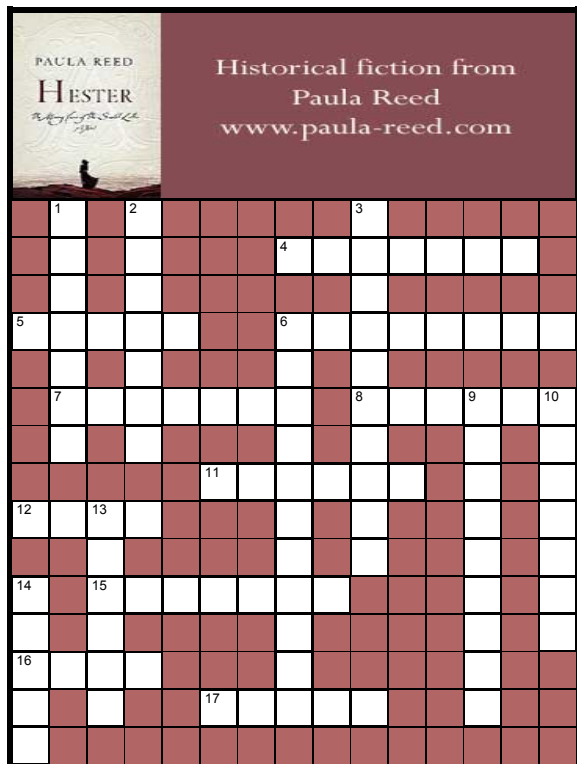


Hester: The Missing Years of The Scarlet Letter

Upon the death of her demonic husband, Hester Prynne is left a widow, and her daughter is left a wealthy heiress. Together they travel to England where Hester seeks a quiet life—only to find herself drawn into the circle of the most powerful Puritan of all time, Oliver Cromwell.

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Across

- 4 She gives her money to _____ (7)
- 5 People once speculated that Pearl was the child of the _____ (5)
- 6 The ruler of England during *Hester* (8)
- 7 Paula is a writer and a _____ (7)
- 8 Pearl's father (6)

- 11 The city Hester and Pearl leave behind (6)
- 12 The letter allows Hester to see others' _____ (4)
- 15 Hester and Pearl's destination (7)
- 16 The "scarlet letter" is actually embroidered in _____ (4)
- 17 Hester's late husband (5)

Down

- 1 Hester chooses _____ above modesty (7)
- 2 Paula admits having an odd fixation with all things _____ (7)
- 3 Roger died in his _____ (10)
- 6 At the beginning of the book, Hester is working on a _____ gown. (11)

- 9 Hester is based upon a novel by Nathaniel _____ (9)
- 10 In addition to mainstream historical fiction, Paula has written _____ novels (7)
- 13 Hester and Pearl are both skilled with a _____ (6)
- 14 Pearl is _____ years old (5)