

FICTION SET IN SPAIN



Historical

Miguel de CERVANTES - ***Don Quixote***

Don Quixote of 16th-century Spain decides to become a knight who lives by the code of chivalry and who honors his lady Dulcinea, but his horse is a nag, his squire a peasant, and his lady a prostitute.

Bernard CORNWELL

Sharpe's Company

Richard Sharpe is on a suicide mission, to the fortress of Badajoz to retrieve his wife and daughter. Outside the walls waits the vengeance-crazed Sergeant Obadiah Haskewill, a man determined to kill Sharpe.

Sharpe's Rifles

In 1809, Lieutenant Richard Sharpe is newly in command of the demoralized, distrustful soldiers of the 95th Rifles in Spain, and he must lead them to safety through the enemy infested hills.

Arturo PEREZ-REVERTE

Captain Alariste

The hero of this swashbuckling series is a veteran master swordsman, home from the warfront, who becomes embroiled in the court intrigue of 17th century Spain.

Paula DiPERNA – ***The Discoveries of Mrs. Christopher Columbus***

A delightful tale that embraces the idea that Dona Felipa Moniz e Perestrello--Columbus' wife, helpmate, and covoyager--was the individual responsible for launching the notion to sail west.

Michael Alexander EISNER - ***The Crusader***

In 1275, Brother Lucas is put in charge of driving the demons out of aristocrat Francisco Montcada, who has just returned from the Crusades. As the demons slowly leave Francisco's body, he recounts the tale of his adventures.

Noah GORDON - ***The Last Jew***

The Great Expulsion of 1492 provides the backdrop for this novel that follows a thirteen-year-old Spanish Jew named Yonah as he tries to avoid the Inquisition.

Kathryn HARRISON - ***Poison***

While Francisca de Luarda, daughter of a silk grower, lives in prison accused of witchcraft during the 17th-century Spanish Inquisition, she reviews her life and that of her queen, Maria Luisa, the barren wife of Carlos II, who is dying from poisoning.

Hammond INNES - ***Medusa***

The MHS "Medusa," sailing under the command of a young, insecure captain, becomes swept up into a political storm and a battle with the English ruler of a Spanish island--a battle threatening the security of the Mediterranean.

Guy Gavriel KAY - ***The Lions of Al-Rassan***

This epic of Renaissance Spain is culled from the legends of El Cid and follows a time of tumultuous change, strife, heroism, political intrigue, war, and courtly delights.

Stephen R. LAWHEAD - ***The Mystic Rose***

Caitriona, a beautiful Scottish woman, embarks on a perilous pilgrimage through the mountains of northern Spain on a search for that most holy of relics, the Sacred Cup of Christ.

Stephen MARLOWE - ***The Death and Life of Miguel de Cervantes***

An exuberant mock autobiography by a writer of historical fiction. Cervantes' oversized life during Spain's golden age, from working as a spy to imprisonment in a Moorish jail, provides all the material needed to spin a swashbuckling adventure.

Contemporary

Nick BANTOCK - ***The Forgetting Room***

This illustrated novel chronicles a discontented man's search for the meaning of the inheritance left to him by his grandfather, an artist.

Paulo COELHO - ***The Alchemist***

The story of Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy who yearns to travel in search of a worldly treasure as extravagant as any ever found is a fable about following one's dreams, listening to one's heart, and reading life's omens.

Jose DONOSO - ***The Garden Next Door***

Julio and Gloria Mendez, two Chilean writers who fled to Spain after the Pinochet coup, find themselves at the nadir of their professional and emotional lives in this taut, complex drama about the dissolution and rebirth of a marriage.

Ernest HEMINGWAY

For Whom the Bell Tolls

The story of an American fighting in the Spanish Civil War, his loyalty and courage and his eventual disillusionment with love and defeat.

The Sun Also Rises

Alcohol and post-World War I anomie as a group of American and European expatriots, weary of drinking and dancing in Paris cafés, decamps for the Spanish town of Pamplona for the "wonderful nightmare" of a week-long fiesta.

Dominic MARTELL - ***Lying Crying Dying***

Determined to escape the memories of his past that torment him, Pascual, a former courier for a network of radical terrorist groups who defected to the CIA, cannot stop thinking about Katixa, the one agent he did not betray.

Edna O'BRIEN - ***The High Road***

Explores the many roads traveled by women--as mystic, mother, daughter, and lover--in a tale of three women on a European island who experience life's disappointments, changes, and quiet surprises.

Kate O'BRIEN - ***Talk of Angels***

A young Irish woman, Mary Lavell travels to Spain to work as a governess just before the civil war, and is forced to confront her values and politics as she grows closer to the adult son of her new employers.

Bruce PALMER – ***They Shall Not Pass***

Carmen, a fascist and communist; Pedro, a Carlist; Paco, who is Russian-trained; Ortega, a peasant priest; and Frank, an American pilot who marries Carmen, participate in Spain's civil war.

Rebecca PAWEL - ***Death of a Nationalist***

In the aftermath of the Spanish Civil War, Carlos Tejada Alonso y Leon, a sergeant in the Guardia Civil, finds the body of his best friend, a hero of the siege of Toledo. Tejada assumes that a Red is the killer. But when his doubts are aroused, he cannot help seeking justice.

Andromeda ROMANO-LAX – ***The Spanish Bow***

A sweeping epic set in Spain during the Spanish Civil War that explores the conflict between art and politics through the lives of three gifted classical musicians.

Robert WILSON

The Blind Man of Seville

Investigating the brutal murder of an artist's son, the first of several victims, Detective Inspector Javier Falcão reads the artist's journals and learns several disturbing truths before realizing that he is the killer's next target.

Vanished Hands

Recovering from the aftermath of his previous assignment, Javier investigates a series of suspicious suicides that could be linked to the Russian Mafia.

Hidden Assassins

Falcon fears that the bombing of a basement mosque in Seville may be the prelude to a larger act of terrorism.

Ignorance of Blood

In the final Falcon novel, the chief of Seville's homicide squad tackles a case that involves corrupt government officials and two of his former nemeses the Russian Mafia and Islamic extremists.

C.J. SANSON– ***Winter in Madrid***

Madrid in 1940 provides the backdrop for this historical thriller. A young veteran of Dunkirk is enlisted by British Intelligence to spy on a former classmate, a shady businessman with ties to Franco.

Carlos RUIZ ZAFON

Shadow of the Wind

A boy named Daniel selects a novel from a library of rare books, enjoying it so much that he searches for the rest of the author's works, only to discover that someone is destroying every book the author has ever written.

The Angel's Game

Capturing the mysterious heart of Barcelona and the magic of books this “semi-prequel” to *Shadow of the Wind* follows the path of a young novelist who makes a Faustian deal with a sinister editor.

Mysteries

Roderic JEFFRIES - ***An Air of Murder*** and others

The latest in this long-running series featuring Spanish detective Enrique Alvarez investigates the mysterious drowning in Mallorca of a visiting Englishwoman. Unfortunately, Dora had stepped into the middle of a family feud between her former employer and her employer's in-laws.

Arturo PEREZ-REVERTE

The Fencing Master

A request from a mysterious woman draws fencing master Don Jaime into a dangerous plot involving seduction, political intrigue, top-secret documents, and murder, in a historical mystery set against the turbulent backdrop of 1868 Madrid.

The Nautical Chart

Coy, a suspended sailor with time on his hands, meets the beautiful Tãanger Soto in Barcelona at a maritime auction and embarks on an adventure to recover the "Del Gloria," a Jesuit ship sunk in the seventeenth century by pirates.

The Seville Communion

When the Pope receives an anonymous plea to save a church slated for demolition, the Vatican sends Father Lorenzo Quart to investigate a diverse collection of people fighting to save the building.

Barbara WILSON - ***Gaudi Afternoon***

Cassandra Reilly, Wilson's wry, savvy, globetrotting sleuth, charges through Barcelona to find a missing person or two of indeterminate gender.