There are lots of great books to help you find out more about Norman life. Here are a few ideas to get you started:

**Adult – Non-fiction**

**Normans in Europe - Manchester Medieval Studies**
(Overview of Norman history)
Elisabeth Maria Cornelia Van Houts, Manchester University Press, 2000

**The Normans**
(Examines the Norman legacy including feudalism, castles, place names)
Trevor Rowley, The History Press LTD, 2000

**A Brief History of the Normans**
(An accessible and authoritative introduction)
Francois Neveux, Robinson, 2008

**The English and the Normans: Ethnic Hostility, Assimilation, and Identity 1066-c.1220**
(Full explanation of why the two peoples merged and the Normans became English)
Hugh M. Thomas, Oxford University Press, 2003

**Conquest and Colonisation: The Normans in Britain, 1066-1100 - British History in Perspective**
(Analysis of the political context and realisation of the Conquest)
Brian Golding, Palgrave Macmillan, 2001

**Normans: The History of a Dynasty**
(Overview of the Norman period with focus on the early crusades)
David Crouch, Hambledon Continuum, 2006

**Normans in Norfolk**
(Readable report of the Norman impact on Norfolk)
Sue Margetson, Norfolk Museums Service, 1994

**The Normans - Peoples of Europe**
(Concise account of Norman history)
Marjorie Chibnall, Wiley-Blackwell, 2000

**Norman England**
(Illustrated book that explores the Norman lifestyle and interaction with Anglo-Saxon English)
Trevor Rowley, English Heritage, 1997

**The Aristocracy of Norman England**
(Account of the new ruling class of England in following 1066)
Judith A. Green, Cambridge University Press, 1997

**Adult – Fiction**

**Gildenford**
(About England in the years leading up to the Norman Conquest)
Valerie Anand, Scribner, 1977

**The Norman Pretender**
(Story of two brothers who fight on opposite sides during the Norman Conquest)
Valerie Anand, Chatto & Windus, 1980

**To Catch and Conquer**
(About William, Duke of Normandy)
Aileen Armitage, Severn House Publishers Ltd, 2001

**Warriors of the Dragon Gold**
(Story of the years leading up to the Norman Conquest)
Ray Bryant, Caxton Editions, 2003

**The Needle in the Blood**
(Story of the bishop who commissioned the Bayeux Tapestry and a Saxon woman who worked on the embroidery)
Sarah Bower, Snowbooks Ltd, 2007

**The Conquest**
(Tale of a woman in the time of the Norman Conquest who must escape to London with her illegitimate child when her lover's wife rejoins him)
Elizabeth Chadwick, Sphere, 2006

**Wife to the Bastard**
(About the wife of William the Conqueror, Matilda)
Hilda Lewis, The History Press LTD, 2006

**Madselin**
(A Saxon widow marries the Norman lord who has taken over her dead husband's land after the Norman Conquest)
Norah Lofts, Corgi, 1969
## Children – Non-fiction

**The Stormin' Normans - Horrible Histories**  
(Fun fact book)  
*Terry Deary,* Scholastic, 2009

**The Normans and the Battle of Hastings - The History Detective Investigates**  
(Join the detective Sherlock Bones and find out more about the Normans)  
*Adam Sutherland, Philip Parker,* Wayland, 2010

**The Normans in Ireland: Middle Ages Workbook 3**  
(Exercise booklet containing questions, puzzles, comprehension exercises and drawing opportunities)  
*Sandra Gillespie,* Colourpoint Books, 2000

**The Norman Evidence in History**  
(Offers a variety of original source material)  
*Jon Nichol, Simon & Schuster Education,* 1980

**The Normans (Young Researcher)**  
(Introductory examination of the culture and history of the Normans)  
*Hazel Mary Martell,* Heinemann Library, 1992

**The Norman Conquest of England (Pivotal Moments in History)**  
(Readable account of the conquest and Norman lifestyle)  
*Janice Hamilton,* Lerner Books, 2009

**The Norman Conquest: Pupil's Book**  
(A combination of in-depth and overview units)  
*Christopher Culpin,* Hodder Education, 2002

**The Normans: Warrior Knights and Their Castles**  
(Illustrated book offering an insight into daily life in the Norman period)  
*Christopher Gravett,* Osprey Publishing, 2007

**The Saxons and the Normans (Ladybird History of Britain)**  
(provides children with a coverage of life in Saxon and Norman times)  
*Tim Wood,* Ladybird Books Ltd, 1994

**Norman Knight, AD 950-1204**  
(This book discusses how the Normans military prowess)  
*Christopher Gravett,* Osprey Publishing, 1993

## Children – Fiction

**Asterix and the Normans**  
(Comic adventure featuring the Normans)  
*Rene Goscinny,* Albert Uderzo, Orion, 2004

**Heart's Conquest**  
(Story of a sixteen-year-old girl from an aristocratic Saxon family during the Norman invasion of England)  
*Gladys Malvern,* Macrae Smith Co, 1962

**The Striped Ships**  
(About an orphaned Saxon girl from the Norman Conquest who takes part in the creation of the Bayeux Tapestry)  

**Shield Ring**  
(A Saxon boy and girl live in the last holdout against the Normans after the Norman Conquest of England)  
*Rosemary Sutcliff,* Puffin Books, 1992

**Knight's Fee**  
(Tale of an orphaned boy in Norman England who is wagered in a game of chess after he angers the lord of Arundel Castle)  
*Rosemary Sutcliff,* Front Street, 2008

**Man With a Sword**  
(Story of Hereward, the Saxon who led the resistance to William the Conqueror after the Norman invasion)  
*Henry Treece,* Bodley Head Children's Books, 1970

**Our Little Norman Cousin of Long Ago**  
(A story of Normandy in the time of William the Conqueror)  
*Evaleen Stein,* Yesterday’s Classics, 2010

**Wulf the Saxon: A Story of the Norman Conquest**  
(Tale of the conquest from a Saxon Thane)  
*G. A. Henty,* MacMay, 2008