

Historical texts – Book List

Text	Author	Historical focus
KS1/EYFS		
See Inside Ancient Rome	Katie Daynes	Ancient Rome
The Street Beneath my Feet	Charlotte Guillian	Archaeology
Little People, Big Dreams series	Assorted authors	Biographies
Step Inside Homes through History	Goldie Hawk	British history
When I Was a Child	Andy Stanton	Change
I Remember	Jeanne Willis	Change
The Girl and the Dinosaur	Hollie Hughes	Dinosaurs
Here We Go Digging for Dinosaur Bones	Susan Lendroth	Dinosaurs
Taking Flight, How the Wright Brothers Conquered the Skies	Adam Hancher	Flight
Lost Species	Jess French	History of species
Peep Inside the Castle	Anna Milbourne	Medieval
See Inside Castles	Katie Daynes	Medieval
One Giant Leap	Robert Burleigh	Moon landing
The Darkest Dark	Chris Hadfield	Moon landing
On the Moon	Anne Milbourne	Moon landing
The Night Pirates	Peter Harris	Pirates
Pirate Stew	Neil Gaiman	Pirates
Pirate Adventure	Lila Murray	Pirates
Cave Baby	Julia Donaldson	Stone Age
Stone Age Boy	Satoshi Kitamura	Stone Age
Ug, Boy Genius of the Stone Age	Raymond Briggs	Stone Age
Stone Girl Bone Girl, The Story of Mary Anning of Lyme Regis	Laurence Anholt	Stone Age/Archaeology
The Great Fire of London	Emma Adams	The Great Fire of London and the Plaque
Lost in the Toy Museum	David Lucas	Toy history
The Day War Came	Nicola Davies	War/Refugees
The Journey	F Sanna	War/Refugees
Coming to England	Floella Benjamin	Windrush
Granny Came here on the Empire Windrush	Patrice Lawrence	Windrush

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The Greatest Show on Earth	Mini Grey	World history
What did the Tree See?	Charlotte Guillian	World history
How We Lived in Ancient Times	Ben Hubbard	World history
LKS2		
The Matchbox Diary	Paul Fleischman	America history (early 20 th Century)
Kai and the Monkey King	Joe Todd-Stanton	Ancient China
Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx	Joe Todd-Stanton	Ancient Egypt
The Story of Tutankhamun	Patricia Cleveland-Peck	Ancient Egypt/Howard Carter
Leo and the Golden Curse	Joe Todd-Stanton	Ancient Greece
Queen of Darkness, Boudica's Army will Rise	Tony Bradman	Ancient Rome/Early British History
Escape from Pompeii	Christina Balit	Ancient Rome/Mount Vesuvius
The Fossil Hunter	Kate Winter	Archaeology/Dinosaurs
A History of Pictures for Children	David Hockney and Martin Gayford	Art History
The Undefeated	Kwame Alexander	Black history
Baker by the Sea	Paula White	Britain up to 1950s
A Street through Time	DK	British History
Scotland, the People, the Places, the Stories	Chae Srathie	British history
Shackleton's Journey	William Grill	Ernest Shackleton
Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag	Rob Sanders	LGBTQ+
The Castle the King Built	Rebecca Colby	Medieval
The First Drawing	Mordicai Gerstein	Stone Age
The Story of Flight	Jakob Whitfield	Technology
Kaspar, Prince of Cats	Michael Morpurgo	Titanic
Arthur and the Golden Rope	Joe Todd-Stanton	Vikings
Odd and the Frost Giants	Neil Gaiman	Vikings
Viking Voyages	Jack Tite	Vikings
Norse Myths	Kevin Crossley-Holland	Vikings
Humans	Jonny Marx	World history
Smithsonian, Timelines of Everything	DK Publishing	World history

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A Street Through Time	Anne Millard	World history
History Atlas	Thiago de Moraes	World history
A Hero like Me	Angela Joy and Jen Reid	World history/decolonising history
The Lion and the Unicorn	Shirley Hughes	World War 2
UKS2		
Escape to the River Sea	Emma Carroll	Amazon Rainforest
The Good Thieves	Katherine Rundell	American history/prohibition era
Alte Zachen	Ziggy Hanaor	American/Jewish history post-WW2
Secrets of a Sun King	Emma Carroll	Ancient Egypt
The Odyssey	Gillian Cross	Ancient Greece
Voices Series	Miscellaneous	Ancient Rome/Tudor/Victorian/World War 2
Beowulf	Michael Morpurgo	Anglo-Saxon
Children of the Benin Kingdom	Dinah Orji	Benin Kingdom
Black and British: An Illustrated History	David Olusoga	Black history
Lizzie and Belle Mysteries: Drama and Danger/Portraits and Poison	J.T. Williams	Black history/British history
The Extraordinary Life of Katherine Johnson	Devika Jina and Maggie Cole	Black history/history of space exploration
Hidden Figures	Margot Lee Shetterly	Black history/history of space exploration
After the War	Tom Palmer	British post-WW2
The Rabbits	John Marsden and Shaun Tan	Colonisation
Rebel Voices: The Rise of Votes for Women	Louise Kay Stewart	Female suffrage
Suffragette: The Battle for Equality	David Roberts	Female suffrage
Curiosity: The Story of a Mars Rover	Markus Motum	History of space exploration
A Children's Introduction to Pride	Sarah Prager	LGBTQ+
Stonewall, A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution.	Rob Sanders	LGBTQ+

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Sir Gawain and the Green Knight	Michael Morpurgo	Medieval
A Beginner's Guide to Politics	Louie Stowell	Societal Change
The Story of the Titanic	Joe Fullman	Titanic
The Little Match Girl Strikes Back	Emma Carroll	Victorian
Street Child	Berlie Doherty	Victorians
Viking Boy	Tony Bradman	Viking
Windrush Child	Benjamin Zephaniah	Windrush
Private Peaceful	Michael Morpurgo	World War 1
Why the Wales Came	Michael Morpurgo	World War 1
War Horse	Michael Morpurgo	World War 1
Anne Frank	Josephine Poole	World War 2
When Hitler Stole Pink Rabbit	Judith Kerr	World War 2
Skyward: The story of female pilots in WWII	Sally Deng	World War 2
The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas	John Boyne	World War 2
Rose Blanche	Roberto Innocenti	World War 2
Letters from the Lighthouse	Emma Carroll	World War 2
When The Sky Falls	Phil Earle	World War 2
While the Storm Rages	Phil Earle	World War 2
Until the Road Ends	Phil Earle	World War 2
Friend or Foe	Michael Morpurgo	World War 2
Adolphus Tips	Michael Morpurgo	World War 2
Goodnight Mr Tom	Michelle Magorian	World War 2
On the Move	Michael Rosen	World War 2/Post-war
Poems from the Second World War	Gaby Morgan	World War 2
Timelines of World History, From the Stone Age to the Millennium	Jane Chisholm	World history
A Horrible History of the World	Terry Deary	World history