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Diary of Samuel Pepys DA 447 D4 A4., Stacks, Level One. Three hundred years later Pepys' curiosity and appetites still engage the reader; the diary is also a vivid portrait of London during the plague. Several good abridgements available.

A distant mirror / Barbara Tuchman / DC 97.5 T82, Stacks, Level One. More than a biography of a French knight; a tapestry of French society during the Black Death.

The plague / Albert Camus / PQ 2605 A3734 P413 Stacks, Level Two. Plague as metaphor.

The navigator; a medieval odyssey / Vincent Ward / PN 1997 W385 Stacks, Level Two. Screenplay about medieval miners whose quest for deliverance from the plague leads them to tunnel through to the twentieth century.

Journal of the plague year / Daniel Defoe / PR 3404 J6, Stacks, Level Two. So vivid it seemed an eye-witness account.

Horseman on the roof / Jean Giono / 843.91 G4964hv, Dewey, Level Two. The epic flight of a courageous and charming fugitive officer and his lady love against the backdrop of a 19th Provence gripped by cholera.


Doomsday book / Connie Willis / PS 3573 I45652 D66 Stacks, Level Two. "In a top-notch time-travel fantasy, a college student learns firsthand about the Black Death when she's mistakenly sent back to 14th century England and trapped there." Booklist

The coming plague; newly emerging diseases in a world out of balance / Laurie Garrett / RA651 .G37 Science, Level Four. Doomsday.
