



Les Miserables

Description



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I went to see **Les Miserables** with my son and husband last week. I knew of the musical, but had never seen it before and didn't know the story line before going to the movie. The musical is based on the historical novel **Les Miserables** written by Victor Hugo in 1862. I wondered why my son had taken a keen interest in seeing it, that is until I realized it takes place during the French Revolution. He loves history, especially European history. The story is about redemption, among other things and is incredibly moving. I went through a whole mini pack of tissues which is pretty easy for me to do in any movie involving death. From the previews I was under the impression Anne Hathaway's role was a large part of the movie. While her role is important in the story line, the main characters are played by actors Russell Crowe and Hugh Jackman. The acting is superb and I highly recommend it. My son liked it too, but commented that there was a lot of singing. Be prepared, it is a musical after all. For being big and burly sort of men, Crowe and Jackman have excellent singing voices.

Les Miserables got me thinking about how I love reading historical fiction. I found history boring when I was in school because we mostly just read from a textbook. There are several historical fiction books that I've enjoyed. I feel like I'm not only reading for pleasure, but learning something as well.

Some of my favorite reads are:

- The Other Boleyn Girl- by Philippa Gregory
- Madame Tussaud- by Michelle Moran
- Nefertiti " by Michelle Moran you can read my review [here](#)
- The Red Tent- by Anita Diamant
- One Thousand White Women:The Journals of May Dodd- by Jim Fergus
- The Pillars of the Earth- by Ken Follet
- Snowflower and the Secret Fan- by Lisa See
- Peony in Love- by Lisa See (this is a follow up book to Snowflower)

Do you have a favorite historical fiction book? Please share in the comments.

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