

Historical Fiction:

A Selection



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Prehistory

Auel, Jean M.

The Clan of the Cave Bear : a novel

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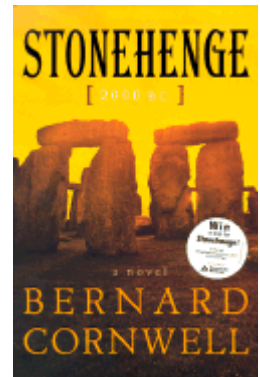
An injured and orphaned infant carries within her the seed and hope of mankind in this epic of survival and destiny set at the dawn of prehistory.

Cornwell, Bernard

Stonehenge, a novel of 2000 B.C.

F C821sto

The original construction of the ancient English monument of Stonehenge forms the backdrop of the story of three men, brothers and rivals--Lengar, a bloodthirsty tyrant and patricide; his bastard brother Camaban, a sorcerer whose madness taints Stonehenge with human sacrifice; and Saban, who must reverse the horrors of the past to realize the vision of Stonehenge.



Crace, Jim

The gift of stones

F C883g

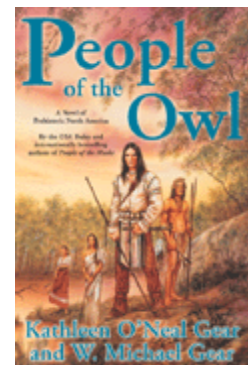
A community of stoneworkers in the era before the advent of bronze find their lives and their peace disrupted by the return of an adventurous storyteller.

Harrison, Sue

Mother earth, father sky

F H3225

Chagak, a young Native American woman living during the Ice Age, sees an enemy tribe massacre her family, is forced to bear the child of her enemy, and embarks on a personal quest for survival and revenge.



Gear, Kathleen O'Neal

People of the owl : a novel of prehistoric North America

F G2923p

Recounts the story of the trading empire of Poverty Port, Louisiana, of 3500 years ago, during which warrior and shaman Salamander experiences a vision that shapes the destiny of his people.

Holland, Cecelia

Pillar of the sky : a novel

F H734p

Two thousand years ago, at the site of Stonehenge, an outcast child grows up to become chief of the People and, guided by the women, to rebuild the ring of stones.

Thomas, Elizabeth Marshall

The animal wife

F T4555a

In Siberia twenty thousand years in the past, Kori, a courageous and relentless hunter, discovers a woman who eventually becomes his wife in spite of the fact that she cannot speak his language.

Wolf, Joan

Daughter of the Red Deer

F W8532

A group of young men from the tribe of the Horse defy their elders and kidnap women from a neighboring matriarchal tribe, in a novel set on the grassy plains of Southern Europe during the Ice Age.

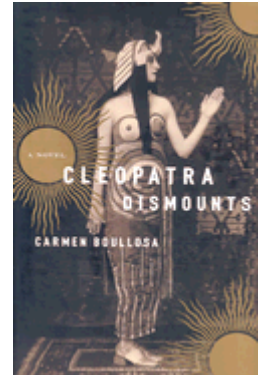
Ancient Times

Boullosa, Carmen

Cleopatra dismounts : a novel

F B7642c

This retelling of the life of Cleopatra follows the ancient queen as a girl fleeing the intrigues of royal society to take up with a band of pirates; as a queen carried by a magical bull to live among the Amazons; and as the dying consort of Marc Antony.



Doherty, P.C.

The Anubis slayings

M D655an 2000

A series of murders at one of ancient Egypt's most important temples could destroy delicate peace negotiations with the defeated Mitanni, and it is up to Nmerotke, the pharaoh's most trusted judge, to find the killer before it is too late.

Ford, Michael Curtis

The sword of Attila : a novel of the last years of Rome

F F7113s

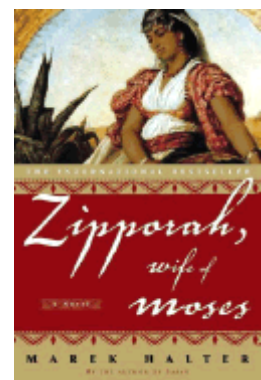
A tale inspired by a key battle in the history of Europe pits the fiercely passionate Attila the Hun against Count Flavius Aetius, the Roman Supreme General of the Armies of the Western Empire.

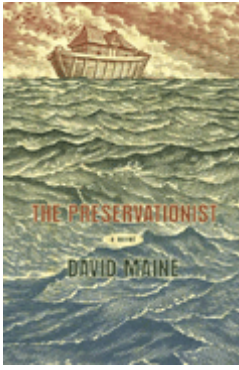
Halter, Marek

Zipporah, wife of Moses : a novel

F H197z

In the time of the Pharaoh, a tiny infant is rescued from the banks of the Red Sea. She is named Zipporah. She is taken in by Jethro, high priest of the Midianites. But the blackness of Zipporah's skin sets her apart: the men of her adopted tribe will not want her as a wife. But while drawing water at a well one day, she meets a handsome young man, a foreigner, who himself was rescued from the waters. His name is Moses.





Maine, David

The preservationist

F M225p

In this historical recreation, the wife and children of Noe, who has been directed by God to build an ark, witness its construction and assist in gathering myriad animals before finding themselves trapped within the ark during a cataclysmic flood.

Peters, Elizabeth

The serpent on the crown

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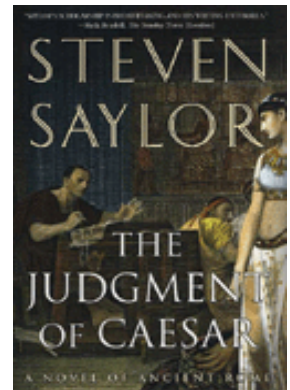
The Emersons learn of a mysterious death that has been attributed to a curse, a situation that enables Amelia Peabody and her family to enter the banned Valley of the Kings in order to return a stolen statue.

Saylor, Steven

The judgment of Caesar : a novel of Ancient Rome

M S275j

Gordianus the Finder heads to Egypt in search of a cure for the mysterious illness of his ailing wife, Bethesda. He arrives in a country torn by war and power struggles, and the situation further deteriorates when Bethesda vanishes.



Scott, Manda

Boudica : dreaming the eagle

F S4283b GPB

Chronicles the life and exploits of Boudica, the legendary Celtic warrior queen, who led her people in a bloody revolt against the power of ancient Rome.

Unsworth, Barry

The songs of the kings

F U59so

With the Greek fleet trapped in the straits of Aulis by storms, Iphigeneia, the daughter of Agamemnon, is brought to the coast under false pretenses in order to sacrifice her to appease the gods and allow the ships to continue their voyage to Troy.

Watson, Jules

The white mare

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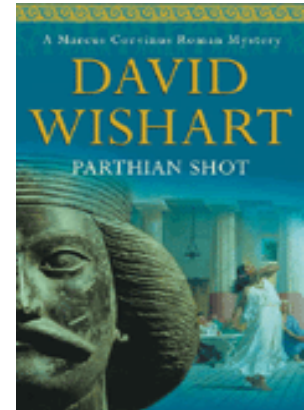
In first-century A.D. Alba (aka Scotland), after the death of Brude, king of the Epidii tribe, the duty falls on Brude's priestess sister, Rhiann, to continue the royal line. The arrival of Eremon, an exiled Irish prince of Dalriada is taken as a good omen, and the Epidii offer Rhiann as a bride in exchange for help in defeating the encroaching Romans.

Wishart, David

Parthian shot

M W8142p

With the arrival of the consular Lucius Vitellius, and a subsequent trip to the Palatine to meet one Isidorus, sleuth Marcus Corvinus finds himself on the receiving end of an assignment.



Wolfe, Gene

Latro in the mist

SF W855La GPB

Latro, a Roman mercenary soldier from the north, has suffered a head wound in battle, due to which he develops the ability to see and converse with all of the invisible gods, goddesses, ghosts, demons, and werewolves that inhabit the land, but forgets everything when he sleeps, writing down his experiences in his journal each day.

Middle Ages



Ball, David

Ironfire : a novel of the Knights of Malta and the last battle of the Crusades

F B1872i

On the small island of Malta, in the heart of the valuable sea lanes between the Ottoman Empire in the East and the Christian kingdoms of the West, the Knights of the Ancient Order of St. John prepare to make a desperate stand against forty thousand of the sultan's fiercest warriors.

Chevalier, Tracy

The lady and the unicorn

F C5272L

Interweaves historical fact with fiction to explore the mystery behind the creation of the remarkable Lady and the Unicorn tapestries, woven at the end of the fifteenth century, which today hang in the Cluny Museum in Paris.

Cornwell, Bernard

The last kingdom

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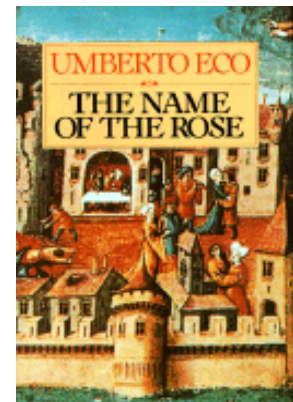
In A.D. 866, Uhtred, a boy of ten and the son of a nobleman, is captured in the same battle that leaves his father dead. His captor is a Danish chieftain, who raises the boy as his own in the Viking manner. As a young man expected to take part in raids and bloody massacres against the English, he grapples with divided loyalties.

Eco, Umberto

The name of the rose

F E19

In 1327, finding his sensitive mission at an Italian abbey further complicated by seven bizarre deaths, Brother William of Baskerville turns detective, penetrating the cunning labyrinth of the abbey and deciphering coded manuscripts for clues.



Gordon, Alan

Jester leaps in : a medieval mystery

M G6623j 2000

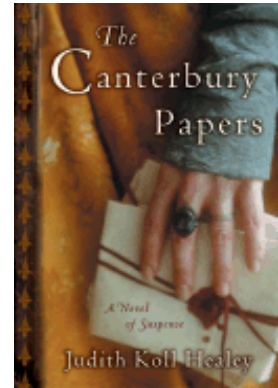
A recently married Theophilos, an agent for the Guild of Fools, is sent to Byzantium to investigate the mysterious disappearance of six missing agents and to stop a plot against the Byzantine throne, in a new mystery set against the turbulent backdrop of thirteenth-century Europe.

Healey, Judith Koll

The Canterbury papers

F H4342c

The former queen of both England and France, Eleanor of Aquitaine sends her one-time ward, Alais, sister of the king of France, on a mission to retrieve a cache of dangerous letters hidden in Canterbury Cathedral in exchange for revealing a dangerous secret involving the French princess.



Kalogridis, Jeanne

The burning times : a novel of medieval France

F K142b 2001

A fourteenth-century monk is charged with the task of determining whether a midwife turned abbess accused of heresy by the Inquisition should be dubbed a saint or burned at the stake.

Patterson, James

The jester

F P3171je

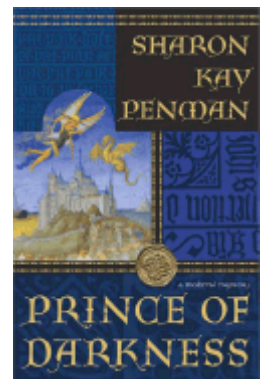
Returning home from the Crusades, a disillusioned Hugh discovers that his village has been ransacked and his wife abducted by relic-seeking knights, a situation that prompts him to pose as a court jester in order to infiltrate the castle where his wife is imprisoned.

Penman, Sharon Kay

Prince of darkness : a medieval mystery

M P411p

Justin de Quincy is drawn into a conspiracy when he investigates a forged document that implicates Prince John in a plot to kill his brother King Richard, a scheme that also endangers the woman Justin serves, Eleanor of Aquitaine.



Quick, Amanda

Mystique

F Q62my

In search of a mysterious green crystal that holds the key to his legacy, Sir Hugh--a fierce medieval warrior--descends on Lingwood Manor and comes face to face with the independent, strong-willed Lady Alice.

Rutherford, Edward

The princes of Ireland

F R975p

A fictional account of the history of Ireland recreates such events as the mission of Saint Patrick, the Viking invasion, and the trickery of Henry II that led to England's establishment in Ireland.



Vantrease, Brenda Rickman

The illuminator

F V2822i

Working in secret for a fourteenth-century Oxford professor who would translate the Bible into English, master illuminator Finn forms an alliance with Lady Kathryn, a widow desperate to protect her inheritance from the church and the monarchy.



Renaissance



Armel, Alette

Love, the painter's wife & the Queen of Sheba

F A728L

Painter Piero della Francesca is inclined to accept a papal invitation to work in Rome. His wife Silvia recounts a magical tale as a means to inspire her husband to remain in their home in Arezzo.

Baker, Kage

In the garden of Eden : a novel of the company

SF B167g

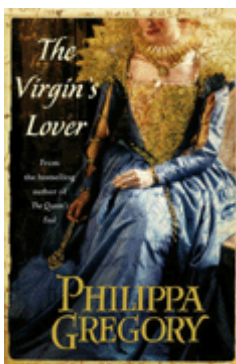
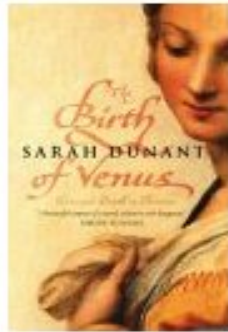
Trained by the Company as a botanist and rendered immortal, Mendoza is sent back amidst the turmoil of Renaissance England with the assignment to safeguard a species of holly that contains properties to cure cancer for future generations.

Dunant, Sarah

The birth of Venus : love and death in Florence

F D897b

Turning fifteen in Renaissance Florence, Alessandra Cecchi becomes intoxicated with the works of a young painter whom her father has brought to the city to decorate the family's Florentine palazzo.



Gregory, Philippa

The virgin's lover

F G8235v

A fictional portrait of the reign of Elizabeth I follows the young queen as she copes with intrigues aimed at placing Mary, Queen of Scots, on the British throne, and her passion for the traitorous Robert Dudley.

Herman, George

The tears of the Madonna

M H551t

Leonardo da Vinci and his companion, Niccolo, a dwarf with a photographic memory, race about Renaissance Venice in search of a priceless diamond necklace, a quest that puts them in the middle of an assassination plot in the Mantuan court.

Holdstock, Pauline

Beyond measure

F H728b SPB

This historical novel, taking place in the Italian Renaissance, follows events in the lives of a number of artists living and creating in a decadent society in which moral criteria have been supplanted by aesthetic ones, and in which 'creating beauty is all that matters.'

Maguire, Gregory

Mirror mirror

SF M213m

A retelling of 'Snow White' set in Renaissance Italy draws a link between the original fairy tale and the Borgia family's infamous practice of poisoning its enemies.



McAuley, Paul J.

Pasquale's angel

SF M1172p

In an alternate historical Renaissance Florence, an apprentice artist considers his master work in the light of his rivals, Raphael and Michaelangelo, and turns detective when a murder takes place.

Park, Jacqueline

The secret book of Grazia dei Rossi : a novel

F P2351s

Set against the backdrop of the religious persecution and papal politics of the Italian Renaissance, the story of Grazia dei Rossi, heiress to a Jewish banking dynasty and lover of a Christian lord, unfolds through her secret diary.



Riley, Judith Merkle

The master of all desires

F R573m 1999

In 1556, the prophet Nostradamus stumbles upon a plot by the queen, Catherine de Medicis, to rid herself of the king's mistress and races against time to stop the queen and an ambitious young woman from acquiring a magical but cursed artifact before it is too late.

Roessner, Michaela

The stars dispose

F R718s

Fictional characters merge with historical personages in a novel about Catherine de Medici's rise to power in the sixteenth century.

17th Century

Bennett, Ronan

Havoc, in its third year : a novel

F B472h

In a tale set against a backdrop of civil war-torn early seventeenth-century England, principled governor John Brigge hides his affection for his pregnant wife's young ward and refuses to convict a vagrant woman in spite of prejudiced town leaders.



Dunlap, Susanne

Émilie's voice : a novel

F D921e

When her singing talent gains the attention of Marc-Antoine Charpentier, young Émilie trains in preparation for her debut at the court of Louis XIV, until a scheming noblewoman, looking to unseat the king's mistress, renders Émilie a pawn in an aristocratic power game.

Galbraith, Douglas

The rising sun

F G1482r 2001

Roderick Mackenzie, the superintendent of cargoes for the ship The Rising Sun describes a daring expedition to establish a Scottish colony in Central America, the perilous voyage to the northern coast of what is now Panama, the intrigues and rivalries of his fellow colonists, and the tragic consequences of the mission.

Glover, Douglas

Elle

F G5663e GPB

A young Frenchwoman is marooned on the desolate Isle of Demons during Jacques Cartier's last attempt to colonize Canada. The society belle is turned into a Robinson Crusoe, and a female Don Quixote with an Inuit Sancho Panza.



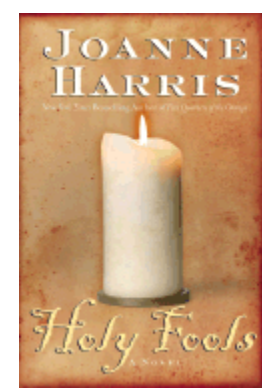
Grunwald, Henry

A saint, more or less : a novel

F G8912s

Nicole Tavernier, a mysterious healer, arrives in mid-sixteenth-century Paris to pursue her craft under the watchful eye of Barbe Acarie, who begins to have doubts about her when Nicole attracts the attention of the king of France.

Harris, Joanne



Holy fools

F H3142h

In the year 1605, a young widow, pregnant and alone, seeks sanctuary at the small Abbey of Sainte Marie-de-la-mer on an island off the Brittany coast.

King, Ross

Ex-libris

F K542e 1998

Hired to restore a once-magnificent library that had been ravaged during the English Civil War, London bookseller Isaac Inchbold leaves 1660s London to journey to a remote country estate, only to become embroiled in the search for a missing manuscript and a dark conspiracy of spies, smugglers, secret codes, and forgery.

Lasry, Pierre

Esther : a Jewish odyssey

F L3455e

The story retraces the itinerary of Esther Brandao who flees Europe and arrives in Quebec city in 1738 after many adventures.

Liss, David

The coffee trader : a novel

F L772ct

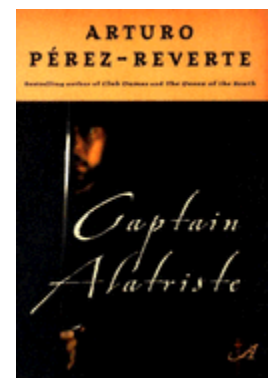
In seventeenth-century Amsterdam, Miguel Lienzo, a Portuguese-Jewish trader desperate to recover his lost fortune, enters into a partnership with seductive Geertruid Damhouder to introduce coffee to the city, and confronts a ruthless adversary.

Pérez-Reverte, Arturo

Captain Alatriste

F P4383c

Seventeenth-century Spanish soldier Alatriste works as a swordsman-for-hire in Madrid, but when his latest job takes an unexpectedly deadly turn, he realizes he is working for one of the Spanish Inquisition's most dangerous figures.



Redfern, Elizabeth

Auriel rising

F R3152a

An exile from England, Ned Warriner returns to his homeland to search for his beloved, Kate Reville, and becomes caught up in the intrigues of the early seventeenth-century English court and the quest for the philosopher's stone.

Richaud, Frédéric

Gardener to the king : a novel

F R526g 2000

A novel about the obsessions of the two great rulers at the palace of Versailles describes how Louis XIV celebrates his army's victory over Holland while the king's gardener, Jean-Baptiste de la Quintinie, works to the rhythms of the seasons to make the gardens beautiful.



Stephenson, Neal

Quicksilver

F S836q

The exploits of an alchemy-rejecting scientist, a vagabond leader, and a former Turkish harem prisoner intersect in the world of the American colonies, the Tower of London, and the courts of Louis XIV.

Welsh, Louise

Tamburlaine must die

M W462t

London in 1593 is a city on edge where strangers are unwelcome and severed heads grin from spikes on Tower Bridge. Playwright, poet and spy, Christopher Marlowe has only three days to live, during which he must confront dangerous government factions.

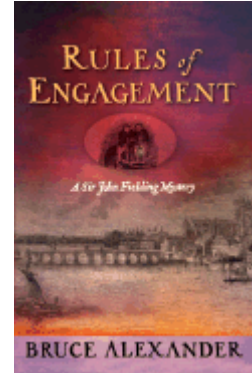
18th Century

Alexander, Bruce

Rules of engagement

M A374r

In Georgian London, two men find their deductive skills tested in the wake of a series of bizarre deaths that coincide with the arrival of an animal magnetism doctor who has suspicious ties to a suicide victim's family.



Donoghue, Emma

Slammerkin

F D6872s 2000

Born to poverty in eighteenth-century London, Mary Saunders's love of fine clothes and a dream of a better life take her from the world of prostitution to life as a household seamstress in Monmouth to a search for true freedom.

Flanagan, Thomas

The year of the French : a novel

F F583y

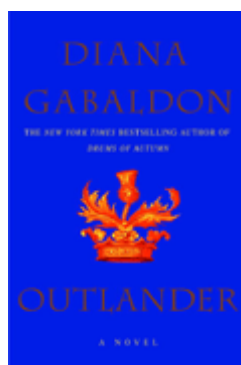
The arrival in Ireland's remote County Mayo in 1798 of a shipload of French troops to assist the Irish in their rebellion against England raises hopes which are soon buried in Irish soil.

Gabalton, Diana

Outlander

F G112

Hurtled back through time more than two hundred years to Scotland in 1743, Claire Randall finds herself caught in the midst of an unfamiliar world torn apart by violence, pestilence, and revolution and haunted by her growing feelings for James Fraser, a young soldier.

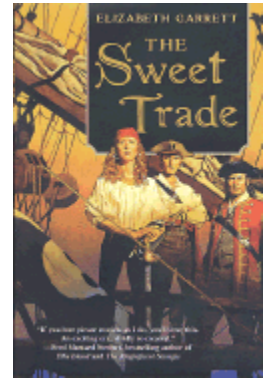


Garrett, Elizabeth

The sweet trade

F G2392s 2001

A richly textured historical novel follows the exploits and adventures of two notorious female pirates--Anne Bonny, a one-time Southern belle whose lover, Calico Jack Rackham, leads her into a life of crime, and Mary Read, an Englishwoman forced to disguise herself as a man to make a living as a merchant sailor.



Griffin, Nicholas

The house of sight and shadow

F G8523h 2000

In early eighteenth-century London, two doctors--Sir Edmund Calcraft, a renowned if notorious anatomist, and his ambitious student, Joseph Bendix--play a dark and dangerous game with the criminal underworld as they pursue their quest for scientific and medical research.

Gulland, Sandra

The last great dance on earth

F G973L 2000

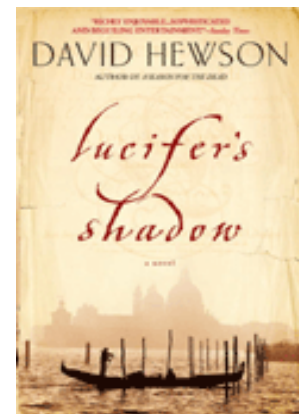
The conclusion to the acclaimed Josephine Bonaparte trilogy describes the rise and fall of Napoleon's great empire, her divorce from him, and his exile to Elba.

Hewson, David

Lucifer's shadow

M H613L

Disillusioned by the darker side of Venice, English cataloguer Daniel Forster discovers a lost musical masterpiece within a library of dusty manuscripts and is drawn into a treacherous game of deception that spans three centuries.



Hollingshead, Greg

Bedlam : a novel

F H7416

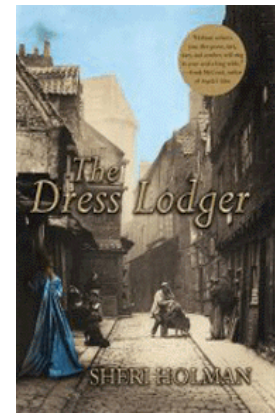
Tells a dramatic and compelling story of three ordinary people caught up in the turmoil of the late-18th century, their lives inexorably intertwined in a world where nothing is as it seems.

Holman, Sheri

The dress lodger

F H7472d 2000

In a novel set in the filth and depravity of London's mean streets during the Industrial Revolution, a prostitute borrows a blue dress to attract a higher class of client and is shadowed through the streets by an evil old woman hired by the dress' owner to keep an eye on her.



Lehrer, Jim

The Franklin affair : a novel

F L524f

A young historian's peaceful and orderly life undergoes a personal and professional crisis when he receives a letter dating back to the Revolutionary War and a scandal that could alter American history is revealed.

Liss, David

A spectacle of corruption : a novel

F L772s

Realizing at the moment of his conviction for a crime he did not commit that someone is determined to see him dead and another to set him free, Benjamin Weaver works to expose a conspiracy with links to the coming election.

Stockley, Philippa

A factory of cunning

F S865f

Assuming a new identity to put distance between herself and her scandalous French past, Mrs. Fox pits her formidable skills for revenge against a notorious earl, in a story involving venal lords, wronged maidens, and reprobate clergymen.

Swerling, Beverly

Shadowbrook : a novel of love and war

F S9742s

A story set in an Ohio Country glen during the French and Indian War finds a gentleman-turned-scout, a half-Native American woodsman, and a chaste young woman experiencing profound life changes.

19th Century

Atwood, Margaret

Alias Grace

F A887a

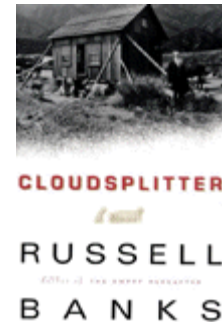
Takes readers into the life and mind of Grace Marks, one of the most notorious women of the 1840s, who is serving a life sentence for murders she claims she cannot remember.

Banks, Russell

Cloudsplitter : a novel

F B2185cL

Offers a fictional re-creation of the turbulent landscape of pre-Civil War America and of John Brown's 1859 raid on the federal arsenal at Harpers Ferry, Virginia, as narrated by the enigmatic abolitionist's son, Owen.



Bernstein, Michael André

Conspirators

F B5314c

In the waning days of the Hapsburg Empire, a beleaguered count fights back against the political assassinations of his kinsmen by releasing his spymaster Jakob Tausk, a young Jew, to investigate the killings.

Brooks, Geraldine

March : a novel

F B8734m

In a story inspired by the father character in Little Women and drawn from the journals and letters of Louisa May Alcott's father, a man leaves behind his family to serve in the Civil War and finds his marriage and beliefs profoundly challenged by his experiences.



Carey, Peter

True history of the Kelly Gang : a novel

F C275tr 2000

Ned Kelly, the son of Irish immigrants, outlaw, and legendary nineteenth-century Australian folk-hero, describes in his own words how he, his brother, and two friends led authorities on a twenty-month manhunt, marked by widespread populist support, before his capture and execution.

Carr, Caleb

The Italian secretary

F C3111i

Legendary detective Sherlock Holmes finds himself on the trail of a murderer whose connections may run all the way up the social ladder to the royal family.

Ceely, Jonatha

Mina : a novel

F C389m

Working in a nineteenth-century English manor house, a young Irish immigrant runs from the brutality and horror of her peasant life back in Ireland, but the palatial illusion cannot last forever.



Clarke, Susanna

Jonathan Strange & Mr Norrell

SF C611j

In nineteenth-century England, all is going well for rich, reclusive Mr Norrell, who has regained some of the power of England's magicians from the past, until a rival magician, Jonathan Strange, appears and becomes Mr Norrell's pupil.

Emerson, Kathy Lynn

Deadlier than the pen : a Diana Spaulding mystery

M E532d

Using her trademark meticulous research, Emerson creates Diana Spaulding, a widowed theatrical columnist struggling to stay afloat in the yellow journalism world of Gilded Age New York City. A mix of murder, madness, mystery, and romance.

Faber, Michel

The crimson petal and the white

F F1152c

Yearning to escape her life of prostitution in 1870s London, Sugar finds her fate entangled in the complicated family life of patron William, an egotistical perfume magnate.

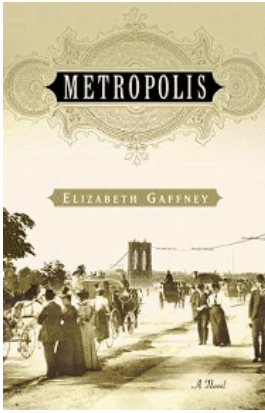
Fraser, George MacDonald

Flashman on the march : from the Flashman Papers 1867-8

F F841fm

Flash Harry, celebrated Victorian bounder, amorist and poltroon extraordinaire is back. This time he is on the lam from Mexican bandits, rebels and the French Foreign Legion and on a mission to an African court whose queen sometimes threw adventurers to her pet lions.





Gaffney, Elizabeth

Metropolis : a novel

F G1312m

Following a fire in P.T. Barnum's circus stable, a young German immigrant becomes caught up in New York's criminal underworld while falling in love with an Irish girl, as he becomes the target of a city-wide arson investigation.

García, Cristina

Monkey hunting

F G2162m

A saga of a Chinese-Cuban family begins in 1857, when Chen Pan signs a contract that takes him from China to Cuba and enslavement on a sugarcane plantation and follows him as he finds prosperity in Havana's Chinatown.

Ghosh, Amitav

The glass palace

F G427g 2000

Unable to forget the girl he befriended during the British invasion of 1885 when soldiers forced the royal family of Burma into exile, Rajkumar is lifted on the tides of political and social chaos to create an empire in the Burmese teak forests.

Govier, Katherine

Creation : a novel

F G7215c

This novel chronicles a summer in the life of John James Audubon, the world's most famous bird artist and author of *The Birds in America*.



Hambly, Barbara

Die upon a kiss

F H199d 2001

In 1835 New Orleans, Benjamin January, a free man of color, becomes caught up in an insidious and deadly plot when he rescues opera impresario Lorenzo Belaggio, who has brought a production of the opera *Othello* to town, from a violent attack in the alley outside the stage door.

Humphreys, Helen

Afterimage

F H9272a

Set in the mid-19th-century English countryside, Humphreys' tale follows house maid Annie Phelan as she comes to work for the artist Isabelle, and becomes the subject of Isabelle's photographs.

Jakes, John

Savannah, or, A gift for Mr. Lincoln : a novel

F J25sa

Widow Sara Lester is the owner of the plantation Silvergrass, but her continued possession of the place is threatened on two fronts: by the Union soldiers advancing on Savannah and by corrupt Judge Drewgood, who pressures her to sell the property.

King, Laurie R.

The game : a Mary Russell novel

M K53ga

Traveling incognito, Mary Russell and her famed spouse, Sherlock Holmes, head for India to search for a missing spy, the famous orphan who inspired Rudyard Kipling's Kim, and find themselves caught up in a dangerous, high-level game of intrigue and political machinations.

Min, Anchee

Empress Orchid

F M6635e

A fictional portrait of the last empress of China follows Orchid, a beautiful teenager from an aristocratic family, who is chosen to become a low-ranking concubine of the emperor and rises to a position of power in the Chinese court.

**Nattel, Lilian**

The singing fire : a novel

F N282s

Arriving in the bustling lanes of London's Jewish ghetto, Nehama escapes a life of prostitution and assists pregnant fellow runaway Emilia, whose daughter becomes a nexus in the lives of both women.

O'Brian, Patrick

Master and commander

F O136m GPB

The first volume of the Aubrey/Maturin novels introduces Captain Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin, ship's surgeon and intelligence agent, in the age of the Napoleonic wars.

Parry, Owen

The rebels of Babylon

F P265r

When a Yankee heiress is murdered in Civil War-era, Union-occupied New Orleans, prim Methodist detective Abel Jones launches an investigation that takes him from the French Quarter alleys, to nearby plantations, to the local bayous.

Pearl, Matthew

The Dante Club : a novel

F P3594d

In 1865, the preparations of the Dante Club--led by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow and Oliver Wendell Holmes--to release the first translation of Dante's "The Divine Comedy" are threatened by a series of murders that re-create episodes from "Inferno."



Perry, Anne

Long Spoon Lane : a novel

M P462L

In a Victorian-era London beset by anarchists, detective Thomas Pitt investigates the mysterious death of Magnus Landsborough, the son of aristocrat Lord Sheridan Landsborough, during a violent gun battle between police and rioters.

Rimbaud, Patrick

The battle

F R167b 2000

A dramatic fictional recreation of the 1809 battle of Essling captures the events of the conflict, Napoleon's first major defeat, through the experiences of real life people of the time, including the wrtier Stendhal, the painter Lejeune, and Napoleon himself.

Schuyler, Nina

The painting : a novel

F S397p

In 1869 Japan, a young woman escapes the confines of her arranged marriage by painting memories of her lover and secretly wrapping the painting around a ceramic pot bound for Europe, where it falls into the hands of a disenchanted young man.



See, Lisa

Snow flower and the secret fan : a novel

F S4512s

A story of friendship set in nineteenth-century China follows an elderly woman and her companion as they communicate their hopes, dreams, joys, and tragedies through a unique secret language.



Smith, Wilbur

The triumph of the sun : a novel of African adventure

F S663tr

In the Sudan of the 1880's, the banks of the Nile are torn by an unprecedented war during which a charismatic new religious leader traps hundreds of people in the capital city of Khartoum.

Tallman, Shirley

Murder on Nob Hill

M T149m

An unconventional young woman working as a lawyer in 1880 San Francisco, Sarah Woolson takes on her first client, a society matron accused of stabbing to death her wealthy, abusive husband. Sarah's investigation uncovers shady legal shenanigans, a scandalous sex club, and a dangerous Chinese tong lord.

Thomas, Will

Some danger involved

M T463s

Nineteenth-century private detective Cyrus Barker teams up with Thomas Llewelyn, a young man with a murky past, to investigate the killing of a young scholar bearing a startling resemblance to artists' renderings of Jesus Christ.



Tuck, Lily

The news from Paraguay : a novel

F T889n

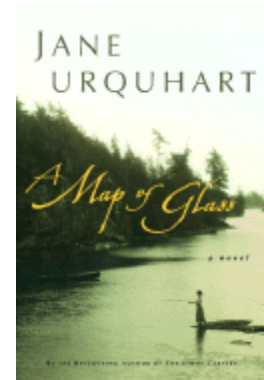
Pursued by the future dictator of Paraguay, Irish courtesan Ella Lynch struggles with isolation in spite of her power as his mistress, and witnesses the nation's victimization due to her lover's arrogant ambitions.

Urquhart, Jane

A map of glass

F U79m

A novel about loss and the transitory nature of place weaves two parallel stories, one set in contemporary Toronto and Prince Edward County, the other in the nineteenth century on the northern shores of Lake Ontario.



Urrea, Luis Alberto

The hummingbird's daughter : a novel

F U81h

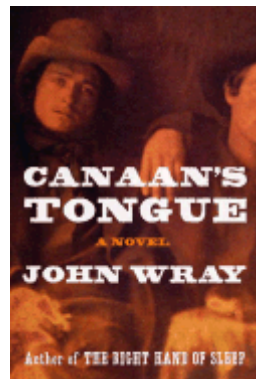
When sixteen-year-old Teresita, the illegitimate daughter of a late-nineteenth-century rancher, arises from death possessing the power to heal, she is declared a saint and finds her faith tested by the impending Mexican civil war.

Wray, John

Canaan's tongue

F W943c

Eight survivors of the notorious Island Thirty Seven Gang, a group of outlaws hunted by both the Union and Confederacy for dealing in stolen slaves, await their fate at the hands of their leader, or the Pinkerton detectives pursuing them.



20th Century

Antunes, António Lobo

The inquisitors' manual

F A636i

Nearing the end of his life in a Lisbon nursing home, former state minister and friend of Portuguese dictator Salazar ruminates on his inept son, illegitimate daughter, and the Revolution that ended the dictatorship and its regime.



Baker, Calvin

Once two heroes

F B1677o

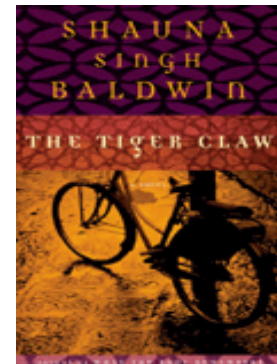
A black former Frenchman and an older Mississippi family man serve together in World War II only to confront the painful post-war realities of American racism, which they experience in the wake of a murder, a police chase, and a desperate bid for freedom.

Baldwin, Shauna Singh

The tiger claw : a novel

F B182t

A suspense-filled historical novel about Noor Inayat Khan, a quiet woman who transmitted messages on behalf of the French Resistance and was executed by the Germans in Dachau in 1944. Much of the book consists of journal entries addressed to the child Noor never had.



Bock, Dennis

The ash garden : a novel

F B6652a 2001

The lives and fates of three people--a scientist smuggled into America to work at Los Alamos, a young woman quarantined on a refugee ship in the Atlantic, and a young Japanese girl--collide in August 1945 with the dropping of the atomic bomb on Hiroshima.

Boyden, Joseph

Three day road : a novel

F B7897t

Cree reserve student Xavier enlists in the military during World War I, a conflict throughout which he and his best friend are marginalized for their appearances, their culturally enhanced marksmanship, and their disparate views of the war.

Clarke, John

The tournament

F C5982t

The great philosophers, celebrities, artists, and scientists of the twentieth century take part in a two-week tennis tournament that chronicles the cultural history of the twentieth century.

Cookson, Catherine

Kate Hannigan's girl

F C773ka 2000

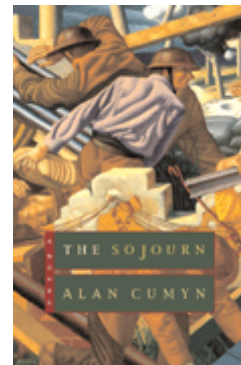
Annie, the illegitimate daughter of Kate Hannigan, battles her way out of the slums of turn-of-the-century England and into the arms of a loving doctor and a poor Oxford-educated man who lives down the road.

Cumyn, Alan

The sojourn

F C9712s

After a particularly horrible assault during the battle of Ypres, a Canadian soldier is granted a leave to London where he encounters both love and his own battle induced doubts and fears.



de Bernières, Louis

Birds without wings

F D2861b

In a small town in Anatolia in the final days of the Ottoman Empire, the lives of its inhabitants--Armenians, Christians, and Muslims--have been peacefully intertwined. This changes when a powerful military leader conscripts the young men of the village to battle the invading Western European forces during the Great War.

Deaver, Jeffery

Garden of beasts : a novel of Berlin 1936

F D2852g



In 1936, a German-American hit man is forced by the government to pose as an Olympic contender and kill a member of Hitler's regime.

Doughty, Louise

Fires in the dark : a novel

F D732f

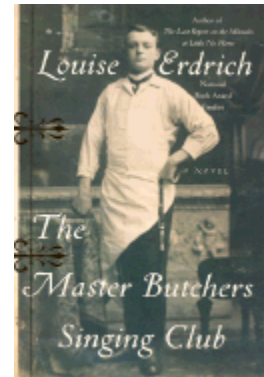
Chronicles thirty years in the lives of a single gypsy family, the Ruzickas, nomadic farm workers, beginning with the birth of the Ruzickas' son on the eve of Hitler's reign of terror.

Erdrich, Louise

The Master Butchers Singing Club : a novel

F E663m

Returning home to his quiet German village after World War I, trained killer Fidelis Waldvogel, accompanied by his new wife, starts a new life in America and finds his life irrevocably changed by a new relationship.



Farhi, Moris

Young Turk : a novel

F F223y

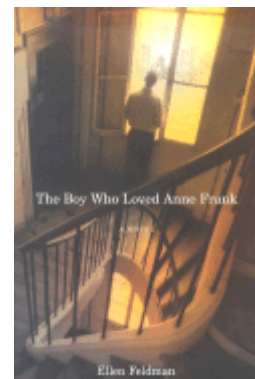
A series of thirteen interconnected stories follows the experiences of a circle of young friends who come of age in the increasingly politicized nation of Turkey before, during, and after World War II.

Feldman, Ellen

The boy who loved Anne Frank : a novel

F F312b

A fictionalized account of the post-war life of Peter van Pels, who hid in the secret annex with Anne Frank and her family, follows his survival of the Holocaust, his relocation to America, and his memories upon the publication of Anne's diary.



Frank, Elizabeth

Cheat and charmer : a novel

F F8286c

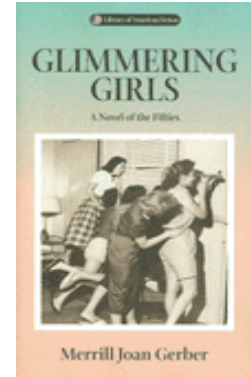
In 1950s Hollywood, Dinah Lasker, the wife of a successful producer, writer, and director, is unexpectedly subpoenaed to testify before the House Un-American Activities Committee.

Gerber, Merrill Joan

Glimmering girls : a novel of the fifties

F G362g

At a Florida college in 1959, three young women encounter the repressive social control over them of the era. They rebel in their way by leaving the confinement of the dorms for off-campus housing, which they share with men! Horrors! They will be drinking and smoking next!

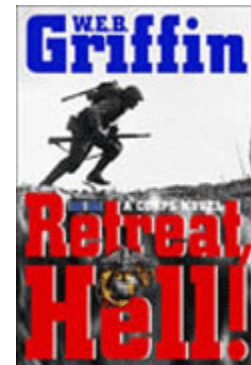


Griffin, W.E.B.

Retreat, hell!

F G852r

In the fall of 1950, the U.S. Marines confront an uphill battle as they make their way from Inchon across the 38th parallel, dealing with the full force of Chinese military might and the disappearance of an officer's son behind enemy lines.



Hayward, Steven

The secret mitzvah of Lucio Burke : a novel

F H427s

It is a summer afternoon in 1933 when Lucio Burke knocks a great bird out of the Toronto sky with a single, perfect throw. Lucio finds himself pulled into history and into contact with the labour movement, anti-Semitism, fascism, and onto the mound as the pitcher in the most infamous baseball game in Canadian history at the riot at Christie Pits.

Holmes, Rupert

Swing : a mystery

M H752s

Jazz musician Ray Sherwood, playing at the 1940 World Fair, becomes involved in an investigation into the death of a mysterious Frenchwoman, who had previously propositioned him.

Irby, Lee

7,000 clams : a novel

F I654s

When Frank Hearn, a down-on-his-luck bootlegger looking to score big in 1920s America, gets his hands on a handwritten IOU for \$7000 signed by Babe Ruth, he embarks on an odyssey from New Jersey to St. Petersburg, Florida, to locate and convince the Babe to give him the money.



Karnezis, Panos

The maze

F K188m

The story of a retreating Greek brigade that has lost its way in the summer of 1922. The brigade is pursued by a Turkish army that seeks to avenge three years of Greek occupation.

Levy, Andrea

Small island

F L6681s

In 1948, in a London still shaken by war Queenie Bligh takes into her house several lodgers who have recently arrived from Jamaica with dreams of starting a better life.



Loh, Vyviane

Breaking the tongue

F L8332b

As the Japanese prepare to invade Singapore, an Anglophile Chinese family struggles to survive and preserve its dignity in the face of increasing

depravations and the shifting loyalties of spies, expatriates, and nationalists.



Mallon, Thomas

Bandbox

F M2552b

In Jazz Age New York, Jehoshaphat 'Joe' Harris and his offbeat employees battle a sabotaged fiction contest, the NYPD vice squad, the kidnapping of a subscriber, and a gorgeous but murderous film actress cover girl as they struggle to outwit a new competitor to save their popular magazine, Bandbox.

McCann, Colum

Dancer : a novel

F M1221d

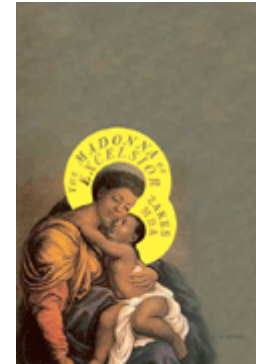
Fictional account of the life of Rudolf Nureyev, following his first ballet lessons under Anna Vasileva, his relationship with the ambitious Yulia, and his experiences with Venezuelan hustler Victor.

Mda, Zakes

The Madonna of Excelsior

F M4785m

A novel takes readers deep into the heart of apartheid in the early 1970s, focusing on a mixed race family that is trying to survive on the closely regulated line between black and white.



Mills, Mark

Amagansett

F M6574a

Conrad Labarde, a reclusive fisherman, finds his life transformed when he pulls up the body of a beautiful young woman in his fishing nets, in a story set against the backdrop of a small Long Island fishing community in 1947.

Mosby, Katherine

Twilight : a novel

F M894t

Breaking her engagement to an undesirable partner in the years preceding World War II, Lavinia Gibbs rebuilds her life in Europe, where she experiences a sexual and political awakening at the side of enigmatic Frenchman Gaston Lesseur.

Murkoff, Bruce

Waterborne : a novel

F M977w

Their lives and dreams dramatically compromised by the Great Depression, three individuals journey to the vast construction site of the Hoover Dam in Nevada in the hopes of starting their lives over or exacting revenge.

Ozick, Cynthia

Heir to the glimmering world

F O99h

James A'bair, whose father is the author of the popular series 'The Bear Boy,' has taken in the eccentric Mitwisser family and the orphaned Rose Meadows, who must resist the pull of the actual Bear Boy, in a novel of Depression-era New York.



Phillips, Arthur

The egyptologist : a novel

F P5582e

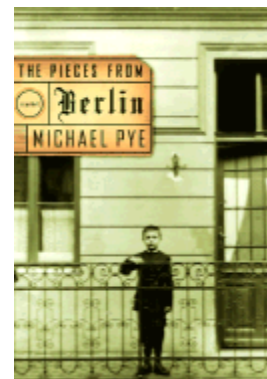
Egyptologist Ralph Trilipush risks his professional reputation and his fiancée's fortune on a search for the tomb of an apocryphal pharaoh, while an Australian detective embarks on a global search for a murderer.

Pye, Michael

The pieces from Berlin

F P995p

Lucia Müller-Rossi, a respected, ninety-year-old antiques dealer in Zurich, finds her reputation on the line when Sarah Freeman discovers a table in her shop that Sarah and her husband had owned before the war, in a novel based on a real-life historical figure, a woman who made a fortune dealing in stolen art in wartime Berlin.



Raleigh, Michael

The Blue Moon Circus : a three-ring novel

F R163b

In 1926, with money running out and a broken-down big top, Lewis Tully, the aging owner of a run-down circus, and his oddball assortment of circus performers, head west for one final tour, accompanied by Charlie, a nine-year-old orphan left in his care.



Richler, Nancy

Your mouth is lovely : novel

F R5313y

A story told through a series of letters to the narrator's daughter follows her upbringing in a Russian shtetl after her mother's mysterious suicide, her isolation as an outcast, and her exile to Siberia.

Sileika, Antanas

Woman in bronze : a novel

F S5825w

Tomas Stumbas, a gifted sculptor who grew up in war-torn Eastern Europe, feels caught between the destruction surrounding his 1917 Lithuania and his own private need to create.

Taylor, Kate

Mme. Proust and the kosher kitchen

F T2434m

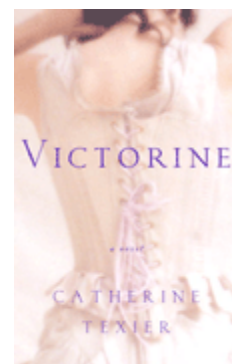
The lives of three women intersect in this novel about memory, death and deliverance, mothers and sons, prejudice and unrequited love, but also literature and cooking as a cure for heartbreak.

Texier, Catherine

Victorine

F T355v

Witnessing Nazi patrols in the seaside town where she is spending the final years of her life, Victorine



examines her past, from the willow-lined canals of her childhood home to her nights along the Mekong River at the turn of the century, to her decision to leave her family to start a new life with her lover in Indochina.

Wiesel, Elie

The time of the uprooted

F W651ti

Tormented by feelings of loss and dispossession after spending his life fleeing first the Nazis and then the 1956 Russian invasion of Hungary, Gamaliel Friedman settles in New York, where he meets a fellow group of exiles.



Winspear, Jacqueline

Birds of a feather

M W782b

Maisie Dobbs is back and this time she has been hired to find a wealthy grocery magnate's daughter who has fled from home. What seems a simple case at first becomes complicated when Maisie learns of the recent violent deaths of three of the heiress's old friends.

Through the Ages

Hoffman, Alice

Blackbird House

F H699bL

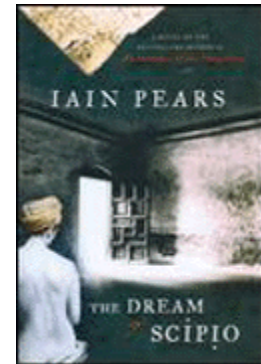
This is a series of interlinking stories that captures the lives and fortunes of the various occupants of an old Massachusetts house over the course of two centuries.

Pears, Iain

The dream of Scipio

F P3614dr

An ancient manuscript called "The Dream of Scipio" links three separate centuries--the fifth, the end of the Roman Empire; the fourteenth, the time of the Black Death; and the twentieth during World War II--and three stories of love, all set in Provence.



Silbert, Leslie

The intelligencer

M S5822i

Novice private investigator Kate Morgan teams up with a European financier who is investigating a centuries-old manuscript that documents the final days of an Elizabethan-era murder victim.

Tademy, Lalita

Cane River

F T121c 2001

Follows four generations of African American women from slavery to the early twentieth century as they struggle for economic security and the future of their families along the Cane River in rural Louisiana.

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