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of Aquitaine, and a female stonemason in her service, in an era shaped by powerful women.

**The Stolen Crown** Carol McGrath  
2023-05-18 When Princess Matilda is eighteen years old, tragedy strikes the royal family, and she becomes the only child of the king of England - the de facto heir to the throne. As her dying father persuades the barons to pledge

allegiance to her, Matilda returns to England - but the lords and clergy do not like an independent woman. And Matilda is nothing if not headstrong . . . When the old king dies, the country is plunged into instant chaos. So begins a fierce battle between cousins that will go down in history as a time called 'The Anarchy'. And Matilda must race across England, evading capture until she can demand the crown . . .

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*Tidelands* Philippa Gregory  
2019-08-20 This New York  
Times bestseller from “one of  
the great storytellers of our  
time” (San Francisco Book  
Review) turns from the glamour  
of the royal courts to tell the  
story of an ordinary woman,  
Alinor, living in a dangerous  
time for a woman to be  
different. A country at war A  
king beheaded A woman with a  
dangerous secret On  
Midsummer’s Eve, Alinor waits  
in the church graveyard, hoping  
to encounter the ghost of her  
missing husband and thus  
confirm his death. Until she  
can, she is neither maiden nor  
wife nor widow, living in a  
perilous limbo. Instead she  
meets James, a young man on  
the run. She shows him the  
secret ways across the  
treacherous marshy landscape  
of the Tidelands, not knowing  
she is leading a spy and an  
enemy into her life. England is

in the grip of a bloody civil war  
that reaches into the most  
remote parts of the kingdom.  
Alinor’s suspicious neighbors  
are watching each other for any  
sign that someone might be  
disloyal to the new parliament,  
and Alinor’s ambition and  
determination mark her as a  
woman who doesn’t follow the  
rules. They have always  
whispered about the sinister  
power of Alinor’s beauty, but  
the secrets they don’t know  
about her and James are far  
more damning. This is the time  
of witch-mania, and if the  
villagers discover the truth,  
they could take matters into  
their own hands. “This is  
Gregory par excellence” (Kirkus  
Reviews). “Fans of Gregory’s  
works and of historicals in  
general will delight in this page-  
turning tale” (Library Journal,  
starred review) that is  
“superb... A searing portrait of  
a woman that resonates across  
the ages” (People).

### **The Needle in the Blood**

Sarah Bower 2012-03-01 His  
lust for power gave him  
everything. But it might cost  
him the love of his life. The

Bishop hired her for a simple job: embroider a tapestry. It is an enormous work, a cloth trophy of the conquest of England. But her skill with a needle and thread is legendary. It would be uncomplicated. She plans to kill him as soon as she gets the chance. He and his brother, William the Conqueror, murdered her King and destroyed her world. Revenge, pure and clean. It would be simple. But neither planned to fall desperately in love. As the two become hopelessly entangled, friends become enemies, enemies become lovers, and nothing in life—or the tapestry—is what it seems. An unlikely love story born of passion and intensity, crafted by critically acclaimed historical novelist Sarah Bower, *The Needle in the Blood* is a "story of love, war, and the tangled truth of England's birth." Praise for Sarah Bower's *Sins of the House of Borgia* "Sizzling." —USA Today "The sheer grandeur of the papal and Ferrara courts and the spectacle of the Borgia and Ferrara siblings' rivalries and

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revenge form a glittering take on one of the most notorious families of the Italian Renaissance." —Publisher's Weekly "Bower brilliantly merges history with politics and convincing characters to draw readers into a lush and colorful tapestry of Renaissance life...This powerful piece of fiction ranks with some of the finest of the genre." —RT Book Reviews

**The Queen's Lady (Queens of the Tower, Book 2)** Joanna Hickson 2022-01-20

'Fascinating' Choice 'This well-researched novel draws you straight into the heart of this engaging story' My Weekly 'A stunning evocative novel... I was completely captivated' Clare Marchant, author of *The Queen's Spy*

**Marigold's Magical Mystery Tour** Christina Jones

2018-09-13 Marigold Fox - twenty-something history graduate and driver at Carnival Coaches - lives with her parents, Merv and Babs, the licensees of *The Pedlars Pickle*, the only pub in the village of Pedlars Puddle. *Pedlars Puddle*,

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standing on a tributary of the River Pud, is home to more than its fair share of eccentrics. Marigold loves being a coach driver, loves the day-trippers she takes to various beauty spots, and loves her life on the move. Love, though, seems to have passed Marigold by. However, like buses, within a few days of a scorching summer, three rather gorgeous men appear in Marigold's life. Will any of them be The One - or is Marigold just going to enjoy her magical mystery tour of finding out?

**The Silken Rose** Carol McGrath 2020-04-02 They called her the She-Wolf From Provence. She'd shape the destiny of England ... Fans of Alison Weir, Anne O'Brien and Philippa Gregory, will devour this compelling new novel, starring one of English history's most fierce and courageous forgotten heroines! 'Powerful, gripping and beautifully told' - Kate Furnivall, author of The Liberation 'A feast for the senses and highly recommended' - Deborah Swift, author of Pleasing Mr Pepys

'Well-researched . . . Fascinating' - Joanna Courtney  
READERS LOVE THE SILKEN ROSE! \*\*\*\*\* 'Stunning start to a new series of She-Wolf Queens' \*\*\*\*\* 'Spectacular . . . I will recommend this first part of her new trilogy to everyone' \*\*\*\*\* 'Fabulous . . . A lovely, highly researched tale' \*\*\*\*\* 'Exceptionally well-written . . . From the first page I was totally caught up in the story' 1236. Ailenor of Provence, cultured and intelligent, is only thirteen when she meets her new husband, Henry III of England. A foreign and friendless princess in a strange land she is determined to please him. And she knows that when the times comes she must provide an heir, to secure the throne against those who would snatch it away. Rosalind, a commoner skilled in the arts of needlework and embroidery, catches the young queen's attention and a friendship blossoms. But she is unprepared for the dangerous ramifications of winning the queen's favour ... As closeness, and soon love, develops between Ailenor and Henry, so

too does her influence on her husband and her power at court. As France and Wales provide constant threat, and England's barons increasingly resent her influence, Ailenor must learn to be ruthless. Who should she encourage her husband to favour? Who can she trust? Caught in a web of treachery and deceit, her choices will define the fate of England. To protect her close friends, and her beloved children, Ailenor, the She-Wolf from Provence, would do, and endure, anything ... AND DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL MCGRATH COMING APRIL 2022: AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!

*Odin's Child* Bruce Macbain 2015-05-26 An old grudge erupts into violence as Odd Tangle-Hair refuses to back down from the men he believes shamed his father and betrayed their heritage by turning away from the old gods in favor of the White Christ. But when the violence escalates and Odd's family bears the brunt of it, he

must leave his beloved Iceland behind and find his own way in the world. The golden age of Viking conquest is fading when he takes to the seas, but his journey is full of adventures, and he meets priests and politicians as well as many unscrupulous men all too eager to take advantage of a young man abroad for the first time. Beautifully written, impeccably researched, and deeply rooted within the oral tradition of story telling, Bruce Macbain has woven an evocative saga that will sweep readers into the past and plant them firmly in Odd's rapidly changing world.

*Shadow on the Crown* Patricia Bracewell 2013-02-07 A rich tale of power and forbidden love revolving around a young medieval queen In 1002, fifteen-year-old Emma of Normandy crosses the Narrow Sea to wed the much older King Athelred of England, whom she meets for the first time at the church door. Thrust into an unfamiliar and treacherous court, with a husband who mistrusts her, stepsons who resent her and a bewitching rival who covets her

crown, Emma must defend herself against her enemies and secure her status as queen by bearing a son. Determined to outmaneuver her adversaries, Emma forges alliances with influential men at court and wins the affection of the English people. But her growing love for a man who is not her husband and the imminent threat of a Viking invasion jeopardize both her crown and her life. Based on real events recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, *Shadow on the Crown* introduces readers to a fascinating, overlooked period of history and an unforgettable heroine whose quest to find her place in the world will resonate with modern readers.

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*The Ethical Slut* Dossie Easton 1997 A Guide to Infinite Sexual Possibilities,Beyond the often unrealistic ideal of lifetime,monogamy lies an uncharted jungle of delightful,options - everything from committed multi-partner,relationships to friendly sex, casual sex, group,sex, and more. In this groundbreaking volume,""Bottoming Book"" and ""Topping Book"" authors,provide a road map fro exploring this sometimes,difficult, often rewarding territory. Warm,informative detials about how to get your needs,met, manage your jealousy, make agreements that...

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**The Constant Queen** Joanna Courtney 2016-04-21 Elizaveta is princess of Kiev, but that doesn't stop her chasing adventure. Defying conventions, she rides the rapids of the Dneiper alongside her royal brothers, and longs to rule in her own right as a queen. Elizaveta meets her match when the fearsome Viking warrior Harald Hardrada arrives at her father's court seeking fame and fortune. He entrusts Elizaveta to be his treasure keeper, to hold the keys to his ever-growing wealth - and eventually to his heart. Theirs is a fierce romance and the strength of their love binds them together as they travel across the vast seas to Denmark, Sweden, Norway and Iceland. In 1066, their ambition carries them to Orkney as they plan to invade England and claim the crown . . .

*The Autumn Throne* Elizabeth Chadwick 2016-10-04 The Son She Loved. The Betrayal She Faced. The Legend She Became. The stunning conclusion to the Eleanor of Aquitaine trilogy Imprisoned by

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her husband. Separated from her children. If King Henry II thought these things would push his queen into submission, he was wrong. Eleanor of Aquitaine refused to give into his tyranny. Freed by his death, she became dowager Queen of England. But the competition for land and power that Henry bred among his sons had grown into a dangerous rivalry that Eleanor must skillfully control. Eleanor would need every ounce of courage and fortitude as she crossed the Alps in winter to bring her son Richard his bride, ransom him from imprisonment and deal with his brother John's treachery. Her indomitable spirit would be tested to its limits as she attempted to keep the peace between her warring sons, fend off enemies, and negotiate a magnificent future for a chosen granddaughter.

*Traitor's Knot* Cryssa Bazos  
2017-05-29 England 1650: Civil War has given way to an uneasy peace in the year since Parliament executed King Charles I. Royalist officer James Hart refuses to accept the

tyranny of the new government, and to raise funds for the restoration of the king's son, he takes to the road as a highwayman. Elizabeth Seton has long been shunned for being a traitor's daughter. In the midst of the new order, she risks her life by sheltering fugitives from Parliament in a garrison town. But her attempts to rebuild her life are threatened, first by her own sense of injustice, then by falling in love with the dashing Hart. The lovers' loyalty is tested through war, defeat and separation. James must fight his way back to the woman he loves, while Elizabeth will do anything to save him, even if it means sacrificing herself. *Traitor's Knot* is a sweeping tale of love and conflicted loyalties set against the turmoil of the English Civil War. Praise for *Traitor's Knot* "A hugely satisfying read that will appeal to historical fiction fans who demand authenticity, and who enjoy a combination of suspense, action, and a very believable love story. Five stars." Elizabeth St. John,

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bestselling author of *The Lady of the Tower* Cryssa Bazos is a member of the Romantic Novelist Association, the Historical Novel Society, the Writers' Community of Durham Region and the Battle of Worcester Society. Her articles and short stories have been featured in various publications, both in Canada and the UK. She is a co-editor and contributor of the English Historical Fiction Authors site and blogs as the 17th Century Enthusiast. Her debut novel, *Traitor's Knot*, placed 3rd in Romance for the Ages in 2016 (Ancient/Medieval/Renaissance)

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The Damask Rose Carol McGrath 2021-04-15 'You lay hands on a princess of the realm? It is treason.' 'But this

princess disobeys her King. Treason indeed.' A beloved wife. A hated queen. A journey to her destiny . . . If you love JOANNA COURTNEY, ELIZABETH CHADWICK and PHILIPPA GREGORY, you'll devour the highly-anticipated second novel in Carol McGrath's SHE-WOLVES Trilogy! \* 'Fascinating . . . Brings to life one of the most determined and remarkable queens of the medieval world' K. J. MAITLAND, author of The Drowned City \* 'Completely engrossed me from the start . . . A wonderful read' NICOLA CORNICK, author of The Forgotten Sister 1266. Eleanor of Castile, adored wife of the Crown Prince of England, is still only a princess when she is held hostage in the brutal Baron's Rebellion, and her baby daughter dies. Scarred by privation, a bitter Eleanor swears revenge on those who would harm her family - and vows never to let herself be vulnerable again. As she rises to become Queen, Eleanor keeps Olwen - a trusted herbalist, who tried to save her daughter - by her side. But it is

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dangerous to be friendless in a royal household, and as the court sets out on crusade, Olwen and Eleanor discover that the true battle for Europe may not be a matter of swords and lances, but one fanned by whispers and spies . . .

\*'Vibrant, enticing and with fascinating detail. . . It held me gripped from beginning to end' ALEXANDRA WALSH, author of *The Marquess House Trilogy* \* 'Excels at sweeping the reader away on an engrossing journey . . . Great storytelling and superb research' JANE JOHNSON, author of *Court of Lions* \* 'Shines a true light on the gripping tale of Eleanor of Castile, the love of Edward I's life' SARA COCKERILL, author of *Eleanor of Aquitaine: Queen of France and England, Mother of Empires* \* 'Pulls from the pages of history Eleanor of Castile: queen, business woman and true partner to one of England's most forceful kings' CRYSSA BAZOS, author of *Severed Knot*  
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the Godwin family and, on the eve of his accession to the English throne, she agrees to marry Harold Godwinson. As William the Bastard assembles his fleet in the south and Harald Hardrada prepares to invade from the North their future is threatened and the portentous date of October 14th 1066 looms.

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2022-04-21 'A real tour de force of gripping writing, rich historical detail and complex, fascinating characters. Superb!' NICOLA CORNICK on The Stone Rose \_\_\_\_\_ EARLY READERS ARE GRIPPED BY THE STONE ROSE! \* 'Springs to vivid life for the reader . . . A compulsive read' ANNE O'BRIEN \* 'An enticing and intriguing tale of a woman who is driven to desperate and ruthless lengths to protect those she loves' ALEXANDRA WALSH \* 'Carol McGrath really got into Isabella's head . . . Enlightening' SHARON BENNETT CONNOLLY \* 'Bold and compelling' JENNY BARDEN \* 'A novel that's a definite page-turner' LIZ HARRIS

\_\_\_\_\_ London, 1350. Agnes, daughter of a stonemason, is struggling to keep her father's trade in a city decimated by plague. And then she receives a mysterious message from the disgraced Queen Isabella: mother of King Edward III, and widow of Edward II. Isabella has a task that only Agnes can fulfil. She wants her truth to be told. Much has been whispered of the conflicts in Isabella and Edward's marriage. Her greed and warmongering. His unspoken love for male favourites. But as Agnes listens to Isabella, she learns that she can be of help to the queen - but can either woman choose independence, follow her own desires, and survive? The sweeping third instalment of Carol McGrath's acclaimed She-Wolves Trilogy: the gripping series exploring the tumultuous lives and loves of three queens of England - and of three women who lived in their shadow. Based on the extraordinary true story of the female stonemason who carved a queen's tomb!

*The Handfasted Wife* Carol McGrath 2021-09-16 'Moving, and vastly informative, a real page turner of a historical novel' Fay Weldon The first in the Daughters of Hastings series, an adventure filled with of love, loss and survival. Based on the historical story of Edith Swan-Neck, *The Handfasted Wife* paints a vivid picture of 1066 from the perspective of the royal women. The perfect read for fans of Philippa Gregory, Alison Weir and Karen Maitland. Edith (Elditha) Swanneck, Harold's common-law wife, is set aside for a political marriage when Harold becomes king in 1066. Determined to protect her children's destinies and control her economic future, she is taken to William's camp when her estate is sacked on the eve of the Battle of Hastings. She later identifies Harold's body on the battlefield and her youngest son becomes a Norman hostage.

*Sex and Sexuality in Tudor England* McGrath Carol 2022-01-30 The Tudor period has long gripped our imaginations. Because we have

consumed so many costume dramas on TV and film, read so many histories, factual or romanticized, we think we know how this society operated. We know they 'did' romance but how did they do sex? In this affectionate, informative and fascinating look at sex and sexuality in Tudor times, author Carol McGrath peeks beneath the bedsheets of late fifteenth- and early sixteenth-century England to offer a genuine understanding of the romantic and sexual habits of our Tudor ancestors. Find out the truth about 'swiving', 'bawds', 'shaking the sheets' and 'the deed of darkness'. Discover the infamous indiscretions and scandals, feast day rituals, the Southwark Stews, and even city streets whose names indicated their use for sexual pleasure. Explore Tudor fashion: the codpiece, slashed hose and doublets, women's layered dressing with partlets, overgowns and stomachers laced tightly in place. What was the Church view on morality, witchcraft and the female body? On which days could

married couples indulge in sex and why? How were same sex relationships perceived? How common was adultery? How did they deal with contraception and how did Tudors attempt to cure venereal disease? And how did people bend and ignore all these rules?

**The Boleyn Deceit** Laura Andersen 2013-11-05 Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory, Alison Weir, and Showtime's The Tudors, The Boleyn Deceit is the captivating new novel set in the imagined Tudor court of King Henry IX, son of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, who must navigate a terrain rife with palace intrigue, impending war, and unbridled passions. The regency period is over and William Tudor, now King Henry IX, sits alone on the throne. But England must still contend with those who doubt his legitimacy, both in faraway lands and within his own family. To diffuse tensions and appease the Catholics, William is betrothed to a young princess from France, but still he has eyes for only his childhood friend Minuette, and court tongues are

wagging. Even more scandalous—and dangerous, if discovered—is that Minuette's heart and soul belong to Dominic, William's best friend and trusted advisor. Minuette must walk a delicate balance between her two suitors, unable to confide in anyone, not even her friend Elizabeth, William's sister, who must contend with her own cleaved heart. In this irresistible tale, the secrets that everyone keeps are enough to change the course of an empire. Includes a preview of Laura Andersen's The Boleyn Reckoning Praise for The Boleyn Deceit "Detailed and quick-paced, [The Boleyn Deceit] will have series fans devouring it and emerging eager for the last book. An excellent recommendation for Phillippa Gregory fans."—Booklist (starred review) "This entertaining work of alternative history offers plenty to savor for both fans of historical romance and those whose passion is political intrigue. . . . Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, Andersen's novel



admirably takes artistic license with history while remaining true to many aspects of real-world history. . . .

[Foreshadows] a mesmerizing conclusion to the trilogy.”—Publishers Weekly “An intriguing re-imagining of Tudor England and the treacheries of court life.”—Kirkus Reviews Praise for Laura Andersen’s *The Boleyn King* “A sumptuous, vividly imagined novel of a Boleyn king’s fateful rise to power amid the treacherous glamour of the Tudor court.”—C. W. Gortner, author of *The Queen’s Vow* “Fans of both Stephenie Meyer and Philippa Gregory will find much to love in this evocative and well-written debut.”—Francine Mathews, author of *Jack 1939* Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader’s Circle for author chats and more. [The Chosen Queen](#) Joanna Courtney 2015-05-07 1066. *Three Queens. One Crown.* As a young woman in England’s royal court, Edyth, granddaughter of Lady Godiva, dreams of marrying for love.

But political matches are rife while King Edward is still without an heir and the future of England is uncertain. When Edyth’s family are exiled to the wild Welsh court, she falls in love with the charismatic King of Wales - but their romance comes at a price and she is catapulted onto the opposing side of a bitter feud with England. Edyth’s only allies are Earl Harold Godwinson and his handfasted wife, Lady Svana. As the years pass, Edyth finds herself elevated to a position beyond even her greatest expectations. She enjoys both power and wealth but as her star rises the lines of love and duty become more blurred than she could ever have imagined. As 1066 dawns, Edyth is asked to make an impossible choice. Her decision is one that has the power to change the future of England forever . . . The first book in The Queens of Conquest series, *The Chosen Queen* by Joanna Courtney is the perfect blend of history, fast-paced plot and sweeping romance with a cast of strong female characters - an

unforgettable read. Perfect for fans of Elizabeth Chadwick and Philippa Gregory.

*The Medieval Garden* Sylvia Landsberg 2003-01-01

Combining her historical knowledge with practical experience of recreating medieval gardens in various sites in England, Landsberg explains how she designed Queen Eleanor's garden at Winchester and Brother Cadfael's physic garden at Shrewsbury.

[My First Rodeo](#) Stoney Stamper 2019-04-30

My First Rodeo is a heartwarming collection of stories that reveal the ups, downs, and delights of being a family man, from a guy who never dreamed of being one. Happily unmarried with no desire for a change in status, Stoney Stamper met a beautiful lady with two daughters, and to his surprise fell head over boots in love. At the encouragement of family and friends, he decided to chronicle his new life and created the popular blog-- The Daddy Diaries. My First Rodeo will inspire those just starting out with families to

hang in there, they can do it. And for those well beyond the child raising years, it will be a poignant reminder of the enduring goodness of family.

**The Queen's Rival** Anne

O'Brien 2020-09-03 The forgotten story of Cecily Neville, Duchess of York. A strong woman who claimed the throne for her family in a time of war... 'A compelling story of divided loyalties and family betrayals. Dramatic and highly evocative' Woman & Home

*The Ethical Slut* Dossie Easton

2009 "A practical guide to practicing polyamory and open relationships in ways that are ethically and emotionally sustainable"--Provided by publisher.

**The Boleyn Reckoning** Laura

Andersen 2014-07-15 A choice to forever change the course of history. While English soldiers prepare for the threat of invasion, William Tudor struggles with his own personal battles: he still longs for his childhood friend. But Minuette has married William's trusted advisor, Dominic, in secret - an act of betrayal that puts both

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their lives in danger. Meanwhile, with war on the horizon, Princess Elizabeth must decide where her duty really lies: with her brother or her country... Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory and Alison Weir, *The Boleyn Reckoning* concludes the trilogy of the Tudor king who never was: Henry IX.

*The Wind From Hastings*

Morgan Llywelyn 2010-04-01 Edyth, wife of King Harold of England, disappeared forever on the day of the great Battle of Hastings in 1066, taking with her the legitimate heirs to the thrones of England and Wales. This is the story of that amazing woman, who loved and married the King of Wales and then the man who would be King of England, only to witness his historic defeat by the light of Halley's Comet. At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

*The King's Daughter*

Sandra Worth 2008-12-02 In this groundbreaking novel, award-winning author Sandra Worth

vibrantly brings to life the people's Queen, "Elizabeth the Good." Seventeen-year-old Elizabeth of York trusts that her beloved father's dying wish has left England in the hands of a just and deserving ruler. But upon the rise of Richard of Gloucester, Elizabeth's family experiences one devastation after another: her late father is exposed as a bigamist, she and her siblings are branded bastards, and her brothers are taken into the new king's custody, then reportedly killed. But one fateful night leads Elizabeth to question her prejudices. Through the eyes of Richard's ailing queen she sees a man worthy of respect and undying adoration. His dedication to his people inspires a forbidden love and ultimately gives her the courage to accept her destiny, marry Henry Tudor, and become Queen. While her soul may secretly belong to another, her heart belongs to England...

**Mistress Cromwell** Carol McGrath 2020-06-25 "One of my favourite Tudor set books . . . A wonderfully vivid read."

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## **The Steel Beneath the Silk**

Patricia Bracewell 2021-03-02 A breathtaking conclusion to Bracewell's Emma of Normandy Trilogy, brimming with treachery, heartache, tenderness and passion as the English queen confronts ambitious and traitorous councilors, invading armies and the Danish king's power-hungry concubine. In the year 1012 England's Norman-born Queen Emma has been ten years wed to an aging, ruthless, haunted King Æthelred. The marriage is a bitterly unhappy one, between a queen who seeks to create her own sphere of influence within the court and a suspicious king who eyes her efforts with hostility and resentment. But royal discord shifts to grudging alliance when Cnut of Denmark, with the secret collusion of his English concubine Elgiva, invades England at the head of a massive viking army. Amid the chaos of war, Emma must outwit a fierce enemy whose goal is conquest, and outmaneuver the cunning Elgiva, who threatens all those

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whom Emma loves.  
*The Swan-Daughter* Carol McGrath 2014-12-16 'A wise and lyrical evocation of the lives of women in the aftermath of the Norman Conquest... A captivating read' SARAH BOWER The second instalment in Carol McGrath's captivating *The Daughters of Hastings* trilogy! 'You'll want to read the others in the series, they are so well-written and researched' 5\* Reader review 'Once again brilliant exciting riveting colourful history in an informative way mixed with factual areas' 5\* Reader review 'It is a very well-spun story, written in a style which made the book hard to put down' 5\* Reader review 'What a great read!' 5\* Reader review 'Thoroughly enjoyable and keeps you interested' 5\* Reader review

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A marriage made in Heaven, or Hell? 1075 and Dowager Queen Edith has died. Her niece Gunnhild longs to leave Wilton Abbey but is her suitor Breton knight Count Alain of Richmond interested in her inheritance as

the daughter of King Harold and Edith Swan-Neck, or does he love her for herself? Is her own love for Count Alain an enduring love or has she made a terrible mistake? *The Swan Daughter* is woven around a true 11th century tale of elopement, love and courage. h3Love the novels of Carol McGrath? Don't miss *THE SILKEN ROSE*, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England! **AND COMING IN APRIL 2022: DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL McGRATH AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!/H3** *Dark Tides* Philippa Gregory 2020-11-24 #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Tidelands*—the “searing portrait of a woman that resonates across the ages” (People)—returns with an evocative historical novel tracking the rise of the *Tidelands* family in London, Venice, and New England. *Midsummer Eve 1670*. Two unexpected visitors arrive at a shabby warehouse on the south

side of the River Thames. The first is a wealthy nobleman seeking the lover he deserted twenty-one years earlier. Now James Avery has everything to offer: a fortune, a title, and the favor of the newly restored King Charles II. He believes that the warehouse's poor owner Alinor has the one thing he cannot buy—his son and heir. The second visitor is a beautiful widow from Venice in deepest mourning. She claims Alinor as her mother-in-law and tells her of the death of Rob—Alinor's son—drowned in the dark tides of the Venice lagoon. Meanwhile, Alinor's brother Ned, in faraway New England, is making a life for himself between in the narrowing space between the jarring worlds of the English newcomers and the American Indians as they move towards inevitable war. Alinor writes to him that she knows—without doubt—that her son is alive and the widow is an imposter. But how can she prove it? Set in the poverty and glamour of Restoration London, in the golden streets of Venice, and on the tensely contested

frontier of early America, this is a novel of greed and desire: for love, for wealth, for a child, and for home.

The Lady of the Ravens  
(Queens of the Tower, Book 1)

Joanna Hickson 2020-01-09 'A fascinating portrait of the women who helped make a dynasty' The Times

'Bewitching' Woman & Home

'Evocative' Woman's Weekly

**The Damask Rose** Carol

McGrath 2021-04-15 1266.

Eleanor of Castile, adored wife of the Crown Prince of England, is still only a princess when she is held hostage in the brutal Baron's Rebellion, and her baby daughter dies. Scarred by privation, a bitter Eleanor swears revenge on those who would harm her family - and vows never to let herself be vulnerable again. As she rises to become Queen, Eleanor keeps Olwen - a trusted herbalist, who tried to save her daughter - by her side. But it is dangerous to be friendless in a royal household, and as the court sets out on crusade, Olwen and Eleanor discover that the true battle for Europe

may not be a matter of swords and lances, but one fanned by whispers and spies . . . ,

**Mistress Cromwell** Carol McGrath 2017-08-04 Did you love WOLF HALL, BRING UP THE BODIES and THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT? If so, you'll be gripped by MISTRESS CROMWELL: discover the powerful story of the woman in the shadows . . . Reader acclaim for Mistress Cromwell 'A delicious frisson of danger slithers through every page of the book. Enthralling.' Karen Maitland 'A delicate and detailed portrayal, absolutely beautifully done. Captivating.' Suzannah Dunn 'Rich, vivid and immersive, an enthralling story of the turbulent Tudor era.' Nicola Cornick 'Fantastic read from the perspective of Cromwell's wife.' \*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'Excellent read. Very well written and researched. Would recommend this book to anyone interested in Tudor times.' \*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'The book had me gripped from start to finish. Highly recommended.' \*\*\*\*\* Reader Review 'Rich with period detail -

so evocative of the Tudor period... I really enjoyed this.' \*\*\*\*\* Reader Review MISTRESS CROMWELL presents the rise of Tudor England's most powerful courtier, Thomas Cromwell, through the eyes of the most important - and little known - woman in his life . . . When beautiful cloth merchant's daughter Elizabeth Williams is widowed at the age of twenty-two, she is determined to make a success of the business she inherited from her father. But there are those who oppose a woman making her own way in the world, and soon Elizabeth realises she may have some powerful enemies - enemies who know the dark truth about her dead husband. Happiness arrives when Elizabeth meets ambitious young lawyer, Thomas Cromwell. Their marriage begins in mutual love and respect - but it isn't always easy being the wife of an independent, headstrong man in Henry VIII's London. The city is both merciless and filled with temptation, and Elizabeth soon realises she must take care in the life she has chosen . . . or

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The Conqueror Georgette Heyer  
2008-09-01 The true story of the bastard son who made himself a king and the woman who melted his heart. The stirring history of William the Conqueror, Duke of Normandy, who invaded England and became the King. His victory, concluded at the Battle of

Hastings in 1066, is known as the Norman Conquest. Known for her exhaustive research and ability to bring past eras to life, bestselling author Georgette Heyer tells the story of William the Conqueror, who became King of England in 1066, and his queen Matilda, the high-born noblewoman who at first scornfully spurned him. William was an illegitimate child of a nobleman, who won his dukedom through force of will, and went on to bring European feudalism to England, along with a program of building and fortification that included the building of the Tower of London. The historical novel includes Heyer's brilliant period language and her perfect grasp of the details of the day - clothing, armor, weapons, and food - making for a fascinating and blood-stirring read. Bonus reading group guide available inside. "From the moment when the infant grasped his father's sword with a strength unusual in one so young, William showed himself a leader among men. The Conqueror grew out of an incredible amount of

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historical research into the way of life, the way of speech, the way of thought, and feeling, and praying in the Eleventh Century. Without sacrificing the flow of her plot, Miss Heyer conveys an understanding of this period, more authentic as well as more colorful than many historical tomes. It is obvious in reading this novel that Georgette Heyer is indeed a mistress of her craft." — Best Sellers "Perfect craftsmanship." — The New York Times Book Review "Georgette Heyer achieves what the rest of us only aspire to." — Katie Fforde "My favourite historical novelist." — Margaret Drabble *Castles, Customs, and Kings* English Historical Fiction

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