CODE NAME VERITY
by Elizabeth Wein
A British spy plane crashes in Nazi-occupied France. Its pilot and passenger are best friends. One of the girls has a chance at survival. The other has lost the game before it's barely begun. When “Verity” is arrested by the Gestapo, she's sure she doesn't stand a chance. She's living a spy's worst nightmare. Her Nazi interrogators give her a simple choice: reveal her mission or face a grisly execution.

IN THE SHADOW OF BLACKBIRDS
by Cat Winters
In 1918, America is at war and the Spanish Influenza runs rampant. Sixteen-year-old Mary Shelley Black watches as desperate mourners flock to séances for comfort, but she herself has never believed in ghosts. However, she's forced to rethink her entire way of looking at life and death, when her first love—a boy who died in battle—returns in spirit form. But what does he want from her?

COPPER SUN
by Sharon M. Draper
Two fifteen-year-old girls—Amari, a slave, and Polly, an indentured servant—escape their Carolina plantation and try to make their way to Fort Moses, Florida, a Spanish colony that gives sanctuary to slaves. Can the elusive dream of freedom sustain Amari and Polly on their arduous journey, fraught with hardship and danger?

THE BOOK THIEF
by Markus Zusak
Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II Germany, Death tells the story of Liesel—a young German girl whose life is changed when she steals her first book and her foster father teaches her to read. Soon she is stealing books from Nazi book-burnings, the mayor's wife's library, wherever books can be found. But these are dangerous times, and when Liesel's foster family hides a Jew in their basement, her world is both opened up, and closed down.

REVOLVER
by Marcus Sedgwick
It's 1910. In a cabin north of the Arctic Circle, in a place murderously cold and desolate, Sig Andersson is alone. Except for the corpse of his father, frozen to death that morning when he fell through the ice on the lake. The cabin is silent, so silent, and then there's a knock at the door. It's a stranger. One that has come to take revenge on Sig's dead father. Sig's thoughts turn more and more to his father's prized possession, a Colt revolver, hidden in the storeroom.

FEVER 1793
by Laurie Halse Anderson
It's late summer 1793, and the streets of Philadelphia are abuzz with mosquitoes and rumors of a deadly fever. Fourteen-year-old Mattie's concerns of fever are all but overshadowed by dreams of growing her family's small business into a thriving enterprise. But when the fever begins to strike closer to home, Mattie's struggle to build a new life must give way to a new fight—the fight to stay alive.