

Grades 9 to 12:

Bober, Natalie. **Abigail Adams: Witness to a Revolution.** Based on letters to and from Abigail Adams, this biography captures the personality of Abigail and her husband John, explores their relationship and their roles in the creation of a new nation. Through Abigail's life one sees the hardships endured on the home front during the Revolutionary War.

Nez Perce Chief Joseph. **That All People May Be One People, Send Rain to Wash the Face of the Earth.** Chief Joseph recounts the ordeal of his tribe's forced removal from their Oregon homeland in 1877, and pleads for the idea of human equality be applied to Indians too.

Keyes, Daniel. **Flowers for Algernon.** Charlie Gordon is an adult with an I.Q. of 68, but medical treatment in his thirties raises his I.Q. beyond 185. As Charlie's intellectual capacity increases, and others react to him differently, he asks himself what it means to be a person and be treated as a person.

Miller, William Lee. **Lincoln's Virtues: An Ethical Biography.** It is at once the story of Lincoln's youth, an inquiry into the development of his character, and an essay in moral thinking.

Pesci, David. **Amistad: A Novel.** In 1839, 36 Africans aboard an illegal slave ship, the *Amistad*, mutinied. Captured, taken prisoner, and tried for murder and theft, the mutineers were defended by abolitionists, including John Quincy Adams, who argued the case before the Supreme Court.

Spanish Versions too:

Pink y Say by Patricia Polacco.

Lyddie by Katherine Paterson

Senderos Fronterizos: Breaking Through Spanish Edition by Francisco Jimenez.

Flores Para Algernon by Daniel Keyes.

Education Kit:

History in a Box Kit on Abraham Lincoln. Developed by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Contains resource book, DVD, interactive CD-ROM.

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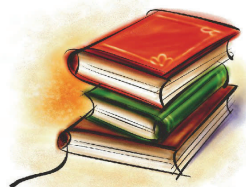
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K to Grade 3:

Andersen, Hans Christian. **The Ugly Duckling.** Andersen's classic tale is newly translated from the original Danish text and beautifully illustrated by Robert Ingpen.

Lincoln, Abraham. **The Gettysburg Address.** Black-and-white drawings offer a powerful visual interpretation of Lincoln's immortal words. Illustrated by Michael McCurdy.

Polacco, Patricia. **Pink and Say.** Pink and Say are two Union soldiers who meet after a Civil War battle. Through their brief friendship, Say comes to understand Pink's determination to return to the battlefield.

Grades 4 to 6:

Curtis, Christopher Paul. **Elijah of Buxton.** Historical fiction set in the Buxton Settlement, a haven for free slaves established in 1849 in Ontario, Canada. Young Elijah outwits the local preacher who has stolen money. Newbery Medal Honor Book, Coretta Scott King Award.

Freedman, Russell. **Give Me Liberty! The Story of the Declaration of Independence.** Focus of the book is on the meaning of the *Declaration of Independence*, particularly on equality, as (quoting Lincoln) "an abstract truth, applicable to all men and all times."

Freedman, Russell. **Lincoln: A Photobiography.** Lincoln's fascinating life and extraordinary career come to life through Freedman's use of primary documents, period photographs, and drawings.

Hamilton, Virginia. **Many Thousand Gone: African Americans from Slavery to Freedom.** True stories of men and women, both obscure and well-known tell the story of slavery in America from its origins to its abolishment with the Emancipation Proclamation and the Thirteenth Amendment.

Paterson, Katherine. **Lyddie.** The farms and textile mills of 1840s Massachusetts are the setting for this story of Lyddie who makes bold choices in her life, overcoming prejudices, and learns to value other people for who they are.

Grades 7 to 8:

Fleishman, Paul. **Saturnalia.** It is 1681 in Boston, and the lives of indentured servants, Narraganset Indians, Puritan preachers, and tradesman appear interwoven in predictable ways. But things are not always what they seem.

Freedman, Russell. **Freedom Walkers: The Story of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.** This book brings to light the hundreds of people who believed they should be treated equally under the law who participated in the 1955 bus boycott, and the Civil Rights Movement they launched.

Holzer, Harold, edited. **Abraham Lincoln the Writer: A Treasury of His Greatest Speeches and Letters.** The collection combines Lincoln's personal and official writings as a young boy up through his presidency.

Jimenez, Francisco. **Breaking Through.** This semi-biographical account of author's teenage years reflects his family's determination to endure poverty and prejudice, to stay together and succeed.