

A Vision of Light

by Judith Merkle Riley

Young and wealthy Margaret of Ashbury decides to chronicle her life during the turbulent Middle Ages.

River God: a Novel of Ancient Egypt

by Wilbur A. Smith

The colorful and brutal saga of two star-crossed lovers in ancient Egypt.

King and Goddess

by Judith Tarr

A fictional look at the life of ancient Egypt's Queen Hatshepsut, the first woman to rule as Pharaoh



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City of Light

by Lauren Belfer

As Buffalo, New York has plans for the grand Pan-American Exposition of 1901, Louisa Barrett, a girls' school headmistress, is forced to examine the choices she has made when a mysterious death occurs at the city's power plant.

Girl with a Pearl Earring

by Tracy Chevalier

In seventeenth century Holland, a young girl goes to work as a maid for the famous painter Vermeer and winds up becoming the girl with a pearl earring.



Pope Joan

by Donna Woolfolk Cross

Disguising herself as a man, Joan of Ingelheim enters a Benedictine monastery and eventually is drawn to Rome where she becomes involved in Papal politics.

The Red Tent

by Anita Diamant

Dinah, the daughter of Jacob from the Old Testament, narrates this incredible story of what life was like for women in Biblical times.

The Game of Kings

by Dorothy Dunnett

Francis of Lymond, a Scottish outlaw/nobleman has plans to upset the balance of power in sixteenth century Europe.



The Pillars of the Earth

by Ken Follett

Political intrigue and strife accompany the efforts of a group of people to raise a cathedral to protect themselves in twelfth century England.

Lady's Maid

by Margaret Forster

The story of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's courtship and marriage as seen from the viewpoint of her maid.



The Autobiography of Henry VIII: with Notes by His Fool, Will Somers

by Margaret George

Henry VIII's memoirs, as he himself might have told them, are interspersed with irreverent comments from his court jester.

Caravan

by Dorothy Gilman

Danger, romance, and adventure form the backdrop for this story of one young woman's heroic journey across the Sahara early in the 20th century.

Earthly Joys

by Philippa Gregory

In the late 16th and early 17th centuries, gardener and plant collector John Tradescant becomes caught up in court intrigues and royal politics.



My Thomas: a Novel of Martha Jefferson's Life

by Roberta Grimes

A fictionalized journal explores Martha Jefferson's life and love for her husband.



The Assyrian

by Nicholas Guild

The bloody intrigues and perilous adventures of Tiglath Asher are brought to life in this dramatic novel set in the ancient Middle East.

The Many Lives and Secret Sorrows of Josephine B.

by Sandra Gulland



The fictionalized diary of Josephine Bonaparte who journeys from Martinico to war-torn France where she meets a man who dreams of ruling Europe.

Circle of Pearls

by Rosalind Laker

When Julia Pallister is born one October day in 1641, a rare and beautiful drop pearl is placed in her tiny palm and this jewel will go on to bind together three generations of Englishwomen.

Spring Moon: a Novel of China

by Bette Bao Lord

From the late 19th through the 20th centuries the many changes that affect China are reflected in the life of a pampered and spoiled daughter of one Chinese family.

The Secret Diary of Anne Boleyn

by Robin Maxwell

Young Elizabeth I discovers her mother's diary which in addition to recording the tragic queen's life also gives Elizabeth a glimpse of her father's true character.



Desolation Island

by Patrick O'Brian

Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin sail to Australia with convicts in the hold and a beautiful American spy above.

The Secret Book of Grazia dei Rossi: a Novel

by Jacqueline Park

A young Jewish woman's attraction to a Christian nobleman in Renaissance Italy forces her to choose between love and her faith



The Reckoning

by Sharon Kay Penman

The romance between Prince Llewelyn and Eleanor de Montford is played out against Edward I's attempts to conquer Wales.

Gates of Fire: an Epic Novel of the Battle of Thermopylae

by Steven Pressfield

A small group of Spartan soldiers face the might of the Persian Empire in the great battle of Thermopylae.

Against All Odds: the Lucy Scott Mitchum Story

by Barbara Riefe

Lucy Scott Mitchum, her gold-hunting husband, and their young daughter face many dangers when they join a wagon train heading west for California.