

# The “Picturing America” Book Shelf

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The *We the People* “Picturing America” Bookshelf is the literary complement of NEH’s [Picturing America](#)<sup>SM</sup> visual arts project. Instead of paint, marble, silver, or glass, words are the media used to portray significant themes in American history and culture. Readers are invited to steer their way across the continent by river with Lewis and Clark in 1802, travel the railroad with Robert Louis Stevenson in 1879, or drive along the open highways with John Steinbeck and his dog Charley in 1960. Through the life and poetry of Walt Whitman emerge powerful images of the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln; through the life and lens of Dorothea Lange we witness the impersonal forces and human faces of the Depression.



## Grades K-3—

- [Walt Whitman: Words for America](#) — Barbara Kerley
- [Harvesting Hope: The Story of César Chávez ; Cosechando esperanza: La historia de César Chávez](#) — Kathleen Krull
- [The Midnight Ride of Paul Revere](#) — Henry Wadsworth Longfellow
- [Sweet Music in Harlem](#) — Debbie Taylor

## Grades 4-6—

- [The Birchbark House](#) — Louise Erdrich
- [American Tall Tales](#) — Mary Pope Osborne
- [On Wings of Heroes](#) — Richard Peck
- [Forty Acres and Maybe a Mule](#) — Harriette Gillem Robinet
- [The Captain's Dog: My Journey with the Lewis and Clark Tribe](#) — Ronald Smith
- [The Legend of Sleepy Hollow](#) — Washington Irving

## Grades 7-8—

- [The Life and Death of Crazy Horse](#) — Russell Freedman
- [Across America on an Emigrant Train](#) — Jim Murphy
- [The Adventures of Tom Sawyer](#) — Mark Twain

## Grades 9-12—

- [Founding Brothers: The Revolutionary Generation](#) — Joseph J. Ellis
- [Restless Spirit: The Life and Work of Dorothea Lange](#) — Elizabeth Partridge
- [Travels with Charley: in Search of America](#) — John Steinbeck
- [Democracy in America](#) — Alexis de Tocqueville

## For Readers of All Ages—

- [1776: The Illustrated Edition](#) — David McCullough
- [Our White House: Looking In, Looking Out](#) — The National Children's Museum