

Patriotism Through Literacy

Book Suggestions

Note: grade/age levels are suggested based on publisher's guidelines, school curriculums and reading/comprehension levels, not rules. Interest levels & ability vary by student. Updated: 2022

Pre-K-Kindergarten

John, Paul, George, and Ben by Lane Smith
I Am series (*I Am Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, etc.*) by Brad Metzger
The White House: A Pop-Up Book of Our Nation's Home by Robert Sabuda
Red, White, and BOOM! by Lee Wardlaw
America the Beautiful by Katharine Lee Bates
God Bless America by Irving Berlin, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller
This Land is Your Land by Woodie Guthrie & Kathy Jacobsen
Wow, America! by Robert Neubecker
My Little Golden Book about Kamala Harris by Rajani LaRocca
My Little Golden Book about The White House by Jen Arena
Sesame Street: Elmo Doodle Dandy (A Little Golden Book) by Naomi Kleinberg
Don't Forget, God Bless Our Troops by Jill Biden
My Red Balloon & Dandelions by Eve Bunting
Blue Sky, White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus & Kadir Nelson
A is for America: A Patriotic Alphabet Book by Tanya Lee Stone

Grades 1-2

Creative Non-Fiction:

Henry's Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag by Sarah L. Thomson
What the Big Deal About First Ladies? by Ruby Shamir
Harriet's Ruffled Feathers by Joy McCullough
Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor
Rescue & Jessica by Jessica Kensky & Patrick Downes
I Could Do That: How Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote by Linda White
Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson
Tuesday Tucks Me In by Luis Carlos Montalvan
They Called Her Molly Pitcher by Anne Rockwell
Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
Martin's Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
Ben Franklin: Wit & Wisdom from A-Z by Alan Schroeder

Educational/Americana & Historical Fiction:

Happy Birthday, America by Mary Pope Osborne
Apple Pie 4th of July by Janet S. Wong
If I Were President by Catherine Stier
Tricking the Tallyman by Jacqueline Davis
Ellie May on President's Day by Hillary Homzie
This is a Rope: A Story from the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson
The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan

Grades 3-4

Historical Fiction:

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan
I Survived series (*Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor, D-Day, 9/11, etc.*) by Lauren Tarshis
American Girl original series & *American Girl History's Mysteries* by various authors
If You Were a Kid During the American Revolution by Will Mara
The Captive by Joyce Hansen
Magic Treehouse Mysteries series by Mary Pope Osborne
Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh by Uma Krishnaswami
Capital Mysteries series by Ron Roy

Creative Non-Fiction:

Magic Treehouse Fact Trackers series by Mary Pope Osborne
A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women by Lynne Cheney
Shh! We're Writing the Constitution by Jean Fritz
Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the Fastest Woman... by Kathleen Krull
She Persisted series (*Maya Lin, Maria Tallchief, Patsy Mink, etc.*) by various authors
A Splash of Red: The Life & Art of Horace Pippin by Jen Bryant
Who Was/What Was series, (*George Washington, the White House, Sacagawea, etc.*)
Little Legends series by Vashti Harrison
The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and her Tribute to Veterans by Barbara E. Walsh

Educational Americana:

America's White Table by Margot Theis Raven
Our 50 States: A Family Adventure Across America by Lynne Cheney
We the Kids by David Catrow
I Have a Dream by Martin Luther King, Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson
We Are America: A Tribute from the Heart by Walter Dean Myers

Grades 5-6

Historical Fiction:

Towers Falling and *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
Keeping Score by Linda Sue Park
Stella by Starlight by Sharon M. Draper
Show Me a Sign by Ann-Clare LeZotte
Red, White & Whole by Rajani LaRocca
My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich by Ibi Zoboi
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor
Worth by Alexandria LaFaye
The Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson by Bette Bao Lord
One Crazy Summer trilogy by Rita Williams Garcia
Esperanza Rising by Pam Muñoz Ryan
Nine, Ten, a September 11th Story by Nora Raleigh Baskin
Planet Earth is Blue by Nicole Panteleakos
The True History of Lyndie B. Hawkins by Gail Shephard
Bud, Not Buddy and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

Creative Non-Fiction:

Stamped (for Kids) by Sonja Cherry Paul, Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
Rocket to the Moon by Don Brown
History Smashers series by Kate Messner
It's Up to You, Abe Lincoln by Leila and Tom Hirschfeld

Grades 7-8

Historical Fiction:

Dear America series by various authors
Home is With Our Family by Joyce Hansen
Johnny Tremain by Esther Forbes
Kira-Kira by Cynthia Kadohata
Fever 1793 and *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
Lucky Broken Girl by Ruth Behar
Five Children on the Western Front by Kate Saunders
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly
Hattie Big Sky by Kirby Larson
Betty Before X by Ilyasah Shabazz
The Notorious Benedict Arnold... by Steve Sheinkin
All the Stars Denied by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

Non-Fiction & Memoir:

Amelia Lost: The Life & Disappearance of Amelia Earhart by Candace Fleming
Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math by Jeannine Atkins
Lifting As We Climb by Evette Dionne
Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson
Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings by Margarita Engel
Hidden Figures: The American Dream & the Untold Story... by Margot Lee Shetterly
What Was the Continental Congress? and *Clara Barton* by Candice Ransom

Grades 9-12

Historical Fiction:

Sophia's War: A Tale of the Revolution by Avi
Butterfly Yellow by Thanhha Lai
Girls Like Us by Randi Pink
So Many Beginnings by Bethany Morrow
The Downstairs Girl by Stacey Lee
We Are Not Free by Traci Chee
The Memory of Things by Gae Polisner
Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malindo Lo
A Very Large Expanse of Sea by Tehera Mafi
Fly Girl by Sherri L. Smith

Non-Fiction & Memoir:

Pure Grit: How American WWII Nurses Survived Battle... by Mary Cronk Farrell
Chester Nez: A Navajo Codetalker's Story by Joseph Bruchac
Code Talker Stories by Lauren Tohe
Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom... by Lynda Blackmon Lowery
Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice by Phillip Hoose
Loving Vs. Virginia by Patricia Hruby Powell
Stamped by Jason Reynolds
Chasing Lincoln's Killer by James L. Swanson
Fly Girls: Forgotten Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII by P. O'Connell Pearson
Sally Ride: America's First Woman in Space by Lynn Sherr
Black Birds in the Sky by Brandy Colbert
They Call Us Enemy by George Takei
Alexander Hamilton by Ron Chernow