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## **Historical Fiction Text Excerpts**

Rebecca squinted through the fog at the brick immigration building on Ellis Island. She was worried about her cousin Ana. Her uncle had sent a telegram weeks ago saying they had escaped Russia with great difficulty. Rebecca felt sure that if Ana arrived safely, the two of them would be like sisters.

Excerpt from Rebecca and Ana by Jacqueline Dembar Greene

Poppa had moved to Detroit and opened his flower shop—where Yvonne now had a summer job. Now Mommy made the best cake ever, and Dwayne was determined to succeed in a music career so that he would be treated fairly. None of them had ever given up hope. Melody felt inspired.

Dr. King was chanting, "Free at last! Free at last!" The applause was like thunder in the sunshine.

On the walk back to the car, Melody made an announcement. "For Youth Day, I'm going to do 'Lift Every Voice and Sing."

"That's a big song for you, Little One!" Poppa said with a smile. She saw Mommy nodding her approval.

"Yes, it is," Melody said to him. "But when I hear it, I feel the way I did listening to Dr. King. That's how I want the audience to feel when I sing at Youth Day. Dwayne says when the words mean something special to a singer, amazing things happen."

Big Momma gave Melody's hand a squeeze. "Your brother is right. And I believe my chick can do anything she sets her mind to."

Excerpt from *Melody: No Ordinary Sound* by Denise Lewis Patrick























