

Recommended Reading

Historical Fiction

The Other Queen by Philippa Gregory
Bess and George Talbot, the Earl of Shrewsbury, are asked by Queen Elizabeth I to provide "sanctuary" for her cousin, Mary Queen of Scots, but their new duties have unexpected costs, since Mary is always scheming to return to her throne in Scotland.

The Virgin Queen's Daughter
by Ella March Chase
As Queen Elizabeth I's newest lady-in-waiting, Elinor de Lacey discovers court life to be filled with both great intellectual opportunities and great danger, since her past holds the key to the fate of the Queen's future rule.

The Many Lives and Secret Sorrows of Josephine B. by Sandra Gulland
This fictionalized diary of Josephine Bonaparte tells her life story from Martinique to war-torn France, where she meets Napoleon, a man who dreams of one day ruling all of Europe.

Enemy Women by Paulette Jiles
When Adair Colley is arrested and imprisoned as a Confederate spy, she not only manages to survive imprisonment but manages to find love with her Union captor, Major William Neumann.

Pompeii by Robert Harris
Roman engineer Marcus Attilius Primus is sent to take charge of the Aqua Augusta in Naples after the chief engineer disappears, but once he arrives there, Marcus discovers a bigger problem: Vesuvius.

Lincoln by Gore Vidal
This fictionalized biography centers on Lincoln's political skills, which not only allowed him to win the presidency, but to also keep the Union together during the Civil War.

Sails on the Horizon by Jay Worrell
During the Napoleonic Wars, British Second Lieutenant Charles Edgemont assumes command of the Argonaut during a battle with the Spanish fleet.

The Autobiography of Henry VII with Notes by His Fool, Will Somers
by Margaret George
Henry VIII's memoirs, as he himself might have told them, are blended with irreverent comments from his court jester.

Empress Orchid by Anchee Min
The life of the Empress of China, Tzu His or "Orchid," who went from the rank of concubine to be the most powerful woman in 19th century China.

Katherine by Anya Seton
In fourteenth Century England, Katherine Swynford and the Duke of Lancaster's romance causes political and personal complications.

These Is My Words by Nancy E. Turner
Based on the actual diaries of the author's great-grandmother, this is the captivating tale of Sarah Prine, whose family moves westward in the late 19th century from Texas to Arizona.

Voodoo Dreams: A Novel of Marie Laveau
by Jewell Parker Rhodes
The enchanting story of Marie Laveau, who left the bayou to become nineteenth century New Orleans' most famous Voodoo Queen.

Sarum by Edward Rutherfurd
Rutherfurd uses the stories of five different families to tell the story of the English town of Salisbury from the Ice Age to the 20th century.



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