Patriotism Through Literacy
Book Suggestions

Note: grade/age levels are suggested based on publisher’s guidelines, school curriculums and reading/comprehension levels, not rules. Interest levels & ability vary by student. Updated: 2022

Pre-K-Kindergarten

John, Paul, George, and Ben by Lane Smith
I Am series (I Am Abraham Lincoln, Rosa Parks, Amelia Earhart, etc.) by Brad Metzer
The White House: A Pop-Up Book of Our Nation’s Home by Robert Sabuda
Red, White, and BOOM! by Lee Wardlaw
America the Beautiful by Katharine Lee Bates
God Bless America by Irving Berlin, illustrated by Lynn Munsinger
The Scrambled States of America by Laurie Keller
This Land is Your Land by Woody Guthrie & Kathy Jakobsen
Wow, America! by Robert Neubecker
My Little Golden Book about Kamala Harris by Rajani LaRocca
My Little Golden Book about The White House by Jen Arena
Sesame Street: Elmo Doodle Dandy (A Little Golden Book) by Naomi Kleinberg
Don’t Forget, God Bless Our Troops by Jill Biden
My Red Balloon & Dandelions by Eve Bunting
Blue Sky, White Stars by Sarvinder Naberhaus & Kadir Nelson
A is for America: A Patriotic Alphabet Book by Tanya Lee Stone

Grades 1-2

Creative Non-Fiction:

Henry’s Freedom Box: A True Story from the Underground Railroad by Ellen Levine
The Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles
Stars and Stripes: The Story of the American Flag by Sarah L. Thomson
What the Big Deal About First Ladies? by Ruby Shamir
Harriet’s Ruffled Feathers by Joy McCullough
Turning Pages: My Life Story by Sonia Sotomayor
Rescue & Jessica by Jessica Kensky & Patrick Downes
I Could Do That: How Esther Morris Gets Women the Vote by Linda White
Show Way by Jacqueline Woodson
Tuesday Tucks Me In by Luis Carlos Montalvan
They Called Her Molly Pitcher by Anne Rockwell
Baseball Saved Us by Ken Mochizuki
Martin’s Big Words by Doreen Rappaport
Ben Franklin: Wit & Wisdom from A-Z by Alan Schroeder

Educational/Americana & Historical Fiction:

Happy Birthday, America by Mary Pope Osborne
Apple Pie 4th of July by Janet S. Wong
If I Were President by Catherine Stier
Tricking the Tallyman by Jacqueline Davis
Ellie May on President’s Day by Hillary Homzie
This is a Rope: A Story from the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson
The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan
**Grades 3-4**

**Historical Fiction:**
- *Sarah, Plain and Tall* by Patricia MacLachlan
- *I Survived* series (Gettysburg, Pearl Harbor, D-Day, 9/11, etc.) by Lauren Tarshis
- *American Girl* original series & *American Girl History’s Mysteries* by various authors
- *If You Were a Kid During the American Revolution* by Will Mara
- *The Captive* by Joyce Hansen
- *Magic Treehouse Mysteries* series by Mary Pope Osborne
- *Step Up to the Plate, Maria Singh* by Uma Krishnaswami
- *Capital Mysteries* series by Ron Roy

**Creative Non-Fiction:**
- *Magic Treehouse Fact Trackers* series by Mary Pope Osborne
- *A is for Abigail: An Almanac of Amazing American Women* by Lynne Cheney
- *Shh! We’re Writing the Constitution* by Jean Fritz
- *Wilma Unlimited: How Wilma Rudolph Became the Fastest Woman…* by Kathleen Krull
- *She Persisted* series (Maya Lin, Maria Tallchief, Patsy Mink, etc.) by various authors
- *A Splash of Red: The Life & Art of Horace Pippen* by Jen Bryant
- *Who Was/What Was* series, (*George Washington, the White House, Sacagawea, etc.*)
- *Little Legends* series by Vashti Harrison
- *The Poppy Lady: Moina Belle Michael and her Tribute to Veterans* by Barbara E. Walsh

**Educational Americana:**
- *America’s White Table* by Margot Theis Raven
- *Our 50 States: A Family Adventure Across America* by Lynne Cheney
- *We the Kids* by David Catrow
- *I Have a Dream* by Martin Luther King, Jr., illustrated by Kadir Nelson
- *We Are America: A Tribute from the Heart* by Walter Dean Myers

**Grades 5-6**

**Historical Fiction:**
- *Towers Falling* and *Ghost Boys* by Jewell Parker Rhodes
- *Keeping Score* by Linda Sue Park
- *Stella* by Sharon M. Draper
- *Show Me a Sign* by Ann-Clare LeZotte
- *Red, White & Whole* by Rajani LaRocca
- *My Life as an Ice Cream Sandwich* by Ibi Zoboi
- *Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred D. Taylor
- *Worth* by Alexandria LaFaye
- *The Year of the Boar & Jackie Robinson* by Bette Bao Lord
- *One Crazy Summer* trilogy by Rita Williams Garcia
- *Esperanza Rising* by Pam Muñoz Ryan
- *Nine, Ten, a September 11th Story* by Nora Raleigh Baskin
- *Planet Earth is Blue* by Nicole Panteleakos
- *The True History of Lyndie B. Hawkins* by Gail Shephard
- *Bud, Not Buddy* and *The Watsons Go to Birmingham* by Christopher Paul Curtis

**Creative Non-Fiction:**
- *Stamped (for Kids)* by Sonja Cherry Paul, Jason Reynolds & Ibram X. Kendi
- *Rocket to the Moon* by Don Brown
- *History Smashers* series by Kate Messner
- *It’s Up to You, Abe Lincoln* by Leila and Tom Hirschfeld
**Grades 7-8**

**Historical Fiction:**
- *Dear America* series by various authors
- *Home is With Our Family* by Joyce Hansen
- *Johnny Tremain* by Esther Forbes
- *Kira-Kira* by Cynthia Kadohata
- *Fever 1793* and *Chains* by Laurie Halse Anderson
- *Lucky Broken Girl* by Ruth Behar
- *Five Children on the Western Front* by Kate Saunders
- *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse
- *We Dream of Space* by Erin Entrada Kelly
- *Hattie Big Sky* by Kirby Larson
- *Betty Before X* by Ilyasah Shabazz
- *The Notorious Benedict Arnold* by Steve Sheinkin
- *All the Stars Denied* by Guadalupe Garcia McCall

**Non-Fiction & Memoir:**
- *Amelia Lost: The Life & Disappearance of Amelia Earhart* by Candace Fleming
- *Grasping Mysteries: Girls Who Loved Math* by Jeannine Atkins
- *Lifting As We Climb* by Evette Dionne
- *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson
- *Enchanted Air: Two Cultures, Two Wings* by Margarita Engel
- *Hidden Figures: The American Dream & the Untold Story* by Margot Lee Shetterly
- *What Was the Continental Congress?* and *Clara Barton* by Candice Ransom

*Grades 9-12*

**Historical Fiction:**
- *Sophia’s War: A Tale of the Revolution* by Avi
- *Butterfly Yellow* by Thanhha Lai
- *Girls Like Us* by Randi Pink
- *So Many Beginnings* by Bethany Morrow
- *The Downstairs Girl* by Stacey Lee
- *We Are Not Free* by Traci Chee
- *The Memory of Things* by Gae Polisner
- *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* by Malindo Lo
- *A Very Large Expanse of Sea* by Tehera Mafi
- *Fly Girl* by Sherri L. Smith

**Non-Fiction & Memoir:**
- *Pure Grit: How American WWII Nurses Survived Battle*… by Mary Cronk Farrell
- *Chester Nez: A Navajo Codetalker’s Story* by Joseph Bruchac
- *Code Talker Stories* by Lauren Tohe
- *Turning 15 on the Road to Freedom*… by Lynda Blackmon Lowery
- *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* by Phillip Hoose
- *Loving Vs. Virginia* by Patricia Hruby Powell
- *Stamped* by Jason Reynolds
- *Chasing Lincoln’s Killer* by James L. Swanson
- *Fly Girls: Forgotten Women Airforce Service Pilots of WWII* by P. O’Connell Pearson
- *Sally Ride: America’s First Woman in Space* by Lynn Sherr
- *Black Birds in the Sky* by Brandy Colbert
- *They Call Us Enemy* by George Takei
- *Alexander Hamilton* by Ron Chernow