

# *This Week: Castles & Manors*

## Book Suggestions - Fiction:

### *We Have Always Lived in the Castle* by Shirley Jackson

A gothic tale, deliciously unsettling about a perverse, isolated, and possibly murderous family and the struggle that ensues when a cousin arrives at their estate.

### *Rebecca* by Daphne Du Maurier

Rebecca, a dark psychological tale of secrets and betrayal, the innocent young heroine and the dashing Maxim de Winter return to his country estate, Manderley. But the unsettling memory of Rebecca, the first Mrs. de Winter, still lingers within. Add a sinister housekeeper, Mrs. Danvers, to up the psychological horror in the house.

### *The Girl in the Castle* series by Santa Montefiore

Ireland. The early twentieth century. Two girls on the cusp of womanhood. A nation on the brink of war. Kitty Deverill grows up in Castle Deverill, on the sunning green ghills of West Cork, Ireland -- the same place her ancestors have always dwelled. Bridie Doyle, daughter to Castle Deverill's cook, cherishes her friendship with Kitty. Yet she can't help dreaming of someday having wealth, having glamour, having... more. A powerful story of love, loyalty, and friendship.

### *Women in the Castle* by Jessica Shattuck

Three women, haunted by the past and the secrets they hold. Set at the end of World War II, in a crumbling Bavarian castle that once played host to all of German high society, a powerful and propulsive story of three widows whose lives and fates become intertwined.

### *Cavendon Hall* series by Barbara Taylor Bradford

The lives of the Ingham and Swann families have been intimately entwined for more than 160 years—the former as the royal owners of their estate home, Cavendon Hall; the latter as those who keep their masters' secrets. An Edwardian-era drama of upstairs and downstairs.

## Book Suggestions - Non-Fiction:

### *Castle* by David Macaulay

Macaulay is a gifted artist, taking apart a castle and showing its construction, bird's eye views and intricate details. Everything you want to know about how a castle comes to be and how it is defended. Macaulay traces the step-by-step planning and construction of both castle and town.

### *Scotland's Castles and Great Houses* by Magnus Magnusson

Text and photographs trace the history of 14 Scottish castles and describe architectural features and furnishings.

### *Architecture: a Visual History* by Jonathan Glancey

A visual guide to 5,000 years of architectural design includes several castles.

## Video Suggestions:

*Downton Abbey: the movie*

*Secrets of the Manor House*