Explore the past with fictional stories set in a variety of time periods and locations.

**Blood Water Paint**
by Joy McCullough
YF McCullough
After her mother’s death, Artemisia had a stark choice: a life as a nun or a life as an artist’s assistant. In the aftermath of a rape, she faced another terrible choice: a life of silence or a life of truth.

**Salt to the Sea**
by Ruta Sepetys
YF Sepetys
Racing to freedom with other refugees as Russian forces close in on East Prussia, Joana, Emilia and Florian must trust each other in order to survive.

**Enchantée**
by Gita Trelease
YF Trelease
An impoverished orphan must rely on magic to provide for her siblings by impersonating an aristocrat in Versailles, before her political awakening forces her to choose sides in the French Revolution.

**White Rose**
by Kip Wilson
YF Wilson
A novel based on true events finds Sophie Scholl, a young German college student, teaming up with her brother and his fellow soldiers to form a group that writes and distributes anonymous letters criticizing the Nazi regime.

**The Raven's Tale**
by Cat Winters
YF Winters
Seventeen-year-old Edgar Poe’s plans to escape his foster family, begin classes at the prestigious new university, and marry his beloved Elmira Royster go awry when a macabre Muse appears with a request.
Angel Thieves
by Kathi Appelt
YF Appelt
Cade Curtis is an angel thief. He and his dad move to the apartment above a local antique shop. The only payment the owner, Mrs. Walker requests: marble angels, stolen from graveyards, for her to sell for thousands of dollars to collectors.

Lovely War
by Julie Berry
YF Berry
Meeting in a World War II-era Manhattan hotel for a forbidden tryst, immortals Ares and Aphrodite are caught by the latter’s jealous husband before she defends her actions by imparting the tale of four young humans who became connected during World War I.

Inventing Victoria
by Tonya Bolden
YF Bolden
Trapped between the life she dreams of and the reality of post-Reconstruction Savannah, a young black woman with a troubled past is made over by a wealthy, cultured sponsor who opens doors to the upper echelons of black society in Washington, D.C.

Romanov
by Nadine Brandes
YF Brandes
Anastasia "Nastya" Romanov must choose between using the ancient spell her father, the exiled tsar, trusted her to keep safe, or trust Zash, a handsome Bolshevik soldier.

The Long Ride
by Marina Tamar Budhos
YF Budhos
In New York in 1971, Jamila and Josie are bused across Queens where they try to fit in at a new, integrated junior high school while their best friend, Francesca, tests the limits at a private school.

My Plain Jane
by Cynthia Hand
YF Hand
A riotously gothic reimagining of Jane Eyre that features an orphan with a tragic past, an aspiring author, and a supernatural investigator who team up for an epic ghost hunt.

The Librarian of Auschwitz
by Antonio Iturbe
YF Iturbe
A tale based on true events follows a teen prisoner in Auschwitz who risks her life to keep the magic of books alive during the Holocaust.

Orphan Monster Spy
by Matt Killeen
YF Killeen
When her mother is shot at a checkpoint in 1939 Germany, a blonde-haired, blue-eyed Jewish teen agrees to help a mysterious man who asks her to help the resistance against the Third Reich by posing as the daughter of a wealthy Nazi to gain access to a scientist's weapon designs.

Butterfly Yellow
by Thanhha Lai
YF Lai
A Vietnam War refugee in Texas partners with a city boy with rodeo dreams to track down the younger brother she was separated from six years before when he was evacuated by American troops during the waning days of the Vietnam War.

The Downstairs Girl
by Stacey Lee
YF Lee
When the advice column she secretly writes becomes wildly popular, a young lady's maid uses her influence to question her society's fixed ideas about race and gender.

A Very Large Expanse of Sea
by Tahereh Mafi
YF Mafi
Withdrawing into solitude after a year of prejudice in the aftermath of September 11, Muslim teen Shirin struggles to trust a boy who is the first friend who really seems to want to know her.