Throwback Stories: Historical Fiction

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Gone with the Wind
Margaret Mitchell
American Civil War & Reconstruction
PS3525.I972 G6 1964
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Other Boleyn Girl
Philippa Gregory
Tudor England
PR6057.R386 O84 2003
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Book Thief
Markus Zusak
WWII Germany
PR9619.4.Z87 B66 2006
3rd FL Education Library Muth Books

The Red Tent
Anita Diamant
Biblical, Book of Genesis
PS3554.I227 R43 2005
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Pillars of the Earth
Ken Follett
12th century England
PR6056.O45 P55 1989
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

A Tale of Two Cities
Charles Dickens
French Revolution
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

Girl with a Pearl Earring
Tracy Chevalier
17th century, Dutch
PS3553.H4367 G57 2001
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Good Earth
Pearl S. Buck
1920s China
PS3503.U198 G66 1992
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

Shōgun : A Novel of Japan
James Clavell
Late 16th century Japan
PS3553.L365 S29 1975
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Thorn Birds
Colleen McCullough
20th century Australia
PR9619.3.M32 T5 1977
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Mists of Avalon
Marion Zimmer Bradley
Arthurian
PS3552.R228 M5 1982
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

Snow Flower and the Secret Fan
Lisa See
19th century China
PS3569.E3334 S66 2005
2nd FL Humanities Library Books
The Name of the Rose
Umberto Eco
14th c. Franciscans, Italy
PQ4865.C6 N613 1983
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Scarlet Letter
Nathaniel Hawthorne
17th c. Puritan Boston
PS1868 .A3 1997
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

Lonesome Dove
Larry McMurtry
Late 19th c. Texas
PS3563.A319 L6 1986
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Shadow of the Wind
Carlos Ruiz Zafón
Post Spanish Civil War
PQ6668.U49 S6613 2004
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Color Purple
Alice Walker
American South, 1930s
PS3573.A425 C6 1983
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

Roots
Alex Haley
18th c. Africa and American South
E185.97.H24 A33 1977
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

War and Peace
Leo Tolstoy
19th c., Russia
PG3366 .V6 2006
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

I, Claudius
Robert Graves
1st c. A.D., Roman
PR6013.R35 I12 1989
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

East of Eden
John Steinbeck
Early 20th c. California
PS3537.T3234 E3 1992
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Three Musketeers
Alexandre Dumas
17th c. France
PQ2228 .A355 2006
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

Year of Wonders : A Novel of the Plague
Geraldine Brooks
17th c. England
PR9619.3.B7153 Y4 2001
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Crucible
Arthur Miller
Salem Witch Trials
PS3525.I5156 C7 1977
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Killer Angels
Michael Shaara
American Civil War
PS3569.H2 K5 2001
2nd FL Humanities Library Books

The Alienist
Caleb Carr
Early 20th c., New York
PS3553.A76277 A44 1994
2nd FL Humanities Library Books