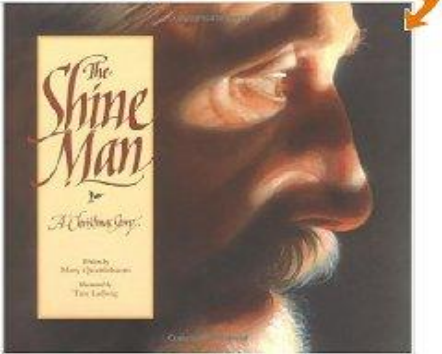





## Book Backdrops: Connecting Literature and Primary Sources

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	<p><b>Title:</b> Mary Quattlebaum, <i>The Shine Man: A Christmas Story</i> (2001)  <b>Summary:</b> This beautiful story is one of hope during Great Depression where a cold shoeshine man slowly gives away his clothing to a cold boy on Christmas Eve.   <b>Setting:</b> 1932 Urban Setting  <b>Subjects:</b> depression era, bread lines, boxcar travel, shoeshines.</p>
<p><b>Primary Source Thumbnail</b></p>	<p><b>Library of Congress Bibliographic Information and Book Notes</b></p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Shoeshine, 47th Street, Chicago's main Negro business street, Chicago, Illinois  <b>Collection:</b> <a href="#">America from the Great Depression to World War II: Photographs from the FSA-OWI, 1935-1945</a> (Library of Congress)  <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8a15716">http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.pnp/fsa.8a15716</a>           Book Notes: Larry was a shoe shine man.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Bethlehem-Fairfield shipyards, Baltimore, Maryland. Tank and boxcars.  <b>Collection:</b> <a href="#">America from the Great Depression to World War II: Black-and-White Photographs from the FSA-OWI, 1935-1945</a> (Library of Congress)  <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/fsaall:@filreq(@field(NUMBER+@band(fsa+8d29196))+@field(COLLID+fsa))">http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?ammem/fsaall:@filreq(@field(NUMBER+@band(fsa+8d29196))+@field(COLLID+fsa))</a>           Book Notes: Larry traveled from town to town in a boxcar</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Breadline at McCauley Water Street Mission under Brooklyn Bridge, New York.   <b>Collection:</b> Farm Security Administration - Office of War Information Photograph Collection           (Library of Congress)  <b>URL:</b> <a href="http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?pp/fsaall:@field(NUMBER+@band(fsa+8e">http://memory.loc.gov/cgi-bin/query/r?pp/fsaall:@field(NUMBER+@band(fsa+8e</a></p>

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Book Notes: Many people stood in breadlines waiting for food during this time.

**I might have students categorize photos into:**

**Travel**

**Jobs**

**Food**

**Observe what they can learn about those categories from the primary sources, write a caption for each photo, then ask questions, then go find answers**