Best Books for Young Adults Non-fiction Titles

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Angel, Ann *Janis Joplin: Rise Up Singing* | 781.66092 Joplin
Aronson, Marc and Campbell, Patty *War is...Soldiers, Survivors and Storytellers Talk About War* | YA 810.8035 War
Barry, Lynda *What It Is* | YA 741.5 Barry
Bartoletti, Susan Campbell *They Called Themselves the KKK: The Birth of an American Terrorist Group* | J 322.4 Bartoletti
Bascomb, Neil *The Nazi Hunters: How a Team of Spies & Survivors Captured the World’s Most Notorious Nazi* | YA 364.15 Bascomb
Blumenthal, Karen *Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition* | YA 363.4 Blumenthal
Bolden, Tonya *Emancipation Proclamation: Lincoln and the Dawn of Liberty* | YA 973.7 Bolden
Bowers, Rick *Spies of Mississippi: The True Story of the Spy Network that Tried to Destroy the Civil Rights Movement* | J 362.1196 Bowers
Burcaw, Shane *Laughing at My Nightmare* | 617.482 Burcaw
Crisler, Curtis L. *Tough Boy Sonatas* | YA 811.6 Crisler
Engle, Margarita *The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba’s Struggle for Freedom* | YA 811.54 Engle
Fleischman, Sid *The Trouble Begins at 8: A Life of Mark Twain in the Wild, Wild West* | J Biography Twain
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Fleming, Candace *The Great and Only Barnum: The Tremendous, Stupendous Life of Showman P.T. Barnum* | J Biography Barnum

Giblin, James *Good Brother, Bad Brother: The Story of Edwin Booth and John Wilkes Booth* | YA Biography Booth

Heiligman, Deborah *Charles and Emma: The Darwins’ Leap of Faith* | YA Biography Darwin

Hoose, Phillip M. *Moonbird* | J 598 Hoose

Hoose, Phillip M. *Claudette Colvin: Twice Toward Justice* | J Biography Colvin

Jurmain, Suzanne *The Forbidden Schoolhouse: The True and Dramatic Story of Prudence Crandall and her Students* | J Biography Crandall

Levinson, Cynthia *We’ve Got a Job* | J 323. 1196073 Levinson

Macy, Sue *Wheels of Change: How Women Rode the Bicycle to Freedom* | J 796.6082 Macy

Mann, Charles C. *Before Columbus: The Americas of 1491* | J 970.01 Mann

Marrin, Albert *Flesh & Blood So Cheap: The Triangle Fire and its Legacy* | J 974.7104 Marrin

McCully, Emily Arnold *Ida M. Tarbell: The Woman Who Challenged Big Business-and Won!* | YA Biography Tarbell

Murphy, Jim and Alison Blank *Invincible Microbe: Tuberculosis and the Never-Ending Search for a Cure* | YA 616.995 Murphy


Rappaport, Doreen *Beyond Courage: The Untold Story of Jewish Resistance During the Holocaust* | YA 940.53 Rappaport

Rubin, Susan Goldman *Music Was It: Young Leonard Bernstein* | J Biography Bernstein
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