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Books at Bentonville Public Library

**Picture Books**
Three Young Pilgrims (1992)  
[PIC Harness Cheryl]

**Juvenile Non-fiction**
Abe Lincoln Goes to Washington, 1837-1865 (2008)  
[JNF 92 Lincoln Abraham]
[JNF 974.4 HAR]
The Amazing Impossible Erie Canal (1995)  
[JNF 386.48 HAR]

**American History**
Flags Over America: A Star-Spangled Story (2014)  
[JNF 929.9 HAR]
Ghosts of the Civil War (2001)  
[JNF 973.7 HAR]
Ghosts of the Nile (2004)  
[JNF 932 HAR]
Ghosts of the White House (2001)  
[JNF 973.09 HAR]
[JNF 92 Carver George Washington]
[JNF 92 Irving Washington]
Mary Walker Wears the Pants: The True Story of the Doctor, Reformer, and Civil War Hero (2013) [JNF 92 Walker Mary Edwards]
They're Off! The Story of the Pony Express (1996) [JNF 973.09 HAR]
The Trailblazing Life of Daniel Boone: And How Early Americans Took to the Road (2007) [JNF 92 Boone Daniel]

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M.T. Anderson
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Additional Library Resources

Print
American History
Arthur Meets the President (1991) by Marc Tolon Brown [PIC Brown Marc]
Capture the Flag (2012) by Kate Messner [JF Messner Kate]
Civil War (2000) by John E. Stanchak [JNF 973.7 STA]
The Girls of Gettysburg (2014) by Bobbi Miller [JF Miller Bobbi]
Hail to the Chief: The American Presidency (2000) by Don Robb [ENF 973.09 ROB]
The New Big Book of U.S. Presidents (2013) by Todd Davis [JNF 973.09 DAV]
Our Abe Lincoln (2009) by Jim Aylesworth [ENF 92 Lincoln Abe]

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Other Resources

Author’s website: www.cherylharness.com

Colonial Williamsburg’s Kid Zone: www.history.org/kids/games

Mount Vernon: www.mountvernon.org/education/for-students

National Museum of American History: americanhistory.si.edu/starspangledbanner