



North Carolina Fiction

For Children and Teens

YA Dessen– *Keeping the Moon* Fifteen-year-old Colie, a former fat girl, spends the summer working as a waitress in a beachside restaurant, staying with her overweight and eccentric Aunt Mira, and trying to explore her sense of self.

YA Dowell– *Dovey Coe* Accused of murder in her North Carolina mountain town in 1928, Dovey Coe, a strong-willed twelve-year-old girl, comes to a new understanding of others, including her deaf brother, as she attempts to clear her name.

YA Moses– *The Legend of Buddy Bush* (and others) In 1947, twelve-year-old Pattie Mae is sustained by her dreams of escaping Rich Square, North Carolina, and moving to Harlem when her Uncle Buddy is arrested for attempted rape of a white woman and her grandfather is diagnosed with a terminal brain tumor.

YA Tolan– *Surviving the Applewhites* Jake, a budding juvenile delinquent, is sent for home schooling to the arty and eccentric Applewhite family's Creative Academy, where he discovers talents and interests he never knew he had.

J Alphin– *Ghost Soldier* 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.

J American– *Betrayal at Cross Creek* (See also J History) Twelve-year-old Elspeth Monro, a Scottish settler and weaver's apprentice on the North Carolina frontier in 1775, must find out who is betraying her Loyalist family during the months before the start of the Revolutionary War.

J Carbone– *Storm Warriors* In 1895, after his mother's death, twelve-year-old Nathan moves with his father and grandfather to Pea Island off the coast of North Carolina, where he hopes to join the all-black crew at the nearby lifesaving station, despite his father's objections.

J Dowell– *Chicken Boy* Since the death of his mother, Tobin's family life and school life have been in disarray, but after he starts raising chickens with his seventh-grade classmate, Henry, everything starts to fall into place. (Set in Raleigh, NC)



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J Gantos- *Jack Adrift: Fourth Grade Without a Clue* When his father rejoins the Navy and moves the family to Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, ten-year-old Jack becomes confused by a crush on his teacher, contradictory advice from his parents, and a very strange neighbor.

J Hostetter- *Blue* When teenager Ann Fay takes over as “man of the house” for her absent soldier father, she struggles to keep the family and herself together in the face of personal tragedy and the 1940s polio epidemic in North Carolina.

J Houston- *Mountain Valor* With her father and brothers gone to serve in the Civil War and her mother sick, teenage Valor ignores what is proper behavior for a girl and fights to defend her North Carolina mountain farm.

J Jones- *The Night Flyers* In 1918, caring for her family's homing pigeons while her father is away fighting in World War I, twelve-year-old Pam comes to suspect that a mysterious stranger in her small North Carolina town is a German spy.

J Kimmel- *Blackbeard's Last Fight* In 1718, off the coast of North Carolina, a young cabin boy assists in the final capture and execution of Blackbeard the pirate.

J Madden- *Gentle's Holler* In the early 1960s, twelve-year-old songwriter Livy Two Weems dreams of seeing the world beyond the Maggie Valley, North Carolina, holler where she lives in poverty with her parents and eight brothers and sisters, but understands that she must put family first.

J Marsh- *The Mystery at Kill Devil Hills* Four kids search for a mysterious missing airplane in this story set in Kill Devil Hills on the 100th anniversary of the Wright brothers' first flight.

J Platt- *Pirate Diary: the Journal of Jake Carpenter* The fictional diary of a nine-year-old boy who, in 1716, sets off from North Carolina to become a sailor, but ends up a pirate instead.

J White- *Buttermilk Hill* When Piper's parents divorce and gradually begin to make new lives for themselves she finds all the changes difficult, but in time she starts to find her own way.

YA Barkley- *Scrambled Eggs at Midnight* Calliope and Eliot, two fifteen-year-olds in Asheville, North Carolina, begin to acknowledge some unpleasant truths about their parents and form their own ideas about love.

YA Brooks- *The Moves Make the Man* A black boy and an emotionally troubled white boy in North Carolina form a precarious friendship.