

READING LIST

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

HANDS ON HISTORY THE NORMANS

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 Margeson, Norfolk Museums Service, 1994

The Normans - Peoples of Europeby

(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



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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)

*Eloise McGraw, Margaret K. McElderry Books, 1991***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)

*Eveleen 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