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NEXT ADVENTURE

History Mystery

*Suggested booklist compiled for Connecticut Humanities
by Linda Williams, Connecticut State Library*

Ghost Soldier by Elaine Marie *Alphin*

Alexander, in North Carolina while his father decides whether to remarry and move there, meets the ghost of a Confederate soldier and helps him look for his family.

Horton Halfpott, or, The Fiendish Mystery of Smugwick Manor by Tom *Angleberger*

Horton, an upstanding kitchen boy in a castle in nineteenth-century England, becomes embroiled in a mystery surrounding a series of thefts, which is also connected to the pursuit of a very eligible and wealthy young lady's affections.

The Traitors' Gate by Avi

When his father is arrested as a debtor in 1849 London, fourteen-year-old John Huffman must take on unexpected responsibilities, from asking a distant relative for help to determining why people are spying on him and his family.

The Spy Catchers of Maple Hill by Megan Frazer Blakemore

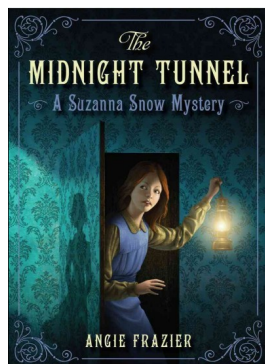
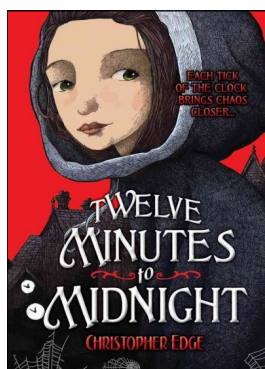
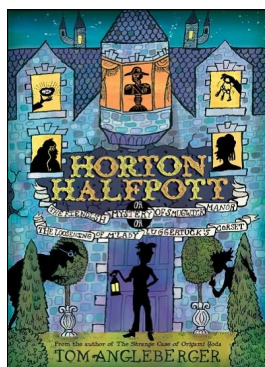
Hazel Kaplansky and new student Samuel Butler investigate rumors that a Russian spy has infiltrated their small Vermont town, amidst the fervor of Cold War era McCarthyism, but more is revealed than they could ever have imagined.

Kaleidoscope Eyes by Jennifer *Bryant*

In 1968, with the Vietnam War raging, thirteen-year-old Lyza inherits a project from her deceased grandfather, who had been using his knowledge of maps and the geography of Lyza's New Jersey hometown to locate the lost treasure of Captain Kidd.

13 Hangmen by Art Corriveau

Tony DiMarco, who had just turned thirteen, catches a murderer, solves a mystery, and discovers a treasure during the first few days in his new home at 13 Hangmen's Court in



Boston. In the attic bedroom of the house, Tony comes together with four other thirteen-year-old boys from different times in history, and they are all connected to a murder, a mystery, and a treasure. (BWI)

Twelve Minutes to Midnight by Christopher Edge

Thirteen-year-old Penelope, the secret author of macabre tales in "The Penny Dreadful," Victorian London's bestselling magazine, investigates the mystery of a strange phenomenon occurring in the local insane asylum.

Under the Egg by Laura Marx *Fitzgerald*

Her grandfather's dying words lead thirteen-year-old Theodora Tenpenny to a valuable, hidden painting she fears may be stolen, but it is her search for answers in her Greenwich Village neighborhood that brings a real treasure.

The Midnight Tunnel by Angie *Frazier*

In 1905, Suzanna is in training to be a well-mannered hostess at a Loch Harbor, New Brunswick, hotel, but her dream of being a detective gets a boost when a seven-year-old guest goes missing and Suzanna's uncle, a famous detective, comes to solve the case.

Gingersnap by Patricia Reilly Giff

When her brother Rob, a Navy cook, goes missing in action during World War II, Jayna, desperate for family, leaves upstate New York and their cranky landlady, accompanied by a turtle and a ghost, to seek their grandmother, who Rob believes may live in Brooklyn. Includes soup recipes.

Running Out of Time by *Margaret Peterson Haddix*

When a diphtheria epidemic hits her 1840 village, thirteen-year-old Jessie discovers it is actually a 1995 tourist site under unseen observation by heartless scientists, and it's up to Jessie to escape the village and save the lives of the dying children.

HISTORY MYSTERY

Secrets of Shakespeare's Grave by Deron R. Hicks

Thirteen-year-old Colophon Letterford and her cousin Julian continue their quest to uncover their family's treasure as new clues lead them to Oxford, England, seeking to unravel a connection to Christopher Marlowe.

The Great Trouble by Deborah Hopkinson

Eel, an orphan, and his best friend Florrie must help Dr. John Snow prove that cholera is spread through water, and not poisonous air, when an epidemic sweeps across their London neighborhood in 1854.

Freaks by Kieran Larwood

In Victorian London, a lonely band of misfits trapped in a sideshow decides to put their extraordinary talents to use to solve the mysteries that no one else cares about, starting with the stealing of poor children from the banks of the Thames.

The Secret of the Sealed

Room : a mystery of Young Ben Franklin by Bailey MacDonald

When she runs away after her master dies, indentured servant Patience Martin is accused of stealing and needs the help of a young Benjamin Franklin to prove her innocence.

Wicked Will by Bailey MacDonald

Performing in the English town of Stratford-on-Avon in 1576, a young actress (disguised as a boy) and a local lad named Will Shakespeare uncover a murder mystery.

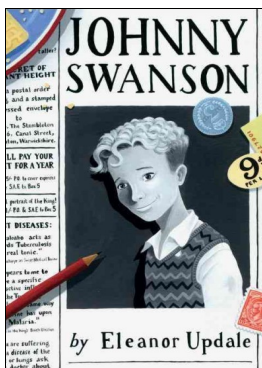
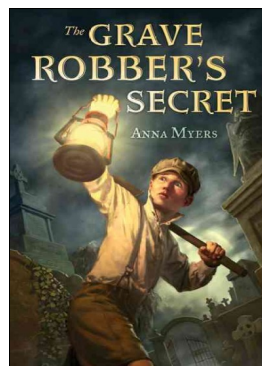
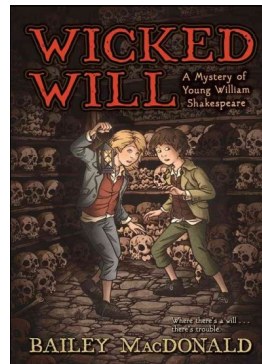
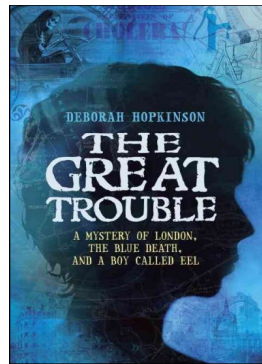
The Inquisitor's Apprentice

by Chris Moriarty

In early twentieth-century New York, Sacha Kessler's ability to see witches earns him an apprenticeship to the police department's star Inquisitor, Maximillian Wolf, to help stop magical crime and, with fellow apprentice Lily Astral, Sacha investigates who is trying to kill Thomas Edison, whose mechanical witch detector could unleash the worst witch-hunt in American history.

The Pharaoh's Secret by Marissa Moss

When fourteen-year-old Talibah and her ten-year-old brother, Adom, visit modern-day



Egypt with their historian-father, they become involved in a mystery surrounding Hatshepsut, a woman pharaoh, and Senenmut, architect of Hatshepsut's mortuary tomb, as well as their own deceased mother.

The Grave Robber's Secret by Anna Myers

In Philadelphia in the 1800s, twelve-year-old Robbie is forced to help his father rob graves, then when he suspects his dad of murder, Robbie makes a life-changing decision.

Search for the Shadowman by Joan Lowery Nixon

While working on a genealogy project for his seventh grade history class, Andy Bonner becomes determined to solve the mystery surrounding a distant relative who was accused of stealing the family fortune.

Two Crafty Criminals! By Philip Pullman

Eleven-year-old Benny Kaminsky leads a rag-tag gang of neighborhood children as they use improbable disguises and crazy ruses while investigating such crimes as counterfeiting and stolen silver in 1894 London.

Secret of the Three Treasures

by Janni Lee Simner

While pretending to be the heroine of her father's adventure novels, Tiernay discovers new friends, buried Revolutionary War treasure, and answers to a long-ago mystery.

Curse of the Night Wolf by Paul Stewart

Soon after Victorian messenger Barnaby Grimes is attacked by a huge beast while crossing London's rooftops, he becomes entangled in a mystery involving patent medicine, impoverished patients, and very expensive furs.

Johnny Swanson by Eleanor Updale

In 1929 England, eleven-year-old Johnny Swanson helps his widowed mother by starting a newspaper advertising scam, which leads him to a real-life murder mystery that places his mother in mortal danger.