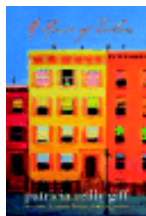


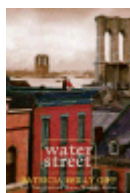
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1870-1889



Reilly, Patricia
A House of Tailors

When thirteen-year-old Dina emigrates from Germany to America in 1871, her only wish is to return home as soon as she can, but as the months pass and she survives a multitude of hardships living with her uncle and his young wife and baby, she finds herself thinking of Brooklyn as her home. (Summary from *NovelList*, online fiction guide, Nov. 2004.)



Giff, Patricia Reilly
Water Street

In the shadow of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, eighth-graders and new neighbors Bird Mallon and Thomas Neary make some decisions about what they want to do with their lives. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)

Sayres, Meghan Nuttall
Anahita's Woven Riddle

In Iran, more than 100 years ago, a young girl with three suitors gets permission from her father and a holy man to weave into her wedding rug a riddle to be solved by her future husband, which will ensure that he has wit to match hers. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008.)



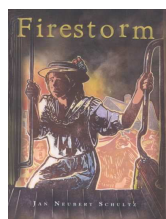
1890-1899

Gratz, Alan
Samurai Shortstop

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also



receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007).



Schultz, Jan Neubert
Firestorm

After her family relocates to Hinckley, Minnesota, Maggie wants to escape the dusty nineteenth-century railroad town. When the hot weather produces a massive firestorm, Maggie gets her wish but eventually learns that Hinckley has become her home.

Lerangis, Peter
Smiler's Bones

Explorer Robert Peary brings six Eskimos to a New York City museum to be a living exhibit. Qisuk, known as "Smiler," and his son Minik are part of the exhibit. Four of the Eskimos die, including Smiler, and one Eskimo returns to Greenland. Minik spends twelve years at the museum amid lies and deception, in search of the truth and a way to survive.



Godbersen, Anna
Luxe

In 1899 Manhattan, the drowning of beautiful Elizabeth Holland, daughter of New York society's ruling family, brings to the surface the scandalous behavior of several teenagers of varying social class. (Summary from Follett Destiny, Oct 2009)

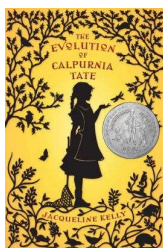
Other Books in The Luxe Series

- **Rumors**
- **Envy**
- **Splendor**

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Kelly, Jacqueline
The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate

In central Texas in 1899, eleven-year-old Callie Vee Tate is instructed to be a lady by her mother, learns about love from the older three of her six brothers, and studies the natural world with her grandfather, the latter of which leads to an important discovery. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



mill. A few weeks later, Lewis Hine, a famous reformer arrives undercover to gather evidence. Grace meets him and appears in some of his photographs, changing her life forever.

Schmidt, Gary
Lizzie Bright and the Buckminster Boy

In 1911, Turner Buckminster hates his new home of Phippsburg, Maine, but things improve when he meets Lizzie Bright Griffin, a girl from a poor, nearby island community founded by former slaves that the town fathers--and Turner's--want to change into a tourist spot. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, June 2005.)



Paulson, Gary
The Legend of Bass Reeves: Being the true and fictional account of the most valiant marshal in the West

An account of the life of Bass Reeves. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



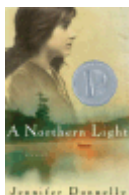
Auch, Mary Jane
Ashes of Roses

Re-creating the 1911 Triangle Shirtwaist Factory fire for its climax, this novel follows sixteen-year-old Irish immigrant Rose Nolan's first few months in New York: her family's separation at Ellis Island, an uncomfortable stay with inhospitable relatives, and her work at the soon-to-be notorious factory. Deftly depicting--but not stereotyping--ethnic rivalries, this is fast-moving and emotionally involving historical fiction.

1900-1919

Donnelly, Jennifer
A Northern Light

Sixteen-year-old Mattie, determined to attend college and be a writer against the wishes of her father and boyfriend, takes a job at a hotel in 1906 where the death of a guest renews her determination to live her own life. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).



Winthrop, Elizabeth
Counting on Grace

It's 1910 in Pownal, Vermont. At 12 Grace and her best friend Arthur must go to work in the mill, helping their mothers work the looms. Together Grace and Arthur write a secret letter to the Child Labor Board about underage children working in the



Watts, Irene N.
No Moon

Wanting to provide financial support for her large family, Louisa, 14, takes the post of nursemaid for a wealthy family. Then the nanny has an accident days before the family is to sail to New York, and Louisa must either go in her place or lose her job. Haunted by the drowning of her baby brother when she was younger and for which



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she feels responsible, Louisa insists that the children practice putting on their life vests. When the fateful collision with the iceberg occurs, Watts documents the chaos and emotions realistically. (Summary from School Library Journal, November 2010).

Paterson, Katherine **Bread and Roses, too**

Jake and Rosa, two children, form an unlikely friendship as they try to survive and understand the 1912 Bread and Roses strike of mill workers in Lawrence, Massachusetts.



Namioka, Lensey **An Ocean Apart, A World Away**

Yanyan can only realize her dream of becoming a doctor by leaving her native China and attending school in New

York

Sedgwick, Marcus **Foreshadowing**

Having always been able to know when someone is going to die, Alexandra poses as a nurse to go to France during World War I to locate her brother and to try to save him from the fate she has foreseen for him. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, November 2007.)



Winspear, Jacqueline **Maisie Dobbs**

After Maisie sets up a private investigation firm and deals with a case involving marital infidelity, she encounters a young soldier from the Retreat House, and learns that no one comes out of there alive. (Summary from Mackin.com, 2006)

Other Books in the Maisie Dobbs Series

- **Birds of a Feather**
- **Pardonable Lies**
- **Messenger of Truth**

Bagdasarian, Adam **Forgotten Fire**

This vividly, even horrifically, evoked novel tells of genocide carried out against Armenians in Turkey during World War I. Like narrator Vahan

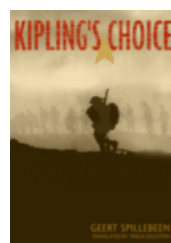
Kenderian, who is twelve when the novel begins, a reader can't really prepare for this relentless tragedy before it unfolds. The book is based on Bagdasarian's great-uncle.



Murpurgo, Michael **Private Peaceful**

Memories of his former peaceful life, letters from home, and observations of battles make up 17-year-old Thomas' narration as

he fights in World War I. The young English soldier lied about his age to fight in France with his older brother Charlie, and now finds himself in dire circumstances. As darkness closes in on him in the trenches, Thomas recalls the girl that both he and his brother loved, his brain-damaged brother, Joe, and the part Thomas played in his father's untimely death. This terrific and suspense-filled book examines issues of responsibility and mercy.



Spillebeen, Geert **Kipling's Choice**

Eighteen-year-old Lieutenant John Kipling, wounded in Loos, France, spends his last hour on a World War I battlefield reflecting on his famous father--writer

Rudyard Kipling--and his heroic expectations. Rudyard had feared his son would miss out on the opportunity to experience glory, so he

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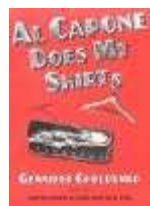
used his influence to get John enlisted in the Irish Guard. John is eager to please his father but he suffers a neck wound, tries to continue fighting, waits to be rescued, then eventually falls into a painless death sleep.

1920-1939

Avi

The Secret School

In 1925, fourteen-year-old Ida Bidson acts as temporary teacher—in secret and without pay—when she and the seven other pupils in their Elk Valley, Colorado, school learn their teacher must leave. A few well-placed incidents nicely develop character.



Choldenko, Gennifer

Al Capone Does my Shirts

A twelve-year-old boy named Moose moves to Alcatraz Island in 1935 when guards' families were housed there, and has to contend with his extraordinary new environment in addition to life with his autistic sister. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Divakaruni, Chitra Banerjee
Neela, Victory Song

After her sister's wedding, Neela, 12, is next in line for an arranged marriage. Questioning the restrictions on women in 1939

India, Neela finds herself drawn to the incendiary ideas of those fighting for independence from Britain—and taking action when her father disappears during a protest march.



Franklin, Kristine

Grape Thief

In 1925, in a small Washington State community made up of families from different ethnic backgrounds, twelve-year-old

Cuss tries to stay in school as he watches those around him struggle with various financial difficulties.

Giff, Patricia Reilly

Lily's Crossing

Lily Mollahan is looking forward to summer, but war shatters all her dreams: her beloved father has enlisted; her best friend is moving away; and Albert, a seemingly unfriendly war refugee from Hungary, intrudes on her private space. To complicate matters, Lily is fond of enhancing her importance or escaping retribution with facile lies.



Godberson, Anna

Bright Young Things

In the spring of 1929, eighteen-year-old Cordelia Grey and her stage-struck friend Letty Larkspur run away from their small Ohio town to seek their fortunes in New York City and soon find themselves drawn into situations and relationships, particularly with the dazzling Astrid Donal, that change their lives forever. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Haddix, Margaret Peterson

Uprising

In 1927, at the urging of a twenty-one-year-old Harriet, Mrs. Livingston reluctantly recalls her experiences at the Triangle Shirtwaist factory, including miserable working conditions that led to a strike, then the fire that took the lives of her two best



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friends, when Harriet, the boss's daughter, was only five years old.. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)

Kidd, Ronald
Monkey Town

When her father hatches a plan to bring publicity to their small Tennessee town by arresting a local high school teacher for teaching about evolution, the resulting 1925 Scopes trial prompts fifteen-year-old Frances to rethink many of her beliefs about religion and truth, as well as her relationship with her father. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



Lisle, Janet
Black Duck

Years afterwards, Ruben Hart tells the story of how, in 1929 Newport, Rhode Island, his family and his best friend's family were caught up in the violent competition among groups trying to control the local rum-smuggling trade. (Summary from Hennepin County, January 2008.)



Myers, Walter Dean
Bad Boy

Celebrated author Walter Dean Myers describes his years as a troublemaker and a truant growing up in Harlem, and how he turned things around to pursue his dreams. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, November 2010).

Nuzum, K.A.
The Leanin' Dog

Eleven-year-old Dessa Dean, mourning the death of her mother, finds an injured dog on her porch, which allows both Dessa and the dog to heal

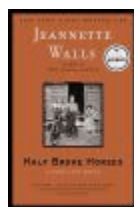


together with a friendship that shapes both of their lives. (Summary from Follett Destiny, October 2009)



Sharenow, Robert
The Berlin Boxing Club

In 1936 Berlin, fourteen-year-old Karl Stern, considered Jewish despite a non-religious upbringing, learns to box from the legendary Max Schmeling while struggling with the realities of the Holocaust. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011)



Watts, Jeannette
Half Broke Horse

Lily Casey Smith grows up breaking horses with her father and leaves home at fifteen to ride five hundred miles in order to teach in a frontier town before encountering various difficulties, marrying a rancher, and speaking out against prejudice in various parts of the U.S. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

1940-1945



Cassanova, Mary
The Klipfish Code

Sent with her younger brother to Godøy Island to live with her aunt and grandfather after Germans bomb Norway in 1940, ten-year-old Merit longs to join her parents in the Resistance and when her aunt, a teacher, is taken away two years later, she resents even more the Nazis' presence and her grandfather's refusal to oppose them. Includes historical facts and glossary. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2008)

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Bloor, Edward
London Calling

Seventh-grader Martin Conway believes that his life is monotonous and dull until the night the antique radio he uses as a night-light transports him to the bombing of London in 1940. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2009).

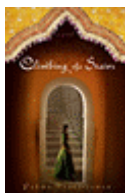
Smith, Roland
Elephant Run

Nick endures servitude, beatings, and more after his British father's plantation in Burma is invaded by the Japanese in 1941, and when his father and others are taken prisoner and Nick is stranded with his friend Mya, they plan a daring escape on elephants, risking their lives to save Nick's father and Mya's brother from a Japanese prisoner of war camp (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)



Venkatraman, Padma
Climbing the Stairs

In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life. (Summary from Hennepin County, Sept. 2008)



Park, Linda Sue
When My Name was Keoko

In alternating chapters covering 1940 to 1945, two Korean siblings describe their lives during Japanese military occupation. Tae-yul admires their uncle, who works for the resistance. Younger sister Sun-hee is more like their father, subdued and introspective, rebelling in quiet but significant ways.

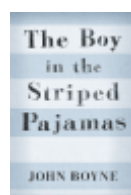
Susan Campbell Bartoletti
The Boy Who Dared

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hübener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people. (Follett, 2009)



Bernstein, Sara Turvel
The Seamstress

Sara grows up willing to fight anti-Semitism from other schoolchildren. She defies her father's orders to turn down a scholarship that takes her to Bucharest—and gets herself expelled when she responds to a teacher's vicious diatribe against Jews. Ashamed to return home, she looks for work and discovers a talent for dressmaking. Sara ends up in a brutal women's concentration camp deep in Germany. (Summary from Amazon.com, April 2003.)



Boyne, John
The Boy in the Striped Pajamas

Bored and lonely after his family moves from Berlin to a place called "Out-With" in 1942, Bruno, the son of a Nazi officer, befriends a boy in striped pajamas who lives behind a wire fence. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)

Jimenez, Francisco
The Circuit

Offers a look at a migrant family, detailing their daily life and the struggles they endured to build an existence on the small opportunities they were given.



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Disher, Garry
The Divine Wind

In northern Australia during World War II, Hart Penrose grapples with his love for Mitsy, a Japanese Australian, while hate messages toward the Japanese surround him. The enemy attacks the town, and Hart himself is recovering from a leg injury sustained in a shipwreck.



Rockaway to a makeshift home in Michigan where her father has taken a job. Meggie misses her hometown and her grandfather, who they left behind. She reflects on wiping a swastika from his window and believes a rumor she heard that he could be jailed for being Jewish. (Summary from Mackin.com, 2006)

Gleitzman, Morris
Once



After living in a Catholic orphanage for nearly four years, a naive Jewish boy runs away and embarks on a journey across Nazi-occupied Poland to find his parents. (Summary from

Follett Destiny, November 2010).



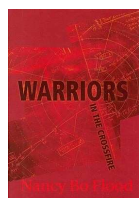
Dogar, Sharon
Annexed

A fictional account of life with Anne Frank hidden in the secret annex from Peter's point-of-view, following as he becomes closer

with Anne, begins to question his own religion, and is forced to suppress his own desires to join the fight. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).

Greif, Jean-Jacques
The Fighter

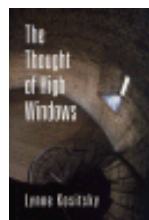
Moshe Wisniak, a poor Polish Jew, uses his physical strength and cleverness, plus luck, to help him survive the horrors he is subjected to in the concentration camps of World War II. Based on the life of Moshè Garbarz. (Summary from Hennepin County Library at hclib.org, 2007)



Flood, Nancy Bo
Warriors in the Crossfire

Based on historical events on the South Pacific island of Saipan during World War II, this story unfolds through the eyes of

Joseph, the son of the Chamorro chief, and his half-Japanese cousin, Kento. For Joseph the war brings mounting pressure to take responsibility for the survival of his family during the invasion. Forced to experience the unimaginable horrors of Suicide Cliff, the boys begin to learn the true practices of a warrior. (Summary from Hennepin County, November 2010).



Kositsky, Lynn
The Thought of High Windows

Esther describes her life as one of a group of Jewish children taken from Germany to France by the Red Cross during World

War II. The novel begins when she is 15 and living in a French castle; her childhood in Berlin is described through flashbacks. After France's surrender to Germany, the situation becomes more dangerous for the refugees. Afraid that the Nazis will arrest her, Esther leaves the castle and eventually becomes involved with the Jewish Underground. Based

Giff, Patricia Reilly
Willow Run

Margaret "Meggie" Dillon experiences the deprivations caused by World War II as her family moves from



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on true events, this is an immediate, painfully honest story.

Magorian, Michele

Back Home

Sent to America from England at age seven to escape war-torn England, Rusty returns five years later to go to a strict English boarding school and renew her relationship with her family, who now seem like strangers to her.



Matas, Carol

In My Enemy's House

Marisa, a blond, blue-eyed Jewish girl in World War II Poland passes as a peasant and gets a job working for a Nazi family. She experiences a predictable romance with a rebellious cousin and eventually obtains work in Germany.



Peck, Richard

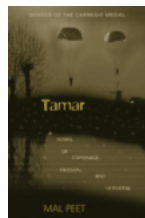
On the Wings of Heroes

A boy in Illinois remembers the home front years of World War II, especially his two heroes--his brother in the Air Force and his father, who fought in the previous war. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008.)

Peet, Mal

Tamar

In England in 1945, fifteen-year-old Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of



his family. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, January 2008)



Pressler, Marjam

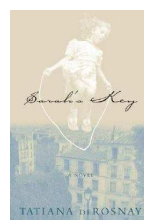
Malka

In the winter of 1943, a Polish physician and her older daughter make a dangerous and arduous trek to Hungary while seven-year-old Malka, who they were forced to leave behind when she became ill, fends for herself in a ghetto.

Reeder, Carolyn

Foster's War

World War II is the background for the story of a troubled family whose authoritarian father alienates all its members. The historical details, from air raids to the internment of Japanese Americans, are thoroughly researched. The focus is split between external forces—the war—and internal family struggles, so that the two seemed yoked rather than joined.



Rosnay, Tatiana de
Sarah's Key

American journalist Julia Jarmond researches the brutal 1942 Nazi roundup in Paris and stumbles upon a connection between her family and one of the victims, which compels Julia to learn more about the girl's life. (Summary from Follett Destiny, 2010)

Schröder, Monika

The Dog in the Woods

As World War II draws to an end, Russian soldiers occupy Schwarz, Germany, bringing both friendships and hardship to the family of ten-year-old Fritz, whose grandfather was a Nazi sympathizer,



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and after they are forced to leave their farm, Fritz's mother and hired hand are arrested, leaving Fritz to fend for himself. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2010).



Sepetys, Ruta **Between Shades of Gray**

In 1941, fifteen-year-old Lina, her mother, and brother are pulled from their



Lithuanian home by Soviet guards and sent to Siberia, where her father is sentenced to death in a prison camp while she fights for her life, vowing to honor her family and the thousands like hers by burying her story in a jar on Lithuanian soil. Based on the author's family, includes a historical note. (Summary from Follett Destiny, November 2011).



Uri, Orlev **Run, Boy, Run**

Based on the true story of a nine-year-old boy who escapes the Warsaw Ghetto and must survive

throughout the war in the Nazi-occupied Polish countryside.

Van Steenwyk, Elizabeth **A Traitor Among Us**

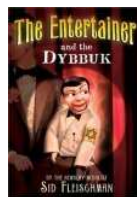
Thirteen-year-old Pieter's growing role in the Dutch Resistance in occupied Holland is threatened by an unknown Nazi informer in his village. Is it his slow-witted cousin, Koos? His only teacher, Mr. van der Meer? The town's drunken doctor?



Zusak, Markus **Book Thief**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the

Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, 2006)



Fleischman, Sid **The Entertainer and the Dybbuk**

A struggling American ventriloquist in post-World War II Europe is possessed by the mischievous spirit of a young Jewish boy killed in the Holocaust. Author's note details the murder of over one million children by the Nazis during the 1930s and 1940s. (Summary from Hennepin County Library, Sept. 2008).