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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. Woman in the Shadows Carol McGrath 2017-08-04 '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 MISTRESS CROMWELL presents the rise of Tudor England's most powerful courtier, Thomas Cromwell, through the eyes of the woman behind him . . . 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 risk losing everything. MISTRESS CROMWELL was previously published as THE WOMAN IN THE SHADOWS.

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 revenges 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

Kingmaker: Winter Pilgrims
Toby Clements 2014-04-10

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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 whom Emma loves.

The Wicked Wife Alison Weir 2021-01-21 The Wicked Wife is an e-short and companion piece to Katheryn Howard: The Tainted Queen, the captivating fifth novel in the Six Tudor Queens series by bestselling historian Alison Weir. 1525. As Anne Boleyn's star rises at Henry VIII's court, Jane Parker's marriage to Anne's brother, George, brings her status and influence. But theirs is not a happy union and results in a bitter and bloody end. 1540. When Katheryn Howard, a young cousin of the Boleyns, becomes the King's fifth bride, Jane's past allegiance to the crown secures her senior rank in the new queen's household. But memories of her own ill-fated marriage stir Jane's sympathies towards Katheryn and her secret liaison with a young man at court. Jane's collusion places both women at tremendous risk, while the fate of Anne Boleyn weighs heavily on their minds. They must decide where their loyalties truly lie, before it's too late...

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
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Carol McGrath 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
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Blood Queen Joanna Courtney (Novelist) Scotland, 1020 AD - King Malcolm II is fading fast. It is North vs South, for two...
families have a claim on the inheritance of his crown. Who will gain the Scottish throne? On the eve of her 16th birthday, a flushed and nervous Cora MacDuff waits to marry her sweetheart, Macbeth. But her dreams are about to be stolen from her as the night she was hoping for turns into a brutal slaughter. In order to reclaim the life she was promised, she will learn to use every weapon at her disposal - even her son.

**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

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The Dream Weavers Barbara Erskine 2021-04-15 The brand-new, gripping historical novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author of Lady of Hay! ‘Warmth, depth, mystery, magic and the supernatural ... such a beautiful book!’ bestselling author Santa Montefiore

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 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 Praise for Joanna Hickson: ‘Intriguing... told with confidence’ The Times ‘Rich and warm’ Sunday Express

The Wind From Hastings Morgan Llywelyn 2010-04-01

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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 Handfasted Wife** Carol McGrath 2013-05-02

'Moving, and vastly informative, a real page turner of a historical novel' FAY WELDON

The first instalment in Carol McGrath's captivating The Daughters of Hastings trilogy! 'This novel is a marvellous mixture of historical fact and imagination... I would heartily recommend this delightful novel. I couldn't put it down' 5* Reader review

'This is a beautifully crafted book which has been meticulously researched' 5* Reader review

'Fiction and history are woven together almost seamlessly' 5*

Reader review 'I found it an engaging book and I wanted to keep reading' 5*

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**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, 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).

The Betrothed Sister Carol McGrath 2015-10-22 'The Betrothed Sister is like one of its own rich embroideries, cut from the cloth of history and stitched with strange and passionate lives' EMMA DARWIN The final instalment in Carol McGrath's captivating The Daughters of Hastings trilogy! 'This is a brilliantly crafted novel by an author who allows readers to build considerable empathy with the characters' 5* Reader review '... full of fascinating period detail. The story is gripping and the characters are well drawn and interesting... cannot recommend them highly enough' 5* Reader review 'Another excellent historical novel from this author' 5* Reader review 'This is a brilliant story about the strength of women who we have seldom heard of' 5* Reader review 'Fascinating and very enjoyable and interesting' 5* Reader review

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Daughter is the first book in a captivating new saga about the next generation of Tudor royals, which poses the thrilling question: What if Elizabeth I, the celebrated Virgin Queen, gave birth to a legitimate heir? Since the death of her brother, William, Elizabeth I has ruled England. She’s made the necessary alliances, married Philip of Spain, and produced a successor: her only daughter, Anne Isabella, Princess of Wales. Elizabeth knows that her beloved Anabel will be a political pawn across Europe unless she can convince Philip to grant her a divorce, freeing him to remarry and give Spain its own heir. But the enemies of England have even greater plans for the princess, a plot that will put Anabel’s very life and the security of the nation in peril. Only those closest to Elizabeth—her longtime confidante Minuette, her advisor and friend Dominic, and the couple’s grown children—can be trusted to carry forth a most delicate and dangerous mission. Yet, all of the queen’s maneuverings may ultimately prove her undoing.

Praise for The Virgin’s Daughter “Thrilling . . . [Laura Andersen’s] characters are well imagined and consistent, especially the Tudor siblings. . . . [The Virgin’s Daughter] balances action and plot with emotion and character development. . . . One of the best things about alternative history is that you don’t know what will happen next, and Andersen takes full advantage of that fact.”—The Roanoke Times “The plot includes many threads, yet they are woven together flawlessly. Andersen brilliantly blends the history and historical characters we know into her wondrous new world.”—RT Book Reviews Look for special features inside. Join the Random House Reader’s Circle for author chats and more.

The Cunning of the Dove Alfred Duggan 2007-01-04 St Edward the Confessor, King of the English, is commonly despised by historians; he was the last of his dynasty, and after his death his country was conquered by
the foreigner. But that foreign conquest was exactly what St Edward had wished for. In this novel Alfred Duggan brings to life different customs, races and languages, as well as the violence and struggle for power between the Godwinssons and other great Earls - a Saxon England which seemed too large a country to unite except in dread of the Vikings.

**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

_____________________________ 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

**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.

The Lily and the Lion (The Accursed Kings, Book 6)
Maurice Druon 2015-11-10
'This was the original game of thrones' George R.R. Martin

I'll See You in Paris
Michelle Gable 2016-02-09 New York Times Best Selling Author of A Paris Apartment Three women, born generations apart. One mysterious book that threads their lives together. A journey of love, discovery, and truth...
I'll See You in Paris is based on the real life of Gladys Spencer-Churchill, the Duchess of Marlborough, a woman whose life was so rich and storied it could fill several books. Nearly a century after Gladys’s heyday, a young woman’s quest to understand the legendary Duchess takes her from a charming hamlet in the English countryside, to a dilapidated manse kept behind barbed wire, and ultimately, to Paris, where answers will be found at last. In the end, she not only solves the riddle of the Duchess but also uncovers the missing pieces in her own life. At once a great love story and literary mystery, I’ll See You in Paris will entertain and delight, with an unexpected ending that will leave readers satisfied and eager for Gable’s next novel.

Year of Wonders
Geraldine Brooks 2002 In 1666, a young woman comes of age during an extraordinary year of love and death. Inspired by the true story of Eyam, a "plague village" in the rugged hill country of England, "Year of Wonders" is a richly detailed evocation of a singular moment in history, written by the author of "Nine Parts of Desire: The Hidden World of Islamic Women."

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 Princess of Scotland
Alison Weir 2020-04-02

The Princess of Scotland is an e-short and companion piece to Katheryn Howard: The Tainted Queen, the compelling fifth novel in the Six Tudor Queens series by bestselling author and historian Alison Weir. 'The King would not approve of my falling in love ... My marriage was in his gift' Brought up in the magnificent castles of Scotland under the storm of her parent's turbulent marriage, Margaret Douglas is well-acquainted with the changing whims of those who hold power. And when her father is exiled by King James V, Margaret is sent to England to seek refuge with her uncle, King Henry VIII. Margaret is
an asset to Henry, who plans to use her eligible marriage status for his own advantage. But, surrounded by the excitement and indulgences of the English court, will Margaret be able to resist the temptations of a young admirer? As she well knows, keeping secrets from the King can be a dangerous game...

The Witch of Eye
Mari Griffith 2016-07-21
A love that leads to treason ... 1435, England. Eleanor Cobham has married into the highest ranks of the aristocracy - she is now the Duchess of Gloucester. She and her husband, the Duke Humphrey, set up a court of their own to rival the royal court in London, surrounding themselves with fascinating and influential people. But Eleanor craves the one thing she lacks: a son and heir, and with him a possible route to the throne of England. Desperate, Eleanor turns to the one person she believes can help her: Margery Jourdemayne, the infamous Witch of Eye. Such help comes at a high price ...

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The Lion and the Rose

Kate Quinn 2014-01-07 From the New York Times bestselling author of The Alice Network and The Rose Code comes the continuing saga of the ruthless Borgia family that holds all of Rome in its grasp, and the three outsiders thrust into their twisted web of blood and deceit... As the cherished concubine of the Borgia Pope...
Alexander VI, Giulia Farnese has Rome at her feet. But after narrowly escaping a sinister captor, she realizes that the danger she faces is far from over—and now, it threatens from within. The Holy City of Rome is still under Alexander’s thrall, but enemies of the Borgias are starting to circle. In need of trusted allies, Giulia turns to her sharp-tongued bodyguard, Leonello, and her fiery cook and confidante, Carmelina. Caught in the deadly world of the Renaissance’s most notorious family, Giulia, Leonello, and Carmelina must decide if they will flee the dangerous dream of power. But as the shadows of murder and corruption rise through the Vatican, they must learn who to trust when every face wears a mask...

**The Damask Rose** Carol McGrath 2026-12-30

**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.

**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.

Royal Mistress Anne Easter Smith 2013-05-07 As the mistress of King Edward IV, Jane Lambert finally brings the king true happiness, but when his hedonistic tendencies get in the way of being the strong leader England needs, her life hangs in the balance. Original. The Winter Mantle Elizabeth Chadwick 2013-05-21 Normandy 1067---William may have conquered England, but it is a conquest of a different kind that one English earl has in mind. Fresh from his defeat of King Harold at the Battle of Hastings, William of Normandy has returned home in triumph, accompanied by the English nobles he cannot trust to leave behind. For Waltheof of Huntington, however, rebellion is not at the forefront of his thoughts. From the moment he catches sight of Judith, daughter of the King's
formidable sister, he knows he has found his future wife. When Waltheof saves Judith's life, it is clear that the attraction is mutual. But marriage has little to do with love in medieval Europe. When William refuses to let the couple wed, Waltheof joins forces with his fellow rebels in an uprising against the King. William brutally crushes the rebellion, but realizes that Waltheof cannot be ignored. Marrying him to his niece, he decides, is the perfect way to keep him in check. But is the match between the Saxon earl and Norman lady made in heaven or hell? As their children grow, Waltheof and Judith must choose between their feelings for each other and older loyalties. At the same time, the reputation of Waltheof's Norman acquaintance Simon de Senlis continues to flourish. The son of William's chamberlain, he shares a special bond with Waltheof, who rescued him from being trampled by a horse when he was a squire. Now Simon enjoys the confidence of both the King and the rebel earl. And when tension between the two ignites once more, it is Simon who is set to reap the reward. Based on an astonishing true story of honor, treachery, and love, The Winter Mantle is historical fiction at its very best, reaching from the turbulent reign of William the conqueror to the high drama of the Crusades.

**The Silken Rose**
Carol McGrath 2020-04-02

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