AMERICAN HISTORICAL FICTION

Alcott, Louisa May -- **Little Men** -- sequel to Little Women/school for boys/New England/mid-1800's

Alcott, Louisa May -- **Little Women** -- life of family of 4 sisters/New England/mid-1800's

Ambrose, Stephen -- **This Vast Land** -- Lewis & Clark

Auch, Mary Jane -- **Ashes of Roses** -- 1911/Triangle Shirtwaist Co. fire/immigrants

Avi -- **The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle** -- young woman/voyage England to R.I., 1832

Belfer, Lauren -- **City of Light** -- Buffalo, N.Y., 1901/Niagara Falls Power Plant/murder mystery

Bradbury, Ray -- **Dandelion Wine** -- summer, 1928

Brown, Dee -- **Creek Mary's Blood** -- 4 generations of American Indian life

Bunting, Eve -- **S.O.S. Titanic** -- shipwreck & sinking of the RMS Titanic/1912

Butler, David -- **Lusitania** -- Sinking of the Lusitania (considered unsinkable)/1915/WWI

Butler, Octavia -- **Kindred** -- a time-travel novel about slavery and the scars it has inflicted on American society

Butterworth, W.E. -- **Orders to Vietnam** -- Army/Vietnam War/reluctant soldier/courage

Carbone, Elisa -- **Last Dance on Holladay Street** -- Colorado/frontier/late 1800'2/Blacks

Cather, Willa -- **My Antonia** -- immigrant life on Nebraska prairie

Cather, Willa -- **O Pioneers!** -- frontier life/Nebraska prairie

Choldenko, Gennifer -- **Al Capone Does My Shirts** -- Depression-era/life of civilian guards and families living on Alcatraz Island/San Francisco

Clark, Mary Higgins -- **Mount Vernon Love Story** -- Biographical story of George & Martha Washington

Crane, Stephen -- **The Red Badge of Courage** -- Civil War

Curtis, Christopher Paul -- **The Watsons Go to Birmingham -- 1963** -- Birmingham Church bombing, segregation, violent summer of 1963 seen through a child's eyes

Doctorow, E.L. -- **Ragtime** -- America/beginning of 20th Century/3 families

Dos Passos, John -- **Three Soldiers** -- WWI/tedium of war and the military machine

Duncan, Lois -- **Peggy** -- Philadelphia belle/Revolutionary War

Earley, Tony -- **Jim the Boy** -- Boy growing up in Depression-era North Carolina

Ehrlich, Gretel -- **Heart Mountain** -- WWII/Japanese Internment Camp/small-town Wyoming

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Elliott, L.M. -- Annie, between the States -- Civil War/nursing soldiers at family home in VA

Fairbairn, Ann -- That Man Cartwright -- California farm workers' struggle for dignity and freedom

Faulkner, William -- The Unvanquished -- Civil War

Fitzgerald, F. Scott -- The Great Gatsby -- Jazz Age/1920's

Fitzgerald, F. Scott -- This Side of Paradise -- college life/post-WWII/Princeton

Forman, James -- Becca's Story -- Civil War/girl with 2 beaux/love story

Forman, James -- People of the Dream -- tragic last days of Nez Perce Indians forced to leave their native lands to live on a reservation

Fox, Paula -- The Slave Dancer -- young man on a 4-month voyage on a slavery ship from Africa to America

Frazier, Charles -- Cold Mountain -- Civil War/wounded Confederate deserter/homesick

Gaines, Ernest J. -- The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman -- recollections of a 110-year-old black woman who has been both slave and witness to 1960's black militancy in the South

Gaines, Ernest J. -- A Lesson Before Dying -- Louisiana/late 1940's/friendship between innocent man convicted of murder & black teacher thinking of leaving the South

Graham, Gail. -- Cross-Fire -- Vietnam War/survival in Vietnamese jungle

Greene, Bette -- Summer of My German Soldier -- WWII/small town in Arkansas is site of camp housing German P.O.W.'s. Young Jewish girl befriends young soldier who escapes from camp

Guterson, David -- Snow Falling on Cedars -- Japanese American/1950's/murder trial

Hawthorne, Nathaniel -- The Scarlet Letter -- 17th Century Boston/morality

Heidish, Marcy Moran -- Witnesses -- 1630's/Massachusetts Bay Colony/Ann Hutchinson heresy

Hemingway, Ernest -- A Farewell to Arms -- WWI/Italian front

Hesse, Karen -- Out of the Dust -- Depression/1934 Oklahoma Dust Bowl

Hesse, Karen -- Witness -- 1924 Vermont/prejudice/Ku Klux Klan

Hunt, Irene -- No Promises in the Wind -- 1932/life during the Depression/family struggles

Irving, John -- A Prayer for Owen Meany -- 1950's to Vietnam War

Irwin, Hadley -- Kim/Kimi -- Japanese Internment/WWII

Jewett, Sarah Orne -- The Country of Pointed Firs -- Maine coast/turn of 20th Century

Johnson, Charles -- Middle Passage -- 1830's/adventure novel about the slave trade
Jones, Douglas C. -- Winding Stair -- 1890's/Fort Smith Arkansas/southwest Indian territory
Jones, Edward P. -- The Known World -- slave life before the Civil War
Kantor, MacKinlay -- Andersonville -- Civil War/Confederate prison for 50,000 Yankee POW's
Kidd, Sue Monk -- The Secret Life of Bees -- 1960's South/racial violence
Kluger, Steve -- Last Days of Summer -- baseball/Brooklyn/1940/WWII
Knowles, John -- A Separate Peace -- WWII/New England boys' boarding school
Lederer, William J. & Burdick, Eugene -- The Ugly American -- 1950's/American foreign policy in struggle against Communism
Lee, Harper -- To Kill a Mockingbird -- sleepy Southern town/1950's/race relations
Mailer, Norman -- The Naked and the Dead -- WWII/follows platoon of foot soldiers fighting for possession of Japanese-held island of Anopopei/regarded as one of finest American novels of 20th century
Marshall, Catherine -- Christy -- 1912/life in Appalachia
Martin, Nora -- Flight of the Fisherbird -- 1889/prejudice against Chinese immigrants in the Pacific Northwest
Mason, Bobbie Ann -- In Country -- Vietnam War/effects on 17-year-old Sam and her family
Maynard, Joyce -- The Usual Rules -- post 9/11/2001
Mazer, Harry -- A Boy at War -- WWII/Pearl Harbor, December 7, 1941
Mazer, Harry -- The Last Mission -- WWII/young Jewish boy lies his way into U.S. Air Force, becomes part of bomber crew/flies 24 missions until shot down
Meyer, Carolyn -- White Lilacs -- race relations/1920's Texas
Michener, James -- Texas -- 2 vols./history of Texas
Mitchell, Margaret -- Gone with the Wind -- Civil War/classic love story
Morrison, Toni -- Beloved -- post-Civil War Ohio/Blacks
Morrison, Toni -- Jazz -- winter, 1926/Black urban life
Mort, John -- Soldier in Paradise -- Vietnam War/Vietnam vets postwar
Moses, Shelia P. -- I, Dred Scott -- slavery/fictional narrative based on life of Dred Scott, plaintiff for his freedom in one of the most important legal cases in American history
Myers, Walter Dean -- Fallen Angels -- Vietnam War
North, Sterling -- The Wolfling -- 1870's/documentary novel about a boy and his wolf in the Midwest
O'Brien, Tim -- The Things They Carried -- Vietnam War
O'Brien, Tim -- Going After Cacciato -- Vietnam War
Otsuka, Julie -- When the Emperor Was Divine -- WWII/Japanese internment
Paulsen, Gary -- Nightjohn -- slavery
Paulsen, Gary -- Sarny -- emancipated slave looks back on her life
Paulsen, Gary -- Soldier's Heart -- Civil War
Peck, Richard -- The River Between Us -- Civil War/race relations/19th Century social life and customs
Peck, Robert Newton -- Horse Thief -- Depression-era
Powell, Dawn -- My Home Is Far Away -- turn of 19th to 20th Century/life in Ohio during the national shift rural to urban way of life
Rees, Celia -- Witch Child -- Colonial Period/Massachusetts/witchcraft
Richter, Conrad -- The Light in the Forest -- early Colonial life/based on a true incident of a young boy captured, adopted and raised as an Indian for 15 years, then returned to his white family
Rinaldi, Ann -- The Last Silk Dress -- Civil War/southern homefront
Roberts, Kenneth -- Northwest Passage -- Major Robert Rogers and his Rangers (Indian fighters) and their attempts to be the first to cross America to the Pacific following the French and Indian War
Rolvaag, O.E. Giants in the Earth -- pioneer hardship and heroism on the frontier in Minnesota
Shaara, Jeff -- Gods and Generals -- Civil War 1858-1863, just before battle of Gettysburg
Shaara, Jeff -- Gone for Soldiers -- Mexican War, 1846-1848
Shaara, Jeff -- The Last Full Measure -- Civil War 1863-1865/post-Gettysburg
Shaara, Michael -- The Killer Angels -- Civil War/Battle of Gettysburg/story of the men who led the fight
Schaefer, Jack -- Shane -- Old West/Wyoming, 1889
Sinclair, Upton -- The Jungle -- immigrants/Chicago stockyards/early 1900's
Smith, Betty -- A Tree Grows in Brooklyn -- 1920's/Brooklyn slums/poverty
Spooner, Michael -- Daniel's Walk -- 1844/Oregon Trail
Starbird, Kaye -- The Lion in the Lei Shop -- attack on Pearl Harbor/subsequent evacuation of army base as seen through eyes of women and children affected

Steinbeck, John -- The Grapes of Wrath -- Depression/Dust Bowl migration/1930's

Stephenson, Lynda -- Dancing with Elvis -- 1950's Texas/school integration/family life

Sterne, Emma Gelders -- The Story of the Amistad -- Story of the 1839 voyage of the schooner Amistad and her cargo of Africans for slavery

Stowe, Harriet Beecher -- Uncle Tom's Cabin -- defined issues of slavery/led to Civil War

Taylor, Laura -- Honorbound -- Vietnam War 1961-1975/American homefront and Vietnamese POW camp

Taylor, Mildred D. -- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry -- The Depression/southern racism

Thompson, E.V. -- Republic! -- 1836-1846/new Republic of Texas (post-Alamo)

Trumbo, Dalton -- Johnny Got His Gun -- WWII/passionate, emotional story about the gruesome business of war

Truscott, Lucian K. -- Army Blue -- Vietnam War

Twomey, Cathleen -- Charlotte's Choice -- Orphan Train/1905

Vidal, Gore -- Lincoln -- autobiographical novel portrays Abraham Lincoln as a real person seen through the eyes of the people around him during his years in the White House

Vining, Elizabeth Gray -- The Taken Girl -- life in Philadelphia before the Civil War/runaway slaves and abolitionist issues

Webb, James -- Fields of Fire -- Vietnam War

Welch, James -- Fools Crow -- 1870/Blackfeet Indians in northwestern Montana

Wesseler, David -- Half a World Away -- Vietnam War

Wharton, Edith -- The Age of Innocence -- N.Y.C. society/post-WWI

Whelan, Gloria -- (Trilogy) Once on This Island -- Mackinac Island, MI/summer, 1812
Farewell to the Island -- Mackinac Island, 1816
Return to the Island -- Mackinac Island, spring, 1818

Wouk, Herman -- The Caine Mutiny -- WWII/post-Pearl Harbor

Wouk, Herman -- War and Remembrance -- WWII/Pearl Harbor to Hiroshima/romance

Wouk, Herman -- The Winds of War -- WWII/before Pearl Harbor

Wright, Richard -- Native Son -- Chicago/ Depression, 1930's/poverty/Blacks