



Famous Women in Historical Fiction

AFRICA

Beryl Markham, Kenyan Pilot, 1902 –1986

Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

AMERICA

Eliza Lucas Pinckney, Plantation Owner, 1722-1793

The Indigo Girl by Natasha Boyd

Martha Jefferson Randolph, Daughter of Thomas Jefferson, 1772-1836

Monticello: A Daughter and Her Father by Sally Gunning

Sarah Moore Grimké, Abolitionist, 1792-1873

The Invention of Wings by Sue Monk

Harriet Tubman, Abolitionist, 1822– 1913

The Tubman Command by Elizabeth Cobbs

Julia Dent Grant, Wife Ulysses Grant, 1826-1902

Mrs. Grant and Madame Jule by Jennifer Chiaverini

Lucy Ann Lobdell, Transgender Man, 1829-1912

The Rebellion of Miss Lucy Ann Lobdell by William Klaber

Emily Dickinson, Poet, 1830-1886

Amherst by William Nicholson

Kate Warne, Pinkerton Detective, 1833 - 1868

Girl in Disguise by Greer Macallister

Caroline Ingalls, Mother of Laura Ingalls Wilder, 1839 – 1924

Caroline: Little House, Revisited by Sarah Miller

Constance Fenimore Woolson, Actor, 1840-1894

The Open Door by Elizabeth Maguire

Kate Chase Sprague, Daughter of Salmon P. Chase, 1840-1899

Mrs. Lincoln's Rival by Jennifer Chiaverini

Mercy Lavinia Magri, Wife of Tom Thumb, 1842 –1919

The Autobiography of Mrs. Tom Thumb by Melanie Benjamin

Alva Belmont, Vanderbilt Family, 1853-1933

A Well-Behaved Woman: A Novel of the Vanderbilts by Therese Fowler

Clara Driscoll, Tiffany Designer, 1861-1944

Clara and Mr. Tiffany by Susan Vreeland

Typhoid Mary, Cook, 1869 – 1938

Fever by Mary Beth Keane



Bess Houdini, Wife of Harry Houdini, 1876 – 1943

Mrs. Houdini by Victoria Kelly

Isadora Duncan, Dancer, 1877-1927

Isadora by Amelia Gray

Virginia Woolf, Author, 1882-1941

Adeline: A Novel of Virginia Woolf by Norah Vincent

Vanessa and Her Sister by Priya Parmar

Frances Marion, Screen Writer, 1888-1973

The Girls in the Picture by Melanie Benjamin

Agatha Christie, Author 1890-1976

The Mystery of Mrs. Christie by Marie Benedict

Mary Pickford, Mary, Actress, 1892-1979

The Girls in the Picture by Melanie Benjamin

Madeleine Astor, Wife of John Astor, 1893-1940

The Second Mrs. Astor by Shana Abé

Zelda Fitzgerald, Wife of Author, 1900 – 1948

Z by Therese Fowler

Lee Miller, Photographer, 1907 – 1977

The Age of Light by Whitney Scharer

Varian Fry, Journalist, 1907-1967

The Flight Portfolio by Julie Orringer

Martha Gellhorn, Wife of Ernest Hemingway, 1908-1998

Love and Ruin by Paula McLain

Bonnie Parker, Outlaw, 1910-1934

Bonnie by Christina Schwarz

Elizabeth Bishop, Poet, 1911-1979

Paris, 7 a.m. by Liza Wieland

Hedy Lamarr, Actress & Inventor, 1913-2000

The Only Woman in the Room by Marie Benedict

Joy Davidman, Wife of C.S. Lewis, 1915 – 1960

Becoming Mrs. Lewis: A Novel: The Improbable Love Story of Joy Davidman and C.S. Lewis by Patti Callahan

Mary Meyer, Mistress of John Kennedy, 1920-1964

The Lost Diary of M by Paul Wolfe

George Sand, Author, 1804-1876

The Dream Lover by Elizabeth Berg

Grace Kelly, Actress & Princess of Monaco, 1929-1982

The Girl in White Gloves by Kerri Maher



Anne Morrow Lindbergh, Wife of Charles Lindbergh, 1906-2001
The Aviator's Wife by Melanie Benjamin

ASIA

Vashti, Wife of King Ahasuerus (Persia), ?
Game of Queens by India Edghill

Nefertiti, Queen of Egypt, 1370? – 1330? BC
Nefertiti by Michelle Moran

Arsinoe IV, Queen of Egypt, - born between 68 and 63 BC
Cleopatra's Shadows by Emily Holleman

Lakshmibai, Wife of Maharaja Gangadhar Rao (Jhansi), 1828-1858
Rebel Queen by Michelle Moran

Cixi, Empress Dowager of China, 1835 –1908
Empress Orchid by Anchee Min

The Last Empress by Anchee Min

The Marriage Game by Alison Weir

CARIBBEAN

Dorothy Kirwan Thomas, Caribbean Entrepreneur and Former Slave, 1756 – 1846
Island Queen by Vanessa Riley

María Teresa Mirabal, political activist (Dominican Republic), 1936-1960
In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez

EUROPE (countries not listed elsewhere)

Caterina Sforza, Italian Nobility, 1463-1509
The Scarlet Contessa by Jeanne Kalogridis

Maria Carolina, Wife of Ferdinand I (Naples & Sicily), 1752 –1814
Antoinette's Sister by Diana Giovinazzo

GERMANY

Caroline Lucretia Herschel, German Astronomer, 1750-1848
The Stargazer's Sister by Carrie Brown

Clara Schumann, Wife of German Composer, 1819-1896
Clara by Janice Galloway

Mata Hari, German Spy, 1876-1917
Mata Hari's Last Dance by Michelle Moran

The Spy by Paulo Coelho

GREAT BRITIAN

Eleanor, of Aquitaine, Wife of Henry, 1122?-1204
Captive Queen by Alison Weir



Catherine, of Valois, Queen, Wife of Henry V, 1401-1437

The Queen's Lover by Vanora Bennett

Margaret of Anjou, Wife of Henry VI, 1430-1482

Bloodline by Conn Iggulden

Wars of the Roses: Margaret of Anjou by Conn Iggulden

Elizabeth, Wife of Edward IV, 1437?-1492

The Red Queen by Philippa Gregory

The White Queen by Philippa Gregory

Elizabeth of York, Wife of Henry VII, 1466 - 1503

The White Princess by Philippa Gregory

Catherine of Aragon, Wife of Henry VIII, 1485-1536

The Constant Princess by Philippa Gregory

Katherine of Aragon, the True Queen by Allison Weir

Three Sisters, Three Queens by Philippa Gregory

Anne Boleyn, Queen, Wife of Henry VIII, 1507-1536

The Lady in the Tower by Jean Plaidy

Jane Seymour, Wife of Henry VIII, 1508? -1537

The Favored Queen by Carolly Erickson

Catharine Parr, Wife of Henry VIII, 1512-1548

The Taming of the Queen by Philippa Gregory

Anne of Cleves, Queen, Wife of Henry VIII, 1515-1557

Anna of Kleve, the Princess in the Portrait by Alison Weir

Catherine Howard, Queen Wife of Henry VIII, 1524? - 1542

Katheryn Howard, the Scandalous Queen by Allison Weir

The Unfaithful Queen: A Novel of Henry VIII's Fifth Wife by Carolly Erickson

Elizabeth I, Queen of England, 1533-1603

Elizabeth I by Margaret George

Lady Jane Grey, Queen of England, 1537-1554

The Last Tudor by Philippa Gregory

Innocent Traitor: A Novel of Lady Jane Grey by Alison Weir

Katherine Hertford, Countess of Seymour, 1540-1568

Sisters of Treason by Elizabeth Fremantle

Lettice Dudley, Countess of Leicester, 1543- 1634

Rival to the Queen by Carolly Erickson

Mary, Queen of Scots (Scotland), 1542-1587

Mary Queen of Scotland and the Isle by Margaret George

The Other Queen by Philippa Gregory



Eliza Acton, British Cookbook Author, 1799-1859

Miss Eliza's English Kitchen: A Novel of Victorian Cookery and Friendship by Annabel Abbs

Ada King, Countess of Lovelace, English Mathematician 1815-1852

Enchantress of Numbers by Jennifer Chiaverini

Jennie Churchill, Wife of Winston Churchill, 1854 – 1921

That Churchill Woman by Stephanie Barron

Vanessa Bell, British Painter, 1879-1961

Vanessa and Her Sister by Priya Parmar

Jean Rhys, British Author, 1890 – 1979

A View of the Empire at Sunset by Caryl Phillips

Rosalind Franklin, Scientist, 1920-1958

Her Hidden Genius by Marie Benedict

Elizabeth II, Queen of England, 1926 -

The Royal Governess: A Novel of Queen Elizabeth II's Childhood by Wendy Holden

Isabel Bilton, Countess of Clancarty (Ireland), 1867–1906

Becoming Belle by Nuala O'Connor

RUSSIA

Empress Tsarina Maria Feodorovna, Wife of Alexander III, 1847-1928

The Romanov Empress by C.W. Gortner

Ol'ga Ivinskaiā, Mistress of Boris Pasternak, 1912-1995

The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott