A Study to Develop Supplemental Reading Materials for Use with the Junior High School American History Curriculum

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Abstract

Through research into suggested sources a study was made to provide a collection of supplemental reading materials for use by teachers of American history at the junior high school level. These materials are intended to provide information, to promote individual achievement, to spark interests, and to be a motivation for independent reading.
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Problem Statement

To enrich the teaching of American history at the junior high school level, what would comprise a comprehensive collection of coordinating, supplemental, reading materials which could provide students with information, satisfaction and motivation for independent reading?
Rationale

"The poorest adults in the world are those limited to their own experience, those who do not read" (Fader, Duggins, Finn & McNeil, 1976, p. 63). Fundamental education and the tool for self-education is based on reading the printed word (Landy, 1977). However, few of today's children are provided with a love of reading which can be carried over into adulthood for their careers, simple daily activities or pleasures. A very frightening reason given for not reading is that they are not interested, just don't want to (Fader & McNeil, 1968). They don't find pleasure or realize the importance of reading a good magazine, newspaper, novel or tradebook.

Children "have learned their lack of interest in reading. They are so busy decoding and reciting words that they rarely stop or are allowed to stop and enjoy what they're reading" (Fader & McNeil, 1968, p. 5). Reading is the basis for every course taught in every classroom. Yet in these rooms, children are often not truly reading but simply mouthing the words for the teacher to correct (Dilena, 1976). Reading skills are so very important. However, if in the developing of these skills a child becomes disinterested, what has
been accomplished (Criscuolo, 1980)? Typical schools don't stimulate or breed "a desire to read in the average student" (Fader & McNeil, 1968, p. 45). They should be acquiring the reading habit by reading for their own satisfaction as well as for information. After all, the purpose of education is to promote independence.

The teaching of reading must no longer be the exclusive area of English teachers and specialists. Vocabulary, word attack skills and comprehension are the necessary foundations for reading well but what good do they do if the child is not interested. New methods and materials for achieving success for all students, not just the disabled, should be assembled for every course of study (Aukerman, 1979). A large variety of reading materials may stimulate interest and eventually motivate learning (Felsenthal, 1978). As Greenlaw (1977) stated, "For every individual taste, there is probably an informational book sitting on a shelf waiting to be perused" (p. 5). These books are not limited to non-fiction. Students who are turned off by textbooks may be turned on to a subject through "well-written and beautifully illustrated books in social studies, science, health, music, art and mathematics" (Bard, 1976, p. 10). No matter what a student reads, he is learning something
and becoming a better reader in the process. Books which are on a person's difficulty level but high interest area should bring motivation to read and to increase reading habits (Reiter, 1974).

Teachers are the catalysts for student achievement of understanding and satisfaction. Adjustments in methods and materials to meet student abilities and interests are required if learning is to improve (Aukerman, 1972). The classroom environment should invite the kids to read. However, as pointed out by Mike Dilena (1976), in some of our classrooms this is virtually impossible because of the "limited range of reading materials available" (p. 4). Students want more information and there is certainly much waiting for them. The secret is to match the student, his ability and his interests with the correct reading materials. "The problem is that teachers are not aware of the vast array of informational books that can be used to enhance learning and provide pleasure as well as knowledge" (Greenlaw, 1977, p. 3). According to Robert Aukerman (1972) the unaware teacher, content with only using the textbook, should be considered obsolete.

The social studies curriculum offers infinite possibilities for the use of reading materials. As stated
by William P. Barone in 'Reading Competence in Social Studies' (1979), "reading is the foundation shell of social studies processes and products" (p. 6) and teachers should deliberately and systematically include reading instruction in their classrooms. Textbooks are often too difficult for the average reader and only give limited coverage. Materials of varied types and difficulty levels will give a solid base for course objectives (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). History can come alive for a student who can find enjoyment in a well written biography, historical novel, travelogue, or adventure (aukerman, 1972). The teacher who ignores historical literature has lost the sparkling side of history.

The way a book is presented and the guidance provided as it is perused will depend on the teacher. In the end, it is up to the student to match up with the materials but the teacher provides the most assistance by having a wide knowledge of available options (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). Student enjoyment can be increased by the teacher who knows and enjoys literature in all its forms, informational and recreational (Bard, 1976).

Most teachers do not have the time to devote to the research necessary for matching students with materials.
Therefore they respond quite favorably to materials directly related to their subject field (Anderson, 1980). In any successful classroom the key is careful planning. This involves tabulation of materials that are listed by subject, topic, difficulty, accessibility and relevance (Aukerman, 1979). Then using this data, plans may be constructed to provide for inquiry and problem solving for students at all levels (Aukerman, 1972).
Purpose

The purpose of this study was to enrich the teaching of American history at the junior high school level through the compilation of a comprehensive list of supplemental reading materials which would provide information, satisfaction, and motivation for independent reading.
Review of Literature

The adults of tomorrow face a world of the printed word. Career successes and personal pleasures may depend on the ability and willingness to read and to comprehend the wealth of materials available - newspapers, government reports, novels, letters, professional journals, among others (Felton, 1971). It is of prime importance for that interest to be nurtured. Students should be motivated by successful experiences to continue reading what is interesting and appealing to them (Kingston, 1976). As Virgil M. Howes pointed out in 1970, "Schools should increase the pupil's opportunity to learn more than what is taught. Does teaching deny or stimulate curiosity and independence" (p. 4)? If a person is interested, his mind is more receptive and attention more acute. As with all talents, the love or interest in reading improves with practice or withers and dies from disuse. "The fact is that if a child does not like to read he will find other things to do with his spare time and if he loves to read he will find time for reading no matter what competing attractions there are" (Harris & Sipay, 1975, p. 519).

There must be a systematic approach to reading instruction in every classroom to meet the goal of every
student becoming an independent adult reader. According to Irene Reiter (1974), independence is the purpose of education. "If students are given direction in the reading of chemistry, in the reading of math, in the reading of literature, then the probability of improving their reading ability is increased. Students will be able to transfer this ability to situations where they do not have access to the same sort of classroom direction. Hence our aim - independent reading" (p. 6).

The teacher must provide the means by which the student discovers that reading can provide pleasure as well as challenge (Liebert & Liebert, 1979). The more a student reads, the easier and more pleasurable it becomes. The more pleasant the experience, the more willing he is to continue it into more challenging and diversified materials. "Reading is a process that improves with practice" (Joels, 1982, p. 40).

Daniel Fader and Elton McNeil (1968) pointed out that "no student ... is likely to learn to read unless reading is made a part of his entire curricular environment" (p. 44). Teachers can encourage not only interests but reading skills acquisition by integrating supplemental materials into subject area studies (Bard, 1976). Dull textbooks cry out for literature in all its forms which can add
warmth and understanding. The responsibility is the teacher's "to help children to uncover material— not to cover it" (Coxe, 1963, p. 30). Well-written books on a subject can be a catalyst for further study, increased interest, and adoption of new concepts and values. The day of the single textbook has passed for it cannot meet the wide needs of all the children in a given classroom (Coxe, 1963).

Literature opens worlds which most people will never see in their short lives. Both fiction and non-fiction provide insight, synthesis and an organization for the multitudinous bits of information acquired every day (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). "We can live many lives through reading. In reality we can live but one" (Burmeister, 1978, p. 74). What joy and self-satisfaction are present when a student identifies himself with a character from the past or present. By reading good literature along with the textbook, the reader can immerse himself, can live, in a different age, area or dimension (Burmeister, 1978). This restorative play should be considered an important part in the development of the total child—his behavior patterns, insights, social consciousness and values (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). The teacher who loves literature and has expanded knowledge
of available materials has the means to provide infinite pleasure to his students. As Gutknecht suggests, "use good children's literature in reading instruction. With it you can teach the skills and keep the readers interested in learning to read" (1981, p. 10).

The teaching of social studies provides an immense range of opportunities for using literature to provide not only enjoyment but information and hopefully interest for further inquiry. A dull classroom uses only the textbook which by its very size can only focus on the minimal high points of any subject area. The teaching of social studies through the use of multiple resources is a practical improvement (Coxe, 1963). Facts are important but a child's imagination can be ignited by literature that places him in another age with all its sounds, surroundings, characters, conflicts, and solutions. "When history is properly taught - that is when the focus is on human beings - it is neither dull or boring. It can be one of the most exciting of all subjects" (Roselle, 1971, p. 25). Literature can provide such a rich addition to a classroom. Values, social consciousness, problem recognition and solving, as well as empathy for today's human condition come through in well-written fiction and non-fiction (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). Using other than
textbooks, the students may enlarge and deepen their concepts and possible seek further explanations in the literary world. A student tied to a textbook, no matter how good, will be liberated when brought together with a book he can enjoy such as travel, humor, novels, and biography (Aukerman, 1972).

The question facing the teacher who is interested in using literature is what materials are available for each major topic for her students at each one's ability level (Aukerman, 1979). Sebesta and Iverson (1975) believe that "only knowledgeable, well-read personnel can follow through on the sensitive, always challenging task of finding the right book at the right time for the children who want them" (p. 48). Teachers must not only be knowledgeable but enthusiastic in approaching this match.

These materials should not only be available in school libraries but in the classroom as well. The room library must be large enough and comprehensive enough to meet the interests and abilities of all the children (Elkins, 1963). Almost any kind of reading materials will do - library books, magazines, newspapers, hardbacks and paperbacks, travelogues, humor - all can promote interest in a subject that may appear at first dull. The main criteria is for the pupil to be able to understand
it (Carlton & Moore, 1964). Students want more information and there is certainly much waiting for them.

Libraries should take a look at the many unopened and therefore unused books that are literally taking up space. As pointed out by Fader & McNeil in 1968, unsuccessful students quite often view hardcover books as symbols of academic failure. They suggest replacing them "with paperbound books that attract children (just as they attract adults) by the bright covers that commercial artists and advertising men have made inviting" (p. 52). The paperback can be a great incentive for reading by its very physical form - lightweight, portable, inexpensive, easily traded.

Robert Aukerman (1972) sees paperbacks as "symbols of adulthood, and represent acceptance into the adult world. A paperback, then, may be the very vehicle for entering the world of books, for a reluctant ... youth" (p. 129).

In Deborah Elkins' (1963) report on the use of a room library, she found that the paperbacks "were passed from one to another until they were literally worn out" (p. 65).

The paperback selection of materials should include even cartoon and comic books. These books are often a "temporary haven and refuge for students who doubt their ability to read" (Fader & McNeil, 1968, p. 70).
are the children at all ability levels who have not enjoyed a comic or cartoon book. "Anything to which children respond as enthusiastically as they do to comic books must have educational values that can be developed" (Harris & Sipay, 1975, p. 520). They can be used as a beginning, a reinforcer for success, an example of behavior modification rewards which will hopefully lead to interest in pursuing high levels of reading achievement.

Regardless of the form of the book, the teacher is still faced with the problem of what books to select for supplemental materials for her particular social studies classroom. These materials should include biography, historical fiction, non-fiction, travel, eye-witness accounts, atlases and almanacs, among others.

Biography has always been the standby supplemental material of the social studies teacher. Robert Karlin (1972) states that this literary form "can be an enrichment of the student's understanding of the past as well as a way of adding to their understanding of human nature" (p. 23). Good biographies can provide vicarious experiences in the success and failures of figures in the past and of the present. In addition, the culture of the age comes through in character descriptions, speeches with contemporaries, events,
thoughts, setting details, costuming and values (Aukerman & Aukerman, 1981). Entertainment and authentic information are combined to involve the reader in a person's life. Since the character in a biography really existed, the story encourages understanding of him and the times in which he lived. This empathy can span years, continents, and cultures (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). "Through biography history can live and through identification the reader can relive history" (Aukerman & Aukerman, 1981, p. 378).

Historical fiction is an important complement to textbooks for revealing the dynamics of history. As with biography, the historical novel immediately places the reader in the life and events of an era. To quote Robert Aukerman (1972)

"The reader identifies not only with the characters - reacting to their personalities, motives, and maneuvering - but also to the 'feel' of the times. The clothes, the noises, and the smells, the beauty or ugliness, the loneliness or crowdedness, the fears, hates, loves, lethargy, speed, uneasiness, futility, panic or smugness - all are felt as the reader vicariously lives another age" (p. 120).
Finding someone who lived at a different time and place but who shares the same feelings, success and failure gives understanding to the reader. In addition, hard knowledge of human activities from recreation and education to transportation, religion and politics of an unique era can be gained in a pleasurable way. Woven around the fictional characters, the bits of factual knowledge are connected into a total picture and feeling for the times. The unique, often unfamiliar, settings reveal that the true picture of the past is not one of a series of stable unchanging plateaus (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). "More can be learned about life in a particular period of history through the historical novel that through any other reading material" (Aukerman, 1972, p. 309).

Good geographical and regional fiction and non-fiction portray characters against a particular backdrop of environment and time. The reader comes away with the feeling that he lived in that region and during that era (Aukerman & Aukerman, 1981). This realistic fiction informs as well as entertains. It can be used to zero in on a special interest area of a specific student. Many teachers have used local history and regional legends to give whole classes insight into the immediate
world around them (Vaupel, 1977).

Libraries abound with a wide range of informational books. The non-fiction writer can often create an artistic book as literary as fiction (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). One example of the use of non-fiction materials would be the study of various cultures. Instead of just learning the historical data of a people, new insight can be attained through their art, music, customs, and folklore. In today's shrinking world where cultures seem determined to destroy one another, the study of cultural growths, differences and similarities may provide answers for the future of which each student is a part (Greenlaw, 1977).

Fiction and non-fiction materials can be used to sharpen the critical skills of the student (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). Contrasting and comparing historical characters and events as presented in both manners leads to a clearer understanding of the true picture of any era. Hopefully this will lead not only to further research by synthesizing for the future.

Choosing and promoting the materials to be read is quite often the most important role of the teacher since she must be enthusiastic and knowledgeable (Marzano, 1977). According to Liebert and Liebert (1979) a good social
studies curriculum can include biography, film and novel, as well as many excellent trade books on topics of social concern. Joels (1982) believes that one of the "key factors in promoting voluntary reading is just providing the opportunity" and that materials should cover a "wide range of topics, reading levels and formats" (p. 41).

From a 1977 survey, Anders and Cardell showed that as students read more, their reading became more diversified and with this came positive feeling toward reading and their own reading abilities. Harris and Sipay (1975) agree with this statement: "Spectacular gains in reading ability often result when the children begin to read a book or two a week aside from class lessons" (p. 526).

One method suggested for the use of varied materials was the promotion of reading around a common theme or curricular topic. Deborah Elkins' (1963) study showed that if the topic were broad enough it could encompass a wide range of reading abilities, interests, and sub-interests. She suggests that if each child read his own selection, no matter how poor a reader, he "could contribute something because he alone... had read a particular book" and "that no one else had his special bit of knowledge to contribute" (p. 6). From this theme the teacher is able to create a framework for conceptual
development and reading becomes meaningful. Joels (1982) agrees with Elkins when he suggests as a strategy to promote recreational reading in the classroom, the development of units around curricular topics with the teacher providing the materials from which the students select fun readings.

This is an individualized reading program which may be used to reach the so-called "turned-off" student. By using this method the "problem of developing interest ... is reduced because each pupil reads what he can read and what he wants to read" (Carlton & Moore, 1964, p. 10). The teacher should guide in book selection but not dictate what should be read. The classroom should contain a large enough collection of books to fit the varied interests and student reading abilities (Karlin, 1972).

Alexander Frazier (1970) in his article on individualized reading really backs the use of supplemental materials with the following statement.

"When a broader base of material is used in helping children learn to read more effectively the search for and through these materials becomes in itself the greatest opportunity for developing the kinds of abilities we most value - skimming and sampling, locating needed
information and ideas from many sources, comparing varied treatments of the same topics, reading deeply and extensively in specific areas ... and gaining experience with many books" (p. 9).

One study by Deborah Elkins (1963) showed that ownership was a motivating force for reading because many children had never had the opportunity to own a real book. This is supported by Lundy (1977) who found that "by far the most important predictors of the amount of reading were sex, reading ability and the number of books the child owns" (p. 6). An example of a successful reading program is RIF (Reading Is Fundamental). In this nationally known program children are given free books. Another rather inexpensive source for books are the Tab and Troll Book Clubs available to students.

The important thing is accessibility. Children will read if their interests and ability levels are met with good, well-written materials. The increasing recognition of this has been a major factor in the enlarging of school library collections. Harris and Sipay (1975) state that "each classroom in a well-equipped school today has a library collection of its own" (p. 516).

The selection of materials is a major task which
faces the already overworked educator. Which materials are on what levels of readability? Which are best for capturing the interests of a specific child. Burmeister (1978) said that it is important to use chronological age in determining interests for she found that "bright students tend to enjoy the same type of stories as do average students of the same age" (p. 69). She also noted that students will read materials they are truly interested in while other materials at the same level will be completely frustrating to them. Sebesta and Iverson (1975) suggest as a criteria for selection – excellence in writing, accuracy of information, level of reading difficulty, suitability of content to age level, appeal, ease of locating information within a book and usefulness in libraries.

Fortunately there are a number of sources available to help in the selection of materials. Various educators and interest groups have provided booklists which consider subject area and quality of material (Sebesta & Iverson, 1975). New evaluations appear monthly in various professional journals and on a yearly basis. These may be available through school and university libraries but require hours of research. Teachers should be given a guide to supplemental materials to fit the
established curriculum. Through the use of this additional high interest reading material the objective of building a lasting reading interest should be achieved.
Procedure

Through the cross-referencing of suggested materials a comprehensive list was developed to fit the areas of the junior high school American history curriculum. The categories for selection were arranged in chronological order as follows: New World Beginnings, Colonization, Independence, Democracy, Expansion, Division, Growth, Conflict, and Challenge. Each book was listed alphabetically according to title followed by the author, publisher, and publishing date. In order to whet the teacher's and the student's literary appetites a short description of the book's content was given.
Results

Using the sources given in Appendix I, an alphabetically list of five hundred and seventy five books was assembled to fit the nine established categories. The categories followed a general chronological outline of American history with some overlapping of dates to fit certain subjects, trends, or events. In two categories, sub-categories were established because of the wealth of material available. The general topic of Slavery was added to the Division category and the topic of Indians was added to the Growth category.

In choosing the books for inclusion in this project, there were no clear indicators of exact reading or interests levels for each book. No two sources agreed on these levels and some did not list their recommendations according to precise grade. To have used a readability formula on each book would have been too time consuming for this project. Possibly in the future, a precise level could be established quickly and accurately through the use of computers.

In selecting the materials, I tried to choose books that would appeal to both high and low scoring readers. The user of this compilation of interest based
reading materials must accept my subjective choices as the best for the junior high student of American history. The choices were made in an attempt to find something to interest each individual child.
Junior High Reading Adventures
New World Beginnings

Across the Ocean Sea, A Journal of Columbus Voyage
George Sanderlin, Harper, 1966
The story of the discovery of America is told through excerpts from the journals of the famous explorer and his son.

Adventures in the Wilderness
Rutherford Platt, American, 1963
Beginning with the appearance of the first land animals in North America 280 million years ago, the author tells the story of nature in words and pictures.

Americans Before Columbus
Elizabeth Baity, Viking, 1951
With words and pictures the author tells of the settlement of America by wandering hunters from Asia and the development of the great cultures of Central and South America.

Amerigo Vespucci
Nina Brown Baker, Knopf, 1956
The man for whom America is named has his life story told. It is well-written and documented.

The Art of Ancient Mexico
Shirley Glubok, Harper, 1968
The great cultures of ancient Mexico, the Mayans and the Aztecs are revealed in a clear and interesting manner.

Away to Mexico
Albert J. Nevins, Dodd, 1966
Mexican history from the early civilizations to modern time is related in this comprehensive book.

The Aztec Indians of Mexico
Sonia Bleeker, Morrow, 1963
The blood-thirsty culture of the Aztecs from ancient to modern day is presented.

Balboa, Finder of the Pacific
Ronald Syme, Morrow, 1956
The biography of the explorer who "discovered" the world's largest ocean and named it for its peaceful appearance.
Beyond the Mists
Nathaniel Benchley, Harper & Row, 1975
When a seaman is shipwrecked in Norway, he meets the explorer Lief Ericson and sails with him on his next voyage.

The Blood of the Brave
Betty Baker, Harper, 1966
This historical novel is based on accounts of the sixteenth century expedition of Hernando Cortez. Young Juan joins the men seeking conquest of the Aztecs and is used as an interpreter by their king, Montezuma.

The Captive
Scott O'Dell, Houghton, 1979
A Spanish missionary to the New World is shipwrecked, found, and helped by a young Mayan girl.

Cartier Sails the St. Lawrence
Esther Averill, Harper, 1956
Based on the French explorer's own records, the story is told of his three voyages of exploration to North America.

Champlain of the St. Lawrence
Ronald Syme, Morrow, 1952
The story of Champlain's discoveries, relations with the Indians, and his efforts to colonize New France.

Christopher Columbus: Mariner
A biography of the great sailor and explorer of the world to the West.

Cliff Dwellings: Ancient Ruins from America's Past
Carroll B. Colby, Coward, 1965
The pre-historic Indians of America are investigated through pictures, maps, and stories.

Coronado and the Discovery of the Southwest
A. Grove Day, Meredith, 1967
The Southwestern United States as first viewed by Coronado who was searching for the great cities of gold.

Cortes and the Aztec Conquest
Irwin R. Blacker, Harper & Row, 1965
Using maps, photos, drawings and artifacts, this is a fascinating story of the Spanish conquest.
Cortes of Mexico
Ronald Syme, Morrow, 1951
A biography of the explorer who opened Mexico to
conquest by Spain.

Discoverers of the New World
Josef Berger, American, 1960
Good illustrations and personal accounts make the
great discoveries and conquests come alive.

The Earliest Americans
William Earl Scheele, World, 1963
Interesting book about the Paleo-Indians whose
existence has only been suspected since 1926.

Eastward to India
George Sanderlin, Harper, 1965
A book about Portugal during the fifteenth century
when it dominated sea travel and exploration.

Exploring the Great River
Robert Meredith, Little, 1969
This is the great Mississippi River's story of its
many explorations by men from many European countries.

The Fall of the Aztecs
Shirley Glubok, St. Martin's, 1965
Told through the eyes of a Spanish soldier and
drawings by Indians, this story tells of Cortes's
conquest of Mexico.

The Feathered Serpent
Scott O'Dell, Houghton, 1981
The tragedy of Montezuma's defeat by Cortes is told in
the story of a shipwrecked missionary who is thought
to be a Mayan god.

Feathered Serpent: The Rise and the Fall of the Aztecs
Ruth Karen, Four Winds, 1979
The Aztec people, the civilization, and their culture
are described in fascinating detail.

Ferdinand Magellan
Ronald Welch, Criterion, 1956
From early youth to his death, this biography takes
the reader along with Magellan in his quest to
circumnavigate the world.
Fire Hunter
Jim Kjelgaard, Holiday House, 1951
Action filled, fascinating story of a young prehistoric man and how he learns among other things to create weapons, tame animals and control fire.

The First Artists
Dorothy Samachson and Joseph Samachson, Doubleday, 1970
Pre-historic art throughout the world is presented.

First Around the World: A Journal of Magellan's Voyage
George Sanderlin, Harper, 1964
Based on writings of Magellan's companions, this is the story of his attempt to sail around the world.

The First Book of the Aztecs
Barbara L. Beck, Watts, 1968
The Aztec civilization and its conquest by Spanish explorers is told.

The First Comers: Indians of America's Dawn
Alice Lee Marriott, McKay, 1960
Pre-historic Indians of America are presented through investigation by archaeologists.

The Gentle Conquistadors
Jeannette Mirsky, Pantheon, 1969
The story of the Spanish explorer, Cabeza de Vaca and his black slave, Esteban, who traveled for ten years across the southern portion of North America.

Good Times with Maps
Irene Estep, Melmont, 1962
An introduction to fun in reading maps.

Heirs of the Ancient Maya
Christine Price, Scribner, 1972
The descendants of the Mayans of Mexico, the Lacandon, are presented.

Henry Hudson
Four years in the life of this English explorer as he made four voyages which ended in mutiny.

Horse of Two Colors
Glenn Balch, Corwell, 1966
After being captured by Indian enemies and Spaniards, two boys escape to freedom.
The Incas of the Andes
Sonia Bleeker, Morrow, 1964
The civilization of these Peruvian Indians and their culture is completely described.

The Incas: People of the Sun
Anne M. Peck, McKay, 1961
The story of a people who worshipped the sun, built cities on mountain tops, and created a great civilization in South America.

The King's Fifth
Scott O'Dell, Houghton, 1966
A young mapmaker's thrilling story of travel with Coronado as he looked for the cities of gold.

Komantcia
Harold Keith, Crowell, 1964
A young Spanish aristocrat is captured by the Comanches and endures their cruelty and later friendship.

LaSalle of the Mississippi
Ronald Syme, Morrow, 1953
A biography of the French explorer of the great river.

Lief Eriksson: First Voyager to America
Katherine B. Shippen, Harper, 1951
The first explorer of America is shown through an account of his first voyage.

Magellan, First Around the World
Ronald Syme, Morrow, 1953
A vivid biography of Magellan from his teenage years until his death in the Philippines.

The Maya: Indians of Central America
Sonia Bleeker, Morrow, 1961
Vivid and authentic details are given of the culture of these Central American Indians.

Maya: Land of the Turkey and the Deer
Anne M. Peck, McKay, 1960
An absorbing study of the culture and the history of the Mayans.

The Ocean: Man's Conquest of the Sea
Alan Villiers, Dutton, 1963
Voyages which led to man's conquest of the ocean are recounted and illustrated with maps and photographs.
Odyssey of Courage: The Story of Alvar Nunez Cabeza De Vaca
Maia Wojciechowska, Atheneum, 1965
The story of the conquistador who sought peace with the Indians and his overland trek from Florida to Mexico.

On Course!
Carl S. Hirsch, Viking, 1967
From earliest to modern times, the navigators of history are presented with imagination.

Pageant of South American History
Anne M. Peck, McKay, 1962
The history of our South American neighbors is recounted.

Passage to Drake's Bay
Jean Montgomery, Morrow, 1972
A cabin boy's tale of his exciting adventures on Drake's voyage to California in 1579.

Passage to the West
Noel B. Gerson, Messner, 1968
Exciting story of the four voyages of Henry Hudson as he looked for a waterway through the new world to the Orient that ended with his being abandoned by his crew.

Realm of the Incas
Victor W. VonHagen, New American Library, 1961
The culture of the Peruvian Incas of South America is described.

Runner in the Sun
D'Arcy McNickle, Holt, 1954
An Indian boy goes on a dangerous journey to Aztec country to help his people.

The Navy That Crossed the Mountains
James Norman, Putnam, 1963
The final victory for Cortes was achieved by a tiny fleet which wins the first inland naval battle in America.

Navajo Slave
Lynne Gessner, Harvey, 1976
An Indian boy, who is enslaved by the Spanish, finds friendship and courage before escaping.
New Worlds Ahead
John Hampden, Farrar, 1968
The actual stories taken from first hand accounts of fourteen explorers of the New World.

Secret of the Andes
Ann Nolan Clark, Viking, 1952
An Inca boy's story told in poetic form.

Secrets of the Past
Eva Knox Evans and Dick Kohfield, Western, 1965
The story of how archeologists reveal the mysteries of the past.

Shadow of the Hawk: Saga of the Mound Builders
Robert Myron, Putnam, 1965
Indians who lived in the Ohio Valley 2000 years ago are revealed through an archeological study.

Song of the Quail: The Wondrous World of the Maya
Ruth Karen, Four Winds, 1972
The Mayan history and culture are shown.

The Story of the Inca
Robin McKown, Putnam, 1966
An expansive view of the Inca empire with photographs.

The Sun Kingdom of the Aztecs
Victor W. Von Hagen, World, 1958
A recreation of Aztec life at the time when Spaniards first arrived in Mexico.

Sun, Sand, and Steel: Costumes and Equipment of the Spanish - Mexican Southwest
Glen Dines, Putnam, 1972
Beginning with the earliest explorers and ending with 19th century soldiers, a colorful view of costumes is given.

Tales from Silver Lands
Charles J. Finger, Doubleday, 1924
Nineteen tales taken down from South American Indian legendary stories of animals and people.

Vast Horizons
Mary Seymour Lucas, Viking, 1943
The history of the quest for trade routes to India and the men who searched for them.
Voyages of Christopher Columbus
Armstrong Sperry, Random, 1950
Biography of the great navigator and explorer.

Walk the World's Rim
Betty Baker, Harper, 1965
The fictional story of an Indian boy who travels
with Cabeza DeVaca and two Spanish conquistadors
in exploring the Southwest during the 16th century.

Westward Ho!
Charles Kingsley, Dodd, 1966
Sea adventures and adventurers' stories during the
reign of Queen Elizabeth I of England.

The Wilderness Tattoo: A Narrative of Juan Ortiz
William Steele, Harcourt, Brace, and Javanovich, 1972
The early life of a Spaniard who was captured by
Florida Indians in 1527.

The Wilderness Way
Merritt P. Allen, McKay, 1954
The story of the settling of New France and the
further explorations of LaSalle.

The Youngest Conquistador
S. G. Mantel, McKay, 1963
A young member's adventures as part of Cortes's
expedition even though he feels sad for the Aztecs.
Colonization

The Battle for Quebec
F. Van Wyck Mason, Houghton, 1965
The story of the battle for Quebec which was one of the world's great battles since it determined who would control North America.

Beyond the Frontier
Franklin Flosom, Harvey, 1968
Real life adventure of a boy captured and adopted by the Seneca Indians.

The Bloody Country
James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier, Four Winds, 1976
The efforts of the Buck family to settle in the Pennsylvania valley is told with all its hardships.

Blue Jacket
Allan W. Eckert, Little, 1969
A white boy, captured and raised by the Shawnee, becomes one of their famous war chiefs.

Buccaneers and Pirates of Our Coast
Frank R. Stockton, Macmillan, 1967
The romance and excitement of piracy of American waters.

Calico Captive
Elizabeth George Speare, Houghton Mifflin, 1957
Based on a true story of being captured by the Indians and taken to French Canada to be sold as slaves.

Captain Cook and the South Pacific
Oliver Warner and J. C. Beaglehole, American, 1963
The story of the great English explorer of the South Pacific and Australia.

Carry On, Mr. Bowditch
Jean Lee Latham, Houghton, 1955
The story of the eighteenth century Massachusetts boy who becomes a self-taught navigational expert.

Colonial Craftsmen and the Beginning of American Industry
Edwin Tunis, World, 1965
Well-illustrated, detailed book on American colonial life.
Colonial Living
Edwin Tunis, World, 1957
Life as found in the American colonies during the 17th and 18th centuries

Constance: A Story of Early Plymouth
Patricia Clapp, Lothrop, 1968
A fifteen year old girl travels from London to Massachusetts and must adapt to the hardships of colonial life.

The Courage of Sarah Noble
Alice Dalgliesh, Scribner, 1954
A young girl helps in the settlement of Connecticut

Crimson Moccasins
Wayne Doughty, Harper, 1966
A boy raised as an Indian struggles to overcome prejudice when he discovers that he is white.

Daniel Boone
James H. Daugherty, Viking, 1939
A vigorous life story of the famous pioneer of Kentucky.

Daniel Boone, Wilderness Scout
Stewart E. White, Doubleday, 1964
The life story and true adventures of the great hunter and pioneer.

Dark Frigate
Charles Boardman Hawes, Little, 1934
Adventurous tale of a lad who runs away to the sea and the pirates of the 1600's.

The Deerslayer
James Fenimore Cooper, Scriber, 1919

The Devil's Shadow: The Story of Witchcraft in Massachusetts
Clifford Lindsey Alderman, Messner, 1967
Absorbing account of the witchcraft trials which occurred in 1692 in Massachusetts.

The Far-Off Land
Rebecca Caudill, Viking, 1964
Life in the colonies before the Revolution as seen through the eyes of a sixteen year old girl.
Flames Over New England: The Story of King Philip's War 1675-1676
Olga Hall-Quest, Dutton, 1967
The reasons are given for the conflict between Puritan settlers and the Algonquin tribes.

Flaming Arrows
William O. Steele, Harcourt, 1957
Exciting story of pioneer life in Tennessee during the Indian days.

The French and Indian Wars
Frances Russell, American, 1962
The story of this war when the French and British battled for control of the New World.

Friend William
Willard M. Wallace, Nelson, 1958
Biography of the man who established a colony as a haven for the people of his Quaker faith.

Ghost Fox
James Houston, Harcourt, Brace & Javanovich, 1977
Kidnapped and adopted by the Abnaki Indians, Sarah must decide whether to remain with them or return to the life of white colonial America.

The Iron Peacock
Mary Stetson Clarke, Viking, 1966
A young girl must adjust to life in the colonies as an indentured servant after her father dies on the voyage to the New World.

Jamestown Adventure
Olga W. Hall-Quest, Dutton, 1950
The story of the first permanent English settlement based on the original records.

Land Beyond the Rivers
Edith Brockway, Westminster, 1966
A young orphan joins George Washington's army during the French and Indian War is captured and adopted by an Indian tribe before he decides to return to his own people.

The Last of the Mohicans
James Fennimore Cooper, Scribner's, 1919
The French and Indian War is the background of the romantic story of Indian-white relations in the forest of New York.
Last Portage
Walter O'Meara, Houghton, 1962
True story of John Tanner, a Kentucky boy who lived with the Ojibway Indians for thirty years.

The Light in the Forest
Conrad Richters, Knopf, 1953
A New York boy raised by Indians finds he has no place with either family.

Lone Journey: The Life of Roger Williams
Jeanette Eaton, Harcourt, 1944
A biography of the man who established the colony of Rhode Island for religious freedom and civil justice.

The Matchlock Gun
Walter D. Edmonds, Dodd, 1941
The story of a Dutch family in colonial America.

Moccasin Trail
Eloise McGraw, Coward, 1952
Dramatic story of a boy's life with the Indians who adopted him and his re-adjustment after returning to his family.

The Pathfinder
James Fennimore Cooper, Scribner, 1919
The third in the series of Leatherstocking Tales of the frontiersman, Natty Bumppo, and his Indian friends.

Penn
Elizabeth Janet Gray, Viking, 1938
Portrait of the famous Quaker who founded one of the original thirteen colonies.

The Pilgrims, Brave Settlers of Plymouth
Lynn Groh, Garrard, 1963
An account of the Pilgrim struggle for survival in the vast wilderness.

The Pioneers
James Fennimore Cooper, Scribner, 1919
The fourth in the series of adventures of Natty Bumppo and his quest for a life of freedom close to nature.

Pirates in Petticoats
Jane H. Yolen, McKay, 1963
Tales of the women who became buccaneers.
Pirates of the Spanish Main
Hamilton Cochrane, American 1961
A well-illustrated and romantic history of the Caribbean.

The Prospering
Elizabeth Speare, Houghton, 1967
Life in the colonial wilderness of Massachusetts as told by a young girl.

River of Wolves
Stephen Meader, Harcourt, 1948
Captured by the Canadians during the French and Indian War, Dare Foster tells of his journey to Canada and eventual escape.

Roanoke: A Novel of the Lost Colony
Sonia Levitin, Atheneum, 1973
The story of the lost colony as told by a young boy who escaped because of his friendship with the Indians.

Sachem of the Wolf People
Virginia Frances Weight, Funk, 1963
The story of the Mohegan Indian chief during the years of problems with the white settlers.

A Spy in Old Detroit
Anne Emery, Rand, 1963
During the French and Indian War, a boy becomes a spy for the English while his beloved brother remains their enemy.

Sir Walter Raleigh: Captain and Adventurer
Geoffrey Trease, Vanguard, 1940
A biographical picture of this versatile, volatile Elizabethan explorer, privateer, and courtier.

The Story of the "Old Colony" of New Plymouth
Samuel Morison, Knopf, 1956
Life in colonial Plymouth is depicted with all its harshness and reality.

Sword of the Wilderness
Elizabeth Coatsworth, Macmillan, 1936
The French and Indian War as seen through the eyes of a captive of the Indians which shows the logical allegiance of the Indians with the French against the settlers.
That Dear-Bought Land
Jean Lee Latham, Harper, 1957
The story of the settlement of Jamestown through the eyes of one of the young colonists.

Tituba of Salem Village
Ann Petrey, Crowell, 1964
The hysterical witchcraft trials of Massachusetts as based on the true story of Tituba.

Tomahawk Shadow
Nancy Faulkner, Doubleday, 1959
An exciting story of a teenage apprentice who leaves a cruel master in Plymouth to join Roger Williams in Rhode Island.

Tree of Freedom
Rebecca Caudill, Viking, 1949
A story of life in the Kentucky wilderness prior to the American Revolution.

Valiant Captive
Erick Berry, Chilton, 1962
A story of Margaret Eames and her sister who are captured by Indians and taken to Canada where they are to be traded.

The Warlock of Westfall
Leonard Everett Fisher, Doubleday, 1974
The story of an unfortunate victim of the witchcraft scare in Massachusetts.

The Witch of Blackbird Pond
Elizabeth George Speare, Houghton, 1958
In 1689 sixteen year old Kit Tyler leaves her home in the Barbados and goes to live with her Connecticut relatives. Here she comes in conflict with rigid Puritan beliefs and practices.

The World of Captain John Smith 1580 – 1631
Genevieve Foster, Scribner, 1959
History of the people and events that surrounded John Smith as he led the settlement of Virginia.

The Young Colonials
Robert Carse, Norton, 1963
Fascinating account of seven boys and girls who were a part of successful colonization.
Zeb
Alonzo Anderson, Knopf, 1966
An exciting story of a boy who survives the winter alone after the death of his family.

Young Paul Revere's Boston
Samuel Epstein and Beryl Epstein, Garrard, 1966
Exciting book that tells what it was like to live in the capital of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
Independence

The American Revolution
Bruce Bliven, Jr., Random, 1958
The people, the battles, and the reasons for the American Revolution are given in a dramatic and interesting account.

America's Ethan Allen
Stewart Holbrook, Houghton, 1954
One of America's Revolutionary War heroes is brought alive in a way which shows his spirit of independence.

America's Paul Revere
Esther Forbes, Houghton, 1946
A biography of the silversmith who became a leader in the Revolutionary War.

April Morning
Howard Fast, Noble & Noble, 1970
A novel of a boy who became a man on the day the first shots of the Revolutionary War were fired in Lexington.

Battle for King's Mountain
Manly Wade Wellman, Washburn, 1962
The Revolutionary War is seen through the eyes of a buckskin scout in the southern campaign of the Continental Army.

Benjamin Franklin
Clara Ingram Judson, Follett, 1957
A biography of the Revolution's statesman, scientist, and philosopher.

Benjamin Franklin
Thomas J. Fleming, Four Winds, 1973
New depth and insight are given in this biography which contains much information not usually given about this famous leader.

Benjamin Franklin
Enid LaMonte Meadowcroft, Scholastic, 1965.
A biography of a great American statesman.
Dawn at Lexington
Nora Wood James, Longman, Green & Co., Inc., 1957
Fast-moving, action-packed story of the beginning of the American Revolution through the involvement of a bookseller's apprentice.

Boys in the Revolution
Jack Coggins, Stackpole, 1967
The experiences of three boys during the Revolutionary War days as based on their own written accounts.

Dawn over Saratoga: The Turning Point of the Revolution
Fred J. Cook, Doubleday, 1973
Spirited account of the defeat of the British which led to France's necessary aid for the ultimate colonial victory.

Day of Glory
Philip Spencer, Scholastic, 1955
Hour by hour the exciting story of the day the war began is given.

Drums
James Boyd, Scribner, 1936
Although sent to England to avoid the revolutionary turmoil, a young man meets John Paul Jones and becomes a part of his famous battles.

Early Thunder
Jean Fritz, Coward-McCann, 1967
Like so many others in Massachusetts, a young man is caught between loyalty to his king and the desire to govern himself.

Ethan Allen and the Green Mountain Boys
Slater Brown, Random, 1956
The story of Vermont's hero and his role in the War for Independence.

Four Days in Philadelphia - 1776
Mary Kay Phelan, Crowell, 1967
A careful look is given to the famous four days when the colonial representatives decided to declare independence from England.

Freelon Starbird
Richard F. Snow, Houghton, 1976
A vivid picture of the Revolutionary War as viewed by a boy who only joined the Army as a "lark."
George Washington and the Making of a Nation
Marcus Cunliffe and Richard B. Morris, Harper, 1966
A simple, realistic biography of America's great military leader and statesman.

George Washington's World
Genevieve Foster, Scribner, 1944
A look at the world its people and events during the lifetime of Washington.

The Great Declaration
Henry Commanger, Bobbs, 1958
Through the words of those people who took part, the story is given of the writing of the Declaration of Independence.

Guardians of Liberty: Sam Adams and John Hancock
Olga Hall-Quest, Dutton, 1963
Two men who led the Revolution come alive in this story of life prior to the Revolution.

Haym Solomon: Son of Liberty
Howard Fast, Messner, 1941
The story of the Jewish patriot who helped finance the war.

The Incredible Deborah
Cora Cheney, Scribner, 1967
The story of the woman who served in the Continental Army for two years disguised as a man.

I'm Deborah Sampson: A Soldier in the War of the Revolution
Patricia Clapp, Lothrop, 1977
A young woman tells of all her problems in keeping her identity a secret when she disguises herself as a man in order to join the Continental Army.

John Adams and the American Revolution
Catherine Drinker Bowen, Atlantic Monthly Press, 1950
Biography of one of the leaders of the Revolution who later became President and father of a President.

Johnny Tremain
Esther Forbes, Houghton, 1943
A Boston apprentice becomes deeply involved in the political events leading to the opening battles of the Revolutionary War.
Leader by Destiny
Jeanette Eaton, Harcourt, 1938
The development of George Washington's personality and character is shown in this biography.

Lexington, Concord, and Bunker Hill
Frances Russell, American, 1963
This is the true story of the opening scenes of the American Revolution as the British troops and the colonialists first exchange shots.

Liberty and Corporal Kincaid
Ray Grant Toepfer, Chilton, 1968
Action packed story of a young corporal's part in the war. He leads the British on a wild chase while others warn Thomas Jefferson to flee.

The Many Worlds of Benjamin Franklin
Frank R. Donovan, American, 1964
This biography sees the man and his independence minded age.

Martha, Daughter of Virginia
Marguerite Vance, Dutton, 1947
A story of Martha Washington which shows her character and that of her husband, George.

My Brother Sam Is Dead
James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier, Four Winds, 1974
The problems of a Connecticut family during the Revolutionary War are presented as they must decide which side to support.

Patrick Henry, Firebrand of the Revolution
Nardi Reeder Campion, Little, 1961
A biography of the man who first proposed independence and had the spirit and action to work for it.

Paul Revere and the World He Lived In
Esther Forbes, Houghton, 1962
Life around this famous colonial rebel and the man himself are revealed in this biography.

Peggy
Lois Duncan, Little, 1970
The life story of the wife of the famous traitor Benedict Arnold.
Peter Treegate's War
Leonard Wibberley, Farrar, 1960
A boy becomes a British captive but escapes to help the rebels.

Rabble on the Hill
Robert Edmond Alter, Putnam, 1964
The fight for who is to control Boston is seen as the British try to drive the colonists from Breed's Hill.

Radical of the Revolution: Samuel Adams
Margaret Green, Messner, 1971
A biography of the revolutionary who so strongly stood for freedom and civil liberty.

Rebel Siege
Jim Kjelgaard, Holiday, 1953
At the Battle of King's Mountain, a fourteen-year-old and his father join the Carolina backwoodsmen in the struggle against the British troops.

Redcoat in Boston
Ann Finlayson, Wayne, 1971
The story of the Boston Massacre from the viewpoint of the British soldiers who were there.

Sam Adams, Son of Liberty
Clifford Lindsey Alderman, Holt, 1961
The "firebrand" of the Revolution is shown with the events and the people of this time.

Retreat to Victory: The Life of Nathanael Greene
Clifford Alderman, Chilton, 1967
The story of the Revolutionary War general who drew the British into the trap that led to their surrender at Yorktown.

Sarah Bishop
Scott O'Dell, Houghton, 1980
A suspenseful story of the Revolution based on historical fact about a girl falsely accused of arson and her survival in the wilderness.

Sea Captain from Salem
Leonard Wibberley, Farrar, 1961
A captain is sent on a mission by Benjamin Franklin in hopes of persuading the French to aid the colonies.
The Shot Heard Round the World  
Jeanette C. Nolan, Messner, 1963  
The story of Lexington and Concord where the war began.

Spy in Williamsburg  
Isabelle Lawrence, Rand McNally & Co., 1956  
A mystery story of pre-revolutionary war days in Virginia.

The Swamp Fox: Francis Marion  
Noel B. Gerson, Mockingbird Books, 1975  
A biography of the Revolutionary War hero of the Carolinas.

Tom Paine: Freedom's Apostle  
Leo Gurko, Crowell, 1957  
A biography of the man whose pen roused men to seek independence.

A Touch of Magic  
Betty Cavanna, Westminster, 1961  
A novel of three girls in Philadelphia during the Revolutionary War which gives the picture of a society whose only concerns were pleasure.

The Traitor and the Spy: Benedict Arnold and John Andre  
James Thomas Flexner, Little, Brown, 1975  
The true story of the traitorous attempt to turn West Point over to the British.

Traitor: The Case of Benedict Arnold  
Jean Fritz, Putnam, 1981  
A biography of this complex, famous man whose name has become synonymous with the word traitor.

Treegate's Raiders  
Leonard Wibberley, Ariel, 1962  
A suspenseful adventure of the Revolutionary War.

Washington, the Indispensable Man  
James Thomas Flexner, Little, Brown, 1974  
A biography of this famous leader of the War for Independence.

Whaleboat Warriors  
Mimi Cooper Levy, Viking, 1963  
Using small boats a groups of rebels spy, carry messages, and attack the British as they cross between Long Island and Connecticut.
Who Comes to King's Mountain?
John & Patricia Beatty, Morrow, 1975
A young Southern Scotsman must decide to help the British or the patriot Francis Marion.

Wind from the Carolinas
Robert Wilder, Putnam, 1963
The story of a loyalist family that leaves the rebel colonies to establish new homes in the Bahamas.

Winter Patriot
Benjamin Schneider, Chilton, 1967
When his father is killed by a Hessian soldier, a sixteen-year-old joins the patriots to fight for liberty.

Yankee Doodle Boy
Joseph Plumb Martin, Scott, 1964
An autobiography of one soldier's day-to-day experiences as a member of the Continental Army.
Expansion

Andrew Jackson, Soldier and Statesman
Ralph K. Andrest & Authur M. Schleisinger, Sr., American, 1963
A biography of the seventh President of the United States with many varied illustrations.

Andrew Jackson
Margaret Coit, Houghton, 1965
The life story of a colorful and courageous man who became President of the United States.

The Amazing Alexander Hamilton
Arthur Ormont, Messner, 1964
A biography of one of the leaders during the crucial period of American history when a country was shaped under the Constitution.

Anchor's Aweigh: The Story of David Glasgow Farragut
Jean Lee Latham, Harper, 1968
History as told through the biography of this famous hero of the American Navy.

The Bannekers of Banneky Springs
Delores D. Harrison, Hawthorn, 1970
The biography of the talented black man who helped to design the nation's capitol.

Benjie's Portion
Martin Ballard, Ward, 1969
After the Revolutionary War, freed English slaves leave their unworkable land in Nova Scotia and attempt to found a new colony in West Africa.

Better Known as Johnny Appleseed
Mabel Leigh Hunt, Lippincott, 1950
The well-documented story of John Chapman.

Black Falcon
Sperry Armstrong, Holt, 1949
The story of piracy and old New Orleans during the War of 1812.

Chingo Smith of the Erie Canal
Samuel H. Adams, Random, 1958
An orphan rises to be captain of a canal boat.
Diary of An Early American Boy: Noah Blake 1805
Eric Sloane, Funk, 1962
How to do anything on a backwood's farm is shown in this diary of life in 1805.

The Erie Canal
Peter Spier, Doubleday, 1970
Pictures and songs as well as stories about the Erie Canal which opened in 1825 and closed in 1917.

The Erie Canal
Ralph D. Andrest & Carter Goodrich, American, 1964
Many pictures, paintings, and prose as used to describe the reasons for and the construction of the canal.

The Great Turkey Drive
Charles Morrow Wilson, McKay, 1964
The trip from Vermont to Boston can be exciting for a group of boys and a flock of turkeys.

Gunsmith's Apprentice
Marion B. and J. Barrett Obermeyer, McKay, 1962
The story of a young man in a small town on the Ohio River.

Hero of Two Seas
Charles G. Muller, McKay, 1968
The life of an almost forgotten hero of the United States Navy in the War of 1812, Thomas MacDonough.

The Man Who Wouldn't Give Up (Henry Clay)
Katharine E. Wilkie, Messner, 1961
A biography of Henry Clay who had a stormy life but whose great leadership abilities earned him the title of peacemaker.

James Madison
Alfred Steinberg, Putnam, 1965
This biography of our fourth President emphasizes his desire to have a strong central government.

John Quincy Adams
Fred G. Clarke, Macmillan, 1966
The son of a President and a President himself, this biography points out the achievements of this man within the history of his times.
John Marshall
Caroline Tucker, Farrar, 1962
The absorbing story of the man who as Chief Justice of the United States is responsibility for many of today's legal precedents.

Of Courage Undaunted: Across the Continent with Lewis and Clark
James Henry Daugherty, Viking, 1951
An account of the expedition to explore the Louisiana Purchase and the Northwest.

Man of Liberty
Leonard Wibberley, Farrar, 1968
A biography of Thomas Jefferson which emphasizes the man as a political leader in Virginia and the nation.

The Man Who Transformed the World: James Watt
William D. Crane, Messner, 1963
This man's life story and his development of the steam engine which changed the world is presented.

Patriotic Rebel: John C. Calhoun
William D. Crane, Messner, 1972
During the years prior to the Civil War, this leader struggled to find a way to keep the South as a part of the federal system.

Patriot's Lady, the Life of Sarah Livingston Jay
Lois Hobert, Funk, 1960
A biography of this lady which gives insight into the vital role played by her husband in the early years of our nation's history.

Pike of Pike's Peak
Nina Brown Baker, Harcourt, 1953
A very readable biography of this man's account of exploring the American southwest.

The President's Lady
Irving Stone, Doubleday, 1959
A biography of Andrew Jackson's wife, Rachel, whose life was saddened by scandal kept alive by enemies of her husband.

A Spirit to Ride the Whirlwind
Athena V. Lord, Macmillan, 1981
The story of the 1836 strike by women textile workers in Massachusetts.
So Ends This Day
James Forman, Farrar, 1970
A young man grows up on a three year voyage during the
slave trading days prior to the Civil War.

Storm Canvas
Sperry Armstrong, Holt, 1944
A turbulent tale of the sea and traitors during
the War of 1812.

The Story of the Louisiana Purchase
Mary Kay Phelan, Crowell, 1979
Fascinating account of Jefferson's opportunity to
double the size of the United States for pennies
an acre.

The Story of Yankee Whaling
Irwin Shapiro, American, 1960
The factual adventurous story of Yankee whaling with
many supplemental paintings, prints, photographs,
and drawings.

Thomas Jefferson
Manuel Komroff, Messner, 1961
A biography of one of America's greatest leaders.

Thomas Jefferson and His World
Henry Moscow, American, 1960
A colorful biography of the many sides of Jefferson
and the important events and people that surrounded
him.

Thomas Jefferson, His Many Talents
Johanna Johnston, Dodd, 1961
Each chapter of this book treats a separate talent
of Jefferson's - architect, naturalist, inventor,
explorer, library founder and more.

To the Pacific with Lewis and Clark
Robert Andrist, American, 1967
An account of their expedition based largely upon
their diaries.

A Spy in Old New Orleans
Anne Emery, Rand McNally, 1960
A fourteen year old boy helps win the War of 1812 by
aiding the pirate Jean Lafitte in the battle of New
Orleans.
Trappers and Mountain Men
Evan Jones, American, 1961
Tales of the fur trade and the adventurous ways of life for the men who practiced it.

Voyage of the Javelin
Stephen Meader, Harcourt, 1959
A novel about life on the great sailing ships.

When Nantucket Men Went Whaling
Enid LaMonte Meadowcroft, Garrard, 1966
True and dramatic story of the people of Nantucket in the early 1800's who faced killer whales and unknown seas.

Winged Moccasins
Frances Joyce Farnsworth, Messner, 1954
A moving biography of Sacajawea who was the guide for the Lewis and Clark expedition.

The Winter Hero
James Lincoln Collier and Christopher Collier, Four Winds, 1978
A teenage boy's participation in Shay's Rebellion in Massachusetts in 1787.

Yankee in the White House: John Quincy Adams
Mary Hochling, Messner, 1963
A biography of the man who served the United States all his life as son of a President, as President and as a Congressman.

Yankee Trader Ben Tanner - 1779
Marjorie Chickering, Funk, 1966
A story of travel through New England with a sixteen year old boy in 1799.

Zebulon Pike, Soldier and Explorer
Leonard Wibberley, Farrar, 1963
A biography of an adventurer and explorer of the Rockies
Democracy

The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn
Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens), Macmillan, 1963
The story of a raft trip down the Mississippi by a runaway boy and an escaped slave.

Away to Sea
Stephen Meader, Harcourt, 1931
A novel of the slave trade as carried out by early New Englanders.

The Big Sky
A. B. Guthrie, Houghton, 1957
Tales of the frontiersmen of the western mountains from 1830 to 1843.

Bound for the Rio Grande
Milton Meltzer, Knopf, 1974
First hand stories of the people who expanded the United States westward.

Bring Home the Ghost
K. Follis, Harcourt, 1980
A slave and his master survive the horrors of Indian warfare in the 1830's.

The California Gold Rush
Ralph K. Andrist, American, 1961
Real stories of the men who settled the West in their quest for gold.

Carlota
Scott O'Dell, Houghton, 1977
The novel based on the true story of the California natives who resisted control by both the Mexicans and Americans.

The Chinese in America
Betty Lee Sung, Macmillan, 1972
A history of the people who first came to work in the gold mines of California.

Clipper Ships and Captains
American Heritage Magazine Editors, American, 1963
A history of these fast ships and their journeys throughout the world.
Commodore Perry in Japan
Robert L. Reynolds, American, 1963
A biography of the man who opened Japan for trade with the western world.

The Covered Wagon
Emerson Hough, Grosset, 1928
A pioneer adventure story of a wagon train as it struggles to reach Oregon in 1848.

The Dark and Bloody Ground: Stories of the American Frontier
Phyllis R. Fenner, compiler, Morrow, 1963
Stories of life on the American frontier as it moved steadily westward.

Davy Crockett
Stewart Holbrook, Random, 1955
A biography of the famous frontiersman, Congressman, and hero of the Alamo.

Doctor in Buckskin
T. D. Allen, Harper, 1951
The story of Narcissa and Marcus Whitman who crossed the Rockies to work with the Indians as medical missionaries.

The Dunkerhead War
Betty Baker, Harper, 1967
The early days of the Mexican War are recounted by German immigrants on a wagon train westward into Mexican territory.

The Edge of Time
Loula Grace Erdman, Dodd, 1950
The story of a woman's journey by covered wagon to her waiting husband on the Texas plains.

Edge of Two Worlds
Weyman Jones, Dial, 1968
The only survivor of an Indian massacre in 1842 tells his exciting story.

Frontier Living
Edwin Tunis, World, 1961
Comprehensive book on life as it really occurred on the frontier.
Golden Child
Paul Engle, Dutton, 1962
The 1849 Gold Rush is recounted in this story of the hardships incurred by a family traveling to California.

James Bowie and His Famous Knife
Shannon Garst, Messner, 1955
A biography of the famous frontiersman.

Jim Bridger, Greatest of the Mountain Men
Doris Shannon Garst, Mifflin, 1952
A rousing biography of this early scout and explorer of the Rocky Mountains.

Kit Carson’s Autobiography
Kit Carson, University of Nebraska Press, 1966
The autobiography of this western scout and adventurer.

Kit Carson: Trail Blazer and Scout
Shannon Garst, Messner, 1942
A biography of the man who helped open and tame the West.

Land of the Golden Mountain
C. Y. Lee, Meredith, 1967
A young Chinese girl stows away to come to California during the Gold Rush and disguises herself as a coolie to obtain work.

The Last Wilderness: The Saga of America’s Mountain Men
Noel B. Gerson, Messner, 1966
Stories of the hunters, traders and trappers in the westward expansion.

Marcus and Narcissa Whitman: Pioneers of Oregon
James Daugherty, Viking, 1953
A stark account of the first white woman to travel to Oregon and the life she lived in the northwestern frontier.

The Oregon Trail
Frances Parkman, Holt, 1931
The adventures endured on the trail west in 1846.

The Prairie Schooners
Glen Rounds, Holiday, 1968
The fascinating 2000 mile trip on the Oregon Trail is experienced in every detail.
Ride with the Eagle: The Expedition of the First Missouri in the War with Mexico, 1846
Julie Davis, Marcourt, 1962
The men of the First Missouri manage to survive and to help win the Mexican War.

Sam Houston
Jean Lee Latham, Garrard, 1965
A biography of one of the leaders of early Texas.

Texas and the War with Mexico
Fairfax Downey, American, 1961
The story and facts behind this little war and its favorable results for the United States.

San Francisco
Jean Fritz, Rand, 1962
The history of this great city is given from the days of the Gold Rush through the terrifying earthquake to today.

Two Sieges of the Alamo
Robert Edmond Alter, Putnam, 1965
A novel of the battle for Texas independence as viewed by a young westerner.

The Slender Reed, a Life of James K. Polk
Milton Lomask, Farrar, 1966
A biography of the eleventh President of the United States who accomplished the settlement of the Oregon dispute, annexation of Texas, and acquisition of California.

The Way West
A. B. Guthrie, Houghton, 1957
The tensions, folly and courage of a wagon train headed for Oregon in the 1840's.

Westward Adventure: The Story of Six Pioneers
William O. Steele, Harcourt, 1962
Hardships and dangers of a broad new land face five men and one woman as they travel westward.

Westward on the Oregon Trail
Mariam T. Place, American, 1962
The story of the people who traveled the road to adventure in the mid 1800's.
When Wagon Trains Rolled to Santa Fe  
Erick Berry, Garrard, 1966  
The courage, hardships, and challenges of the 800 miles of the Santa Fe Trail taken from actual diaries.

The Young Explorers of the Northwest  
Pauline Arnold, Criterion, 1968  
The adventures and achievements of five young men who helped open the northwest to exploration and trade.

War Chief of the Seminoles: Osceola  
May McNeer, Random, 1954  
A biography of the famous Florida Indian chief.

My Antonio  
Willa Cather, Knopf, 1918  
The experiences of a Bohemian girl who takes over the Nebraska farm on the death of her father.
Slavery

Amos Fortune: Free Man
Elizabeth Yates, Aaaddin, 1950
The true story of a man who buys his and his wife's freedom and becomes a honored citizen in New Hampshire.

The Autobiography of Miss Jane Pittman
Ernest J. Gaines, Dial, 1971
A novel in the form of an autobiography which tells of a black woman's life from slavery to the days of the Civil Rights movement.

Black Bondage: The Life of Slaves in the South
Walter Goodman, Farrar, 1969
A comprehensive book which details what it was really like to be a slave.

Black Thunder
Arna Bontemps, Beacon, 1936
A vivid novel about Gabriel Prosser's slave revolt in Virginia in 1800.

Contraband of War
Laurel F. Vlock and Joel A. Levitch, Funk, 1970
A story based on the true story of the life of a slave during service in the Southern army.

Flight to Freedom, The Story of the Underground Railroad
Henrietta Buckmaster, Crowell, 1958
The story of the people who risked so much to spirit slaves from the South to freedom.

Free At Last: The Life of Frederick Douglass
Arna Bontemps, Dodd, 1971
Fascinating story of the first black leader of the abolitionist movement.

Great Gettin Up in the Morning: A Biography of Denmark Vesey
John Oliver Killins, Doubleday, 1972
Informative story about the man and his life as a slave until he purchased his freedom, his success as a freedman and his leadership in a slave revolt.

Harriet Tubman: Conductor on the Underground Railroad
Ann Petry, Crowell, 1955
A biography of a heroic woman who leads others to freedom.
The House of Dies Drear
The story of a strange old mansion that once was a station on the Underground Railroad.

Journey Toward Freedom
Jacqueline Bernard, Norton, 1969
A biography of a slave woman, Sojourner Truth, who becomes a leader of her people.

The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass
Frederick Douglass (Barbara Ritchie, Editor) Crowell, 1966
The story of the great Negro who gave his life for freedom.

Lucretia Mott: Gentle Warrior
Dorothy Sterling, Doubleday, 1964
Portrait of a Quaker lady who led in the anti-slavery movement from the 1830's to the Civil War.

Mumbet: The Story of Elizabeth Freeman
Harold W. Felton, Dodd, 1971
The exciting true story of a black slave who won her freedom in 1781 in the Massachusetts courts.

North Winds Blow Free
Elizabeth Howard, Morrow, 1949
A story of a young woman who moves to Canada to help escaped slaves get a new start.

Ol' Prophet Nat
Daniel Panger, Blair, 1967
The story of Nat Turner and his slave rebellion.

Prudence Crandall, Woman of Courage
Elizabeth Yates, Dutton, 1955
The story of the American teacher who played an important role in the abolitionist movement by opening a Connecticut boarding school for blacks.

The Railroad to Freedom
Hildegarde H. Swift, Harcourt, 1932
The story of the life of Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad.

The Sentinels
Peter Carter, Oxford, 1981
A rousing adventure based on actual records of the 1830's about a young seaman whose job is to help stop slave trading.
Slave Dancer
Paula Fox, Bradbury, 1973
The story of a young boy who is kidnapped to play his flute for slaves to exercise as they travel across the Atlantic.

The Strange House at Newburyport
Martha Bennett Stiles, Dial, 1963
A mysterious house in Massachusetts provides adventure for two girls in the 1820's.

There Was Once a Slave: The Heroic Story of Frederick Douglass
Shirley Graham, Messner, 1947
The story of the man who escaped from slavery to become one of the important leaders of the abolitionist movement.

To Be A Slave
Julius Lester, Editor, Dial, 1968
From the slaves own accounts, a vivid picture emerges of all aspects of slave life.

Together in American, the Story of Two Races and One Nation
Johanna Johnston, Dodd, 1965
This is the story of the involvement of blacks in American history.

Uncle Tom's Cabin
Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1852
The novel of life under slavery that is said to have been one of the causes of the Civil War.

Venture for Freedom: The True Story of an African Yankee
Ruby Zagoren, World, 1969
An African king's son tells the story of his life as a slave.

Woman Against Slavery: The Story of Harriet Beecher Stowe
John Anthony Scott, Crowell, 1978
A biography of the woman abolitionist whose novel is said to have sparked the Civil War.
Division

The 290
Scott O'Dell, Houghton, 1976
Exciting Civil War story of a young Southerner
who helps build and serve on the famous warship
the "Alabama", the 290.

Abraham Lincoln's World
Genevieve Foster, Scribner, 1944
The people and events which influenced and surrounded
Lincoln give a total picture of his world.

Abraham Lincoln
James Daugherty, Viking, 1943
A biography of this great, strong but lonely man.

Abe Lincoln Grows Up
Carl Sandburg, Harcourt, 1931
The classic biography of the boyhood of our Civil
War President.

Across Five Aprils
Irene Hunt, Follett, 1964
A novel of life during the Civil War on a southern
Illinois farm and a family split by Union and
Rebel sympathies.

America's Robert E. Lee
Henry Steele Commager, Houghton, 1951
A biography of the Civil War general which shows
him as a family man as well as a military leader.

Andrew Johnson
Edwin Hoyt, Reilly, 1965
A biography of the only President ever to face
impeachment.

Banners at Shenandoah
Bruce Catton, Doubleday, 1955
A novel about a young boy who rides with the Union
cavalry.

Billy Yank and Johnny Reb
Earl Schenck Miers, Rand, 1959
A Civil War story that shows the men and their reasons
for fighting on both sides.
A Civil War Sampler
Donald J. Sobol, Ed., Watts, 1961
A collection of materials from this era which includes diaries, songs, letters, among others.

The Day Lincoln Was Shot
Jim Bishop, Harper, 1955
Minute by minute this day is recreated.

Defender of the Constitution: Andrew Johnson
Margaret Green, Messner, 1962
An interesting biography of the life of a neglected President who was impeached because he believed in a strong Constitution.

Gone Are the Days, An Illustrated History of the Old South
Harnett T. Kane, Dutton, 1960
The Old South is recreated in picture and words.

Gone With the Wind
Margaret Mitchell, Macmillan, 1936
Classic novel of life in the South during the Civil War and Reconstruction Eras.

Hew Against the Grain
Betty Sue Cummings, Atheneum, 1977
One southern view of the war which shows that there was right on both sides.

The Horse Hunters
Lee McGiffin, Dutton, 1963
Two Texas cowboys become involved in the war when they join the Confederate cavalry.

Johnny Reb
Merritt P. Allen, McKay 1952
A young orphan grows up as a member of Wade Hampton's cavalry.

Ironclads of the Civil War
Frank R. Donovan, American, 1964
A book about how the iron ships were built and the battles they fought.

Jed
Peter Burchard, Conrad, 1960
A story of the meeting of a Union soldier and a southern boy.
Lee of Virginia
Douglas Southall Freeman, Scribner, 1958
A biography of the general who led the Confederate Army.

Lee and Grant at Appomattox
McKinley Kantor, Random, 1950
The last days of the Civil War are recreated.

Man of the Monitor
Jean Lee Latham, Harper, 1962
A biography of John Ericson, the Swedish-American engineer who created the ironclad, Monitor.

Mary Lincoln: Biography of a Marriage
Ruth Painter Randall, Little, 1953
A biography of a troubled lady who was the wife of a President.

Master Detective: Allan Pinkerton
Arthur Orrmont, Messner, 1965
A lively account of the great detective and Union spy.

The Muddy Road to Glory
Stephen W. Meader, Harcourt 1963
The everyday life of a Union soldier is recreated from hardships and disappointments to friendships and victories.

Orphans of the Wind
Erik Christian Haugaard, Houghton, 1966
A young English boy unsuspectingly signs on a ship carrying munitions to the South. Many adventures follow before he reaches port and sets out to join the Union forces.

The Perilous Road
William O. Steele, Harcourt, 1958
The story of a Tennessee family divided by the Civil War.

Phantom of the Blockade
Stephen W. Meader, Harcourt 1962
A seventeen-year-old boy from North Carolina has a dangerous and exciting life on a Confederate blockade runner.
President of the Confederacy:  Jefferson Davis
Margaret Green, Messner, 1963
    A biography of the man who attempted to lead the Southern states to victory.

Rebel Raider:  A Biography of Admiral Semmes
Evangeline Davis & Edward Burke, Lippincott, 1966
    The story of the legendary Confederate sea raider.

The Red Badge of Courage
Stephen Crane, Washington Square Press, 1942
    A study of fear as it affects the life and romantic ideas of a young Union soldier in the Civil War.

Ride Proud, Rebel
Andre Norton, World, 1961
    Adventures of a member of the Confederate cavalry who must eventually face the reality of a lost cause.

Rifles for Watie
Harold Keith, Crowell, 1957
    A young Union soldier comes to understand both Union and Rebel reasons for the war.

Robert E. Lee
Guy Emery, Messner, 1951
    A biography of a southerner who had to choose between his country and his family.

The Scarlet Raider
Joseph B. Icenhower, Chilton, 1961
    A southern teenager's adventures in the Civil War.

The Sycamore Tree
Marion B. Havighurst, World, 1960
    Historically accurate story of a girl who finds herself torn between loyalty to two brothers, one of whom is fighting in the Union Army and the other in that of the Confederacy.

This Hallowed Ground
Bruce Catton, Doubleday, 1962
    A special edition for young people of the famous Civil War novel.
Ulysses S. Grant
Henry Thomas, Putnam, 1961
A biography of the man who led the Union to victory and became President for two terms.

Yankees on the Run
John Brick, Duell, 1961
The adventures of two escapees from the Confederate prison at Andersonville.

The Valiant Virginian, Stonewall Jackson
Felix Sutton, Messner, 1961
The story and legend of the Confederate General Thomas J. Jackson.
Indians

American Epic
Alice Marriot & Carol K. Rachlin, New American, 1970
The story of the American Indian and his fall to the white man.

American Indian Fairy Tales
Margaret Compton, Dodd, 1971
A collection of authentic tales told by Indian tribes throughout America.

American Indians Sing
Charles Hofmann, Day, 1967
A collection of the music and songs of the American Indian.

The American Indian Story
May McNeer, Farrar, 1963
The colorful story of the first Americans, their heroes, tribes, and wars.

Anpao: An American Indian Odyssey
Jamake Highwater, Lippincott, 1977
The story of a young brave's trip across ancient America.

Apache Warrior
David C. Cooke, Norton, 1963
A biography of the great Apache chief, his people, and their resistance to the white man.

The Art of the North American Indian
Shirley Glubok, Harper, 1964
A well-illustrated book of Indian art.

The Art of the Woodland Indians
Shirley Glubok, Macmillan, 1976
A comprehensive look at the culture of the Indians through their art.

Beyond the High Hills: A Book of Eskimo Poems
Knud Rasmussen, World, 1961
A collection of poems from a people whose communication was oral.
Broken Arrow
Elliott Arnold, Meredith, 1954
The story of blood brothers who could not prevent the last great Indian war.

Buffalo Woman
Dorothy M. Johnson, Dodd, 1977
A novel that relates all the ceremonies, trials, and hardships in the life of a woman of the Ogalal Sioux.

Chief Joseph: War Chief of the Nez Perce
In 1877 this Indian chief led the last major challenge to white control of the West.

Cochise, Apache Warrior and Statesman
Edgar Wyatt, Whittlesey House, 1953
A biography of the great Apache Indian chief who tried to live in peace with the white settlers but eventually was forced to defend his people.

Crazy Horse, Great Warrior of the Sioux
Shannon Garst, Houghton, 1950
A biography of the great Indian leader.

The Eagle Feather
Clide Hollmann, Hastings, 1963
A fascinating history of western and Indian life.

Famous American Indians
William Heuman, Dodd, 1972
An outstanding report of the lives of some of the best-known Indians of North America.

Famous Indians - A Collection of Short Biographies
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.
Vignette of American Indians and their chiefs.

Geronimo: The Last Apache War Chief
Edgar Wyatt, McGraw, 1952
A biography of how the Indian boy, Gokliya, became the great warrior, Geronimo.

Hollering Sun
Nancy Wood, Simon & Schuster, 1972
A collection of Pueblo songs, poems, and sayings.
Horsemen of the Plains
Joseph Atsheler, Macmillan, 1913
A young man finds adventures with fur hunters in the
Rockies at the time of the Cheyenne War.

Indian Dancing and Costumes
William K. Powers, Putnam, 1966
A book on the way to construct the costumes and to
perform the dances of the American Indians.

The Indian Medicine Man
Robert Hofsinde, Morrow, 1966
A look at the power and practices of the medicine men.

Indian Music Makers
Robert Hofsinde, Morrow, 1967
Indian music, dance and songs are described.

Indians of North America: The Eight Culture Areas and
How Their Inhabitants Lived before the Coming of the Whites
Paula A. Franklin, McKay, 1979
Well-illustrated and written source of information
on the American Indian.

Indian Picture Writing
Robert Hofsinde, Morrow, 1959
A comprehensive look at the 248 symbols used in
picture writing.

Indian Sign Language
Robert Hofsinde, Morrow, 1956
An authenticated glossary of over 500 signs that were
used.

Indian Tales of the Desert People
William Hayes, McKay, 1957
Indian stories which explain the phenomena of nature,
such as how fire was brought from lightning.

Indian Women
Lela and Rufus Waltrip, McKay, 1964
Biographies of fourteen women who made important
contributions to their tribes.

Indians
Edwin Tunis, World, 1959
Readable history of the Indian groups of the United
States which includes aspects of their culture.
Indians at Home
Robert Hofsinde, Morrow, 1964
The complete look at the home of the Indians from construction to use.

Indians of the Plains
Eugene Rachlis, American, 1960
A complete history of the plains Indians which includes camp life, warfare, religious ceremonies, hunting and relations with the white men.

The Jim Thorpe Story
Gene Schoor, Messner, 1967
A biography of the famous Indian athlete.

The Life and Death of Yellow Bird
James Forman, Farrar, 1973
The story of the early wars against the Indians as told by a half-breed said to be Custer's grandson.

Massacre at Sand Creek
Irving Werstein, Scribner, 1963
Historically accurate story of the attack on a Cheyenne camp after the signing of a peace treaty.

Once Upon a Totem
Christie Harris, Atheneum, 1963
Five tales of ancient tribal legends found on totem poles.

Once Upon the Little Big Hörn.
Evelyn Sibley Lampman, Crowell, 1971
An account that presents the viewpoints of the whites and the Indians on this famous battle.

People of the Dream
James Forman, Farrar, 1972
A novel of the Nez Perce as they flee to Canada to avoid being ordered to a reservation.

Sing Down the Moon
Scott O'Dell, Houghton, 1970
The story of the forced "long march" of the Navajo as told by a young girl.

The Sioux Indians
Sonia Bleeker, Morrow, 1962
Great resource book on these plains Indians whose lives centered around the buffalo.
Sitting Bull: An Epic of the Plains
Alexander Adams, Putnam, 1974
A biography of one of the greatest Indian leaders.

The Story Catcher
Mare Sandoz, Westminster, 1963
A story of growing up as the son of a chief.

The Sun Dance People: The Plains Indians, Their Past and Present
Richard Erdoes, Knopf, 1972
Fascinating information on the tribes that roamed east of the Rocky Mountains.

Tecumseh: Destiny's Warrior
David C. Cooke, Messner, 1959
The story of an Indian who believed in peace.

The Trees Stand Shining: Poetry of the North American Indians
Hettie Jones, compiler, Dial, 1971
A collection from many tribes of short poems and chants.

The White Peril
Cliff Faulknor, Little, 1966
A Blackfoot boy sees the dangers of the white man.

Wolf Brother
Jim Kjelgaard, Holiday, 1937
The western expansion is viewed through the eyes of a young Apache in the 1880's.
Growth

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer
Mark Twain (Samuel L. Clemens), Harper, 1932
The adventurous life of a boy in Missouri at the end of the 19th century.

An Album of the Italian-Americans
Salvatore La Gumina, Watts, 1972
A cultural history of Italian immigrants who came to America in the 1800's.

Ahdoolo: The Biography of Matthew A. Henson
Floyd Miller, Dutton, 1963
This biography is of the Negro hero who accompanied Perry on his struggle to reach the North Pole.

Andrew Carnegie: Giant of Industry
Mary Malone, Garrard, 1969
A biography of a man who rose from poverty to become a great steel and railroad man.

Andrew Carnegie and the Age of Steel
Katherine B. Shippin, Random, 1958
A biography of a man who is an example of the American dream of going from "rags to riches".

Stories from Alaska
Edward W. Dolch and Marguerite P. Dolch, Garrard, 1961
Stories of how the Alaskan natives lived before the white man came.

The Art of the Eskimo
Shirley Glubok, Harper, 1964
Excellent illustrations of text about Alaskan art.

Beyond the Silken Curtain, the Story of Townsend Harris
I. E. Levine, Messner, 1961
The story of the man who was the first representative of the United States in Japan.

Big Book of Cowboys
Sydney E. Fletcher, Grosset, 1950
The life of the cowboy is shown in words and pictures.
Booker T. Washington  
Shirley Graham, Messner, 1966  
A biography of the Negro educator who did so much for his race.

Caddie Woodlawn  
Carol Ryrie Brink, Macmillan, 1973  
The story of pioneering life from the viewpoint of a spirited tomboy living in Wisconsin in the 1860's.

Cimarron  
Edna Ferber, Doubleday, 1951  
A novel of the homesteaders who flocked to Oklahoma in 1889.

The Copper Kings of Montana  
Marion T. Place, Random, 1961  
Stories of the men who discovered the mountains of riches of the West.

Cowboys and the Songs They Sang  
Samuel J. Sackett, Addison, 1967  
Photographs, songs, and background information about cowboys are given.

Cowboys and Cattle Country  
Don Wood, American, 1961  
The real, adventurous life of the cowboys is recreated from actual writings of working cowboys.

Eugene Debs: Rebel, Labor Leader, Prophet  
David F. Selvin, Lothrop, 1966  
A straight forward biography of Debs and his influence on the United States labor movement and especially the Pullman strike.

End O' Steel, Men and Rails Across a Wilderness  
Glen Dines and Dick Moore, Macmillan, 1963  
A well-illustrated book about the 1860's and the building of the railroads.

Everglades Adventure  
Stephen Meader, Harcourt, 1957  
A novel of life after the Civil War.

Fifty-five Days of Terror: The Story of the Boxer Rebellion  
Burt Hirschfeld, Messner, 1964  
A description of the siege of Legation City in Peking as Americans and Europeans faced the fury of the Chinese rebels in 1900.
The First Woman Doctor: The Story of Elizabeth Blackwell
Rachel Baker, Messner, 1944
The exciting story of the struggles of a young girl who paved the way for women in the medical profession today.

Freedom Road
Howard Fast, Crown, 1964
A stirring novel which gives the black view of the Reconstruction Era.

The Frontiersman
Marion Place, Holt, 1967
The story of Billy Dixon who becomes a buffalo hunter, army scout, Indian fighter and rancher after he runs away from home at age fourteen to become a frontiersman.

George Dewey, Admiral of the Navy
Fredrika Shumway, Rand, 1963
A biography of the man who won fame fighting for his country in the Philippines during the Spanish-American War.

George Washington Carver: An American Biography
Rackahm Holt, Doubleday, 1963
A biography of the great Negro leader.

George W. Goethals
Jean Lee Latham, Garrard, 1965
A biography of the man who was the engineer for the Panama Canal.

Ghost Towns of the American West
Robert Silverbey, Crowell, 1968
A fascinating account of the mining towns that grew out of America's rush for riches in the West.

Giant
Edna Ferber, Doubleday, 1954
A story of life on the Texas plains as seen through the eyes of an Eastern bride.

Goodbye to the Purple Sage
Rex Benedict, Pantheon, 1973
A humorous story of the life and characters of the old West.
Great American Guns and Frontier Fighters
Will Bryant, Grosset, 1961
Well-illustrated book on the men and their weapons of the frontier.

A Head on Her Shoulders
Gladys Baker Bond, Abelard-Schuman, 1964
This is an exciting story concerning the trek of a Midwestern pioneer family to the Idaho Territory in 1885.

Henry Ford: Maker of the Model T.
Miriam Gilbert, Houghton, 1962
Simple life story of the man who made a car for the average man.

Ice Palace
Edna Ferber, Doubleday, 1958
Two pioneering Alaskan families are followed through three generations.

Ida Tarbell, First of the Muckrakers
Alice Fleming, Crowell, 1971
The biography of the journalist who became known as a muckraker for writing to expose the corruption in America's business monopolies.

James A. Garfield
Edwin P. Hoyt, Reilly, 1964
A biography and analysis of the accomplishment of the 20th President of the United States who was assassinated during his first year in office.

Jane Addams
Cornelia Lynde Meigs, Little, 1970
Excellent biography of this woman who campaigned against social injustices.

Kaiulani: Crown Princess of Hawaii
Nancy Webb & Jean Francis, Viking, 1962
The story of the girl who was the niece of the last queen of Hawaii prior to annexation by the United States.

A Lantern in Her Hand
Bess Streeter Aldrich, Scholastic, 1928
A tale of a pioneer woman in Nebraska in the late 1800's.
Let the Hurricane Roar
Rose Lane, McKay, 1933
The story of a young woman who survives the hardships of winter alone in a sod house on the Dakota prairie.

Little House in the Big Woods
Laura Ingalls Wilder, Harper, 1968
Plenty of adventure is found in this true story of Wisconsin in the frontier days.

Little Town on the Prairie
Laura Ingalls Wilder, Harper, 1968
The continuing story of the Ingalls family on the Wisconsin frontier.

Mama's Bank Account
Katheryn Forbes McLean, Harcourt, 1949
A delightful novel of a Norwegian immigrant family in San Francisco in the 1900's.

Miracle in Motion: The Story of America's Industry
Katherine Binney Shippin, Harper, 1955
Well-written account of the rise of industry from the early colonial times to modern day.

Mr. Bell Invents the Telephone
Katherine Binney Shippin, Random, 1958
Fictionalized biography of Bell and his development of the telephone.

Nat Love, Negro Cowboy
Harold W. Felton, Dodd, 1969
The adventures of a Tennessee black boy who headed West as age fifteen where he became a cowboy known as Deadwood Dick.

The Nickel-Plated Beauty
Patricia Beatty, Morrow, 1964
The story of young people in the Washington territory a century ago.

Old Yeller
Frederick B. Gipson, Harper, 1956
A boy and his mongrel dog face the dangers of Texas frontier life.
Out of Silence into Sound: The Life of Alexander Graham Bell
Roger Burlingame, Macmillan, 1964
The biographical account of the life of one of America's great inventors.

Passage to America: The Story of the Great Migrations
Katherine B. Shippin, Harper, 1950
The story of the many groups of immigrants to America from the 1600's to the recent refugees.

The Plainsmen
Jack Schaefer, Houghton, 1963
A collection of ten short stories about Western life.

Pony Express
Fred Reinfeld, Macmillan, 1966
The exciting story of the eighteen months that the Pony Express operated and became a part of the history of America.

The Promised Land
Mary Antin, Houghton, 1969
The tale of a young Russian Jewess who immigrates to Boston and develops a love for her new home.

Rock Over Red River
Patricia Beatty, Morrow, 1973
A story of two girls and their lives in the Arizona territory.

Savage Sam
Fred Gipson, Harper, 1963
The story of the dog who aids in the return of children kidnapped by Indians in East Texas.

Sea of Grass
Conrad Richters, Knopf, 1937
A story of life in the great days of early New Mexico.

The Search of Mary Katherine Mulloy
Carole Bolton, Nelson, 1974
A girl fleeing from the tragedy of the Irish potato famine goes to find a new life in the land of America.

Shadows into Mist
Ellen Turngren, McKay, 1958
An account of Swedish immigrants to Minnesota in the 1880's.
Shane
Jack Schaefer, Bantam, 1966
A quiet stranger helps a family save their farm in the struggle between homesteaders and cattlemen in the Wyoming territory.

Sounder
A story of a dog and his sharecropper family.

The Stolen Election: Hayes versus Tilden 1876
Lloyd Robinson, Doubleday, 1968
Illuminating history of our closest presidential election which was decided by the Congress.

Stories from Hawaii
Edward W. and Marguerite P. Dolch, Garrard, 1961
Stories which give the magic and glamour of the native Hawaiian way of life.

The Story of Ellis Island
Willard A. Heaps, Seabury, 1967
The story of the gateway to the U.S. from its opening in 1892 to its recent establishment as a National Monument.

The Talking Wire, Alexander Graham Bell
O. J. Stevenson, Messner, 1947
The life story of Bell shows a man who was not only inventive but who liked people.

Theodore Roosevelt, Fighting Patriot
Clara Ingram Judson, Follett, 1953
A biography of one of our most flamboyant, adventurous Presidents.

Theodore Roosevelt, the Strenuous Life
John A. Garraty, American, 1967
A view of the life and times of the 26th President which is well-illustrated with photographs, drawings, and political cartoons.

Thomas Alva Edison
G. Glenwood Clark, Dutton, 1950
A biography of one of America's great inventors.
The Town
Conrad Richters, Knopf, 1934
An epic story of life in the American southwest.

Turning Point for America, The Story of the Spanish-American War
Irving Werstein, Messner, 1964
The pertinent, political events of the 1890's are presented that led to the war which marked the coming of age of the U.S. as a world power.

Watch for a Tall White Sail
Margaret E. Bell, Morrow, 1948
Two teenagers are stranded in Alaska in the 1880's and struggle for survival.

Western Outlaws
Vincent Paul Rennert, Crowell, 1968
A collection of short stories of nine frontiersmen who lived in the last part of the 19th century.

Wyatt Earp: U. S. Marshall
Stewart Holbrook, Random, 1956
A biography of one of the larger-than-life heroes of the American West.

Up From Slavery
Booker T. Washington, Doubleday, 1901
The autobiography of this famous black leader.
Conflict

Autobiography of Eleanor Roosevelt
Eleanor Roosevelt, Harper, 1961
The story of the shy girl who became a world leader.

Amelia Earhart
John Parlin, Garrard, 1962
The biography of one of America's first female aviators.

Babe: The Legend Comes to Life
Robert Creamer, Simon & Schuster, 1974
Baseball's great hero comes alive in this biography.

Adolph Hitler: A Portrait in Tyranny
Edward F. Dolan, Jr., Dodd, 1981
A look at the man and the times which helped shape him into a tyrant.

Air Raid - Pearl Harbor! The Story of December 7, 1941
Theodore Taylor, Crowell, 1971
A vivid account of the day the U.S. was attacked by the Japanese as told from both points of view.

Away All Boats
Kenneth Dodson, Little, 1954
Fictional story of the U.S. Navy in the Pacific during World War II.

The Battle of the Bulge
John Toland, Random, 1966
The exciting story of the last great effort by the German army to break through the Allied offensive line.

Battle Cry
Leon Uris, Putnam, 1953
Realistic novel of a Marine battalion from training camp to fighting in the Pacific.

The Battle of Midway
Irving Werstein, Crowell, 1961
The story of the great Pacific battle of World War II.

Battle in the Artic Seas; The Story of Convoy PQ 17
Theodore Taylor, Crowell, 1976
Engrossing story told from German and Allied views of a convoy's attempt to deliver supplies to Russia.
Battle Stations
Margaret Scoggin, Knopf, 1953
Stories from fifteen men who tell of their experiences during World War II.

The Big Road
Tom E. Clarke, Lothrop, 1963
Authentic story of a boy hobo during the Depression.

Blue Willow
Doris Gates, Viking, 1940
A story of the Great Depression as told by the daughter of a migrant worker who yearns for a permanent home.

The Bolo Battalion
Gordon D. Shirreffs, Westminster, 1966
A story of World War II submarine adventure in the Philippines.

A Boy in That Situation, An Autobiography
Charles Hannam, Harper, 1978
The story of a young German's growing up to realize that he is not welcome in his country because he is a Jew.

Bridge Over the River Kwai
Pierre Boule, Vanguard, 1954
A World War II novel of man's spirit to survive in a Japanese prison camp.

Burma Rifles
Frank Bonham, Crowell, 1960
The story of the Japanese-Americans who served their country as part of Merrill's Marauders.

The Cay
Theodore Taylor, Doubleday, 1969
A World War II version of Robinson Crusoe.

The Children's War
Theodore Taylor, Doubleday, 1971
During World War II, an American paratrooper receives help from Alaskan children in scouting a Japanese held station.

A Cloud Over Hiroshima
Burt Hirschfeld, Messner, 1967
Suspenseful story of the building and detonating of the first atomic bomb.
The Cold Seas Beyond
Gordon D. Shirreffs, Westminster, 1963
This is the story of a small ship and her colorful
crew during the Aleutian campaign of World War II.

Commander of the Flying Tigers: Claire Lee Chenault
Joseph Archibald, Messner, 1966
Colorful biography of the commander pilot of the
Chinese Air Force.

Courage Was the Rule
General Douglas MacArthur, McGraw, 1965
Autobiography of the military hero of World War II
and the Korean War.

The Dangerous Game
Milton Dank, Lippincott, 1977
Fast moving novel of a Frenchman's life as a member
of the resistance during World War II.

Day of Infamy
Walter Lord, Holt, 1957
The story of the December 1941 bombing of Pearl
Harbor by the Japanese.

D-Day, The Invasion of Europe
Al Hine, American, 1962
The greatest single day of World War II is presented
in words and pictures.

Desert War in North Africa
Stephen W. Sears, Harper, 1967
The story of the campaign to control North Africa
during World War II is told with superb illustrations
and pictures.

The Devil in Vienna
Doris Orgel, Dial, 1978
The story of two friends, one Catholic and one Jewish,
who try to maintain that friendship in Nazi Germany.

Diary of a Young Girl
Anne Frank, Doubleday, 1952
A diary which tells of a Jewish girl trying to grow
up while in hiding during the Nazi reign of terror.
The Enemy Seas
Gordon Shirreffs, Westminster, 1965
During World War II, two young sailors learn of life in the submarine service after being rescued.

Dwight D. Eisenhower: A Guide of Greatness
Raul W. Morin, Simon & Schuster, 1969
Well-illustrated biography of a man who led his country militarily and politically.

Escape!
Sigurd Senje, Harcourt, 1964
A telegraph operator escapes from a Nazi prison camp with the aid of two young Norwegians.

Famous Fighters of World War I
Army Times Editors, Dodd, 1964
Stories are presented of twenty-two heroes of World War I.

FDR's New Deal
Don Lawson, Crowell, 1979
Clear information about how the Depression occurred and the steps taken to recover.

The FDR Story
Catherine Owens Peare, Crowell, 1962
A biography of Roosevelt's life with all its conflicts - polio, the Depression, and global forces.

The Flying Tigers
John Toland, Random, 1963
A biography of General Chennault and his immortal Flying Tigers of World War II.

The Foxes of the Desert, A Story of the Afrika Korps
Paul Carell, Dutton, 1960
The story of the German army in North Africa under the leadership of Rommel.

Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Wilson Sullivan & Frank Freidel, American, 1970
An excellent biography of the famous 20th century President.

Friedrich
Hans Peter Richter, Holt, 1970
A story of an ill-fated friendship between a young boy and his Jewish friend under the Nazi reign.
The Frogmen
Robb White, Doubleday, 1973
Young American Navy frogmen face danger and death on their mission to penetrate Japanese waters.

A Frost in the Night
Edith Baer, Pantheon, 1980
A young girl finds out that she cannot be both German and Jewish.

Front Line General: Douglas MacArthur
Jules Archer, Messner, 1963
A biography of a general who was a controversial leader of World War II and the Korean War.

The Ghost Front
Frank Bonham, Dutton, 1968
The World War II story of twin brothers who fight in separate troops but meet in the last great battle against Germany.

The Grapes of Wrath
John Steinbeck, Viking, 1939
The story is told of the Joad family as they attempt to escape the despair and defeat of the Depression.

Great American Fighter Pilots of World War II
Robert D. Loomis, Random, 1961
This book covers the brave pilots who flew the World War II Mustangs, Thunderbolts, Hellcats, and Corsairs.

Guadalcanal
Irving Werstein, Crowell, 1963
A graphic account of the Pacific battle for the island of Guadalcanal in 1942.

The Guns of Navarone
Alistair MacLean, Doubleday, 1957
The story of the heroic efforts of a five man team to knock out the guns which control the approaches to the eastern Mediterranean.

Hard Times: An Oral History of the Great Depression
Studs Terkel, Pantheon, 1970
Tales of life during the Depression years as told by the people who lived them.
Harry S. Truman
Kenneth G. Richards, Children, 1968
A good reference book on the man who became
President on the death of Roosevelt in 1945.

The Herbert Hoover Story
Catherine Owens Pearl, Crowell, 1965
A biography of the childhood and adult life of the
31st President.

Heroic Pigeons
Arthur G. J. Whitehouse, Putnam, 1965
An account of the message carriers of World Wars
I and II, the homing pigeon.

Hiroshima
John Hersey, Knopf, 1946
The story of five men who lived through the atomic
bomb blast which ended World War II in Japan.

Hitler and Nazism
Louis L. Snyder, Watts, 1961
This book gives a look at the nature of Hitler's
life and the nation that accepted him as leader.

House of Sixty Fathers
Meindert DeJong, Harper, 1957
A Chinese boy is befriended and aided by sixty
American soldiers.

Incredible Victory
Walter Lord, Harper, 1967
Through first hand accounts from Japanese and
Americans, the story is given of the Battle of
Midway.

In Spite of All Terror
Hester Burton, Oxford, 1953
A novel of World War II.

Into the Valley
John Hersey, Knopf, 1943
One skirmish of the battle for Guadalcanal shows the
real, fearful, and courageous men who fought.

Joseph Stalin and Communist Russia
Wyatt Blassingame, Garrard, 1971
A biography told with detailed background of
this Russian leader.
Journey to Topaz
Yoshiko Uchida, Scribner, 1971
The story of the Japanese-Americans who were unjustly put in relocation camps during World War II.

To Kill A Mockingbird.
Harper Lee, Lippincott, 1960
A novel of life in Alabama in the 1930's which shows a small town disrupted by the trial of a Negro.

Last Stand at Stalingrad
Edward R. Sammis, Macmillan, 1966
The Story of the brave city which held out against Hitler's army inspite of freezing temperatures, starvation and death.

The Long Escape
Irving Werstein, Scribner, 1964
When the Germans invade Belgium, a brave woman flees to England with fifty convalescent children.

The Machine Gunners
Robert Westall, Greenwillow, 1976
A small English town prepares to defend itself from daily strafing by German planes with the help of a German prisoner of war and a machine gun from a downed plane.

Mila - 18
Leon Uris, Doubleday, 1961
A realistic picture of life in the Warsaw Ghetto as the Jewish people resisted Nazi efforts to exterminate them.

A Nation Fights Back: The Depression and Its Aftermath
Irving Werstein, Messner, 1962
This is social history of the events which led to the crash of 1929 and the years that followed.

No Promises in the Wind
Irene Hunt, Follett, 1970
To avoid being a burden on his family during the Great Depression, a teenage boy and his younger brother take to the road.
Omar Nelson Bradley: The Soldier’s General
Colonel "Red" Reeder, Garrard, 1969
The story of this beloved and heroic leader of World War II.

Only Yesterday: An Informal History of the Nineteen Twenties
Frederick Lewis Allen, Harper, 1957
A look and the lifestyle of the Roaring 20's.

On the Other Side of the Gate
Yuri Suhl, Watts, 1975
A story of danger and courage during World War II about a young Jewish couple who smuggle their infant son out of the Warsaw Ghetto to Catholic friends who "find" and adopt him.

Pearl Harbor! December 7, 1941: The Road to Japanese Aggression in the Pacific.
Robert Goldston, Watts, 1972
This book gives a picture of the militaristic nature of Japanese culture which led to the attack.

The Rise and Fall of Adolf Hitler
William L. Shirer, Random, 1961
A gripping and carefully documented biography of the Nazi leader and the nation he led to defeat.

Run Silent, Run Deep
Edward L. Beach, Holt, 1955
The skipper of a submarine tells of action against the Japanese in the Pacific.

Radar Commandos
Bernard Glemsen, Scholastic, 1953
A fifteen-year-old boy discovers a farm house being used as a Nazi base for a new detecting device and helps British commandos destroy it.

The Sands of Dunkirk
Richard Collier, Dutton, 1961
A dramatic recreation of the evacuation of British and French armies trapped on the beaches of France in World War II.

Shurik: A Story of the Siege of Leningrad
Kyra Petrovshaya Wayne, Grosset, 1970
The true story of the author and a homeless boy as they struggle to survive during the siege by the Nazi army.
Silence Over Dunkerque
John R. Tunis, Morrow, 1962
The story of a British sergeant who with the help of a young French girl escapes the advancing German army in 1940.

Spirit of St. Louis
Charles A. Lindbergh, Scribner, 1957
The autobiographical account of the first man to fly across the Atlantic.

The Story of Eleanor Roosevelt
Jeanette Easton, Morrow, 1956
The life of the wife of our only four term President is presented from the private and public sides.

The Story of World War II
Robert Leckie, Random, 1965
A realistic and stirring account of this first great war of the modern era is presented with many illustrations.

Summer of My German Soldier
Bette Greene, Dial, 1973
In a small Arkansas town during World War II, a homely and lonely girl befriends a German prisoner of war when he comes into her father's store. Later when he escapes, she hides him even though she knows that she will be severely punished by her Jewish father.

Torpedo Run
Robb White, Doubleday, 1962
A World War II story of the crew of a PT boat and their inexperienced captain.

The Traitors
James Forman, Farrar, 1968
Powerful novel about the effect of Nazism on the people of a small Bavarian village.

The United States in World War I
Don Lawson, Abelard, 1963
A fact-filled book about General John J. Pershing and the American Expeditionary Force which went to Europe.
Up Periscope
Robb White, Doubleday, 1956
A tense story of a young man's trip by submarine to a Japanese held island on which he must land, find, and decipher an enemy code.

The Upstairs Room
Johanna Reiss, Crowell, 1972
Two Jewish girls spend the war years hiding in an upstairs room of a farm family in Holland.

Von Ryan's Express
David Westheimer, Doubleday, 1964
When American prisoners of war are loaded into boxcars to be sent to Germany, a sharp colonel engineers their escape.

The Wall
John Hersey, Knopf, 1950
The plight of the Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto is shown in this book.

Warriors with Wings: The Story of the Lafayette Escadrille
Edward Jablonski, Bobbs, 1966
This is the exciting story of the small group of adventurers who formed an all volunteer flying unit to go fight the Kaiser in World War I.

When France Was DeGaulle
Roby Eunson, Watts, 1971
A thoughtful look at the controversial leader of France during World War II and the years following.

When Men First Flew
James McCague, Garrard, 1969
A look at the early days of flying from Kitty Hawk to the first World War.

The Woodrow Wilson Story
Catherine Owens Peare, Crowell, 1963
A biography of a man who dedicated himself to ideals and became President of the United States and a world leader during World War I.
Challenge

Admiral Richard E. Byrd: Conquering Antarctica
Paul Rink, Britannica, 1962
An exciting story of the man who led the United States' exploration of the antarctic polar region.

Air Evac
William Butterworth, Grosset, 1967
A story of Viet Nam as told by a draftee who served his country not with a gun but as a helicopter pilot for medical evacuations.

America and the Cold War
Richard J. Walton, Seabury, 1969
A look at the United States since World War II which shows how the country became involved and entangled in the world's problems.

The Autobiography of Malcolm X
Malcolm X, Grove, 1965
The life of the leader of one of the black movements in the United States following World War II.

Black Like Me
John Howard Griffin, Houghton, 1961
True story of a white author who for six weeks disguised himself as a Negro and traveled through the deep South.

The Bridges at Toko-Ri
James Michener, Random, 1953
A realistic novel of Navy pilots in the Korean War.

Cesar Chavez
Ruth Franchere, Crowell, 1970
The life of a Chicano who became a leader of the migrant workers of the United States.

Crossroads in Korea: The Historic Siege of Chipyong-ni
T. R. Fehrenbach, Macmillan, 1966
A firsthand account of combat action in the Korean War.

Courage in Korea
Albert Tibbets, Little, 1962
The story of young soldiers fighting courageously.
The Death of a President: November 20-25, 1963
William Manchester, Harper, 1967
A recreation of the emotional days from President Kennedy's assassination to his funeral.

Exodus
Leon Uris, Doubleday, 1958
A story of the struggle to establish the nation of Israel.

Fight for Freedom, the Story of the NAACP
Langston Hughes, Norton, 1962
The exciting story of the organization which led the battle for civil rights.

Fighting Back
Robert Patrick Bleier with Terry O'Neil, Stein & Day, 1975
Autobiography of this Pittsburg Steeler football star who overcame Viet Nam war injuries to play again and reach the Super Bowl.

Flights of the Astronauts
William Shelton, Little, 1963
Vivid and real stories of the first astronauts and their space flights.

Four Days: The Historical Record of the Death of President Kennedy.
UPI and American Heritage Magazine, American, 1964
The death of the President as seen in pictures and prose.

JFK: Boyhood to the White House
Bruce Lee, Fawcett, 1970
A biography of John F. Kennedy which traces his life from a member of a large Catholic family, through service in World War II, to political success as President.

John Glenn, Astronaut
The story of the life of the first American to orbit the Earth.

Life and Words of Martin Luther King, Jr.
Ira Pick, Scholastic, 1968
A look at the man who gave his life to the civil rights movement.
Lions in the Way
Bella Rodman, Follett, 1966
The story of a Tennessee town which for two years fought the school integration ruling of the Supreme Court.

Malcolm X
Arnold Adoff, Crowell, 1970
The life story of the man who had a powerful influence on the lives of many black people.

The Man Who Cared: A Life of Harry S. Truman
Victor Wolfson, Farrar, 1966
The life story of the President, who was a plain-spoken man whose candid views often produced admiration but not always agreement.

Martin Luther King, Jr.: Man of Peace
Lillie Patterson, Garrard, 1969
The biography of the man who used peaceful resistance to win civil rights for the blacks of America.

Mary McLeod Bethune
Catherine Owens Peare, Vanguard, 1951
An excellent biography of an outstanding black woman who worked to improve education in the South for her people.

Mr. Chief Justice: Earl Warren
Bill Severn, McKay, 1968
A biography of the man who has served so well as leader of the judicial system of the United States.

On the Beach
Nevil Shute, Morrow, 1957
The story of the only survivors of an atomic war who gather in Australia to await their inevitable doom from radioactive poison.

Order to Viet Nam: A Novel of Helicopter Warfare
William E. Butterworth, Little, 1968
A young West Point dropout, now a draftee, learns what it means to be responsible for men's lives.

Profiles in Courage
John F. Kennedy, Harper, 1964
A series of short biographies of Americans who showed great courage in times of crisis for their country.
PT 109
Robert J. Donovan, McGraw, 1961
The true story of the adventures of the future President, John F. Kennedy, during World War II.

Ralph J. Bunche, Fighter for Peace
Alvin Kugelmass, Messner, 1962
The biography of the great American Negro who won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1950 for his efforts to bring peace to Palestine.

RFK: The Last Knight
Lawrence Swinburne, Pyramid, 1969
A biography of the man, Robert F. Kennedy, who helped his brother become President, served as Attorney General, and ran for President until his untimely assassination.

Robert Goddard: Pioneer Rocket Boy
Clyde B. Moore, Bobb, 1966
The biography of man whose boyhood interest in things that moved in the air led him to the basic idea for rockets.

Night of the Wall
Priscilla Goldwaite, Putnam, 1964
The story of a German boy whose mother is imprisoned in East Berlin on the night the Berlin Wall is put up.

The School Segregation Cases
Janet Stevenson, Watts, 1973
The background and the results of the Supreme Court decision banning segregated schools is given.

The Story of Lyndon B. Johnson
Shirlee P. Newman, Westminster, 1967
The life history of our 36th President.

The Story of Vietnam
Hal Dareff, Parent's, 1966
A fascinating account of Vietnam's colorful history including the reasons for American involvement.

The War in Korea, 1950-53
Robert Leckie, Random, 1963
The story of the war that ended without a peace conference is told with vivid photographs and maps.
The story of John Glenn's day in outer space as the first American to orbit the Earth.
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