

Shadow Warrior, by Tanya Lloyd Kai. (M)
When her dreams of being a ninja are ended after an arranged marriage, Chiyome must wait until the opportunity arises for her to create her own network of women spies in 16th-century Japan.
J FIC KAI

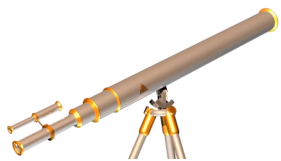
The Tudors: Kings, Queens, Scribes, and Ferrets!, by Marcia Williams. (E, M)
Travel back to Tudor times with Arthur Inkblood, Queen Elizabeth I's favorite scribe, and his pet ferret, Smudge. Meet Henry VIII and his six wives, fight the Spanish Armada and sail around the world with Christopher Columbus!
J WORLD HISTORY 942.05 WIL

Who Was Galileo?*, by Patricia Demuth. (E, M)
Born in Pisa, Italy, in the 16th century, Galileo contributed to the era's great rebirth of knowledge. He invented a telescope to observe the heavens. From there, not even the sky was the limit! He turned long-held notions about the universe topsy turvy with his support of a sun-centric solar system.
J BIO GALILEO

Will's Words: How William Shakespeare Changed the Way You Talk, by Jane Sutcliffe. (E, M)
Writing about William Shakespeare proves difficult without using the words and phrases that he coined in his poetry and plays.
J LANGUAGE & WRITING 822.3 SUT

You Wouldn't Want to Be Sick in the 16th Century!*, by Kathryn Senior. (E, M)
A humorous look at the state of illness and medicine in Tudor England, inviting readers to revel in the gory, dark, horrific side of life throughout important eras in history.
J HEALTH & WELLNESS 610.942 SEN

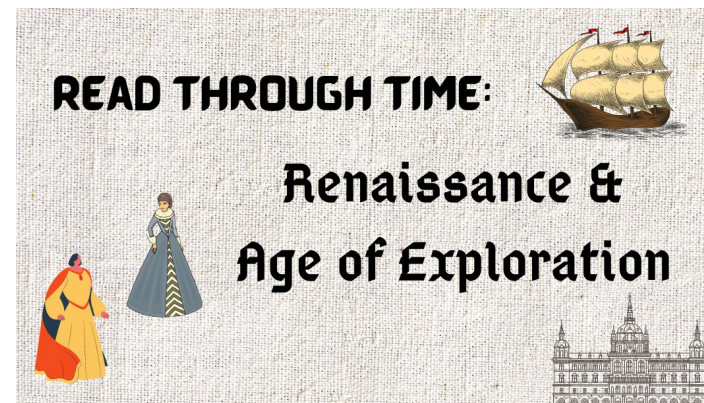
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Kids of all ages, get ready as we travel through time! Each month, we will have a different display/booklist of books about life in a different time period, from Early Humans to Modern Times! Non-fiction titles provide facts while fiction brings the day-to-day history to life!

The Renaissance was a time in Europe from the 15th-17th centuries when many big changes in religion and society occurred, affecting the arts and science as well. This was also a time of exploration — mainly by Europeans again, when larger parts of Africa, Asia, and the Americas were “discovered” and information was brought back about them.

Key:

E—Elementary Readers—PK-4th Grades

M—Middle Readers—5th-8th Grades

H—High School Readers—9th-12th Grades

*Book is part of a series!

Please note: Some historical periods will have enough titles for multiple booklists, while others will have a variety of reading levels in one list.



Blood Water Paint, by Joy McCullough. (H)

After her mother's death, Artemisia Gentileschi had a stark choice: a life as a nun in a convent or a life grinding pigment for her father's paint. Artemisia became one of Rome's most talented painters—and her father took all the credit. Five years later, Artemisia faced another terrible choice: a life of silence or a life of truth, no matter the cost.

TEEN FIC MCCULLOUGH

Brave With Beauty, by Maxine Schur. (E)

Ruling in Afghanistan in the 15th century, Queen Goharshad ushered in a remarkable, rare period when poetry, music, calligraphy, painting and the sciences flourished as never before. A poet and an architect, she designed a complex of buildings that were considered to be some of the most beautiful structures ever built on earth.

J E SCHUR

Captain Cook*, by James Olhoff. (E, M)

Captain Cook was a great explorer who mapped thousands of miles of uncharted territory. Cook's life story is examined from his childhood to his marriage and his service in the Royal Navy, as well as Cook's journeys in search for the Terra Australis Incognita and the Northwest Passage.

J BIO COOK

A Ceiling Made of Eggshells, by Gail Levine Carson. (M)

Loma relishes traveling with her grandfather across 15th-century Spain. As they work to keep the Jews safe, she realizes she must make sacrifices to help her people.

J FIC LEVINE



Explore With Henry Hudson*, by Tim Cooke. (E, M)

Henry Hudson was one of the unluckiest of all explorers. Icy seas and harsh weather blocked his attempts to find a sea route to Asia through the Arctic Circle. After exploring the eastern coast of North America and being stuck in ice for 8 long months, his crew mutinied—leaving Hudson to an unhappy ending.

J NORTH AMERICA 910.92 COO

First Nations and Early Explorers*, by Kathleen Corrigan (E, M)

Learn about several different groups of Canadian Aboriginal people from First Nations to the Metis. Meet explorers from France and England, and even the Vikings, and learn how the two groups mingled and clashed.

J NORTH AMERICA 971 COR

Hurricane Dancers, by Margarita Engle. (H)

Quebrado has been a slave on captain Bernadino de Talavera's pirate ship. When a hurricane sinks the ship and kills most of the crew, Quebrado escapes to safety and finds acceptance and refuge in a nearby village.

TEEN FIC ENGLE

I Am Leonardo Da Vinci*, by Brad Meltzer. (E)

Leonardo da Vinci was a famous Renaissance artist and inventor. He always followed his interests, no matter where they led! Da Vinci's hard work and dedication to his curiosities are why we still remember him today.

J BIO DAVINCI



Lives of the Explorers: Discoveries, Disasters (And What the Neighbors Thought)*, by Kathleen Krull. (E, M)

You might know that Columbus discovered America, Lewis and Clark headed west with Sacajawea, and Sally Ride blasted into space. But what do you really know about these bold explorers? What were they like as kids? What drove their passion to explore unknown parts of the world?

J WORLD HISTORY 910.922 KRU

Magellan: Over the Edge of the World, by Laurence Bergreen. (E, M)

On September 6, 1522, a horribly battered ship manned by 18 malnourished, scurvy-ridden sailors appeared on the horizon near a Spanish port. They were survivors of the first European expedition to circle the globe. How did Ferdinand Magellan's voyage to circle the world turn into this ghost ship?

J BIO MAGELLAN

Michelangelo for Kids*, by Simonetta Carr. (E, M)

Learn about the complex and fluid era of the Italian Renaissance and how the times affected Michelangelo's life and work, while 21 hands-on activities help to identify with the artist and his work.

J ARTS & CRAFTS 759.9 CAR

The Portal*, by Kathryn Lasky. (M)

Finding refuge in the greenhouse after her mother's death, Rose investigates a strange light only to find herself transported back in time where she becomes the servant and confidante of Henry VIII's daughter Elizabeth.

J FIC LASKY

Queen of the Sea, by Fylan Meconis. (M)

When her sister seizes the throne, Queen Eleanor of Albion is banished to a tiny island nunnery. The island is also home to Margaret, a mysterious young orphan whose life is upturned when the cold, regal stranger arrives. Based on the struggles of Queen Mary and Queen Elizabeth I.

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The Renaissance Explorers*, by Alicia Klepeis. (E, M)

Follow the biographies of 5 famous Renaissance explorers from their childhoods until their exhilarating days of scouting new-to-them lands. Learn about the science and navigational techniques that made the Renaissance one of the most important periods of discovery.

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