PRE-KINDERGARTEN—KINDERGARTEN

  A simplified and well-illustrated history of the aviatrix’s life.

  Colorful and historically accurate illustrations make this picture book different from others in its category.

  This text relates the events of a day out for a little girl and her father.

  This book illustrates the importance of “community” as town members try to help replace the Moon after it gently falls from the sky.

  Originally published in 1950, this classic provides children with the opportunity to use their imaginations as they pretend to be creatures that walk, hop, fly, and swim.

  Examines the life of the famous aviatix from childhood to her disappearance in 1937 while attempting a global flight.

  A history of the Wright brothers from childhood to their first flight at Kitty Hawk in 1903. Includes a glossary as a guide for young readers.

  Discusses flying machines in chronological order. Includes balloons, blimps, jumbo jets, and rockets.
ELEMENTARY

  Bored and looking for something new and fun, Romeo and Lou build a pretend rocket ship out of snow. They are carried to an imaginary world and must come up with a way to get home.

  Relates the story of the first licensed African-American aviatrix, Bessie Coleman.

  Talks about the life of Neil Armstrong from his childhood in Ohio to his famous moon landing in 1969.

  Details the “normal” childhood of the future physicist whose concepts and innovations changed the world as we know it.

  The story of two Canadian soldiers during World War I. Frank enlists out of a sense of obligation. Michael enlists full of enthusiasm. This story illustrates that war is not as imagined by those involved.

  A fictionalized account of the Wright Brother’s passion for flight and how it was insured in them in childhood.

  This tale discusses the basics of flight while sharing the experience of a grandfather’s first flight with his grandson.

  This book, adapting the lyrics of the popular song, “There was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Fly”, follows a woman’s various attempts to reach a star.
  Reflecting rich Asian culture, this story gives insight into American patriotism 
  embraced by Asian-Americans and Asian efforts to support World War II efforts 
  in the U.S.

  This pop-up book uses poems coupled with images to tell the story of Galileo.

• McNulty, Faith. *If you Decide to Go to the Moon.* Scholastic Press, (2005).
  Provides the reader with a complete guide for what to do to get to the Moon, what to take and how to get home again.

  Mouton the sheep is fascinated by the thought of flying and she gets her wish 
  when she is launched as one of the first passengers in the Montgolfier brothers' hot air balloon in 1783.

• Marisabina, Russo. *Always Remember Me: How One Family Survived World War II.* 
  This story relates the authors’ grandmother’s experiences in both Nazi Germany 
  and the United States following her immigration post World War II.

  Written in first person, this book allows Harriet Quimby to explain how she 
  became the first American women to get a pilot’s license and fly across the English Channel in 1912.

  Chaos ensures when the housekeeper, Amelia is asked to help with a school science fair.

  A brief look at flight shown through aircraft development.

  This text uses wit to provide the reader with basic knowledge about what is 
  required to be an explorer.

  This text provides the history of the children of the Berlin Airlift. It relates how 
  and why an American pilot, Gail Halvorsen dropped candy and gum to the children of Berlin.
  With text and NASA photos, Thimmesh’s book celebrates the men and women involved in the Apollo 11 mission.

  Although set during the Holocaust, this story, based on the life of the author, concentrates on what two sisters, Eva and Lily, did while hiding from the Nazis.

  The story of the Wright brothers as told from the viewpoint of their younger sister, Katherine Wright.

INTERMEDIATE

  This book is adapted from the journal writings of a nineteen-year-old woman who experienced the war in Iraq from March through June of 2003.

  Provides insight into the life of a young girl in Afghanistan prior to Taliban rule and after she moves to the United States.

  Introduces readers to significant women in aviation from the Wright brother’s sister, Katherine Wright to Space Shuttle Commander, Eileen Collins.

  Examination the lives of the six Marines who raised the flag on Iwo Jima during World War II.

  Denying that her pilot father has died in combat during World War II, Molly, with her two friends, look for clues to prove the claim wrong.
  Examines the lives of the Wright brothers and discusses their experiments and successes in the field of flight.

  Set in Berlin prior to the construction of the Berlin Wall, a family plans their escape from East Berlin in order to remain a family and so the father can continue his job.

  Follows the diary entries of teenager, Julie Weiss as she escapes from Nazi Germany to New York.

  Recounts the story of 19-year-old pilot Henry Forester after he is shot down over Europe during World War II.

• Gutman, Dan. *Race for the Sky: The Kitty Hawk Diaries of Johnny Moore*
  A fictionalized journal account of Johnny Moore, a North Carolina teen, who was one of the first to witness the events at Kitty Hawk. With sporadic use of primary documents, the author dispels any historical inaccuracies at the book’s end.

  In 1944, Maggie’s brother goes to war, her grandfather is accused of being a Nazi and she finds out she is moving from Illinois to Michigan. This book follows Maggie as she adapts to her new life and surroundings.

  Eight-year-old Henry Chu and his friends help Grandfather Chin build and fly his kites. The kites fly so well that the boys sometimes chase pigeons with them. Some neighborhood boys begin to throw rocks at the kites trying to protect the birds. The two groups determine that each has a vested interested in the air-space and must come to a compromise.
  Discusses various topics within WWI and supplements the topics using primary source documents, black and white photos and maps.

  A tale of two Jewish sisters and their involvement with the “Resistance”. The girls attempt to pass food through the Ghetto walls almost fails until they decide to use stray cats as a distraction.

  The book parallels the lives of two young boys, one American, the other German, as they experience World War II.

  Alerted by the silence of the Christmas Day cease-fire of World War I, a young soldier sees a robin trapped in the barbwire. Taking advantage of the cease hostilities, he makes his way through the trenches to rescue the bird.

  This book examines the “home-front” ramifications of World War II through the eyes of Robert. The teenaged boy experiences the fear of possible attack from the seaport on which he lives and watches as others place their fears on the heads of foreign born residents.

  A brief, but detailed history of America’s participation in the Korean Conflict.

  Andy, a World War I solider, journals about his experience on the battlefield, from which he never returned. Many years later, after encountering Andy’s former fiancée, Cecilia and reading his diary, Henry begins to see parallels between his life and Andy’s.

  Powerful portrayal of the brutality of the Serbian-Albanian conflict. Zana Dugolli, severely wounded and having lost her father and brothers, struggles to not let hate for the Serbs overwhelm her.
  This book takes the readers on a soldiers’ quest through field and jungle and face-to-face with the enemy.

  Follows 18-year old Bernadette as she develops her passion for flying as a child and continues to peruse her dream of flying, although losing her father in a plane crash. Bernadette is determined to achieve her goal so she sets off for Sweetwater Texas, to train as a WASP (Women Airforce Service Pilots) the first women to be trained to fly military aircraft. This text, although fictionalized provide an overview of the flight program and the women involved.

  Relates the true story of Japanese diplomat, Sugihara who wrote thousands of visas for Polish Jews trying to escape Hitler’s regime in Lithuania during World War II.

  12-year-old Lily listens as her grandmother tells of her adventures during World War II. She discusses the loss of her family’s home and her reliance on her cat, Tips and friend Adolphus to get her through this period in her life.

  Keoko and her brother describe the hardships of living under Japanese occupation in Korea during World War II.

  When Davy Bowman’s brother Bill goes off to war, Davy tries support the war effort in town and in his classroom.

  This true story relates the experience of the author’s Aunt Sylvia and her family when they are forced to live in the Lodz Ghetto during the Nazi occupation of Germany.

  Set in the barracks of a Nazi death camp, a young women shares stories of Hasidic Jewish tradition and folktales.

  The author combines his personal history with social history to provide an account of growing up as a youth in Communist Russia. The illustrations depict his early dedication to his country and government, but are side-noted in adulthood to reflect his growing apprehension of the Party in his adolescences.


  The author recounts her childhood hiding in Nazi Poland. Early in her life, the author and her mother begin living in a hidden room, where they stay for over a year. The story reveals their host’s fear of capture and death if discovered.

SECONDARY


  A compilation of oral histories collected from those who personally experienced World War II.


  Forced to move, nine-year-old Bruno explores his new surroundings and finds people living behind wire fences, wearing stripped pajamas. Bruno quickly makes friends with Shmuel, who lives within the fence. The boys realize their differences as the story builds to a shocking conclusion.


  Set in comic-book format, this book provides a history of the Wright brother’s historic flight with interesting facts about flight in sidebars.


  The story of Jewish cousins, one a comic book writer, the other an illustrator. Together they create, the Escapist. A superhero destined to destroy Hitler.


  Daniel enjoys a life of privilege in 1930s Germany and is even enthusiastic about joining the Hitler Youth until he finds out he is half-Jewish.
  This is a wonderful story of how African-Americans proved their ability to be successful military pilot in the segregated military of World War II.

  The story of the WAFs and the WASP is placed into the context of World War II and the role of women in the military at that time. Black and white photos and pertinent quotes supplement the text.

  Provides the story of a teenage boy who, new to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, witnesses the attack on American troops stationed in the area and experiences the ramifications, both military and social.

  Relying heavily on primary documents, the author provides a detailed history of the women who served as nurses in the Philippines during World War II.

  Unknown to Monique, her family has been providing a safe house for a Jewish family. Upon meeting the family’s daughter, Sevrine, they become fast friends until the secret is revealed and all must flee.

  Documents the history of the space shuttle program using personal narratives from the astronauts.

  Growing up on Oahu, 13 year old Tsuchiya witnesses the devastating attacks on Pearl Harbor. In response to these attacks, Tsuchiya’s life is thrown into turmoil as his father and grandfather are arrested and his mother looses her job. The book ends optimistically.
  Relates the authors’ three months stay in Kabul following the fall of the Taliban. Wearing a burka, she is allowed into more detailed conversations that shape this society.

  Relates the experiences of teenaged, Jack Mendelbaum under Hitler’s reign and of his three years spent in a Polish concentration camp.

  Struggling to understand the importance of remembering the Holocaust, Hannah is transported to 1942 Poland, assuming the identity of a Young Jewish girl. Hannah and her family are whisked off to a death camp where the importance of remembrance is made clear.

  Eight true stories of children who lived and survived the Holocaust. These stories are not cleansed or condensed, but are honest examples of the horrors experienced by children in the Holocaust.

  This dark tale relates life in Nazi Germany. Telling of multiple acts of violence and death, this book is intended for mature readers.