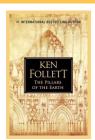
# Historical Fiction



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# The pillars of the earth

by Ken Follett

A prior, a master builder, and their community try to build a cathedral to protect themselves while Stephen and the Empress Maud fight for the crown of England. First in a series.



# The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society

by Mary Ann Shaffer In 1946, writer Juliet Ashton finds inspiration for her next book in her correspondence with a native of Guernsey, who tells her about a book club born as an alibi during German occupation.



# Shanghai girls

by Lisa See

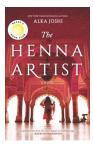
Forced to leave Shanghai when their father sells them to California suitors, sisters May and Pearl struggle to adapt to life in 1930s Los Angeles while still bound to old customs.



# A Thousand Ships

by Natalie Haynes

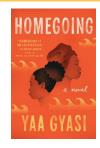
An award-winning retelling of the Trojan War from the perspectives of its women follows the stories of a vigil-keeping Penelope, an Amazon princess rival of Achilles, and three goddesses whose feud sparks a tragic conflict.



#### The henna artist

by Alka Joshi

A talented henna artist for wealthy confidantes finds her efforts to control her own destiny in 1950s Jaipur threatened by the abusive husband she fled as a teenage girl.



## Homegoing

by Yaa Gyasi

Two half-sisters are born into different villages in 18th-century Ghana and experience profoundly different lives and legacies throughout subsequent generations.



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A beautiful woman escapes her Austrian arms-dealer husband to become Hollywood legend Hedy Lamarr while hiding a secret double life as a Jewish scientist and sharing vital information about the Third Reich.



#### Home

by Toni Morrison

Embittered Korean War veteran Frank Money struggles against trauma and racism to rescue his medically abused sister and work through identityshattering memories.



#### The Alice Network

by Kate Quinn

In 1947, pregnant Charlie St. Clair, an American college girl banished from her family, arrives in London to find out what happened to her beloved cousin Rose, who disappeared in Nazioccupied France during the war.

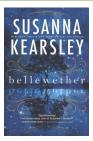


#### News of the world

by Paulette Jiles

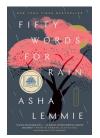
In the wake of the Civil War, a widower and itinerant news reader is paid to bring an orphan girl who was kidnapped and raised by Kiowa raiders from Wichita Falls back to her family in San Antonio.

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As war is raging, young French
Canadian lieutenant Jean-Philippe de
Sabran is captured and billeted with a
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feelings for the daughter of the house.



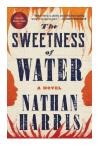
#### Fifty words for rain

by Asha Lemmie
Abandoned by a mother who instructs
her never to fight or ask questions, an
illegitimate child of mixed heritage in
1948 Kyoto forges a bond with her
older half-brother against the wishes of
their formidable grandparents.



#### Band of sisters

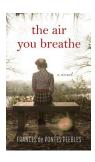
by Lauren Willig
A former scholarship student
reluctantly joins other Smith alumnae
volunteers to help World War I French
civilians before finding herself
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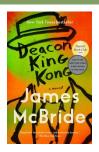
by Nathan Harris
A pair of recently emancipated
brothers need money to search for
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Meanwhile, a forbidden romance
between two Confederate soldiers

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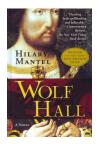
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by James McBride
In the aftermath of a 1969 Brooklyn
church deacon's public shooting of a
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African-American and Latinx witnesses
find unexpected support from each
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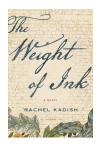
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by Susan Meissner
Moving to early 20th-century San
Francisco to escape tenement life, an
Irish mail-order bride uncovers secrets
involving a silent child and two other
women before her precarious
existence is upended by the great
earthquake of 1906.



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## The weight of ink

by Rachel Kadish
A historian with a fondness for Jewish history reviews 17th century documents discovered in Amsterdam, and learns the story of an emigrant who worked as a scribe for a blind rabbi just before the onslaught of the plague.



#### The children's blizzard

by Melanie Benjamin
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Plains blizzard of 1888 to depict the
experiences of two teachers, a servant,
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