



# Historical Fiction

## **CODE NAME VERITY - ELIZABETH 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 do to survive while keeping secret all that she can.

## **BETWEEN SHADES OF GRAY - RUTA SEPETYS**

In 1941, Lina and her family are pulled from their Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp. She vows to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil.

## **THE ASTONISHING LIFE OF OCTAVIAN NOTHING, TRAITOR TO THE NATION: VOLUME 1, THE POX PARTY - M.T. ANDERSON**

Diaries, letters, and other manuscripts chronicle the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

## **A BEAUTIFUL LIE - IRFAN MASTER**

In the days leading up to the partition of India in 1947, thirteen-year-old Bilal devises an elaborate scheme to keep his dying father from hearing the news about the country's division.

## **THE REVOLUTION OF EVELYN SERRANO - SONIA MANZANO**

It is 1969 in Spanish Harlem, and Evelyn Serrano is trying hard to break free from her conservative Puerto Rican surroundings, but when her activist grandmother comes to stay and the neighborhood protests start, things get a lot more complicated.

## **CATHERINE, CALLED BIRDY - KAREN CUSHMAN**

During her fourteenth year, in the year 1290, Catherine keeps a diary in which she details her family's activities, the life of their medieval English manor, and her own coming to maturity.

## **THE GOOD EARTH - PEARL S. BUCK**

A Chinese peasant overcomes the forces of nature and the frailties of human nature to become a wealthy landowner.

## **NEVER FALL DOWN - PATRICIA MCCORMICK**

Cambodian child soldier Arn Chorn-Pond defied the odds and used all of his courage and wits to survive the murderous regime of the Khmer Rouge.

## **FALLEN ANGELS - WALTER DEAN MYERS**

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.

## **BELLE EPOQUE - ELIZABETH ROSS**

In Belle Epoque Paris, 16-year-old Maude Pichon, is hired by Countess Dubern to make her headstrong daughter, look more beautiful by comparison, but soon Maude is enmeshed in a tangle of love, friendship and deception.

## **MILKWEED - JERRY SPINELLI**

Captures the hardships and cruelty of life in the ghettos of Warsaw during the Nazi occupation of World War II, through the eyes of a Jewish orphan who must use all his wits and courage to survive unimaginable events and circumstances.

## **DANCER, DAUGHTER, TRAITOR, SPY - ELIZABETH KIEM**

After defecting to the United States in 1982, Russian teenager Marya and her father settle in Brooklyn, where Marya is drawn into a web of intrigue involving her gift of foresight, her mother's disappearance, and a boy she cannot bring herself to trust.

## **COME AUGUST, COME FREEDOM - GIGI AMATEAU**

A story inspired by the heroic life of "Prosser's Gabriel" describes how a literate slave organized a rebellion in 1800 Virginia, involving thousands of African-American freedom seekers.

## **TALES OF A MADMAN UNDERGROUND - JOHN BARNES**

In September 1973, in his depressed Ohio town, high-school senior Kurt Shoemaker determines to be "normal," despite his chaotic home life with his volatile, alcoholic mother and the deep loyalty and affection he has for his friends in the therapy group.