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# HISTORICAL FICTION

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## **Cavendon Hall / Barbara Taylor Bradford**

Cavendon Hall is home to two families, the aristocratic Inghams and the Swanns who serve them, just as their ancestors did over the centuries. Charles Ingham, the sixth Earl of Mowbray, lives there with his wife Felicity and their six children: Guy, the heir, who is studying at Cambridge; their younger son Miles, attending Eton; and their four daughters Diedre, Daphne, DeLacy and Dulcie, affectionately called the Four Dees by the staff. Walter Swann, the premier male of the Swann family, is valet to the earl. His wife Alice, a clever seamstress, who is in charge of the countess's wardrobe, also makes clothes for the four daughters. For centuries, these two families have lived side-by-side, beneath the backdrop of the imposing Yorkshire manor. But now, with World War I looming, these two families will find themselves tested in ways they never thought possible.

## **The Confession of Katherine Howard / Suzannah Dunn**

The tragic, moving, and gripping story of the ascendance and fall of Katherine Howard, fifth wife of Henry VIII-- and the best friend she nearly dragged down with her.

## **Charlotte Gray : a Novel / Sebastian Faulks**

A young Scottish woman who falls in love with a World War II RAF pilot shortly before his plane is lost over France joins the Resistance movement to find him, only to discover a larger meaning in her new role.

## **The White Queen / Philippa Gregory**

In this account of the wars of the Plantagenets, a woman of extraordinary beauty and ambition, Elizabeth Woodville, catches the eye of the newly crowned boy king, marries him in secret and ascends to royalty. While Elizabeth rises to the demands of her exalted position and fights for the success of her family, her two sons become central figures in a mystery that has confounded historians for centuries: the missing princes in the Tower of London whose fate is still unknown.

## **The Kitchen House / Kathleen Grissom**

Working as an indentured servant alongside slaves on a tobacco plantation, Lavinia, a 7-year-old Irish orphan with no memory of her past, finds her light skin and situation placing her between two very different worlds that test her loyalties.

## **The Invention of Wings / Sue Monk Kidd**

The story follows Hetty 'Handful' Grimke, a Charleston slave, and Sarah, the daughter of the wealthy Grimke family. The novel begins on Sarah's eleventh birthday, when she is given ownership over Handful, who is to be her handmaid. "The Invention of Wings" follows the next thirty-five years of their lives. Inspired in part by the historical figure of Sarah Grimke (a feminist, suffragist and, importantly, an abolitionist), Kidd allows herself to go beyond the record to flesh out the inner lives of all the characters, both real and imagined.

### **Antony and Cleopatra / Colleen McCullough**

A seventh installment in the popular Masters of Rome series retells the story of Antony and Cleopatra from a meticulously researched perspective that features detailed historical and psychological details about the love affair that transformed the ancient world.

### **When the Emperor was Divine : a Novel / Julie Otsuka**

A story told from five different points of view, chronicles the experiences of Japanese Americans caught up in the nightmare of the World War II internment camps.

### **Sarah's Key / Tatiana de Rosnay**

Paris, July 1942: Ten year-old Sarah is brutally arrested with her family in the Vel d'Hiv roundup, the most notorious act of French collaboration with the Nazis. But Sarah has locked her brother in their favorite hiding place and kept the key, thinking she will return soon. Paris, May 2002: On Vel d'Hiv's sixtieth anniversary, American journalist Julia Jarmond is asked to write about this black day in France's past. In the course of her investigation, Julia stumbles onto a trail of family secrets that connect her to Sarah.

### **On Agate Hill : a Novel / Lee Smith**

Discovered in the ruins of a North Carolina plantation, an old box containing the mementos of a young girl's life--including letters, poems, newspaper clippings, court records, toys, and an 1870s diary--bring to life the world of young Molly Petree, an orphan growing up in the smoldering remains of the post-Civil War American South

### **These Is My Words : the Diary of Sarah Agnes Prine, 1881-1901 : Arizona territories : a Novel / Nancy E. Turner**

In a novel based on the author's ancestress, Sarah Prine, a child of the westward expansion, records her dreams, marriage, adventures, joys, and sorrows in her diary.

### **New York : the Novel / Edward Rutherfurd**

A tale set against a backdrop of New York City's history from its founding through the September 11 attacks traces the experiences of characters who witness such periods as the Revolutionary War, the city's emergence as a financial giant, and the Gilded Age.

### **The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society / Mary Ann Shaffer**

In 1946, as England emerges from the shadow of World War II, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey and his eccentric friends, who tell her about their island, the books they love, German occupation, and the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, a book club born as an alibi during German occupation.

### **Some Luck / Jane Smiley**

An epic novel that spans thirty years in the lives of a farm family in Iowa, telling a parallel story of the changes taking place in America from 1920 through the early 1950s.

### **Maisie Dobbs : a Novel / Jacqueline Winspear**

In her first case, private detective Maisie Dobbs must investigate the reappearance of a dead man who turns up at a cooperative farm called the Retreat that caters to men who are recovering their health after World War I.

### **The Book Thief / Markus Zusak**

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors