

Indiana History: A Booklist for Fourth Grade

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Presenting our Hoosier heritage to Indiana youngsters is a joy that parents, teachers and librarians share. Unfortunately, although Indiana history is studied in fourth grade, many of the materials that would be useful to youthful researchers are at a much higher level. To help meet the demand for lower level Indiana history materials, our youth staff reviewed our collection and created a topical list to guide students.

Of course this booklist is based chiefly on our own collection and although we have consistently sought elementary-level Indiana materials, you may well own titles which we lack. We hope this booklist will help you as we all try to share the good news about Indiana's past.

The topical non-fiction list is not annotated as most of the titles are self explanatory. The six categories are based on subjects suggested by a fourth grade teacher and our experience with fourth graders. Information on subjects such as statehood, Civil War, slavery, places of interest, colleges and universities, etc. is found in the general works. The "Indian Life" section includes biographies of Native Americans with Indiana

connections, and other works which have chapters on Eastern Woodland or Indiana Indians. Only four Lincoln biographies are cited in the "Famous People" section although there are others which are appropriate.

General Works

- Bailey, Bernardine. *Picture Book Of Indiana*. Albert Whitman, 1966.
- *Britannica Junior*. Encyclopedia Britannica, Inc., 1976.
- Crout, George. *Where The Ohio Flows*. Benefic Press, 1964.
- Crump, Claudia. *Indiana Yesterday and Today*. Silver Burdett, 1985.
- Fradin, Dennis B. *Indiana In Words and Pictures*. Children's, 1980.
- McCall, Edith. *Forts In The Wilderness*. Children's, 1980.
- Peek, David T. *Indiana Adventure*. Ginn and Company, 1974.
- *People Who Made America*. The United States History Society, Inc., 1973.
- Rosenberg, Ethel. *Living Indiana History*. David-Stewart, 1973.
- *War Paint And Wagon Wheels:*

Stories Of Indiana And Pioneers.

David-Stewart, 1968.

Indian Life

- Deming, Therese O. *The Indian In Winter Camp.* Laidlaw Bros., 1958.
- Fleischer, Jane. *Tecumseh, Shawnee War Chief.* Troll Associates, 1979.
- Gridley, Marion E. *Pontiac.* Putnam, 1970.
- Johnston, Johanna. *The Indians and the Strangers.* Dodd, Mead, 1972.
- Lamb, E. Wendell. *Indian Lore.* Light & Life Press, 1964.
- Lamb E. Wendell. *More Indian Lore.* Light & Life Press, 1968.
- Martin, Patricia M. *The First Americans.* Parents Magazine, 1970.
- Martini, Teri. *Indians.* (New True Book) Children's, 1982.
- Martini, Teri. *The True Book of Indians.* Children's, 1954.
- Moyer, Jon. *Famous Indian Chiefs.* Donohue, 1957.
- Peckham, Howard. *Pontiac: Young Ottawa Leader.* Bobbs-Merrill, 1963.
- Scheele, William E. *The Mound Builders.* World Pub. Co., 1960.
- Steele, William. *Talking Bones: Secrets of Indian Burial Mounds.* Harper & Row, 1978.
- Stevenson, Augusta. *Tecumseh: Shawnee Boy.* Bobbs-Merrill, 1962.
- Warren, Elizabeth. *I Can Read about the Indians.* Troll Associates, 1975.
- Watson, Jane W. *The First Americans: Tribes Of North America.* Pantheon, 1980.
- Wayne, Bennett. *Indian Patriots of the Eastern Woodland.* Garrard, 1976.

Pioneer Life

- Anderson, Joan. *Christmas On The Prairie.* Ticknor & Fields, 1985.
- Anderson, Joan. *The Glorious Fourth At Prairietown.* Morrow, 1986.
- Havighurst, Walter. *The First Book of Pioneers: Northwest Territory.* F. Watts, 1959.
- Parish, Peggy. *Let's Be Early Settlers With Daniel Boone.* Harper & Row, 1967.

Famous People

- Brandt, Keith. *Abe Lincoln: The Young Years.* Troll Associates, 1982.
- D'Aulaire, Ingri and Edgar. *Abraham Lincoln.* Doubleday, 1957.
- Lowitz, Sadybeth. *Barefoot Abe.* Lerner, 1967.
- Martin, Patricia M. *Abraham Lincoln.* Putnam, 1964.
- Miller, Helen M. *George Rogers Clark: Frontier Fighter.* Putnam, 1968.
- Peckham, Howard. *William Henry Harrison: Young Tippecanoe.* Bobbs, 1951.
- Schaaf, Martha. *Lew Wallace: Boy Writer.* Bobbs-Merrill, 1961.
- Van Riper, Guernsey. *Knute Rockne: Young Athlete.* Bobbs-Merrill, 1959.
- Wilie, Katharine. *George Rogers Clark: Boy of The Old Northwest.* Bobbs-Merrill, 1958.

Sports

- Moore Jim. *Indiana Pacers.* Creative Education, 1984.
- Paulsen, Gary. *Going Very Fast In a Circle - If You Don't Run Out of Gas.* Raintree, 1979.

- Rothhaus, James. *The Indianapolis Colts*. Creative Education, 1986.
- Wilkinson, Sylvia. *Camp Cars*. Children's Press, 1981.

Miscellaneous

- Barton, Nancy. "Utopia: American Dreams and Delusions" in *Cobblestone* Vol. 4, #4 April 1983, pp. 36-40. (Covers Robert Owen and New Harmony)
- Carmer, Carl. *The Boy Drummer Of Vincennes* (a story poem). Harvey House, 1972.
- Potratz, Jean K. "The Voyageurs: Great Lakes Canoeists" in *Cobblestone*, Vol. 9, #5, May 1988, pp. 18-20.

A supplementary non-fiction list for fourth grade teachers (not included here) was compiled and distributed to local schools. This list includes books at a higher reading level which teachers can use as reference sources or adapt for classroom use.

Fiction

This is a chronological list of fiction set specifically in Indiana or in a midwestern state not specified but indistinguishable from Indiana. Fictional books can bring alive bare historical facts; they focus on people and how they went about their work and play. Since this booklist was developed as an adjunct aid to historical study, the chronological order was chosen as best suited to the subject material. These titles have been found in the TCPL collection or are referred to in old booklists and bibliographies. Those books which we have not personally examined have been annotated as the listing source (booklist or bibliography) had them. It is our hope that these may exist in collections somewhere in our state.

- Lazarus, Keo. *A Totem For Ti-*

Jacques. Waveland Pr., 1977. This book is set at Fort Ouiatenon in the 1700s and is based on the author's research as she assisted in the archaeological dig at the Fort.

- Nolan, Jeannette C. *Victory Drum*. Messner, 1953. This is the story of a drummer boy serving with George Rogers Clark.
- Sentman, George. *Drummer of Vincennes*. Winston, 1952. Malcolm Cartre goes as a drummer boy of Vincennes with George Rogers Clark.
- Sperry, Portia. *Abigail*. Whitman, 1938. Reprint 1972 Whitman. This story recounts Abigail's trip to Indiana via covered wagon with her prized doll.
- Mason, Miriam. *Hominy and His Blunt-Nosed Arrow*. Macmillan, 1950. This is the story of a Miami Indian boy.
- Mason, Miriam. *Smiling Hill Farm*. Ginn, 1937. This is the story of an Indiana farm and all the families who lived there from the first settlers in 1817 to the mid-1930s.
- Douglas, Emily T. *Appleseed Farm*. Abington, 1948. This book reveals the fear and hardship experienced by our pioneers and also introduces the authentic John Chapman (Johnny Appleseed).
- Hays, Wilma P. *Abe Lincoln's Birthday*. Coward, 1961. Read what happens on Abe's 12th birthday in this book set in southern Indiana.
- Mason, Miriam. *Sara And The Winter Gift*. Macmillan, 1968. Meet a loving farm family in this charming story of daily pioneer life.
- Swayne, Sam. *Great-Grandfather In The Honey Tree*. Viking, 1949. Legacy House, 1982. Although great-grandfather's method of procuring food was not the usual pioneer method, this tall tale does present an

accurate Indiana setting with actual pioneer foods. Great fun!

- Eggleston, Edward. *The Hoosier School Boy*. Scribners, 1883. (Various editions are available.) This book tells about the triumphs and pitfalls of being the "newboy" in a small southern Indiana school. It is above level for grade four, but sections may be excerpted.
- Nevin, Evelyn. *Captive of the Delawares*. Abingdon-Cokesbury, 1952. This is the story of Frances Slocum, a white girl raised by the Indians.
- Major, Charles. *The Bears of Blue River*. Macmillan, 1901. This story tells of the adventures of a boy living near Shelbyville in the early 1800s. It vividly shows the danger of pioneer life and details of daily life and environment.
- Eth, Clifford. *The Year Of The Three Legged Deer*. Houghton Mifflin, 1972. Set in the Indiana frontier, this is the moving story of a trapper and his Indian bride. Their struggle against prejudice is told dramatically and authentically.
- Mason, Mirian. *Little Johnathan*. Macmillan, 1944. Enjoy a humorous family story with excellent characterization and a strong sense of daily life on the Indiana frontier. It's full of action and fun.
- Taylor, Florence. *Towpath Andy*. 1939 (publisher unknown). Travel with Andy on his trip down the Wabash and Erie Canal through Logansport and Lafayette.
- Tague, Lola. *Melissa And The Valley Belle*. Lothrop, 1965. This is the exciting story of a race on the Whitewater Canal.
- Henry, Joanne Landers. *Log Cabin in The Woods*. Originally published by Macmillan, reissued by Four winds Press, 1988. Olle moves to the Indiana frontier in 1832. Based on an actual boy whose family cabin once stood on the current site of the Indiana State Fairgrounds. This is a warm family story.
- Judson, Clara. *They Came From Scotland*. Houghton, 1944. Reprinted under the title *Bruce Carries The Flag*, Follett, 1957. A Scottish family arrives in pioneer Indianapolis.
- Aldis, Dorothy. *The Lucky Year*. Rand McNally, 1951. This story is set in Madison, Indiana and includes Jenny Lind's visit in 1851.
- Frierhood, Elizabeth. *The Wild Donahues*. Doubleday, 1963. These are family adventures set in northern Indiana in the years just prior to and during the Civil War.
- Hunt, Mable L. *Little Girl With Seven Names*. Lippincott, 1936. This gentle, humorous story is set in the 1860s and highlights Quaker life and early schools.
- Hunt, Mable L. *Lucinda, A Little Girl of 1860*. Lippincott, 1934. This is the story of a Quaker girl growing up near Mooresville.
- Tarkington, Booth. *Penrod*. Grosset & Dunlap, 1914. Tarkington was born in Indianapolis 1869, attended Purdue, and won the Pulitzer in 1922 for *Alice Adams*. This series of Penrod books deals with the high jinks and Penrod, whose vivid imagination causes trouble and adventure for himself and his friends.
- Hunt, Mable L. *The Boy Who Had No Birthday*. Lippincott, 1934. Set in Indianapolis in the 1870s, this is a pleasant story with an early city setting.
- Mason, Miriam. *Miney And The Blessing*. Macmillan, 1961. This is a warm family story. Father goes to fight in the Civil War and leaves mom

and five children to carry on. Funny and exciting, a good sense of day to day farm life in the 1860s is conveyed.

- Frierhood, Elizabeth. *The Wabash Knows The Secret*. Doubleday, 1951. Set in Wabash County in the 1890s, the Wabash River helps Henrietta solve the mystery of her great-grandfather's murder; an authentic and fast-paced story.

- North, Sterling. *So Dear To My Heart*. Doubleday, 1947. This is the story of ten year-old Jeremiah and life on a small Indiana farm in 1903.

- North, Sterling. *Midnight And Jeremiah*. Winston, 1943. Set in Pike County, this story of a boy and his pet lamb shows farm life and the importance of county fairs.

- Hunt, Mable L. *Cupola House*. Lippincott, 1961. This book is about a family living in a small Indiana town in 1906.

- Porter, Gene Stratton. *Freckles*. Doubleday, 1904. (various editions) Porter was born in rural Wabash County and moved to a cabin adjoining the Limberlost swamp after she married. There she studied the swamp wildlife and wrote nature articles and illustrated them with her own photography. Fame came to Mrs. Porter when *Freckles* was published in 1904. It told the story of a boy who lived in the Limberlost swamp. It was full of the zest of the open air and captured the spirit of the wild swamp she was so familiar with. Mrs. Porter wrote many books set in and around the Limberlost swamp. They characteristically are sentimental but well-groomed in natural history.

- Porter, Gene Stratton. *Girl Of The Limberlost*. Doubleday, 1909. This is the famous story of a girl's adventures in and on the homefront.

- Thrasher, Crystal. *The Dark Didn't Catch Me*. Atheneum, 1975.

Thrasher is a modern Hoosier author who was born and still lives in southern Indiana. This first novel for children is the story of twelve year-old Seely and the tempestuous year in which her family moved to the hills of southern Indiana. The whole year is full of deprivation and sorrow but Seely rises above it all in her appreciation of the plant and animal life of rural southern Indiana. The sequel to Seely's story is told in *Between Dark and Daylight* (Atheneum, 1979) in which the family's attempted move out of the Depression area hills is thwarted by the breakdown of their truck which forces them to take up temporary residence in an abandoned house.

- Tunis, John R. *Yea! Wildcats*. Harcourt, 1944. A young coach grooms a formerly weak basketball team into a winning dynamo. With this success comes pressure from orthodox businessmen, politicians and gamblers. The team's response to these non-sport pressures is the meat of the story.

- Eth, Clifford. *Help! I'm A Prisoner In The Library*. Houghton Mifflin, 1968. This humorous story is based on the great blizzard of 1977.

Poetry

- Adoff, Arnold. *Tornado Poems*. Delacorte, 1977. Especially about the Xenia, Ohio tornado in 1974, this is a very effective book for Midwesterners.

- Fleming, Alice. *America Is Not All Traffic Lights*. Brown, 1976. These poems are about the Midwest. Though some are difficult, this is a strong collection with midwestern feelings.

- Riley, James Whitcomb. *Joyful Poems For Children*. Bobbs-Merrill, 1946. Many of Riley's poems were written in a dialect dubbed Hoosierese. Included in *Joyful Poems For Children* are several of his most

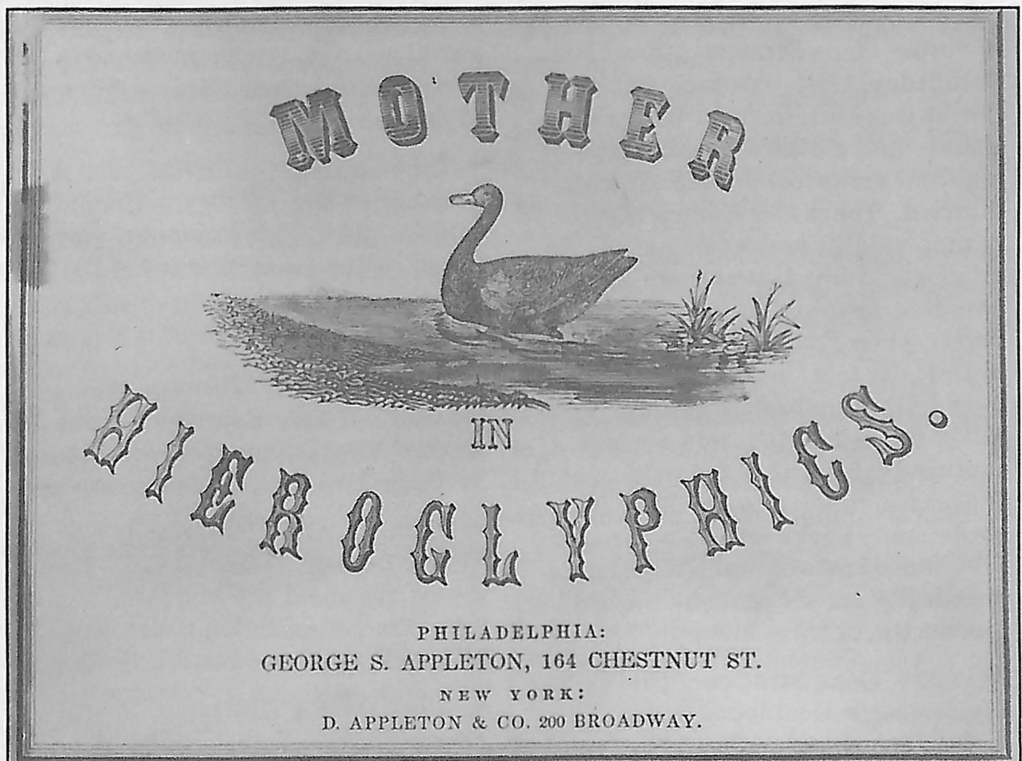
famous poems such as "The Old Swimmin' Hole," which glorifies the joys of lazy summers spent swimming. This work also includes the autumn favorite "When The Frost Is On The Punkin" and "Little Orphant Annie."

- Riley, James Whitcomb *The Gobble-Uns'll Git You Ef You Don't Watch Out!* Lippincott 1975. This is an illustrated edition of "Little Orphant Annie" with drawings by Joel Schick.

Other Sources

- Hinman, Dorothy and Zimmerman, Ruth (editors). *Readings For Young People: The Midwest.* ALA, 1979. Fiction, non-fiction and biography can be found in this book.

- Laughlin, Sara (editor). *Indiana Children's Authors.* Stone Hills ALSA, 1986. This source lists Indiana children's authors and their published books.



Mother Goose in Hieroglyphics. Philadelphia: George A. Appleton; New York: D. Appleton and Co., 1849. Illustration courtesy of the Lilly Library, Indiana University.