

Own the Night : Explore New York



Tween

Anderson, Laurie Halse. Chains. New York: Atheneum Books for Young Readers, 2010. Sisters Isabel and Ruth are young girls who are promised freedom after the death of their slave master. Instead, they become property of a New York City couple. Isabel soon catches Revolution fever after meeting a young boy named Curzon who encourages her to spy on her owners. Together Isabel and Curzon strive for their personal freedom and the freedom of New York and their country.

ALA Notable Children's Book

FICTION

Audio CD by Brilliance (2008), Playaway (2008)

Auch, Mary Jane. Journey to Nowhere. New York: Yearling, 1998.

In 1815, while traveling by covered wagon to settle in the wilderness of western New York, eleven-year-old Mem experiences a flood and separation from her family. The trilogy continues with Frozen Summer and Road to Home, both out of print.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 47447

Auch, Mary Jane. One-handed Catch. New York: Square Fish, 2009.

After sixth-grader Norman loses his hand in an accident in his father's butcher shop in 1946, he uses hard work and humor to learn to live with his disability and to succeed at baseball, art, and other activities.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 64853

Avi. Don't You Know There's a War On? New York: HarperCollins, 2003.

In wartime Brooklyn in 1943, eleven-year-old Howie Crispers mounts a campaign to save his favorite teacher from being fired.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 54773

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Avi. The Seer of Shadows. New York: HarperCollins, 2008.

In New York City in 1872, fourteen-year-old Horace becomes entangled in a plot to create fraudulent spirit photographs. When Horace accidentally frees the real ghost of a dead girl bent on revenge, his life takes a frightening turn.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 67358

Audio CD by Recorded Books (2008)

Brown, Dan. America Is Under Attack. New York: Roaring Book Press, 2011.

Brown presents a chronological look at the events on the morning of September 11, 2001, in watercolor illustrations.

NON – FICTION

Bruchac, Joseph. Hidden Roots. New York: Scholastic Press, 2004.

Harold, living in a small upstate town in the 1960s, learns the truth of his family's heritage: They were part of the Abenaki tribe which in the 1930s was forced to undergo sterilization. Some of them, though, like Harold's family, went into hiding.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 065485; DB 065485

Burgan, Michael, and Timothy J. Shannon. Voices from Colonial America: New York, 1609-1776. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2006. Series: Voices from Colonial America.

Presents the history of New York by discussing the interaction between Native American tribes and Dutch settlers, as well as leaders including Peter Stuyvesant and Alexander Hamilton.

Complete with period maps and first-person accounts.

NON-FICTION

Carvell, Marlene. Sweetgrass Basket. New York: Dutton Juvenile Books, 2005.

In alternating passages, two Mohawk sisters describe their lives at the Carlisle Indian Industrial School, established in 1879 to educate Native Americans, as they try to assimilate into white culture.

FICTION

Connor, Leslie. Waiting for Normal. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2010.

Twelve-year-old Addie tries to cope with her mother's erratic behavior and being separated from her beloved stepfather and half-sisters when she and her mother go to live in a small trailer by the railroad tracks on the outskirts of Schenectady, New York.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC068286

Digital book: DB068286

Braille format: BR018148

Audiobook by Recorded Books (2008)

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Conrad, Pam. Our House: 10th Anniversary Edition. New York: Scholastic Press, 2005.
Six stories, one from each decade from the 1940s to the 1990s, about children growing up in Levittown, New York.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 44202

Danticat, Edwidge. Behind the Mountains. New York: Scholastic Paperbacks, 2004.
Writing in the notebook which her teacher gave her, thirteen-year-old Celiane describes life with her mother and brother in Haiti as well as her experiences in Brooklyn after the family finally immigrates there to be reunited with her father.

FICTION

Braille format: BR 14941

DeFelice, Cynthia. Under the Same Sky. New York: Farrar, Straus, & Giroux, 2005.
To earn money for a coveted motorbike, young Joe Pedersen joins the Mexican laborers who work on his father's farm in upstate New York and soon discovers racism and romance while learning to see the world in a whole different way.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 57189

Durrant, Lynda. My Last Skirt: The Story of Jennie Hodgers, Union Soldier. New York: Clarion Books, 2006.

Emigrating from Ireland to start a new life in New York, Jennie Hodgers dresses as a boy and serves in the 95th Illinois Infantry as Private Albert Cashier, a Union soldier in the American Civil War.

FICTION

Elliot, Lang. Guide to Sounds, A: The Nighttime Sounds of 60 Mammals, Birds, Amphibians, and Insects (with Audio CD).

Recorded in the author's studio in Ithaca, NY, Elliot narrates the nighttime field recordings of birds, otters, frog croaks and various mammal noises. Illustrations and photographs accompany the hour-long CD. Mechanicsburg: Stackpole Books, 2004.

NON-FICTION

Fritz, Jean. You Want Women to Vote, Lizzie Stanton? New York: Puffin, 1999.

With her trademark humor and anecdotal style, the Newbery Honor Award-winner and preeminent biographer for young people turns her attention to Elizabeth Cady Stanton, the lively, unconventional spokeswoman of the woman suffrage movement. Convinced from an early age that women should have the same rights as men, Lizzie embarked on a career that changed America.

NON-FICTION

Braille format: BR 10778

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George, Jean Craighead. My Side of the Mountain. New York: Puffin, 2004.

Sam Gribble's great-grandfather owned land in the Catskill Mountains that had been uninhabited for years. Tired of living in the hustle and bustle of New York City, teenage Sam runs away to the Catskills in search of that land. *Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Braille format: BR 15070 / Recorded format: RC 50211

Getzinger, Donna. Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire. North Carolina: Morgan Reynolds, Inc., 2008.

In 1911, a fire broke out in the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory, a clothing company located in the top floors of a New York high rise. The fire spread fast, and soon the factory's workers, mostly immigrant women, faced death by fire, as their only way out was to jump from the windows.

NON-FICTION

Giff, Patricia. All the Way Home. New York: Yearling, 2003.

In 1941, circumstances bring together Brick, a boy from New York's apple country, and Mariel, a young girl made shy by her bout with polio. The two make a journey from Brooklyn to upstate New York to help Brick's elderly neighbors save their apple crop and to help Mariel learn about her past.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 53791

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Eleven. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2008.

When Sam, who can barely read, discovers an old newspaper clipping just before his 11th birthday, it makes him question his entire existence. Can a new school friend help him discover the truth about himself?

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 068203; DB 068203

Audio CD by Listening Library

Giff, Patricia. Lily's Crossing. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 1999.

A vivid portrait of the home front in World War II, where a young American girl befriends a Hungarian refugee during the summer of 1944 in Rockaway Beach. *Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Braille format: BR 17375 / Recorded format: RC 45659

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Storyteller. New York: Yearling, 2011.

Forced to spend months at an aunt's house, Elizabeth feels a connection to her ancestor Zee, whose picture hangs on the wall. Zee reveals her story of hardships during the Revolutionary War in upstate New York, as Elizabeth comes to terms with her own troubles.

FICTION

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Giff, Patricia. Water Street. New York: Yearling, 2006.

In the shadow of the construction of the Brooklyn Bridge, eighth-graders and new neighbors Bird Mallon and Thomas Neary make some decisions about what they want to do with their lives.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 64195

Audio CD by Listening Library (2006)

Giff, Patricia Reilly. Wild Girl. New York: Yearling, 2011.

When twelve-year-old Lidie leaves Brazil to join her father and brother on a horse ranch in New York, she has a hard time adjusting to her new life, as does a new horse that has come to the ranch.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC070322

Digital book: DB070322

Audio CD by Listening Library (2009)

Going, K.L. The Garden of Eve. New York: Sandpiper, 2009.

Is Beaumont, New York, the town Evie and her widowed Dad have moved to haunted? Evie doesn't believe in curses or fairy tales—if they were real, her mom would still be alive. But odd things, like a mysterious dead boy and a special tree help her discover what is real.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library

Grab, Daphne. Alive and Well in Prague, NY. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2008

Manhattanites Matisse Osgood and her artist parents move to upstate New York when her father's Parkinson's disease worsens. Matisse must face high school in a small, provincial town as she tries to avoid thinking about her father's future.

FICTION

Greenberg, David. A Tugging String. New York: Dutton Children Books, 2008.

A fictionalized account of the author's years growing up in Great Neck, New York, during the turbulent Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s and 1960s. Includes commentary from the author's father, Jack Greenberg, who was a lawyer for the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

FICTION

Greene, Stephanie. The Lucky Ones. New York: Harper Collins, 2008.

Twelve-year-old Cecile and her family are spending their summer on Gull Island at her grandfather's mansion, like they do every summer. But this summer her parents are at odds, her older sister has no time for her, and even she is changing. (Gull Island is a fictional island off the coast of Long Island.)

FICTION

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Grimes, Nikki. Jazmin's Notebook. New York: Puffin, 2000.

Jazmin is growing up during hard times in 1960s Harlem. She expresses hope for her future as she observes life around her neighborhood. *Coretta Scott King Author Honor*

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 47277

Audiobook by Penguin Group USA and Audible (2008)

Course, Leslie. Sophisticated Ladies: The Great Women of Jazz. New York: Dutton Juvenile, 2007.

This lively collective biography of 14 singers begins in the 1920s with Bessie Smith and Ethel Waters and moves on through current performers Cassandra Wilson and Diana Krall. A vibrant, full-page portrait opens each chapter, depicting the performer with bold vitality, in a style suggestive of a theater poster. Includes references to Jazz Clubs in Harlem during the 1920s.

NON-FICTION

Hansen, Joyce. Home is with our Family. New York: Disney/Jump at the Sun Books, 2010.

Maria Peterson is looking forward to turning thirteen in 1855, attending abolitionist meetings and listening to inspiring speakers like Sojourner Truth. Her thirteenth year brings unexpected changes; the city of New York wants to turn her community, Seneca Village, into an enormous "Central Park," Now that Maria has made a new friend, she's even more determined to stay.

FICTION

Hepler, Heather. The Cupcake Queen. New York: Dutton Children's Books, 2009.

While her dad stays behind in New York City, Penny and her mom move to the small town of Hog's Hollow, NY, to open a cupcake bakery. Small-town life is nothing like city life, she realizes. What will happen when she's given the choice of choosing between the two?

FICTION

Hesse, Karen. The Brooklyn Bridge. New York: Feiwel and Friends, 2008

In 1903 Brooklyn, fourteen-year-old Joseph Michtom's life changes for the worse when his parents, Russian immigrants, invent the teddy bear and turn their apartment into a factory. Nearby, the glitter of Coney Island contrasts with the dismal lives of children dwelling under the Brooklyn Bridge.

FICTION

Braille format: BR018212

Jocelyn, Marthe. How It Happened in Peach Hill. New York: Laurel Leaf, 2009.

When fifteen-year-old Annie Grey and her "clairvoyant" mother arrive in Peach Hill, New York, in 1924, each finds a reason for wanting to finally settle down. To reach their goals they will have to do some serious lying and Annie will have to stand up for herself.

Best Books for Young Adults

FICTION

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Kent, Rose. Rocky Road. New York: Alfred Knopf, 2010.

Ma moves the family of Tess and her deaf brother from Texas to Schenectady, New York where she uses their savings to open an ice cream shop in winter. (The book incorporates fun facts about ice cream.)

FICTION

Klein, Frederick C. For the Love of the Yankees: An A-to-Z Primer for Yankees Fans of All Ages. Chicago: Triumph Books, 2008.

No other franchise in the history of sports can boast the tradition and worldwide appeal of the New York Yankees. The list of legends that have donned the blue-and-white pinstripes over the years is as long as one of Mantle's epic tape-measure home runs, and the names themselves have become synonymous with everything we love about baseball. From Ruth and Gehrig to DiMaggio and Berra to Jackson and Steinbrenner to Jeter and Torre, an introduction to the prominent names in Yankee lore provides a comprehensive history of baseball over the last century.

NON-FICTION

Longfellow, Henry Wadsworth. Hiawatha and Megissogwon. Illus. Jeffrey Thompson. Washington, DC: National Geographic Society, 2001.

A dramatic combination of scratchboard and computer illustrations capture the magic, action, and excitement of the classic tale of Hiawatha, the son of the West Wind, who valiantly slays serpents, eludes ghosts, and finally confronts the evil Megissogwon.

POETRY

Braille format: BR 06112 / Recorded format: RC 22692

Lourie, Peter. The Lost Treasure of Captain Kidd. Wappingers Falls, N.Y.: Shawangunk Press, 1996.

Two boys living along the Hudson River track historical clues—and try to elude a crazed treasure hunter—as they search for bounty rumored to have been hidden in 1699.

FICTION

Luper, Eric. Bug Boy. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux (BYR), 2009.

The setting is Saratoga Springs in the summer of 1934 and fifteen-year-old Jack is promoted to apprentice jockey - his lifelong dream. With all the pressure to maintain a low weight and avoiding crooked bookies and horse owners, it turns out to be more of a nightmare.

FICTION

Lupica, Mike, Heat. New York: Scholastic, 2007.

A young Cuban immigrant, Michael Arroyo is a great pitcher in the Little League in the Bronx. When a rival player's team questions his age and ability, he is sidelined, and the young star athlete cannot help get his team to the Little League World Series.

FICTION

Braille format: BR 17941 / Recorded format: RC 62264

Audio CD by Listening Library (2006)

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Lupica, Mike. Hero. New York: Philomel Books, 2010.

Fourteen-year-old Zach learns he has the same special abilities as his father, who was the President's globe-trotting troubleshooter until "the Bads" killed him, and now Zach must decide whether to use his powers in the same way at the risk of his own life.

FICTION

Recorded format: DB 072779

Audio CD by Penguin Group USA (2010)

Marrin, Al. Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and its Legacy. New York: Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2011.

On March 25, 1911, the Triangle Shirtwaist Factory in New York City burst into flames. One hundred forty-six people—mostly women—perished; it was one of the most lethal workplace fires in American history. This is a story of immigration and hard work to make it in a new country, as Italians and Jews and others traveled to America to find a better life.

NON-FICTION

Martin, Ann. Here Today. Topeka: Tandem Library Books, 2005.

In 1963, 11-year-old Eleanor Roosevelt Dingman's mother is crowned the Bosetti Beauty at Mr. Bosetti's supermarket, President John F. Kennedy is assassinated, and the Dingman family begins to fall apart. So begins this richly woven novel by the Newbery Honoree.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2004)

Marx, Trish. Steel Drumming at the Apollo: The Road to Super Top Dog. New York: Lee & Low Books, Inc., 2007.

Photo-essay about a high school steel drum band from upstate New York that participated in a series of talent competitions for a chance to win Super Top Dog on Amateur Night at the Apollo Theater in Harlem. Includes a CD of the band performing.

NON-FICTION

Mazer, Norma Fox. Good Night, Maman. Collingdale: DIANE Publishing Company, 2006.

After spending years fleeing from the Nazis in war-torn Europe, twelve-year-old Karin Levi and her older brother Marc find a new home in a refugee camp in Oswego, New York.

FICTION

Braille format: BR 13026

Mazer, Norma Fox. Ten Ways to Make My Sister Disappear. New York: Arthur A. Levine Books, 2007.

Ten-year-old Sprig no longer gets along with her 12-year-old sister Dakota but the two pull together in the fictional town of Alliance, N.Y., during their father's extended business trip to Afghanistan, sharing concerns about his safety, an elderly neighbor's health, fights with their best friends, and boys.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 065938; DB 065938

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Mebus, Scott. Gods of Manhattan. New York: Puffin, 2009.

Twelve-year-old Rory discovers a spirit world that thrives alongside his contemporary New York City, filled with fantastical creatures and people from the city's colorful past who have become gods and goddesses and who have chosen Rory to perform a dangerous mission.

FICTION

Messner, Kate. Champlain and the Silent One. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2008.

In the winter of 1609, with his people starving, the Innu Indian called Silent One must overcome his reluctance to speak and trust Samuel de Champlain and his Frenchmen in order to save his brother and regain his own spirit.

FICTION

Messner, Kate. Spitfire: A North Country Adventure. Utica, NY: North Country Books, 2007.

In October of 1776, two twelve-year-olds meet on a ship on Lake Champlain--Abigail, disguised as a boy, and Pascal, brought aboard by his stepfather, the captain--and forge a fast friendship while serving together as soldiers.

FICTION

Murphy, Jim. Blizzard: The Storm That Changed America. New York: Scholastic Press, 2000.

Snow began falling over New York City on March 12, 1888. All around town, people struggled along slippery streets and sidewalks, assuming this would be the last little snowfall of one of the warmest winters on record. What no one realized was that in a very few hours, the wind and snow would bury the city in nearly 21 inches of snow and bring it to a standstill.

NON - FICTION

Recorded format: RC 052323

Audio CD by Audio Bookshelf (2003)

Murphy, Jim. Desperate Journey. New York: Scholastic Press, 2006.

In the mid-1800s, with both her father and her uncle in jail on an assault charge, Maggie, her brother, and her ailing mother must rush their barge along the Erie Canal to deliver their heavy cargo or risk lose everything.

FICTION

Murphy, Jim. The Real Benedict Arnold. New York: Clarion Books, 2007

A fascinating portrait of a brilliant man, consistently undervalued by his peers, who made a choice that continues to reverberate through American history.

NON-FICTION

Recorded format: RC 66523

Myers, Anna. Hoggee. New York: Walker & Co., 2004.

Always overshadowed by his competitive older brother, especially in their work as mule drivers on the Erie Canal, fourteen-year-old Howard finally finds the courage to pursue his dreams of becoming an educator after he learns about sign language and teaches it to his deaf friend in nineteenth-century New York State.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 61365

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Paratore, Coleen. Mack McGinn's Big Win. New York: Simon and Schuster Books for Young Children, 2007.

Whether the prize is a soccer trophy or the esteem of Danville, N.Y.'s elite, the McGinn family believes in winning. While striving to prove he can be best at something, sixth-grader Mack inadvertently demonstrates to his parents and older brother what really matters most.

FICTION

Pinkney, Andrea Davis. Bird in a Box. New York: Little, Brown, 2011.

In 1936, three children meet at the Mercy Home for Negro Orphans in Elmira, New York, and while not all three are orphans, They're not all orphans, but all are dealing with grief and loss and following the boxing career of Joe Louis. (Includes author's notes.)

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011).

Pinkwater, Daniel. The Artsy Smartsy Club. New York: Harper Collins, 2005.

After three Hoboken children and their giant chicken Henrietta begin to appreciate beautiful sidewalk art, they venture into art class and visits to Manhattan.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 061114; DB 061114

Platt, Richard. Through Time: New York City. New York: Kingfisher, 2010

Follow the triumphs and turmoils of one of the world's most famous cities, from 1600 until the present day. Meet Manhattan's native people; watch the arrival of Europeans, witness riots and revolution, and experience life in the Big Apple.

NON-FICTION

Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief. New York: Hyperion Books for Children, 2005.

Twelve-year-old Percy Jackson learns he is a demigod, the son of a mortal woman and Poseidon, god of the sea. His mother sends him to a summer camp for demigods on Long Island where he and his new friends set out on a quest to prevent a war between the gods.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 063443; DB 063443.

Audio CD by Listening Library (2005)

Rubin, Susan Goldman. Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein. Watertown, MA : Charlesbridge, 2011.

What do you do when you have a dream and your father is firmly against it? If you are Leonard Bernstein, you rise to the level of the premier composer and conductor of 20th century America. *2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults*

NON-FICTION

St. George, Judith. The Duel: The Parallel Lives of Alexander Hamilton and Aaron Burr. New York: Viking Juvenile, 2009.

Early on a July morning in 1804, on a patch of field overlooking the Hudson River, two prominent political figures fought a duel. The story tracks the lives of both men from their service under George Washington to their political careers as founders of a new nation.

FICTION

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Schwabach, Karen. The Hope Chest. New York: Yearling, 2010.

Eleven-year-old Violet has one goal in mind when she runs away from home: to find her sister, Chloe, in New York City. As Violet's journey grows longer, her single-minded pursuit of reuniting with her sister changes. Before long she is standing side-by-side with her new friends—suffragists, socialists, and others—the type of people whom her parents would not approve.

FICTION

Schmidt, Gary D. Okay for Now. New York: Clarion Books, 2011.

As a fourteen-year-old who just moved from Long Island to upstate New York, with no friends, an abusive father, and a louse for an older brother, Doug has everything stacked against him until he finds Lil, a friend and ally. Together, they find a safe haven in the local library, inspiration in learning about the plates of John James Audubon's birds, and an adventure on a Broadway stage. *2012 Odyssey Award (audiobook for children and/or young adults)*

FICTION

Recorded format: DB 073716; BR 019362

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011).

Schwartz, Virginia Frances. 4 Kids in 5-E & 1 Crazy Year. New York: Holiday House, 2006.

Family, school, and life in general are seen through the writings of four fifth-graders who have been taken out of an overcrowded New York City classroom and placed with a teacher who shows them how to write and how to believe in themselves.

FICTION

Scieszka, Jon Francesco. Spaceheadz. New York: Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2010.

On his first day at Brooklyn's P.S. 858, fifth-grader Michael K. is teamed with two very strange students. He gradually comes to believe they are aliens who need his help, but he has trouble convincing anyone else of the truth.

FICTION

Selznick, Brian. Wonderstruck. New York: Scholastic Press, 2011.

Having lost his mother and his hearing, 12-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City. At the Museum of Natural History, he meets Rose, who is also looking for something. (Ben's story is told in words; Rose's in pictures.)

2012 Schneider Family Book Award

FICTION

Sheinkin, Steve. The Notorious Benedict Arnold: A True Story of Adventure, Heroism & Treachery. New York: Flash Point, 2010.

Most people know that Benedict Arnold was America's first, most notorious traitor. Few know that he was also one of its greatest war heroes during the American Revolution.

Winner of the 2011 Boston Globe - Horn Book Award for Nonfiction

2012 YALSA Award for Excellence in Nonfiction for Young Adults

NON-FICTION

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Sherry, Maureen and Adam Stower. Walls within Walls. New York: Katherine Tegen Books, 2010.

When the Smithfork family moves into a lavish Manhattan apartment building, they discover clues to a decades-old mystery hidden behind the walls of their new home.

FICTION

Smith, Chari R. Extraordinary Women from U.S. History: Readers Theatre for Grades 4-8. Portsmouth, NH: Teacher Ideas Press, 2003.

Includes scripts about famous women in history--many of whom have links to New York State--including Eleanor Roosevelt, Amelia Earhart, Susan B. Anthony, Nellie Bly, and Harriet Tubman. Can be performed or read.

NON-FICTION / DRAMA

Stead, Rebecca. When You Reach Me. New York: Wendy Lamb Books, 2009.

Set in New York City circa 1979, Sixth grader Miranda begins to receive mysterious notes about the future; notes that are eerily reminiscent of her favorite novel *A Wrinkle in Time*.

2010 Newbury Medal winner.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2009)

Stephens, John. The Emerald Atlas. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2011.

Kate, Michael, and Emma have passed from one orphanage to another in the 10 years since their parents disappeared, but now in a new home in upstate New York, they learn that they have special powers, a prophesied quest to find a magical book, and a fearsome enemy.

FICTION

Audio CD by Listening Library (2011)

Uttendorfsky, Irene. Hannah and the Two Sisters: An Erie Canal Adventure. Rome, NY: Spruce Gulch Press, 2005

In the spring of 1864, fifteen-year-old Hannah Miller struggles with the ups and downs of growing up in the sleepy foothills of the Adirondacks. Her world is turned upside down suddenly when cholera strikes her family, and the boy she hoped to marry enlists in the 146th Regiment, New York State Volunteers. Hannah must leave her home in Boonville and live with a disagreeable aunt in Rome, unless she can convince her Pa to take her along when he goes back to work on the Erie Canal aboard the Two Sisters.

FICTION

Watts, Leander. Stonecutter. New York: Graphia, 2006.

In 1835, in rural New York State, apprentice stonecutter Albion Straight relates his experiences when he is hired by the strangely menacing John Good to carve a statue of his daughter.

FICTION

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Woodson, Jacqueline. After Tupac & D Foster. New York: Speak, 2010.

In 1996 in Queens, two girls become friends through the music of Tupac Shakur; the music continues to touch their lives as they deal with their families and their futures. *Newbery Honor*

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 66700

Audio CD by Brilliance (2009)

Woodson, Jacqueline. If You Come Softly. New York: G.P. Putnam, 2010.

Two 15 year olds, Jeremiah (Miah) who is black, and Elisha (Ellie) who is white, meet during their first year at an exclusive New York prep school and fall in love. The teenagers must deal with the subtle and not-so-subtle bigotry that they are subjected to as a mixed-race couple.

FICTION

Recorded format: RC 63810

