**KALEIDOSCOPE HISTORICAL BOOK TITLES**

[**Barefoot Dreams of Petra Luna**](https://amzn.to/3BHiVGj) **by Alda P. Dobbs** - Set in Mexico in 1913, Petra Luna and her family flee their home when Federales burn the village, then wait with throngs of others trying to cross the bridge into the United States before the Federales can reach them

**Beyond the Bright Sea by Lauren Wolk** - A painter named Osh discovered Crow as an infant alone in a boat in the sea. Twelve years later, in 1925, Crow sets out on what turns into a drama-filled search to discover the truth about her birth family and origins.

**Birchbark House by Louise Erdrich** -Omakayas and her Anishinabe family work together to survive a year on their island home in Lake Superior.

**Blue Birds by Caroline Starr Rose** -The storyof a seemingly impossible friendship in the New World between Alis, who just arrived from England, and Kimi, a Native American who doesn’t trust the newcomers to her land.

**Breaking Stalin’s Nose by Eugene Yelchin** -Sasha Zaichik has known the laws of the Soviet Young Pioneers since the age of six. But now that it is finally time to join, everything goes wrong, and worst of all, his father, the best Communist he knows, has been arrested.

**Broken Strings by Eric Walters** - In the aftermath of the attack on the twin towers and the death of her beloved grandmother, a young Jewish girl discovers a violin and unleashes a dark family secret.

**Catherine Called Birdy by Karen Cushman -** An often humorous, historical novel in diary format, set in 13th-century England, about a spirited young girl rebelling at her father’s plans to marry her off to an elderly suitor to restore his fortune.

**The Door of No Return by Kwame Alexander** -After his world turns upside down, Kofi ends up in a fight for his life and embarks on a harrowing journey across land and sea, away from everything he loves

**Dragonwings by Lawrence Yep** - Moon Shadow leaves his mother behind in China to live with his father, Windrider, in California, and work in the family laundry business, until they leave to build an airplane called Dragonwings.

**Esperanza Rising by Pam Munoz Ryan** -On the eve of the Great Depression, Esperanza and her mother are forced to leave a life of wealth in Mexico to work in the labor camps of Southern California.

**Fever 1793 by Laurie Halse Anderson** -Mattie struggles to survive in an abandoned and diseased city ravaged by yellow fever that killed thousands of citizens.

**Finding Junie Kim by Ellen Oh** - When Junie Kim is faced with middle school racism, she learns of her grandparents’ extraordinary strength and finds her voice. Inspired by the author’s mother’s real-life experiences during the Korean War.

**Gold Rush Girl by Avi** -Victoria Blaisdell longs for adventure, so she stows away on the ship that will take her father and younger brother on the perilous journey to San Francisco’s gold fields.

**Inside Out and Back Again by Thanhha Lai** -After the fall of Saigon, Ha’s father is reported missing in action. She, her mother, and her three brothers flee across the sea to Alabama.

[**It All Comes Down to This**](http://amzn.to/2v61jWI)**by Karen English** - Sophie, a sweet Black girl, lives in an all-white neighborhood in Los Angeles during the 1960’s—a turbulent time of racism and growing activism.

**Josie and the Pirate Captain Toledano by Arnon Z. Shorr & Joshua M. Edelglass** -Set in the shadows of the Spanish Inquisition, this graphic novel is the coming-of-age story of a young Jewish refugee who forms a powerful bond with the mysterious Pirate Captain Toledano.

**Lifeboat 12 by Susan Hood** - Thirteen-year-old Ken is one of 90 boys and girls to escape England for Canada when London is being bombed in WWII. When their ship is torpedoed, Ken scrambles aboard Lifeboat 12 with 5 other boys in a desperate attempt to survive.

**A Long Walk to Water by Linda Sue Park** - Two stories, told in alternating sections, about two eleven-year-olds in Sudan, a fictional girl in 2008 whose entire day is spent obtaining water for her family’s survival, and the true story of a boy caught up in a war in 1985.

[**A Night Divided**](http://amzn.to/1YksYYy) **by Jennifer A. Nielsen** - When overnight a fence with armed guards is built to divide Berlin, the only way for Gerta’s suddenly split-up family to be reunited is a dangerous one—she must dig a tunnel to the west.

**Northwind by Gary Paulsen** - When a deadly plague reaches the fish camp where he lives, an orphan named Leif is forced to take to the water in a cedar canoe and flee north, navigating from one danger to the next.

**Prairie Lotus by Linda Sue Park** -In Dakota Territory in the 1880s, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and resistance to change as they try to make a home for themselves.

**Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred D. Taylor** -Set in rural Mississippi in the early 1930’s, conditions for African Americans could hardly be worse as Cassie Logan relates in this story about her family’s struggle to survive both the Great Depression and White backlash.

**Stella by Starlight by Sharon Draper** -A depression-era novel about a young girl who must learn to be brave in the face of violent prejudice when the Ku Klux Klan reappears in her segregated southern town.

**Stowaway by Karen Hesse** -In the summer of 1768, an eleven-year-old butcher’s apprentice climbs aboard a ship, hides himself from captain and crew, and waits to be carried far away from the life he hates in London

**This is Just a Test by Madelyn Rosenberg and Wendy Wan Long Shang** - Twelve-year-old Chinese-Jewish David sometimes feels like surviving a possible nuclear war is the least of his problems as he is torn between preparing for his Bar Mitzvah as well as the upcoming trivia tournament, all while digging a fallout shelter with friends who don’t make any of it easier.

**Two Roads by Joseph Bruchac** - A boy discovers his Native American heritage in this Depression-era tale of identity and friendship set in an indigenous boarding school

**Voyage of the Sparrowhawk** **by Natasha Farrant** - Two friends set off in a small boat for France to find Ben’s missing older brother, not realizing how unlikely it is they’ll survive the journey in their fragile craft.

**The War that Saved My Life by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley** -A young girl with a physical disability is evacuated from London with her brother during World War II and finds life to be much sweeter away from their abusive mother.

**The Watsons Go to Birmingham: 1963** **by Christopher Paul Curtis** - The Watsons set out on a family road trip and their experience gives them courage to stand up for what is right and helps them grow stronger as a family.

**We Dream of Space by Erin Entrada Kelly** -Cash, Fitch, and Brid are in seventh grade in 1986, each struggling with their own anxieties, as the country waits expectantly for the launch of the Space Shuttle Challenger.

**When Winter Robeson Came by Brenda Woods** – The whole world seems to transform during the summer of 1965, when African American Eden's cousin from Mississippi comes to visit her in L.A. just as the Watts Riots erupt.

**When You Reach Me by Rebecca Stead** - A twelve-year-old girl in 1980’s New York City tries to make sense of a series of mysterious notes from an anonymous sender that seem to defy the laws of time and space.

**While I was Away by Waka T Brown** -An empowering middle grade memoir that takes readers on a journey to 1980s Japan, where the author was sent as a child to reconnect to her family’s roots.

**Wildoak by C.C. Harrington** -There is no way to predict what happens when the fates of a snow leopard, a girl, and an ancient forest collide in this story.

[**Words on Fire**](https://amzn.to/2od005z) **by** **Jennifer A. Nielsen** - Audra doesn’t know her parents are book smugglers until they are arrested. Then she flees and learns how books keep alive a language, culture, and identity, no matter how hard someone tries to erase it.