

HISTORICAL FICTION

BOOKLIST ONLINE'S
2013 TOP TEN



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The Accursed by Joyce Carol Oates

After a lynching in a nearby town is covered up, a horrifying chain of events begins to happen in early twentieth-century Princeton, New Jersey.

The Bartender's Tale by Ivan Doig

Running a venerable bar in 1960 Montana while raising his twelve-year-old son, single father Tom Harry finds his world upended by the arrival of a woman from his past and her beatnik daughter, who claims Tom as her father.

Bring Up the Bodies by Hilary Mantel

Depicts the downfall of Anne Boleyn at the hands of Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell as Anne and her powerful family fight back while she is on trial for adultery and treason.

Coup d'Etat by Harry Turtledove

In the story of an alternate World War II that considers what might have happened if Chamberlain had chosen not to appease Hitler, the Germans fight with England and France to defeat Russia, while the United States struggles in a war against Japan.

The Dream of the Celt by Mario Vargas Llosa

Explores the life of Sir Roger Casement, a British consul and Irish nationalist who was hanged for treason after he challenged the British authority in Northern Ireland.

Heading Out to Wonderful by Robert Goolrick

Charlie Beale meets Sylvan Glass, the bride of the town's richest man, and Sam Haislett, the son of owner of the butcher shop where Charlie gets a job, and soon the interaction between Charlie, Sylvan, and Sam alters the town forever.

The Impeachment of Abraham Lincoln by Stephen L. Carter

In an alternate history novel, Lincoln escapes assassination by John Wilkes Booth only to face impeachment, and Abigail Canner, a young black woman involved in his defense, helps investigate the murder of the president's counsel.

In Sunlight and in Shadow by Mark Helprin

Returning home after serving in World War II to run his family business in New York, paratrooper Harry Copeland falls in love with young singer and heiress Catherine Thomas Hale, who risks everything to break off her engagement to another man.

Merivel: A Man of His Time by Rose Tremain

In this sequel to *Restoration*, court physician Robert Merivel has a middle age crisis and sets off for Versailles where he meets Madame de Flamanville, a Swiss botanist, and rescues a captive bear to take back to Bidnold Manor.

The Testament of Mary by Colm Tóibín

A provocative imagining of the later years of the mother of Jesus finds her living a solitary existence in Ephesus years after her son's crucifixion and struggling with guilt, anger and feelings that her son is not the son of God and that His sacrifice was not for a worthy cause.