

## Historical Fiction

### **Beware, Princess Elizabeth by Carolyn Meyer**

After the death of her father, King Henry VIII, in 1547, thirteen-year-old Elizabeth must endure the political intrigues and dangers of the reigns of her half-brother Edward and her half-sister Mary before finally becoming Queen of England eleven years later.

### **The Book Thief by Markus Zusak**

The story of Liesel, a young German girl whose book-stealing and storytelling help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding during World War II.

### **Bound by Donna Jo Napoli**

Fourteen-year-old stepdaughter Xing-Xing endures a life of neglect and servitude, as her stepmother cruelly mutilates her own daughter's feet so that she alone might marry well.

### **The Convicts by Iain Lawrence**

When 13-year-old Tom Tin is convicted of murder in 19<sup>th</sup> century London, he is sent to Australia.

### **Coram Boy by Jamila Gavin**

In the mid-eighteenth century, an unsavory character and his simpleton son become involved in the lives of a wealthy English family when that family's eldest son is disinherited because of his love of music.

### **Dear Canada series by various authors**

Please post all reviews for this series here. Important episodes in Canadian history are told through the diaries of young women.

### **Doomed Queen Anne by Carolyn Meyer**

In 1520, thirteen-year-old Anne Boleyn, jealous of her older sister's beauty and position at court, declares that she will one day be queen of England, and that her sister will kneel at her feet.

### **The Dragon Throne by Michael Cadnum**

At the request of Eleanor of Aquitaine, the newly-knighted Edmund and Hubert accompany a young noblewoman on her dangerous pilgrimage from England to Rome.

### **Incantation by Alice Hoffman**

During the Spanish Inquisition, sixteen-year-old Estrella, who was brought up as a Catholic, discovers her family's true Jewish identity. When Estrella's best friend betrays the secret, the consequences are tragic.

### **London Calling by Edward Bloor**

Martin Conway comes from a family filled with heroes and disgraces. His grandfather was a statesman during WW II, his father is an alcoholic. Martin is floundering in between. But when Jimmy Harker appears to Martin one night and asks for help, Martin's life is changed forever. Martin meets Jimmy again and again, in dreams set in London during the Blitz. How can Martin wake up with a head full of people and facts that he certainly didn't know when he went to sleep - but which turn out to be verifiably real?

**Mary, Bloody Mary by Carolyn Meyer**

Mary Tudor, older sister of Queen Elizabeth I, tells the story of her troubled childhood as the daughter of Henry VIII.

**The Minister's Daughter by Julie Hearn (also published under the title The Merrybegot)**

In 1645 in England, the daughters of the town minister successfully accuse a local healer and her granddaughter of witchcraft to conceal an out-of-wedlock pregnancy, but years later during the 1692 Salem trials their lie has unexpected repercussions.

**Nine Days a Queen: the short life and reign of Lady Jane Grey by Ann Rinaldi**

Lady Jane Grey, who at sixteen was Queen of England for nine days before being executed, recounts her life story from the age of nine.

**Number the Stars by Lois Lowry**

In 1943, during the German occupation of Denmark, Annemarie learns how to be brave when she helps hide her Jewish friends from the Nazis.

**The Pox Party (The Astonishing Life of Octavian Nothing, Traitor to the Nation, book 1) by MT Anderson**

Chronicles the experiences of Octavian, a young African American, from birth to age 16, as he is brought up as part of a science experiment in the years leading up to and during the Revolutionary War.

**The Ransom of Mercy Carter by Caroline B. Cooney**

In 1704, in the English settlement of Deerfield, Massachusetts, Mercy and her family and neighbors are captured by Mohawk Indians and their French allies, and forced to march through bitter cold to French Canada, where some adapt to new lives and some still hope to be ransomed.

**Summer of the War by Gloria Whelan**

Belle resents her sophisticated cousin accompanying her family on vacation in the summer of 1942, but their strained relationship is overshadowed by the war in Europe.

**Throwaway Daughter by Ting-xing Ye**

Abandoned on the steps of a Chinese orphanage and adopted by a Canadian family, Grace Parker shuns her Chinese heritage. But when she sees the massacre of protesters in Tiananmen Square on television, she is moved to find travel to China to find her birth parents.