Books Featuring Journeys

Abbott, Tony. What a Trip: Around the World in Eighty Days. New York: Volo/Hyperion, 2002.

Frankie and Devin are transported in "Around the World in Eighty Days" when they get near the library zapper gates.

Creech, Sharon. Walk Two Moons. New York: HarperCollins, 1994.

After her mother leaves home suddenly, thirteen-year-old Sal and her grandparents take a car trip retracing her mother's route. Along the way, Sal recounts the story of her friend Phoebe, whose mother also left.

Curtis, Christopher. The Watsons Go to Birmingham, 1963. New York: Delacorte Press, 1995.

The ordinary interactions and everyday routines of the Watsons, an African American family living in Flint, Michigan, are drastically changed after they go to visit Grandma in Alabama in the summer of 1963.

DiCamillo, Kate. The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane. Cambridge, MA: Candlewick Press, 2006.

Edward Tulane, a cold-hearted and proud toy rabbit, loves only himself until he is separated from the little girl who adores him. He travels across the country, acquiring new owners and listening to their hopes, dreams, and histories, which eventually changes his heart.

Evans, Douglas. M.V.P.*: Magellan Voyage Project. Asheville, NC: Front Street, 2004.

Twelve-year-old Adam Story is challenged by the deposed ruler of Babababad and his mongoose companion to become the first youngster to travel around the world in forty days without an adult.

Horvath, Polly. Northward to the Moon. New York: Schwartz & Wade Books, 2010.

When her stepfather loses his job in Saskatchewan, Jane and the rest of the family set off on a car trip, ending up in Nevada after improbably being given a bag full of possibly stolen money.

Karwoski, Gail. Seaman: The Dog Who Explored the West with Lewis and Clark. Atlanta: Peachtree, 1999.

Seaman, a Newfoundland, proves his value as a hunter, navigator, and protector while serving with the Corps of Discovery when it explores the West under the leadership of Lewis and Clark.

Kelly, Irene. A Small Dog's Big Life: Around the World with Owney. New York: Holliday House, 2005.

Letters tell the story of Owney, a dog who became mascot of the Albany, New York, post office in 1888 and traveled around the world.



Nixon, Joan Lowery. A Family Apart. New York: Dell Books for Young Readers, 1987.

When their mother can no longer support them, six siblings are sent by the Children's Aid Society of New York City to live with farm families in Missouri in 1860.

Paulsen, Gary. The Car. San Diego: Harcourt Brace, 1994.

A teenager left on his own travels west in a kit car he built himself, and along the way picks up two Vietnam veterans, who take him on an eye-opening journey.

Phelan, Matt. Around the World. Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2011.

Challenged with circling the world at the end of the nineteenth century, three very different adventurers--avid bicyclist Thomas Stevens, fearless reporter Nellie Bly, and retired sea captain Joshua Slocum--embark on epic journeys. Told in graphic novel form.

Ryan, Pam Muñoz. Riding Freedom. New York: Scholastic, 1998.

A fictionalized account of Charley (Charlotte) Parkhurst who ran away from an orphanage, posed as a boy, moved to California, and fooled everyone by her appearance.

Warren, Andrea. Orphan Train Rider: One Boy's True Story. Boston: Houghton Mifflin, 1996.

Discusses the placement of over 200,000 orphaned or abandoned children in homes throughout the Midwest from 1854 to 1929 by recounting the story of one boy and his brothers.

Weeks, Sarah. So B. It. New York: Laura Geringer Books, 2004.

After spending her life with her mentally retarded mother and agoraphobic neighbor, twelve-year-old Heidi sets out from Reno, Nevada, to New York to find out who she is.

Wilson, Diane L. Black Storm Comin'. New York: Margaret K. McElderry Books, 2005.

Twelve-year-old Colton, son of a black mother and a white father, takes a job with the Pony Express in 1860 after his father abandons the family on their Californiabound wagon train, and risks his life to deliver an important letter that may affect the growing conflict between the North and South.

Williams, Mary. Brothers in Hope: The Story of the Lost Sudan. New York: Lee & Low Books, 2005.

Eight-year-old Garang, orphaned by a civil war in Sudan, finds the inner strength to help lead other boys as they trek hundreds of miles seeking safety in Ethiopia, then Kenya, and finally in the United States.