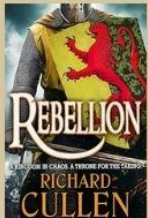


## Legends, Empires & Battles 2025 Fiction Reading List

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**HISTORY**



**Title:**  
*Rebellion*

**Author:**  
Richard Cullen

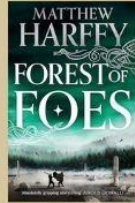
**Published:**  
2024

**Ebook**

1213 AD. King Richard the Lionheart is dead, and his brother, John Lackland, sits uneasily upon the throne of England.

Across the sea, Prince Louis, heir to the powerful King Philip Augustus of France, looks to King John's crown with a covetous eye. But King John must be wary of rebellion, as well as invasion, for even his own barons would see their king unseated, and the French pretender put in his place.

Thrust amid this tumult is young Estienne Wace, orphan squire to Earl William Marshal – the greatest knight to ever serve the kings of England, and one of the few men who still holds faith in King John's rule..



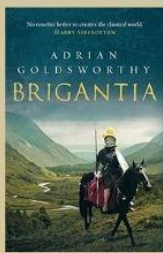
**Title:**  
*Forest of Foes*

**Author:**  
Matthew Harffy

**Published:**  
Series 2015 - 2022

**Adult Fiction**

AD 652. Beobrand has been ordered to lead a group of pilgrims to the holy city of Rome. Chief among them is Wilfrid, a novice of the church with some surprisingly important connections. Taking only Cynan and some of his best men, Beobrand hopes to make the journey through Frankia quickly and return to Northumbria without delay, though the road is long and perilous. But where Beobrand treads, menace is never far behind.



**Title:**  
*Brigantia*

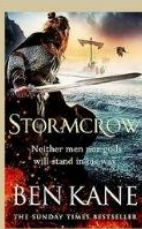
**Author:**  
Adrian Goldsworthy

**Published:**  
Series 2017 - 2019

**Adult Fiction**

AD 100: BRITANNIA.  
THE EDGE OF THE ROMAN WORLD.

Flavius Ferox is the hardbitten centurion charged with keeping the peace on Britannia's frontier with the barbarian tribes of the north. Now he's been summoned to Londinium by the governor, but before he sets out an imperial freedman is found brutally murdered in a latrine at Vindolanda fort – and Ferox must find the killer.



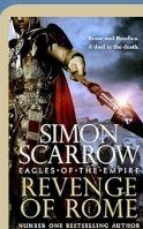
**Title:**  
*Stormcrow*

**Author:**  
Ben Kane

**Published:**  
2024

**Adult Fiction**

On the east coast of Ireland thirteen-year old Finn finds the sword of a slain Norseman, and with Odin's raven watching, is given the name Stormcrow. When Finn's family is torn apart by a random act of violence, and the sword lost, he embarks on a quest for revenge with his oldest friend, the shaman Vekel. It is a path that will lead to the court of the High King of Ireland, Mael Sechnaill, and to the Norse city of Dyflin, ruled by Sigtrygg Silkbeard. Crewing on a longship, Stormcrow raids up and down the Irish coastline, seeking not just riches but vengeance for his murdered father.



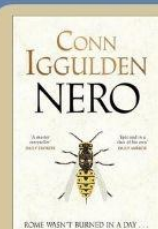
**Title:**  
*Revenge of Rome*

**Author:**  
Simon Scarrow

**Published:**  
Series 2000 - 2024

**Adult Fiction**

AD 61. Britannia is divided. The rebel horde has been defeated. But the leader, Boudica, and her remaining warriors are still at large. With them is the eagle standard of the Ninth Legion, taken in ambush, flaunted as proof that Rome can yet be beaten. The embers of rebellion are still glowing... The toll has been heavy, with countless men lost, and major towns in ruins. The bodies of the dead are strewn across the streets. And for Centurion Macro, there is the scarring knowledge that his mother perished in the attack on Londinium.



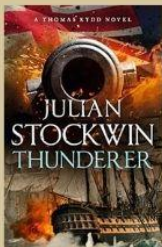
**Title:**  
*Nero*

**Author:**  
Conn Iggulden

**Published:**  
2024

**Adult Fiction**

ANCIENT ROME, AD 37  
It begins with a man's hand curled around another's throat. Emperor Tiberius first dispatches a traitor. Then his whole family. Next all his friends. It is as if he never existed. THIS IS ROMAN JUSTICE. Into this fevered forum, a child is born. His mother is Agrippina, granddaughter of Emperor Augustus. But their imperial blood is no protection. The closer you are to the heart of the empire, the closer you are to power, intrigue, and danger.



**Title:**  
*Thunderer*

**Author:**  
Julian Stockwin

**Published:**  
Series 2001 - 2024

**Adult Fiction**

AD 60. Britannia is in turmoil. The rebel leader Boudica has tasted victory, against a force of tough veterans in Camulodunum. Alerted to the rapidly spreading uprising, Governor Suetonius leads his army towards endangered Londinium with a mounted escort, led by Prefect Cato. Soon it's terrifyingly clear that Britannia is slipping into chaos and panic, with ever more tribal warriors swelling Boudica's ranks. And Cato and Suetonius are grimly aware that little preparation has been made to withstand a full-scale rebellion.



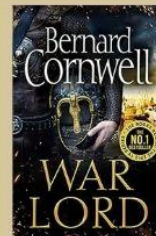
**Title:**  
*The Blood of Kings*

**Author:**  
M. K. Hume

**Published:**  
Series 2015 - 2017

**Adult Fiction**

The fate of Roman Britain is sealed when Caradoc, King of the Dumnonii tribe in Tintagel, meets Flavius Magnus Maximus, one of the most influential Roman officers in Britannia. Their unlikely friendship leads to an ambitious plan to unite the tribal leaders and, once crowned the first High King of the Britons, Maximus casts his eyes on the throne of the Western Roman Empire. Leading a force of brave warriors to Gaul, Maximus is victorious in battle. But it is not long after his return to Britain that hubris gnaws at him once again.



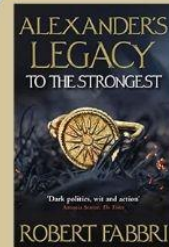
**Title:**  
*War Lord*

**Author:**  
Bernard Cornwell

**Published:**  
Series 2004 - 2020

**Adult Fiction**

After a lifetime of fighting, the great warrior Lord Uhtred is ready to hang up his sword. But as long as the kingdom remains divided, peace is fragile – and Uhtred will never be safe in his Northumbrian fortress. As kings in the north and south grow more bloodthirsty for power, history marches inexorably towards war. And Uhtred has no choice but to throw himself into the fire.



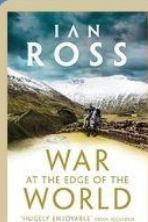
**Title:**  
*To The Strongest*

**Author:**  
Robert Fabbri

**Published:**  
2020

**Ebook**

Babylon, 323 BC: Alexander the Great is dead, leaving behind him the largest, and most fearsome, empire the world has ever seen. As his final breaths fade in a room of seven bodyguards, Alexander refuses to name a successor. But without a natural heir, who will take the reins? As the news of the king's sudden and unexpected death ripples across the land, leaving all in disbelief, the ruthless battle for the throne begins.



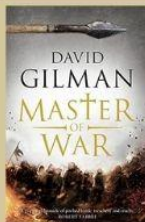
**Title:**  
*War At The Edge Of The World*

**Author:**  
Ian Ross

**Published:**  
2012 - 2018

**Adult Fiction**

AN EMPIRE IN DECLINE.  
Centurion Aurelius Castus – once a soldier in the elite legions of the Danube – believes his glory days are over, as he finds himself in the cold, grey wastes of northern Britain, battling to protect an empire in decline. Here he must face the barbarians beyond Hadrian's Wall, in a mission riven with bloodshed and treachery. Can Castus keep his promise to a woman he has sworn to help? And is anything about this doomed enterprise what it seems?



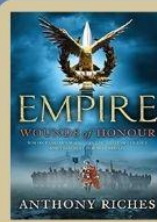
**Title:**  
*Master of War*

**Author:**  
David Gillman

**Published:**  
Series 2013 - 2024

**Ebook**

England, 1346: For Thomas Blackstone the choice is easy – dance on the end of a rope for a murder he did not commit, or take up his war bow and join the king's invasion of France. Vastly outnumbered, Edward III's army will finally confront the armoured might of the French nobility on the field of Crécy. It is a battle that will change the history of warfare, a battle that will change the course of Blackstone's life, a battle that will forge a legend.



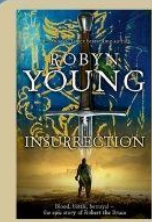
**Title:**  
*Wounds Of Honour*

**Author:**  
Anthony Riches

**Published:**  
Series 2009 - 2024

**Adult Fiction**

Marcus Valerius Aquila has scarcely landed in Britannia when he has to run for his life - condemned to dishonorable death by power-crazed Emperor Commodus. The plan is to take a new name, serve in an obscure regiment on Hadrian's Wall and lie low until he can hope for justice. Then a rebel army sweeps down from the wastes north of the Wall, and Marcus has to prove he's hard enough to lead a century in the front line of a brutal, violent war.



**Title:**  
*Insurrection*

**Author:**  
Robyn Young

**Published:**  
Series 2010 - 2014

**Adult Fiction**

The year is 1286 and Scotland is in the grip of one of the worst winters in living memory. Some believe the Day of Judgement has come. The King of Scotland is murdered by one of his squires, a deed pre-meditated by his own brother-in-law, the King of England, a thousand miles away in France. The Prophecy of Merlin has decreed that only when the four relics of Britain have been gathered will one man rule a united kingdom, and Edward I is determined to fulfil it.