

Fiction Set in or around medieval England

The following is cobbled together from a number of lists I've offered in my medieval history classes. I am not going to spend any additional time organizing it. Pretend it's like the "just returned" book cart at the library and browse!

Margaret Frazer's medieval mystery The Boy's Tale (1995) features Catherine Tudor and her sons Edmund and Jasper.

In The Queen's Secret by Jean Plaidy, Catherine, Henry V's widow, is the title character.

Another novel by Jean Plaidy, Epitaph for Three Women, retells the minority of Henry VI by focusing on the lives of his mother Catherine, Joan of Arc, and Eleanor, Duchess of Gloucester (wife of Henry V's brother, Humphrey)

John of Gaunt is a recurring character in [Jeri Westerson's](#) Crispin Guest medieval noir mystery series. I haven't read these.

Margaret Frazer, "Sister Frevisse" series and "Joliffe Player" series (superb)

Kate Sedley, "Roger the Chapman" series

Josephine Tey, Daughter of Time

Cynthia Harrod-Eagles, "The Morland Dynasty" series

C.L. Grace (pen name for Paul Doherty)

Philippa Gregory, "The Cousins' War" series

Sharon Kay Penman, The Sunne in Splendour (about Richard III)

Daisy Hildyard, Hunters in the Snow — at least part of which involves Edward IV

Norah Lofts (I've read a number of her historical novels)

Susan Higgenbotham, The Queen of Last Hopes (about Margaret of Anjou)

Vanora Bennett, Figures in Silk

Alan Gordon (mysteries — start with "Thirteenth Night" — not set in England)

Sylvian Hamilton (mysteries set in King John's reign)

Ian Morson

Sara Conway

Priscilla Royal

Pip Vaughn-Hughes

Stephen Wheeler

Sharon Penman, Falls the Shadow

Edith Pargeter (aka Ellis Peters) —set in the time of Henry III (13th C) — Simon de Montfort's story is the focus of the 2nd part of The Brothers of Gwynedd Quartet" (Montfort's daughter married Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, Prince of Wales)

Ellis Peters - Cadfael Chronicles

Ken Follett - Pillars of the Earth followed by several sequels

Ariana Franklin - first in a series is Mistress of the Art of Death — novels featuring 12th-century female medical examiner Adelia Aguilar

Alys Clare

Roberta Gellis

Cecelia Holland. The Earl. Many of her historical novels are very good

Susan Howatch. Wheel of Fortune. Clever roman-à-clef set in 20th C using John of Gaunt's extended family as basis of the plot

Candace Robb. Owen Archer mysteries (spy for Archbishop of York)

Paul Doherty. Sorrowful Mysteries of Brother Athelstan, set during the 14th-century reign of Richard II