Picture Books

**Francis, the Earthquake Dog** by Judith Ross Enderle, illustrated by Brooke Scudder
In 1906, in the aftermath of the San Francisco earthquake, Edward searches for the mischievous stray dog with which he has fallen in love. (Age 5-9)

**Lizzie Newton and the San Francisco Earthquake** by Stephen Krensky, illustrated by Jeremy Tugeau
After an earthquake hits San Francisco, Lizzie looks for her parents and encounters the terrible destruction around the city, and includes a script and instructions for staging a theatrical performance of this adventure. (Grade K-5)

**Earthquake** by Milly Lee, illustrated by Yangsook Choi
A young Chinese-American girl and her family move their belongings from their home in Chinatown to the safety of Golden Gate Park during the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. (Ages 5-8)

Novels

**Forgiven** by Janet Fox
When Kula Baker leaves Montana for San Francisco, she is swept up into a world of elegance until disaster strikes and threatens all she holds dear. (YA)

**Into the Firestorm: A Novel of San Francisco, 1906** by Deborah Hopkinson
Days after arriving in San Francisco from Texas, eleven-year-old orphan Nicholas Dray tries to help his new neighbors survive the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and the subsequent fires. (Middle School)

**Quake: Disaster in San Francisco, 1906** by Gail Karwoski
Tells the story of the 1906 San Francisco earthquake as seen through the eyes of Jacob, a thirteen-year-old Jewish boy who lives in a boarding house with his father and younger sister. (Middle School)

**Aftershocks** by William Lavender
In San Francisco from 1903 to 1908, teenager Jessie Wainwright determines to reach her goal of becoming a doctor while also trying to care for the illegitimate child of a liaison between her father and their Chinese maid. (YA)

**Outrun the Moon** by Stacey Lee
On the eve of the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906, Mercy Wong—daughter of Chinese immigrants—is struggling to hold her own among the spoiled heiresses at prestigious St. Clare’s School. When tragedy strikes, everyone must band together to survive. (YA)

**Invisible Fault Lines** by Kristen-Paige Madonia
Callie struggles to come to terms with the disappearance of her father, but eventually chooses to believe that he has traveled back to the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. (YA)

**Under the Ashes** by Cindy Rankin
In 1906, fiesty eleven-year-old Elizabeth “Littlebeth” Morgan is shipped off to live with her Aunt Sally in San Francisco with the hopes that she will be tamed, but shortly after arriving the city is hit by a catastrophic earthquake, forcing Littlebeth to fight for her survival. (Middle School)

**A Sea So Far** by Jean Thesman
After surviving the 1906 San Francisco earthquake and fires, two teenage girls, a wealthy semi-invalid and her hired companion, travel together to Ireland and discover they share much in common, from a love of romance novels to grief over the loss of their mothers. (Middle School/YA)

**The Secret Keepers** by Paul Yee
Set in San Francisco’s Chinatown before and after 1906, this novel portrays a young Jackson Leong coping with the ghost of his brother who died in the earthquake, as well as the mysterious ghost of a young woman. Jackson must find out the reasons why the ghosts are haunting the world of the living. If he fails, his family will face disgrace and ruin. (Middle School/YA)

**The Earth Dragon Awakes: The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906** by Laurence Yep
Eight-year-old Henry and nine-year-old Chin love to read about heroes in popular “penny dreadful” novels, until they both witness real courage while trying to survive the 1906 San Francisco earthquake. (Middle School)

Series Novels

**A City Tossed and Broken** by Judy Blundell
(Dear America series) It is 1906, and when her family is cheated out of their tavern, fourteen-year-old Minnie Bonner is forced to become a maid to the Sump family, who are moving to San Francisco–three weeks before the great earthquake. (Middle School)
I Survived the San Francisco Earthquake, 1906 by Lauren Tarshis
(I survived series) Ten-year-old Leo loves being a newsboy in San Francisco – not only does he get to make some money to help his family, he’s free to explore the amazing, hilly city as it changes and grows with the new century. Horse-drawn carriages share the streets with shiny new automobiles, new businesses and families move in every day from everywhere, and anything seems possible. But early one spring morning, everything changes. Leo’s world is shaken – literally – and he finds himself stranded in the middle of San Francisco as it crumbles and burns to the ground. Does Leo have what it takes to survive this devastating disaster?

Nonfiction

The San Francisco Earthquake of 1906 by Marcia Amidon Lusted
(Perspectives Library series) This book relays the factual details of the story of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906. The narrative provides multiple accounts of the event, and readers learn details through the point of view of a fireman fighting fires and rescuing others, a girl whose home is destroyed, and a resident of Chinatown. The text offers opportunities to compare and contrast various perspectives in the text while gathering and analyzing information about a historical event. (Middle School/YA)

The San Francisco Earthquake and Fire by Chris McDougall
(History’s Greatest Disasters series) Provides an account of the devastating earthquake that struck San Francisco on April 18, 1906, and the resulting fires that left the city in ruins. (Middle School/YA)

Earthquake! The Day That Changed America by Shelley Tanaka
Presents the story of the San Francisco earthquake of 1906 through the experiences of four survivors from different walks of life, and includes photos, artifacts, diagrams, and informative sidebars. (Elementary/Middle School)