

What's New in Reference?

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Johnson, Sarah L. *Historical Fiction II: A Guide to the Genre*. Westport, CT: Libraries Unlimited, 2009.

"Historical fiction has surged in popularity in recent years, with new subgenres emerging or re-emerging (e.g. Viking romance, religious thrillers) and reader interest showing no signs of slowing down. This follow-up to Johnson's critically acclaimed guide published in 2005 covers new territory by focusing on English-language historical novels for adults published between mid-2004 and mid-2008, in particular those commonly found in American public library collections. The author's unique approach involves classifying titles by subgenres, rather than strictly by geography and chronology; thereby grouping read-alikes together. It gives users a deeper understanding of the genre, an update on new titles, and an easy way to identify read-alikes and book club selections for library patrons. More than 2700 historical fiction titles, about 2,000 new to this volume, are organized and described."

(annotation from booksinprint.com)

