

What is Historical Fiction?

Joyce Saricks, defines Historical Fiction as “ a novel set in the past, before the author’s lifetime and experience” (*The Readers’ Advisory Guide to Genre Fiction*, 2001).

Accurate historical detail, characters that fit the times, and story lines that focus on a particular event or time period are all characteristics of Historical Fiction.



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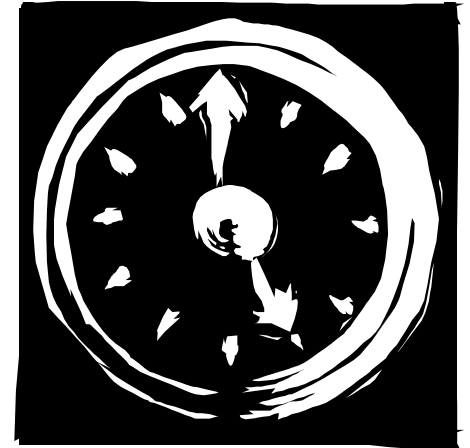
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Tea at Ten Presents: Recently Published Historical Fiction



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Recently Published Historical Fiction

We All Recommend:

Jacqueline Winspear: *Birds of a Feather; Pardonable Lies, a Maisie Dobbs Novel* (series)

Jennifer's Picks:

Rhys Bowen: *In Like Flynn, a Molly Murphy Mystery* (series)

Joseph Gangemi: *Inamorata, a Novel*

Judith Koll Healy: *The Canterbury Papers, a Novel of Suspense*

Elizabeth Kostova: *The Historian*

Arturo Perez-Reverte: *Captain Alatriste* (series)

Merilyn Simonds: *The Holding*

Philippa Stockley: *A Factory of Cunning*

Jennifer Vandever: *The Bronte Project, a Novel of Passion, Desire, and Good PR*

Lauren Willig: *Secret History of the Pink Carnation*

Tricia's Picks:

Isabel Allende: *Zorro*

Holly Baxter: *Tears of the Dragon*

Geraldine Brooks: *March, a Novel*

E.L. Doctorow: *The March, a Novel of the Civil War*

Elizabeth Kostova: *The Historian*

The Mammoth Book of New Historical Whodunnits

Lisa Scoppettone: *This Dame for Hire*

Lou Jane Temple: *The Spice Box*



Debbie's Picks:

Clare Clark: *The Great Stink*

Anita Diamant: *The Last Days of Dogtown*

Diana Gabaldon: *Breath of Snow and Ashes* (series)

Myla Goldberg: *Wickett's Remedy*

Anne Perry: *Angels in the Gloom* (series)

Charles Todd: *A Cold Treachery* (series)

Well-Reviewed Recent Historical Fiction

Brenda Rickman Vantrease: *The Illuminator*

Sarah Dunant: *In the Company of the Courtesan* (Feb. 2006)

Martin Davies: *The Conjurer's Bird* (Nov.)

Philippa Gregory: *The Constant Princess* (Dec.)

Una-May Parker: *The Granville Sisters*

C.S. Harris: *What Angles Fear, A Historical Mystery*

Robert Hicks: *The Widow of the South, a Novel*

Jonathan Lowy: *The Temple of Music*

