

# *Kings and Queens and Guillotines*

## Historical Fiction From Around the World



### **The Boy Who Dared** YA BARTOLETT

In October, 1942, seventeen-year-old Helmuth Hubener, imprisoned for distributing anti-Nazi leaflets, recalls his past life and how he came to dedicate himself to bring the truth about Hitler and the war to the German people.



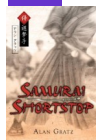
### **Crossing to Paradise** YA CROSSLEYHOLLA

Having lived a simple life with few notable accomplishments, Gatty's life is forever changed when she is chosen to join a pilgrimage to the Holy Land and the spirit of the city impacts her soul in ways she could have never imagined.



### **The Red Necklace** YA GARDNER

In the late eighteenth-century, Sido, the twelve-year-old daughter of a self-indulgent marquis, and Yann, a fourteen-year-old Gypsy orphan raised to perform in a magic show, face a common enemy at the start of the French Revolution.



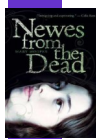
### **Samurai Shortstop** YA GRATZ

While obtaining a Western education at a prestigious Japanese boarding school in 1890, sixteen-year-old Toyo also receives traditional samurai training which has profound effects on both his baseball game and his relationship with his father.



### **Ivy** YA HEARN

In mid-nineteenth-century London, young, mistreated, and destitute Ivy, whose main asset is her beautiful red hair, comes to the attention of an aspiring painter of the pre-Raphaelite school of artists who, with the connivance of Ivy's unsavory family, is determined to make her his model and muse.



### **Newes From the Dead** YA HOOPER

In 1650, while Robert, a young medical student, steels himself to assist with her dissection, twenty-two-year-old housemaid Anne Green recalls her life as she lies in her coffin, presumed dead after being hanged for murdering her child that was, in fact, stillborn.



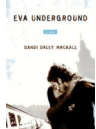
### **Over a Thousand Hills I Walk With You** YA JANSEN

Jeanne and her family, who are Tutsis living in Rwanda during the country's 1994 civil war, flee their home in hopes of evading Hutu soldiers as political events threaten to overtake them.



### **Ophelia** YA KLEIN

In a story based on Shakespeare's Hamlet, Ophelia tells of her life in the court at Elsinore, her love for Prince Hamlet, and her escape from the violence in Denmark.



### **Eva Underground** YA MACKALL

In 1978, a high school senior is forced by her widowed father to move from their comfortable Chicago suburb to help with an underground education movement in communist Poland.



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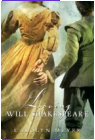
Note: Not all titles are appropriate for all readers.

Annotations courtesy of Novelist.



### **Dawn and Dusk** YA MEAD

As thirteen-year-old Azad tries desperately to cling to the life he has known, the political situation in Iran during the war with Iraq finally forces his family to flee their home and seek safety elsewhere.



### **Loving Will Shakespeare** YA MEYER

In Stratford-upon-Avon in the sixteenth century, Anne Hathaway suffers her stepmother's cruelty and yearns for love and escape, finally finding it in the arms of a boy she has grown up with, William Shakespeare.



### **Bloodline** YA MORAN

While traveling through early seventh-century Britain trying to stop an impending war, Essa, who bears the blood of native British tribes and of the invading English, discovers that his mother is alive and he, himself, is a prince of the northern kingdom, but he has loyalties and loved ones in the south to whom he is compelled to return.



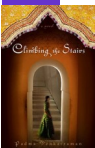
### **Tamar** YA PEET

In England in 1995, fifteen-year-old Tamar, grief-stricken by the puzzling death of her beloved grandfather, slowly begins to uncover the secrets of his life in the Dutch resistance during the last year of the Nazi occupation of the Netherlands, and the climactic events that forever cast a shadow on his life and that of his family.



### **Sovay** YA REES

In 1794 England, the rich and beautiful Sovay, disguised as a highwayman, acquires papers that could lead to her father's arrest for treason, and soon her newly-awakened political consciousness leads her and a compatriot to France during the Revolution.



### **Climbing the Stairs** YA VENKATRAMAN

In India, in 1941, when her father becomes brain-damaged in a non-violent protest march, fifteen-year-old Vidya and her family are forced to move in with her father's extended family and become accustomed to a totally different way of life.



### **Listening for Lions** YA WHELAN

Left an orphan after the influenza epidemic in British East Africa in 1918, thirteen-year-old Rachel is tricked into assuming a deceased neighbor's identity to travel to England, where her only dream is to return to Africa and rebuild her parents' mission hospital.



### **Prince Across the Water** YA YOLEN

In 1746, a year after the Scottish clans have rallied to the call of their exiled prince, Charles Stuart, to take up arms against England's tyranny, fourteen-year-old, epileptic Duncan MacDonald and his cousin, Ewan, run away to join the fight at Culloden and discover the harsh reality of war.



### **The Book Thief** YA ZUSAK

Trying to make sense of the horrors of World War II, Death relates the story of Liesel--a young German girl whose book-stealing and story-telling talents help sustain her family and the Jewish man they are hiding, as well as their neighbors.

*History, with all her volumes vast,  
Hath but one page.*

George Gordon Noel Byron, Lord Byron, 1788-1824