

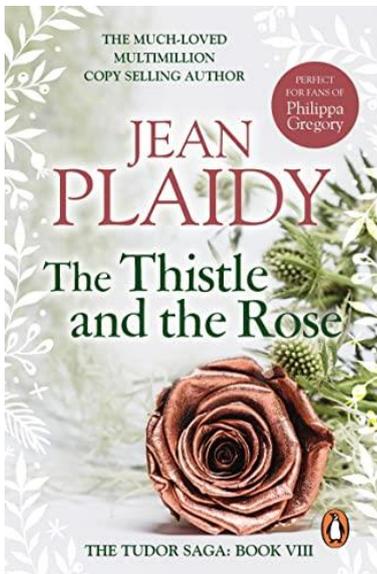


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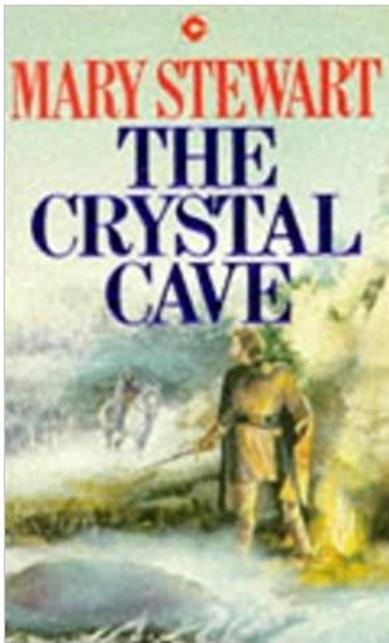


A round up of royal romantic fiction by RNA award winning authors over the past 60 years to celebrate HM Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee



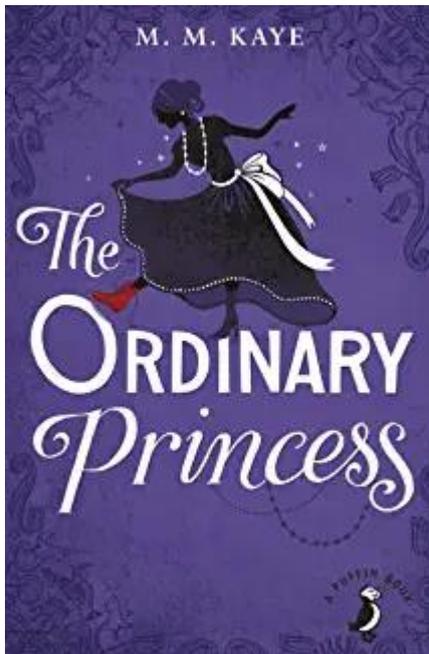
1960s – Eleanor Burford writing as Jean Plaidy. One of our founder members and a prolific and award-winning author of romantic fiction who wrote many books about historical royal romances including *The Thistle and the Rose* about Margaret, sister of Henry VIII.

When King Henry VII negotiates peace with Scotland, his daughter's hand in marriage to James IV is the ultimate prize. A true princess, Margaret Tudor leaves her beloved England and accepts her fate unquestioningly. But to her surprise she falls madly in love with the fearsome Scottish King and, as Queen of Scotland, she is initially happy.



1970 – *The Crystal Cave* by Mary Stewart – the first of her bestselling Arthurian saga. Mary was an Honorary Life Member of the RNA. Fantasy/historical

The protagonist of this story is a boy named Myrddin Emrys, also known as Merlin, which is the Welsh form of the word "falcon". This story is told in first-person narrative and includes his journey to find a home as he travels through Wales, Brittany, England and Ireland. Emrys is also known as Ambrosius, or Prince of Light.



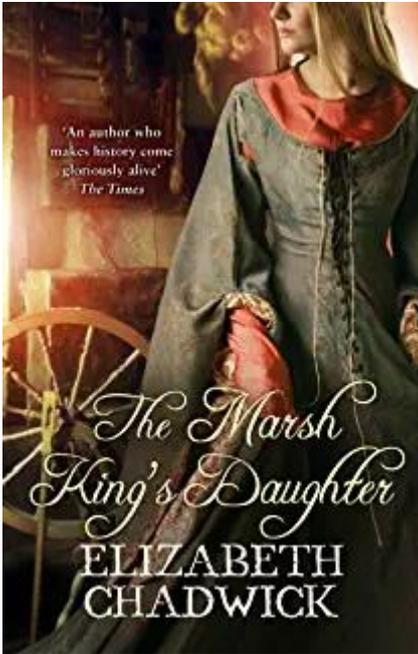
1980 – *The Ordinary Princess* by M M Kaye, what would be called a YA book today but was considered a children’s story when published.

Once upon a time, there was the most beautiful, extraordinary princess. At least, until the day of her christening, when a grumpy fairy placed a spell to make her ordinary!



1982 – *Magic Flutes* by Eva Ibbotson won the RNA Award for Best Romantic Novel of the Year Published in England. This is about an Austrian princess

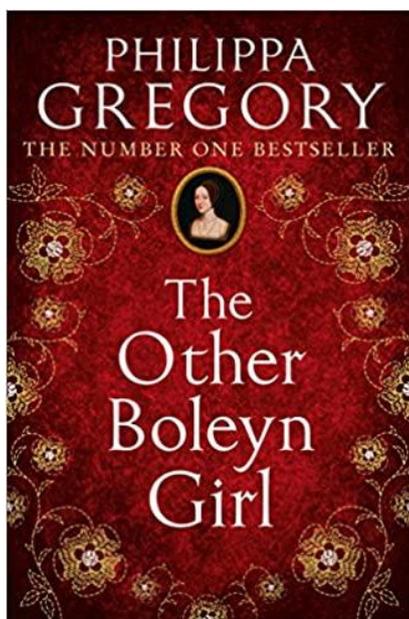
*Sweeping across countries, class and music, Eva Ibbotson's classic historical romance, *Magic Flutes*, is a richly imagined tale of intrigue and identity, with a new introduction from Harriet Evans.*



1999 Elizabeth Chadwick, five times RNA award nominee – *The Marsh King's Daughter*

In 2011 her novel *To Defy a King* won RNA's award for the best work of historical fiction.

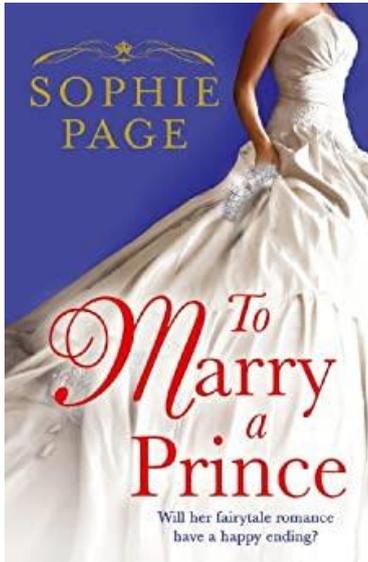
Among the rebellious nobles is young Nicholas de Caen. While fighting John's troops, he is captured, but during the trip back to be questioned, the treacherous marshes cause trouble and Nicholas and King John's treasure are both lost. Nicholas is injured and ends up at a nunnery where he is nursed by Miriel of Wisbech.



2002 – *The Other Boleyn Girl* by Philippa Gregory

Won the RNA novel of the year award 2002

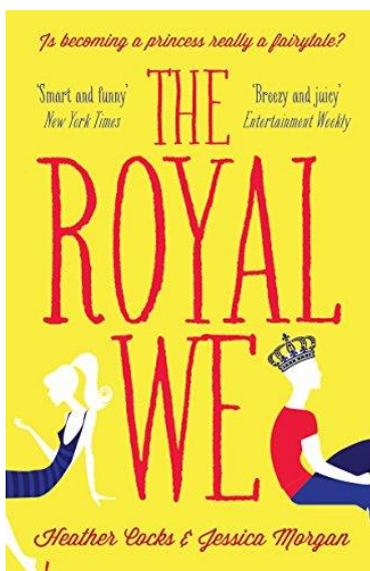
1521. Henry VIII rules over a fashionable court alive with pageant and celebration, the lack of a son his only threat. When young Mary Boleyn arrives at court, she becomes his new mistress, an unwitting pawn in the ambitions of the powerful Boleyn and Howard families.



2011 – To Marry a Prince by Sophie Page was written to mark the wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton

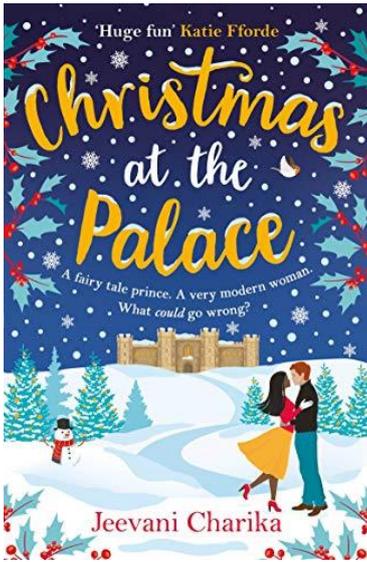
One night is about to change Bella's life for ever...

Bella Greenwood isn't a fairy-tale girl. If pushed, she'd probably tell you that her perfect wedding would involve a handful of close friends and family. But as she's never met anyone she'd like to marry, it's a moot point.



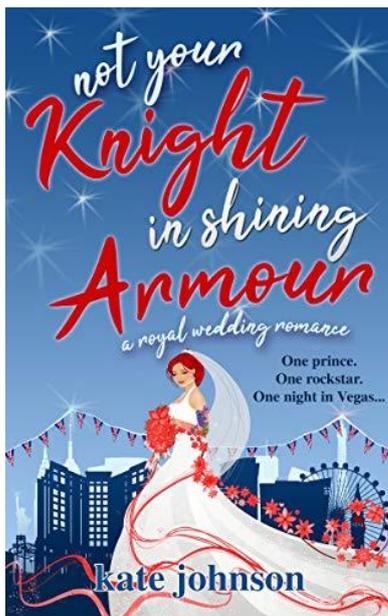
2016 – The Royal We by Heather Cocks and Jessica Morgan shortlisted for the RNA awards

Fall in love with the perfect book to feed your royal addiction... where an unassuming American meets the future king of England...



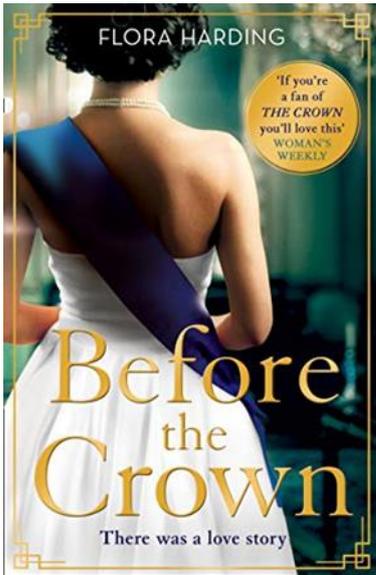
2018 – Christmas at the Palace by Jeevani Charika (RNA awards shortlisted author)

Not even in her wildest imaginings did Kumari ever think she'd become a princess. But having fallen for Ben - or rather Prince Benedict, sixth in line to the throne - it looks like nothing will ever go as planned again. And as Christmas rapidly approaches the distinction between family festivities and Royalty becomes ever more apparent.



2019 – Not your Knight in Shining Armour – Kate Johnson RNA award winning author

Scarlet is not the sort of woman who needs rescuing. That's something she's pretty clear about. The other thing she's really clear about is that if she wants the relaunch of her music career to be taken seriously, she's got to clean up her act. No more sex, drugs and rock'n'roll. The last thing she needs is a messy affair with another celebrity



2020 – Before the Crown by Flora Harding

As war rages across the world, Princess Elizabeth comes face to face with the dashing naval officer she first met in London nine years before.

One of the youngest first lieutenants in the Royal Navy, Philip represents everything she has always been taught to avoid. Instability. Audacity. Adventure.

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We wish you all a very celebratory Jubilee weekend.