SELECTED READING LIST FOR YOUR CLASSROOM

This list compiled by Chicago Metro History Education Center's own Rebecca Redinger is a great resource for teachers who wish to study the Gilded Age and Progressive Era through both fiction and non-fiction. We encourage your students to critically engage with the texts. Please enjoy this resource and let us know how you used it. Tweet us @RethinkingGAPE or email gape@chicagohistoryfair.org.

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MAJOR THEMES COVERED INCLUDE:

• Immigration

Labor

Capitalism

Suffrage

• Racial identity

City Planning

- Women's Activism
- Border relations

CATEGORIES:

- BRITISH AUTHORS DURING GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA
- ITALIAN AUTHORS DURING GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA
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- MIDDLE GRADE AMERICAN FICTION ABOUT TIME PERIOD (1877-1920)
- <u>ELEMENTARY AMERICAN BIOGRAPHICAL FICTION (PICTURE BOOKS) ABOUT TIME</u> PERIOD (1877-1920)
- MIDDLE GRADE AMERICAN NON-FICTION ABOUT TIME PERIOD (1877-1920)

BRITISH AUTHORS DURING GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA

Beatrix Potter (1866-1943)

• Peter Rabbit (1902)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19321.The Tale of Peter Rabbit

J.M. Barrie (1860-1937)

• Peter Pan (1904)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/700817.Peter_Pan

Edith Nesbit (1858-1924)

• The Railway Children (1906)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/8483963-the-railway-children

ITALIAN AUTHORS DURING GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA

Carlo Collodi, (1826-1890)

• Adventures of Pinocchio (1883)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/180617.Pinocchio

CANADIAN AUTHORS DURING GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA

Lucy Maud Montgomery (1874-1942)

• Anne of Green Gables (1908)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/8127.Anne_of_Green_Gables

AMERICAN AUTHORS DURING GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVE ERA

Carl Sandburg (1878-1967)

• Chicago Poems (1916)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/596810.Chicago_Poems

Samuel Langhorne Clemens "Mark Twain" (1835-1910)

• Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1876)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/24583.The Adventures of Tom Sawyer

• Adventures of Huckleberry Finn (1885)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2956.The_Adventures_of_Huckleberry_Finn

• The Prince and the Pauper (1882)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/62446.The_Prince_and_the_Pauper

• A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court (1889)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/679364.A_Connecticut_Yankee_in_King_Arthur_s_Court

Jack London

• Call of the Wild (1903)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1852.The Call of the Wild

• To Build a Fire (1908)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/194808.To_Build_a_Fire

• White Fang (1906)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/43035.White Fang

Margery Williams Bianco (1881-1944) - moved to America in 1890

• Velveteen Rabbit (1922)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/144974.The_Velveteen_Rabbit

Margaret Sidney (real name: Harriett Mulford Stone Lothrop) (1844-1924)

• The Five Little Peppers (1880s)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7911.Five_Little_Peppers_and_How_They_Grew

Eleanor H. Porter (1868-1920)

• Pollyanna (1913)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1000751.Pollyanna

Jean Webster (1876-1916)

• Daddy-Long-Legs (1912)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1499952.Daddy_Long_Legs

Kate Douglas Wiggin (1856-1923)

Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm (1903)

RETHINKING THE GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVISMS: RACE, CAPITALISM, DEMOCRACY, 1877-1920

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/844659.Rebecca_of_Sunnybrook_Farm

Gene Stratton-Porter (1863-1924)

A Girl of the Limberlost

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1250920.A_Girl_of_the_Limberlost

L. Frank Baum (1856-1919)

• The Wonderful Wizard of Oz (1900)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/236093.The_Wonderful_Wizard_of_Oz

W.E.B. duBois

• The Brownies' Book (children's magazine, 1920s, African American racial identity, W.E.B. duBois)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/19867844-the-best-of-the-brownies-book

MIDDLE GRADE AMERICAN FICTION ABOUT TIME PERIOD 1877-1920

Sydney Taylor

• All-of-a-kind Family (Turn of the century, New York, Immigration, labor, Jewish-American culture) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/7926.All_of_a_Kind_Family

Laura Ingalls Wilder

- The Long Winter
- Little Town on the Prairie
- These Happy Golden Years

(Late 1870s and 1880s, Midwest, themes of capitalism and border relations)

Donna Jo Napoli

• The King of Mulberry Street (New York, 1892, immigration, labor, racial identity) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1012335.The_King_of_Mulberry_Street

Betty Smith

• A Tree Grows in Brooklyn (New York, turn of the century) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/14891.A Tree Grows in Brooklyn

Mary Jane Auch

• Ashes of Roses (New York, Immigration, Racial identity, labor - Triangle Shirtwaist Company Fire) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/577184.Ashes_of_Roses

Katherine Paterson

• Lyddie (Lowell, MA cloth mills, labor)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/258905.Lyddie

• Bread and Roses, Too (Lawrence, Massachusetts mill workers' strike in 1912)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2847.Bread and Roses Too

Karen Cushman

• Rodzina (1881, orphans, Chicago, immigration, racial identity) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/54365.Rodzina

Karen Schwabach

• The Hope Chest (New York, suffrage, women's activism, racial identity, includes nonfiction back matter with period photographs, historical notes about the suffrage movement, and a Voting in America timeline)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2457685.The Hope Chest

Patricia Reilly Giff

• The House of Tailors (Brooklyn, 1870s, labor, racial identity, immigration) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/288145.A_House_of_Tailors

Richard Peck

• Here Lies the Librarian (1914, Indiana, suffrage, automobile) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/39973.Here_Lies_the_Librarian

Laurence Yep

• The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 (San Francisco, 1906, themes of racial identity and place, city planning)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/136233.The_Earth_Dragon_Awakes

Harriette Gillem Robinet.

• Missing from Haymarket Square (Chicago 1886, labor, activism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1589963.Missing_from_Haymarket_Square

Karen Hesse

- Letters from Rifka (1919, Ukraine to Ellis Island, immigration, racial identity and place) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/5976585-letters-from-rifka
- Brooklyn Bridge (1903, Brooklyn, immigration, capitalism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3041813-brooklyn-bridge

Barbara Wright

• Crow (1898, North Carolina, racial identity, politics) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/11346278-crow

Jacqueline Kelly

• The Evolution of Calpurnia Tate (1899, Texas, theory of evolution) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/6202556-the-evolution-of-calpurnia-tate

Gennifer Choldenko

• Chasing Secrets (San Francisco, 1900, medical, racial identity and place) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/23615684-chasing-secrets

My Name is America Series (boys):

Susan Campbell Bartoletti

• The Journal of Finn Reardon, a Newsie (1899, New York, child labor) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/996343.The Journal of Finn Reardon A Newsie

William Durbin

• The Journal of Otto Peltonen, a Finnish Immigrant (1900s, Minnesota, mining, labor, racial identity)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1604420.The_Journal_Of_Otto_Peltonen_A_Finnish_Immigrant

• Journal of Sean Sullivan, A Transcontinental Railroad Worker (turn of the Century, travel, labor, capitalism)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1083456,Journal_Of_Sean_Sullivan_A_Transcontinental_Railroad Worker

Dear America Series (girls):

Deborah Hopkinson

• The Diary of Angela Denoto, a Shirtwaist Worker, New York City 1909 (New York, 1900s, immigration, labor, racial identity and place)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/780888.Hear_My_Sorrow

Kathryn Lasky

 Dreams In The Golden Country: the Diary of Zipporah Feldman, a Jewish Immigrant Girl, New York City, 1903 (New York, 1900s, immigration, racial identity and place)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/362929.Dreams_In_The_Golden_Country

• A Time for Courage: The Suffragette Diary of Kathleen Bowen (1917, Washington D.C., women's activism)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/875642.A_Time_For_Courage

Ellen Emerson White

• Voyage on the Great Titanic: The Diary of Margaret Ann Brady, R.M.S. Titanic, 1912 (1900s, capitalism)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/247982.Voyage_on_the_Great_Titanic

Ann Rinaldi

 My Heart is on the Ground: the Diary of Nannie Little Rose, a Sioux Girl, Carlisle Indian School, Pennsylvania, 1880 (late 1800s, Pennsylvania, racial identity)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/143169.My Heart is on the Ground

Susan Campbell Bartoletti

A Coal Miner's Bride: The Diary of Anetka Kaminska, Lattimer, Pennsylvania, 1896 (late 1800s, immigration, racial identity, industry)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/570540.A_Coal_Miner_s_Bride

Patricia C. McKissack

 Color Me Dark: The Diary of Nellie Lee Love, the Great Migration North, Chicago, Illinois, 1919 (Chicago, 1919, migration, racial identity)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/570525.Color_Me_Dark

ELEMENTARY AMERICAN BIOGRAPHICAL FICTION (PICTURE BOOKS) ABOUT TIME PERIOD 1877-1920

Ernest L. Thayer

• Casey at the Bat (1888, baseball)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/313784.Casey_at_the_Bat

Elisa Bartone and Ted Lewin (illustrator)

• Peppe the Lamplighter (Turn of the century, New York, immigrants, labor) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1918706.Peppe_the_Lamplighter

Barb Rosenstock and Mordicai Gerstein (Illustrator)

• The Camping Trip That Changed America (1903, Yosemite, Teddy Roosevelt) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/11737316-the-camping-trip-that-changed-america

Doreen Rappaport and C.F. Payne (Illustrator)

• To Dare Might Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17428635-to-dare-mighty-things

Jan Pinborough and Debby Atwell (Illustrations)

Miss Moore Thought Otherwise: How Anne Carroll Moore Created Libraries for Children (Turn
of the century, New York, women's and children's activism)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15814402-miss-moore-thought-otherwise

Michelle Markel and Melissa Sweet (Illustrations)

• Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1909 (New York, 1909, women's activism, labor, immigration)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15818081-brave-girl

Jabari Asim and Bryan Collier (illustrator)

 Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington (Turn of the Century, education, racial identity and place)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/14780659-fifty-cents-and-a-dream

Natalie S. Bober and Rebecca Gibbon (Illustrations)

• Papa Is a Poet: A Story About Robert Frost (Turn of the century, poetry, New Hampshire) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17343395-papa-is-a-poet

Philip Dray and Stephen Alcorn (Illustrator)

• Yours for Justice, Ida B. Wells: The Daring Life of a Crusading Journalist (turn of the Century, racial identity, women's activism, journalism)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2301025.Yours_for_Justice_Ida_B_Wells

Kathryn Gibbs Davis and Gilbert Ford (Illustrations)

• Mr. Ferris and His Wheel (1893, World's Fair, industry, capitalism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20256564-mr-ferris-and-his-wheel

Tanya Lee Stone and Kathryn Brown (Illustrations)

• The House That Jane Built: A Story About Jane Addams (turn of the Century, Chicago, activism, labor, immigrants)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/22718660-the-house-that-jane-built

Jonah Winter and Marjorie Priceman (Illustrator)

• Jazz Age Josephine (1920s, Jazz, racial identity)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/12663804-jazz-age-josephine

Alice Walker and Catherine Deeter (Illustrator)

• Langston Hughes: American Poet (1900s, poetry, racial identity)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/741691.Langston_Hughes

Doreen Rappaport and C.F. Payne (Illustrator)

• To Dare Might Things: The Life of Theodore Roosevelt (turn of the Century, Roosevelt) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17428635-to-dare-mighty-things

Jennifer Fisher Bryant and Melissa Sweet (Illustrator)

 A Splash of Red: The Life and Art of Horace Pippin (late 1800s, art, politics, segregation, racial identity)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13642600-a-splash-of-red

Louise Borden, Mary Kay Kroeger, and Teresa Flavin (Illustrator)

• Fly High!: The Story of Bessie Coleman (1900s, women's activism, WWI, racial identity) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/693603.Fly_High

Jacqueline Woodson and James E. Ransome (Illustrator)

• This is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration (turn of the Century, migration, racial identity) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/16101044-this-is-the-rope

Eloise Greenfield and Jan Spivey Gilchrist (Illustrator)

• The Great Migration: Journey to the North (turn of the Century, migration, racial identity) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/8822290-the-great-migration

MIDDLE GRADE AMERICAN NON-FICTION ABOUT TIME PERIOD 1877-1920

Susan Campbell Bartoletti

• Kids of Strike (early 1900s, Pennsylvania coal mines, child labor, activism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/187755.Kids On Strike

• Growing up in Coal Country (turn of the Century, child labor, immigrants)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/352673.Growing_Up_in_Coal_Country

Russell Freedman and Lewis Hine

• Kids at Work (turn of the Century, child labor, activism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1022132.Kids at Work

Russell Freedman

• Immigrant Kids (turn of the Century, immigration, racial identity) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1908032.Immigrant Kids

Albert Marrin

• Flesh and Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and its Legacy https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/9414509-flesh-blood-so-cheap

Deborah Hopkinson

• Shutting Out the Sky: Life in the Tenements of New York, 1880-1924 (turn of the Century, New York, immigrants, labor, culture)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25353.Shutting_Out_the_Sky

Walter Dean Myers and Bonnie Christensen (Illustrator)

• Ida B. Wells: Let the Truth Be Told (turn of the Century, racial identity, women's activism, journalism)

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2885683-ida-b-wells

Elizabeth Raum

• Orphan Trains: An Interactive History Adventure https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/10876909-orphan-trains

Andrea Warren

• We Rode the Orphan Trains

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/202770.We_Rode_the_Orphan_Trains

• Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/3054562-orphan-train-rider

Jim Murphy

• Across America on an Emigrant Train (1879, immigration, traveling west) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/856584.Across_America_on_an_Emigrant_Train

Tonya Bolden

- Searching for Sarah Rector: The Richest Black Girl in America (turn of the Century, racial identity) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/17197648-searching-for-sarah-rector
- George Washington Carver (turn of the Century, agriculture, racial identity, capitalism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/2643821-george-washington-carver

Kathryn Lasky and Nneka Bennett (illustrator)

• Vision of Beauty: The Story of Sarah Breedlove Walker [Madame C.J. Walker] https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/741007.Vision_of_Beauty

Images of America Series:

Joseph M. Di Cola and David Stone

• Chicago's 1893 World's Fair (1893, Chicago, capitalism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/15862032-chicago-s-1893-world-s-fair

Frank Beberdick and Historic Pullman Foundation

• Chicago's Historic Pullman District (turn of the Century, labor, capitalism) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/288677.Chicago_s_Historic_Pullman_District

RETHINKING THE GILDED AGE AND PROGRESSIVISMS: RACE, CAPITALISM, DEMOCRACY, 1877-1920

Peggy Glowacki

• Hull-House (turn of the Century, Chicago, activism, labor, immigrants) https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/1166658.Hull_House

Myiti Sengstacke

• Chicago Defender

 $\underline{https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/13756243\text{-}chicago\text{-}defender}$

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