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Suggested List of Resources for Elementary Schools and the Young at Heart

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As a work in progress, this will be updated as other titles become available. (last updated February 2014) Many books on Loyalists and their history were published in the mid 80s and are now out of print. However, they may still be on your local library shelves.

Most UELAC branches have libraries which may have the non-fiction resources you need. Family histories, in particular, can be found in the local branch libraries. Get in touch with the [branch](#) nearest you for assistance.

From time to time, the URLs for the internet resources may change and the links may not work as expected. Any recommendations for additional material should be passed on to the [Education Chairman](#).

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HISTORY OF THE LOYALISTS

Downie, Mary Alice. *A Pioneer ABC*, Toronto: Tundra Books, ISBN-0-88776-688-9 – 32 pages.

This picture book introduces the reader to the early life in Canada of a Loyalist family. As in an alphabet book, items of the Loyalist epoch are illustrated by Mary Jane Gerber. Publisher recommends the book for ages 5 to 7.

Gleason, Mona. *Loyalists of the New Settlement: A Study in Multiculturalism*. Available from Bicentennial Branch, UELAC, c/o 50 Baldwin Street, Toronto, Suite 202, M5T 1L4.

This is a case study of the Loyalists of the New Settlement (Essex County, Ont.) on the north shore of Lake Erie. We often overlook the fact this was Loyalist territory too.

Greenwood, Barbara and Heather Collins. *Pioneer Story: The Daily Life of a Canadian Family in 1840*. Kids Can., 1994.

A wonderful resource to use in teaching pioneer life. Illustrations are excellent and help us to relive the daily life of a Canadian family. Experience the fun, hard work and danger of life on a backwoods farm.

Jeffreys, C. W. and T. W. McLean. *The Picture Gallery of Canadian History*. Vol. 2, 1763-1830, Toronto: McGraw. ISBN 0-70-077703-9.

A good reference book. There are glimpses of life in those times, sketches of important people, types of clothing, etc.

Livesey, Robert. *The Loyal Refugees* (Discovering Canada Series). Toronto: Stoddard Kids. 1999. ISBN 0-77376043-1. (90 pages)

This highly readable book has excellent suggestions for activities and good maps. Illustrations are by A. G. Smith. Second Printing is the recommended edition.

----- **Black Heritage** (Discovering Canada Series) Toronto: Fitzhenry and Whiteside. 2006. ISBN 1-55005-137-7 (90 Pages)

This is a survey of Canada's Black heritage from slave in New France up to the 2005 appointment of Canada's latest governor-general, Michaëlle Jean. Of particular interest to members of UELAC will be chapter two with its coverage of Black Loyalists. Richard Pierpoint UE who fought as a member of Butler's Rangers and later Robert Runchey's Company of Coloured Men in 1812 is included in the fifth chapter on Soldiers. Once again illustrations are by A. G. Smith.

Lumm, Janet and Moore, Christopher. *The Story of Canada*. Toronto: Lester Publishing, 1992. ISBN 1-895555-32-9.

This is a book which is about more than Loyalists and fits Loyalists into the rest of Canadian history.

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Moore, Christopher. *The Loyalists, Revolution, Exile and Settlement*. Toronto: McClelland, 1994, paperback. ISBN 0-7710-6093-9. (280 pages)
This book provides an excellent overview of Loyalist history. There are sections on the Eve of Revolution, the Crisis of Loyalty, the Loyalists' War and Refugee Routes. The third part of the book deals with settlement in the new land.
Recommended for teachers and older students.

Neering, Rosemary and Garrod, Stan. *Building A New Life* (Growth of a Nation Series). Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1994, 1997. ISBN 0-88902-183X.
This book is well illustrated and shows how the Loyalists managed to carve new lives from the wilderness.

----- *In the Pioneer Home* (Growth of a Nation Series). Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 1978, 1995. ISBN 0-88902-187-2.
The pioneers had to be as self-sufficient as possible. This book describes the skills pioneers had to acquire in order to prosper and would be especially useful with the Grade 3 (Ontario) studies in pioneer life.

----- *Life of the Loyalists* (Growth of a Nation Series). Markham: Fitzhenry & Whiteside Ltd, 1975, 1995.
This is the story of one family's flight to New York, the lengthy sea voyage to Sorel, Quebec, and on to Cataraqui (Kingston). Charts, maps and illustrations make this an excellent tool for Grade 4 and up.

Osborne, Mary Pope and Boyce, Natalie Pope, *American Revolution -*. New York: Random House, 2004 ISBN 0-375-82379-4 (121 pages)
This is a Magic Tree House Research Guide written as a companion to *Revolutionary War on Wednesday*. Children and adults will enjoy the presentation of facts for an overview of the American Revolution.

Peabody, George. *Kings Landing* (Living History Colour Guide). Halifax: Formac Publishing, 1997, ISBN 0-88780-398-9. (72 pages)
Loyalists and pioneer life are portrayed as we visit the "village" of Kings Landing Settlement in New Brunswick. The introductory chapter on Loyalists gives a good overview.

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BIOGRAPHIES

Bolton, Jonathan and Claire Wilson. *Joseph Brant, Mohawk Chief* (North American Indians of Achievement). New York: Chelsea Press, 1992. ISBN 0-7910-1705-5. This is a colourful exciting book of Brant's life in America as a Loyalist and then on the Grand River.

Elliott, James. *If Ponies Rode Men: The Journeys of Robert Land 1777-1791*. Stoney Creek Historical Society, 1999. ISBN 0-9686139-0-X. This book chronicles the real life adventures and adversities of Loyalist Robert Land, British spy, backwoods recruiter, and comrade-in-arms of Joseph Brant. The books include a glossary, a bibliography, maps and illustrations.

Fillmore, Cathleen. *The Life of A Loyalist: A Tale of Survival in Old Nova Scotia*, Canmore, Alberta: Altitude Publishing 2004 ISBN 1-55153-944-6 (104 pages) The author notes that since records in the 18th and early 19th century are unreliable, many of the facts in this book cannot be verified. Some are based on conjecture and oral histories, passed from one generation to the next. This book is an attempt to capture the history of a remarkable woman's life as accurately as possible, given the scanty records. This is the story of young Christiana Margaret Davis, a Loyalist born in upstate New York whose life was turned upside down by the American Revolution. A time of struggle and strife, she escaped with her family to Nova Scotia, finally landing on Biere Island in 1789

Fritz, Jean, *Can't You Make Them Behave, King George?*. New York: Paper Star, 1977 ISBN 0-698-11402-7 (48 pages) illustrated by Tomie de Paola Although this is a picture book, this slightly comic biography of George III is complete with historical notes.

----- *Traitor, The Case of Benedict Arnold* New York: Paper Star, 1997 ISBN 0-698-11553-8 (187 pages) This biography could also be called "his American years" as it devotes less than two pages to his life in New Brunswick.

Fryer, Mary Beacock. *Buckskin Pimpernel, the Exploits of Justus Sherwood, Loyalist Spy*. Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1982. ISBN 0-919670-57-1. From his "Loyalist Blockhouse" on Lake Champlain, Sherwood went out to deal with rebels in New York and New England. The story covers many of his exploits. There is lots of adventure.

----- *John Graves Simcoe: 1752-1806: A Biography*. Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1998. ISBN 1-55002-309-8. Simcoe is a legendary figure of Ontario history. He commanded the Queen's Rangers during the American Revolution. In 1791, he was appointed First Lieutenant-Governor of Upper Canada. This book completes a trilogy of Simcoe

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books. The other two, *Elizabeth Posthuma Simcoe* (1989), and *Our Young Soldier, Lieutenant Francis Simcoe, 6 June 1791 - 6 April 1812* (1996) are also very interesting.

----- *John Walden Meyers, Loyalist Spy.* Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1983. ISBN 0-919670-72-5.

A biography of the man who became founder of Belleville.

Huey, Lois M. and Pulis, Bonnie. *Molly Brant: A Legacy of Her Own.* Youngstown, New York: Old Fort Niagara Association Inc. 1997. ISBN 0-941967-18-2

A most detailed and comprehensive study of Molly Brant's life, this historical biography relies on many research sources familiar to historians including manuscripts, memoirs, journals and letters from Brant's contemporaries written in English and Mohawk. Suitable for students at all levels from junior high school to university, the appendices collect useful chronologies, letters, wills memorials and testimonials that aid students in their research. Fourteen thumbnail biographies of Molly Brant's family and contemporaries further enhance this book as does the detailed bibliography.

GRMcB

Moore, Christopher. *Peggy Crysler of Upper Canada.* Toronto: Grolier Ltd. 1998 ISBN 0-17222888 (48 pages)

Peggy (Margaret) was the daughter of Loyalist John Crysler and his wife Martha. For his service in Butler's Rangers, John received land in Williamsburg Township in 1784 which became the site of the Battle of Crysler Farm in the War of 1812. The book is a short account of their early life in their new home and an account of the battle fought on their farm. (Out of Print 2005)

Robinson, Helen Calster. *Joseph Brant, A Man for His People.* Toronto Dundurn Press, 1986. ISBN 1-55002-016-1. (176 pages).

This is a biography of Thayendanegea (who became Joseph Brant) from his early life, his association with William Johnson, his support of the British, and his leading role in leading his people from New York to lands along the Grand River.

Thomas, Earle. *The Three Faces of Molly Brant.* Kingston: Quarry Press, 1997. ISBN 1-55082-176-8.

This is the story of Molly Brant, consort of William Johnson, who helped keep the Mohawks on the British side of the Revolution.

----- *Sir John Johnson: Loyalist Baronet.* Toronto: Dundurn Press, 1986. ISBN 1-55002-012-9.

This book is out of print but is worth looking for on library shelves. Johnson supervised the movement of Loyalists from the Montreal area to the upper St. Lawrence and Bay of Quinte. He is considered to be the founder of modern Ontario.

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HISTORICAL FICTION

- Anderson, Laurie Halse. *Forge*. New York, Antheum Books for Young Readers. 2010
ISBN 978-1-4169-6144-4 (297 pages)
The author prefers to call this second book in her trilogy "Seeds of America" as a historical thriller. Life in the Patriot forces is portrayed through the eyes of Curzon, the escaped teenaged slave of "Chains". From the battle at Saratoga to the merciless winter at Valley Forge, the young man doubly experiences the fight for freedom as a person and as a soldier in the American Revolution. The appendix includes additional historical information and clarification of vocabulary of the period.
- Avi. *The Fighting Ground*. New York, Harper Collins Publ. 1984.
ISBN 0-06-440185-5 pbk. (157 pages)
New Jersey, 3 April 1778, "Jonathan dreamed of one day taking up a gun himself and fighting the enemy. For he had heard his father and his father's friends talk many times about the tyrannical British; their cruel mercenary allies, the German-speaking Hessians; and the hated Tories, those American traitors who had sided with the brutal English King." The thirteen year-old has to make several important choices over 24 hours, decisions that affect many lives. The author has the Hessians speak German to add to the confusion of the dialogue but also provides translations for eventual clarification.
- Baxter, Jean Rae. *The Way Lies North*. Vancouver, Ronsdale Press, 2007.
ISBN 978-1-55380-4 (340 pages)
This young adult historical novel focuses on Charlotte Hooper and her family, Loyalist who are forced to flee their home in the Mohawk Valley as a result of the violence of the "Sons of Liberty" during the American Revolution. In the flight north, the Mohawk nation plays an important role, and Charlotte learns much about their customs and way of life, to the point where she is renamed "Woman of Two Worlds."
- **Broken Trail**. Vancouver, Ronsdale Press, 2011.
ISBN 978-1-55390-109-2 (238 pages)
Early in the war, Moses Cobman was adopted by the Oneida people. Now 13 and in the midst of his vision quest, Broken Trail, is mistakenly shot by a redcoat soldier. Upon recovery, he is sent on a mission to deliver a message far to the south, a mission that brings him to the scene of the Battle of Kings Mountain and his long-lost older brother. Broken Trail must decide if his loyalties lie with his brother or with the First Nations and the chance to become a warrior. This is the second book of a trilogy about young people in the American Revolution. Winner of the 2011 Gold Medal, Moonbeam Children's Book Awards!

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----- **Freedom Bound.** Vancouver, Ronsdale Press, 2012.

ISBN 978-1-55380-143-6 (256 pages)

In this third book of a trilogy about young people in the American Revolution, eighteen-year-old Charlotte sails from Canada to Charleston in the beleaguered Thirteen Colonies to join her new husband Nick. During these final months of the American Revolution, she must muster all her wit and courage when she has to rescue Nick from being tortured as a spy in an alligator-infested South Carolina swamp. She must also find ways to bring freedom to a pair of teenage runaway slaves she has befriended.

Awarded Bronze for Historical/Cultural Pre-Teen Fiction in the Moonbeam Awards.

Bell, William. **Zack.** Canada: Doubleday. 1998

ISBN 0-7704-2860-6 (211 pages)

Uprooted by his parents' move to the outskirts of a small Ontario town, friendless and at the lowest point of his life, Zack undertakes research into the life of Richard Pierpoint, former African slave, soldier of the American Revolution as well as the War of 1812, and the pioneer farmer who cleared the land on which Zack's house now stands. Pierpoint's story inspires Zack to go to Mississippi to look for his maternal grandfather. What Zack discovers shakes the foundations of all he once believed. This book, suitable for senior students, also deals with racism.

Benchley, Nathaniel. **George the Drummer Boy.** New York, Harper Collins Publ. 1977

ISBN 0-06-444106-7 pbk (61 pages)

George is a drummer stationed in Boston at the beginning of the Revolution. As the author notes: "just as it takes two sides to make a war, so there must be two (62 pages) stories for every battle. Sometimes they are alike. Other times they are wildly different. This is a guess at how the British soldiers felt before and during the battles at Lexington and Concord. As guess go, it should not be too far wrong." Illustrated by Don Bolognese, this book is Level 3 of the I Can Read Chapter Books suitable for Grades 2-4.

----- **Sam the Minuteman.** New York, Harper Collins Publ. 1977

ISBN 0-06-444107-5 pbk. (62 pages)

In 1775, Sam Brown lived with his parents on a farm in Lexington, Massachusetts. In this story, Sam and his friend, John Allen, witness the attack of the British troops on their way to Concord. Illustrated by Arnold Lobel, this book is Level 3 of the I Can Read Chapter Books is suitable for Grades 2-4

Bradford, Karleen. **With Nothing But Our Courage – The Loyalist Diary of Mary MacDonald.** Scholastic Canada Ltd. ISBN 0-439-98979-5 (221 pages)

This diary of the *Dear Canada* Series, begins in Albany County, New York in 1783, takes you to Sorel and then on to Johnstown with the MacDonald family. Historical notes and illustrations add considerable realism.

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Collier, James Lincoln and Collier, Christopher. *My Brother Sam is Dead*. New York: Macmillan Publishing, 1974 ISBN 0-590-42792 (216 pages)

Tim Meeker is a member of a non-partisan family in the Tory town of Redding, Connecticut but his brother Sam has become a rebel partisan. Choices.

Crook, Connie Brummel. *Flight*. Toronto: Stoddard Publishing, 1991. ISBN 0-736-7412-8 (Gemini Books). (292 pages.)

This is the first of two books about the Waltermeyer family, their difficulties as Loyalists in the American Revolution and subsequent settlement in the Bay of Quinte area of what is now Ontario. A study guide is available. See

www.conniebrummelcrook.ca

----- *The Hungry Year*. Toronto: Stoddard Publishing, 2001
ISBN 0-7737-6206-X (201 pages)

This provides a good picture of the struggles of children of Loyalists in building a new home north of Hay Bay in Fredericksburg Township in 1787, the Hungry Year. Kate is only twelve yet must take on very adult responsibilities in a motherless home. Historical notes included.

----- *Meyers' Creek*. Toronto: Stoddard Publishing, 1995. paperback.
ISBN 0-7736-7436-5. (293 pages)

This continues the story of the Waltermeyers, now known as Meyers, as they struggle with their new life in Canada after the American Revolution. The story takes place three years after flight. A study guide is available.

www.conniebrummelcrook.ca

----- *Meyers' Rebellion*. Markham, Ontario: Fitzhenry & Whiteside, 2006 -
ISBN 1-55041-943-9 - hardback - (279 pages)

This is the third book in the Meyers saga. This one is about the grandchildren of the founder of Belleville, John Waltermeyer, and their friends from December 1837 to July 1838. A study guide is available. www.conniebrummelcrook.ca

----- *The Perilous Year*. Markham, Fitzhenry & Whiteside 2003
ISBN 1-55041-818-1 (197 pages)

This is the sequel to *The Hungry Year*. *The Perilous Year* continues to explore life among the early Loyalists in Upper Canada. The twins are now 12 and ready for more than backbreaking chores all day long. They want a little adventure, but what happens is a little more than they anticipated.

Davidson, Stephen. *Letters for Elly*. Kingston Peninsula Heritage Inc., 2007-
ISBN 978-0-9783794-0-7 (106 pages)

The 1991 rebellion in Sierra Leone forces Canadian teenager, Elly Kent, to spend the summer with her great-aunt and uncle in New Brunswick. Not only is their summer cottage far from the city shopping malls, the relatives' idea of a good time is to transcribe tombstone inscriptions. Elly's sole contact with her school

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friends is through e-mails that she can send only once a week. When she breaks her leg, it looks like a sure fire recipe for Elly's most boring summer of all time. However, when Elly sits against a tombstone while using her laptop computer, a letter from over two hundred years earlier appears on her screen. Is it really a letter written by a loyalist teenager in the midst of the American Revolution?

Downie, Mary Alice and John Downie. *Honour Bound*. Republished Kingston: Quarry Press, 1991. Canadian Children's Classics. ISBN 1-55082-026-5027-3.
This is the gripping story of the Loyalist Avery Family forced to leave their home in Philadelphia and make a new life at Cataraqui, now Kingston, Ontario.

Ernst, Kathleen. *Betrayal at Cross Creek*, Pleasant Co. Publishing, 2004
ISBN 1-58485-878-8 (163 pages)
In Volume 22 of American Girl's History Mysteries, it is 1775 and Elspeth Monro, newly come from Scotland is just beginning to feel at home in North Carolina. Someone starts to threaten her family trying to force them to join the rebels. When her grandfather marches off to fight with the British, Elspeth is left to not only protect her grandmother but also to figure out who is putting her family in danger.

Forbes, Ester. *Johnny Tremaine*. New York: Bantam Doubleday Dell Books for Young Readers (Random House), 1943. ISBN 0-440-22827-1. (269 pages)
This story is told "from the other side". Johnny tells of the turbulent, passionate times just before the Revolutionary War. He is swept along by the powerful currents which led to the Boston Tea Party and Battle of Lexington. Historical fiction.

Fryer, Mary Beacock. *Beginning Again. Further Adventures of a Loyalist Family*. Toronto: Dundurn, 1988. . ISBN 1-55002-043-9. (163 pages)
This continues the story of the Seaman family. Sadly, the book is out of print but is still on library shelves. It is worth looking for in book stores as well.

----- *Escape*. Toronto: Dundurn. Recently re-issued.
We meet twelve-year-old Ned Seaman and his parents, Caleb and Martha, and follow their dangerous and exciting journey to their new home.

Garvie, Maureen & Beaty, Mary, *George Johnson's War*. Toronto: Groundwood Books/Douglas & McIntyre, 2002 ISBN 0-88899-468-0 (244 pages)
George Johnson's father is Sir William Johnson. His mother is Molly Brant. This is a good account of how family life was changed by the Revolutionary War from the death of his father to his new life near Cataraqui. In addition to Historical Note, there is a timeline for the family with an explanation about the historical characters mentioned.

Laidlaw, George W. J. *The Price of Loyalty*. Ottawa, ON: Baico Publishing Consultants Inc., 2004 ISBN: 1-894494-79-2 (136 pages) soft cover

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On of a series of books, this theme outlines the attempts of adolescent detectives to work together with adults to discover the mystery of the life of David Livingston UE, a soldier, adventurer and hero of the Revolutionary period. GRMCB

Lunn, Janet. **Charlotte**. Toronto: Tundra Books 1998 ISBN 0-88776-383-9

In 1783, Charlotte Haines is still living in New York, but must face the loss of her Loyalist cousins or the anger of her Rebel father. **Charlotte** is an attractive picture book about a specific incident in the life of the grandmother of Sir Samuel Leonard Tilley, one of the Fathers of Confederation in 1867.

----- **The Hollow Tree**. Toronto: Knopf (Random House, Canada), 1997.

ISBN 0-394-28074-1. (260 pages)

Phoebe Alcott, a fifteen-year-old orphan, finds a secret list of Loyalists in a hollow tree and sets out for a distant fort to seek protection for those names. Readers will enjoy the action.

----- **A Rebel's Daughter - The 1837 Rebellion Diary of Arabella Stevenson**. Toronto:

Scholastic Canada Ltd. 2006 - ISBN 0-439-96967-0

One of the Dear Canada series, this diary covers the Rebellion of 1837 as seen through the eyes of a twelve year old living in Toronto. The book is enhanced by period images and historical notes.

Kositsky, Lynn, Rachel – **A Mighty Big Imagining**. Toronto: Penguin Books 2001

ISBN 0-144-100252-2

Part of *Our Canadian Girl Series*, this 64 page book introduces the reader to the early life of Black Loyalists in Nova Scotia. Recommended for ages 8-12.

----- **Rachel: The Maybe House**. Toronto: Penguin Books 2002

ISBN 0-14-331208-1 (83 pages)

This is the second in the *Rachel Series*. and provides a good overview of early life in Shelburne, Nova Scotia.

----- **Rachel: Certificate of Freedom**, Toronto: Penguin Books, 2003

ISBN 0-14-301462-5 (75 pages)

In this third book in the series, Rachel and her family move back to Birchtown after being chased from Shelburne by white de-listed soldiers.

----- **Rachel: An Elephant Tree Christmas**. Toronto: Penguin Canada, 2004 –

ISBN 0-14-301671-7 (85 pages)

In the fourth and final book, Rachel looks after the house and her baby brother, Jem in the absence of her mother. She also shoulders the additional responsibility of teaching the basics of reading and arithmetic to other children in the area.

Marsh, Audrey. **Amos Elliot, Loyalist**. Halifax: Nimbus Publishing (New Wave Series), 1990. paperback. ISBN 0-9695865-0-7 (59 pages)

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This is the first book in a series about a twelve-year-old boy whose family is forced to leave New Hampshire in 1783 for Willowdale, N. S. Amos loses his parents, but the story ends happily. *Amos and the Bear*, ISBN 0-921054-40-8 (126 pages) is part of the series but is out of print. *Amos and Orphy* (1991, ISBN 0-921-5474-2, (126 pages) is still available from the publisher, Nimbus Publishing. These books are for young readers.

O'Dell, Scott. *Sarah Bishop* Boston: Houghton Mifflin Co. 1980. ISBN 0-395-29185-2 (184 pages)

Left alone after the deaths of her father and brother who take opposite sides in the War for Independence at the time of the Battle for Brooklyn Heights, and fleeing from the British who seek to arrest her for arson, Sarah Bishop struggles to shape a new life for herself in the wilderness of Westchester County.

Osborne, Mary Pope. *Revolutionary War on Wednesday*. Magic Tree House # 22, New York: Random House 2000. ISBN 0-679-89068-8

Using their magic tree house, Jack and Annie travel back to the time of the American Revolution and help General George Washington during his famous crossing of the Delaware River. Recommended reading for grades 1-3 see also www.randomhouse.com/magictreehouse

Rinaldi, Ann. *Cast Two Shadows: The American Revolution in the South*. Orlando, Florida: Harcourt Books 1998. ISBN 0-15-205077-9 (281 pages)

In Camden, South Carolina in 1780, fourteen-year-old Caroline sees the Revolutionary War take a terrible toll among her family and friends, and along with a startling revelation about her own background, comes to understand the true nature of war.

Perkyns, Dorothy. *Rachel's Revolution*. Hantsport, N.S. Nimbus Publ. 1988. ISBN 0-88999-408-0.

This story begins in Boston in 1776 where fourteen-year-old Rachel Miller and her Loyalist guardian encounter problems and leave by ship for Halifax. There is adventure, intrigue and mystery in this Loyalist tale.

Smyth, Donna. *Loyalist Runaway*. Halifax: Formac Publishing, 1991 ISBN 0-88780-086-6. (136 pages)

Kitty Byles, 11 years old, came to Halifax with her Loyalist family. She longs to see her old home in Boston and sets out on her own to do this. Eventually, she is reunited with her family. Suggested for children 10-14.

Walsh, Ann, Editor. *Beginnings, Stories of Canada's Past*. Vancouver: Ronsdale Press 2001 ISBN 0-921870-87-6 (227 pages)

This book is recommended for the short story written by Jean Rae Baxter, *Farewell the Mohawk Valley*.

Historical notes add to this and other stories based on Canada's history

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Wesley, Gloria Ann. *Chasing Freedom. Black Point, N.S.:* Fernwood Publishing, 2011.
ISBN: 9781552664230, pbk. (240 pages)

Chasing Freedom is the story of the struggle of Black Loyalists and their arrival in Nova Scotia as told through Sarah Redmond, a freed slave from South Carolina and her grandmother Lydia. Sarah struggles to discover who she is and what she can become in a world that offers her few real opportunities.

Wilson, Doris E, UE. *Sarah's Diary.* Simcoe: Grand River Branch UELAC 2002

A simple diary format recounts the difficulties of a Loyalist moving to a new home in the Long Point Settlement.

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BLACK HISTORY

While searching for titles to add to our book list, we found several which concerned the history of the Blacks in Canada, especially Ontario. We decided to include them, though this is in no way a complete list.

Bell, William. *Zack*, Doubleday, Canada, 1998 ISBN 0-7704-2860-6 (211 pages)
Uprooted by his parents' move to the outskirts of a small Ontario town, friendless and at the lowest point of his life, Zack undertakes research into the life of Richard Pierpoint, former African slave, soldier of the American Revolution as well as the War of 1812, and the pioneer farmer who cleared the land on which Zack's house now stands. Pierpoint's story inspires Zack to go to Mississippi to look for his maternal grandfather. What Zack discovers shakes the foundations of all he once believed. This book, suitable for senior students, also deals with racism.

Greenwood, Barbara. *The Last Safe House*. Toronto: Kids Can. Press Ltd., 1998. 120 pages. ISBN 1-55074-509-3.
This 120-page book features St. Catharines in the fictionalized story and includes sections such as cotton plantation and abolitionists. This is a story of the Underground Railway. A family in St. Catharines, Canada West in 1856, has their life changed when asked to help Eliza Jackson, a black girl escape from slavery. Fictional characters, though story based on reliable sources.

Livesey, Robert. *Black Heritage* (Discovering Canada Series) Fitzhenry and Whiteside, Toronto, Ontario, 2006. ISBN 1-55005-137-7 (90 Pages)
This is a survey of Canada's Black heritage from slave in New France up to the 2005 appointment of Canada's latest governor-general, Michaëlle Jean. Of particular interest to members of UELAC will be chapter two with its coverage of Black Loyalists. Richard Pierpoint UE who fought as a member of Butler's Rangers and later Robert Runchey's Company of Coloured Men in 1812 is included in the fifth chapter on Soldiers. Once again illustrations are by A. G. Smith.

Pitt, Steve. *To Stand and Fight Together*. Toronto: Dundurn, 2008. 188 pages. ISBN 978-1-55002-731-0
Subtitled, Richard Pierpoint and the Coloured Corps of Upper Canada, the book takes the reader from pre-revolutionary war Black slavery through military involvement up to World War II. Key features include vocabulary explanations and sidebars that highlight fascinating facts about slavery in North America, and the complex relationships between First Nations, African Canadians, and White Canadians.

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Smucker, Barbara. *Underground to Canada*. Toronto and Vancouver: Clarke Irwin & Co. Ltd., 1977. ISBN 0-14-130686-6 (Penguin).

A sensitive and dramatic story about a young girl's flight from slavery which looks honestly at a social evil.

Thomas, Owen A. *Niagara's Freedom Trial. A Guide to African-Canadian History on the Niagara Peninsula*. Niagara Economic and Tourism Corporation, 1996.

This book attempts to go beyond the period of the Underground Railway and chronicles the contribution by these people of colour to the development of Canada.

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WAR OF 1812

- Chan, Gillian. *A Call to Battle: The War of 1812*. Toronto Ontario, Scholastic Canada, 2012 ISBN 978-1-4431-0006-9 (191 pages)
Part of the *I Am Canada* series, this account of the War of 1812 in the Niagara Peninsula is based on a journal kept by 13 year-old Alexander MacKay throughout the conflict. Many names of the characters will be familiar to readers in the area as the author did considerable research at the Ontario Archives.
- Fryer, Mary Beacock. *Laura's Choice*. Winnipeg, Manitoba: Windflower Communications, 1993. ISBN 1-895308-12-7. (236 pages.)
This exciting story is based on fact. It is not about Loyalists, as such, although Laura Ingersoll married Loyalist James Second of Niagara. The Ingersoll family became disillusioned with the new republic and moved to Canada in 1795. The story tells of the difficulty of starting over among people who were less than friendly. It also provides an excellent picture of life in Niagara up to the War of 1812-14.
- Guyatt, Ben. *Billy Green Saves the Day*. Toronto, Dundurn Press, 2009
ISBN 978-1-55488-041-6 (160 pages)
When the War of 1812 breaks out between the British in Canada and the United States, eighteen-year-old Billy Green is an expert woodsman with romantic ideas of combat. Struggling with his father's ideals and with his attraction to Sarah, the daughter of an American sympathizer, Billy soon finds himself faced with a series of fateful decisions.
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ISBN 978-0-00-200853-2 (192 pages)
The War of 1812 is raging on, and fourteen-year-old Ben Random is determined to help in any way he can. Though he is too young to fight, he knows he must do something if the Americans invade his hometown of York, the capital of Upper Canada. But when the American ships finally arrive, Ben is thrust into the action, becoming a key player in a daring rescue mission. Robert Sutherland also includes historical notes where he identifies which of his characters are real life historical figures.

Walters, Eric. *The Bully Boys*. Toronto: Penguin Books 2000
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Fourteen- year-old Tom Roberts assists Lieutenant James FitzGibbon prior to the Battle of Beaver Dams.

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SOME INTERNET RESOURCES

United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada

<http://www.uelac.org>

This site will give you information on UELAC and Loyalists, Membership, Branches, Important Loyalist Dates, Reading and Reference, Monuments and Commemoratives and Loyalist links. A good place to start! Some Branch websites also include newsletters and additional related links. Look for the Education folder in Resources.

The On-Line Institute for Advanced Loyalist Studies

<http://www.royalprovincial.com/index.htm>.

This site offers a rather unique viewpoint from the other side of the Canadian border. The website is still developing its content. Look for &&& for other Internet links and resources.

Real Peoples History

<http://www.realpeopleshistory.com>

This site was developed by Zig Misiak, a subject matter expert in the area of First Nations history and culture specifically Haudenosaunee (Six Nations/Iroquois). In addition to providing curriculum and related support to the schools in Ontario, Zig Misiak's mission is to familiarize, coach, present, and mentor businesses and associations regarding Native history and culture.

Black Loyalist Heritage Society

<http://www.blackloyalist.com>

This is a good source for information on the settling of Black Loyalists in the Maritimes.

Black Loyalists in New Brunswick

<http://atlanticportal.hil.unb.ca/acva/blackloyalists/en/>

This is constructed around more than 70 petitions, housed in the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick, relating to land grants in which African Americans were either the petitioners or the land granted to African Americans is the subject of attention. Photographs of artifacts and maps pertaining to Black Loyalists (and the slaves of Loyalists) are just one of the site's interesting features.

Loyalist Women in New Brunswick

<http://atlanticportal.hil.unb.ca/acva/loyalistwomen>

This website features the letters and other primary documents relating to the Revolution's female refugees. Chief among these stories are the accounts of three generations of women in the family of Edward and Mary Winslow, who settled in New Brunswick in 1785. Photos of female handicrafts and tools are available to view on the site.

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American Revolution

http://www.kidinfo.com/American_History/American_Revolution.html and
<http://www.americanrevolution.org/home.html>

Both websites offer lots of opportunities to explore the American Revolution Period with links to Black Loyalists, and Battles.

Global Genealogy

<http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/loyalist/resources/index.htm> and
<http://globalgenealogy.com/countries/canada/military/war-of-1812/resources/index.htm>

This website offers links for such topics as Global Gazette Loyalist Articles, Useful Links – Loyalist, and Loyalist Books, Maps and other Resources

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