

Books on Child Labor

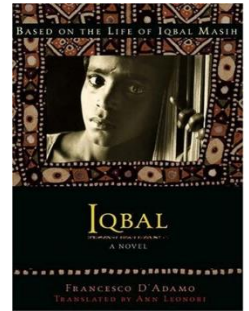
Nonfiction:

***Iqbal* by Francesco D'Adamo**

Grades 4-7

The Story of a Pakistani boy who fought for the freedom of child slave laborers.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://study.com/academy/lesson/iqbal-novel-lesson-plan.html>
 - <http://desk2.sd8.bc.ca/web1/Elementary/Iqbal/iqbal.htm>
 - <https://sites.google.com/a/peterson.mx/6th-grade-ela/novel-study-iqbal>

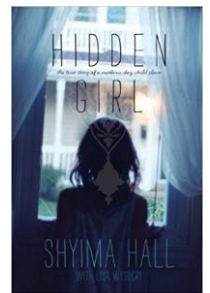


***Hidden Girl: The True Story of a Modern- Day Child Slave* by Shyma Hall**

Grades 7-12

The Story of a young girl, Shayma, who was sold to a wealthy family in Cairo and moves with them to California, where she is set free with nowhere to go.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=38785>

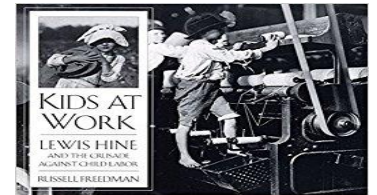


***Kids at Work: Lewis Hine and the Crusade Against Child Labor* by Russell Freedman**

Grades 4 - 12

A collection of photographs taken by Lewis Hine.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=19857>

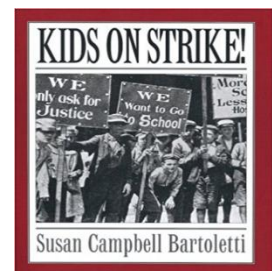


***Kids on Strike* by Susan Campbell Bartoletti**

Grades 4 - 6

The true accounts of strikes for child labor laws in the early 20th century.

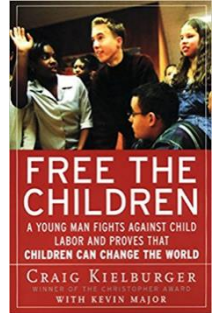
- Teacher Resources:
 - <http://buildingamerica.pbworks.com/w/page/38098092/Kids%20on%20Strike-Lesson%20Plans>



***Free the Children: A Young Man Fights Against Child Labor and Proves that Children can Change the World* by Craig Kielburger and Kevin Major**

Grades 7 - 12

The true story of Craig Kielburger and his activism as he works to free child laborers around the world.

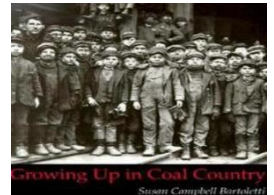


***Growing Up in Coal Country* by Susan Campbell Bartollett**

Grades 4 - 7

A compilation of stories of who immigrated and worked in eastern Pennsylvania at the turn of the 19th century.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <http://buildingamerica.pbworks.com/w/page/37986990/Growing%20Up%20in%20Coal%20Country%20-%20Lesson%20Plans>
 - <http://www.bookrags.com/shortguide-growing-up-coal-country/topicsfordiscussion.html#gsc.tab=0>

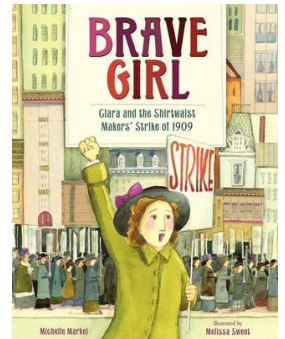


***Brave Girl: Clara and the Shirtwaist Makers' Strike of 1901* by Michelle Markel, illustrated by Melissa Sweet**

Grades K - 3

A picture book biography of Ukranian immigrant Clara Lemlich and her activism to change unfair labor treatment.

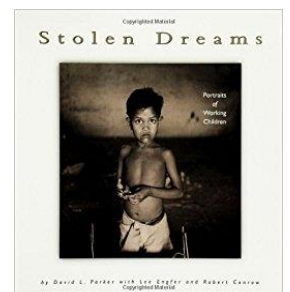
- Teacher Resources:
 - <http://assets.readcommoncore.com/resources/brave-girl-tg.pdf>
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?a=1&tid=33730>



***Stolen Dreams: Portraits of Working Children* by David L. Parker, Robert Corrow, and Lee Engfer**

All ages

Photographs of child laborers in Nepal, India, Bangladesh, and Mexico.

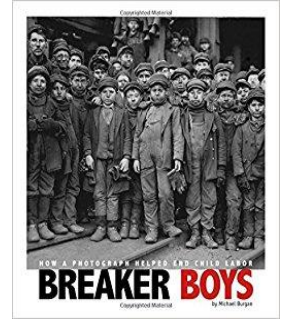


***Breaker Boys: How a Photograph Helped End Child Labor (Captured History)* by Michael Burgan**

Grades 4 - 6

A nonfiction report of child labor in early 20th century America using the photographs of Lewis Hine.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <http://www.carolhurst.com/titles/breakerboys.html>



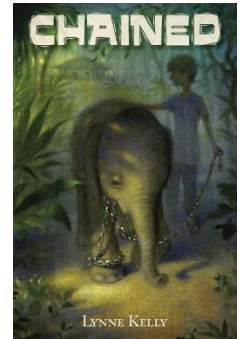
Fiction:

***Chained* by Lynne Kelley**

Grades 4 - 8

A young boy, Hastin, who takes a job as an elephant tamer in a circus to protect his mother from her abusive employer.

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 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=29707>

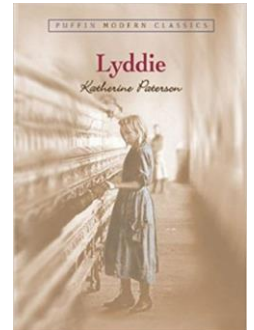


***Lyddie* by Katherine Patterson**

Grades 5 - 8

A young girl, Lyddie, who works in the textile mills in Lowell, Massachusetts to help pay off her family's farm debts. She is determined to find a way to reunite with her family.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <http://www.edu.pe.ca/birchwood/lyddie/teacher.htm>
 - <https://betterlesson.com/community/lesson/250881/lyddie-chapters-5-6>

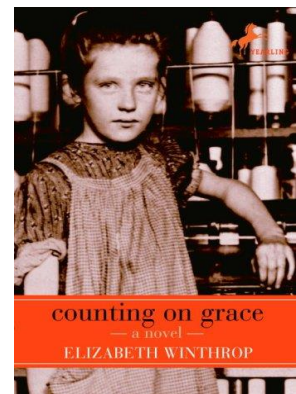


***Counting on Grace* by Elizabeth Winthrop**

Grades 4 - 8

At twelve years old, Grace must leave school and work in the mills with her mother, but causes problems in the factory because she is left handed.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <http://elizabethwinthrop.com/teachers/counting-on-grace-teachers-guide/>
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=8124>
 - <https://sharemylesson.com/teaching-resource/counting-grace-grade-6-mini-assessment-256337>

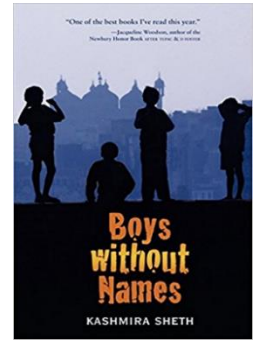


***Boys Without Names* by Kashmiri Sheth**

Grades 4 - 8

Eleven year- old Gopal and his family move from rural India to Mumbai. Gopal, eager to support his family, takes a job in a sweatshop, but winds up locked in for days at a time with little compensation in terms of food or pay.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=20309>
 - <https://www.juniorlibraryguild.com/images/9780375948183/Studyguide>
 - http://kashmirasheth.com/books/younger_readers/boys_wo_names_dg.pdf
 - <http://studylib.net/doc/9741102/boys-without-names-packet>

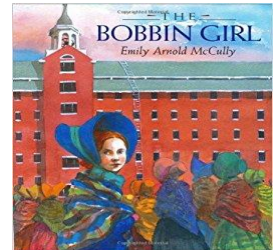


***The Bobbin Girl* by Emily Arnold McCully**

Grades 2 - 7

Rebecca Putney is a young girl who works as a bobbin girl to support her family. She is faced with the dilemma of whether or not to join the protests when the factory threatens to cut wages.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=907>
 - http://www.bringinghistoryhome.org/assets/bringinghistoryhome/3_ind_alt_activity_plans.pdf

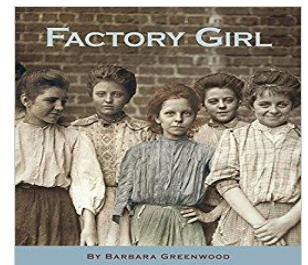


***Factory Girl* by Barbara Greenwood**

Grades 4 - 12

Emily Watson works for eleven hours a day in Acme Garment Factory in order to pay her family under an abusive boss and harsh conditions. When a reporter wishes to expose the ill treatment of the workers, Emily must decide if she should stay loyal to her factory, or help make change.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=11140>

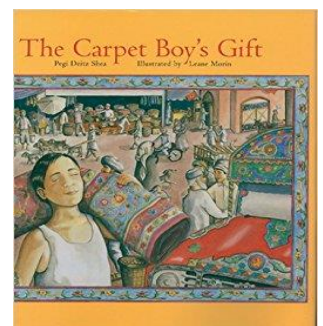


***The Carpet Boy's Gift* by Pegi Deitz Shea**

Grades 2-5

Nadeem, who works in a carpet factory to pay off his parents debt, is inspired to make a better life for himself and get an education.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://sbassteacher.files.wordpress.com/2010/01/plc-2a-carpet-boys-gift.pdf>

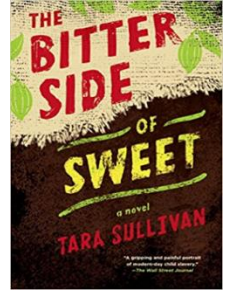


***The Bitter Side of Sweet* by Tara Sullivan**

Grade 10+

Two brothers are forbidden from leaving a cocoa plantation until their debt is paid off.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.literacyworldwide.org/blog/literacy-daily/2016/09/15/putting-books-to-work-em-the-bitter-side-of-sweet-em>
 - <https://tarasullivanbooks.com/whats-real/discussion-trailer/>

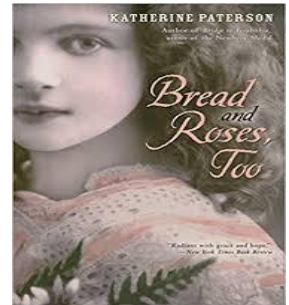


***Bread and Roses, Too* by Katherine Paterson**

Grades 5 - 7

The Story of a young girl named Rosa, and how her life is changed after her father is killed in the mills, and her mother joins the labor strikes of 1912.

- Teacher Resources:
 - http://www.houghtonmifflinbooks.com/readers_guides/paterson_bread.shtml

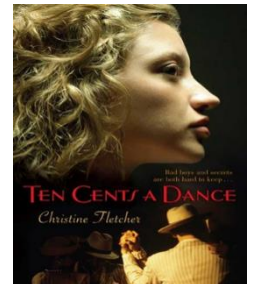


***Ten Cents a Dance* by Christine Fletcher**

Grades 7 - 12

15 year old Ruby Jacinsky must support her family after her mother falls ill, but faces discrimination due to her Polish heritage.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.teachingbooks.net/tb.cgi?tid=13580>



***So Far From Home: The Story of Mary Driscoll, an Irish Mill Girl, Lowell, Massachusetts, 1847 (Dear America Series)* by Barry Denenberg**

Grades 4 - 6

The story of a young Irish immigrant who works in the mills in Lowell, Massachusetts.

- Teacher Resources:
 - <https://www.scholastic.com/teachers/books/dear-am-so-far-from-home-by-barry-denenberg/>

