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Henrietta Lightfoot, a young Englishwoman, trips on her silk gown as she runs for her life along the bloodstained streets of revolutionary Paris. She finds refuge in the opulent home of Grace Dalrymple Elliot, the city's most celebrated courtesan. But heads are rolling, neighbours fear neighbours, and masters whisper before servants. As the sound of the guillotine echoes outside, within the gilded salons of high society Henrietta becomes a pawn in a vicious power game. How will she survive in a world where no one can be trusted?

'Stags and Hens takes place in the Gents and Ladies loos of a tacky Liverpool club, where Dave and Linda have decided, unbeknownst to each other, to hold their stag and hen parties . . . a bleakly funny and perceptive study of working-class misogyny, puritanism and waste' Guardian 'Combines comedy with acrid truth in the style Willy Russell has made unmistakably his own ... and hits off brilliantly the herd instinct driving both sexes onward and bedward' Daily Telegraph 'Firmly in the centre of the playwright's best achievements: lively, coarse, well-organised, truthful and very funny' Financial Times

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"Wonderful... completely transporting." —Madeline Miller, New York Times bestselling author of *Circe* and *The Song of Achilles*  
In 1780s London, a prosperous merchant finds his quiet life upended when he unexpectedly receives a most unusual creature—and most extraordinary woman—in this much-lauded, atmospheric debut that examines our capacity for wonder, obsession, and desire with all the magnetism, originality, and literary magic of *The Essex Serpent*. One September evening in 1785, Jonah Hancock hears an urgent knocking on his front door near the docks of London. The captain of one of Jonah's trading vessels is waiting eagerly on the front step, bearing shocking news. On his voyage to the Far East, he sold the Jonah's ship for something rare and far more precious: a mermaid. Jonah is stunned—the object the captain presents him is brown and wizened, small as an infant, with vicious teeth and claws, and a torso that ends in the tail of a fish. The mermaid is also dead. As gossip spreads through the docks, coffee shops, parlors and brothels, London is curious to see this marvel in Jonah Hancock's possession. Thrust from his ordinary existence, somber Jonah finds himself moving from the city's seedy underbelly to the finest drawing rooms of high society. At an opulent party, he makes the acquaintance of the coquettish Angelica Neal, the most desirable woman he has ever laid eyes on—a shrewd courtesan of great accomplishment. This meeting sparks a perilous liaison that steers both their lives onto a dangerous new course as they come to realize that price

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things often come at the greatest cost. Imogen Hermes Gowar, Britain's most-heralded new literary talent, makes her debut with this spellbinding novel of a merchant, a mermaid, and a madam—an unforgettable confection that explores obsession, wonder, the deepest desires of the heart with bawdy wit, intrigue, and a touch of magic.

Jeffrey

Brothers of the Quill

The Poet's Cat

The Harlot's Handbook

Women of Pleasure

A History of Witchcraft and Black Magic in Modern Times

The Five

"If you ever wondered what Jane Austen's Mr Darcy and his 'fellows' got up to on their numerous trips to London, here is the book they would certainly have carried around ...

HARRIS'S LIST OF COVENT GARDEN LADIES was a bestseller of the Eighteenth Century, shifting 250,000 copies in an age before mass consumerism. An annual 'guide book', and published at Christmas time, it detailed the names, attributes and 'specialities' of the capital's prostitutes.

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During its heyday (1759 -95) HARRIS'S LIST was the essential accessory for any serious gentleman of pleasure. Hallie Rubenhold has collected the funniest, rudest and most bizarre entries penned by Jack Harris, Pimp-General-of-all-England' into this mischievous little book."

Published annually from 1757 to 1795, Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies was a notorious directory of prostitutes working in London at a time when it is claimed one in five women made a living from selling sex. The descriptions for each lady generally include the address she can be found and a description of her attributes along with her expected remuneration. Although usually complimentary some of the descriptions are critical of bad habits or occasionally derisory. The directories were published anonymously, but it is thought that the original lists were written by Samuel Derrick a Dublin born ""hack"" writer, although they continued after his death in 1769. Only nine editions are known to have survived 1761, 1764, 1773, 1774, 1779, 1788, 1789, 1790 and 1793. The 2017 drama Harlots

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opens with one of the lead characters returning to a brothel with a copy of the list from which many of the characters were drawn.

During the Georgian period there was a remarkable proliferation of seductive visual imagery and written accounts of female performers. Focusing on the close relationship between the dramatic and visual arts at this time, this beautiful and stimulating book explores popular ideas of the actress as coquette, whore, celebrity, muse, and creative agent, charting her important symbolic role in contemporary attempts to professionalize both the theatre and the practice of fine art. Gill Perry shows how artists such as Gainsborough, Reynolds, Hoppner or Lawrence produced complex images of female performers as fashion icons, coquettes, dignified queens or creative artists. The result is a rich interdisciplinary study of the Georgian actress. In this book the author explores the various meanings assigned to goods sold retail from 1550 to 1820 and how their labels were understood. The first half of the book

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focuses on these labels and on mercantile language more broadly; how it was used in trade and how lexicographers and others approached what, for them, were new vocabularies. In the second half, the author turns to the goods themselves, and their relationships with terms such as 'luxury', 'choice' and 'love'; terms that were used as descriptors in marketing goods. The language of objects is a subject of ongoing interest and the study of consumables opens up new ways of looking at the everyday language of the early modern period as well as the experiences of trade and consumption for both merchant and consumer.

Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies 1788

Viewing the Actress in British Art and Theatre, 1768-1820

A History of Sex for Sale

The Sexual History of London

An Eighteenth-Century Tale of Sex, Scandal, and Divorce

Pretty Gentlemen

The Untold Lives of the Women Killed by Jack the Ripper

**Helps scholars and students form an understanding of the contribution made by**

**the coffee-house to British and even American history and culture. This book attempts to make an intervention in debates about the nature of the public sphere and the culture of politeness. It is intended for historians and scholars of literature, science, and medicine.**

**A Great and Monstrous Thing offers a street-level view of eighteenth-century London, a city of grandeur and glitter, squalor and poverty, risen from the ashes of the Great Fire of 1666 that destroyed half its homes and great public buildings. What emerges is a society fractured by geography, politics, religion, history—and especially by class.**

**Jeffrey was a real cat who lived 250 years ago, confined to an asylum with Christopher Smart, one of the most visionary poets of the age. In exchange for love and companionship, Smart rewarded Jeffrey with the greatest tribute to a feline ever written. Prize-winning biographer Oliver Soden combines meticulous research with passages of dazzling invention to recount the life of the cat praised as 'a mixture of gravity and waggery'. The narrative roams from the theatres and bordellos of Covent Garden to the cell where Smart was imprisoned for mania. At once whimsical and profound, witty and deeply moving, Soden's biography plays with the genre like a cat with a toy. It tells the story of a poet and a poem, while setting Jeffrey's life and adventures against the roaring backdrop of eighteenth-century London.**

**'A truly amazing little book. Don't let its size fool you; it's packed full of good things'** ReviewsGate.com on Drama Games for Classrooms and Workshops Jessica

**Swale is a director, workshop leader and educator. She is Artistic Director of Red Handed Theatre Company, works regularly with the National Theatre, Out of Joint and various drama schools, and leads theatre projects in developing countries for Youth Bridge Global.**

**A Foundling**

**Women of Pleasure: Prostitution in Eighteenth-Century London**

**The Covent Garden Ladies**

**Spectacular Flirtations**

**Nightwalkers**

**Computational Linguistics and History**

**Stags And Hens**

If Paris is the city of love, then London is the city of lust. From the bath houses of Roman London to the sexual underground of the twentieth century and beyond, *The Sexual History of London* is an entertaining, vibrant chronicle of London and sex through the ages. For more than a thousand years, England's capital has been associated with desire, avarice, and the sins of the flesh. Richard of Devizes, a monk writing in 1180, warned that "every quarter abounds in great obscenities." As early as the second century AD, London was notorious for its raucous festivities and disorderly hours. Throughout the centuries the bawdy side of life has taken easy root and flourished. In *The Sexual History of London*, award-winning popular historian Catharine Arnold turns her gaze to London's relationship with vice through the ages. London has always traded in the currency of sex. Whether through pornographic publishers on Fleet Street, or courtesans parading in Haymarket, its streets have always been witness to colorful sexual behavior. In an accessible, entertaining style, Arnold takes us on a



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Journey through the fleshpots of London from earliest times to present day. Here are buxom strumpets, louche aristocrats, popinjay politicians, and Victorian flagellants—all vying for their place in London's league of licentiousness. From sexual exuberance to moral panic, the city has seen a pendulum swing from Puritanism to hedonism and back again. With latter chapters looking at Victorian London and the sexual underground of the twentieth century and beyond, this is a fascinating and vibrant chronicle of London at its most raw and ribald.

A large proportion of London's population lived in lodgings during the long 18th century, many of whom recorded their experiences. In this fascinating study, Gillian Williamson examines these experiences, recorded in correspondences and autobiographies, to offer unseen insights into the social lives of Londoners in this period, and the practice of lodging in Georgian London. Williamson draws from an impressive array of sources, archives, newspapers, OBSP trials and literary representations to offer a thorough examination of lodging in London, to show how lodging and lodging houses sustained the economy of London during this time. Williamson offers a fascinating insight into the role lodging houses played as the facilitators of encounters and interactions, and offers an illuminating depiction of social relations beyond the family. The result is an important contribution to current historiography, of interest to historians of Britain in the long 18th century. The story of the group of extraordinary eighteenth-century writers, artists, and thinkers who met weekly at a London tavern ?Named one of the 10 Best Books of 2019 by the New York Times Book Review - A Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2019 - A Kirkus Best Book of 2019 "Damrosch brings to life the Club's redoubtable personalities--the brilliant minds, the jousting wits, the tender camaraderie and the vivid life."--New York Times Book Review "Magnificently entertaining."--Washington Post In 1769, the painter Joshua Reynolds proposed to his friend Samuel Johnson that they invite a few friends

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Join them every Friday at the Turk's Head Tavern in London to dine, drink, and talk until midnight. Eventually the group came to include among its members Edmund Burke, Adam Smith, Edward Gibbon, and James Boswell. It was known simply as "the Club." In this captivating book, Leo Damrosch brings alive a brilliant, competitive, and eccentric cast of characters. With the friend the "odd couple" Samuel Johnson and James Boswell at the heart of his narrative, Damrosch conjures up the precarious, exciting, and often brutal world of late eighteenth-century Britain: the story of an extraordinary group of people whose ideas helped to shape their age, and our. This is the first biography of Thomas Harris: confidant of George III, 'spin doctor', philanthropist, sexual suspect, brothel owner, and the man who controlled Covent Garden theatre for nearly decades.

Mistress of My Fate

A Story of Crime and Consequences in Revolutionary America

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Eighteenth-Century Coffee-House Culture

Inventing the Victorians

The Scarlet Cloak

Social Harmony in Literature and Performance

*Miscast in the media for nearly 130 years, the victims of Jack the Ripper finally get their full stories told in this eye-opening and chilling reminder that life for middle-class women in Victorian London could be full of social pitfalls and peril.*

*A vivid novel of Spain, England and France during the tumultuous years of the Inquisition. With fanatical Philip II on the Spanish throne and the spectre of his*

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*Inquisition hovering over Europe, these are dangerous and bloody times in which to live. As His Most Catholic Majesty turns his eyes towards the heretical English, two brothers from sleepy Andalusia suddenly find themselves caught in a perilous web of intrigue. In the fight against tyranny, Blasco and Domingo will have to draw upon every ounce of courage and ingenuity they possess just to keep themselves, and the protestant women they love, from danger ...*

*From the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling and prizewinning author of THE FIVE 'A fascinating expose of the seamy side of eighteenth century life' MAIL ON SUNDAY 'Rubenhold's pages practically reek with smelly, pox-ridden Georgian Soho' GUARDIAN ----- In 1757, a down-and-out Irish poet, the head waiter at the Shakespear's Head Tavern in Covent Garden, and a celebrated London courtesan became bound together by the publication of a little book: Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies. This salacious work - detailing the names and 'specialities' of the capital's sex-workers- became one of the eighteenth century's most scandalous bestsellers. Yet beyond its titillating passages lies a glimpse into the lives of those who lived and died by its profits - a tragicomic opera of the Georgian era, motivated by poverty, passionate love, aspiration and shame. In this modern and visceral narrative, historian Hallie Rubenhold reveals the story behind Harris's List of Covent Garden Ladies, and the legion of ordinary women whose lives in the sex trade history has chosen to ignore. \_\_\_\_\_ 'Scrupulously researched' DAILY TELEGRAPH 'Crackles with drama and tension' GUARDIAN 'Compelling and ingenious' INDEPENDENT WHAT READERS ARE SAYING: \*\*\*\*\*'Brilliant. Full of*

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*intelligent insight which brings this period to vibrant life' \*\*\*\*\*'A wonderful insight into sheer survival of women during this period' \*\*\*\*\*'A fascinating, breath-taking journey back in time'*

*Seminar paper from the year 2005 in the subject English Language and Literature Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: 2,0, Ernst Moritz Arndt University of Greifswald, 9 entries in the bibliography, language: English, abstract: On the threshold of industrialisation many significant changes took place in England throughout the eighteenth century. Trade and economy grew more and more and consequently trade centres like London became metropolises to which many people moved to from rural areas due to the bigger chance to find a job there. The society in such cities was dominated by men and there was no equality of the sexes as women were considered to be inferior and dependent on men. They had to obey their fathers or husbands, who made all decisions for them and they had no own property as everything they had belonged to their husbands<sup>1</sup>. But there were women who tried to escape the subordinate role they possessed. Expected to be virtuous housewives, mothers and wives, who obey their husbands unconditionally, some women led totally different lives. Instead of marrying, bringing up children and doing the household they worked to earn their living. But whereas many women chose to work as servants or seamstresses, the business of some other young ladies was of a totally different nature - of a disorderly nature. They earned their money by offering sexual services in exchange for money. In other words they worked as prostitutes. Especially London was a city where this*

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*sexual trade was very widespread due to the constantly arriving tradesmen and sailors who were willing to pay women to satisfy their needs. But who were these women of pleasure? Why did they work as prostitutes and how did they live? To answer these questions it is necessary to look at the lives of these women in detail. Their social backgrounds and their education can be considered as the origin of their later work as harlots. As people cannot only be characterised by what they do themselves but by*

*The Sewing Girl's Tale*

*Thomas 'Jupiter' Harris*

*Retailing and the Language of Goods, 1550-1820*

*the book that inspired BBC2's 'Harlots'*

*Macaroni Men and the Eighteenth-century Fashion World*

*Women Writing Music in Late Eighteenth-Century England*

*Johnson, Boswell, and the Friends Who Shaped an Age*

This anthology makes available for the first time a selection of narratives by and about prostitutes in the eighteenth century. These memoirs, some written by and some about century prostitutes, offer important insights into female experience and class and gender the period. Portraying the lives of women in both success and hardship, written in voices ranging from repentant to bawdy, the memoirs show the complexity of the lives of the "nightwalkers." For eighteenth-century readers, as Laura Rosenthal writes in her introduction these memoirs "offered sensual and sentimental journeys, glimpses into high life and low

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and relentless confrontations with the explosive power of money and the vulnerability of women without it." Offering a range of narratives from the conservative and reformist to the unabashedly libertine, this book provides a fascinating alternative look into eighteenth-century culture.

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"Suppose that everything we think we know about the Victorians is wrong." So begins *1840: The Victorians* by Matthew Sweet, a compact and mind-bending whirlwind tour through the nineteenth century, and a round debunking of our assumptions about it. The Victorians have been victims of the "the enormous condescension of posterity," in the historian E. H. Thompson's phrase. Locked in the drawing room, theirs was an age when, supposedly, everything was stultifying, dank, and over-furnished, and when behavior conformed so rigorously to proprieties that the repressed results put Freud into business. We think we have the Victorians pegged--as self-righteous, imperialist, racist, materialist, hypocritical and, worst of all, evil. Oh how wrong we are, argues Matthew Sweet in this highly entertaining, provocative, and illuminating look at our great, and great-great, grandparents. One hundred years after Queen Victoria's death, Sweet forces us to think again about her century, entombed in our minds.

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Dickens, the Elephant Man, Sweeney Todd, and by images of unfettered capitalism and poverty. Sweet believes not only that we're wrong about the Victorians but profoundly to them. In ways we have been slow to acknowledge, their age and our own remain clo intertwined. The Victorians invented the theme park, the shopping mall, the movies, the arcade, the roller coaster, the crime novel, and the sensational newspaper story. Sweet argues that our twenty-first century smugness about how far we have evolved is misplaced. Victorians were less racist than we are, less religious, less violent, and less intolerant. For being an outcast, Oscar Wilde was a fairly typical Victorian man; the love that dared not its name was declared itself fairly openly. In 1868 the first international cricket match was played between an English team and an Australian team composed entirely of aborigines. Victorians loved sensation, novelty, scandal, weekend getaways, and the latest convenience (in 1869, there were image-capable telegraphs; in 1873 a store had a machine that dispensed to after-hours' shoppers). Does all this sound familiar? As Sweet proves in this fascinating opening book, the reflection we find in the mirror of the nineteenth century is our own: we inhabit buildings built by the Victorians; some of us use their sewer system and ride on railways they built. We dismiss them because they are the age against whom we have created our own. In brilliant style, *Inventing the Victorians* shows how much we have been missing. This book is open access and available on [www.bloomsburycollections.com](http://www.bloomsburycollections.com). It is funded by Knowledge Unlatched. Corpus linguistics has much to offer history, being as both disciplines engage so heavily in analysis of large amounts of textual material. This book demonstrates



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opportunities for exploring corpus linguistics as a method in historiography and the humanities and social sciences more generally. Focussing on the topic of prostitution in 17th-century England, it shows how corpus methods can assist in social research, and can be used to improve our understanding and comprehension. McEnery and Baker draw principally on two sources: the newsbook *Mercurius Fumigosis* and the Early English Books Online Corpus. This new scholarship on prostitution and the sex trade offers insight into the social position of women in history.

Corpus Linguistics and 17th-Century Prostitution

Medicine in television period drama

Lodgers, Landlords, and Landladies in Georgian London

A Novel

The French Lesson

What We Think We Know About Them and Why We're Wrong

Oliver Goldsmith arrived in England a penniless Irishman and toiled for years in the anonymity of Grub Street. Norma Clarke tells how this destitute scribbler became one of literary London's most celebrated authors, transmuting dark truths about the empire into fable and nostalgia whose undertow of Irish indignation remains just barely perceptible.

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The definitive history of how witchcraft and black magic have survived, through the modern era and into the present day *Cursed Britain* unveils the enduring power of witchcraft, curses and black magic in modern times. Few topics are so secretive or controversial. Yet, whether in the 1800s or the early 2000s, when disasters struck or personal misfortunes mounted, many Britons found themselves believing in things they had previously dismissed – dark supernatural forces. Historian Thomas Waters here explores the lives of cursed or bewitched people, along with the witches and witch-busters who helped and harmed them. Waters takes us on a fascinating journey from Scottish islands to the folklore-rich West Country, from the immense territories of the British Empire to metropolitan London. We learn why magic caters to deep-seated human needs but see how it can also be abused, and discover how witchcraft survives by evolving and changing. Along the way, we examine an array of remarkable beliefs and rituals, from traditional folk magic to diverse spiritualities originating in Africa and Asia. This is a tale of cynical quacks and sincere magical

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healers, depressed people and furious vigilantes, innocent victims and rogues who claimed to possess evil abilities. Their spellbinding stories raise important questions about the state's role in regulating radical spiritualities, the fragility of secularism and the true nature of magic.

October 1789: I shall never forget that day. I shall never forget the decision I made. I was seventeen and so ill prepared for life that I hardly knew how to dress myself, let alone how to board a mail coach or even how to purchase a loaf of bread. When I fled my home at Melmouth Park, I left those who both loved and hated me behind. I threw myself upon the world, dear reader, and see what trouble has come of that. Do read my tale closely, for the warnings of your mamma and your governess were correct; there is much to be learned from a woman of my sort. I fell for every snare and trick of fate, so that you might not. My tale is not for the faint of heart, the prude, the high minded and moral are likely to take offence. You have heard the lies and slander from others. Prepare now to hear the truth.

Harlots, Whores and Hackabouts

A Great and Monstrous Thing

The History of Tom Jones

The Cold Kiss of Death

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## Prostitute Narratives from the Eighteenth Century

### Cursed Britain

#### Harris's List

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*View our feature on Suzanne McLeod's The Cold Kiss of Death. When sidhe-blooded Genny Taylor's friend is murdered and all evidence points to her, she goes on the run. But she's being pursued by some of the most powerful supernaturals in town—and one of them is most certainly the killer.*

*She was a spirited young heiress. He was a handsome baronet with a promising career in government. The marriage of Lady Seymour Dorothy Fleming and Sir Richard Worsley had the makings of a fairy tale—but ended as one of the most scandalous and highly publicized divorces in history. In February 1782, England opened*

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its newspapers to read the details of a criminal conversation trial in which the handsome baronet Sir Richard Worsley attempted to sue his wife's lover for an astronomical sum in damages. In the course of the proceedings, the Worsleys' scandalous sexual arrangements, voyeuristic tendencies, and bed-hopping antics were laid bare. The trial and its verdict stunned society, but not as much as the unrepentant behavior of Lady Worsley. Sir Joshua Reynolds captured the brazen character of his subject when he created his celebrated portrait of Lady Worsley in a fashionable red riding habit, but it was her shocking affairs that made her divorce so infamous that even George Washington followed it in the press. Impeccably researched and written with great flair, Hallie Rubenhold's *The Lady in Red* is a lively and moving true history that presents a rarely seen picture of aristocratic life in the Georgian era. Combining new musicology trends, formal musical analysis, and literary feminist recovery work, Leslie Ritchie examines rare poetic, didactic, fictional, and musical texts written by women in late eighteenth-century Britain. She finds instances of and resistance to contemporary perceptions of music as a form of

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*social control in works by Maria Barth?mon, Harriett Abrams, Mary Worgan, Susanna Rowson, Hannah Cowley, and Amelia Opie, among others. Relating women's musical compositions and writings about music to theories of music's function in the formation of female subjectivities during the latter half of the eighteenth century, Ritchie draws on the work of cultural theorists and cultural historians, as well as feminist scholars who have explored the connection between femininity and performance. Whether crafting works consonant with societal ideals of charitable, natural, and national order, or re-imagining their participation in these musical aids to social harmony, women contributed significantly to the formation of British cultural identity. Ritchie's interdisciplinary book will interest scholars working in a range of fields, including gender studies, musicology, eighteenth-century British literature, and cultural studies.*

*Oliver Goldsmith in Grub Street*

*Drama Games for Devising*

*From Roman Londinium to the Swinging City---Lust, Vice, and Desire Across the Ages*

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*Prostitution in Eighteenth-Century London*

*The Lady in Red*

*The Mermaid and Mrs. Hancock*

*Spinning dark intrigue at Covent Garden theatre, 1767-1820*

Renowned historian John Wood Sweet's *The Sewing Girl's Tale* presents a riveting Revolutionary Era drama of the first published rape trial in American history and its long, shattering aftermath, revealing how much has changed over two centuries—and how much has not. On a moonless night in the summer of 1793 a crime was committed in the back room of a New York brothel—the kind of crime that even victims usually kept secret. Instead, seventeen-year-old seamstress Lanah Sawyer did what virtually no one in US history had done before: she charged a gentleman with rape. Her accusation sparked a raw courtroom drama and a relentless struggle for vindication that threatened both Lanah's and her assailant's lives. The trial exposed a predatory sexual underworld, sparked riots in the streets, and ignited a vigorous debate about class privilege and sexual double standards. The ongoing conflict attracted the nation's top lawyers, including Alexander Hamilton, and shaped the development of American law. The crime and its consequences became a kind of parable about the power of seduction and the limits of justice. Eventually, Lanah Sawyer did succeed in holding her assailant accountable—but at a terrible cost to herself. Based on rigorous historical detective work, this book takes us from a chance encounter in the street into the sanctuaries of the city's elite, the shadows of its brothels, and the despair of its debtors' prison. *The Sewing Girl's Tale* shows that if our laws and our culture were changed by a persistent young woman and the

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power of words two hundred years ago, they can be changed again. Includes photographs  
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1769; thereafter, the annual's authors are unknown. Throughout its print run it was published pseudonymously by H. Ranger, although from the late 1780s it was printed by three men: John and James Roach, and John Aitkin. As the public's opinion began to turn against London's sex trade, and with reformers petitioning the authorities to take action, those involved in the release of Harris's List were in 1795 fined and imprisoned. That year's edition was the last to be published; by then its content was cruder, lacking the originality of earlier editions. Modern writers tend to view Harris's List as erotica; in the words of one author, it was designed for "solitary sexual enjoyment"

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***culture of the late 18th century. For thirty years, macaroni was a highly topical word, yielding a complex set of social, sexual, and cultural associations. Pretty Gentlemen is grounded in surviving dress, archival documents, and art spanning hierarchies and genres, from scurrilous caricature to respectful portrait painting. Celebrities hailed and mocked as macaroni include politician Charles James Fox, painter Richard Cosway, freed slave Julius "Soubise," and criminal parson Reverend Dodd. The style also rapidly spread to neighboring countries in cross-cultural exchange, while Horace Walpole, George III, and Queen Charlotte were active critics and observers of these foppish men."--Publisher's website.***