

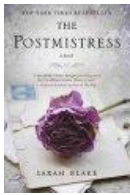


# WORLD HISTORICAL FICTION

by Holly Whistler 8/2011

A selection of recent novels set in various historical time periods and countries of the world

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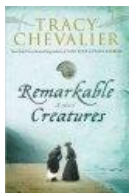
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## THE POSTMISTRESS

By Sarah Blake

**Call #: F Blake**

The wrenching story of Frankie Bard who broadcasts news of the London bombings in WWII and Iris James, a U. S. postmistress who is incapable of delivering a troubling letter.



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## REMARKABLE CREATURES

By Tracy Chevalier

**Call #: F Chevalier**

When rustic Mary Anning shows upper-class Elizabeth Philpot fossils she has unearthed on the coast of Lyme in 19<sup>th</sup> century England, an unlikely friendship grows between them as they fight to bring her discoveries to light.



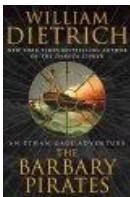
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## THE BURNING LAND

By Bernard Cornwell

**Call #: F Cornwell**

With vivid battle scenes, this 5<sup>th</sup> book in the epic *Saxon Kings* series has the warlord Uhtred defending the 9<sup>th</sup> century British King Alfred of Wessex against the invading Danes.



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## THE BARBARY PIRATES

By William Dietrich

**Call #: F Dietrich**

In this swashbuckling adventure, hero Ethan Gage races against pirates to find an ancient super weapon that could help tip the French balance of power in 1802.



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## CAVEAT EMPTOR

By Ruth Downie

**Call #: F Mystery Downie**

In this fourth installment in her mystery series, *Persona non Grata*, set in Roman occupied Britain, detective Gaius Petreius Ruso investigates the disappearance of a tax collector.





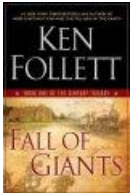
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## **TUTANKHAMUN: THE BOOK OF SHADOWS**

By Nick Drake

**Call #: F Drake**

Young Tutankhamun is about to claim his place as ruler of ancient Egypt when a grisly murder occurs, and Rahotep investigates the murder at the expense of everything he loves.



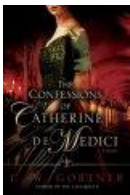
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## **FALL OF GIANTS**

By Ken Follet

**Call #: F Follet**

The first in an epic saga of WWI following the characters of five interrelated families from different countries through the main events of the beginning of the century.



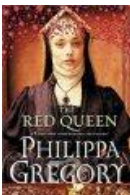
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## **THE CONFESSIONS OF CATHERINE DE MEDICI**

By C. W. Gortner

**Call #: F Gortner**

A sympathetic portrait of the notorious French queen, Catherine de Medici, who after the death of her husband, Henri II, uses machinations and sacrifices all to ensure her sons' royal destiny.



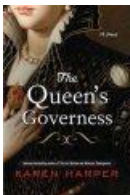
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## **THE RED QUEEN**

By Philippa Gregory

**Call #: F Gregory**

A riveting portrait of the ambitious Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of King Henry VII and grandmother of Henry VIII, who stops at nothing to have her son put on the throne of England.



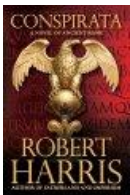
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## **THE QUEEN'S GOVERNESS**

By Karen Harper

**Call #: F Harper**

The daughter of a country beekeeper, Kat Ashley, is sent to the Tudor court as a reluctant spy over Anne Boleyn and after the queen's death is entrusted with caring for her young daughter Elizabeth.



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## **CONSPIRATA**

By Robert Harris

**Call #: F Harris**

In this gripping thriller, as Cicero takes his place as the consul of ancient Rome, he thwarts conspiracies and assassination plots by Gaius Julius Caesar to keep the republic together.



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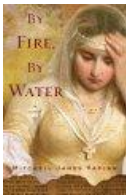
## **CHILDREN AND FIRE**

By Ursula Hegi

**Call #: F Hegi**

In this reflective novel, Thekla Jansen, a teacher during Germany's Third Reich, continually makes moral concessions to protect herself and her students from the Nazi regime.





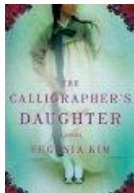
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## **BY FIRE, BY WATER**

By Mitchell James Kaplan

**Call #: F Kaplan**

In 15<sup>th</sup> century Spain, Luis de Santangel, a Jew forced to convert to Christianity, falls in love with a Jewish woman, Judith Migdal. A financier for Christopher Columbus, he begins to look west to escape the Inquisition.



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## **THE CALLIGRAPHER'S DAUGHTER**

By Eugenia Kim

**Call #: F Kim**

An eloquently written novel about a young woman who suffers poverty and brutality as she seeks a brighter future in Japanese-occupied Korea around WWII.



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## **BEFORE VERSAILLES: A NOVEL OF LOUIS XIV**

By Karleen Koen

**Call #: F Koen**

A spirited story of Louis XIV's ascent from claiming the throne of France at the age of 22 to becoming the one of the most powerful monarchs of all time.



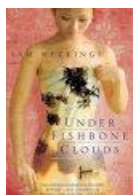
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## **THE SURRENDERED**

By Chang-rae Lee

**Call #: F Lee**

The haunting story of the intertwined lives of three victims of the Korean war: June Han, a girl left orphaned by the war; a soldier, Hector Brennan; and a missionary wife, the beautiful but damaged Sylvia Tanner.



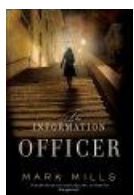
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## **UNDER FISHBONE CLOUDS**

By Sam Meekings

**Call #: F Meekings**

Told from the point of view of the mythical Kitchen God, this lyrical novel follows an unlikely young couple, Jinyi and Yuying as their love is tested by the trials of life in China during the Cultural Revolution.



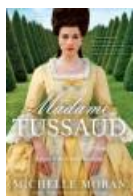
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## **THE INFORMATION OFFICER**

By Mark Mills

**Call #: F Mills**

In this breathtaking spy thriller, British troops are trying to protect the strategic island of Malta from Nazi occupation during WWII, but they lose local support after the murder of a young islander.



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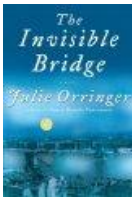
## **MADAME TUSSAUD**

By Michelle Moran

**Call #: F Moran**

In this fascinating portrait, Madame Tussaud's talent as a sculptress is discovered and she is invited to the court of Louis XVI, only to become imprisoned during the French Revolution's reign of terror.





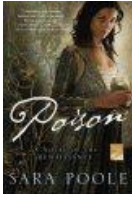
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## THE INVISIBLE BRIDGE

By Julie Orringer

**Call #:** F Orringer

In 1937 Hungarian Jewish student, Andras Levi, arrives in Paris. Asked to deliver a letter, his life is forever changed by a love that helps him triumph over the hardships of the Holocaust.



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## POISON: A NOVEL OF THE RENAISSANCE

By Sarah Poole

**Call #:** F Poole

When, in this suspenseful page-turner, her alchemist father is murdered, Francesca Giordano pursues her father's killer by becoming poisoner serving Cardinal Borgia, the head of the most notorious family in Renaissance Italy.



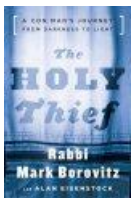
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## DAUGHTERS OF ROME

By Kate Quinn

**Call #:** F Quinn

In the year A.D. 69, the Year of the Four Roman Emperors, Cornelia who is destined to become Empress and her sister Marcella, must maneuver to stay alive when a coup and ensuing bloodbath tears their world apart.



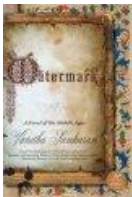
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## THE HOLY THIEF

By William Ryan

**Call #:** F Ryan

In this taut mystery, in Stalinist Russia, criminal investigator, Captain Alexi Korolev, is set to investigate the gruesome murder of an American nun under the scrutiny of the NKVD, Russia's most feared organization.



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## WATERMARK: A NOVEL OF THE MIDDLE AGES

By Vanitha Sankaran

**Call #:** F Sankaran

A mute daughter of a papermaker in a 14<sup>th</sup> century French village is forced to flee to escape suspicions of heresy when growing demand for her father's paper attracts attention of the Church.



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## EMPIRE: THE NOVEL OF IMPERIAL ROME

By Steven Saylor

**Call #:** F Saylor

Full of historical details, this second installment in the sweeping family saga, *Roma*, charts the fate of generations of the Pinarius family during the rise and decline of the Roman Empire.





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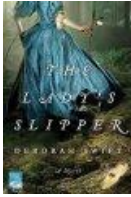
## DREAMS OF JOY

By Lisa See



**Call #:** F See

In this powerful sequel to *Shanghai Girls*, when an American Chinese girl, Joy, flees to China to find her birth father, she joins the Communist party, but is pursued by her mother, Pearl, who is determined to save her from danger.



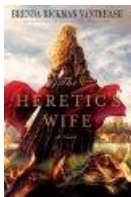
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## THE LADY'S SLIPPER

By Deborah Swift

**Call #:** F Swift

In 17<sup>th</sup> century Restoration England, Alice Ibbotsen discovers a rare orchid and, despite the wishes of her Quaker neighbor, Richard Wheeler, digs it up, setting off a chain of tragic consequences.



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## THE HERETIC'S WIFE

By Brenda Vantrease



**Call #:** F Vantrease

In a Tudor England torn between Catholicism and the Protestant Reformation, John and Kate Gough are engaged in a perilous mission to smuggle English Bibles into the country.



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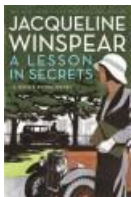
## THE ORCHID AFFAIR

By Lauren Willig



**Call #:** F Willig

In this romantic adventure, the eighth book in the *Pink Carnation* series, governess Laura Grey works for “the Pink Carnation,” a British spy in Napoleonic France and is assigned to the home of Napoleon’s Chief of Police.



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## A LESSON IN SECRETS: A MAISIE DOBBS NOVEL

By Jacqueline Winspear



**Call #:** F Winspear

In this eighth novel of the *Maisie Dobbs* series, Maisie has accepted her first assignment with the British Secret Service in 1932 posing as a professor at Cambridge where she uncovers a plot by the rising Nazi party.