**Finding Langston**  
by Lese Cline-Ransome  
In 1946, 11-year-old Langston stumbles across a library book by Langston Hughes and finds the strength to cope with his mother's death, moving from Alabama to Chicago, and school bullies. (series)

**Cuba in My Pocket**  
by Adrianna Cuevas  
It's 1961 in Cuba, and though Cumba is only 12, he can be drafted into the military. His parents send him to live in Miami, where he must learn to navigate a new home, school, and language all while being homesick.

**The Birchbark House**  
by Louis Erdrich  
A young Ojibwe girl and her family spend summers on an island in a birchbark house. After returning to their winter cabin in 1848, Omakayas's community faces an invisible, life-changing intruder. (series)

**City of Gold**  
by Will Hobbs  
After his father's death, Owen and his family move to a farm in Colorado. When their mules are stolen, he tracks the thief over the mountains to Telluride, where he tangles with notorious outlaws and finds adventure.

**A Place to Belong**  
by Cynthia Kadohata  
Hanako and her family were placed in a U.S. internment camp during World War II. After the war, Hanako's family is deported to Japan. She must now try to be Japanese instead of American.

**Brother's Keeper**  
by Julie Lee  
Sora's family tries to escape North Korea's oppressive Communist regime in 1950 and flee south to freedom. Accidentally separated from their parents, Sora and her brother must survive alone. Graphic scenes of war and hardship make this book for mature readers.

**Show Me a Sign**  
by Ann Clare LeZotte  
In 1805, 11-year-old Mary, who is deaf like others in her Martha's Vineyard community, communicates with sign language. Her world tilts when she's kidnapped and taken to Boston to be studied as a specimen.

**Rescue**  
by Jennifer A. Nielsen  
It's WW II, and Meg, 12, is a spy. She lives in German-occupied France with parents who work for the resistance. She can code secret messages, but is she ready for a dangerous plan to rescue her missing father?

**Pony**  
by R.J. Palacio  
In 1860s Ohio, Silas, 12, follows the gang of counterfeiters who have kidnapped his genius father, aided by a mysterious horse and his close companion (a ghost named Mittenwool that only Silas can see).

**Prairie Lotus**  
by Linda Sue Park  
In the 1880s Dakota Territory, half-Chinese Hanna and her white father face racism and hardship. Remembering her mother’s quiet strength, Hanna is determined to realize her dream of being a dressmaker.

**Last of the Name**  
by Rosanne Parry  
Danny, 12, and his sister arrive in New York City during the Civil War. It's hard to find work, prejudice against Irish immigrants abounds, and Draft Riots bring added danger.

**Starting from Seneca Falls**  
by Karen Schwabach  
In 1848, Bridie, an 11-year-old run-away orphan, meets Rose, a free black girl, and is swept into Elizabeth Cady Stanton's plans for a women's rights convention.

**Daughter of the White Rose**  
by Diane Zahler  
In 1485 England, Nell, daughter of the palace butcher, grows up in the royal nursery and learns to read and write. Ned (Prince Edward) is her best friend but there's no future in befriending a future king.

**More Authors & Series**  
- Kimberly Brubaker Bradley  
- Christopher Paul Curtis  
- Pam Munoz Ryan  
- Diane Stanley  
- Rita Williams-Garcia  
- Kirby Larson (Dogs of World War II series)  
- Lauren Tarshis (I Survived series)  
- Nathan Hale's Hazardous Tales (nonfiction)