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### **Historial Fiction**

**Aaron, Chester**      **Alex, who won his war**      **F AAR:C**

Alex desperately misses his brother Oliver, who is away fighting in Belgium, and longs to be a part of the war effort himself. When he and his friend discover the body of a Nazi spy, they are suddenly drawn into intense wartime espionage.

**Aiken, Joan**      **Black hearts in Battersea**      **F AIK:J**

A fantastic adventure story about an orphan who gets caught up with Hanoverians plotting against the throne of Good King James III. There are shipwrecks, ballooning, wolves attacking a baggage coach, and a grand climax in which a castle gets blown to smithereens.

**Alexander, Goldie**      **Surviving Sydney Cove: the diary of Elizabeth Harvey**      **F ALE:G**

Elizabeth (Lizzy) Harvey was convicted of stealing a linen gown and a silk bonnet worth 7 shillings and transported to Australia on the First Fleet. After swapping two onions for a journal, her diary begins in 1790 when she is thirteen and working as a domestic on Henry Dodd's farm at Rose Hill.

**Arrigan, Mary**      **Lawlor's revenge**      **F ARR:M**

Wrongfully accused of theft, Patrick Lawlor is sent to a penal colony in Tasmania. More than one hundred and fifty years later, his son, Alby sets out to avenge his father's name. But it isn't easy for a 13-year-old, especially when he's a ghost...

**Armstrong, Richard**      **The mutineers**      **F ARM:R**

Mutiny on the high seas: a group of boys hold the captain's crew at gunpoint before escaping in a boat. The paradise island they find is not the place of freedom they imagine it to be. Conflicts build up to an almost unbearable tension, and nothing, it seems, can avert the final catastrophe.

**Blacklock, Dyan**      **Pankration**      **F BLA:D**

Set in Athens 2000 years ago, 14-year-old Nic is sent away when the plague strikes the city. Pirates attack the ship he is on and Nic is captured and sold as a slave. He becomes a goat herder and manages to escape with the help of another slave. He sets off to seek out the ship captain who promised to try and find his family.

**Blackman, Jenny**      **Our enemy, my friend : the diary of Emma Shelldrake**      **F BLA:J**

Told in diary format, this story informs the reader of the hardships faced by the German settlers in the Adelaide Hills around the time of the First World War.

**Broome, Errol**      **Splashback: a great greasy journey**      **F BRO:E**

12-year-old Ned travels in time from present day Sydney to a little Cornish fishing village in the 1830s. The people who look after him, he discovers, are his very own ancestors.

**Buddee, Paul**      **Escape of the Fenians**      **F BUD:P**

Several years after the last convicts had been transported to Australia, a number of political prisoners, convicted of plotting to overthrow British rule in Ireland, were still imprisoned in the penal settlement on the Swan River. This story tells the tale of John Breslin who attempts to rescue the Fenians.

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Chen Yung leaves China for the Victorian goldfields. Life in Australia is harsh and difficult and anti-Chinese feelings run high. After surviving a massacre at Lambing Flat, Chen Yung returns to China.

**Burton, Hester**      **Time of trial**      **F BUR:H**  
During the 19th Century a family is caught up in the struggles for freedom to 'speak and write what we will' when such liberties were being suppressed. **Carnegie Medal Award Winner**

**Cadnum, Michael**      **The book of the lion**      **F CAD:M**  
When Edmund is saved from punishment by a knight, he finds he is now expected to join Richard Lionheart's forces in the Holy Land. As Edmund trains as a squire he is fascinated by all that he sees. But he fears for his safety in the days that lie ahead.

**Carr, Roger**      **Firestorm!**      **F CAR:R**  
For Ben, his family, and many other people, the bushfires that broke loose on Ash Wednesday could never be forgotten. Neither could the emotions that erupted in the township afterwards.

**Carter, Peter**      **The Sentinels**      **F CAR:P**  
John Spencer commandeered into the Royal Navy ends up serving on the West African Squadron, the anti-slavery patrol. One man, Lyapo, a farmer, taken as a slave is bought by the slave trader Kimber aboard the "Phantom". Lyapo and John meet in a desperate struggle for survival. **Guardian Children's Fiction Award.**

**Catran, Ken**      **Voyage with Jason**      **F CAT:K**  
The story of a quest of adventure, battle and legend, seeking the golden fleece which is guarded by a fearsome monster. Jason's 3-year voyage is seen through the eyes of a young cabin boy called Pylos. Battling the high seas and fighting off bandits are just some of the extraordinary adventures that the crew must face.

**Charlton, Ann**      **Dangerous places**      **F CHA:A**  
If Will Kerwan had done as he was told, he might have stayed out of trouble. The dark backstreets and alleys of London are dangerous places for a country boy, although Will's family has money and powerful contacts and he believes that they will protect him. But they're no help at all when he is surrounded by thugs and taken on a terrifying journey to Australia.

**Cheng, Christopher**      **New gold mountain: the diary of Chu Cheong**      **F CHE:C**  
Shu Cheong works on the goldfields at Lambing Flat. Life is tough, and there are many white settlers who are anything but friendly. It is 1860, and the white miners' behaviour towards the Chinese is becoming more and more violent. Shu Cheong witnesses increasing hatred and brutality towards his people....

**Chotjewitz, David**      **Daniel Half Human**      **F CHO:D**  
Daniel and Armin are best friends. They also admire Hitler as an underdog and revolutionary hero. The boys talk about joining the Hitler Youth - until Daniel learns to his horror that his mother is Jewish, that he is himself half-Jewish and therefore, in Aryan eyes, half human.

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**Clarke, Marcus**            **For the term of his natural life**            **F CLA:M**  
Murder, shipwreck, brutal tortures, cannibalism amongst escaping convicts - this novel brings to life all the horror and suffering of the settlement at Port Arthur and the system under which countless convicts disappeared without trace. The survival of Rufus Dawes is amazing in itself.

**Cooper, Susan**            **King of Shadows**            **F COO:S**  
Nat, a young actor who is to play Puck in 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' contracts the bubonic plague, which nobody has had for centuries! As he lies in hospital, another Nat wakes up in 1599. Nat has traveled through time to take part in a special production in which his co-star is the King of Shadows himself - Will Shakespeare.

**Cornwell, Bernard**    **Sharpe's eagle**            **F COR:R**  
Richard Sharpe, bold, professional and ruthless, goes to war. Once a private, now he leads his men into action in the bloodiest battle of the war. The danger is as great from his enemies on his own side as from those across the battlefield. A story full of treachery and gun smoke, swordfights and bloody warfare,

**Crew, Gary**            **Mama's babies**            **F CRE:G**  
Set in the 1890's, the decade infamous for 'baby-farming', "Mama's babies" is based on fact. 12-year-old Sarah lives with her oppressive adoptive mother, a baby-farmer, who treats her as a servant, to look after the new babies. With the help of Will, a local boy, Sarah uncovers a grisly story and ensures that justice prevails.

**Crofford, Emily**        **Born in the year of courage**            **F CRO:E**  
In 1841, having been shipwrecked and picked up by an American whaling ship outside Japanese territorial waters, 15-year-old Manjiro decides to go live in America and work towards opening trade between his country and the West. This is based on the true story of Manjiro's remarkable life.

**Crossley-Holland, Kevin**            **Arthur: The seeing stone**            **F CRO:K**  
1199 and Arthur Caldicott is eager to grow up and become a knight. When he is given a black stone he discovers that he can see stories of his namesake, King Arthur. The legends of King Arthur are intertwined with the story of Arthur Caldicott's medieval life in this intriguing story.

**David, Kurt**            **Black wolf**            **F DAV:K**  
The heroes of this story are the boy Temujin, who becomes Genghis Khan, the True King, and his friend and sworn companion Kara-Chono, named Black Wolf.

**Davidson, Leon**        **Scarecrow army: the Anzacs at Gallipoli**            **F DAV:L**  
On 25 April 1915, thousands of Australians and New Zealanders landed at an unnamed cove on the Gallipoli peninsula. They had come to fight the Turks. They thought the battle would be over in three days, but months later they were still in the trenches they'd dug at the landing.

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**Doherty, Paul                    The plague lord                    F DOH:P**

In Cabuluc, home of the great Mongol Lord, Kublai Khan, in 13<sup>th</sup> century China, members of the Guild of Pourers, the city cleaners, are being killed in a series of gut-wrenching murders. What is the link between these deaths and the reappearance of a secret society dedicated to service of the Plague Lord, Wen Yi Kwei?

**Ell, Sarah                    When the war came home                    F ELL:S**

November, 1918, the end of the WWI and influenza is sweeping the city of Auckland. Jimmy's mother has taken his brother and sisters to the country, and Jimmy is left with his uncle to face the horrors of the epidemic. But Uncle Rory has a mysterious mission to right a wrong from the trenches of France.

**Ellis, Deborah                    A company of fools                    F ELL:D**

Henri is a shy and solitary boy until Micah, the wild troublemaker with the voice of an angel, sweeps into his life. Micah may not know how to comb his hair, or wait his turn, but he certainly knows how to stir things up. Henri has never had such adventures. And then comes The Plague...

**Facey, Albert                    A fortunate life                    F FAC:A**

A book about a real Australian and how he coped with WWI. This is the autobiography of Albert Facey and tells of his early life in WA before the war and how he went on to fight at Gallipoli.

**Farrer, Vashti                    Plagues and federation : the diary of kitty Barnes                    F FAR:K**

Plagues and Federation is about Kitty Barnes, a schoolgirl growing up in poverty in Adelaide. The story is set in the year 1900, before Federation. Kitty is asked by her schoolteacher to keep a diary about herself. When the plague gets to Australia the people around her start dying and the plague starts to get closer to her and her family.

**Forbes, Esther                    Johnny Tremain                    F FOR:E**

This story filled with danger and excitement, tells of the turbulent, passionate times in Boston just before the Revolutionary War. Johnny, a young apprentice silversmith, is caught up in the dramatic events that lead to the Boston Tea Party and the Battle of Lexington.

**Forester, C S                    The ship                    F FOR:C**

The one vital convoy which can break the stranglehold on Malta is intercepted in the Mediterranean by enemy warships and five light cruisers have to beat back the armed might of the Italian battle fleet.

**Frank, Rudolf                    No hero for the Kaiser                    F FRA:R**

The story of a 14-year-old Polish boy who acted as a scout in WWI. Jan was with the Germans for two years during which he learned everything there is to know about war – far more than a war hero could ever know.

**Fraser, Antonia                    King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table                    F FRA:A**

Arthur lifts the sword from the stone and the great age of chivalry is born. To his court at



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Midsummer 1601 and actor Nick Revil and the other Chamberlain's Men are crossing the Wiltshire Downs for a country-house presentation of Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. It should be a pleasant well-paid jaunt to celebrate a noble marriage, but things soon go wrong....

**Green, Roger**                      **King Arthur and his knights of the round table**                      **F GRE:R**  
From the birth of Arthur and the sword in the stone to the quest for the Holy Grail and the Last Battle at Camlann, the clash between good and evil is rich in mystery and excitement.

**Haggard, H. Rider**                      **King Solomon's mines**                      **F HAG:R**  
They were diamond mines and chests full of uncut stones as large as pigeons' eggs. But it was not for them that the three Englishmen made their perilous expedition to the north of Durban. They went in search of a man. For him they faced the heat and flies, the long trek across waterless desert, the icy cold of the mountains.

**Harris, Christine**                      **Strike!**                      **F HAR:C**  
It's 1928 and the Australian waterfront has come to a standstill. There's a strike! And George Dobson knows that when his father is arrested, the whole family will end up paying. Workers have rights, but the battle lines are drawn and it's the bosses against workers, workers against scabs.

**Heiss, Anita**                      **Who am I? : the diary of Mary Talence**                      **F Hei:A**  
Mary's story, presented via her diary entries, begins at Bombaderry home for Aboriginal children. Mary has been living here since she was five, but remembers another home- with her Mum and Dad and lots of brothers and sisters. Mary's life changes again soon after the diary begins, when she is fostered by a white family.

**Hesse, Karen**                      **Young Nick's head**                      **F HES:K**  
1768. Nicholas Young's mind is made up. He's had enough! Enough of the squalor of his life in London. He is going to run away. But when he's stowed away on board a small ship, he has no idea how famous this journey will be, one of the most famous journeys of discovery in maritime history.

**Hirsch, Yoss**                      **Yoss**                      **F HIR:O**  
From a village high in the mountains, a young man sets out to encounter the world. On the plain below, a town sweats with schemes and deceptions. Merchant, mistress, trickster, thief, many are drawn to this innocent newcomer. But all who seek to possess him will pay a price.

**Holm, Anne**                      **I am David**                      **F HOL:A**  
David has known no other life but that of the concentration camp. When he escapes, he is fearful that "They" will catch him, mistrustful of everyone he meets. David's journey is long and dangerous and only gradually does he find hope and lose his fear and mistrust.

**Holt, A G**                      **They who dare**                      **F HOL:A**  
The merchant adventurers at the time of the first Queen Elizabeth were just as keen on profit as their modern counterparts, but they were prepared to face a lot more discomfort and danger to acquire it.



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15-year-old Julie is catapulted from a twentieth century cruise boat into the horrific deeds of mercenaries and mutineers off the West Australian coast in 1629 when the 'Batavia' ran aground.

**Logan, Carolyn, F      The Huaco of the golden god      F LOG:C**

When Huascar digs up an ancient treasure that has special powers he is strangely drawn into the mind and body of a boy from the past. A boy who is in terrible danger.

**Lowry, Lois      Number the stars      F LOW:L**

When Ellen Rosen's family is threatened with 'relocation' in occupied Denmark during World War II, she is taken in by the Johansen family who pretend that she is one of their own children. The entire Rosen family is later helped to safety in Sweden by the Johansens and the Danish Resistance.

**Lutzeier, Elizabeth      The coldest winter      F LUT:E**

English troops arrive unannounced in Eamonn's Irish village in 1846, and proceed to haul down all the huts on the orders of the English landlord who wants the land for wheat. How the destitute and starving people survive the potato famine makes a moving story that dramatises the universal plight of all refugees.

**Magorian, Michele      Goodnight Mister Tom      F MAG:M**

It is the beginning of WWII in England when 9-year-old Willie is evacuated from London to the country and is 'assigned' to crusty old Tom. Gradually we learn of the horror of his life back in London with a cruel, fanatically religious mother. Extremely moving account of their growing relationship.

**Malory, Thomas      Selections from Malory's Le Morte d'Arthur      F MAL:T**

A selection of stories from the legend of King Arthur.

He meets Marah, the brave, fierce and chivalrous smuggler, and after many exciting adventures, it is Marah who turns up to rescue him.

**Masson, Sophie      The tempestuous voyage of Hopewell Shakespeare      F MAS:S**

Craving adventure, Hopewell Shakespeare joins the crew of a notorious buccaneer hunting for the legendary Lost Island of the Lord of Alchemists, where all dreams come true. But on the journey of his life, Hopewell finds that dreams and nightmares can be very close together...

**McLaren, Colin      Rattus Rex      F MCL:C**

Giant rats with a malevolent intelligence strike in their thousands from the sewers of Victorian London! Meanwhile our slightly less than intrepid hero and his small band of gallant friends struggle to defeat the growing menace and overcome the bureaucratic and military blindness and corruption.

**Metzthen, David      Wildlight : a journey      F MET:D**

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When settlers find a young child in the forest, they reluctantly take him to the Victorian settlement of Timore, where he's treated with suspicion, neglect and cruelty. Then a strange turn in fortune leads the boy not only towards freedom, but also to an understanding of the mystery of his earliest years.

**Morwood, Peter**      **Firebird**      **F MOR:P**  
In the dark winter of 1235 the Teutonic knights are plotting a crusade against Russia. Their secret weapon is the foul witch Baba Yaga, out for revenge against her old enemy Ivan, Prince of Khorlov.

**Mosley, Walter**      **47**      **F MOS:W**  
Number Forty-Seven, a fourteen-year-old slave boy growing up under the watchful eye of a brutal master in 1832, meets the mysterious Tall John, who introduces him to a magical science and also teaches him the meaning of freedom.

**O'Dell, Scott**      **The 290**      **F ODE:S**  
Jim learns that the ship he is working on, in a Liverpool Dockyard, is for the Confederate navy. Jim joins the 290, christened the "Alabama" which is to become one of the most famous vessels of the American Civil War.

**Oldham, June**      **The Raven waits**      **F OLD:J**  
The Scylding kingdom has been terrorised for 12 long years. Nightly visitations from the monster, Grendel, have seen its mightiest warriors devoured, its people crippled, and its king immobilized by guilt and grief. The king's son, Hrethric, can see no hope until the coming of Beowulf, the Great hero...

**Orlev, Uri**      **The man from the other side**      **F ORL:U**  
Living on the outskirts of the Warsaw Ghetto during World War II, fourteen-year-old Marek and his grandparents shelter a Jewish man in the days before the Jewish uprising.

**Park, Ruth**      **Playing Beatie Bow**      **F PAR:R**  
A young girl living in Sydney's "Rocks" area is transported through time from the 20th to the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

**Paterson, Katherine**      **The master puppeteer**      **F PAT:K**  
A thirteen-year-old boy describes the poverty and discontent of eighteenth century Osaka and the world of puppeteers in which he lives.

**Polland, Madeleine**      **To kill a king**      **F POL:M**  
Norman William had conquered England, and held it under a rule of fierce brutality. Here and



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**Trease, Geoffrey**      **White nights of St Petersburg**      **F TRE:G**  
Four young people from different countries are in St. Petersburg in the autumn of 1916. They found it a baffling though not unfriendly city. The young quartet soon found themselves witnesses to a cataclysmic event: the Russian Revolution.

**Udale, Eleanor**      **Montmorency**      **F UPD:E**  
After a thief crashes through a glass skylight in Victorian London, a young doctor reconstructs his shattered body enabling the thief to begin a new life. He becomes both the respectable, wealthy Montmorency and his degenerate servant, Scarper - while police are baffled by mysterious and seemingly unstoppable thefts...

**Welch, Ronald**      **Knight Crusader**      **F WEL:R**  
The first story of the Carey family, set in the Holy Land during the time of the Crusades. There are several books in this series, which traces the fortunes of the Careys through several centuries.

**Wilkinson, Carole**      **Dragonkeeper**      **F WIL:C**  
Ancient China: Han Dynasty. A slave girl saves the life of an ageing dragon and escapes her brutal master. Pursued by a ruthless dragon hunter, the girl and the dragon make an epic journey across China carrying a mysterious stone that must be protected.

**Wishart, David**      **Nero**      **F WIS:D**  
The one 'fact' that everyone knows about Nero is that he fiddled while Rome burned. But adopting the often ribald voice of Titus Petronius, Nero's pleasure-loving Advisor on Taste, the author gives us a fictional biography of the notorious Roman emperor that combines historical facts with fiction, comedy with tragedy.

**Yep, Laurence**      **Dragon's gate**      **F YEP:L**  
In February 1867 many Chinese immigrated to San Francisco - the Land of the Golden Mountain. Otter's dream is to learn all he can, take the technology back to the Middle Kingdom, and free China from the Manchu invaders. This is the story of the Chinese railroad workers in America - of their survival and courage.