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The Black Tulip, written by Alexandre Dumas père and published in 1850, is a historical novel placed in the time of Tulipmania in the Netherlands.

The novel begins with the 1672 politically motivated mob lynching of the de Witt brothers and then follows the story of Cornelius van Baerle, godson of Cornelius de Wit. Cornelius Van Baerle has joined the race to breed a truly black tulip − and to win the prize of 100,000 guilders, as well as fame and honour. As he nears his goal he is jailed and then of course rescued − by the beautiful Rosa, daughter of the jailer. (Summary by gailtv)

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