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Where the Wandering Ends Fanfare  
A dazzling historical novel set during England's War of the Roses- the story of the courageous Anne Neville, future wife of Richard III, who comes of age in a time of chaos... Anne Neville, daughter of the powerful Earl of Warwick, grows up during the War of the Roses, a time when kings and queens are made and destroyed in an on-going battle for the ultimate prize: the throne of England. As a child Anne falls in love with the ambitious, proud Richard of Gloucester, third son of the House of York. But when her father is branded a traitor, her family must flee to exile in France. As Anne matures into a beautiful, poised woman, skillfully navigating the treacherous royal court of Margaret of Anjou, she secretly longs for Richard, who has become a great man under his brother's rule. But as their families scheme for power, Anne must protect her heart from betrayals on both sides-and from the man she has always loved, and cannot bring herself to trust.

Paperback - the Wild Princess Penguin  
AN OBSERVER BEST DEBUT NOVELIST OF 2021 'Seductive . . . Gorgeous' The Times 'Gives voice to one of fiction's most conspicuously absent women' i Word has come. King Lear is dead. His three daughters too, broken in battle. But someone has survived: Lear's queen. Though her grief and rage threaten to crack the earth open, she knows she must seek answers. Why was she exiled? What has happened to Kent, her oldest friend? And what will become of her now? To find peace she must reckon with her past and make a terrible choice - one upon which her destiny rests.

**The Defiant** Geraldine Evans/Solo Books  
Heartstoppingly romantic, dangerously sensual, and filled with the vivid details that bring an era to life, Suzanne

Robinson's captivating novels have made her one of the reigning stars of historical romance. In this spellbinding love story Suzanne Robinson offers one of her most unforgettable heroes ever . . . The ladies of the palace called Nora Becket "mouse." But beneath her shy, artless ways hid the heart of a lioness. A daring spy in Queen Mary's court, she risked her life to rescue the innocent from a terrible fate. Yet it was Nora who needed rescuing when cutthroats attacked her—and when Christian de Rivers, a lusty, sword-wielding rogue, swept her out of harm's way . . . and into his arms. As magnificent and mesmerizing as a hawk, Christian both frightened and excited Nora, even as he pursued her with a single-minded passion that left her longing to be caught. Yet soon she would discover that she had reason to be frightened. For the dashing nobleman had his own secrets to keep, his own enemies to rout—and his own brand of vengeance for a wide-eyed beauty whom he loved only too well. . . .

The Spanish Queen HarperCollins

Before the story even begins, this book has a disclaimer stating that "This is a novel. That means it is fiction, fantasy, make-believe -- not a true historical account."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

**Sinful Empire** Meghan March LLC

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!

The Secret Eleanor Crown

"Riveting and transformative, evocative and immersive...by turns vibrant and bold and wise, discovering Dorothy's story is a singular pleasure."--The New York Times A remarkable, sweeping historical novel based on the incredible true life story of Dorothy Kirwan Thomas, a free Black woman who rose from slavery to become one of the wealthiest and most powerful landowners in the colonial West Indies. Born into slavery on the tiny Caribbean island of Montserrat, Doll bought her freedom—and that of her sister and her mother—from her Irish planter father and built a legacy of wealth and power as an entrepreneur, merchant, hotelier, and planter that extended from the marketplaces and sugar plantations of Dominica and Barbados to a glittering luxury hotel in Demerara on the South American continent. Vanessa Riley's novel brings Doll to vivid life as she rises above the harsh realities of slavery and colonialism by working the system and leveraging the competing attentions of the men in her life: a restless shipping merchant, Joseph Thomas; a wealthy planter hiding a secret, John Coseveldt Cells; and a roguish naval captain who will later become King William IV of England. From the bustling port cities of the West Indies to the forbidding drawing rooms of London's elite, Island Queen is a sweeping epic of an adventurer and a survivor who answered to no one but herself as she rose to power and autonomy against all odds, defying rigid eighteenth-century morality and the oppression of women as well as people of color. It is an unforgettable portrait of a true larger-than-life woman who made her mark on history.

*Queen Defiant* Penguin

From Willow Smith and Jess Hendel comes a powerful and groundbreaking historical epic about an African warrior in the world of the Vikings. Lore, legend, and history tell us of the Vikings: warrior-kings on epic journeys of conquest and plunder. But the stories we know are not the only stories to tell. There is another story, one that has been lost to the mists of time: the saga of the dark queen. That saga begins with Yafeu, a defiant yet fiercely compassionate young warrior who is stolen from her home in the flourishing Ghānaian empire and taken as a slave to a distant kingdom in the North. There she is thrust into a strange, cold world of savage shield maidens, tyrannical rulers, and mysterious gods. And there she also finds something unexpected: a kindred spirit. She comes to serve Freydis, a shy princess who couldn't be more different than the confident and self-possessed Yafeu. But they both want the same thing: to forge their own fate. Yafeu inspires Freydis to dream of a future greater than the one that the king and queen have forced upon her. And with the princess at her side, Yafeu learns to navigate this new world and grows increasingly determined to become one of the legendary shield maidens. For Yafeu may have lost her home, but she still knows who she is, and she's not afraid to be the flame that burns a city to the ground so a new world can rise from the ashes. She will alter the course of history—and become the revolutionary heroine of her own myth.

#### Defiant Queen Random House

Get ready for the darker and dirtier side of New Orleans with an alpha romance from New York Times, Wall Street Journal, and USA Today bestselling author Meghan March. New Orleans belongs to me. You don't know my name, but I control everything you see—and all the things you don't. My reach knows no bounds, and my demands are always met. I didn't need to loan money to a failing family distillery, but it amuses me to have them in my debt. To have her in my debt. She doesn't know she caught my attention. She should've been more careful. I'm going to own her. Consume her. Maybe even keep her. It's time to collect what I'm owed. Keira Kilgore, you're now the property of Lachlan Mount. Ruthless King is book one of the Mount Trilogy. All books are available now. Reading order: Ruthless King Defiant Queen Sinful Empire "So hot and explosive, I recommend having the fire department on standby." - New York Times bestselling author Laurelin Paige "Meghan takes us a sexy and gritty, non-stop journey that kept my heart in my throat and my body primed! Lachlan

Mount is the king and he is mine!"— T Gephart, USA Today bestselling author. "This is one book hangover I never want to wake from." ~Harper Sloan, New York Times bestselling author "This is my new favorite series EVER!" - Candi Kane, Dirty Laundry Review "This right here...THIS is the type of romance that I LIVE FOR! Brutally beautiful and one of the SEXIEST reads of the year! Meghan March is CONQUERING this genre!" ~Shayna Renee, Shayna Renee's Spicy Reads \_\_\_\_\_ Topics: New Orleans, French Quarter, anti-hero, anti-hero romance, alpha hero, alpha bad boy, dominant alpha male, dominant alpha male hero, protection, famous, male, bodyguard, criminal, criminal underground, dirty billionaire, millionaire, rich, hidden, forbidden romance, hidden identity, brothers best friend, bayou, swamp, military romance.

#### Under and Alone Penguin

Perfect for fans of Philippa Gregory, this is the wonderfully atmospheric, enthralling and vivid depiction of Elizabeth I's ardent and emotional love affair with Robert Dudley from international multi-million copy bestseller Jean Plaidy. 'Full-blooded, dramatic, exciting' -- Observer 'Outstanding' -- Vanity Fair 'It is hard to better Jean Plaidy when she is in form' -- Daily Mirror 'I couldn't put it down' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'A compelling read' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review 'I was gripped from the first page' -- \*\*\*\*\* Reader review

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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...

#### The Wild Princess Random House

Joan's mother is Queen Eleanor of Aquitaine, the most beautiful woman in the world. Her father is Henry II, the king of England and a renowned military leader. She loves them both—so what is she to do when she's forced to choose between them? As her parents' arguments grow ever more vicious, Joan begins to feel like a political pawn. When her parents marry her off to the king of Sicily, Joan finds herself stuck with a man ten years her senior. She doesn't love her husband, and she can't quite forget her childhood crush, the handsome Lord Raymond. As Joan grows up, she begins to understand that her parents' worldview is warped by

their political ambitions, and hers, in turn, has been warped by theirs. Is it too late to figure out whom to trust? And, more importantly, whom to love? The Queen's Daughter is a 2011 Bank Street - Best Children's Book of the Year.

#### The Queen's Daughter Del Rey

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.

#### Lord Robert National Geographic Books

On Earth, people refer to her as The Ice Queen. She is the world's best paid fashion model, her face is on every magazine cover and everybody knows her name.

#### Island Queen Little, Brown

For historical fiction readers, a tantalizing new novel from New York Times bestselling author Alison Weir about the passionate and notorious French queen, Eleanor of Aquitaine. Renowned for her highly acclaimed and bestselling British histories, Alison Weir has in recent years made a major impact on the fiction scene with her novels about Queen Elizabeth and Lady Jane Grey. In this latest offering, she imagines the world of Eleanor of Aquitaine, the beautiful twelfth-century woman who was Queen of France until she abandoned her royal husband for the younger man who would become King of England. In a relationship based on lust and a mutual desire for great power, Henry II and Eleanor took over the English throne in 1154, thus beginning one of the most influential reigns and tumultuous royal marriages in all of history. In this novel,

Weir uses her extensive knowledge to paint a most vivid portrait of this fascinating woman.

Black Shield Maiden Penguin

The darling of the Roman Empire is in for the fight of her life in this lush sequel to the acclaimed historical fantasy *The Valiant*. Be brave, gladiatrix... And be wary. Once you win Caesar's love, you'll earn his enemies' hate. Fallon was warned. Now she is about to pay the price for winning the love of the Roman people as Caesar's victorious gladiatrix. In this highly anticipated sequel to *THE VALIANT*, Fallon and her warrior sisters find themselves thrust into a vicious conflict with a rival gladiator academy, one that will threaten not only Fallon's heart - and her love for Roman soldier Cai - but the very heart of the ancient Roman Empire. When dark treachery and vicious power struggles threaten her hard-won freedom, the only thing that might help the girl known as Victrix save herself and her sisters is a tribe of long-forgotten mythic Amazon warriors. The only trouble is, they might just kill her themselves first.

**The King's Concubine** MIRA

From the New York Times bestselling author of *The Last Wife of Henry VIII* comes a powerful and moving novel about Catherine of Aragon, Henry VIII's first wife and mother of Mary I. When young Catherine of Aragon, proud daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, is sent to England to marry the weak Prince Arthur, she is unprepared for all that awaits her: early widowhood, the challenge of warfare with the invading Scots, and the ultimately futile attempt to provide the realm with a prince to secure the succession. She marries Arthur's energetic, athletic brother Henry, only to encounter fresh obstacles, chief among them Henry's infatuation with the alluring but wayward Anne Boleyn. In *The Spanish Queen*, bestselling novelist Carolly Erickson allows the strong-willed, redoubtable Queen Catherine to tell her own story—a tale that carries her from the scented gardens of Grenada to the craggy mountains of Wales to the conflict-ridden Tudor court. Surrounded by strong partisans among the English, and with the might of Spanish and imperial arms to defend her, Catherine soldiers on, until her union with King Henry is severed and she finds herself discarded—and tempted to take the most daring step of her life.

Carolly Erickson's historical entertainments continue to succeed in creating a unique blend of historical authenticity and page-turning drama.

The Queen's Vow CreateSpace

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. *Queen of This Realm* Simon and Schuster Princess. Captive. Gladiator. Always a Warrior. Fallon is the daughter of a proud Celtic king and the younger sister of the legendary fighter Sorcha. When Fallon was just a child, Sorcha was killed by the armies of Julius Caesar. On the eve of her seventeenth birthday, Fallon is excited to follow in her sister's footsteps and earn her place in her father's war band. She never gets the chance. Fallon is captured and sold to an elite training school for female gladiators—owned by none other than Julius Caesar himself. In a cruel twist of fate, the man who destroyed Fallon's family might be her only hope of survival. Now, Fallon must overcome vicious rivalries, deadly fights in and out of the

arena, and perhaps the most dangerous threat of all: her irresistible feelings for Cai, a young Roman soldier and her sworn enemy. A richly imagined fantasy for fans of Sarah J. Maas and Cinda Williams Chima, *The Valiant* recounts Fallon's gripping journey from fierce Celtic princess to legendary gladiator and darling of the Roman empire.

Ruthless King Penguin

*The Welsh Marches, 1460* In the eerie depths of Llanwardine Priory, Elizabeth de Lacy is about to take the veil when she is told she must wed her family's sworn enemy! Lord Richard Malinder must produce an heir, and a union with the de Lacy family could prove advantageous—if only to keep his enemies close.... The heat of anticipation rises as they make their way to the bridal chamber....

Devil's Consort Harper Collins

'Now I have reached my fifteenth year. One day I will be Duchess of Aquitaine and Gascony, Countess of Poitou. My lands will be vast, wealthy and well-governed. I will be influential and so they say beautiful. Do my father's renowned troubadours not sing my praises?' The most powerful heiress in Western Europe Eleanor, Duchess of Aquitaine, was not content to sit idly while patriarchs attempted to control her destiny. Ambitious as any conqueror, she used manipulation and seduction to ensnare Louis VII, King of France, as her husband, but his devotion to the church and weakness of will hindered Eleanor's aspiration. Undeterred, Eleanor relentlessly pursues power, taking forbidden lovers, going on Crusade and surviving hardships. Eleanor also dares to find a more compatible husband before severing her marriage to King Louis VII a man fated to rule beside her but unable to tame a woman gloriously determined to remain a queen defiant.

Learwife Henry Holt and Company (BYR)

A child born in the plague year of 1348, abandoned and raised within the oppressive walls of a convent, Alice Perrers refused to take the veil, convinced that a greater destiny awaited her. Ambitious and quick witted, she rose above her obscure beginnings to become the infamous mistress of Edward III. But always, essentially, she was alone... Early in Alice's life, a chance meeting with royalty changes everything: Kindly Queen Philippa, deeply in love with her husband but gravely ill, chooses Alice as a lady-in-waiting. Under the queen's watchful eye, Alice dares to speak her mind. She demands to be taken seriously. She even flirts with the dynamic, much older king. But she is torn when her vibrant spirit captures his interest...and leads her to a

betrayal she never intended. In Edward's private chambers, Alice discovers the pleasures and paradoxes of her position. She is the queen's confidante and the king's lover, yet she can rely only on herself. It is a divided role she was destined to play, and she vows to play it

until the bitter end. Even as she is swept up in Edward's lavish and magnificent court, amassing wealth and influence for herself, becoming an enemy of his power-hungry son John of Gaunt, and a sparring partner to resourceful diplomat William de

Windsor, she anticipates the day when the political winds will turn against her. For when her detractors voice their hatred, and accusations of treason swirl around her, threatening to destroy everything she has achieved, who will stand by Alice then? Includes a readers guide