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Lachlan Jul 20 2019 Note: This is a spin-off novella to the Reformed Rogues series. Recommend reading books in series order. Lachlan Gair is done with women! First, his childhood sweetheart ran off with his best friend on the eve of their wedding day. His second love secretly plotted to kill his chieftain's wife, and then the third woman he fell for tricked him so her clan could kidnap his chieftain's sister. Feeling jaded, Lachlan vows never to love again. The only problem is he cannot get Tyra Henderson out of his head. And to make matters worse, Sorcha Henderson (nee MacGregor) is determined to marry him off to a stranger. Tyra Henderson's one regret in life was lying to Lachlan Gair. It was not her finest moment, pretending to fall in love with him so he would drop his guard. If only she had not developed genuine feelings for Lachlan, it would not hurt so much when he glares at her with contempt each time their paths cross. And to make matters worse, the laird's wife insists she help Lachlan plan his wedding to... someone else. Warning: Frivolous entertainment ahead. Not suitable for persons under 18. It contains mature content.

[The Agincourt Bride](#) Feb 07 2021 The best-selling novel about the queen who founded the Tudor dynasty. 'A bewitching first novel...alive with historical detail' Good Housekeeping.

Mistress Cromwell Sep 21 2019 "One of my favourite Tudor set books . . . A wonderfully vivid read." Nicola Cornick Young widow Elizabeth Williams is determined to make a success of the business she inherited from her merchant father. But an independent woman draws the wrong kind of attention, and Elizabeth soon realises she has enemies - enemies who know the dark truth about her dead husband. Happiness arrives when Elizabeth meets rapidly rising lawyer, Thomas Cromwell. Their marriage begins in mutual love and respect - but it isn't easy being the wife of an ambitious courtier in Henry VIII's London. The city is both merciless and filled with temptation, and Elizabeth soon realises she must take care in the life she has chosen . . . or risk losing everything. Acclaim for Mistress Cromwell: 'A delicious frisson of danger slithers through every page of the book. Enthralling.' Karen Maitland 'A delicate and detailed portrayal, absolutely beautifully done. Captivating.' Suzannah Dunn 'Rich, vivid and immersive, an enthralling story of the turbulent Tudor era.' Nicola Cornick

[Shadows of Berlin](#) Oct 03 2020 "Reminding us that history is made up of infinite individual choices, Shadows of Berlin is a masterful story of survival and redemption." - Pam Jenoff, New York Times bestselling author of The Woman with the Blue Star A captivating novel of a Berlin girl on the run from the guilt of her past and the boy from Brooklyn who loves her 1955 in New York City: the city of instant coffee, bagels at Katz's Deli, ultra-modern TVs. But in the Perlman's walk-up in Chelsea, the past is as close as the present. Rachel came to Manhattan in a wave of displaced Jews who managed to survive the horrors of war. Her Uncle Fritz fleeing with her, Rachel hoped to find freedom from her pain in New York and in the arms of her new American husband, Aaron. But this child of Berlin and daughter of an artist cannot seem to outrun her guilt in the role of American housewife, not until she can shed the ghosts of her past. And when Uncle Fritz discovers, in a dreary midtown pawn shop, the most shocking portrait that her mother had ever painted, Rachel's memories begin to terrorize her, forcing her to face the choices she made to stay alive?choices that might be her undoing. From the cafes of war-torn Germany to the frantic drumbeat of 1950's Manhattan, Shadows of Berlin dramatically explores survival, redemption and the way we learn to love and forgive across impossible divides. "A tribute to resilience and starting over. This is heart-wrenching and memorable." - Publishers Weekly, STARRED review

The Love Knot Mar 08 2021 The year is 1140 and England is torn by the strife of civil war. Oliver Pascal chances upon a village raided by mercenaries and rescues the survivors: an orphaned boy, who is the illegitimate son of the old king, and his mother's maid, a young widow named Catrin. After escorting them to Bristol Castle, they are accepted into the household of Robert of Gloucester and while Catrin finds herself falling in love with Oliver she suffers a deep boredom at the frivolity of court life. Thus when the old midwife Etheldreda offers to teach her the secrets of her ancient art, Catrin agrees. But the midwife's life is fraught with dangers, not least Oliver's own personal fears which threaten their relationship, but also in the shape of two men, both killers and both of whom threaten the couple's lives. However, Catrin is determined to pursue her career and keep Oliver and while England fights a civil war, she battles for her love and for her vocation.

Shadow on the Crown Nov 16 2021 A rich tale of power and forbidden love revolving around a young medieval queen In 1002, fifteen-year-old Emma of Normandy crosses the Narrow Sea to wed the much older King Athelred of England, whom she meets for the first time at the church door. Thrust into an unfamiliar and treacherous court, with a husband who mistrusts her, stepsons who resent her and a bewitching rival who covets her crown, Emma must defend herself against her enemies and secure her status as queen by bearing a son. Determined to outmaneuver her adversaries, Emma forges alliances with influential men at court and wins the affection of the English people. But her growing love for a man who is not her husband and the imminent threat of a Viking invasion jeopardize both her crown and her life. Based on real events recorded in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, *Shadow on the Crown* introduces readers to a fascinating, overlooked period of history and an unforgettable heroine whose quest to find her place in the world will resonate with modern readers.

Woman in the Shadows May 22 2022 'A delicious frisson of danger slithers through every page of the book. Enthralling.' Karen Maitland 'A delicate and detailed portrayal, absolutely beautifully done. Captivating.' Suzannah Dunn 'Rich, vivid and immersive, an enthralling story of the turbulent Tudor era.' Nicola Cornick *MISTRESS CROMWELL* presents the rise of Tudor England's most powerful courtier, Thomas Cromwell, through the eyes of the woman behind him . . . When beautiful cloth merchant's daughter Elizabeth Williams is widowed at the age of twenty-two, she is determined to make a success of the business she inherited from her father. But there are those who oppose a woman making her own way in the world, and soon Elizabeth realises she may have some powerful enemies - enemies who know the dark truth about her dead husband. Happiness arrives when Elizabeth meets ambitious young lawyer, Thomas Cromwell. Their marriage begins in mutual love and respect - but it isn't always easy being the wife of an independent, headstrong man in Henry VIII's London. The city is both merciless and filled with temptation, and Elizabeth soon realises she must take care in the life she has chosen . . . or risk losing everything. *MISTRESS CROMWELL* was previously published as *THE WOMAN IN THE SHADOWS*.

Old English Medievalism Apr 28 2020 An exploration across thirteen essays by critics, translators and creative writers on the modern-day afterlives of Old English, delving into how it has been transplanted and recreated in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries.

The Last Queen of India Jun 18 2019 1857, India. At nineteen years old, Sita is the shining star of Queen Lakshmi of India's imperial guard, having pledged herself to a life of celibacy in the name of protecting the young ruler. When Sita agrees to train Lakshmi in the art of military combat, a close friendship develops between the two women. But trouble soon threatens - Lakshmi's court is dangerously divided and rumours are rife that the country is at risk. Meanwhile, in London, advisors to Queen Victoria are looking to extend the power of the Commonwealth, and India is coveted as the next jewel in the imperial crown. In the ensuing battle, will the bond between Lakshmi and Sita be broken for ever?

Captain Corelli's Mandolin Sep 14 2021 25TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION - WITH A NEW INTRODUCTION BY THE AUTHOR 'A true diamond of a novel, glinting with comedy and tragedy' Daily Mail It is 1941 and Captain Antonio Corelli, a young Italian officer, is posted to the Greek island of Cephallonia as part of the occupying forces. At first he is ostracised by the locals but over time he proves himself to be civilised, humorous - and a consummate musician. When Pelagia, the local doctor's daughter, finds her letters to her fiancé go unanswered, Antonio and Pelagia draw close and the working of the eternal triangle seems inevitable. But can this fragile love survive as a war of bestial savagery gets closer and the lines are drawn between invader and defender? 'Louis de Bernières is in the direct line that runs through Dickens and Evelyn Waugh...he has only to look into his world, one senses, for it to rush into reality, colours and touch and taste' Evening Standard

I Wanna Be Yours Dec 05 2020 'One of Britain's outstanding poets' Sir Paul McCartney

'Riveting' Observer 'An exuberant account of a remarkable life' New Statesman This is a memoir as wry, funny, moving and vivid as its inimitable subject himself. This book will be a joy for both lifelong fans and for a whole new generation. John Cooper Clarke is a phenomenon: Poet Laureate of Punk, rock star, fashion icon, TV and radio presenter, social and cultural commentator. At 5 feet 11 inches (32in chest, 27in waist), in trademark dark suit, dark glasses, with dark messed-up hair and a mouth full of gold teeth, he is instantly recognizable. As a writer his voice is equally unmistakable and his own brand of slightly sick humour is never far from the surface. *I Wanna Be Yours* covers an extraordinary life, filled with remarkable personalities: from Nico to Chuck Berry, from Bernard Manning to Linton Kwesi Johnson, Elvis Costello to Gregory Corso, Gil Scott Heron, Mark E. Smith and Joe Strummer, and on to more recent fans and collaborators Alex Turner, Plan B and Guy Garvey. Interspersed with stories of his rock and roll and performing career, John also reveals his boggling encyclopaedic take on popular culture over the centuries: from Baudelaire and Edgar Allan Poe to Pop Art, pop music, the movies, fashion, football and showbusiness - and much, much more, plus a few laughs along the way.

The Stolen Crown May 10 2021 When Princess Matilda is eighteen years old, tragedy strikes the royal family, and she becomes the only child of the king of England - the de facto heir to the throne. As her dying father persuades the barons to pledge allegiance to her, Matilda returns to England - but the lords and clergy do not like an independent woman. And Matilda is nothing if not headstrong . . . When the old king dies, the country is plunged into instant chaos. So begins a fierce battle between cousins that will go down in history as a time called 'The Anarchy'. And Matilda must race across England, evading capture until she can demand the crown . . .

The Good Wife of Bath Mar 28 2020 In the middle ages, a poet told a story that mocked a strong woman. It became a literary classic. But what if the woman in question had a chance to tell her own version? Who would you believe? 'Brooks' mischievous retelling [of Chaucer's *The Wife of Bath*] dials up the feminist themes - and the fun - to 11.' *The Canberra Times* England, *The Year of Our Lord*, 1364 When married off aged 12 to an elderly farmer, Eleanor Cornfed, who's constantly told to seek redemption for her many sins, quickly realises it won't matter what she says or does, God is not on her side - or any poor woman's for that matter. But Eleanor was born under the joint signs of Venus and Mars. Both a lover and a fighter, she will not bow meekly to fate. Even if five marriages, several pilgrimages, many lovers, violence, mayhem and wildly divergent fortunes (that swoop up and down as if spinning on Fortuna's Wheel itself) do not for a peaceful life make. Aided and abetted by her trusty god-sibling Alyson, the counsel of one Geoffrey Chaucer, and a good head for business, Eleanor fights to protect those she loves from the vagaries of life, the character deficits of her many husbands, the brutalities of medieval England and her own fatal flaw... a lusty appreciation of mankind. All while continuing to pursue the one thing all women want - control of their own lives. This funny, picaresque, clever retelling of Chaucer's 'Wife of Bath' from *The Canterbury Tales* is a cutting assessment of what happens when male power is left to run unchecked, as well as a recasting of a literary classic that gives a maligned character her own voice, and allows her to tell her own (mostly) true story. 'Astonishingly good - an instant classic. Certes 'tis a tale for everywoman.' *Tea Cooper*, Bestselling International Author

The Chosen Queen Apr 09 2021 1066. Three Queens. One Crown. As a young woman in England's royal court, Edyth, granddaughter of Lady Godiva, dreams of marrying for love. But political matches are rife while King Edward is still without an heir and the future of England is uncertain. When Edyth's family are exiled to the wild Welsh court, she falls in love with the charismatic King of Wales - but their romance comes at a price and she is catapulted onto the opposing side of a bitter feud with England. Edyth's only allies are Earl Harold Godwinson and his handfasted wife, Lady Svana. As the years pass, Edyth finds herself elevated to a position beyond even her greatest expectations. She enjoys both power and wealth but as her star rises the lines of love and duty become more blurred than she could ever have imagined. As 1066 dawns, Edyth is asked to make an impossible choice. Her decision is one that has the power to change the future of England forever . . . The first book in *The Queens of Conquest* series, *The Chosen Queen* by Joanna Courtney is the perfect blend of history, fast-paced plot and sweeping romance with a cast of strong female characters - an unforgettable read. Perfect for fans of Elizabeth Chadwick and Philippa Gregory.

The Second Empress Jan 18 2022 Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte will stop at nothing to marry the Hapsburg princess he hopes will bear him a royal heir, in this compelling novel from bestselling author Michelle Moran. After the bloody French Revolution, Emperor Napoleon's

power is absolute. When eighteen year old Marie-Louise is told that the Emperor has demanded her hand in marriage, her father presents her with a terrible choice: marry the cruel, capricious Napoleon or refuse and plunge her country into war. To save her father's throne, Marie-Louise is determined to be a good wife. But at the extravagant French court, she finds many rivals for her new husband's affection, including Napoleon's sister Pauline, who is fiercely jealous, utterly uncontrollable, and the only woman as ambitious as the emperor himself. When war once again sweeps the Continent and bloodshed threatens Marie-Louise's family, the second empress is forced to make choices that will determine her place in history—and change the course of her life. The Second Empress will transport you back to Napoleon's empire where royals and servants alike live at the whim of one man, and two women vie to change their destinies.

Odin's Child Jan 26 2020 An old grudge erupts into violence as Odd Tangle-Hair refuses to back down from the men he believes shamed his father and betrayed their heritage by turning away from the old gods in favor of the White Christ. But when the violence escalates and Odd's family bears the brunt of it, he must leave his beloved Iceland behind and find his own way in the world. The golden age of Viking conquest is fading when he takes to the seas, but his journey is full of adventures, and he meets priests and politicians as well as many unscrupulous men all too eager to take advantage of a young man abroad for the first time. Beautifully written, impeccably researched, and deeply rooted within the oral tradition of story telling, Bruce Macbain has woven an evocative saga that will sweep readers into the past and plant them firmly in Odd's rapidly changing world.

The Devil's Queen Aug 01 2020 A compelling tale of love, lust and murder which traces the evolution of Catherine de Medici - the great-granddaughter of Lorenzo the Magnificent - from an unloved, timid orphan to France's most cunning monarch

Marigold's Magical Mystery Tour Nov 23 2019 Marigold Fox - twenty-something history graduate and driver at Carnival Coaches - lives with her parents, Merv and Babs, the licensees of The Pedlars Pickle, the only pub in the village of Pedlars Puddle. Pedlars Puddle, standing on a tributary of the River Pud, is home to more than its fair share of eccentrics. Marigold loves being a coach driver, loves the day-trippers she takes to various beauty spots, and loves her life on the move. Love, though, seems to have passed Marigold by. However, like buses, within a few days of a scorching summer, three rather gorgeous men appear in Marigold's life. Will any of them be The One - or is Marigold just going to enjoy her magical mystery tour of finding out?

The Stone Rose Mar 20 2022 'A real tour de force of gripping writing, rich historical detail and complex, fascinating characters. Superb!' NICOLA CORNICK on *The Stone Rose*

_____ EARLY READERS ARE GRIPPED BY THE STONE ROSE! * 'Springs to vivid life for the reader . . . A compulsive read' ANNE O'BRIEN * 'An enticing and intriguing tale of a woman who is driven to desperate and ruthless lengths to protect those she loves' ALEXANDRA WALSH * 'Carol McGrath really got into Isabella's head . . . Enlightening' SHARON BENNETT CONNOLLY * 'Bold and compelling' JENNY BARDEN * 'A novel that's a definite page-turner' LIZ HARRIS _____ London, 1350. Agnes, daughter of a stonemason, is struggling to keep her father's trade in a city decimated by plague. And then she receives a mysterious message from the disgraced Queen Isabella: mother of King Edward III, and widow of Edward II. Isabella has a task that only Agnes can fulfil. She wants her truth to be told. Much has been whispered of the conflicts in Isabella and Edward's marriage. Her greed and warmongering. His unspoken love for male favourites. But as Agnes listens to Isabella, she learns that she can be of help to the queen - but can either woman choose independence, follow her own desires, and survive? The sweeping third instalment of Carol McGrath's acclaimed *She-Wolves Trilogy*: the gripping series exploring the tumultuous lives and loves of three queens of England - and of three women who lived in their shadow. Based on the extraordinary true story of the female stonemason who carved a queen's tomb!

Peaceweaver Jun 30 2020 The story of Eadgyth, wife of Gruffydd ap Llewellyn of Wales and Harold II of England. When Ælfgar of Mercia, falls foul of the king and is exiled his daughter, Eadgyth's life is changed forever. Sold into a disastrous marriage with Gruffydd ap Llewellyn, King of the Welsh; a man old enough to be her grandfather, Eadgyth ultimately finds herself accused of fornication, incest and treason. Alone in a foreign land, her life is forfeit until a surprise night attack destroys Gruffydd's palace and Eadgyth is taken prisoner by Earl Harold of Wessex. At the Saxon court she infiltrates the sticky intrigues of the Godwin family and, on the eve of his accession to the English throne, she agrees to marry Harold Godwinson. As William the Bastard assembles his fleet in the south and Harald Hardrada prepares to invade from the North their future is threatened and the portentous date of

October 14th 1066 looms.

Beyond the Ghetto Gates Aug 13 2021 When French troops occupy the Italian port city of Ancona, freeing the city's Jews from their repressive ghetto, it unleashes a whirlwind of progressivism and brutal backlash as two very different cultures collide. Mirelle, a young Jewish maiden, must choose between her duty—an arranged marriage to a wealthy Jewish merchant—and her love for a dashing French Catholic soldier. Meanwhile, Francesca, a devout Catholic, must decide if she will honor her marriage vows to an abusive and murderous husband when he enmeshes their family in the theft of a miracle portrait of the Madonna. Set during the turbulent days of Napoleon Bonaparte's Italian campaign (1796-97), *Beyond the Ghetto Gates* is both a cautionary tale for our present moment, with its rising tide of anti-Semitism, and a story of hope—a reminder of a time in history when men and women of conflicting faiths were able to reconcile their prejudices in the face of a rapidly changing world.

The Silken Rose Apr 21 2022 They called her the She-Wolf From Provence. She'd shape the destiny of England ... Fans of Alison Weir, Anne O'Brien and Philippa Gregory, will devour this compelling new novel, starring one of English history's most fierce and courageous forgotten heroines! 'Powerful, gripping and beautifully told' - Kate Furnivall, author of *The Liberation* 'A feast for the senses and highly recommended' - Deborah Swift, author of *Pleasing Mr Pepys* 'Well-researched . . . Fascinating' - Joanna Courtney READERS LOVE THE SILKEN ROSE! ***** 'Stunning start to a new series of She-Wolf Queens' ***** 'Spectacular . . . I will recommend this first part of her new trilogy to everyone' ***** 'Fabulous . . . A lovely, highly researched tale' ***** 'Exceptionally well-written . . . From the first page I was totally caught up in the story' 1236. Ailenor of Provence, cultured and intelligent, is only thirteen when she meets her new husband, Henry III of England. A foreign and friendless princess in a strange land she is determined to please him. And she knows that when the times comes she must provide an heir, to secure the throne against those who would snatch it away. Rosalind, a commoner skilled in the arts of needlework and embroidery, catches the young queen's attention and a friendship blossoms. But she is unprepared for the dangerous ramifications of winning the queen's favour ... As closeness, and soon love, develops between Ailenor and Henry, so too does her influence on her husband and her power at court. As France and Wales provide constant threat, and England's barons increasingly resent her influence, Ailenor must learn to be ruthless. Who should she encourage her husband to favour? Who can she trust? Caught in a web of treachery and deceit, her choices will define the fate of England. To protect her close friends, and her beloved children, Ailenor, the She-Wolf from Provence, would do, and endure, anything ... AND DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL MCGRATH COMING APRIL 2022: AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!

Mistress Cromwell Aug 25 2022 Did you love *WOLF HALL*, *BRING UP THE BODIES* and *THE MIRROR AND THE LIGHT*? If so, you'll be gripped by *MISTRESS CROMWELL*: discover the powerful story of the woman in the shadows . . . Reader acclaim for *Mistress Cromwell* 'A delicious frisson of danger slithers through every page of the book. Enthralling.' Karen Maitland 'A delicate and detailed portrayal, absolutely beautifully done. Captivating.' Suzannah Dunn 'Rich, vivid and immersive, an enthralling story of the turbulent Tudor era.' Nicola Cornick 'Fantastic read from the perspective of Cromwell's wife.' ***** Reader Review 'Excellent read. Very well written and researched. Would recommend this book to anyone interested in Tudor times.' ***** Reader Review 'The book had me gripped from start to finish. Highly recommended.' ***** Reader Review 'Rich with period detail - so evocative of the Tudor period... I really enjoyed this.' ***** Reader Review *MISTRESS CROMWELL* presents the rise of Tudor England's most powerful courtier, Thomas Cromwell, through the eyes of the most important - and little known - woman in his life . . . When beautiful cloth merchant's daughter Elizabeth Williams is widowed at the age of twenty-two, she is determined to make a success of the business she inherited from her father. But there are those who oppose a woman making her own way in the world, and soon Elizabeth realises she may have some powerful enemies - enemies who know the dark truth about her dead husband. Happiness arrives when Elizabeth meets ambitious young lawyer, Thomas Cromwell. Their marriage begins in mutual love and respect - but it isn't always easy being the wife of an independent, headstrong man in Henry VIII's London. The city is both merciless and filled with temptation, and Elizabeth soon realises she must take care in the life she has chosen . . . or risk losing everything. *MISTRESS CROMWELL* was previously published as *THE WOMAN IN THE SHADOWS*. Do you love the novels of Carol McGrath? Have you read *THE SILKEN ROSE*, her brand new novel, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England? Available now! _____ Praise for bestselling author, Carol McGrath: 'Brilliantly researched and cleverly brought to life' - Joanna Courtney 'Intense,

gripping and intricately plotted' - Alexandra Walsh 'Completely engrossed me from the start . . . Incredibly rich and vividly told' - Nicola Cornick 'Expertly brings to life . . . a woman who finds herself at the heart of a deadly power game for the throne' - KJ Maitland

The Needle In The Blood Nov 04 2020 January 1067. Charismatic bishop Odo of Bayeux decides to commission a wall hanging, on a scale never seen before, to celebrate his role in the conquest of Britain by his brother, William, Duke of Normandy. What he cannot anticipate is how utterly this will change his life - even more than the invasion itself. His life becomes entangled with the women who embroider his hanging, especially Gytha - handmaid to the mistress of the fallen Saxon king and Odo's sworn enemy. But against their intentions they fall passionately in love; in doing so Odo comes into conflict with his king and his God, and Gytha with Odo's enemies, who mistrust her hold over such a powerful man. Friends and family become enemies, enemies become lovers; nothing in life or in the hanging is what it seems. 'A story of love, war and the tangled truths of Britain's birth, crafted with as much care and skill as the famous tapestry at its heart.' Sarah Bryant, author of *The Other Eden* and *Sand Daughter* 'Truly compelling . . . so vivid, intriguing and masterfully portrayed.' Susan Fletcher

The Beast's Bride Feb 25 2020

The Swan-Daughter Sep 26 2022 'A wise and lyrical evocation of the lives of women in the aftermath of the Norman Conquest... A captivating read' SARAH BOWER The second instalment in Carol McGrath's captivating *The Daughters of Hastings* trilogy! 'You'll want to read the others in the series, they are so well-written and researched' 5* Reader review 'Once again brilliant exciting riveting colourful history in an informative way mixed with factual areas' 5* Reader review 'It is a very well-spun story, written in a style which made the book hard to put down' 5* Reader review 'What a great read!' 5* Reader review 'Thoroughly enjoyable and keeps you interested' 5* Reader review _____ A marriage made in Heaven, or Hell? 1075 and Dowager Queen Edith has died. Her niece Gunnhild longs to leave Wilton Abbey but is her suitor Breton knight Count Alain of Richmond interested in her inheritance as the daughter of King Harold and Edith Swan-Neck, or does he love her for herself? Is her own love for Count Alain an enduring love or has she made a terrible mistake? *The Swan Daughter* is woven around a true 11th century tale of elopement, love and courage. h3Love the novels of Carol McGrath? Don't miss *THE SILKEN ROSE*, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England! AND COMING IN APRIL 2022: *DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL McGRATH AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!*/H3

The Betrothal Jan 06 2021 A collection of three historical romances.

Wicca Craft Aug 21 2019 Traces the origins of Wicca and offers up a cauldron brew of spells, unusual recipes and fascinating Pagan lore. Also contains easy-to-follow rituals for the eight annual sabbats observed by Wiccans, an up-to-date listing of Pagan periodicals and sections on herbalism, tree magick and dreams. The author, a practising Witch, reveals the ancient secrets of magick and divination and offers her insights on Wiccan history, deities, tools, ethics and much more.

Sex and Sexuality in Tudor England Dec 17 2021 The Tudor period has long gripped our imaginations. Because we have consumed so many costume dramas on TV and film, read so many histories, factual or romanticized, we think we know how this society operated. We know they 'did' romance but how did they do sex? In this affectionate, informative and fascinating look at sex and sexuality in Tudor times, author Carol McGrath peeks beneath the bedsheets of late fifteenth- and early sixteenth-century England to offer a genuine understanding of the romantic and sexual habits of our Tudor ancestors. Find out the truth about 'swiving', 'bawds', 'shaking the sheets' and 'the deed of darkness'. Discover the infamous indiscretions and scandals, feast day rituals, the Southwark Stews, and even city streets whose names indicated their use for sexual pleasure. Explore Tudor fashion: the codpiece, slashed hose and doublets, women's layered dressing with partlets, overgowns and stomachers laced tightly in place. What was the Church view on morality, witchcraft and the female body? On which days could married couples indulge in sex and why? How were same sex relationships perceived? How common was adultery? How did they deal with contraception and how did Tudors attempt to cure venereal disease? And how did people bend and ignore all these rules?

The Damask Rose Feb 19 2022 1266. Eleanor of Castile, adored wife of the Crown Prince of England, is still only a princess when she is held hostage in the brutal Baron's Rebellion, and her baby daughter dies. Scarred by privation, a bitter Eleanor swears revenge on those who would harm her family - and vows never to let herself be vulnerable again. As she rises to become Queen, Eleanor keeps Olwen - a trusted herbalist, who tried to save her daughter -

by her side. But it is dangerous to be friendless in a royal household, and as the court sets out on crusade, Olwen and Eleanor discover that the true battle for Europe may not be a matter of swords and lances, but one fanned by whispers and spies . . . ,

The Queen's Rival Oct 23 2019 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

The Stone Rose Dec 25 2019 The sweeping third instalment of Carol McGrath's acclaimed She-Wolves Trilogy: the gripping series exploring the tumultuous lives and loves of three queens of England - and of three women who lived in their shadow. Based on an extraordinary true story, The Stone Rose traces the life of fierce, self-destructive Eleanor of Aquitaine, and a female stonemason in her service, in an era shaped by powerful women.

The Handfasted Wife Oct 27 2022 'Moving, and vastly informative, a real page turner of a historical novel' FAY WELDON The first instalment in Carol McGrath's captivating The Daughters of Hastings trilogy! 'This novel is a marvellous mixture of historical fact and imagination... I would heartily recommend this delightful novel. I couldn't put it down' 5* Reader review 'This is a beautifully crafted book which has been meticulously researched' 5* Reader review 'Fiction and history are woven together almost seamlessly' 5* Reader review 'I found it an engaging book and I wanted to keep reading' 5* Reader review 'A real page turner thanks to great characterisation' 5* Reader review _____ An adventure story of love, loss, survival and reconciliation . . . The Handfasted Wife is the story of the Norman Conquest from the perspective of Edith (Elditha) Swanneck, Harold's common-law wife. She is set aside for a political marriage when Harold becomes king in 1066. Determined to protect her children's destinies and control her economic future, she is taken to William's camp when her estate is sacked on the eve of the Battle of Hastings. She later identifies Harold's body on the battlefield and her youngest son becomes a Norman hostage. Elditha avoids an arranged marriage with a Breton knight by which her son might or might not be given into his care. She makes her own choice and sets out through strife-torn England to seek help from her sons in Dublin. However, events again overtake her. Harold's mother, Gytha, holds up in her city of Exeter with other aristocratic women, including Elditha's eldest daughter. The girl is at risk, drawing Elditha back to Exeter and resistance. Initially supported by Exeter's burghers the women withstand William's siege. However, after three horrific weeks they negotiate exile and the removal of their treasure. Elditha takes sanctuary in a convent where eventually she is reunited with her hostage son. Love the novels of Carol McGrath? Don't miss THE SILKEN ROSE, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England! AND COMING IN APRIL 2022: DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL McGRATH AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!

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Wilton Abbey but is her suitor Breton knight Count Alain of Richmond interested in her inheritance as the daughter of King Harold and Edith Swan-Neck, or does he love her for herself? Is her own love for Count Alain an enduring love or has she made a terrible mistake? The Swan Daughter is woven around a true 11th century tale of elopement, love and courage. Love the novels of Carol McGrath? Don't miss THE SILKEN ROSE, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England! AND COMING IN APRIL 2022: DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL McGRATH AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!

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The Conquest Sep 02 2020 When a comet appears in the sky over England in 1066, Ailith, a young Saxon wife, feels sure that it can only bode well, in spite of her husband's fears. With a child on its way, the couple are prosperous and content. Yet, within a year, Ailith's joy turns to heartache as her husband and her child are taken from her and the conquering Normans advance. Ailith's grief turns to love for a brief period with Rolf de Brize, a handsome and womanising Norman invader. She bears him one daughter, but in the aftermath of the Battle of Hastings she discovers a betrayal she cannot forgive . . . Years later, the spirited and strong-willed Julitta is determined to find happiness, and yet her life has been filled with pain: from surviving life in a brothel in Southwark to suffering the pain of a forbidden love and a bitter, loveless marriage. Her quest takes her on a Pilgrimage to Compostella to a colourful horse fair in Bordeaux, to the terrors of piracy on the open sea.

The Lady of the Ravens (Queens of the Tower, Book 1) Jul 12 2021 'A fascinating portrait of the women who helped make a dynasty' The Times 'Bewitching' Woman & Home 'Evocative' Woman's Weekly

The Queen's Lady (Queens of the Tower, Book 2) May 30 2020 'Fascinating' Choice 'This well-researched novel draws you straight into the heart of this engaging story' My Weekly Praise for Joanna Hickson: 'Intriguing... told with confidence' The Times 'Rich and warm' Sunday Express

The Betrothed Sister Jun 23 2022 'The Betrothed Sister is like one of its own rich embroideries, cut from the cloth of history and stitched with strange and passionate lives' EMMA DARWIN The final instalment in Carol McGrath's captivating The Daughters of Hastings trilogy! 'This is a brilliantly crafted novel by an author who allows readers to build considerable empathy with the characters' 5* Reader review '... full of fascinating period detail. The story is gripping and the characters are well drawn and interesting... cannot recommend them highly enough' 5* Reader review 'Another excellent historical novel from this author' 5* Reader review 'This is a brilliant story about the strength of women who we have seldom heard of' 5* Reader review 'Fascinating and very enjoyable and interesting' 5* Reader review _____ September 1068. Thea, also known as Gytha, the elder daughter of King Harold II, travels with her brothers and grandmother into exile carrying revenge in her heart. She is soon betrothed to a prince of Kiev. Will her betrothal and

marriage bring her happiness, as she confronts enemies from inside and outside Russian territories? Will she prove herself the courageous princess she surely is, win her princely husband's respect and establish her independence in a society protective towards its women? Love the novels of Carol McGrath? Don't miss THE SILKEN ROSE, starring one of the most fierce and courageous forgotten queens of England! AND COMING IN APRIL 2022: DISCOVER THE STONE ROSE: THE SUMPTUOUS AND GRIPPING NEW NOVEL FROM CAROL McGRATH AVAILABLE FOR PREORDER NOW!

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