

Reading Passport - Historical Books

Between Shades of Gray by Rupa Sepetys

Sepetys' novel offers a harrowing and horrifying account of the forcible relocation of countless Lithuanians in the wake of the Russian invasion of their country in 1939.



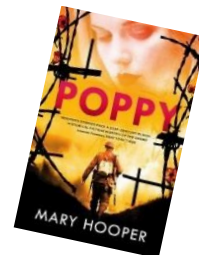
Changling by Phillipa Gregory

The first book in the thrilling YA sequence, Order of Darkness. The year is 1453, and all signs point to it being the end of the world. Accused of heresy and expelled from his monastery, handsome seventeen-year-old, Luca Vero, is recruited by a mysterious stranger to record the end of times across Europe.



Poppy by Mary Hooper

Poppy is young, beautiful and clever – and working as a parlour maid in the de Vere family's country house. But Poppy's life is about to be thrown dramatically off course. The first reason is love. The second reason is war.



The Lacey Chronicles by Eve Edwards

First book in the trilogy: The Other Countess. It's England, 1582. Ellie - Lady Eleanor Rodriguez of San Jaime - is in possession of a gold-seeking father, a worthless title and a feisty spirit that captivates the elite of the Queen's court, and none other than the handsome new Earl of Dorset: William Lacey who has inherited his father's title and his financial ruin. Trilogy set in Elizabethan period.



The Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd

Lily has grown up believing she accidentally killed her mother when she was four. Now fourteen, she yearns for her mother, and for forgiveness. Living on a peach farm in South Carolina with her father, she has only one friend: Rosaleen, a black servant. When racial tension explodes one summer afternoon, and Rosaleen is arrested and beaten, Lily is compelled to act.



Little House on the Prairie by Laura Ingall Wilder

A family travels from the big woods of Wisconsin to a new home on the prairie, where they build a house, meet neighbouring Indians, build a well, and fight a fire.



The Book Thief by Markus Zusack

Narrated, in the all-knowing matter-of-fact voice of Death, witnesses the story of the citizens of Molching. By 1943, the Allied bombs are falling and the sirens begin to wail. Liesel shares out her books in the air-raid shelters. But one day, the wail of the sirens comes too late



War Horse by Michael Morpurgo

'War Horse' is the story of Joey, a thoroughbred horse, and how he is forced into the thick of the harrowing, poorly-led battles of the First World War. Joey's courage touches the soldiers around him and he is able to find warmth and hope. But his heart aches for Albert, the farmer's son he left behind. Will he ever see his true master again?



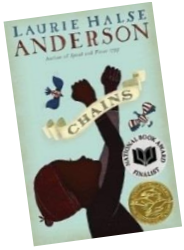
Remembrance by Theresa Breslin

Scotland, 1915. A group of teenagers from two families meet for a picnic, but the war across the Channel is soon to tear them away from such youthful pleasures. From the horror of the trenches, to the devastating reality seen daily by those nursing the wounded, they struggle to survive - and nothing will ever be the same again.



Chains by Laurie Halse Anderson

As the Revolutionary War begins, thirteen-year-old Isabel wages her own fight...for freedom. Promised freedom upon the death of their owner, she and her sister, Ruth, in a cruel twist of fate become the property of a malicious New York City couple



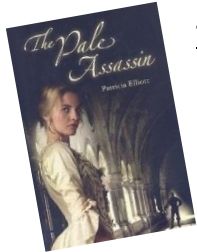
The Whispering Road by Livi Michael

In true Victorian fashion, award-winning author Michael pens a gripping, epic novel about a sister and brother whose mother leaves them at a workhouse in Manchester, England. For Joe and Annie, the choice is escape or die.



The Pale Assassin by Patricia Elliot

Set during the French Revolution, this novel about a teen aristocrat who must question the justice of her own wealth while facing the cataclysmic divisions of her society will captivate readers as secrets come out, sympathies shift, and every choice can change or end a life.



Goodnight Mister Tom by Michelle Magorian

Young Willie Beech is evacuated to the country as Britain stands on the brink of WW2. A sad, deprived child, he slowly begins to flourish under the care of old Tom Oakley - but his new-found happiness is shattered by a summons from his mum back in London.



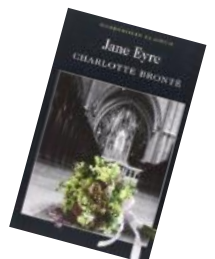
Hana's Suitcase by Karen Levine

A biography of a Czech girl who died in the Holocaust, told in alternating chapters with an account of how the curator of a Japanese Holocaust centre learned about her life after Hana's suitcase was sent to her.



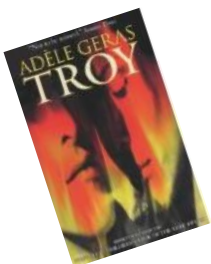
Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte

A troubled childhood strengthens Jane Eyre's natural independence and spirit - which prove necessary when she becomes governess at Thornfield Hall. When she finds love with Rochester, the discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a choice.



Troy by Adele Geras

This is the story of two devoted sisters, Xanthe and Marpessa, both servants in the royal palaces of Troy. But when the Goddess Aphrodite grows bored with the war, the bond between the pair is broken for the Goddess of Desire decides it would be amusing to make them both fall in love with the same man, the young warrior Alastor.



Wolf Children by Paul Dowswell

1945. Berlin has fallen. Hitler's Third Reich has finally surrendered, leaving Germany's capital in ruins. Sixteen year old Otto is living on the edge of survival with his brother and friends in a desperate, bombed-out city. The war may be over, but danger lurks in the shadows of the wreckage. Caught between invading armies, ruthless gangs and the constant threat of starvation, Otto and his friends must learn to stay alive.

Beyond the Wall by Tanya Landman

Britannia. A conquered land. After maiming her master, Cassia has no choice but to run. Beyond the river, far to the north, stands Hadrian's Wall – the furthest limit of the mighty Roman Empire. And beyond the wall? Freedom. With dogs on her tail and a bounty on her head, the journey seems impossible. But then Cassia meets Marcus – slick, slippery, silver-tongued – a true and perfect son of Rome. And her only hope.