

Naslund, Sena Jeter

*Ahab's Wife, Or, The Star-Gazer*

Inspired by a brief passage in Melville's *Moby Dick*, this novel chronicles the life of Captain Ahab's wife.

Nguyen, Kien

*Le Colonial*

French Jesuits bring the gospel and more to the future kingdom of Viet Nam in 1771.

See, Lisa

*Snow Flower and the Secret Fan*

Foot binding, a secret language used exclusively by women of Hunan Province, and the arranged friendship between two girls, provide the framework for this look at 19th century China.

Tan, Amy

*The Bonesetter's Daughter*

While her mother is suffering from Alzheimer's, Ruth translates two packets of writing that tells her family's story in the early part of the 20th century China.

Also try: *Brookland* by Emily Barton

Vreeland, Susan

*The Forest Lover*

The story of legendary painter and naturalist, Emily Carr, set in British Columbia at the turn of the 20th century. Vreeland has also written *Girl In Hyacinth Blue* (about Vermeer, 17th century) and *The Passion of Artemisia* (about Artemisia Gentileschi, 17th century)

Wood, Barbara

*The Blessing Stone*

Chronicles human development by following the passage of a precious stone throughout history.

Young, Robyn

*Brethren*

On the eve of the last Crusades, a young knight searches for a mysterious book belonging to a secret organization within the Knights Templar.

Also try: *Knights of the Black and White* by Jack Whyte

# Historical Fiction



Disappear into another time and place. Make sure to check for additional titles by these authors.

Alexander, Robert

*The Kitchen Boy: A Novel of the Last Tsar*

The final days of the late Russian Tsar, Nicholas II and his family. This is the fictional story of their exile and execution told by the kitchen boy.

Atwood, Margaret

*Alias Grace*

Based on a true story, Grace Marks was convicted of murdering her employer and another person in 1843.

Also try: *Star of the Sea* by Joseph O'Connor

Ball, David

*Ironfire*

As story about the Knights of Malta who defend their tiny island at the end of the 16th century Crusades.

Bayard, Louis

*Mr. Timothy*

Tiny Tim is all grown up in this tale set in the underbelly 1860's London. Historical Thriller.

Also try: *Long Spoon Lane* by Anne Perry

Begiebing, Robert

*The Adventures of Allegra Fullerton*

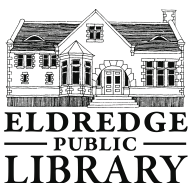
Allegra is a young widow in the early 19th century, struggling toward independence and artistic fulfillment in a society unprepared to grant either to a woman.

Brooks, Geraldine

*March*

From Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, comes the story of the absent husband March. We see the complexity of war and marriage during the Civil War.

Also try: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson



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Carr, Caleb

*The Alienist*

An unlikely team embarks on what is a revolutionary effort in criminology to catch a serial killer in late 19th century New York City. Historical Thriller.

Also try: *The Interpretation of Murder by Jed Rubenfeld*

Cornwell, Bernard

Sharpe Series

This continuing series is about an English rifleman in the Napoleonic Wars. This is an adventure story as well as historically authentic fiction.

Erdrich, Louise

*The Master Butchers Singing Club*

Old World meets New when Fidelis Waldvogel moves his family from Germany to North Dakota after World War I.

Essex, Karen

*Leonardo's Swans*

Essex brings life to the Sforza court and the competition between the d'Este sisters' complex relationships with each other, their husbands and Leonardo da Vinci. Set in Renaissance Italy.

Also try: *The Birth of Venus* by Sarah Dunant

Follett, Ken

*The Pillars of the Earth*

A group of men and women in the Middle Ages whose destinies are fatefully linked with the building of a Cathedral. The sequel, *World Without End*, is set two centuries later.

Frazier, Charles

*Cold Mountain*

The journey of a confederate soldier Inman, who, after being wounded, deserts his post to travel home to his true love, Ada.

Also try: *Ghost Riders* by Sharyn McCrumb

Gunning, Sally

*The Widow's War*

Set in a colonial whaling village, widow Lyddie Berry fights for her rights against a society that strips widows not only of their property, but of their place in society.

Gregory, Philippa

Several novels set in Great Britain during the Tudor Period. *The Queen's Fool*, *The Virgin's Lover*, *The Constant Princess*, *The Other Boleyn Girl* and *The Boleyn Inheritance*.

Hall, Brian

*I Should be Extremely Happy in Your Company: A Novel of Lewis and Clark*

Recreating the journey of Lewis and Clark, Hall puts a new perspective on the most famous journey in American History.

Also try: *The Whistling Season* by Ivan Doig

Hellenga, Robert

*The Sixteen Pleasures*

Margot Harrington discovers a priceless Renaissance masterwork when she volunteers in Florence in 1966 to save the cities treasured art from Arno's flooded banks.

Holman, Sheri

*The Dress Lodger*

Fifteen year old Gustine is a potter's assistant by day and a dress lodger by night. This historical thriller is set in England during the cholera epidemic of 1831.

Mallon, Thomas

*Henry and Clara*

Blending fact with fiction, Mallon vividly recreates the tragic story of Henry and Clara Rathbone, the young couple who sat in the President's box on the night of Lincoln's assassination.

Also try: *Faded Coat of Blue* by Owen Parry

Martin, William

*The Lost Constitution*

Treasure hunter Peter Fallon is on the search for an early annotated draft of the Constitution, stolen and smuggled out of Philadelphia. Past and present play off one another as he searches for the document. Look for other books by Martin: *Cape Cod*, *Back Bay*, *Harvard Yard*, *Annapolis* and *Citizen Washington*.

McMahon, Katharine

*The Alchemist's Daughter*

Emilie Selden is a scientist in 18th century England, where she experiments in the matters of the heart.