

Chlorine Sky

by Mahogany L. Browne

Picked on at home, criticized for talking trash while beating boys at basketball, and always seen as less than her best friend, a girl struggles to like and accept herself.

The Snow Fell Three Graves Deep: Voices from the Donner Party

by Allan Wolf

In 1846, a group of emigrants bound for California face a choice: continue on their planned route or take a shortcut into the wilderness. Eighty-nine of them opt for the untested trail, a decision that plunges them into danger and desperation.

Home is Not a Country

by Safia Elhillo

Nima doesn't feel understood by her mother, who grew up far away in a different land by her suburban town, which makes her feel too much like an outsider. At least she has her childhood friend Haitham, with whom she can let her guard down and be herself. Until she doesn't...

Paper Hearts

by Meg Wiviott

A forbidden gift helps two teenage girls find hope, friendship, and the will to live in this beautifully told true story about brave young women who refused to be victims and walked out of Auschwitz with their heads unbowed.

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With A Star in My Hand: Rubén Darío, Poetry Hero

by Margarita Engel

The story of Rubén Darío, a Nicaraguan poet, who started life as an abandoned child and grew to become the father of a new literary movement.

A Time to Dance

by Padma Venkatraman

Veda, a classical dance prodigy in India, lives and breathes dance--so when an accident leaves her a below-knee amputee, her dreams are shattered and she must find a way to go on.

People Kill People

by Ellen Hopkins

Someone will shoot. And someone will die. A gun is sold in the classifieds after killing a spouse, bought by a teenager for needed protection. But which was it?

Sold

by Patricia McCormick

Thirteen-year-old Lakshmi leaves her poor mountain home in Nepal thinking that she is to work in the city as a maid only to find that she has been sold into the sex slave trade in India and that there is no hope of escape.

Audacity

by Melanie Crowder

Inspired by the real-life story of Clara Lemlich, a spirited young woman who emigrated from Russia, and bucked the norms of both her traditional Jewish family and societal conventions to fight tenaciously for equal rights.

Loving vs. Virginia

by Patricia Hruby Powell

Written in blank verse, this is the story of Mildred Loving, an African American girl, and Richard Loving, a Caucasian boy, who challenge the Viriginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s.

What My Mother Doesn't Know

by Sonia Sones

Sophie, a freshman in high school, is struggling through the daily grind and all the crushes that come with it, as she shares her innermost thoughts and feelings.