. Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada, a refuge for slaves fleeing the South in 1859, uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was supposed to buy a family's freedom.

Kadohata, Cynthia. *Cracker: The Best Dog In Vietnam*. Atheneum, 2007. A stirring, realistic story of the Vietnam War as seen in the alternating viewpoints of a stubborn, yet highly intelligent German shepherd army dog named Cracker and her 17-year-old handler, Rick, who is out to "whip the world".