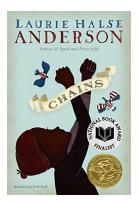
The Berlin Boxing CLub by Robert Sharenow -In 1936 Berlin



fourteen-year-old Karl
Stern, considered Jewish
despite a non-religious
upbringing, learns to box
from the legendary Max
Schmeling while struggling
with the realities of the
Holocaust.

Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson -After being sold



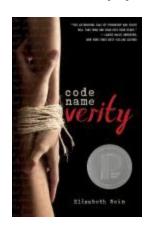
to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.

The Book Thief by Markus Zuszak -Trying to make



sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

Code Name Verity by Elizabeth E. Wein In 1943, a



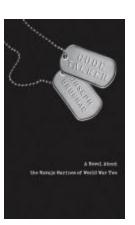
British fighter plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France and the survivor tells a tale of friendship, war, espionage, and great courage as she relates what she must to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

THe Boy in the Stripped Pajamas by John Boyne



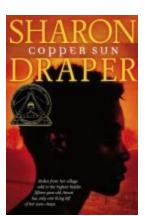
-Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence.

Code Talker: A Novel About the Navajo Marines



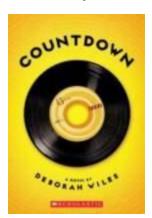
During World War II by
Joseph Bruchac -After
being taught in a boarding
school run by whites that
Navajo is a useless
language, Ned Begay and
other Navajo men are
recruited by the Marines to
become Code Talkers,
sending messages during
World War II in their native
tongue.

Copper Sun by Sharon Draper -Two fifteen-year-old



girls--one a slave and the other an indentured servant--escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves.

Countdown by Deborah Wiles -As eleven-year-old



Franny Chapman deals with drama at home and with her best friend in 1962, she tries to understand the larger problems in the world after President Kennedy announces that Russia is sending nuclear missiles to Cuba. Features historic quotations and photographs.

Fallen Angels by Walter Dean Myers - This 1989

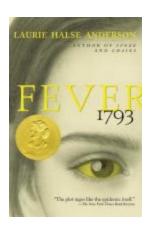


Coretta Scott King Award winner is the story of one young man's tour of duty in Vietnam as well as a testament to the thousands of young people who lived and died during the war.

Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating

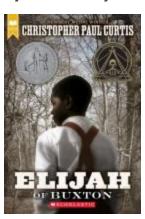
year on active duty in Vietnam.

Fever, 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson -In 1793



Philadelphia, sixteen-year-old Matilda Cook, separated from her sick mother, learns about perseverance and self-reliance when she is forced to cope with the horrors of a yellow fever epidemic.

Elijah of Buxton by Christopher Curtis



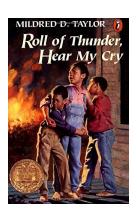
-Eleven-year-old Elijah Freeman, the first free-born child in Buxton, Canada--a haven for slaves fleeing the American South in 1859--uses his wits and skills to try to bring to justice the lying preacher who has stolen money that was to be used to buy a family's freedom.

Milkweed Jerry Spinelli -A street child, known to



himself only as Stopthief, finds community when he is taken in by a band of orphans in Warsaw ghetto which helps him weather the horrors of the Nazi regime.

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor -A



black family living in the South during the 1930's is faced with prejudice and discrimination which the children don't understand.

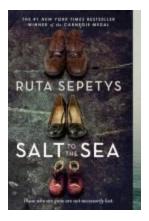
Stalking Jack the Ripper by Kerri Maniscalco-



Audrey Rose Wadsworth, a highborn Victorian young lady, is determined to understand the nature of death after her own mother's death and as she is secretly apprenticing in forensics she finds herself embroiled in the investigation of serial killer Jack the Ripper.

Salt to the Sea by Ruta Sepetys -Winter 1945.

WWII. Four refugees. Four stories.



Each one born of a different homel ∧ each one hunted, and haunted, by tragedy, lies, war. As thousands desperately flock to the coast in the midst of a Soviet advance, four paths converge, vying for passage aboard the Wilhelm Gustloff , a ship that promises safety and

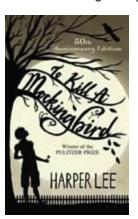
freedom. But not all promises can be kept . . .

White Rose by Kip Wilson -Tells the story of Sophie



Scholl, a young German college student who challenges the Nazi regime during World War II as part of the White Rose, a non-violent resistance group.

To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee - Eight-year-old



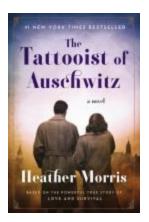
Scout Finch tells of life in a small Alabama town where her father is a lawyer.

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen - In early



nineteenth-century
England, a spirited young
woman copes with the
courtship of a snobbish
gentleman as well as the
romantic entanglements of
her four sisters.

The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris



-Based on the true story of Lale and Gita Sokolov, two Slovakian Jews, who survived Auschwitz and eventually made their home in Australia. In that terrible place, Lale was given the job of tattooing the prisoners marked for survival, literally scratching numbers into his fellow victims' arms in indelible ink to create what would become one of the most

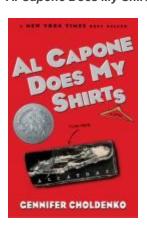
potent symbols of the Holocaust. Lale used the infinitesimal freedom of movement that this position awarded him to exchange jewels and money taken from murdered Jews for food to keep others alive. If he had been caught he would have been killed; many owed him their survival

Dreamland Burning by Jennifer Latham - When



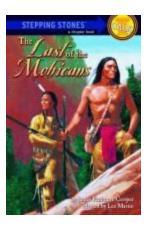
Rowan finds a skeleton on her family's property, investigating the brutal, century-old murder leads to painful discoveries about the past. Alternating chapters tell the story of William, another teen grappling with the racial firestorm leading up to the 1921 Tulsa race riot, providing some clues to the mystery.

Al Capone Does My Shirts by Gennifer Choldenko



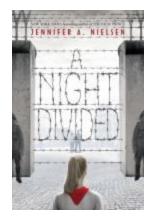
-A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister.

The Last of the Mohicans by James Fenimore



Cooper -A simplified retelling of the story about the exploits of a young white man and his Mohican Indian friends during the French and Indian War.

A Night Divided by Jennifer Nielsen - When the



Berlin Wall went up, Gerta, her mother, and her brother Fritz were trapped on the eastern side where they were living, while her father, and her other brother Dominic were in the West—four years later, now twelve, Gerta sees her father on a viewing platform on the western side and realizes he wants her to risk her life trying to tunnel to freedom.

Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini - Amir, haunted by



his betrayal of Hassan, the son of his father's servant and a childhood friend, returns to Kabul as an adult after he learns Hassan has been killed, in an attempt to redeem himself by rescuing Hassan's son from a life of slavery to a Taliban official.

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