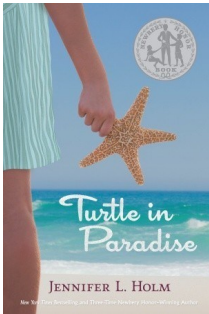


Parent & Educator Resources for Read Across Lawrence for Kids 2013



Thank you for participating in Read Across Lawrence for Kids! We hope you find this resource guide and reading list helpful for exploring this year's featured title, *Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer Holm. All this information is also available on the Read Across Lawrence for Kids website: lawrencepubliclibrary.org/ral

***Turtle in Paradise* Resources**

Random House Educators Guide: Studying The Great Depression

Books, curriculum guides, and internet resources for studying The Great Depression:
http://www.randomhouse.com/catalog/teachers_guides/9780375836886.pdf

***Turtle in Paradise* Chapter-By-Chapter Read-Aloud Guide**

Help Readers Love Reading has assembled a wonderful guide complete with images including pictures of Curry Lane and many of the locations mentioned in *Turtle in Paradise*.

<http://www.helpreaderslovereading.com/2013/01/turtle-in-paradise-by-jennifer-l-holm.html>

<http://www.helpreaderslovereading.com/2011/03/turtle-in-paradise-by-jennifer-l-holm.html>

***Little Orphan Annie*: Leapin' Through the Depression**

Reading with Pictures has created a lesson plan about *Little Orphan Annie* that includes both history and art. Also includes a free printable download for a few *Little Orphan Annie* comics.

<http://www.readingwithpictures.org/2008/09/little-orphan-annie-leapin-through-the-depression/>

Comic Flashback: Flash Gordon

A few picture examples of the comic book *Flash Gordon*

<http://kingfeatures.com/comics/comics-a-z/?id=Flash>

Comic Flashback: Terry and the Pirates

Background information including a few pictures of the *Terry and the Pirates* comic.

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_and_the_Pirates_\(comic_strip\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terry_and_the_Pirates_(comic_strip))

Ernest Hemingway in Key West

Big Poppa makes makes an appearance in *Turtle in Paradise*. Learn more about this beloved American author and his time in Key West from the Ernest Hemingway collection.

<http://www.ernesthemingwaycollection.com/About-Hemingway/Ernest-Hemingway-in-Key-West.aspx>

The Dream Home: The Bellewood 3304

Images of the Bellewood 3304, 2 bedroom home Turtle and her mother dream of owning one day. Also, includes an image of the old advertisement.

<http://www.sears-homes.com/2013/06/the-bellewoods-of-des-plaines.html>

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Labor Day Hurricane of 1935

Information about the famous and destructive Labor Day Hurricane that hit Key West in 1935.

<http://www.hurricanesience.org/history/storms/1930s/LaborDay/>

Shirley Temple singing "The Good Ship Lollypop"

Turtle despises Shirley Temple, but singing this song gets her and the Diaper Baby Gang through a tough time.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1r4bbgv1f8>

Visit Author Jennifer Holm's Website

Learn more about our featured Read Across Lawrence for Kids author.

<http://www.jenniferholm.com/>

The Great Depression Reading List

Picture Books and Easy Readers

***Potato: A Tale from the Great Depression* by Kate Lied**

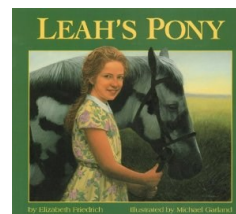
Grades K - 4

During the "Great Depression," a family seeking work finds employment for two weeks digging potatoes in Idaho.

***Leah's Pony* by Elizabeth Friedrich, illustrated by Michael Garland**

Grades K - 4

A young girl sells her horse and raises enough money to buy back her father's tractor, which is up for auction, in this story of a Depression era farm.



***The Gardener* by Sarah Stewart**

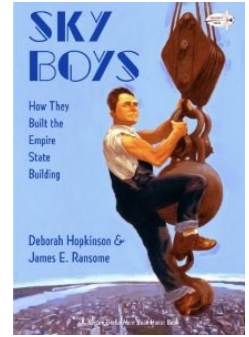
Grades K - 5

A series of letters relating what happens when, after her father loses his job, Lydia Grace goes to live with her Uncle Jim in the city but takes her love for gardening with her.

***Sky Boys: How They Built the Empire State Building* by Deborah Hopkinson and James E. Ransome**

Grades K - 4

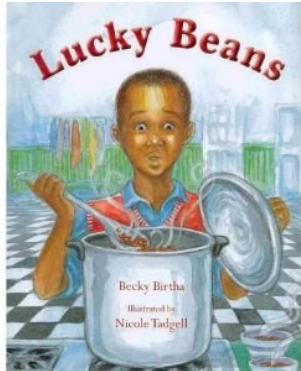
In 1931, a boy and his father watch as the world's tallest building, the Empire State Building, is constructed, step-by-step, near their Manhattan home.



***The Babe & I* by David Adler, illustrated by Terry Wildener**

Grades 1 - 4

While helping his family make ends meet during the Depression by selling newspapers, a boy meets Babe Ruth.



***The Dust Bowl* by David Booth, illustrated by Karen Reczuch**

Grades 2 - 6

A young boy listens to his grandfather's story of farm life during the Dust Bowl years.

***Lucky Beans* by Becky Birtcha, illustrated by Nicole Tadgell**

Grades 2 - 6

During the Great Depression, Marshall, an African American boy, uses lessons learned in arithmetic class and guidance from his mother to figure out how many beans are in a jar in order to win her a new sewing machine in a contest.

***Dust for Dinner* by Ann Turner, illustrated by Robert Barrett**

Grades 3 - 6

Jake narrates the story of his family's life in the Oklahoma dust bowl and the journey from their ravaged farm to California during the Great Depression.

***What You Know First* by Patricia MacLachlan, illustrated by Barry Moser**

Grades 3 - 5

As a family prepares to move away from their farm, the daughter reflects on all the things she loves there so that when her baby brother is older she can tell him what it was like.

***Rudy Rides the Rails: A Depression Era Story* by Dandi Daley Mackall, illustrated by Chris Ellison**

Grades 3 - 6

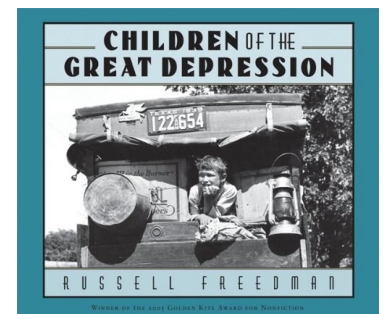
In 1932, during the Depression in Ohio, thirteen-year-old Rudy, determined to help his family weather the hard times, hops a train going west to California and experiences the hobo life.

Nonfiction

***Children of the Great Depression* by Russell Freedman**

Grades 4 - 8

Life was hard for children during the Great Depression: kids had to do without new clothes, shoes, or toys, and many couldn't attend school because they had to work. Even so, life still had its bright spots. Take a closer look at the lives of young Americans during this era.



***Children of the Dust Bowl: The True Story of the School at Weedpatch Camp* by Jerry Stanley**

Grades 3 - 6

Describes the plight of the migrant workers who traveled from the Dust Bowl to California during the Depression and were forced to live in a federal labor camp and discusses the school that was built for their children.

***FDR's Alphabet Soup: New Deal America 1932-1939* by Tonya Bolden**

Grades 6 - 9

An exploration of Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal that discusses the arts, finance, labor, legislation, its influence on the Great Depression, and other related topics.

***Six Days in October: The Stock Market Crash of 1929* by Karen Blumenthal**

Grades 6 - 12

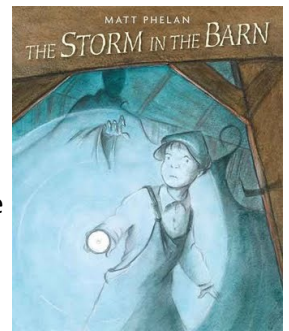
A comprehensive review of the events, personalities, and mistakes behind the Stock Market Crash of 1929, featuring photographs, newspaper articles, and cartoons of the day.

Graphic Novels

***The Storm in the Barn* by Matt Phelan**

Grades 3 - 10

In Kansas in the year 1937, eleven-year-old Jack Clark faces his share of ordinary challenges: local bullies, his father's failed expectations, a little sister with an eye for trouble. But he also has to deal with the effects of the Dust Bowl, including rising tensions in his small town and the spread of a shadowy illness. Certainly a case of "dust dementia" would explain who (or what) Jack has glimpsed in the Talbot's abandoned barn - a sinister figure with a face like rain. In a land where it never rains, it's hard to trust what you see with your own eyes, and harder still to take heart and be a hero when the time comes.



Novels

***Turtle in Paradise* by Jennifer L. Holm**

Grades 3 - 6

In 1935, when her mother gets a job housekeeping for a woman who does not like children, eleven-year-old Turtle is sent to stay with relatives she has never met in far away Key West, Florida.

***Leo and the Lesser Lion* by Sandra Forrester**

Grades 3 - 6

In Depression-era Alabama, twelve-year-old Mary Bayliss Pettigrew struggles to understand why her beloved older brother, Leo, died and whether she, miraculously, survived for some special purpose.

***The Wonder of Charlie Anne* by Kimberly Newton Fusco**

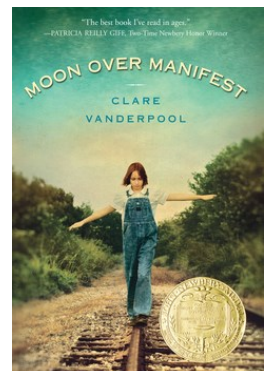
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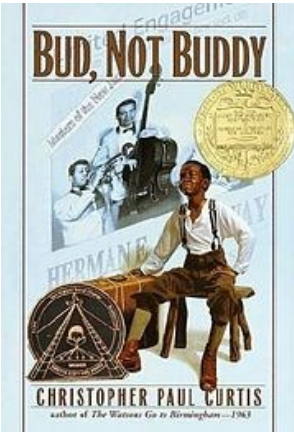
In a 1930s Massachusetts farm town torn by the Depression, racial tension, and other hardships, Charlie Anne and her black next-door neighbor Phoebe form a friendship that begins to transform their community.

***Moon Over Manifest* by Clare Vanderpool**

Grades 5 - 8

Twelve-year-old Abilene Tucker is the daughter of a drifter who, in the summer of 1936, sends her to stay with an old friend in Manifest, Kansas, where he grew up, and where she hopes to find out some things about his past.





***Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Grades 4 - 7

Ten-year-old Bud, a motherless boy living in Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression, escapes a bad foster home and sets out in search of the man he believes to be his father--the renowned bandleader, H.E. Calloway of Grand Rapids.

***Mighty Miss Malone* by Christopher Paul Curtis**

Grades 4 - 7

With love and determination befitting the "world's greatest family," twelve-year-old Deza Malone, her older brother Jimmie, and their parents endure tough times in Gary, Indiana, and later Flint, Michigan, during the Great Depression.

***A Letter to Mrs. Roosevelt* by C. Coco De Young**

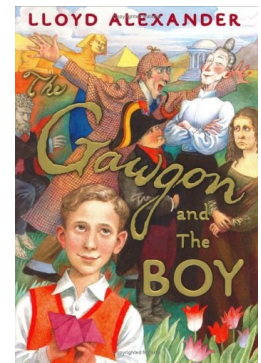
Grades 3 - 6

Eleven-year-old Margo fulfills a class assignment by writing a letter to Eleanor Roosevelt asking for help to save her family's home during the Great Depression.

***The Gawgon and The Boy* by Lloyd Alexander**

Grades 4 - 7

In Depression-era Philadelphia, when eleven-year-old David is too ill to attend school, he is tutored by the unique and adventurous Aunt Annie, whose teaching combines with his imagination to greatly enrich his life.



***Macaroni Boy* by Katherine Ayres**

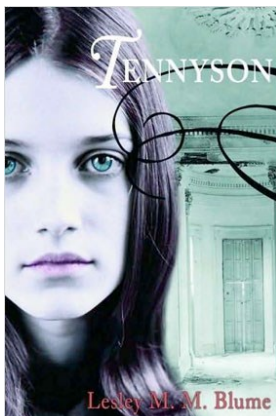
Grades 3 - 6

In Pittsburgh in 1933, sixth-grader Mike Costa notices a connection between several strange occurrences, but the only way he can find out the truth about what's happening is to be nice to the class bully. Includes historical facts.

***On the Blue Comet* by Rosemary Wells**

Grades 5 - 8

Oscar Ogilvie is living with his dad in a house at the end of Lucifer Street in Cairo, Illinois, when world events change his life forever. The great stock market crash has rippled across the country, and the bank takes over their home. Oscar' dad is forced to head west in search of work, and Oscar must move in with his no-nonsense aunt Carmen. Oscar's days are filled with boredom, until he witnesses a crime so stunning that it catapults him into a miraculous, time-hopping train journey.



***Tennyson* by Lesley M.M. Blume**

Grades 3 - 6

After their mother abandons them during the Great Depression, eleven-year-old Tennyson Fontaine and her little sister Hattie are sent to live with their eccentric Aunt Henrietta in a decaying plantation house outside of New Orleans.

***Rose's Journal: The Story of a Girl in the Great Depression* by Marissa Moss**

Grades 3-5

Rose keeps a journal of her family's difficult times on their farm during the days of the Dust Bowl in 1935.

***American Girl Kit 1934 (Six Book Series)* by Valerie Tripp, illustrated by Walter Rane**

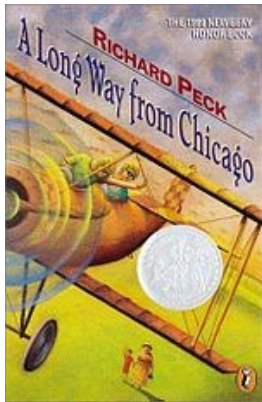
Grades 3-5

When her father's business closes because of the Great Depression forcing Kit to make changes in her life, the nine-year-old responds with resourcefulness.

***Christmas After All: The Great Depression Diary of Minnie Swift* by Katherine Lasky**

Grades 4-8

In her fictionalized journal, eleven-year-old Minnie Swift recounts how her family dealt with the difficult times during the Depression and how the arrival of an orphan from Texas changed their lives in Indianapolis just before Christmas 1932.



***A Long Way from Chicago* by Richard Peck**

Grades 4-8

A boy recounts his annual summer trips to rural Illinois with his sister during the Great Depression to visit their larger-than-life grandmother.

***A Year Down Yonder* by Richard Peck**

Grades 4-8

In 1937, during the Depression, fifteen-year-old Mary Alice, initially apprehensive about leaving Chicago to spend a year with her fearsome, larger-than-life grandmother in rural Illinois, gradually begins to better understand and admire her grandmother's unusual qualities.

***Arly's Run* by Robert Newton Peck**

Grades 4-8

Arly, an orphan in search of a home and a family, escapes from a brutal migrant labor camp, joins a traveling religious show, and battles a devastating Florida hurricane.

***Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry* by Mildred Taylor**

Grades 5-9

A black family living in Mississippi during the Depression of the 1930s is faced with prejudice and discrimination which its children do not understand.

***Nothing to Fear* by Jackie French Koller**

Grades 4-7

When his father moves away to find work and his mother becomes ill, Danny struggles to help his family during the Great Depression.

***Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse**

Grades 5-9

In a series of poems, fifteen-year-old Billie Jo relates the hardships of living on her family's wheat farm in Oklahoma during the dust bowl years of the Depression.

