



# U.S. History Conflicts

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The following list is a sampling of the books we have on this subject. Children's, teen, and adult books are included here. Students and their parents should choose the books that are most appropriate for them.

## **French and Indian War**

### **Look to the Hills**

by Pat McKissack

J F DEAR AMERICA

*Brought up in France as the African slave companion of a nobleman's daughter, 13-year-old Zettie records the events of 1763, when she and her mistress escape to the New World. They are inadvertently drawn into the hostilities of the ongoing French and Indian War and, eventually, find a new direction to their lives.* 188 pages

### **Spirited**

by Nancy Holder

YA F HOLDER

*In 1756, during the war between the British and the French, Isabella and her father are kidnapped by a young medicine man who wishes revenge for his wife and child, but after noticing the bravery of his young victim, Wusamequin reconsiders his plans of murder and brings her into his mystical world.* 253 pages

### **The Last of the Mohicans**

by James Fenimore Cooper

F COOPER

*Natty Bumppo, known as Hawkeye, has exiled himself from society. But when two sisters ask him to lead them through hostile Indian country, he agrees to do so with the help of the Mohican scout Chingachgook.* 407 pages

### **The War that Made America**

by Fred Anderson

973.26 AND

*Examines how the French and Indian War of the mid-18th century had a definitive impact on history, tracing how it served to overturn the balance of power on two continents and laid the groundwork for the American Revolution.* 293 pages

## **Revolutionary War**

### **Chains**

by Laurie Halse Anderson

YA F ANDERSON

*After being sold to a cruel couple in New York City, a slave named Isabel spies for the rebels during the Revolutionary War.* 316 pages

### **Hamilton and Peggy!**

by L. M. Elliot

YA F ELLIOT

*In the throes of the Revolutionary War, Peggy Schuyler finds herself a central figure amid Loyalists and Patriots, spies and traitors, friends and family.* 436 pages

### **Johnny Tremain**

by Esther Hoskins Forbes

YA F FORBES

*After injuring his hand, a silversmith's apprentice in Boston becomes a messenger for the Sons of Liberty in the days before the American Revolution.* 299 pages

### **Soldier's Secret**

Sheila Soloman Klass

YA F KLASS

*During the Revolutionary War, a young woman named Deborah Sampson disguises herself as a man in order to serve in the Continental Army. 215 pages*

### **The American Revolution and the Young Republic, 1763 to 1816**

by Jeffrey Wallenfeldt

YA 973.2 AME

*Introduces the architects of American independence and their most ardent arguments against British rule, the events of the American Revolution, and the documents that helped shape a country. 142 pages*

### **Revolutionary War**

by Robert Grayson

YA 973.3 GRA

*This book explores the causes of and events leading to the American Revolutionary War, as well as discussing major battles and key figures of the war. 112 pages*

### **Washington at Valley Forge**

by Russell Freedman

YA 973.334 FRE

*Washington's army nearly perished during the winter of 1777-78 after the supply system collapsed. But when the harsh winter ended, the soldiers had survived, and marched away from Valley Forge more determined than ever. 100 pages*

### **The First Conspiracy**

by Brad Meltzer

YA 973.4109 MEL

*In 1776, an elite group of soldiers was handpicked to serve as George Washington's bodyguards. Instead of all being loyal and deserving of his trust, some were part of a treasonous plan to dispose of him. This is the story of the secret plot and how it was revealed. 358 pages*

## **War of 1812**

### **1812: The War that Forged a Nation**

by Walter R. Borneman

973.52 BOR

*This book presents a sweeping narrative that covers the history of the conflict and the colorful personalities involved, and emphasizes its' importance to America's coming-of-age as a nation. 349 pages*

### **War of 1812**

by Miriam Greenblatt

YA 973.52 GRE

*Tells of the United States' heroic campaign to beat back one of the most powerful military forces in the world, and to rid America of foreign powers once and for all. 176 pages*

### **Star-Spangled**

by Tim Grove

YA 973.52 GRO

*This account of the lesser-known history of America's national anthem describes the American flag's design, the important contributions of free black soldiers during the War of 1812, and the intense battle that inspired Francis Scott Key's poem. 165 pages*

## **Civil War**

### **↓ Crossing Ebenezer Creek**

by Tonya Bolden

YA F BOLDEN

*Freed from slavery, Mariah and her young brother Zeke join Sherman's march through Georgia, where Mariah meets enigmatic Caleb and dares to imagine the possibility of true love. But even hope comes at a cost, and as the treacherous march continues toward the churning waters of Ebenezer Creek, Mariah's dreams are as vulnerable as ever. 230 pages*

### **↻ ↓ Red Badge of Courage**

by Stephen Crane

YA F CRANE

*In the spring of 1863, while engaged in the fierce Civil War battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia, a young Union soldier matures to manhood and comes to grips with his conflicting emotions about war. 150 pages*

↓ **Annie, Between the States**

by Laura Elliott

YA F ELLIOTT

*Instead of spending her teen years at parties and balls, Annie, an idealistic, poetry-loving patriot, finds herself nursing soldiers, hiding valuables, and running the household as the Civil War rages around her family's Virginia home. 488 pages*

↓ **Courageous Women of the Civil War**

by M.R. Cordell

YA 973.7082 COR

*This book reveals the exploits of 16 remarkable women who defied society's expectations to serve the war effort at home, and instead served in dangerous roles such as medics, spies, battlefield helpers, and even soldiers on the front lines. 230 pages*

**Now or Never!**

by Ray Anthony Shepard

YA 973.7415 SHE

*The riveting dual biography of two little-known but extraordinary men in Civil War history: George E. Stephens and James Henry Gooding. These Union soldiers served in the Massachusetts 54th Infantry, the well-known black regiment, and were war correspondents who published eyewitness reports of the battlefields. 144 pages*

**Deadly Aim**

by Sally M. Walker

YA 973.7474 WAL

*This book tells the story of Michigan's Anishinaabe sharpshooters: a group of American Indians who bravely fought in the Civil War, despite enduring broken treaties, loss of tribal lands, and racism. 288 pages*

## **Spanish-American War**

**Spain in our Hearts**

by Adam Hochschild

946.081 HOC 2016

*A history of the Spanish Civil War, told through nine American and British characters including Hemingway and George Orwell. It was a war between fascism, communism, and democracy that preceded World War II, and a tale of idealism and a noble cause that failed. 438 pages*

**Spanish-American War**

by Donald M. Goldstein

973.89 CAP 2019

*This book explores how the Spanish-American War was an event that was the tipping point for the end of the Spanish Empire and the rise of the US as a formidable player on the world stage. 221 pages*

**Spanish-American War**

by Michael Golay

YA 973.89 GOL

*A narrative account of the Spanish-American War, covering the origins of the dispute between the United States and Spain over Cuba. Also included are profiles of the key figures and descriptions of major battles. 154 pages*

## **World War I**

↓ **The Button War**

by Avi

YA F AVI

*When World War I comes to Poland, bringing one invading army after another to the village, Jurek devises an exciting dare among the boys in his pack; whoever steals the best military button will be Button King. The competition soon escalates into a dangerous game with potentially deadly consequences. 229 pages*

**Silent**

by David Mellon

YA F MELLON

*Rejected by both her British father's and Indian mother's cultures, Adi is no stranger to trouble. But when a mysterious agitator called Coal kidnaps Adi's twin brothers, she has only herself to rely on. Putting on a military uniform and cutting her hair, she slips unnoticed through the chaos of World War I. 317 pages*

### **The Grand Escape**

by Neal Bascomb

*At the height of World War I, a struggle for survival was being waged in the most notorious POW camp in all of Germany: Holzminden. A land-locked Alcatraz of sorts, it was home to the most troublesome Allied prisoners-- and the most talented at escape. 275 pages*

### **The War to End All Wars**

by Russell Freedman

YA 940.3 FRE

*A narrative history of World War I for young readers that features archival photographs, and describes how advanced military weaponry impacted the course of the war. 176 pages*

### **Women Heroes of World War I**

by Kathryn J. Atwood

YA 940.308 ATW

*Commemorates 16 lesser-known women of valor who served in World War I, including Allies guide and first-aid teen Emilienne Moreau, Imperial Russian Army peasant Maria Bochkareva, and American journalist Madeleine Zabriskie Doty. 246 pages*

### **Come on In, America**

by Linda Barrett Osborne

YA 940.373 OSB

*The "Great War" in Europe started in 1914, but it wasn't until April 6, 1917, that the United States declared war on Germany and joined World War I. Osborne explores not only how and why the United States joined World War I, but also shows how events during the war changed the course of American history. 170 pages*

## **World War II**

### **Code Talker**

by Joseph Bruchac

YA F BRUCHAC

*After being taught in a boarding school run by whites that Navajo is a useless language, Ned Begay and other Navajo men are recruited by the Marines to become Code Talkers, sending messages during World War II in their native tongue. 231 pages*

### **This Light Between Us**

by Andrew Fukuda

YA F FUKUDA

*Pen pals Ales Maki of Bainbridge Island, Washington, and Charlie Lévy of Paris, France, find solace in their friendship as Charlie endures the Nazi occupation, Alex's family is sent to an internment camp, and Alex joins the Army. 382 pages*

### **World War II**

by Diane C. Taylor

YA 940.53 TAY

*Why did the world find itself immersed in another global conflict only two decades after World War I? This book discusses the political, military, and cultural forces that shook the globe from 1939 to 1945 and beyond, and the repercussions of these events around the world. 120 pages*

### **Standing Up Against Hate**

by Mary Cronk Farrell

YA 940.5412 FAR

*Tells the stories of the African American women who enlisted in the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) in World War II. They quickly discovered that they faced as many obstacles in the armed forces as they did in everyday life. 196 pages*

### **D-Day: The World War II Invasion that Changed History**

by Deborah Hopkinson

YA 940.5421 HOP

*The WWII invasion of Allied troops into German-occupied Europe, known as D-Day, was the largest military endeavor in history. This book details not just the accomplishments of the major players of D-Day, but the contributions of people in many different positions to this critical battle. 375 pages*

## **Cold War**

### **Suspect Red**

by L.M. Elliott

J F ELLIOT

*In 1950s Washington, D.C., teenaged Richard, a bookworm whose father works for the FBI, experiences effects of McCarthyism, beginning with book banning and ending with a threat to his half-Czech friend.* 291 pages

### **The Cold War**

by Richard Brownell

YA 909.825 BRO

*Discusses the causes and events of the Cold War, tracing the political struggle between Soviet Russia and the United States from the end of World War II to the fall of the Soviet Union.* 104 pages

### **Fallout: Spies, Superbombs, and the Ultimate Cold War Showdown**

by Steve Sheinkin

YA 972.9106 SHE

*As World War II ends, the United States and the Soviet Union begin a neck-and-neck competition to build increasingly more destructive bombs and conquer the Space Race. The decades-long showdown culminates in the Cuban Missile Crisis, the world's close call with the third-and final-world war.* 342 pages

### **A Time of Fear**

by Albert Marrin

YA 973.9 MAR

*In twentieth century America, no threat loomed larger than the communist superpower of the Soviet Union. This book examines the effects of the communist movement on the United States.* 306 pages

## **Korean War**

### **Brother's Keeper**

by Julie Lee

J F LEE

*Twelve-year-old Sora and her eight-year-old brother, Youngsoo, must try to escape North Korea's oppressive Communist regime by travelling 300 miles on their own in the winter of 1950.* 314 pages

### **The Korean War**

by Michael Burgan

J INFO 951.904 BUR

*Using a choose-your-own-adventure model, readers experience the Korean War from the perspectives of real people, such as a pilot, a member of the U.S. military reserves, a South Korean man, and more.* 112 pages

### **The Frozen Hours**

by Jeff Shaara

F SHAARA

*In 1950 under incredibly brutal winter weather conditions, the Soviet backed North Korean army invades South Korea with the intent of placing it under communist rule. In response the United States mobilizes a force to help the South Korean troops. This is a high-action account of the Battle of Chosin Reservoir that is told from the viewpoints of soldiers and leaders on both sides of the conflict.* 525 pages

### **Ghost Flames**

by Charles Hanley

951.9042 HAN

*Shows the history of the Korean War through the eyes of 21 individuals—soldiers and civilians, witnesses both to atrocity and to heroism. The narrative unfolds in interwoven episodes from the hilltop trench lines, the refugee camps and the prisoner-of-war camps.* 504 pages

## **Vietnam War**

### **Fallen Angels**

by Walter Dean Myers

YA F MYERS

*Seventeen-year-old Richie Perry, just out of his Harlem high school, enlists in the Army in the summer of 1967 and spends a devastating year on active duty in Vietnam.* 309 pages

### **On Blood Road**

by Steve Watkins

YA F WATKINS

*Taylor is a rebellious teenager with a habit of sneaking out to hang with his anti-war friends, so in January 1968 his mother drags him off to Saigon where his father is attached to the United States embassy. 274 pages*

### **↓ Courageous Women of the Vietnam War**

by Kathryn J. Atwood

YA 959.7043 ATW

*In these pages, readers meet brave women and girls who served in life-threatening roles as medics, journalists, resisters, and revolutionaries in the conflict in Vietnam. 225 pages*

### **Vietnam: A History of a War**

by Russell Freedman

YA 959.7043 FRE

*A succinct account of how Cold War politics led to one of America's most puzzling and contentious wars. Describes how the war began, why it was so difficult to end, and how its tragic legacy endures today. 150 pages*

### **↶ ↓ Boots on the Ground**

by Elizabeth Partridge

YA 959.7043 PAR

*An exploration of the Vietnam War from many different perspectives including American soldiers, a nurse, a Vietnamese refugee, politicians, anti-war protesters, and more. 213 pages*

### **Captured: An American Prisoner of War in North Vietnam**

by Alvin Townley

YA 959.7043 TOW

*Naval aviator Jeremiah Denton was captured in North Vietnam in 1965. Over the next seven and a half years as a POW, Jerry Denton led a group of fellow American prisoners in withstanding gruesome conditions behind enemy lines. 239 pages*

## ***Persian Gulf War***

### **The Persian Gulf and Iraqi Wars**

by Lawrence J. Zwier

J INFO 956.704 ZWI

*Covers the 1991 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, which led to the Persian Gulf War, and the second chapter of that war in 2003, when U.S. soldiers were again sent to the region, this time to topple the regime of dictator Saddam Hussein. 96 pages*

### **Persian Gulf War**

by Rodney P. Carlisle

YA 956.7044 CAR

*A narrative account of the American experience of the Persian Gulf War, and a discussion of how the war has affected policies and attitudes toward military involvement in foreign countries. 160 pages*

## ***Iraq War***

### **↓ Dear Blue Sky**

by Mary Sullivan

J F SULLIVAN

*Shortly after Cass's big brother is deployed to fight in Iraq, Cass becomes pen pals with an Iraqi girl who opens up her eyes to the effects of war. 248 pages*

### **↓ The Yellow Birds**

by Kevin Powers

F POWERS

*Follows soldiers John Bartle and Daniel Murphy from basic training through their horrific experience in Iraq, and Bartle's subsequent attempts to reconcile himself to what he saw and did in the war. 230 pages*

### **American Heroes in the Fight Against Radical Islam**

by Oliver North

YA 956.7044 NOR

*Chronicles the "War on Terrorism" from the 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States to the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, highlighting the contributions and achievements of U.S. military personnel. 304 pages*

## **Places and Names**

by Elliot Ackerman

BIO ACKERMAN

*From a decorated Marine war veteran and National Book Award Finalist, this memoir is an astonishing reckoning with the nature of combat and the human cost of the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and Syria. 232 pages*

## ***Afghan War***

### **↓ Enduring Freedom**

by Jawad Arash and Trent Reedy

YA F ARASH

*When Baheer, a studious Afghan teen, meets Joe, a young American army private, Baheer sees an opportunity to practice his English with the soldiers, while his family can make money delivering their supplies. Soon the two find they have a lot more in common than they ever could have realized. 361 pages*

### **Under the Persimmon Tree**

by Suzanne Staples

YA F STAPLES

*During the 2001 Afghan War, the lives of Najmal, a young refugee from Kunduz, Afghanistan, and Nusrat, an American-Muslim teacher, intersect at a school in Peshawar, Pakistan. 275 pages*

### **The War in Afghanistan**

by Stuart A. Kallen

YA 958.1047 KAL

*Provides background information on the war in Afghanistan, from the September 11 terror attacks in 2001, through to the Arab Spring of 2013. 96 pages*

### **Beyond the Call**

by Eileen Rivers

958.1047 RIV

*Follows the experiences of four women who fought in active combat duty in Afghanistan and also worked to gather intelligence about the Taliban from local Afghani women, with whom they were able to cultivate relationships, unlike their male counterparts. 254 pages*

### **Fly Like a Girl**

by Mary Jennings Hegar

YA BIO HEGAR

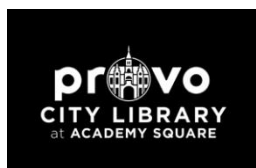
*A Young Readers Edition of the inspiring true story of Air National Guard Major and Purple Heart recipient Mary Jennings Hegar. 294 pages*

### **Never Quit**

by Jimmy Settle

YA BIO SETTLE

*The young adult adaptation of the epic memoir of an Alaskan pararescue jumper, Special Forces Operator, and decorated war hero, detailing some of his most terrifying and exciting missions. 293 pages*



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