

COLONIAL AMERICA

Junior Fiction Choices

Grades 3-6

Night Journeys by Avi (J F Avi)

Two young indentured servants escape into Pennsylvania in 1768 and receive help from an unexpected source. 143 pgs.

A Lion to Guard Us by Clyde R. Bulla (J F Bul)

Left on their own in London, 3 impoverished children draw upon all their resources to stay together and make their way to the Virginia colony in search of their father. 117 pgs.

Constance: A Story of Early Plymouth by Patricia Clapp (J F Cla)

The journal of a young girl tells of her daily life, hardships, romances and marriage during the first years of the Pilgrim settlement of Plymouth. 255 pgs.

The Landing of the Pilgrims by James Daugherty (J F Dau)

A story of the early pilgrims at New Plymouth, based on the journals of the first Pilgrims. 186 pgs.

The Matchlock Gun by Walter D. Edmonds (J F Edm)

The true story of a courageous boy who protected his mother and sister from the Indians of the Hudson Valley. 50 pgs.

Calico Bush by Rachel Field (J F Fie)

The adventure story of a French girl "loaned" to an American family in Maine in the 1740's. 201 pgs.

The Printer's Apprentice by Stephen Krensky (J F Kre)

In 1735 in New York City, a young printer's apprentice learns about the importance of freedom of speech when the printer Peter Zenger is arrested and tried for writing articles criticizing the government. 103 pgs.

Ben and Me by Robert Lawson (J F Law)

Ben Franklin's companion, Amos the mouse, recounts how he was responsible for Franklin's invention and discoveries. 113 pgs.

Shadows in the Glasshouse by Megan McDonald (J F McD)

While working as an indentured servant for a Jamestown glassmaker in 1621, twelve-year-old Merry uncovers a case of sabotage. 131 pgs.

Nancy's Story, 1765 by Joan Lowery Nixon (J F Nix)

Twelve-year-old Nancy worries about the effect of the British Stamp Act on her father's silversmith business in Williamsburg and about how to get along with her new stepmother. 176 pgs.

Tituba of Salem Village by Ann Lane Petry (J F Pet)

The story of the slave Tituba and her husband, John Indian, from the day they were sold in Barbados until the tragic Salem witchcraft trials. 254 pgs.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond by Elizabeth Speare (J F Spe)

In 1687 in Connecticut, Kit Tyler, feeling out of place in the Puritan household of her aunt, befriends an old woman considered a witch by the community and suddenly finds herself standing trial for witchcraft. 249 pgs. (*Also look for **Calico Captive**.*)

Jamestown Adventure by Manly Wade Wellman (J F Wel)

Young James Rickard, fictional cousin of Captain John Smith, is sent to live among the Algonquin Indians, led by Chief Powhattan and his daughter Pocahontas, in the time of Virginia's beginnings in 1608. 194 pgs.

Grades 6-8

Sarah Anne Hartford: Massachusetts, 1651 by Kathleen Duey (J F Due)

Twelve-year-old Sarah breaks the Sabbath in Puritan New England and faces a moral dilemma when an innocent person is accused in her place. 141 pgs.

Saturnalia by Paul Fleischman (J F Fle)

In 1681 in Boston, 14-year-old William, a Narraganset Indian captured in a raid six years earlier, leads a productive and contented life as a printer's apprentice but is increasingly anxious to make some connection with his past. 113 pgs.

My Brother, My Enemy by Madge Harrah (J F Har)

Determined to avenge the massacre of his family, 14-year-old Robert Bradford joins Nathaniel Bacon's rebel army in hopes of wiping out the Susquehannock Indians of Virginia. 137 pgs.

Hester Bidgood by E.W. Hildick (J F Hil)

Thirteen-year-old Hester Bidgood and her 14-year-old friend Rob Macgregor investigate the stoning and branding of a kitten in a New England town caught in the grip of witchcraft rumors during the year 1692. 141 pgs.

James Printer: A Novel of Rebellion by Paul Samuel Jacobs (J F Jac)

Although he has lived and worked as a printer's apprentice with the Green family in Cambridge, Massachusetts, for many years, James, a Nipmuck Indian, finds himself caught up in the events that lead to a horrible war. 220 pgs.

Surviving Jamestown: the Adventures of Young Sam Collier by Gail Karwoski (J F Kar)

Twelve-year-old Sam serves as a page to John Smith during the relentless hardship experienced by the founders at the first permanent English settlement in the New World. 198 pgs.

I Am Regina by Sally M. Keehn (J F Kee)

In 1755, as the French and Indian War begins, 10-year-old Regina is kidnapped by Indians in Western Pennsylvania, and she must struggle to hold onto memories of her earlier life as she grows up under the name Tskinnak and starts to become an Indian herself. 240 pgs.

Journey to the New World: The Diary of Remember Patience Whipple by Kathryn Lasky
(J F Las)

Twelve-year-old Mem presents a diary account of the trip she and her family made on the Mayflower in 1620 and their first year in the new world. 173 pgs.

Roanoke: A Novel of the Lost Colony by Sonia Levitin (J F Lev)

An English youth and an Indian girl are caught up in the events leading to the mysterious disappearance of the colony at Roanoke Island. 213 pgs.

The Journal of Jasper Jonathan Pierce, a Pilgrim Boy by Ann Rinaldi (J F Rin)

A fourteen-year-old indentured servant keeps a journal of his experiences on the Mayflower and during the building of Plimoth Plantation in 1620 and 1621. 155 pgs.