

Short List of Historical Novels by Women Writers

Please read at least one of the short-listed books for the summer book Club reading. I have included a link to a review of each book to give you a little more information and help you choose.

Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi (18th century Ghana and 20th century US) :

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/06/12/books/review/isabel-wilkerson-reviews-yaa-gyasis-homegoing.html>

Empress Orchid by Amchee Min (and its sequel *The Last Empress*) (19th & early 20th century China):

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2004/feb/28/featuresreviews.guardianreview13>

Restoration by Rose Tremain (and its sequel *Merivel a Man of His Time*) (17th century England):

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2012/sep/21/restoration-rose-tremain-bookclub>

In the Name of the Family by Sarah Dunant (Borgia family in 15th century Italy):

<http://www.npr.org/2017/03/04/515438391/in-the-name-of-the-family-probes-the-lives-of-an-infamous-clan>

Suite Francaise by Irene Nemorovsky (World War II, France, Holocaust) :

<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/09/books/review/09gray.html>