

YEAR 4 FAMILY RESOURCE LIST

Modern History: 1850-Present

Spines*

Family Resource Books

Story of the World Volume 4: The Modern Age by Susan Wise Bauer

History of US by Joy Hakim (volumes 4-10) *Note: some historic content questionable or deceptive in later volumes*

Teaching U.S. History through Children's Literature: Post-World War II by Wanda Miller

*Spines are books you can read to get a good overview and/or use throughout the year by reading sections to cover the key events of the time period. *After getting a good overview of the specific event and time, you can read historic fictions, biographies and stories that surround that event or time period. This is a great way to help children see and feel history. Timelines are a great way to tie all the historical events so you can see how it fits together.*

Books by Subject

Early Settlers, Pioneers, Railroads & Old West

Family Read-aloud Books

Little Women by Louisa May Alcott

Little Men by Louisa May Alcott

Frontier Living – Edward Tunis

Little House on the Prairie series – Laura Ingalls Wilder (1836 – 1957)

I Walked to Zion – Susan Arrington Madsen

Younger

Little House Series by Laura Ingalls Wilder

Dandelions – Eve Bunting

Charlie Drives the Stage – Eric Kimmel

Dakota Dugout – Ann Turner (pioneers – 1885)

Sod Houses on the Great Plains – Glen Rounds

Treeless Plains – Glen Rounds

Story of the Statue of Liberty – Betsy Maestro (1875 – 1886)

Liberty! – Allan Drummond

Caddie Woodlawn – Carol Ryrie Brink (1864)

Coming to America – Betsy Maestro

Ox Cart Man – Donald Hall (1800-1900)

Buffalo Bill – Ingri D'aulaire (1860)

Cowboys – Sanford Tousey OR

Book of Cowboys – Holling C. Holling

Middle

Treasure Island by Robert Louis Stevenson

Kidnapped by Robert Louis Stevenson

The Sweetwater Run: The Story of Buffalo Bill Cody and the Pony Express - Andrew Glass
Custer's Last Stand – Quentin Reynolds (1876)
Across America on an Emigrant Train – Jim Murphy (1879)
Story of My Life – Helen Keller (1880 – 1901)
Story of Geronimo – Ronald Syme (1886)
Geronimo – Ralph Moody
Steamboat! The Story of Captain Blanche Leathers - Gilliland (late 1800s)
Twenty One Elephants and Still Standing – April Prince (1884)
Story of Wounded Knee – R. Conrad Stein (1890)
Wounded Knee – Neil Waldman
Chief Joseph – Guardian of His People – Elizabeth Montgomery
Chief Joseph: Nez Perce Leader – Marian Taylor
Chief Joseph: Guardian of the Nez Perce – Jason Hook
Always Inventing: Alexander Graham Bell – Tom Matthews
Alexander Graham Bell – Elizabeth MacLeod
Full Steam Ahead: The Race to Build the Transcontinental Railroad - Rhoda Blumberg (1860s)
Ten Mile Day: And the Building of the Transcontinental Railroad - Mary Ann Fraser (1869)
Coolies – Yin (1869)
The Donner Party Chronicles – Frank Mullen OR
Perilous Journey of the Donner Party – Marian Calabro
Stout-Hearted Seven – Neta Lohnes Frazier (1840s)
Geronimo: Wolf of the Warpath – Ralph Moody (born 1829)
Journal of Jesse Smoke – Joseph Bruchac (1837)
Mill – David Macauley
Kids During the Industrial Revolution – Lisa Wroble
Life in a New England Mill Town – Sally Isaacs
Working in the First Factories – Patrice Couptry

Older

War and Peace by Tolstoy (1864)
“*Man Without a Country*,” by Edward E. Hale
Thomas Edison: The Great American Inventor – Louise Egan
Laura: The Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder – Donald Zochert (1836 – 1957)
The Price We Paid: Willie and Martin Handcart – Andrew Olsen

Civil War

Family Read-aloud Books

Stories of Grant & Lee (Freedom Series, LibrariesOfHope.com)
Stories of Abraham Lincoln (Freedom Series, LibrariesOfHope.com)
Abraham Lincoln: The Great Emancipator (Childhood of Famous Americans) by Augusta Stevenson

Younger

Children and Youth During the Civil War Era by James Martin
If you Lived at the Time of the Civil War by Kay Moore
The Last Brother: A Civil War Tale by Trinka Hakes Noble
Abraham Lincoln – Ingri D’aulaire (1809 – 1865)
Lincoln: A Photobiography – Russell Freedman (1809 – 1865)
Abe Lincoln: Log Cabin to White House – Sterling North (1809 – 1865)
Two Miserable Presidents - Steve Sheinkin
Billy and the Rebel – Deborah Hopkinson

The Last Brother: A Civil War Tale – Trinka Hakes Noble
Picture Book of Robert E. Lee – David Adler (1807 – 1870)
If You Lived at the Time of the Civil War – Kay Moore (1861 – 1865)
Kids During the American Civil War – Lisa Wroble
Strength of These Arms – Raymond Bial
A Right Fine Life (Kit Carson) – Andrew Glass
Kit Carson and the Wild Frontier – Ralph Moody
Civil War Sub: Mystery of the Hunley – Kate Jerome
Pink and Say – Patricia Polacco
Drummer Boy: Marching to the Civil War – Ann Turner
Gettysburg – Neil Johnson
Gettysburg: A Day That Changed America – Shelley Tanaka
Just a Few Words, Mr. Lincoln – Jean Fritz (1863)
Gettysburg Address – Michael McCurdy
Escape North – Monica Kulling
Abraham Lincoln: The Great Emancipator (Childhood of Famous Americans) by Augusta Stevenson

Middle

The River Between Us by Richard Peck
Shades of Gray by Carolyn Reeder
Abraham Lincoln's World – Genevieve Foster (1809 – 1865)
Across Five Aprils – Irene Hunt (1861 – 1865)
Rifles for Watie – Harold Keith
Iron Thunder – Avi (1862)
Billy Yank and Johnny Reb – Susan Beller
History of the Civil War: Ordeal By Fire – Fletcher Pratt
Emancipation Proclamation (1863 - actual document)
Gettysburg – MacKinley Kantor OR
Long Road to Gettysburg – Jim Murphy
Gettysburg Address (1863 – actual speech)
Stonewall – Jean Fritz

Older

The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane
Emancipation Proclamation (1863 - actual document)
Gettysburg Address (1863 – actual speech)
Uncle Tom's Cabin – Harriet Beecher Stowe
Unconditional Surrender – Albert Marrin (1822 – 1885)
Virginia's General – Albert Marrin (1807 – 1870)
Lee and Grant at Appomattox – MacKinley Kantor
Up From Slavery – Booker T. Washington (1858 – 1915)

20th Century General Period Reading

Family Resource and Read-a-loud Books

Wilbur and Orville Wright: Young Fliers (Childhood of Famous Americans) by Augusta Stevenson
The Wright Brothers: Pioneers of American Aviation (Landmark Books) by Quentin Reynolds
Sky Pioneer: Amelia Earhart – Corinne Szabo (1937) OR
Amelia Earhart: More Than a Flier – Patricia Lakin

Thomas Edison: Young Inventor (Childhood of Famous Americans) Sue Guthridge
Henry Ford: Young Man with Ideas (Childhood of Famous Americans) by Hazel B. Aird
Walt Disney: Young Movie Maker (Childhood of Famous Americans) by Marie Hammontree
My Side of the Mountain by Jean Craighead George
Little Britches series – Ralph Moody

Younger

Birdmen: The Wright Brothers, Glenn Curtiss, and the Battle to Control the Skies by Lawrence Goldstone
To Fly: The Story of the Wright Brothers by Wendie C. Old
A View from the Air: Charles Lindbergh's Earth and Sky by Reeve Lindbergh
Good-Bye, Charles Lindbergh: Based on a True Story by Louise Borden
Night Flight: Charles Lindbergh's Incredible Adventure by S. A. Kramer
Aunt Minne McGranahan – Mary Prigger (1920s)
I Am Amelia Earhart by Brad Meltzer
The Great Ships – Patrick O'Brien
Steam, Smoke and Steel – Patrick O'Brien
American Tall Tales – Mary Pope Osborne
The Glorious Flight – Alice Provinsen (1909)
Inside the Titanic – Hugh Brewster (1912)

Middle

The Wright Brothers: How They Invented the Airplane by Russell Freedman
The Wright Brothers: Pioneers of American Aviation (Landmark Books) by Quentin Reynolds
The Wright Brothers: Inventors Whose Ideas Really Took Flight by Mike Venezia
Charles A. Lindbergh: A Human Hero by James Cross Giblin
Charles Lindbergh: A Photo-Illustrated Biography by Lucile Davis
Roaring Twenties – R. Conrad Stein
Ticket to the Twenties – Mary Blocksma
Rascal – Sterling North
Bud & Me – Alta Abernathy (1905)
Orphan of Ellis Island – Elvira Woodruff (1908)
Kids on Strike – Susan Bartoletti (early 1900s)
Eat My Dust! Henry Ford's First Race – Monica Kulling OR the Mike Venezia book (1901)
Shipwreck at the Bottom of the World – Jennifer Armstrong
The Endurance – Meredith Hooper
Ice Story – Elizabeth Kimmel
Trapped by Ice – Michael McCurdy

Older

The Chosen by Chaim Potok
The Early History of the Airplane by Orville Wright and Wilbur Wright
The Dayton Flight Factory: The Wright Brothers and the Birth of Aviation by Timothy R. Gaffney
The Spirit of St. Louis by Charles A. Lindbergh
Devil's Night: And Other True Tales of Detroit by Ze'ev Chafets
Ghosts of Manhattan by Douglas Brunt
Who's the Fairest of the All: the Truth About Opportunity, Taxes, and Wealth in America by Stephen Moore

Spanish American War - 1898
Spanish American War – Robert Somerlott (if use this don't use the Kent books) OR
Spanish American War – Mary Collins (1898 - much shorter)
Story of the Sinking of the Battleship Maine – Zachary Kent
Rough Riders – Zachary Kent
One Bad Thing About Father – F.N. Monjo
Bully For You, Teddy Roosevelt! – Jean Fritz

WWI

Family Resource & Read-a-loud Books

Stories of WWI (Freedom Series, LibrariesOfHope.com)
War Horse by Michael Morpurgo
Silent Night: The Story of the World War I Christmas Truce by Stanley Weintraub
Christmas Truce: The Western Front December 1914 by Malcolm Brown
Trenches: Billy Stevens, the Western Front, 1914-1918 by Jim Eldridge
Zimmermann Telegram - Barbara Tuchman (1917, about US entering WWI)
Sergeant York and the Great War – Richard “Little Bear” Wheeler
Casey Over There – Rabin Staton

Younger

Christmas in the Trenches – John McCutchen

Middle

The Yanks are Coming – Albert Marrin (1914 – 1918)
Singing Tree – Kate Seredy
Eddie Rickenbacker: Boy Pilot and Racer – Kathryn Sisson
Where Poppies Grow – Linda Granfield
Casey Over There – Rabin Staton
America's First World War: General Pershing and the Yanks – Henry Castor (Landmark)
Flying Aces of World War I – Gene Gurney (Landmark)
Story of World War I – Robert Leckie

Older

A Short History of WWI – James Stokesbury
Mein Kampf by Adolf Hitler
The Communist Manifesto
The Creature from Jekyll Island: A Second Look at the Federal Reserve by G. Edward Griffin
The United Nations Conspiracy to Destroy America by Michael Benson

Depression Era

Sky Pioneer: Amelia Earhart – Corinne Szabo (1937) OR
Amelia Earhart: More Than a Flier – Patricia Lakin

Family Resource & Read-a-louds Books

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: Letters from Children of the Great Depression by Robert Cohen

Great Depression - R. Conrad Stein (1929 on)
Turning Points in American History – Bruce Glassman (Depression and rebuilding)
Dust to Eat – Michael Cooper

Younger

Meet Kit: An American Girl 1934 (American Girls: Kit, #1) by Valerie Tripp
Rocks In His Head – Carol Hurst
Bravest Dog Ever: Balto – Natalie Standiford
Children of the Dust Bowl – Jerry Stanley (1930-1936)
Dust for Dinner – Ann Turner
Mike Mulligan and His Steam Shovel
The Gardener – Sarah Stewart (1930s)
Impossible Journey – Gloria Whelan
When Grandpa Wore Knickers – Fern Brown

Middle

Bud, Not Buddy by Christopher Paul Curtis
Treasures in the Dust by Tracey Porter
Winter Cottage by Carol Ryrie Brink
Nothing to Fear by Jackie French Koller
Christmas After All: The Great Depression Diary of Minnie Swift by Kathryn Lasky
A Year in the Life of Rosie Bernard by Barbara Brenner
Survival in the Storm: The Dust Bowl Diary of Grace Edwards by Katelan Janke
Out of the Dust by Karen Hesse
Kit's Short Story Collection by Valerie Tripp
The Wonder of Charlie Anne by Kimberly Newton Fusco
Moon Over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool
Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm
The Mighty Miss Malone by Christopher Paul Curtis
A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt by C. Coco De Young
Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry – Mildred Taylor (1933)
On the Blue Comet by Rosemary Wells

Older

The Truth About Sparrows by Marian Hale
New Deal or Raw Deal by
The Myth of the Robber Barons by
Hitch by Jeanette Ingold
Children of the Great Depression by Russell Freedman

WWII

Family Read-a-louds

Children of Battleship Row by Joan Zuber Earle
The Hiding Place by Corrie ten Boom
Escape From Warsaw by Ian Serraillier
V is for Victory – Kathleen Krull

Younger

When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit (Out of the Hitler Time #1) by Judith Kerr
Behind the Bedroom Wall by Laura E. Williams
The Upstairs Room (The Upstairs Room #1) by Johanna Reiss

Anne Frank: Young Diarist by Ruth Ashby
When the Sirens Waived by Noel Streatfeild
Storming the Tulips by Hannie J. Voyles

Middle

The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank
Edelweiss Pirates 'Operation Einstein' by Mark A. Cooper
The Devil's Arithmetic by Jane Yolen
Number the Stars by Lois Lowry
The Boy Who Dared by Susan Campbell Bartoletti
Run Boy Run by Uri Orlev
Someone Named Eva by Joan M. Wolf
The Borrowed House by Hilda van Stockum
The Winged Watchman (Living History Library) by Hilda van Stockum
Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes by Eleanor Coerr
As the Waltz Was Ending by Emma Macalik Butterworth
Invasion: The Story of D-Day – Bruce Bliven Jr.
Hey Mac: A Combat Infantryman's Story – William McMurdie
So Far From the Bamboo Grove – Yoko Kawashima Watkins
Navajo Code Talkers – Nathan Aaseng
A Conspiracy Of Decency: The Rescue of the Danish Jews - Emmy Werner
George Preddy, Top Mustang Ace - Joe Noah (WWII fighter pilot)
Donald's Story - Sandra Merrill (WWII fighter pilot)
Journey Through the Night - Anne DeVries (WWII occupation of Holland)
Air Raid- Pearl Harbor – Theodore Taylor (1941)
Pearl Harbor – Stephen Krensky
Twenty and Ten – Claire Huchet Bishop
General George Patton: Old Blood & Guts – Alden Hatch
A New Coat for Anna – Harriet Ziefert
Little Riders – Margaretha Shemin
V is for Victory – Kathleen Krull
The Unbreakable Code – Sara Hunter
Pennies in a Jar – Dori Chaconas
Baseball Saved Us – Ken Mochizuki
Tuskegee Airmen Story – Lynn Homan
Wind Flyers – Angela Johnson

Older

Just Doing My Job by Jonna Doolittle Hoppes
Man's Search for Meaning by Viktor Frankl
How Do You Kill 11 Million People by Andy Andrews
Defeating the Totalitarian Lie by Hilmar von Campe
The Thought They Were Free by Michael Mayer
Stalin: Russia's Man of Steel – Albert Marrin (1930s)
Hitler – Albert Marrin
Hiding Place – Corrie Ten Boom (1898 – 1947)
Story of the Trapp Family Singers – Maria Augusta Trapp (1905 – 1940s)
No Promises in the Wind – Irene Hunt (1930s)
Tell Them We Remember – Susan Bachrach
Escape from Warsaw – Ian Serraillier (1942)
The Endless Steppe – Esther Hautzig (1942)

Hiroshima – John Hersey (1945)
Code Talker – Joseph Bruchac (WWII)
Book Thief – Marcus Zusak

Cold War

Family Resource & Read-a-loud Books

Korean War: The Forgotten War by R. Conrad Stein

Middle

Korean War Soldier at Heartbreak Ridge by Carl Green

Older

An Enemy Hath Done This by Ezra T. Benson

The Naked Communist by W. Cleon Skousen

The Naked Capitalist by W. Cleon Skousen

Treason: Liberal Treachery from the Cold War to the War on Terrorism by Ann Coulter

9-11

Christian Faith and the Truth Behind 911 by David Ray Griffin

I Survived: the Attacks of September 11 by Lauren Tarshis

9/11 Ordinary People: Extraordinary Heroes: NYC - The First Battle in the War Against Terror!
by Col. Will G. Merrill Jr.

Movies

Early 20th Century & Films of Great 20th Century Films

Spirit of St. Louis (1957)

Charles 'Slim' Lindbergh struggles to finance and design an airplane that will make his New York to Paris flight the first solo transatlantic crossing.

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (1939)

A naive man is appointed to fill a vacancy in the US Senate. His plans promptly collide with political corruption, but he doesn't back down.

The Wright Brothers (Animated Hero Classics 1996)

Two bicycle repairmen embark on their dream to fly. With no formal training as either scientists or engineers, they study Lilienthal's diagrams for his glider and learn from experience the keys to controlled flight. As young boys, Wilbur and Orville Wright are full of ideas, enthusiasm and dreams. Above their bicycle repair shop they discover how birds are able to balance by tilting their wings - wing warping. They want to make a glider to do the same thing. "You have a dream, you should do it," their father encourages them.

North to Alaska (1960)

Sam and George strike gold in Alaska. George sends Sam to Seattle to bring George's fiancée back to Alaska. Sam finds she is already married, and returns instead with Angel. Sam, after trying to get George and Angel together, finally romances Angel, who, in the meantime, is busy fighting off the advances of George's younger brother, Billy. Frankie is a con man trying to steal the partner's gold claim.

Wizard of Oz (1939)

Dorothy Gale is swept away to a magical land in a tornado and embarks on a quest to see the Wizard who can help her return home.

Mary Poppins (1964)

A magic nanny comes to work for a cold banker's unhappy family.

Chitty Chitty Bang Bang (1968)

A hapless inventor finally finds success with a flying car, which a dictator from a foreign government sets out to take for himself.

It's a Wonderful Life (1946)

An angel helps a compassionate but despairingly frustrated businessman by showing what life would have been like if he never existed.

A Little Princess (1995)

A young girl is relegated to servitude at a boarding school when her father goes missing and is presumed dead.

Gods & Generals (2003) *Parental Discretion Advised*

The rise and fall of legendary war hero Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson as he leads the Confederacy to great success against the Union from 1861 to 1863. Prequel to the 1993 classic "Gettysburg".

Gettysburg (1993) *Parental Discretion Advised*

In 1863, the Northern and Southern forces fight at Gettysburg in the decisive battle of the American Civil War.

Shenandoah (1965)

In Shenandoah, Virginia, the widower farmer Charlie Anderson lives a peaceful life with his six sons - Jacob, James, Nathan, John, Henry and Boy, his daughter Jennie, and his daughter-in-law and James' wife Ann Anderson in his farm. Charlie does not let his sons to join the army to fight in the American Civil War that he considers that it is not their war. Meanwhile Jennie marries to her beloved Lieutenant Sam, but they do not have honeymoon since Sam has to go to the front. When Charlie's youngest son Boy is mistakenly taken prisoner by soldiers from the North, Charlie rides with his sons to rescue Boy, while James and Ann stays in the farm. But it is time of violence and war, and tragedy reaches the Anderson family.

The Civil War (1990)

PBS Documentary. A comprehensive survey of the American Civil War.

The Undefeated (1969)

After the Civil War, ex-Union Colonel John Henry Thomas and ex-Confederate Colonel James Langdon are leading two disparate groups of people through strife-torn Mexico. John Henry and company are bringing horses to the unpopular Mexican government for \$35 a head while Langdon is leading a contingent of displaced southerners, who are looking for a new life in Mexico after losing their property to carpetbaggers. The two men are eventually forced to mend their differences in order to fight off both bandits and revolutionaries, as they try to lead their friends and kin to safety.

Andersonville (1996)

The story of the most notorious Confederate prisoner of war camp in the American Civil War.

WWI

Little Bear Live presents Sargent York and the Great War

Mantle Ministries presents LITTLE BEAR LIVE... The Sargent York Story 53 minute VHS..Nothing short of a miracle describes the Providence of God involving Corporeal York as he faced thirty enemy machine guns nests while attempting to protect his own men..The story of Sargent York with direct application of God's word.

War Horse (2011)

Young Albert enlists to serve in World War I after his beloved horse is sold to the cavalry. Albert's hopeful journey takes him out of England and to the front lines as the war rages on.

Age of Heroes (2011)

The true story of the formation of Ian Fleming's 30 Commando unit, a precursor for the elite forces in the U.K.

Sergeant York (1941)

A hillbilly sharpshooter drafted in WW1 despite his claim to be a pacifist, who ends up becoming a war hero.

Paths of Glory (1957)

When soldiers in World War I refuse to continue with an impossible attack, their superior officers decide to make an example of them.

Lawrence of Arabia (1962)

A flamboyant and controversial British military figure and his conflicted loyalties during his World War I service in the Middle East.

African Queen (1951)

In Africa during WW1, a gin-swilling riverboat owner/captain is persuaded by a strait-laced missionary to use his boat to attack an enemy warship.

The Lost Battalion (2001)

Fact-based war drama about an American battalion of over 500 men which gets trapped behind enemy lines in the Argonne Forest in October 1918 France during the closing weeks of World War I.

The Red Baron (2008) *Parental Discretion Advised*

Baron Manfred von Richthofen is the most feared and celebrated pilot of the German air force in World War I. To him and his companions, air combats are events of sporty nature, technical challenge and honorable acting, ignoring the terrible extent of war. But after falling in love with the nurse Käte, Manfred realizes he is only used for propaganda means. Caught between his disgust for the war, and the responsibility for his fighter wing, von Richthofen sets out to fly again.

Fly Boys (2006) *Parental Discretion Advised*

The adventures of the Lafayette Escadrille, young Americans who volunteered for the French military before the U.S. entered World War I, and became the country's first fighter pilots.

The Fighting 69th (1940)

Although loudmouthed braggart Jerry Plunkett alienates his comrades and officers, Father Duffy, the regimental chaplain, has faith that he'll prove himself in the end.

Yankee Doodle Dandy (1942)

A film of the life of the renowned musical composer, playwright, actor, dancer and singer George M. Cohan.

All Quiet on the Western Front (1930, 1979)

A young soldier faces profound disillusionment in the soul-destroying horror of World War I.

A Farewell to Arms (1957)

The story of an affair between an English nurse and an American soldier on the Italian front during World War I.

(1932)

A tale of the love between ambulance driver Lt. Henry and Nurse Catherine Barkley during World War I. The action takes place in Italy and the two fall in love during the war and will stop at nothing

to be together. The film also analyses Lt. Henry's feelings on war and the purpose of fighting.

The Road to Glory (1936)

The story of trench life during World War I through the lives of a French regiment. As men are killed and replaced jaunty Lt. Denet becomes more and more somber. His rival for the affection of nurse Monique is Capt. La Roche.

The Great War (1959)

Italy, 1916. Oreste Jacovacci and Giovanni Busacca are called, as all the Italian youths, to serve the army in the WWI. They both try in every way to avoid serving the army. Giovanni bribes Oreste, believing to his false pledges to make him avoiding the army. But the destiny make them meeting again on the train directed to the front. Nevertheless Oreste stolen money to Giovanni they become friends and in first times are allocated to a secondary and quite front (village of Tigliano). Here they spend some months in relative peace and Giovanni finds time to fall in love for prostitute Costantina. But war is getting everyday closer. During the most important battle among Italians and Austro-Hungarians, Giovanni and Oreste are in charge to deliver a vital message to the Italian headquarters. But, unfortunately, they fall in the hands of an Austrian officer that, under life menace, starts an interrogation to find out the Italian message. What they should try to do now?

Depression Era

The Grapes of Wrath (1940)

A poor Midwest family is forced off of their land. They travel to California, suffering the misfortunes of the homeless in the Great Depression.

Of Mice and Men (1939, 1992)

Two drifters, one a gentle but slow giant, try to make money working the fields during the Depression so they can fulfill their dreams.

Mr. Deeds Goes to Town (1936)

Longfellow Deeds, a simple-hearted Vermont tuba player, inherits a fortune and has to contend with opportunist city slickers.

Meet John Doe (1941)

A man needing money agrees to impersonate a nonexistent person who said he'd be committing suicide as a protest, and a political movement begins.

Modern Times (1936) silent film

The Tramp struggles to live in modern industrial society with the help of a young homeless woman.

The Journey of Natty Gann (1985)

In the 1930s, a tomboyish girl runs away from her guardian to join her single father who is 2,000 miles away, because there was work there.

WWII

Hitler Rise of Evil (2003) Parental Discretion

A unique slant, profiling the life of Adolf Hitler as a child and his rise through the ranks of the National German Workers' Party prior to World War II.

Miracle at Midnight (2000)

Film chronicles the true story of how the Danish people miraculously saved all the Jews from Denmark right under the Nazi's watch. Amazing story of courage and virtue.

I Am David (2003)

Twelve-year-old David escapes from a Communist concentration camp with little more than a compass, a sealed letter, a loaf of bread, and instructions to carry the letter to Copenhagen, Denmark. David is thrust into the free world for the first time as he travels across Europe. His spiritual voyage of discovery, where David slowly loses his instinctive mistrust of humanity and begins to smile, share, trust and ultimately, love, addresses the cruelties, politics, and suffering of warfare while celebrating the unbreakable spirit of a child.

Boy in the Striped Pajamas (2008) *Parental Discretion Advised*

Set during World War II, a story seen through the innocent eyes of Bruno, the eight-year-old son of the commandant at a concentration camp, whose forbidden friendship with a Jewish boy on the other side of the camp fence has startling and unexpected consequences.

The Longest Day (1962)

The events of D-Day, told on a grand scale from both the Allied and German points of view.

Tora Tora Tora (1970)

A dramatization of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor and the series of American blunders that allowed it to happen.

They Were Expendable (1945)

A dramatized account of the role of the American PT Boats in the defense of the Philippines in World War II.

The Hiding Place (1975) *Parental Discretion Advised*

Corrie and Betsie ten Boom are middle-aged sisters working in their father's watchmaker shop in pre-WWII Holland. Their uneventful lives are disrupted with the coming of the Nazis. Suspected of hiding Jews & caught breaking rationing rules, they are sent to a concentration camp, where their Christian faith keeps them from despair and bitterness. Betsie eventually dies, but Corrie survives, and after the war, must learn to love and forgive her former captors.

The Diary of Anne Frank (1959)

Harrowing story of a young Jewish girl who, with her family and their friends, is forced into hiding in an attic in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam.

Anne Frank: the Whole Story (2001) *Parental Discretion Advised*

When the war began, she was only a little girl. When it ended, she was the voice of a generation... A compassionate and sensitive televisual portrait of the Holocaust's greatest diarist.

The Diary of Anne Frank (2009) Mini series *Parental Discretion Advised*

Based on the diary of a teenage girl in hiding in Nazi-occupied Amsterdam.

The Attic: the Hiding of Anne Frank (1984) *Parental Discretion Advised*

During the Nazi occupation of Amsterdam, Otto Frank decides to hide his family, who are Jewish, after his daughter Margot is called to appear for transport to a Nazi labour camp. Miep Gies, Otto Frank's office assistant hides them in the attic above the office. The film tells the true story of Gies' struggle to keep the family hidden and safe, as the Nazis turn Amsterdam upside-down. Based upon Gies' memoirs and Anne Frank's famous diary.

Saints and Soldiers (2003) *Parental Discretion Advised*

Four American soldiers and one Brit fighting in Europe during World War II struggle to return to Allied territory after being separated from U.S. forces during the historic Malmedy Massacre.

Saints and Soldiers: Airborne Creed (2012) *Parental Discretion Advised*

On August 15, 1944 the 517th Parachute Regimental Combat Team (PRCT) jumped over the south of France. Their mission was to support and protect the Allied Troops marching to Berlin. Landing in enemy territory, they fell under immediate attack. In their effort to complete the mission and rendez-vous with their unit, three isolated paratroopers come across a group of French resistants in desperate need. They decide to help liberate some of the captive Partisans. Doing so they will risk their lives.

Saints and Soldiers: Battle of the Tanks (2014) *Parental Discretion Advised*

Mrs. Miniver (1942)

A British family struggles to survive the first months of World War II.

The Monuments Men (2014) *Parental Discretion Advised*

An unlikely World War II platoon is tasked to rescue art masterpieces from Nazi thieves and return them to their owners.

The Guns of Naverone (1961) *Parental Discretion Advised*

A British team is sent to cross occupied Greek territory and destroy the massive German gun emplacement that commands a key sea channel.

Force 10 from Naverone (1978) *Parental Discretion Advised*

During World War II, several oddly assorted military experts are teamed in a mission to raid and destroy a bridge vital to enemy strategy.

The Pianist (2002) *Parental Discretion Advised*

A Polish Jewish musician struggles to survive the destruction of the Warsaw ghetto of World War II.

Millions Like Us (1943)

When Celia Crowson is called up for war service, she hopes for a glamor job in one of the services, but as a single girl, she is directed into a factory making aircraft parts. Here she meets other girls for all different walks of life, and begins a relationship with a young airman.

A Walk in the Clouds (1995) *Parental Discretion*

After returning from the war, Paul and a young woman meet on a bus as she's headed home from college to help with the grape harvest and face her Old World domineering dad. The woman has not married but is pregnant and she thinks her father is going to kill her. Paul proposes to pose as her husband to help her face her father. When their passion for each other is finally ignited and explodes, they realize they must overcome all odds to be together.

Casablanca (1942)

Set in unoccupied Africa during the early days of World War II: An American expatriate meets a former lover, with unforeseen complications.

Jakob the Liar (1999) *Parental Discretion Advised*

In 1944 Poland, a Jewish shop keeper named Jakob is summoned to ghetto headquarters after being caught out near curfew. While waiting for the German Kommandant, Jakob overhears a German radio broadcast about Russian troop movements. Returned to the ghetto, the shopkeeper shares his information with a friend and then rumors fly that there is a secret radio within the ghetto. Jakob uses the chance to spread hope throughout the ghetto by continuing to tell favorable tales of information from "his secret radio." Jakob, however, has a real secret in that he is hiding a young Jewish girl who escaped from a camp transport train. A rather uplifting and slightly humorous film about World War II Jewish Ghetto life.

Battle of Britain (1962)

‘Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few.’

Bridge on the River Kwai (1957)

After settling his differences with a Japanese PoW camp commander, a British colonel co-operates to oversee his men's construction of a railway bridge for their captors - while oblivious to a plan by the Allies to destroy it.

Army of Shadows (1969)

A account of underground resistance fighters in Nazi-occupied France.

Hangman Also Die (1943)

depicts the resistance movement started by the citizens of Warsaw against their Nazi overlords, and the brutal repercussions carried out by the Germans under the direction of Reinhard ‘The Hangman’ Heydrich. It’s a superb, compelling noirish thriller, treating its bleak – and, to Lang, intensely personal – subject matter with wit, verve and invention.

The Dirty Dozen (1967)

Major Reisman is "Volunteered" to lead another mission using convicted army soldiers, sentenced to either death or long prison terms. This time their mission is to kill a Nazi general who plans to assassinate Hitler.

Went the Day Well? (1942)

An English village is occupied by disguised German paratroopers as an advance post for a planned invasion.

Heaven Knows Mr. Allison (1957)

A Marine and a Nun, both shipwrecked on a Pacific Island, find solace in one another as the two wait out the war.

Operation Petticoat (1959)

World War 2 comedy about a submarine commander who finds himself stuck with a decrepit (and pink) sub, a con-man executive officer and a group of army nurses.

Father Goose (1964)

During WW2, a man persuaded to live on an isolated island and spot aircraft finds himself responsible for a teacher and several students, all female.

The Book Thief (2013)

While subjected to the horrors of World War II Germany, young Liesel finds solace by stealing books and sharing them with others. In the basement of her home, a Jewish refugee is being sheltered by her adoptive parents.

Cold War**Hunt for Red October (1990) *Parental Discretion Advised***

In 1984, the USSR's best submarine captain in their newest sub violates orders and heads for the USA. Is he trying to defect, or to start a war?

Red Dawn (1982, 2012) *Parental Discretion Advised*

It is the dawn of World War III. In mid-western America, a group of teenagers bands together to defend their town, and their country, from invading Soviet forces.

The Spy Who Came in from the Cold (1965) *Parental Discretion Advised*

British agent Alec Leamas refuses to come in from the cold war during the 1960s, choosing to face another mission, which may prove to be his final one.

Agenda: Grinding America Down (2010)

When Idaho Legislator Curtis Bowers wrote a "letter to the editor" about the drastic changes in America's culture, it became the feature story on the evening news, people protested at the Capitol, and for weeks the local newspapers were filled with responses. He realized then... he'd hit on something. Ask almost anyone and you'll hear, "Communism is dead! The Berlin Wall came down." Thought the word communism isn't used anymore, this film will show the ideas behind it are alive and well. Join Bowers for a fascinating look at the people and groups that have successfully targeted America's morality and freedom in their effort to grind America down. It's a well-documented AGENDA.

Dr. Strangelove: How I learned to stop worrying and love the bomb

An insane general triggers a path to nuclear holocaust that a war room full of politicians and generals frantically try to stop.

The Russians Are Coming the Russians Are Coming (1966)

Without hostile intent, a Soviet sub runs aground off New England. Men are sent for a boat, but many villagers go into a tizzy, risking bloodshed.

War Games (1983)

A young man finds a back door into a military central computer in which reality is confused with game-playing, possibly starting World War III.

Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy (1979)

In the bleak days of the Cold War, espionage veteran George Smiley is forced out of semi-retirement to uncover a Soviet agent within MI6's echelons.

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Fail Safe (2000)

Cold War tensions climb to a fever pitch when a U.S. bomber is accidentally ordered to drop a nuclear warhead on Moscow.

Torn Curtain (1966)

An American scientist publicly defects to East Germany as part of a cloak and dagger mission to find the solution for a formula resin and then figuring out a plan to escape back to the West.

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Iran Hostage Crisis

Argo (2012) *Parental Discretion Advised*

This film tells the amazing story of how Tony Mendez led the rescue of six U.S. diplomats from Tehran, Iran, during the 1979-1981 Iran hostage crises.

The Iran Hostage Crisis: 444 Days to Freedom (What Really Happened in Iran) (1986, 2006)

With William Shatner *Parental Discretion Advised*

9-11

Flight 93 (2006)

Flight 93 is the story of the heroic passengers that took back their plane in an effort to stop a 9-11 terrorist attack.

Flight 93: the Flight that Fought Back (2005)

A docudrama about the efforts of the passengers aboard United Airlines Flight 93 to derail the 9/11 terrorists' plan for the hijacked airliner.

World Trade Center (2006)

Two Port Authority police officers become trapped under the rubble of the World Trade Center.

Twin Towers (2003)

Two brothers, one a firefighter, one a police officer, are remembered for their bravery in New York City on September 11.

United 93 (2006)

A real time account of the events on United Flight 93, one of the planes hijacked on 9/11 that crashed near Shanksville, Pennsylvania when passengers foiled the terrorist plot.