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Shadow on the Crown Patricia Braceywell 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, steps 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 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

Traitor's Knot Cryssa Bazo 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 Bazo 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).

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 peers 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 'swinging', '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? Peaceweaver Judith Arnopp 2009-11 The story of Eadgyth, wife of Gruffydd ap Llewelyn of Wales and Harold II of England. When AElfgar of Mercia, falls foul of the king and is exiled his daughter, Eadgyth's life is changed forever. Sold into a disastrous marriage with Gruffydd ap Llewelyn, King of the Welsh; a man old enough to be her grandfather, Eadgyth ultimately finds herself accused of fornication, incest and treason. Alone in a foreign land, her life is forfeit until a surprise night attack destroys Gruffydd's palace and Eadgyth is taken prisoner by Earl Harold of Wessex. At the Saxon court she infiltrates the sticky intrigues of 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 Harold Hardrada prepares to invade from the North their future is threatened and the portentous date of October 14th 1066 looms.

The Betrothed Sister McGrath Carol 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 September 1068. Thea, also known as Gytha, the elder daughter of King Harold II, travels with her brothers and grandmother into exile carrying revenge in her heart. She is soon betrothed to a prince of Kiev. Will her betrothal and marriage bring her happiness, as she confronts enemies from inside and outside Russian territories? Will she prove herself the courageous princess she surely is, win her princely husband's respect and establish her independence in a society protective towards its women? Love the novels of Carol McGrath? Don't miss THE SILKEN ROSE, starringle 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!

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 for exploring this sometimes difficult, often rewarding territory. Warm, informative details about how to get your needs met, manage your jealousy, make agreements that...

The Swan-Daughter McGrath Carol 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 and 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...
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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 Puddle. Pedlars Puddle, 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 days-trippers she takes to various beauty spots, and loves her freedom on the move. Though she seems wistful sometimes, Marigold is, by all accounts, a happy and contented soul; her head is firmly planted in the clouds. But 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 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 uncoumplicated. She plans to kill him as soon as she gets the chance. He and his brother, William the Conqueror, may have won her heart, but she has her own reasons for loving them. 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 tapestry on one of the most notorious families of the Italian Renaissance."

The Ethical Slut

Borys' July 2010 "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 Agincourt Bride Joanna Hickson 2013-01-03 The best-selling novel about the queen who founded the Tudor dynasty. 'A bewitching first novel...alive with historical detail' Good Housekeeping. 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* Reader review 'A real page turners thanks to great characterisation' 5* Reader review 'A real adventure story of love, loss, survival and reconciliation' . . . The Handfasted Wife is the story of the Norman Conquest from the perspective of Editha (Edith) Swanneck, Harold's common-law wife. She is set aside for a political marriage when Harold falls in love with the beautiful cloth merchant's daughter Elizabeth Williams. When beautiful cloth merchant's daughter Elizabeth Williams is widowed and married the King of Wales and then the man who would be King 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.

My First Rodeo

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 take care in the life she has chosen . . . or risk losing everything. MISTRESS CROMWELL was previously published as THE WOMAN IN THE SHADOWS. Do you love the novels of Carol McGrath? Have you read THE SILKEN ROSE, her brand new novel, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England? Available now! _______ Praise for MISTRESS CROMWELL: discover the powerful story of the woman in the shadows . . . Reader acclaim for Mistress Cromwell is a "delicious frisson of danger thrillers through every page of the book. Enthralling." Karen Maitland 'A delicate and detailed portrait, 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.' 5* Reader Review 'Excellent read. Very well written and researched. Would recommend this book to anyone interested in Tudor times.' 5* Reader Review 'The book had me gripped from start to finish. Highly recommended.' 5* Reader Review 'Rich with period detail - so evocative of the Tudor period... I really enjoyed this.' 5* Reader Review MISTRESS CROMWELL presents a vibrant and powerful portrait of Elizabeth, 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's not always easy being the wife of an insignificant lawyer, Henry VIII's half-brother. Elizabeth 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. Do you love the novels of Carol McGrath? Have you read THE SILKEN ROSE, her brand new novel, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England? Available now! _______ Praise for bestselling author, Carol McGrath: 'Brilliantly researched and cleverly brought to life' - Joanna Courtney 'Intense, gripping and intricately plotted' - Alexandra Walsh 'Completely engrossed me from the start . . . incredibly rich and vividly told' - Nicola Cornick 'Expertly brings to life . . . a woman who finds herself at the heart of a deadly power game for the throne' - KJ Maitland 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.
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h3The 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. Scared 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.

h3The 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 realizes that the English nobility and church will only support her as long as they see her as a puppet in the hands of a 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.

h3The Shadowy Horses
Susanna Kearsley 2012-10-02 "I've loved every one of Susanna's books! She has bedrock research and a butterfly's delicate touch with characters—sure recipe for historical fiction that sucks you in and won't let go!"—DIANA GABALDON, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Outlander and Time Travelers of Scotland and author of Seavered Knot and DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL McGRATH. COMING APRIL 2022: AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!

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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

h3Castles, Customs, and Kings
English Historical Fiction Authors 2015-07-30 An anthology of essays from the second year of the English Historical Fiction Authors blog, this book transports the reader across the centuries from prehistoric to twentieth century Britain. Nearly fifty different authors share the stories, incidents, and insights discovered while doing research for their own historical novels. From medieval law and literature to Tudor queens and courtiers, from Stuart royals and rebels to Regency soldiers and social calls, experience the panorama of Britain's yesteryear. Explore the history behind the fiction, and discover the true tales surrounding Britain's castles, customs, and kings.

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McGrath's acclaimed She-Wolves Trilogy: the gripping series exploring the help to the queen—but can either woman choose independence, follow marriage. Her greed and warmongering. His unspoken love for male told. Much has been whispered of the conflicts in Isabella and Edward's II. Isabella has a task that only Agnes can fulfil. She wants her truth to be told. Against the lavish and decadent backdrop of the French court, and Catherine's blood-soaked visions of the future, McGrath reveals the great love and desire Catherine bore for her husband, Henry, and her stark determination to keep her sons on the throne.

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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.

Odir's Child Bruce Macbain 2015-05-26 An old grudge erupts into violence as Odd Tangle-Hair refuses to back down from the man 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 created an evocative saga that will sweep readers into the past and plant them firmly in Odd's rapidly changing world.

The Stone Rose 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 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 Aileen 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, Aileen must learn to be ruthless. Who should she encourage her husband to abdicate? 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, Aileen, the She-Wolf arrives when Elizabeth meets rapidly rising lawyer, Thomas Cromwell. The Steel Beneath the Silk CAROL MCGRATH COMING APRIL 2022: AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW! The Devil's Queen Jeannine Kalogridis 2009-07-21 From Jeannine Kalogridis, the bestselling author of I, Mona Lisa and The Borgia Bride, comes a new novel that tells the passionate story of a queen who loved not wisely... . but all too well. Confidante of Nostradamus, scheming mother-in-law to Mary, Queen of Scots, and architect of the bloody St. Bartholomew's Day Massacre, Catherine de Medici is one of the most malignoned monarchs in history. In her latest historical fiction, Jeannine Kalogridis tells Catherine's story—that of a tender young girl, destined to be a pawn in Machiavellian games. Born into one of Florence's most powerful families, Catherine was soon left a fabulously rich heiress by the early deaths of her parents. Violent conflict rent the city state and she found herself imprisoned and threatened by her family's enemies before finally being released and married off to the handsome Prince Henry of France. Overshadowed by her husband's mistress, the gorgeous, cunning Diane de Poitiers, and unable to bear children, Catherine resorted to the dark arts of sorcery to win Henry's love. But her female companions cost her a high price. Against the lavish and decadent backdrop of the French court, and Catherine's blood-soaked visions of the future, Kalogridis reveals the great love and desire Catherine bore for her husband, Henry, and her stark determination to keep her sons on the throne.
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The Vampire of Highgate Asa Bailey 2012-06-07 Gripping, atmospheric and sexy, this is British horror at its best. Kathy Bilic is adopted. Until now, she's had only a vague memory of her real family. But terrifying dreams and visions of her sister Amber are waking her in the night. When Amber starts giving her messages, Kathy gets a sickening sense that her sister is in danger - from a deadly, inhuman source. Kathy hits London to find her sister - but when she arrives at her aunt's house in Highgate, she is actively dissuaded from pursuing the mystery. Undeterred, Kathy's trail leads her through a bloody murder in the British Museum to a charged meeting with the mysterious, hypnotic Antwain and a final confrontation with her sinister father. Before long, Kathy uncovers the full horror of her heritage and her sister's fate at the hands of the Vampire of Highgate.

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.