

GREAT HISTORICAL FICTION FOR KIDS



<u>City of Gold</u> by Will Hobbs. Owen's family is new to farming in Colorado and must survive without their father who recently died back in Kansas. When the family's mules are stolen one night, Owen tracks the thief over mountains to Telluride where he must confront bigger issues than his missing animals. You may also like <u>The Case of the Deadly Desperados</u> by Caroline Lawrence.

I Survived: The Children's Blizzard, 1888 by Lauren Tarshis. John and his family, new to the Dakota Territory, live in a sod house and farm wheat. A blizzard hits suddenly one afternoon and the boy and his friends find themselves fighting for their lives. See other *I Survived* stories under same author. Also, you may enjoy *Hardscrabble* by Sandra Dallas.





Indian No More by Charlene Willing McManis. Based on personal experience growing up in the 1950s, Regina's family is part of the Umpqua tribe and lives on the Grand Ronde Reservation in Oregon. When the U.S. government declares in 1954 that all tribes are no longer Indians, Regina's family moves to Los Angeles to start a new life without the reservation, family, or friends. You may also enjoy The Sea in Winter by Christine Day.

Out in Left Field by Ellen Klages. It's 1957 and every boy in the neighborhood knows Katy Gordon is their best pitcher, even though she's a girl. When she tries out for Little League, she gets a whole new response. NO GIRLS ALLOWED! Katy sets out to prove them all wrong. You may also enjoy Step up to the Plate, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami.





A Place to Belong by Cynthia Kadohata. In the 1940s, Hanako and her family had a successful restaurant, but like all Japanese families, are suddenly placed in an internment camp during World War II. After the war, Hanako's family is deported to Japan. Hanako doesn't want to leave America but her parents are not citizens, so they must leave the only country she has known. You may also enjoy Paper Wishes by Lois Sepahban.

Someplace to Call Home by Sandra Dallas. During the tragic Dust Bowl of the 1930s, orphans Tom (age 16), Hallie (age 12), and Benny (age 6), are alone and in trouble when their car breaks beyond repair in Kansas. A nearby farmer and family bring kindness and help. You may also enjoy The Wind Called my Name by Mary Louise Sanchez.





Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper. Trouble has come to Stella's town in North Carolina....the Ku Klux Klan. It's 1932, and the black community is getting ready to register to vote. Things are tense but people come together to look after one another and help ease each other's fear. You may also enjoy this historical fantasy: Root Magic by Eden Royce.

Trouble Don't Last by Shelley Pearsall. Samuel, an 11-year-old Kentucky slave, and Harrison, the elderly slave who helped raise him, attempt to escape to Canada where Samuel's mother lives via the Underground Railroad You may also like **Unbound: a novel in verse** by Ann E. Burg

