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Books relating to Girton College

Please note that this is not a comprehensive list. If there is a book that you think should be on this list please let us know.

1. Books on the history of the College
2. Biographies and autobiographies of Girtonians and others involved in the College
3. Select list of books on the history of women's education and women in academia (incl. Girton)
4. Fiction featuring Girton or (fictional) Old Girtonians
5. Girtonian novelists and popular writers

1. Books on the history of the College

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2. Biographies and autobiographies of Girtonians and others involved in the College

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[The first in a series of crime novels featuring a fictional Old Girtonian as the heroine, although not set in Cambridge. There are now several books in the series]

5. Girtonian novelists and popular writers

Well-known Girtonian novelists and writers include:-

- Veronica Forrest-Thomson
- Gwendolen Freeman
- Sheila Pim
- Kathleen Raine

Several contemporary novelists are Girtonians or have links with the College, including:-

- Emma Donoghue [shortlisted in the 2010 Man Booker Prize]
- P.D. James
- Gwyneth Lewis [Wales's National Poet, 2005-2006]
- Joseph O'Neill
- Anna Maxted
- Wendy Holden
- Christina Koning
- David Miller