

Helen Pike

Helen Pike grew up in Preston, Lancashire. She is a History graduate of Christ Church, Oxford, and holds an MA in Creative Writing from Birkbeck. Her debut novel, [THE HARLOT'S PRESS](#), is loosely based around the Queen Caroline Affair of 1820. In writing [THE HARLOT'S PRESS](#), Helen was inspired by many years teaching History and Politics, a love of London, and a passion for nineteenth-century literature.



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This atmospheric debut is set during the reign of George IV, in the rather tumultuous summer of 1820 when London was awash with intrigue and scandal, as the king's estranged wife Caroline Brunswick tried to become queen. The story is told by Nell Wingfield, a seventeen-year old print-maker, who is busy colouring in the would-be queen's rather voluminous behind in numerous cartoons when she herself gets caught up in the explosive events of that year by being tricked into one of the brothels of St James.