Historical Fiction
Teen Services Recommendations

**Luck of the Titanic**
Lee, Stacey
After smuggling herself onto the RMS Titanic, British-Chinese teenager Valora Luck reunites with her twin brother and tries to convince him that their acrobatic training could be their ticket to a better life.

**The Fountains of Silence**
Sepetys, Ruta
At the Castellana Hilton in 1957 Madrid, eighteen-year-old Daniel Matheson connects with Ana Moreno through photography and fate as Daniel discovers the incredibly dark side of the city under Generalissimo Franco’s rule.

**Bones of a Saint**
Farley, Grant
In 1970s northern California, fifteen-year-old RJ Armante must fight to save himself and his disabled brother from the Blackjacks gang, and free his hometown, Arcangel, from its past.

**The Secret Life of Kitty Granger**
Falksen, G.D.
As a working-class girl in London’s East End, she’s spent her whole life learning to hide peculiar traits. Until the day when she notices the mysterious man on the bus and finds herself following him, driven to know why he seems so out of place...only to accidentally uncover the location of a Russian spy ring.

**Mazie**
Crowder, Melanie
Leaping at a chance for a Broadway audition, a teen from 1950s Nebraska endures brutal but thrilling auditions, before dwindling resources and a challenge to her personal beliefs force her to reevaluate her priorities.

**We Are Not Free**
Chee, Traci
Growing up together in the community of Japantown, San Francisco, four second-generation Japanese American teens find their bond tested by widespread discrimination and the mass incarcerations of people of Japanese ancestry during World War II.

**The Degenerates**
Mann, Jennifer Ann
In 1928, Maxine, Rose, Alice, and London face vicious attendants and bullying older girls at the Massachusetts School for the Feeble-Minded, each determined to change her fate at all costs. Includes historical notes about eugenics.

**The Enigma Game**
Wein, Elizabeth
Told in multiple voices, fifteen-year-old Jamaican Louisa Adair uncovers an Enigma machine in the small Scottish village where she cares for an elderly German woman, and helps solve a puzzle that could turn the tide of World War II.

**Within These Lines**
Milan, Maura
Italian-American Evalina and Japanese-American Taichi’s vow to be together, although interracial marriage is illegal in 1941 San Francisco, is tested when Taichi’s family is sent to Manzanar internment camp. Includes historical notes.

**Kent State**
Wiles, Deborah
Told from different points of view—protesters, students, National Guardsmen, and "townies"—recounts the story of what happened at Kent State in May 1970, when four college students were killed by National Guardsmen, and a student protest was turned into a bloody battlefield.

**They Went Left**
Hesse, Monica
Zofia, a teenage Holocaust survivor, travels across post-war Europe as she searches for her younger brother and seeks to rebuild her shattered life.

**Mad, Bad & Dangerous to Know**
Ahmed, Samira
In Paris, seventeen-year-old Khayyam, a part-Indian, part-French Muslim American, is at a crossroads when a chance encounter plunges her into research about Leila, a girl much like Khayyam who inspired Eugene Delacroix.
The Light in Hidden Places  
Cameron, Sharon
Stefania has worked in the Diamant family’s grocery store in for four years, even falling in love with one of their sons, Izio; but when the Nazis came to Przemysl, Poland, the Jewish Diamants are forced into the ghetto (and worse) and only Izio’s brother Max manages to escape, and Stefania embarks on a dangerous course—protecting thirteen Jews in her attic, caring for her younger sister, Helena, and keeping everything secret from the two Nazi officers who are living in her house.

I Am Here Now  
Bottner, Barbara
In the Bronx in the early 1960s, fourteen-year-old Ashley and her family, the privileged bubble she has enjoyed, protecting her from the difficult realities most black people face, begins to crumble.

Concrete Rose  
Thomas, Angie
A gang leader’s son finds his effort to go straight for the sake of his child challenged by a loved one’s brutal murder, in a poignant exploration of Black coming-of-age set seventeen years before the events of the award-winning The Hate U Give.

Angel of Greenwood  
Pink, Randi
A piercing, unforgettable love story set in Greenwood, Oklahoma, also known as the “Black Wall Street,” against the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921.

Sitting in St. James  
Williams-Garcia, Rita
In 1860 Louisiana, eighty-year-old Madame Sylvie decides to sit for a portrait, as horrific stories that span generations from the big house and the fields are revealed.

The Black Kids  
Reed, Christina Hammonds
With the Rodney King riots closing in on high school senior Ashley and her family, the privileged bubble she has enjoyed, protecting her from the difficult realities most black people face, begins to crumble.

Your Heart, My Sky: Love in the time of Hunger  
Engle, Margarita
Summer, 1991. The people of Cuba are living in el periodo especial en tiempos de paz - the special period in times of peace. That’s what the government insists that this era must be called, but the reality behind these words is starvation.

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