A.B. ‘Banjo’ Patterson Library

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.

Albert, Edoardo Edwin : High King of Britain F ALB:E
Edwin, the long-exiled king of Northumbria, thought he had found sanctuary at the court of King Radewald - his friend, and now protector. But Raedwald faces the lure of riches and the threat of Bloodshed, and Edwin fears that he will be abandoned to his enemies.

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.

Baillie, Allan The First Voyage F BAI:A
An adventure story set in our very distant past, 30,000 years ago, when the first tribes from Timor braved the ocean on primitive rafts to travel into the unknown, and reached the land mass of what is now Australia.

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.

Breslin, Theresa Prisoner of the Inquisition F BRE:T
Saulo, son of a family reduced by circumstances to begging, witnesses his father wrongfully arrested and dealt with in the most horrifying way. Hauled off to be a slave at sea and pursued by pirates he encounters the ambitious mariner explorer, Christopher Columbus. Throughout his hardships Saulo is determined to survive - for he has sworn vengeance on the magistrate and his family.
A.B. ‘Banjo’ Patterson Library

Historial Fiction

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.

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.

Cheng, Christopher  New Gold Mountain: the Diary Of Shu 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.

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.

Cooper, Susan  Ghost Hawk  F COO:S
In the winter of his eleventh year, Little Hawk goes deep into the forest, where he must endure a three month test of solitude and survival, which will turn him into a man. But outside the woods, the world is changing. English settlers are landing on the shores of the New World, and tensions between native tribes and the invaders are rising. Little Hawk's fate becomes irreversibly entwined with that of John, a young English boy who dares to question intolerance.

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.

Cornwell, Bernard  The Pagan Lord  F COR:B
Alfred the Great is dead and Edward his son reigns as king. Wessex survives but peace cannot hold. The Danes in the north, led by Viking Cnut Longsword, stand ready to invade and will never rest until the emerald crown is theirs.

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.

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.

Doherty, Paul  The Plague Lord  F DOH:P
In Cabuluc, home of the great Mongol Lord, Kublai Khan, in 13th 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, A.B.  A Fortunate Life  F FAC:A
A book about a real Australian and how he coped with WW!. This is the autobiography of Albert
A.B. ‘Banjo’ Patterson Library

Historical Fiction

Facey and tells of his early life in WA before the war and how he went on to fight at Gallipoli.

Falcones, Ildefonso Cathedral Of the Sea
This is a masterful epic of love, war, treason, plague, famine, witchcraft, anti-Semitism and the Inquisition. 14th-century Spain, the medieval city of Barcelona is enjoying a golden age of prosperity. Its humblest inhabitants are building, stone by stone, a magnificent church to overlook their harbour. This is the Cathedral of the Sea: a church to be built for the people by the people.

Farrer, Vashti Plagues and Federation : the Diary of Kitty Barnes
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
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
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
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
Arthur lifts the sword from the stone and the great age of chivalry is born. To his court at Camelot flock the bravest of champions. But always lurking near is Morgan Le Fay, determined to use her evil magic to destroy Arthur ...

French, Jackie The Camel Who Crossed Australia
The story of the famous Burke and Wills expedition. The humans called him Bell Sing, but to the other camels he is known as 'He Who Spits Further Than the Wind'. Bell Sing accompanies explorers Burke and Wills as they try to cross Australia from south to north. Bell Sing has never had a high opinion of humans - or horses. And this expedition is the worst managed caravan he's ever been in.

French, Jackie Soldier On the Hill
Joey knows there is a Japanese soldier hiding in the hills. It was a Japanese soldier, who hauled him out of the mine-shaft, who lit the fire to bring the searchers, and then disappeared. But nobody believes Joey. It is World War II and Joey knows he will have to find the soldier himself.

**French, Jackie**  
**The Night They Stormed Eureka**

It's 1854, and the Ballarat goldfields are a place of dreams and rebellion as Sam, a homeless teenager, is called back to the past to join the Puddlehams, who run the best little cook shop on the diggings. Once again Jackie French takes a fresh look at the history we thought we knew and recreates an event entrenched in our national heritage.

**French, Jackie**  
**The Road to Gundagai**

Blue Laurence has escaped the prison of her aunt's mansion to join The Magnifico Family Circus, a travelling troupe that brings glamour and laughter to country towns gripped by the Depression. Blue hides her crippled legs and scars behind the sparkle of a mermaid's costume; but she's not the only member of the circus hiding a dark secret.

**Gavin, Jamila**  
**Coram Boy**

A tale of two cities: Gloucester and London. A tale of two boys, Toby, saved from an African slave ship, and Aaron, the illegitimate son of the heir to a great estate. A tale of fathers and sons: Otis, dealing in a vile trade and his son Meshak, not quite of this world, and Sir William and his son Alexander, whom he disinherits.

**Geras, Adele**  
**Troy**

The siege of Troy has lasted almost ten years and the citizens are suffering. Prince Hector is risking his life daily, defending his beloved city from the terrifying Achilles and the rest of the Greek army. This is the story of two sisters, Xanthe and Marpessa, whose gripping story unfolds against a backdrop of legendary characters.

**Gibbons, Alan**  
**Shadow Of the Minotaur**

Phoenix hates his new home and the new school where he is bullied, but when he logs onto ‘The Legendeer’ computer game, he can be Theseus fighting the terrifying Minotaur, or Perseus battling with snake-haired Medusa. The trouble is The Legendeer is more than just a game… it becomes reality.

**Gleitzman, Morris**  
**Loyal Creatures**

Like many of his mates from the bush, Frank Ballantyne is keen to join the grand adventure and do his bit. Especially as a chest full of medals might impress the currently unimpressed parents of his childhood sweetheart. So Frank ups his age and volunteers with his horse Daisy.

**Green, Roger**  
**King Arthur and His Knights Of the Round Table**

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**

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!**
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*  
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*  
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, Odo**  
*Yoss*  
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*  
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.

**Jacq, Christian**  
*Ramses: Son Of Light*  
The story of Ramses II, the pharaoh who reigned for more than 60 years. Ramses is 14 and does not realise that his father, Sethi, is grooming him to be his successor. Ramses only has a few friends he can really trust: Will their loyalty be enough to guide him?

**Jinks, Catherine**  
*Pagan’s Crusade*  
Pagan, an orphan in twelfth century Jerusalem, becomes a squire to Roland, a Templar Knight, and a protector of Christian pilgrims to the Holy Land. For each the association is enriching. Exuberant language and earthy and irreverent humour mark Pagan's account.

**Kennett, David**  
*Forest Of Bones*  
Canus is a Roman dog boy, a slave looking after the general's dog pack. Ursus belongs to the tribe that the Romans have conquered. He hates Romans. The two boys share a love for a wild animal of the forest, but this bond will be tested by the terrible events that are about to unfold. An exciting illustrated story about two boys, an unlikely friendship and a wild wolf.

**Laird, Elizabeth**  
*Crusade*  
Two boys - two faiths - one unholy war. In the service of a knight, Adam grabs the chance to join the Crusade to reclaim Jerusalem. Salim, a merchant's son, is leading an uneventful life in the port of Acre - until news arrives that a Crusader attack is imminent. Salim, works as a doctor’s apprentice- but his employment leads him to the heart of Sultan Saladin's camp - and into battle against the barbaric and unholy invaders.

**Lawrence, Caroline**  
*The Thieves of Ostia*
Ostia, the port of Rome, 79AD. The theft of her father's signet ring leads Flavia Gemina, a Roman
sea captain's daughter to three extraordinary people - Jonathan the Jewish boy next door, Nubia the
African slave girl, and Lupus the mute beggar boy - who become her friends. Together they embark
on a thrilling adventure.

Lingard, Joan                  Tug Of War                  F LIN:J
Astra and Hugo Peterson, 14-year-old twins, are fleeing from the advancing Russian army to join
the endless horde of displaced persons being shunted at random across Europe. When Hugo
becomes injured and separated from his family, the story traces their experiences until at last they
are reunited, four years later.

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.

Magorian, Michelle            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.

Manfredi, Valerio             Odysseus : The Oath         F MAN:V
Massimo
As a young boy in Ithaca, Odysseus listens in wonder to his grandfather Autolykos – a ruthless
fighter and a man feared by many across the land. He learns of his heritage and a lifelong passion is
sparked to become an adventurer and warrior.

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...

Meloy, Maile                  The Apothecary               F MEL: M
is no ordinary apothecary, and when he's kidnapped, Benjamin and Janie find themselves entrusted
with his sacred book, the Pharmacopoeia. And it seems that Russian spies are intent on getting their
hands on it. What secrets does the book contain? Who is the Chinese chemist Jin Lo? And can they trust a skinny pickpocket called Pip to help them?

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
Historical Fiction

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.

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.

Palmer, Tony  The Valley of Blood and Gold  F PAL:T
1854, and Ballarat is teeming with miners, dreamers and rebels. On the eve of the Eureka Stockade battle, Fintan Donovan is fighting private battles of his own. Torn between his Irish upbringing and his friendship with an English boy called Matthew Ward, Fintan must make a stand.

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 19th century.

Renault, Mary  The King Must Die  F REN:M
A classic recreation of Theseus' adventures bringing to life the world, legends and heroes of ancient Greece. The journey of the famous mythological warrior and king takes him from Athens to King Minos' labyrinth in Knossos, where he defeats the fabled half-man, half-bull Minotaur, devourer of sacrificial human flesh.

Richter, Hans Peter  Friedrich  F RIC:H
This is an account of WWII from the other side, and gives an idea of what it was like to be a young German, especially if your best friend was a Jew. Gives an 'insider's view of the horror of the Nazis.

Rutgers, van der Loeff, A.  Children on the Oregon Trail  F RUT:A
Based on the true-life story of 13-year-old John Sager, who, with his family, was part of a covered-wagon band of settlers who set out for the Far West of America in the summer of 1844.

Scarrow, Simon  The Blood Crows  F SCA:S
For nearly ten years, the Roman Empire has fought ceaselessly to strengthen its hold over Britannia. But opposition from native tribes led by the ruthless warrior Caratacus threatens to destroy everything. Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro are summoned by Governor Ostorius to Londinium. Tasked with leading a newly formed cavalry cohort into the heartland of Wales, they must destroy the growing resistance.

Scutt, Craig  Mary Bryant : the Impossible Escape  364.15 BRY
At 20 years old, Mary Bryant was sentenced to death for highway robbery, and left to rot in prison. Eventually she was transported to the wilderness of New South Wales. When the first Fleet arrived at Sydney Cove in 1788, a life of misery and servitude awaited her. Three years later Mary escaped.

**Southall, Ivan**  
*The Golden Goose*  
Australia 1850 and 13-year-old Custard has been kidnapped by Preacher Tom's sons because they believe he can divine the presence of gold. A tense, passionate frontier novel, the stuff legends are made of.

**Sutcliff, Rosemary**  
*The Eagle Of the Ninth*  
When a man's father has disappeared together with an entire legion, and is accused of cowardice, it is natural that his son should want to reclaim his honour. So Marcus embarks on the perilous journey north of Hadrian's Wall, hoping not only to solve a mystery but rediscover the famous Eagle, symbol of the Legion's honour.

**Thompson, Kate**  
*The Alchemist's Apprentice*  
Jack is on the run. Alone in the world with nowhere to turn, he finds a strange object floating in the Thames. Then he meets Barnstable, an alchemist who only adds to Jack’s perplexity. Dramatic events escalate and Jack's fortunes change beyond all expectation. Has the alchemist really discovered the secret of making gold?

**Updale, Eleanor**  
*Montmorency*  
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*  
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*  
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.

**Young, Robyn**  
*Brethren (Trilogy)*  
A richly detailed, epic historical adventure set in Paris, London, Egypt, and Palestine on the eve of the last Crusade, 'Brethren' tells the story of a young knight's search for a mysterious (and potentially deadly) book belonging to a secret organization within the Knights Templar.
A gothic tale for readers of all ages from the author of the bestselling The Shadow of the Wind. Barcelona, 1980. Oscar Drai finds himself drawn to an old dilapidated mansion where he meets the captivating and elusive Marina. She leads him to the cemetery to witness a mysterious ritual: on the fourth Sunday of every month, a veiled woman alights from a carriage and lays a single rose on an unmarked grave. Oscar and Marina are swept on a journey into the city's dark underground of labyrinthine sewers, corrupt policemen, ageing aristocrats, forgotten societies and criminal depravity...to a sinister tale of love, ambition and jealousy that will hold Oscar's heart forever.