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[A Novel of Eleanor of Aquitaine](#) Penguin

The men of organized crime aren't white knights. With quick trigger fingers and ruthless souls, they're tall, dark, and deadly. Taking what they want and decimating anything that stands in their way. These men rule from their bloody thrones. Only a woman's touch can tame the beasts lurking inside. Bringing light to the darkness. Love in the ruin. It may not be hearts and flowers... But it is darkly ever after... Darkly Ever After Anthology features eighteen Dark Romance novellas in the sinister underworld of Organized Crime. Featured Authors: Silla Webb Gwyn McNamee Abbi Cook Aidee Jaimes Beck Knight Catherine Wiltcher Christy Anderson Cole Denton Cora Kenborn Indie Hayes Jagger Cole Khardine Gray & Faith Summers Jennifer Rebecca Lee Savino & KT Strange Lexxi James Sapphire Knight Sienna Snow SR Jones

*The Defiant Heir* Little, Brown

A riveting novel of Eleanor of Aquitaine's early adult years from the author of *The Virgin Widow*. Orphaned at a young age, Eleanor, Duchess of Aquitaine, seeks a strong husband to keep her hold on the vast lands that have made her the most powerful heiress in Europe. But her arranged marriage to Louis VII, King of France, is made disastrous by Louis's weakness of will and fanatical devotion to the Church. Eleanor defies her husband by risking her life on an adventurous Crusade, and even challenges the Pope himself. And in young, brilliant, mercurial Henry d'Anjou, she finds her

soul mate—the one man who is audacious enough to claim her for his own and make her Queen of England.

[Imaginary Friends](#) Simon and Schuster

"As the French revolution ravages the country, Desiree Clary is faced with the life-altering truth that the world she has known and loved is gone and it's fallen on her to save her family from the guillotine. A chance encounter with Napoleon Bonaparte, the ambitious and charismatic young military prodigy, provides her answer. When her beloved sister Julie marries his brother Joseph, Desiree and Napoleon's futures become irrevocably linked. Quickly entering into their own passionate, dizzying courtship that leads to a secret engagement, they vow to meet in the capital once his career has been secured. But her newly laid plans with Napoleon turn to sudden heartbreak, thanks to the rising star of Parisian society, Josephine de Beauharnais. Once again, Desiree's life is turned on its head. Swept to the glittering halls of the French capital, Desiree is plunged into the inner circle of the new ruling class, becoming further entangled with Napoleon, his family, and the new Empress. But her fortunes shift once again when she meets Napoleon's confidant and star general, the indomitable Jean-Baptiste Bernadotte. As the two men in Desiree's life become political rivals and military foes, the question that arises is: must she choose between the love of her new husband and the love of her nation and its Emperor?" -- Amazon.com.

**The Wild Princess** Queen DefiantA A Novel of Eleanor of Aquitaine

RELUCTANT QUEEN: A TUDOR HISTORICAL NOVEL One NOT about any of the six wives! Henry had plenty of other relatives, most of whom, given his short-lived dynasty and shaky right to the crown, the always insecure Henry had executed throughout his reign in order to secure his throne. 'A very

readable account of a fascinating woman who dared to stand up to Henry VIII and survived. It is thoroughly researched, admirably written and the author's love of the Tudor period shines through.' REVIEW FROM HISTORICAL NOVELS REVIEW Can you imagine what it must be like to be the little sister of infamous English king, Henry VIII? Remember, this is the king who went on to have six wives, two of whom he had beheaded. And although the teenage Mary Rose is his favourite sister (he even named his famous ship after her), his shifting alliances and ruthless desire to have his own way, made him push the young and lovely Mary into a hateful state marriage with the ailing and ancient King Louis XII of France. But, a reluctant Mary Rose, as strong-willed as Henry and passionately in love, for the first time, with champion of the lists Charles Brandon, doesn't give in easily. Before agreeing to the match, after a relentless campaign to get her to say yes, by her loving brother, Mary Rose extracts a promise from Henry. A promise she is determined he will keep. At the French court, Mary Rose is pursued by the witty, charming, but debauched Francis, Louis's heir, who, even at the young age of twenty, is a practised seducer. Between the awful conjugal embraces of her sickly old husband and the persistent and unwanted attentions from Francis, Mary is in a desperately unhappy situation. But then, her ailing husband dies, and the lusty Francis is elevated to the French throne and absolute power. Mary Rose thought her situation BEFORE her husband's death was difficult, but then she hears rumours of her kingly brother's plans for her future. And they do not include keeping the promise he made to her. Trapped in an impossible situation, caught between a lustful Francis and the ruthless self-interest of her older brother, the spirited Mary Rose makes a fateful decision aware, even as she does so, that she is taking her very life in her hands.

*The Taming of the Queen* Red Dress Press

When Sheikh Mikael catches notorious model Jemma Copeland flaunting Saidia's laws—and her body—in his desert, he knows one thing: revenge against his family's destruction is within his reach! To achieve it he makes Jemma an offer: imprisonment or marriage. With her life shattered by the scandal that rocked her family, Jemma needed that modeling job. She didn't know that she was breaking the law! But Mikael's outrageous proposal pushes her beyond shock...to utter fury. If he expects her to be a meek, pliable bride, this arrogant sheikh has another think coming!

*Island Queen* Penguin

A New York Times bestseller, *The Accidental Empress* is the “captivating, absorbing, and beautifully told” (Kathleen Grissom) love story of “Sisi” the Austro-Hungarian empress and wife of Emperor Franz Joseph. The year is 1853, and the Habsburgs are Europe’s most powerful ruling family. With his empire stretching from Austria to Russia, from Germany to Italy, Emperor Franz Joseph is young, rich, and ready to marry. Fifteen-year-old Elisabeth, “Sisi,” Duchess of Bavaria, travels to the Habsburg Court with her older sister, who is betrothed to the young emperor. But shortly after her arrival at court, Sisi finds herself in an unexpected dilemma: she has inadvertently fallen for and won the heart of her sister’s groom. Franz Joseph reneges on his earlier proposal and declares his intention to marry Sisi instead. Thrust onto the throne of Europe’s most treacherous imperial court, Sisi upsets political and familial loyalties in her quest to win, and keep, the love of her emperor, her people, and of the world. With Pataki’s rich period detail and cast of complex, bewitching characters, *The Accidental Empress* offers “another absolutely compelling story” (Mary Higgins Clark) with this glimpse into one of history’s most intriguing royal families, shedding new light on the glittering Hapsburg Empire and its most mesmerizing, most beloved “Fairy Queen.”

*A Novel of Queen Victoria's Defiant Daughter* HarperCollins Australia

A romantic historical thriller inspired by the life of Queen Victoria’s youngest daughter, Beatrice. Painfully shy and lonely, convinced she is unattractive and unloved, the dutiful Princess Beatrice finally accepts that she will never marry and vows to devote herself to the queen in Victoria’s waning years. In fact, her mother has secretly discouraged suitors for Beatrice’s hand. Just when she has all but given up on love and happiness, she meets Henry Battenberg, a dashing nobleman from the Continent who matches wits with the aging Victoria and risks his life and liberty to woo Bea. But Henry isn’t the only man interested in being welcomed into Beatrice’s bed. The timid princess has become the target of a cruel plot hatched by her nephew, the madman destined to become the last emperor of Germany. Wilhelm II sends a ruthless agent, a charming Scot, to seduce the naive princess and spy on the queen. How can the sheltered princess hope to fend off a man capable of murder, and perhaps worse, to get what he wants? But Beatrice is not without her own allies—her older sister Louise and Louise’s American soldier-of-fortune and lover, Stephen Byrne, are on her side. Beatrice must discover which of the two men she can trust, in a passionate and suspenseful novel that follows the royal family from Buckingham Palace to a storm-besieged castle on the Isle of Wight. “Mary Hart Perry pulls you so deeply into this story that you feel like you are watching a Masterpiece Theater series or reading actual history . . . Snuggle up in your favorite reading spot and enjoy this wonderful book.” —Vickie A. Dold  
*A Novel of Alice Perrers* Made For Success Publishing

The astronomical success of the historical novels of Phillipa Gregory and Christine Trent prove that readers simply can't get enough of the British royals—and now Mary Hart Perry enters the fray with an exciting, deliciously sensual novel of Queen Victoria’s “wild child” daughter, the Princess Louise. *The Wild Princess* transports us back to Victorian England and plunges us into the intrigues of the royal court, where the impetuous Louise brazenly followed no one’s rules but her own—even marrying a commoner, which no one of royal blood had done in the previous three centuries. Filled with rich period detail, *The Wild Princess* is an exciting, enthralling read. The Tudors have gotten the lion’s share of attention in historical fiction; it’s high time Queen Victoria and her family got their due!

*The Queen's Daughter* Worldwide Library

"After his mother commits suicide, Rick Lime decides to finally find his father, the legendary children's book author known as Nefarious Twit. The same Nefarious Twit who disappeared from the public eye 22 years ago abandoning Rick and Rick's mother at the height of his fame after releasing one final controversial children's book. Rick Lime has decided to find his father so that he can murder him. Along for the ride is Rick's violent but fiercely loyal half-brother Lou. Both of them are addicted to a strange drug called Vitriillum and as they set out for misguided vengeance their drug-soaked journey begins to resemble one of Nefarious Twit's children stories."--Back cover.

*The Forbidden Queen* HarperCollins UK

From Sunday Times bestseller Anne O'Brien . . . To those around her she was a loyal subject. In her heart she was a traitor.

*Defiant Queen* HarperCollins

'A very readable account of a fascinating woman who dared to stand up to Henry VIII and survived. It is thoroughly researched, admirably written and the author's love of the Tudor period shines through.' Historical Novels Review One NOT about any of the six wives! Henry had plenty of other relatives, most of whom, given his short-lived dynasty and shaky right to the crown, the always insecure Henry had executed throughout his reign in order to secure his throne. Can you imagine what it must be like to be the little sister of infamous, English king, Henry VIII? Remember, this is the king who went on to have six wives, two of whom he had beheaded. And although the teenage Mary Rose is his favourite sister (he even named his famous ship after her), his shifting alliances and ruthless desire to have his own way, made him push the young and lovely Mary into a hateful state marriage with the ailing and ancient King Louis XII of France. But, a reluctant Mary Rose, as strong-willed as Henry and passionately in love, for the first time, doesn't give in easily. Before agreeing to the match, after a relentless campaign to get her to say yes, by her loving brother, Mary Rose extracts a promise from Henry. A promise she is determined he will keep. 'Very easy to read, very hard to put down. This made a Mary Tudor so accessible and relatable to the reader.' READER REVIEW 'Thoroughly enjoyable.' READER REVIEW Geraldine Evans also writes the Rafferty & Llewellyn and the Casey & Catt Mystery Series.

*Ruthless King* Simon and Schuster

Before Princess Margaret, before Duchess Meghan, there was Princess Louise: royal rebel. As the fourth daughter of the perpetually in-mourning Queen Victoria, Princess Louise's life is more a gilded prison than a fairy tale. Expected to sit quietly next to her mother with down-cast eyes, Louise vows to escape the stultifying royal court. Blessed with beauty, artistic talent, and a common touch, she creates a life outside the walled-in existence of the palace grounds by attending the National Art Training School—where she shockingly learns to sculpt nude models while falling passionately in love with famed sculptor Joseph Edgar Boehm. But even as Louise cultivates a life outside the palace, she is constantly reminded that even royal rebels must heed the call of duty—and for a princess that means marriage. Refusing to leave England, she agrees to a match with the Duke of Argyll, and although her heart belongs to another, she is determined to act out her public role perfectly, even if her private life teeters on the brink of scandal. But when a near fatal accident forces Louise back under her mother’s iron rule, she realizes she must choose: give in to the grief of lost love or find the strength to fight for her unconventional life.

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AN OBSERVER BEST DEBUT NOVELIST OF 2021 'Dreamlike and haunting' The Times 'I am the queen of two crowns, banished fifteen years, the famed and gilded woman, bad-luck baleful girl, mother of three small animals, now gone. I am fifty-five years old. I am Lear's wife. I am here.' Word has come. Care-bent King Lear is dead, driven mad and betrayed. His three daughters too, broken in battle. But someone has survived: Lear's queen. Exiled to a nunnery years ago, written out of history, her name forgotten. Now she can tell her story. Though her grief and rage may threaten to crack the earth open, she knows she must seek answers. Why was she sent away in shame and disgrace? What has happened to Kent, her oldest friend and ally? And what will become of her now, in this place of women? To find peace she must reckon with her past and make a terrible choice – one upon which her destiny, and that of the entire abbey, rests. Giving unforgettable voice to a woman whose absence has been a tantalising mystery, Learwife is a breathtaking novel of loss, renewal and how history bleeds into the present.

*The Accidental Empress* MIRA

Describes the early adult years of Eleanor of Aquitaine, whose arranged marriage to the weak-willed and fanatical Louis VII of France sends her on an adventure where she meets her soul mate, Henry d'Anjou.

*A Novel of Isabella of Castile* Ballantine Books

Patient, perfect, and used to being first, Marguerite becomes Queen of France. But Louis IX is a religious zealot who denies himself the love and companionship his wife craves. Can she borrow enough of her sister's boldness to grasp her chance for happiness in a forbidden love? Passionate, strong-willed, and stubborn, Eleanor becomes Queen of England. Henry III is a good man, but not a good king. Can Eleanor stop competing with her sister and value what she has, or will she let it slip away? The Sister Queens is historical fiction at its most compelling, and is an unforgettable first novel.

*Devil's Consort* Penguin

Queen Defiant A Novel of Eleanor of Aquitaine Penguin

*Defiant Desire* Geraldine Evans/Solo Books

BONUS: This edition contains a Captive Queen discussion guide and an excerpt from *The Lady Elizabeth*. Nearing her thirtieth birthday, Eleanor of Aquitaine has spent the past dozen frustrating years as wife to the pious King Louis VII of France. But when Henry of Anjou, the young and dynamic future king of England, arrives at the French court, he and the seductive Eleanor experience a mutual passion powerful enough to ignite the world. Indeed, after the annulment of Eleanor’s marriage to Louis and her remarriage to Henry, the union of this royal couple creates a vast empire that stretches from the Scottish border to the Pyrenees—and marks the beginning of the celebrated Plantagenet dynasty. But Henry and Eleanor’s marriage, charged with physical heat, begins a fiery downward spiral marred by power struggles and bitter betrayals. Amid the rivalries and infidelities, the couple’s rebellious sons grow impatient for power, and the scene is set for a vicious and tragic conflict that will threaten to engulf them all.

*Queen Victoria's Defiant Daughter* Meghan March LLC

The forgotten story of Cecily Neville, Duchess of York. A strong woman who claimed the throne for her family in a time of war... 'A compelling story of divided loyalties and family betrayals. Dramatic and highly evocative' Woman & Home

*Tudor Historical Novel about the Defiant Little Sister of King Henry VIII* Harlequin

The tenth novel in Jean Plaidy's Tudor series - the passionate story of Elizabeth I's love affair with Robert Dudley. In the grim recesses of the Tower of London, two captives begin a passionate love affair that will last years but is destined to destroy them; one is Robert Dudley, the other is the future Queen of England, Elizabeth I. Pardoned by Queen Mary, Dudley and Elizabeth are freed, but their mutual longing must be from a distance: Dudley is married, and as the next heir to the throne, Elizabeth must tread carefully...

*Captive Queen* Sourcebooks Landmark

The vibrant, sprawling saga of Empress Maria Theresa—one of the most renowned women rulers in history—and three of her extraordinary daughters, including Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen of France. Out of the thrilling and tempestuous eighteenth century comes the sweeping family saga of beautiful Maria Theresa, a sovereign of uncommon strength and vision, the only woman ever to inherit and rule the vast Habsburg Empire in her own name, and three of her remarkable daughters: lovely, talented Maria Christina, governor-general of the Austrian Netherlands; spirited Maria Carolina, the resolute queen of Naples; and the youngest, Marie Antoinette, the glamorous, tragic queen of France, and perhaps the most famous princess in history. Unfolding against an irresistible backdrop of brilliant courts from Vienna to Versailles, embracing the exotic lure of Naples and Sicily, this epic

history of Maria Theresa and her daughters is a tour de force of desire, adventure, ambition, treachery, sorrow, and glory. Each of these women's lives was packed with passion and heart-stopping suspense. Maria Theresa inherited her father's thrones at the age of twenty-three and was immediately attacked on all sides by foreign powers confident that a woman would be too weak to defend herself. Maria Christina, a gifted artist who alone among her sisters succeeded in marrying for love, would face the same dangers that destroyed the monarchy in France. Resourceful Maria Carolina would usher in the golden age of Naples only to face the deadly whirlwind of Napoleon. And, finally, Marie Antoinette, the doomed queen whose stylish excesses and captivating notoriety have masked the truth about her husband and herself for two hundred and fifty years. Vividly written and deeply researched, *In the Shadow of the Empress* is the riveting story of four exceptional women who changed the course of history.

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