

# Eileen's Arthurian Chronicles

## Where was King Arthur Born?

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Baby King Arthur  
with teddy bear

According to legend, King Arthur was the son of Uther Pendragon and Ygraine, Queen of Cornwall. For this reason many people believe that Arthur was born in Tintagel Castle in Cornwall. Well, it is a spectacular castle that absolutely lends itself to the idea of a lustful Uther Pendragon climbing the cliffs and stealing into the Queen's chamber for some medieval hanky panky.

The castle on the isolated island of Tintagel was built in the late 13th Century by Richard Earl of Cornwall

However, the first historical reference to Arthur as King of England came from Geoffrey of Monmouth in 1137 in his *Historia Regum Brittanica* (A History of Britain). This wildly inaccurate document begins with the Trojan wars, then mixes folklore, legend, Christianity, and prophecy. It then announces the birth of Arthur, as the son of Uther Pendragon but the date given by the historian would mean that Arthur was somehow born in a castle that was not built until 100 years later. Obviously Uther could not have climbed the cliffs into a castle that did not exist, and whatever hanky-panky was involved, it didn't happen in Tintagel Castle.



The door to Tintagel Castle,  
Cornwall, England



Carving of Merlin at Merlin's Cave Tintagel  
Cornwall, England

People from all parts of the world still remain in love with the legend and are still drawn to the desolate castle perched high above the Celtic Deep portion of the Atlantic Ocean. English Heritage, an organization dedicated to the promotion of tourism has offended many true historians by permitting an artist to carve the face of Merlin into the cliffs at the base of the castle wall.

The Daily Telegraph has the full story.

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Meantime, English Heritage plans to bring even more people to the castle by constructing a bridge .

Would you be willing to cross this bridge to see the castle?

The castle attracts as many as 3,000 visitors per day in the peak season.

The Guardian predicts a "fairytale themepark"?



Proposed new bridge to Tintagel Castle

## [Guardian Article](#)

King Arthur's Hall built in 1933 (so definitely not built by Arthur) contains a world class collection of Arthurian-themed stained glass. It adds another layer of fantasy to the beloved legend and is home to the King Arthur Masonic Lodge.

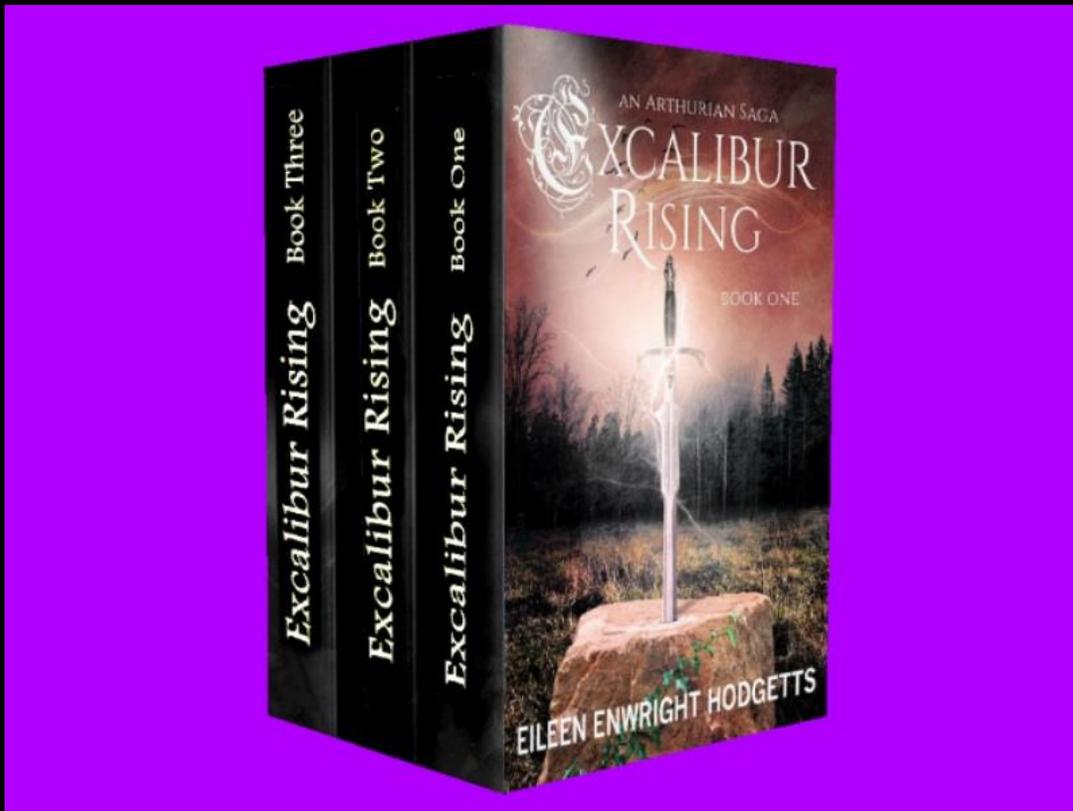
The castle itself is owned by Prince Charles, Prince of Wales. As [Duke of Cornwall](#) he is also the true Lord of Tintagel Castle, yet another connection between the past and the present... the legend and reality.



King Arthur's Great Hall, Tintagel

Why does the story of Arthur still fascinate us? Why do we want it to be true? Could it be true? What do you think? Where did Arthur come from?

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In **Book Two** of Excalibur Rising when a peasant boy finds a hoard of alien coins, he begins a journey that will change the future of Camelot. Violet and Marcus are trapped in Albion while King Arthur faces defeat at the hands of Mordred. The peasant boy's coins offer them the hope of returning home but they cannot leave while Camelot is besieged and Arthur needs their help to put the true heir on the throne. Magic will fail, courage will be tested, love will blossom, and Excalibur will reveal the inspiring truth behind the legend.

In **Book Three** Ryan brings Excalibur back to his own world for safekeeping but is forced to leave Violet behind in Albion. When he steps through the portal in England he finds enemies on all sides. Pursued by Michael Mandretti's mob-friends and Bors, the one eyed man, he must rely on a goodhearted London car thief and his dog to help him save King Arthur's world. Aided by Gwyneth, a pretty, young, magical folk singer; Violet's brother Todd and Kevin who knows the secrets of crop circles, Ryan must risk his life to uncover the mystery behind the building of Stonehenge and the ancient monuments of England before he can find a way to return to Violet. But the unexpected sleeps beneath the surface and when it awakes all history will be changed forever.

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