

Recommended Reading List of Historical Juvenile Fiction Books

Portraying America's Pursuit for Independence (1773-1776)

Avi — *The Fighting Ground*

Thirteen-year-old Jonathan yearns to go into battle in the war against the British in Massachusetts in 1773. When he does, his life changes forever.

Laurie Calkhoven — *Daniel at the Siege of Boston 1776*

Twelve-year-old Daniel works in the family's Boston tavern in 1776 and listens in on the British officers to gather information for the Patriots.

Barry Denenberg — *The Journal of William Thomas Emerson, A Revolutionary War Patriot*
My Name is America series.

Young readers will get a look at the events leading up to the Revolutionary War in Boston in 1774 through the journal writings of a twelve-year-old boy who shares stories about the bravery and patriotism of ordinary citizens.

Esther Forbes — *Johnny Tremain, A Story of Boston in Revolt*
Newbery Medal winner.

Fourteen-year-old Johnny Tremain is apprenticed to a silversmith in Boston in 1773. An injury changes Johnny's career path, and he becomes involved with the Sons of Liberty and witnesses events like the Boston Tea Party, Paul Revere's midnight ride, and the Battle at Lexington—all events leading up to the American Revolution.

Joan Hiatt Harlow — *Midnight Rider*

A fourteen-year-old girl, who disguises herself as a boy, sets off on a dangerous mission in 1775 to warn the citizens of Salem that the British plan to march on their town.

Robert Lawson — *Mr. Revere and I*

An account of Paul Revere's famous ride told from the perspective of the horse he rode. Young readers will enjoy this unique and often humorous perspective.

Ann Rinaldi — *The Secret of Sarah Revere*

The thirteen-year-old daughter of Paul Revere describes her father's rides into the countryside and the Patriot spy network that was created, leading up to the American Revolution.

Elvira Woodruff — *George Washington's Spy*

A Time Travel Adventure.

A ten-year-old and six of his friends are swept back in time to 1776 to the homes and battlefields of the American Revolution.