


Dear Reader,

If you like your stories brimful of history, mystery and adventure you've come to the right place!

I'm a time-traveller as well as an author and the sparks for my books have all been places or objects with a link to the past. 

For my first novel, 'Black Powder', it was a visit to Cowdray House, a ruined Tudor mansion deep in the Sussex countryside and the discovery that a certain Mr Guy Fawkes was a gentleman servant there before he went on to become one of the infamous Gunpowder Plotters. This set me to thinking what might have happened if a young Catholic boy came to the house seeking help from his rich relatives to rescue his father from the hangman's noose. And then, what if, after his family's refusal to help, he met a mysterious stranger in a secret tunnel underneath the house who promised to help save him instead...

The inspiration for my second book, wartime adventure, 'The Buried Crown' was the site of one of the most famous archaeological finds in Britain. This was the discovery of a huge Anglo-Saxon longship and a stash of priceless treasures at

I had great fun imagining what might have happened if two children - George, a London evacuee and Kitty, a German Jewish refugee - believed there was a precious item of treasure as yet undiscovered and with its own magical powers. Treasure which a band of Nazi treasure-thieves sent by their leader, Adolf Hitler would stop at nothing to get their hands on. 🎵🎵

And in my latest, Tudor-set mystery, 'The Queen's Fool', the story spark for the creation of my heroine, young orphan girl, Cat Sparrow was coming across a very special portrait hanging in the gallery at Hampton Court, King Henry VIII's great palace on the edge of London.

I've bought my ticket for the next journey back in time already. Keep a lookout on my website - www.allysherrick.com - to find out where I'll be going next!

Happy Reading!

Ally Sherrick 😊