

Duchess Of Richmonds Ball

The marriage game is afoot in this clever blend of My Fair Lady meets Pride and Prejudice with a twist! Edward Stanhope, the icy Duke of Thornfield, likes his life in a certain order. Give him a strong drink, a good book, and his dog for company, and he's content. But when he goes to his library and finds a woman sitting in his chair, petting his dog, what starts as a request for her to leave quickly turns to a fiery battle of wits, leading to a steamy kiss that could ruin them both if they were caught. So of course, damn it all, that's when Edward's aunt walks in, and thereafter announces Miss Georgiana Bly is the future Duchess of Thornfield. Georgiana was content to be a spinster, spending her days reading and working to keep her family out of debt. But now her days are spent locked away with a growly duke, learning how to be the perfect duchess, and her nights spent fighting the undeniable attraction to a man who was never meant for her. As their wedding day approaches, the attraction between them burns hot and fierce, but is it enough to melt the duke's chilly facade?

'A fabulous story, superbly told' Max Hastings The bloodbath at Waterloo ended a war that had engulfed the world for over twenty years. It also finished the career of the charismatic Napoleon Bonaparte. It ensured the final liberation of Germany and the restoration of the old European monarchies, and it represented one of very few defeats for the glorious French army, most of whose soldiers remained devoted to their Emperor until the very end. Extraordinary though it may seem much about the Battle of Waterloo has remained uncertain, with many major features of the campaign hotly debated. Most histories have depended heavily on the evidence of British officers that were gathered

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about twenty years after the battle. But the recent publication of an abundance of fresh first-hand accounts from soldiers of all the participating armies has illuminated important episodes and enabled radical reappraisal of the course of the campaign. What emerges is a darker, muddier story, no longer biased by notions of regimental honour, but a tapestry of irony, accident, courage, horror and human frailty. An epic page turner, rich in dramatic human detail and grounded in first-class scholarly research, Waterloo is the real inside story of the greatest land battle in British history, the defining showdown of the age of muskets, bayonets, cavalry and cannon.

In 1814, with Napoleon in exile, it looked as if his career was over. Then the Emperor escaped and made a last stand, which climaxed on June 18, 1815 at Waterloo. Published to mark the 200th anniversary, this compelling and beautifully illustrated new treatment of the Hundred Days campaign includes reproductions of contemporary letters and documents that graphically portray Napoleon's final overthrow.

'Outrageously scandalous, soaked in sex and money, aristocracy, adventure and grandeur... Catherine Ostler's superb, gripping, decadent biography brings an extraordinary woman and a whole world blazingly to life. An unforgettable, unputdownable read that seems both historical and modern, utterly relevant today.' – Simon Sebag Montefiore, author of Catherine the Great and Potemkin 'Fascinating.

Magnificent.?Sensitively told.' Hallie Rubenhold, author of The Five and The Covent Garden Ladies When the glamorous Elizabeth Chudleigh, Duchess of Kingston, Countess of Bristol, went on trial at Westminster Hall for bigamy in April 1776, the story drew more attention in society than the American War of Independence. A clandestine, candlelit wedding to the young heir to an earldom, a second

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marriage to a Duke, a lust for diamonds and an electrifying appearance at a masquerade ball in a diaphanous dress: no wonder the trial was a sensation. However, Elizabeth refused to submit to public humiliation and retire quietly. Rather than backing gracefully out of the limelight, she embarked on a Grand Tour of Europe, being welcomed by the Pope and Catherine the Great among others. As maid of honour to Augusta, Princess of Wales, Elizabeth led her life in the inner circle of the Hanoverian court and her exploits delighted and scandalised the press and the people. She made headlines, and was a constant feature in penny prints and gossip columns. Writers were intrigued by her. Thackeray drew on Elizabeth as inspiration for his calculating, alluring Becky Sharp. But her behaviour, often depicted as attention-seeking and manipulative, hid a more complex tale – that of Elizabeth's fight to overcome personal tragedy and loss. Now, in this brilliantly told and evocative biography, Catherine Ostler takes a fresh look at Elizabeth's story and seeks to understand and reappraise a woman who refused to be defined by society's expectations of her. A woman who was by turns, brave, loving and generous but also reckless, greedy and insecure; a woman totally unwilling to accept the female status of underdog or to hand over all the power, the glory and the adventures of life to men.

The intriguing and authenticated story of the British Army's first professional staff officer, Colonel Sir W H Lancey, and his beautiful Scottish bride, Lady de Lancey. This book includes Lady de Lancey's narrative "A week at Waterloo in 1815".

Marrying a stranger On the eve of battle, Lieutenant Edmund Summerfield rescues mysterious Amelie Glenville from attack by marauding soldiers. Heady from the anticipation and uncertainty in the air, they spend the night together, but their scandalous actions have one inescapable consequence...!

The illegitimate son of an aristocrat, Edmund won't consign

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his unborn child to the same fate, so he offers Amelie marriage. With a honeymoon spent weathering a storm of scandal, can these two strangers hope to turn their convenient marriage into something real?

'Dancing Into Battle' concerns the social backdrop, vividly described, to one of the greatest battles in European history, Waterloo 1815.

In 'Dancing in the time of war', Alasdair White looks at the social side of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815 and tells us why there were so many expatriates, notably British, in Brussels at the time, attending the numerous balls, dinners and picnics on offer to the social elite. The Duchess of Richmond's Ball is famous the world over because this is where Wellington received confirmation that Napoleon and his army had entered the Province of Belgium.

A thrilling story of murder and betrayal filled with the scandal, wit, and intrigue characteristic of Austen's classic novels Fitzwilliam Darcy is devastated. The joy of his recent wedding has been cut short by the news of the sudden death of his father's beloved cousin, Samuel Darcy. Elizabeth and Darcy travel to Dorset, a popular Regency resort area, to pay their respects to the well-traveled and eccentric Samuel. But this is no summer holiday. Danger bubbles beneath Dorset's peaceful surface as strange and foreboding events begin to occur. Several of Samuel's ancient treasures go missing, and then his body itself disappears. As Darcy and Elizabeth investigate this mystery and unravel its tangled ties

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to the haunting legends of Dark Dorset, the legendary couple's love is put to the test when sinister forces strike close to home. Some secrets should remain secrets, but Darcy will do all he can to find answers—even if it means meeting his own end in the damp depths of a newly dug grave. With malicious villains, dramatic revelations and heroic gestures, *The Mysterious Death of Mr. Darcy* will keep Austen fans turning the pages right up until its dramatic conclusion.

Guide to the art treasures of Goodwood and the history of the house and the Dukes of Richmond who lived there.

"Every book about the Waterloo campaign inevitably mentions the Duchess of Richmond's Ball, which was held in Brussels on the evening of 15 June 1815. This was one of the most romantic social gatherings ever held, with the uniforms of the dashing young army officers and the exquisite dresses of the ladies contrasting with the somewhat rough-and-ready setting of a converted coach-house in downtown Brussels. The rumours of Napoleon's advance introduced an air of foreboding from the start, but, when these were confirmed just after 11pm by the arrival of a mud-spattered, messenger, everything came to a halt as the young men bid adieu to their weeping partners and galloped off into the night to join their regiments." "Such mentions, however, tend to be in passing and the detailed

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questions, such as precisely who was invited and why, where it was held and what happened there are invariably skipped over - until now. This book addresses all those questions and more, and is the outcome of many years of research by David Miller."--BOOK JACKET.

An essential guide for anyone who dreams of penning tomorrow's radio classics.

Two families living in 1840s London must guard a secret that originated at the Duchess of Richmond's legendary ball on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo. Take a romp through the long eighteenth-century in this collection of 25 short tales. Marvel at the Queen's Ass, gaze at the celestial heavens through the eyes of the past and be amazed by the equestrian feats of the Norwich Nymph. Journey to the debauched French court at Versailles, travel to Covent Garden and take your seat in a box at the theatre and, afterwards, join the mile-high club in a new-fangled hot air balloon. Meet actresses, whores and high-born ladies, politicians, inventors, royalty and criminals as we travel through the Georgian era in all its glorious and gruesome glory. In roughly chronological order, covering the reign of the four Georges, 1714-1730 and set within the framework of the main events of the era, these tales are accompanied by over 100 stunning color illustrations.

READ THE FIRST PART IN THIS 11-PART SERIES FREE!

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On the eve of the Battle of Waterloo, two families meet at the Duchess of Richmond's Ball. From this moment on, their stories will be linked by a secret. Julian Fellowes's *Belgravia* is a story in 11 episodes published week by week in the tradition of Charles Dickens. *Belgravia* is the story of a secret. A secret that unravels behind the porticoed doors of London's grandest postcode. The story behind the secret will be revealed in weekly bite-sized instalments complete with twists and turns and cliff-hanger endings. Set in the 1840s when the upper echelons of society began to rub shoulders with the emerging industrial nouveau riche, *Belgravia* is peopled by a rich cast of characters. But the story begins on the eve of the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. At the Duchess of Richmond's now legendary ball, one family's life will change for ever...

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From the authors of *An Infamous Mistress*: “The tale of two juicy 19th-century scandals, both concerning the aristocratic Cavendish-Bentinck family” (*Cheshire Life*). Almost two books in one, *A Right Royal Scandal* recounts the fascinating history of the irregular love matches contracted by two successive generations of the Cavendish-Bentinck family, ancestors of the British royal family. The first part of this intriguing book looks at the scandal that erupted in Regency London, just months after the Battle of Waterloo, when the widowed Lord Charles Bentinck eloped with the Duke of Wellington’s married niece. Over two decades later and while at Oxford University, Lord Charles’ eldest son fell in love with a beautiful Romany girl, and secretly married her. When his alliance was discovered, he was cast adrift by his family—with devastating consequences. A love story as well as a brilliantly researched historical biography, this is a continuation of Joanne Major and Sarah Murden’s first biography, *An*

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Infamous Mistress, about the eighteenth-century courtesan Grace Dalrymple Elliott, whose daughter was the first wife of Lord Charles Bentinck. The book ends by showing how, if not for a young gypsy and her tragic life, the British monarchy would look very different today. “An easy read of a subject that keeps you engrossed from start to finish. This book is brilliant for those who enjoy the scandals of historical television, with the added authenticity of historical fact.”

—History of Royals “The plots may seem to come straight out of the world of Regency Romance but they are all true, and carefully annotated and verified by Major and Murden.”

—Naomi Clifford, author of *The Murder of Mary Ashford*
Using a wealth of unpublished sources, this book tells the story of Lady Georgiana Lennox and the unique friendship she cherished with the 1st Duke of Wellington. Georgy first met the Duke on his return from India when he was serving under her father the Duke of Richmond who was then Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. The Lennox family moved to Brussels in 1813 and Georgy's mother threw the now legendary Duchess of Richmond's Ball the night before the Battle of Waterloo. Georgy had a front row seat to the battle, and remained in Brussels afterwards to help the many wounded soldiers who returned from the front. Georgy was a beautiful and immensely popular young lady with many suitors during her youth. She and the Duke enjoyed a flirtatious early friendship, which blossomed into an intimate friendship in later years. At twenty-nine Georgy married the future 23rd Baron de Ros who became a diplomatic spy and later Governor of the Tower of London. Georgy had three children, and died at the impressive age of 96, by which time she was one of the last people alive who had been a personal friend of the Iron Duke.

'Superb' *The Economist* 'Elegant, entertaining and frequently surprising' *New York Times* The fascinating story of the

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Regency period in Britain - an immensely colourful and chaotic decade that marked the emergence of the modern world. The Regency began on 5 February 1811 when the Prince of Wales replaced his violently insane father George III as the sovereign de facto. It ended on 29 January 1820, when George III died and the Prince Regent became King as George IV. At the centre of the era is of course the Regent himself, who was vilified by the masses for his selfishness and corpulence. Around him surged a society defined by brilliant characters, momentous events, and stark contrasts; a society forced to confront a whole range of pressing new issues that signalled a decisive break from the past and that for the first time brought our modern world clearly into view. The Regency Revolution is the most thorough and vivid exploration of the period ever published, and it reveals the remarkably diverse ways in which the cultural, social, technological and political revolutions of this decade continue both to inspire and haunt our world.

The Duchess of Richmond's ball--Brussels, June 15th, 1815--the eve of Waterloo. There is still time for romance for the lovely, shocking young widow, Lady Barbara Childe, to trifle with Charles Audley, aide-de-camp to the great Duke of Wellington. At dawn the army must march, leaving a silent city of women awaiting the distant thunder of guns.

25 December 1941 is known to this day by the people of Hong Kong as 'Black Christmas'. The battle for Hong Kong is a story that deserves to be better known.

In the early morning hours of June 19, 1815, more than 50,000 men and 7,000 horses lay dead and wounded on a battlefield just south of Brussels. In the hours, days, weeks and months that followed, news of the battle would begin to shape the consciousness of an age; the battlegrounds would be looted and cleared, its dead buried or burned, its ground and ruins overrun by voyeuristic tourists; the victorious British

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and Prussian armies would invade France and occupy Paris. And as his enemies within and without France closed in, Napoleon saw no avenue ahead but surrender, exile and captivity. In this dramatic account of the aftermath of the battle of Waterloo, Paul O'Keeffe employs a multiplicity of contemporary sources and viewpoints to create a reading experience that brings into focus as never before the sights, sounds, and smells of the battlefield, of conquest and defeat, of celebration and riot.

Part of the 'Making History Series' – 'Waterloo' is an exciting retelling of one of the moments that shook the world – Waterloo, one of the truly decisive battles of history.

FROM THE CREATOR OF DOWNTON ABBEY: NOW A MAJOR TV SERIES 'A modern classic that will fill any Downton-shaped hole' Daily Express It is the evening of 15 June 1815, and the Duchess of Richmond has thrown a magnificent ball in Brussels for the Duke of Wellington. The guests include James and Anne Trenchard - who have made their money in trade - along with their beautiful daughter Sophia. When the Trenchards move into the fashionable new area of Belgravia some twenty-five years later, they are surrounded by some of London society's most influential families. But something happened that night of the ball, so long ago, that threatens their new status. Because behind Belgravia's magnificent doors is a world of secrets, gossip and intrigue. 'Stunning' Mail on Sunday 'Written with brio, the novel races along with all the page-turning suspense of a thriller' Fanny Blake, Woman & Home 'A jolly romp about Fellowes's favourite subject, class' Sunday Times 'Immersive and intriguing' Stylist

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*** From the acclaimed author of *The Flight of Cornelia Blackwood* *** Everyone can change their life. But what happens when it hides a secret that changes everything? In 1964, Maggie wakes to find herself in a mental asylum, with no idea who she is or how she got there. Remnants of memories swirl in her mind - a familiar song, a storm, a moment of violence. Slowly, she begins to piece together the past and the events which brought her to this point. In the present day, Jonathan is grieving after the loss of his father. A cold, distant man, he was not easy to love, but at least while he lived there was hope for reconciliation. Then a detective turns up on Jonathan's doorstep to question him about crimes he believes Jonathan's father may have committed long ago... As the two stories interweave, the devastating truth long kept hidden must emerge, and both Maggie and Jonathan are forced to come to terms with the consequences of the shocking and tragic events of over forty years ago. 'Passionate, intriguing and beautifully written ... deserves to stand on the shelf next to Maggie O'Farrell's books. A powerful and talented new voice' Rachel Hore, bestselling author of *A Gathering Storm* 'If you love Maggie O'Farrell, you will love this' Veronica Henry, bestselling author of *The Long Weekend* 'A brave and moving story about how much can be lost and what happens next' Alison Moore, author of Booker-shortlisted *The Lighthouse*

The Battle of Waterloo. A heart-racing tale of adventure, love and fate against the backdrop of one of the most decisive battles in history by one of the greatest and best-selling romantic novelists of all time. In 1815, beneath

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the aegis of the Army of Occupation, Brussels is the gayest town in Europe. And the widow Lady Barbara Childe, renowned for being as outrageous as she is beautiful, is at the centre of all that is fashionable and light-hearted. When she meets Charles Audley, dashing aide-de-camp to the great Duke of Wellington himself, her joie de vivre knows no bounds - until the eve of the fateful Battle of Waterloo ... Georgette Heyer was the creator - greatest practitioner - of the Regency romance, and *An Infamous Army* shows why she has won the hearts of a whole new audience with her sweeping historical fiction.

Vol. X - 1814-1815. The whole of Europe was aflame in these two years, and Fortescue writes most effectively of the military activity and the political background. Italy, the Peninsula, the Low Countries and the American War are all interwoven from the British point of view in a tour de force of military history. He then includes a really valuable summary of events in Europe from 1803 to 1814 before setting out to describe the culminating battle at Waterloo. From the Duchess of Richmond's Ball to the exhaustion on the night after the battle, Fortescue maintains a pace and directness which is fascinating to read.

'A superb little book that is micro-history at its best'
Washington Post 'The brevity of this remarkable book belies the amount of work that went into it. One can only marvel at how well Professor Simms has gone through the original sources - the surviving journals, reminiscences and letters of the individual combatants - to produce a coherent and gripping narrative' Nick

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Lezard, Guardian The true story, told minute by minute, of the soldiers who defeated Napoleon - from Brendan Simms, acclaimed author of *Europe: The Struggle for Supremacy* Europe had been at war for over twenty years. After a short respite in exile, Napoleon had returned to France and threatened another generation of fighting across the devastated and exhausted continent. At the small Belgian village of Waterloo two large, hastily mobilized armies faced each other to decide the future of Europe. Unknown either to Napoleon or Wellington the battle would be decided by a small, ordinary group of British and German troops given the task of defending the farmhouse of La Haye Sainte. This book tells their extraordinary story, brilliantly recapturing the fear, chaos and chanciness of battle and using previously untapped eye-witness reports. Through determination, cunning and fighting spirit, some four hundred soldiers held off many thousands of French and changed the course of history. Everyone knows about the Battle of Waterloo – or do they? This book presents the battle as never before: through the personal stories of over 150 people present at the battle or its immediate aftermath. A reference book, a biographical dictionary, and a myth-busting expose, *Who was Who at Waterloo* is an indispensable guide to history's most famous battle. Arranged in alphabetical order, and with entries highlighted throughout the text like links in a website, the book boasts a colourful cast of soldiers, politicians, peasants, surgeons, artists, novelists, poets, scientists, entrepreneurs, and more. It provides many sorties into nineteenth century culture, politics, medicine and

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science. It also provides a thorough look at the sources, identifying myths, irregularities and cover-ups. The book demonstrates how little we can really know about Waterloo. And yet it also demonstrates just how much can be said about the battle's participants.

Since ancient times human beings have gathered together for social purposes. And since not very long after that writers have written about these occasions. The party is a useful literary device, not only for social comment and satire, but as an occasion where characters can meet, fall in love, fall out or even get murdered. A Curious Invitation features forty of the greatest fictional festivities. Some of these parties are depictions of real events, like the Duchess of Richmond's Ball on the eve of battle with Napoleon in Thackeray's *Vanity Fair*; others draw on the author's experience of the society they lived in, such as Lady Metroland's party in Evelyn Waugh's *Vile Bodies*; while yet others come straight from the writer's bizarre imagination, like Douglas Adams' flying party above an unknown planet from *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*. Suzette Field offers you the chance to gatecrash these parties, spanning most of the history of human civilization, seen through the eyes of the world's greatest writers.

Brussels, June 1815. The Duke of Wellington was marshalling the Allied forces in readiness to fight Napoleon, who had escaped from Elba in February. The many British living in the city at the time were enjoying cricket matches, race-meetings and picnics despite the threat of war. On the fifteenth, the ambitious Charlotte,

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Duchess of Richmond, held what was to become the most famous Ball in history. Published to coincide with the Waterloo bicentenary, the book recounts the experiences of those at the ball, and the surprising coincidence that Wellington's despatch was presented to the Prince Regent at another ball, six momentous days later.

A THRILLING NOVEL OF MALICIOUS VILLAINS, DRAMATIC REVELATIONS, AND HEROIC GESTURES THAT STAYS TRUE TO AUSTEN'S STYLE

SHACKLED IN THE DUNGEON of a macabre castle with no recollection of her past, a young woman finds herself falling in love with her captor—the estate's master. Trusting him before she regains her memory and unravels the castle's wicked truths would be a catastrophe. Far away at Pemberley, the Darcys happily gather to celebrate the marriage of Kitty Bennet. But a dark cloud sweeps through the festivities: Georgiana has disappeared without a trace. Upon receiving word of his sister's likely demise, Darcy and his wife, Elizabeth, set off across the English countryside, seeking answers in the unfamiliar and menacing Scottish moors. How can Darcy keep his sister safe from the most sinister threat she has ever faced when he doesn't even know if she's alive? True to Austen's style and rife with malicious villains, dramatic revelations and heroic gestures, this suspense-packed mystery places Darcy and Elizabeth in the most harrowing situation they have ever faced—finding Georgiana before it's too late.

'The best book about the Windsors for decades'

Petronella Wyatt The intimate biography of one of the

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most misunderstood women in British royal history. The seven-year campaign that saved Europe from Napoleon told by those who were there. What made Arthur Duke of Wellington the military genius who was never defeated in battle? In the vivid narrative style that is his trademark, Peter Snow recalls how Wellington evolved from a backward, sensitive schoolboy into the aloof but brilliant commander. He tracks the development of Wellington's leadership and his relationship with the extraordinary band of men he led from Portugal in 1808 to their final destruction of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo seven years. Having described his soldiers as the 'scum of the earth' Wellington transformed them into the finest fighting force of their time. Digging deep into the rich treasure house of diaries and journals that make this war the first in history to be so well recorded, Snow examines how Wellington won the devotion of generals such as the irascible Thomas Picton and the starry but reckless 'Black Bob' Crauford and soldiers like Rifleman Benjamin Harris and Irishman Ned Costello. Through many first-hand accounts, Snow brings to life the horrors and all of the humanity of life in and out of battle, as well as shows the way that Wellington mastered the battlefield to outsmart the French and change the future of Europe. *To War with Wellington* is the gripping account of a very human story about a remarkable leader and his men.

Can their love withstand the trials of war? Georgiana Darcy and Edward Fitzwilliam want only to be together. But when the former Emperor Napoleon escapes from his exile on the Isle of Elba, Britain is plunged into

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renewed war with France ... and Edward is once more called away to fight. To be with the man she loves, Georgiana makes the perilous journey to Brussels, in time to witness the historic downfall of Napoleon at the Battle of Waterloo. But when Edward is gravely injured in the battle, she will need more courage than she ever knew she had to fight for their future together. Pemberley to Waterloo is the sequel to Georgiana Darcy's Diary and is Book 2 of the Pride and Prejudice Chronicles. It is appropriate for all ages. The Pride and Prejudice Chronicles: Georgiana Darcy's Diary Pemberley to Waterloo Kitty Bennet's Diary keywords: Pride and Prejudice sequel, Jane Austen sequel, continuation, variation, Jane Austen fan fiction, fanfiction, jaff, Pemberley, Mr. Darcy, Elizabeth Bennet, England, British, clean Regency romance, cozy, Napoleon Bonaparte, French, Duchess of Richmond's Ball, Duke of Wellington, Battle of Waterloo, historical fiction
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