

Congratulations to the 2022 winners of the Romance Writers of New Zealand Short Story Competition which we sponsor (details inside). Great new releases including Mary Balogh's REMEMBER LOVE, Carley Fortune's EVERY SUMMER AFTER, Christine Feehan's RED ON THE RIVER, Anne Gracie's THE RAKE'S DAUGHTER, J.P. Pomare's THE WRONG WOMAN and Nalini Singh's STORM ECHO. Enjoy!

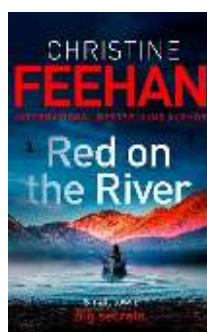
Top Books July		Top Books August	
Mary Balogh	Remember Love*	Jennifer Ashley	The Secret of Bow Lane*
Renee Carlino	Before We Were Strangers*	Anne Gracie	The Rake's Daughter
Brian Feehan	Harmony of Fire	Alexis Hall	Husband Material*
Christine Feehan	Red On the River*	Anna Harrington	A Remarkable Rogue
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Kristan Higgins	Out of the Clear Blue Sky*	Seanan McGuire	When Sorrows Come#
Ana Huang	Twisted Love*	J.P. Pomare	The Wrong Woman*
Julie Anne Long	You Were Made to be Mine	Karen Rose	Quarter to Midnight*
JoAnn Ross	Second Chance Spring	Nalini Singh	Storm Echo*
Hannah Whitten	For the Throne*	Lacie Waldon	From the Jump*

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Title: Remember Love
Author: Mary Balogh
Classification: Historical
Book Type: Trade Paperback
Price: \$23
Annotation: Ravenswood Series. The Earl of Stratton, Caleb Ware, has been exposed for his clandestine affairs—by his own son...As a child, Devlin Ware thought his family stood for all that was good. But at twenty-two, he discovered his

world was an illusion, and when Devlin called his family to account, he was exiled... He enlisted in the fight against Napoleon and didn't look back for six years. But now his father is dead, the family is broken, and he is being called home. It's only when Gwyneth Rhys—the woman he loved and then lost after his family banished him—helps him that he is able to try to piece together his fractured family...But is Devlin's war-hardened heart capable of offering her love in return?



Title: Red on the River
Author: Christine Feehan
Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller
Book Type: Trade Paperback
Price: \$30
Annotation: Sunrise Lake Series. Vienna Mortenson isn't your typical gambler—her poker winnings don't go on flashy cars, they support her community, including the search and rescue team she leads. Vienna isn't

someone who makes a fool of herself, especially over a guy who left without looking back...Zale Vizzini's job puts him in harm's way. A stable relationship seems off the cards when you work undercover. But, despite the challenges, Zale wants Vienna. He's determined to win her back...But there are deadly forces waiting to strike in Nevada. With the odds against them can they—and their love—survive?



Title: The Rake's Daughter
Author: Anne Gracie
Classification: Historical
Book Type: Mass Market Paperback
Price: \$22
Annotation: Brides of Bellaire Gardens Series. Recently returned to England, Leo, the new Earl of Salcott, discovers he's been thrust into the role of guardian to an heiress, the daughter of a notorious rake. Even worse, his ward has

brought her half-sister, the beautiful but penniless Isobel, with her. Leo must find Clarissa a suitable husband, but her illegitimate half sister, Izzy, is another matter. Her birth makes her quite unacceptable. However, the girls are devoted to each other and they refuse to be separated. Even worse, sparks fly every time Leo and Izzy interact. Leo must protect Clarissa from fortune hunters, and try not to be driven mad by the sharp-witted, rebellious, and intoxicating Izzy.



Title: Storm Echo
Author: Nalini Singh
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Trade Paperback/Hardcover
Price: \$30/\$54
Annotation: Psy-Changeling Trinity Series. Silence has fallen. The Psy are free to feel emotion. Free to love. But Silence was never a prison for Ivan Mercant. The biggest threat to his future lies dormant in his brain—a psychic monster that wants only

to feed. And now, the leash he's kept on that monster is slipping. He prepared for this day, for the end...but that was before he met Lei...The wild changeling brings colour into his life, laughter to his soul. Then the dream shatters in silent bodies in the snow. Lei is gone. Vanished...until he meets strangely familiar eyes across a busy San Francisco street...Soon, a deadly soldier who believes himself a monster and a broken healer might be all that stand between life and death for the Psy race.

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

Delilah Green Doesn't Care by **Ashley Herring Blake** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *LGBTQ+. Bright Falls Series*. Delilah Green swore she would never go back to Bright Falls—nothing is there for her but memories of a lonely childhood where she was little more than a burden to her cold stepfamily. Her life is in New York, with her photography career finally gaining steam and her bed never empty. Sure, it's a different woman every night, but that's just fine with her...When Delilah's estranged stepsister, Astrid, pressures her into photographing her wedding with a guilt trip and a five-figure check, Delilah finds herself back in the godforsaken town that she used to call home. She plans to breeze in and out, but then she sees Claire Sutherland, one of Astrid's stuck-up besties, and decides that maybe there's some fun (and a little retribution) to be had in Bright Falls, after all...Having raised her eleven-year-old daughter mostly on her own while dealing with her unreliable ex and running a bookstore, Claire depends upon a life without surprises. And Delilah is an unwelcome surprise...at first. Though they've known each other for years, they don't really know each other—so Claire is unsettled when Delilah figures out exactly what buttons to push. When they're forced together during a gauntlet of wedding preparations—including a plot to save Astrid from her horrible fiancé—Claire isn't sure she has the strength to resist Delilah's charms. Even worse, she's starting to think she doesn't want to...

Before We Were Strangers by **Renée Carlino** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *To the Green-eyed Lovebird*: We met fifteen years ago, almost to the day, when I moved my stuff into the NYU dorm room next to yours at Senior House. You called us fast friends. I like to think it was more...We lived on nothing but the excitement of finding ourselves through music (you were obsessed with Jeff Buckley), photography (I couldn't stop taking pictures of you), hanging out in Washington Square Park, and all the weird things we did to make money. I learned more about myself that year than any other...Yet, somehow, it all fell apart. We lost touch the summer after graduation when I went to South America to work for *National Geographic*. When I came back, you were gone. A part of me still wonders if I pushed you too hard after the wedding...I didn't see you again until a month ago. It was a Wednesday. You were rocking back on your heels, balancing on that thick yellow line that runs along the subway platform, waiting for the F train. I didn't know it was you until it was too late, and then you were gone. Again. You said my name; I saw it on your lips. I tried to will the train to stop, just so I could say hello...After seeing you, all of the youthful feelings and memories came flooding back to me, and now I've spent the better part of a month wondering what your life is like. I might be out of my mind, but would you like to get a drink with me and catch up on the last decade and a half? *M*

Point Last Seen by **Christina Dodd** (Trade Paperback – \$36). When Adam Ramsdell pulls Elle's half-frozen body from the surf on a lonely California beach, she has no memory of what her full name is and how she got those bruises ringing her throat...Elle finds refuge in Adam's home on the

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edge of Gothic, a remote village located between the steep mountains and the raging Pacific Ocean. As flashes of her memory return, Elle faces a terrible truth—buried in her mind lurks a secret so dark it could get her killed...Everyone in Gothic seems to hide a dark past. Even Adam knows more than he will admit. Until Elle can unravel the truth, she doesn't know who to trust, when to run and who else might be hurt when the killer who stalks her nightmares appears to finish what he started...

Every Summer After by **Carley Fortune** (Trade Paperback – \$26). They say you can never go home again, and for Persephone Fraser that has felt too true for the last decade, ever since she made the biggest mistake of her life. Instead of glittering summers on the lakeshore of her childhood, she spends them in a stylish apartment in the city, going out with friends, and keeping everyone a safe distance from her heart. Until the day she gets a call that sends her racing back to Barry's Bay and into the orbit of Sam Florek...For five summers, through hazy afternoons on the water and warm summer nights working in his family restaurant and curling up together with books—medical textbooks for him and work-in-progress horror short stories for her—Percy and Sam had been inseparable. And slowly that friendship turned into something breathtakingly more, before it fell spectacularly apart...When Percy returns to the lake to attend Sam's mother's funeral, their connection is as undeniable as it had always been. Percy must confront the decisions she's made and the years she's spent punishing herself for them, in order to determine, once and for all, whether their love might be bigger than the biggest mistakes of their past.

By the Book by **Jasmine Guillory** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Meant to Be Series*. Isabelle is completely lost. When she first began her career in publishing after college, she did not expect to be twenty-five, still living at home, and one of the few Black employees at her publishing house. Overworked and underpaid, constantly torn between speaking up or stifling herself, Izzy thinks there must be more to this publishing life. So when she overhears her boss complaining about a beastly high-profile author who has failed to deliver his long-awaited manuscript, Isabelle sees an opportunity to prove her worth and finally get the recognition she deserves...All she has to do is go to the author's Santa Barbara mansion and give him a quick pep talk or three. How hard could it be?...But Izzy quickly finds out she is in over her head. Beau Towers is not some celebrity lightweight writing a tell-all memoir. He is jaded and withdrawn and—it turns out—just as lost as Izzy. But despite his standoffishness, Izzy needs Beau to deliver, and with her encouragement, his story begins to spill onto the page. They soon discover they have more in common than either of them expected, and as their deadline nears, Izzy and Beau begin to realize there may be something there that wasn't there before.

Husband Material by **Alexis Hall** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *LGBTQ+. London Calling Series*. Wanted: One (very real) husband. Nowhere near perfect but desperately trying his best...Two years ago, Luc O'Donnell and Oliver Blackwood met, pretended to

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense fall in love, fell in love for real, dealt with heartbreak and disappointment and family and friends...and somehow figured out a way to make it all work...Now it seems like everyone around them is getting married, and Luc's feeling the social pressure to propose. That's what you do when you love someone this desperately, right? But it'll take more than four weddings, a funeral, and a hotly contested rainbow balloon arch to get this semi-disgraced son of former rock stars and his tightly-buttoned-up boyfriend from "I don't know what I'm doing" to "I do"...Good thing Oliver is such perfect husband material.

Get a Life, Chloe Brown by **Talia Hibbert** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *Brown Sisters Series*. Chloe Brown is a chronically ill computer geek with a goal, a plan and a list. After almost—but not quite—dying, she's come up with a list of directives to help her 'Get a Life': Enjoy a drunken night out; Ride a motorbike; Go camping; Have meaningless but thoroughly enjoyable sex; Travel the world with nothing but hand luggage; And...do something bad...But it's not easy being bad, even when you've written out step-by-step guidelines. What Chloe needs is a teacher, and she knows just the man for the job: Redford 'Red' Morgan...With tattoos and a motorbike, Red is the perfect helper in her mission to rebel, but as they spend more time together, Chloe realises there's much more to him than his tough exterior implies. Soon she's left wanting more from him than she ever expected...maybe there's more to life than her list ever imagined?

Twisted Love by **Ana Huang** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *Twisted Series*. He has a heart of ice...but for her, he'd burn the world...Alex Volkov is a devil blessed with the face of an angel and cursed with a past he can't escape...Driven by a tragedy that has haunted him for most of his life, his ruthless pursuits for success and vengeance leave little room for matters of the heart...But when he's forced to look after his best friend's sister, he starts to feel something in his chest: A crack. A melt. A fire that could end his world as he knew it.

It's Better This Way by **Debbie Macomber** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). It's been nearly six years since Julia Jones had her heart broken. After her husband became involved with another woman, she did everything she could to save their marriage, to no avail. Their two daughters continue to stand by Julia in the wake of their father's behaviour—and they've had a tough time getting along with the "other woman" who became their stepmother. Distraught after selling the family home, Julia moved into a condominium complex that offers the warmth and charm of a fresh start. Now, having settled into her new community and sold her successful interior design business, she's embraced a fulfilling new life, one that doesn't seem to need a man in it. Her beloved father's trusty saying is ringing truer than ever: *It's better this way*...But when Julia meets a handsome new

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense resident in the building's exercise room, she can't help but be drawn to him. Heath Wilson is a welcome change from the men she's encountered on the occasional—mostly disastrous—dates her sister has planned for her over the years. As she and Heath, a divorcé himself, begin to grow close, their friendship blossoms into a love neither of them had expected. However, they soon realize that combining families, even with four adult children, presents inevitable challenges...When a dramatic revelation threatens the happiness they've found, Julia and Heath must reconcile their love for their children with their love for each other. If they can't, their bright future together may be nothing but a dream.

The Last Goodnight by **Kat Martin** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Blood Ties: The Logans Series*. When Kade Logan said goodbye to his estranged wife eight years ago, he never thought it would be the last time he saw her alive. Now her car has been hauled out of a nearby lake and Kade is determined to track down the man who murdered her. Enter Eleanor Bowman, a talented private investigator who's about to stir up a hornet's nest on his Colorado ranch...With old scandals still buzzing about his late wife's many affairs and new violence erupting, Kade is faced with the discovery of another beautiful woman's body. Are the two killings linked? Who is the man who seduced, then murdered both victims? Ellie believes they are dangerously close to the truth...From corporate Denver high-rises to posh Vail mansions, Kade and Ellie sense the killer is closing in again, and this time Ellie is the target. Kade must risk everything to save the woman he's coming to love—before she becomes the next one to die...

Mad About You by **Mhairi McFarlane** (Trade Paperback – \$26). Two strangers. One big coincidence. Driving each other crazy is just the beginning...Harriet Hatley is running away from everything. Getting married. Her boyfriend's family. Her past...A dream house-share seems like the perfect place to hide, but her unlikely housemate Cal is no stranger to running away himself. And he's also hiding secrets...Can these two take a crazy risk, face the past and finally find a reason to stay?

If the Shoe Fits by **Julie Murphy** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Meant to Be Series*. Cindy loves shoes. A well-placed bow or a chic stacked heel is her form of self-expression. As a fashion-obsessed plus-size woman, she can never find designer clothes that work on her body, but a special pair of shoes always fits just right...With a shiny new design degree but no job in sight, Cindy moves back in with her stepmother, Erica Tremaine, the executive producer of the world's biggest dating reality show. When a contestant on *Before Midnight* bows out at the last minute, Cindy is thrust into the spotlight. Showcasing her killer shoe collection on network TV seems like a great way to jump-start her career. And, while she's at it, why not go on a few dates with an eligible suitor?...But being the first and only

Chapter Book and Tea Shop Short Story Competition Success

Our warm congratulations to the winners of the Romance Writers of New Zealand short story competition which is sponsored by Chapter Book and Tea Shop. The winners for 2022 are: Pamela Swain (1st), Amy Hutton (2nd), Susie Frame (3rd=) and Stephanie Ruth (3rd=). The other finalist is: Susie Frame (5th). An anthology of the top entries (LIAISONS) is available on request to info@chapter.co.nz.

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fat contestant on *Before Midnight* turns her into a viral sensation—and a body-positivity icon—overnight. Even harder to believe? She can actually see herself falling for this Prince Charming. To make it to the end, despite the fans, the haters, and fellow contestants she's not sure she can trust, Cindy will have to take a leap of faith and hope her heels—and her heart—don't break in the process.

Quarter to Midnight by **Karen Rose** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *New Orleans Series*. After completing her tours with the Marines in Iraq, Molly Sutton knew she could take down any bad guy she met. But when her law enforcement agency in North Carolina turned against her, she joined up with her former CO Burke Broussard, who left New Orleans PD to set up a private investigative service for people who couldn't find justice...Gabe Hebert saw the toll that working for the NOPD took on his dad and decided instead to make a name for himself as one of the best young chefs in the French Quarter. But when his father's death is ruled a suicide after a deliberately botched investigation by his former captain, Gabe knows his dad stumbled onto a truth that someone wants silenced...Gabe goes to his father's best friend, Burke, for help. Burke assigns the toughest member of his team, Molly, to the case. Molly can't believe she's being asked to work with the smoking hot chef whose chocolate cake is not the only thing that makes her mouth water. Sparks fly as they follow the leads Gabe's dad left them, unraveling a web of crimes, corruption, and murder that runs all the way to the top.

Second Chance Spring by **JoAnn Ross** (Mass Market Paperback – \$24). *Honeymoon Harbour Series*. Pro quarterback Burke Mannion is at a crossroads in his career—nearing retirement age, he wonders if it's time to hang up his cleats, or keep pushing on and head to training camp in a few short weeks. The decision is delayed by an upsetting phone call from his brother, and without blinking, Burke packs for Honeymoon Harbor and the home he hasn't seen in years. The last person he expects to see when he arrives is the woman he had once thought might be the one—the same woman who broke up with him by text as she left New York...Having heard Burke's stories about Honeymoon Harbor, Lily Fletcher never really believed there was any place as idyllic as he'd made it sound. But as much as she's tried to keep her past in the past by avoiding personal connections, deep down she secretly hoped she'd see Burke again. As Lily and Burke fall back into their unresolved feelings for one another, she knows she has to come clean about who she really is as he struggles with the choice to go back to the celebrity life he knows or embrace the one he's beginning to think could be the true path to happiness.

Funny You Should Ask by **Elissa Sussman** (Trade Paperback – \$26). Ten years later and she still has butterflies. But does he feel the same way?...*THEN*. Twenty-something writer Chani Horowitz is stuck. While her former classmates are nabbing high-profile book deals, all she does is churn out puff pieces. Then she's hired to write a profile of movie star Gabe Parker: her number one celebrity crush and the latest James Bond. All Chani wants to do is keep her cool and nail the piece. But what comes next proves to be life changing in ways she never saw coming, as

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the interview turns into a whirlwind weekend that has the tabloids buzzing—and Chani getting closer to Gabe than she had planned...*NOW*. Ten years later, after a brutal divorce and a healthy dose of therapy, Chani is back in Los Angeles as a successful writer with the career of her dreams. Except that no matter what she's promoting, someone always asks about The Profile. It always comes back to Gabe. So when his PR team requests that they reunite for a second interview, she wants to say no. She wants to pretend that she's forgotten about the time they spent together. But the truth is that Chani wants to know if those seventy-two hours were as memorable to Gabe as they were to her. And so...she says yes.

From the Jump by **Lacie Waldon** (Trade Paperback – \$26). Liv Bakersfield is used to living her life in "shoulds." Be fit. Be financially responsible. Be your best self. An overworked graphic designer, she's stretched so thin that she's about to miss yet another vacation with her beloved group of college friends. But when Liv finally decides to start saying no, it feels good...good enough to leap straight into quitting her job and hopping on a plane to join them in South Africa...Amid the exotic landscape and unforgettable sights, Liv expects sun and safari animals and an easy time with her best friends. But such close proximity makes everything more complicated, especially with the emotionally unavailable Lucas Deiss. Their friendship is the only thing in her life that's still solid, and she vows to do anything she can to keep the group together. But once they get back to LA, Liv discovers that her leap of faith has become a freefall, sending her crashing into Deiss's arms. With the trust of the people she loves most on the line, Liv must decide between doing what she should...and risking everything for what she shouldn't want.

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The Secret of Bow Lane by **Jennifer Ashley** (Trade Paperback – \$36). *Below Stairs Mystery Series*. In Victorian-era London, amateur sleuth and cook Kat Holloway must solve a murder to claim an inheritance she didn't know she had...A stranger who appears on Kat's doorstep turns out to be one Charlotte Bristow, legal wife of Joe Bristow, the man Kat once believed herself married to—who she thought died at sea twelve years ago. Kat is jolted by Charlotte's claims that not only was Joe murdered, but he had amassed a small fortune before he died. Charlotte makes the cook an offer she cannot refuse—if Kat can discover the identity of Joe's murderer, Charlotte will give her a share of the fortune Joe left behind...With the help of Daniel McAdam, her attractive and charismatic confidante, Kat plunges into her own past to investigate. When it becomes apparent that the case of Joe's death goes far deeper than simple, opportunistic theft, Kat and Daniel's relationship is put to the test, and Kat herself comes under scrutiny as her connection to Joe is uncovered. She must race to catch the real killer before she loses her job and possibly her life.

Death by Bubble Tea by **Jennifer Chow** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *LA Night Market Series*. When Yale Yee discovers her cousin Celine is visiting from Hong Kong, she is obliged to play tour guide to a relative she hasn't seen in twenty years. Not only that, but her father thinks it's a wonderful idea for them to bond by running a food stall together at the

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Eastwood Village Night Market. Yale hasn't cooked in years, and she hardly considers Celine's career as a social media influencer as adequate experience, but because she's just lost her job at her local bookstore, she feels she has no choice...Yale and Celine serve small dishes and refreshing drinks, and while business is slow, it eventually picks up thanks to Celine's surprisingly useful marketing ideas. They're quite shocked that their bubble tea, in particular, is a hit—literally—when one of their customers turns up dead. Yale and Celine are prime suspects due to the gold flakes that Celine added to the sweet drink as a garnish. Though the two cousins are polar opposites in every way, they must work together to find out what really happened to the victim or the only thing they'll be serving is time.

The Guest List by **Lucy Fole** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$24). The bride—The plus one—The best man—The wedding planner—The bridesmaid—The body...On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate two people joining their lives together as one. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. It's a wedding for a magazine, or for a celebrity: the designer dress, the remote location, the luxe party favors, the boutique whiskey. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed...But perfection is for plans, and people are all too human. As the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. The groomsmen begin the drinking game from their school days. The bridesmaid not-so-accidentally ruins her dress. The bride's oldest (male) friend gives an uncomfortably caring toast...And then someone turns up dead. Who didn't wish the happy couple well? And perhaps more important, why?

The Woman in the Library by **Sulari Gentill** (Trade Paperback – \$36). In every person's story, there is something to hide...The tranquility is shattered by a woman's terrified scream. Security guards take charge immediately, instructing everyone inside to stay put until the threat is identified and contained. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers, who'd happened to sit at the same table, pass the time in conversation and friendships are struck. Each has his or her own reasons for being in the reading room of the Boston Public Library that morning—it just happens that one is a murderer.

The Wrong Woman by **J.P. Pomare** (Trade Paperback – \$32). It was a tragic accident. Wasn't it?...A private investigator returning to the hometown he fled years ago becomes entangled in the disappearance of two teenage girls...Reid left the small town of Manson a decade ago, promising his former Chief of Police boss he'd never return. He made a new life in the city, became a PI and turned his back on his old life...Now an insurance firm has offered him good money to look into a suspicious car crash, and he finds himself back in the place he grew up—home to his complicated family history, a scarring relationship breakdown and a very public career-ending incident...As Reid's investigation unfolds, nothing is as it seems: rumours are swirling about the well-liked young woman who crashed the

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car, killing her professor husband, and their possible connection to a local student who has gone missing...Soon Reid finds himself veering away from the job he has been paid to do. Will he end up in the dangerous position of taking on the town again?

The Girl in Cabin 13 by **A.J. Rivers** (Print-On-Demand-Paperback – \$32). *Emma Griffin FBI Mystery Series*. Knock...Knock...When Emma finds a dead body on her porch with her name written on the dead man's hand she uncovers a sinister clue to the mystery that has haunted her since childhood...FBI agent Emma Griffin is sent undercover to the small sleepy town of Feathered Nest to uncover the truth behind the strings of disappearances that has left the town terrified...To Emma there is nothing that can lay buried forever. Even though her own childhood has been plagued by deaths and disappearances... Her mother's death, her father's disappearance, and her boyfriend's disappearance. The only cases that she hasn't solved...Her obsession with finding out the truth behind her past was what led her to join the FBI...Now, she must face what may be her biggest case. In Cabin 13 there lies an uneasy feeling. The feeling of her movements being watched...When a knock on her door revealed a body on her porch and her name written on a piece of paper in the dead man's hand...Suddenly her worlds collide...With the past still haunting her, Emma must fight past her own demons to stop the body count from rising...The woods have secrets. And this idyllic town has dark and murderous ones...Either she reveals them or risk them claiming her too...In Feathered Nest, nothing is what it seems...The Girl in Cabin 13 is about to find out that the dead may have secrets of their own.

Abandoned in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$24). *Eve Dallas/In Death Series*. The woman's body was found in the early morning, on a bench in a New York City playground. She was clean, her hair neatly arranged, her makeup carefully applied. But other things were very wrong—like the tattoo and piercings, clearly new. The clothes, decades out of date. The fatal wound hidden beneath a ribbon around her neck. And the note: *Bad Mommy*, written in crayon as if by a child... Lieutenant Eve Dallas turns to the department's top profiler, who confirms what seems obvious to Eve: They're dealing with a killer whose childhood involved some sort of trauma—a situation Eve is all too familiar with herself. Yet the clues suggest a perpetrator who'd be roughly sixty years old, and there are no records of old crimes with a similar MO. What was the trigger that apparently reopened such an old wound and sent someone over the edge?... When Eve discovers that other young women—who physically resemble the first victim—have vanished, the clock starts ticking louder. But to solve this case she will need to find her way into a hidden place of dim light and concrete, into the distant past, and into the cold depths of a shattered mind.

Witch and Famous by **Angela Sanders** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Witch Way Librarian Mystery Series*. For a tiny town, picturesque Wilfred, Oregon, has everything, including an impressive library housed in a Victorian mansion, a touch of magic in new librarian and fledgling witch, Josie Way, a visiting movie star—and a curious tendency toward murder...Josie and all of Wilfred are buzzing

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with excitement. A-list movie star Daphne Morris has chosen to interview Roz, assistant librarian and novelist, for her book club. But when the glamorous actress quickly charms both Roz's long-time love and sheriff Sam, the object of Josie's unrequited affection, Josie turns to the whispers from her beloved books for ideas on revising the plot. Yet soon there's another twist...At a party to celebrate the interview, Daphne's personal chef is found dead in a scene that all too closely echoes one in Roz's novel. It's clear to Josie that someone's idea of a happy ending means framing her friend. She'll have to read between the lines with the help of the library's enchanted stacks, guidance from her magical grandmother's letters, and her cat familiar, Rodney, to solve this murder before someone decides to stage a deadly sequel...

The Joy and Light Bus Company by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency Series*. Mma Ramotswe is tempted to put the brakes on a business venture before it even gets rolling...Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni attends a course hosted by the local chamber of commerce entitled "*Where Is Your Business Going?*" But rather than feeling energized, he comes back in low spirits, not sure if he should be satisfied with the already venerable and successful Tlokweng Road Speedy Motors. Then an old friend from school approaches him with an exciting new business venture. When it turns out he will need to mortgage the garage in order to pursue this endeavor, Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi worry about the potential repercussions for his current business—as well as for their own...But even as she puzzles over mysteries on the domestic front, Mma Ramotswe's professional duties must take precedence. When a concerned son learns that his aging father's nurse now stands to inherit the family home, he begins to doubt her intentions and takes his case to Botswana's premier detective agency. Fortunately, Mma Ramotswe and Mma Makutsi, committed agents of justice, agree to investigate...Tricky as these matters may be, Mma Ramotswe, armed with her usual supply of tact, humour and good will, knows that the most creative solutions are often found with the support of friends and family and a cup of red bush tea. With these reliable assets, she is certain to ensure that all involved find the happiness that they deserve.

The Sweet Remnants of Summer by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$33). *Isabel Dalhousie Series*. Our favorite moral philosopher is caught up in a delicate dispute between members of a prominent family as her husband, Jamie, is dragged into his own internecine rivalry...Isabel accepts an invitation to serve on the advisory committee of the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, but soon finds herself swept up in an all-too-familiar dilemma. David is the grandson of a Scottish clan chief and is supportive of Scottish nationalism. But his fervent beliefs are threatening family harmony, especially because his sister Catriona's socialist views put her at odds with her brother. When their mother, Laura, a fellow committee member, asks Isabel to intervene, she tries to demur. But always one for courteous resolutions to philosophical disagreements, Isabel can't help but intercede...In the meantime, Jamie,

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having criticized Isabel for getting involved in the affairs of others, does precisely that himself. Jamie is helping to select a new cellist for his ensemble, but he suspects that the conductor may be focused on something other than his favored candidate's cello skills...With so many factors complicating matters, Isabel and Jamie will have to muster all their tact and charm to ensure that comity is reached between all these fractious parties.

The Librarian Always Rings Twice by **Marty Wingate** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *First Edition Library Mystery Series*. When a mysterious stranger turns up making claims that threaten Lady Fowling's legacy, Hayley Burke must dig deep into her late benefactor's history to uncover the truth and catch a conniving killer...It has been nearly a year since I took up my position as curator of Lady Georgiana Fowling's collection of Golden Age of Mystery writers' first editions at her library in Middlebank House. I have learned that I need to take the good with the bad. The good: I have finally convinced Mrs. Woolgar to open up the collection to the public one day a week so that they too can share in Lady Fowling's passion. The bad: although he would not be my first, or even tenth, choice, at the insistence of the board Charles Henry Dill, Lady Fowling's unscrupulous nephew, is now my personal assistant...On one of our first days open to the public, Mr. John Aubrey shows up at Middlebank House and insists that Lady Georgiana Fowling is his grandmother. Mrs. Woolgar is scandalized by his claims, and Charles Henry, who feels he has been cheated out of his rightful inheritance as Lady Fowling's heir, is furious. I do not know that I believe Mr. Aubrey, yet he has knowledge of Lady Fowling's life and writings that few possess. To further complicate matters, an associate of Mr. Aubrey's intends to help us uncover the truth of John's story. But before he can do that, he is murdered and the police have reason to suspect Charles Henry...As much as I would like to lock up Charles Henry and throw away the key, I cannot believe he is a killer. And I also know there is something dead wrong about Mr. Aubrey's tales regarding his "grandmother" Lady Fowling. I will need to make sense of her past in order to suss out the true villain of this story.

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Tiger's Daughter by **Jennifer Ashley** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$32). *Shifters Unbound Series*. The mate bond has never been this strong...Connor Morrissey hits his Transition—hard—and Shiftertown braces for chaos. His transformation into a fully adult Shifter comes early and is lightning fast, heightened by Connor's very special heritage. Connor spirals out of control, ready to fight for his place in the hierarchy, and his instincts tell him his place is very high...Only the touch of Tiger-girl cuts across Connor's pain...She's there for him, beautiful, powerful, but a fish out of water, struggling to make sense of the real world. As Tiger's daughter, she's more than an ordinary Shifter, inheriting Tiger's strength and intelligence in addition to the enhancements the Shifter Bureau black ops team made to her in secret...Then Connor is captured by those who will use him to enhance their own power. Tiger-girl knows the mate bond is forming between them—losing Connor will tear her

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apart. But can she risk being found by those who want to turn Tiger-girl into the most deadly Shifter of all time?...Now Tiger-girl must choose between her safety or exposing her whereabouts to free him.

Captive by **Cheryl Brooks** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$26). *Cat Star Legacy Series*. She stole his freedom...He captured her heart...Moriconthan “Moe” Tshevnoe finds an outlet for his anger when a brawl breaks out in a dusty barroom on Haedus Nine. He joins in the melee with enthusiasm, until he is taken prisoner by a beautiful Zetithian woman with electric blue eyes...Forced into hiding by the cruel tyrant who covets her, Klara Tavock must do whatever she can to survive. Impressed by Moe’s pugilistic talent, she captures him, intending to sell him as a gladiator slave. But there’s something about this sexy Zetithian she simply can’t resist...The attraction between them is powerful and undeniable, but when Moe and Klara join forces with the local rebels, they trigger a revolution that could destroy them all...Or set them free.

Guild Boss by **Jayne Castle** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Harmony Series*. Welcome to Illusion Town on the colony world of Harmony—like Las Vegas on Earth, but way more weird...Living in this new, alien world doesn’t stop the settlers from trying to re-create what they’ve left behind. Case in point—weddings are still the highlight of any social calendar. But it’s the after-party that turns disastrous for Lucy Bell. Kidnapped and drugged as she leaves the party, she manages to escape—only to find herself lost in the mysterious, alien underground maze of glowing green tunnels beneath Illusion Town. She’s been surviving on determination and cold pizza, scavenged for her by a special dust bunny, when help finally shows up...Gabriel Jones is the Ghost Hunter sent to rescue her, but escaping the underground ruins isn’t the end of her troubles—it’s only the beginning. With no rational reason for her abduction, and her sole witness gone on another assignment for the Guild, whispers start circulating that Lucy made it all up. Soon her life unravels until she has nothing left but her pride. The last thing she expects is for Gabriel Jones to come back to town for her...The Lucy that Gabriel finds is not the same woman he rescued, the one who looked at him as if he were her hero. This Lucy is sharp, angry, and more than a little cynical—instead of awe, she treats him with extreme caution. But a killer is still hunting her, and there aren’t a lot of options when it comes to heroes. Despite her wariness, Gabriel is also the one person who believes Lucy—after all, he was there. He’s determined to help clear her reputation, no matter what it takes. And as the new Guild Boss, his word is law, even in the lawlessness of Illusion Town.

Harmony of Fire by **Brian Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Alice and Owen Series*. The We—beings who existed long before humans ever did, filled with powerful magic—walk among us. Owen and Alice are both etherealists—rare humans born with magic who are targets for those We that wish to take it from them. At nine years old and against her will, Alice’s soul was tied to one such powerful and evil We. She escaped and was trained to be a weapon so she might one day break the bond and

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safely return home. Everything is going to plan...until she meets Owen...Owen is a musician who is trying to outrun his past while keeping those around him safe in an increasingly dangerous world. Owen keeps them on the move until a band of hunters crosses their path. Owen must go home—a place he swore he’d never return to—and seek protection from the We who could destroy them. And then he meets Alice. Only through finding each other do either Alice or Owen have a chance of survival.

A Terrible Fall of Angels by **Laurell K. Hamilton** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$24). *Zaniel Havelock Series*. Meet Detective Zaniel Havelock, a man with the ability to communicate directly with angels. A former trained Angel speaker, he devoted his life to serving both the celestial beings and his fellow humans with his gift, but a terrible betrayal compelled him to leave that life behind. Now he’s a cop who is still working on the side of angels. But where there are angels, there are also demons. There’s no question that there’s evil at work when he’s called in to examine the murder scene of a college student—but is it just the evil that one human being can do to another, or is it something more? When demonic possession is a possibility, even angelic protection can only go so far. The race is on to stop a killer before he finds his next victim, as Zaniel is forced to confront his own personal demons, and the past he never truly left behind.

From Bad to Cursed by **Lana Harper** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Witches of Thistle Grove Series*. Wild child Isidora Avramov is a thrill chaser, adept demon summoner, and—despite the whole sexy-evil-sorceress vibe—also a cuddly animal lover. When she’s not designing costumes and new storylines for the Arcane Emporium’s haunted house, Issa’s nursing a secret, conflicted dream of ditching her family’s witchy business to become an indie fashion designer in her own right...But when someone starts sabotaging the celebrations leading up to this year’s Beltane festival with dark, dangerous magic, a member of the rival Thorn family gets badly hurt—throwing immediate suspicion on the Avramovs. To clear the Avramov name and step up for her family when they need her the most, Issa agrees to serve as a co-investigator, helping none other than Rowan Thorn get to the bottom of things...Rowan is the very definition of lawful good, so tragically noble and by-the-book he makes Issa’s teeth hurt. In accordance with their families’ complicated history, he and Issa have been archenemies for years and have grown to heartily loathe each other. But as the unlikely duo follow a perplexing trail of clues to a stunning conclusion, Issa and Rowan discover how little they really know each other... and stumble upon a maddening attraction that becomes harder to ignore by the day.

Kingdom of the Wicked by **Kerri Maniscalco** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *Kingdom of the Wicked Series*. Two sisters. One brutal murder. A quest for vengeance that will unleash Hell itself...And an intoxicating romance. Emilia and her twin sister Vittoria are streghe—witches who live secretly among humans, avoiding notice and persecution. One night, Vittoria misses dinner service at the family’s renowned Sicilian restaurant. Emilia soon

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finds the body of her beloved twin...desecrated beyond belief. Devastated, Emilia sets out to find her sister's killer and to seek vengeance at any cost—even if it means using dark magic that's been long forbidden. Then Emilia meets Wrath, one of the Wicked-princes of Hell she has been warned against in tales since she was a child. Wrath claims to be on Emilia's side, tasked by his master with solving the series of women's murders on the island. But when it comes to the Wicked, nothing is as it seems...

When Sorrows Come by **Seanan McGuire** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *October Daye Series*. It's hard to be a hero. There's always something needing October "Toby" Daye's attention, and her own desires tend to fall by the wayside in favor of solving the Kingdom's problems. That includes the desire to marry her long-time suitor and current fiancé, Tybalt, San Francisco's King of Cats. She doesn't mean to keep delaying the wedding, it just sort of...happens. And that's why her closest friends have taken the choice out of her hands, ambushing her with a court wedding at the High Court in Toronto. Once the High King gets involved, there's not much even Toby can do to delay things...except for getting involved in stopping a plot to overthrow the High Throne itself, destabilizing the Westlands entirely, and keeping her from getting married through nothing more than the sheer volume of chaos it would cause. Can Toby save the Westlands and make it to her own wedding on time? Or is she going to have to choose one over the other?

Eclipse the Moon by **Jessie Mihalik** (Trade Paperback – \$36). *Hunt the Stars Series*. Kee Ildez has been many things: hacker, soldier, bounty hunter. She never expected to be a hero, but when a shadowy group of traitors starts trying to goad the galaxy's two superpowers into instigating an interstellar war, Kee throws herself into the search to find out who is responsible—and stop them...Digging up hidden information is her job, so hunting traitors should be a piece of cake, but the primary suspect spent years in the military, and someone powerful is still covering his tracks. Disrupting their plans will require the help of her entire team, including Varro Runkow, a Valovian weapons expert who makes her pulse race...Quiet, grumpy, and incredibly handsome, Varro watches her with hot eyes but ignores all of her flirting, so Kee silently vows to keep her feelings strictly platonic. But that vow will be put to the test when she and Varro are forced to leave the safety of their ship and venture into enemy territory alone...Cut off from the rest of their team, they must figure out how to work together—and fast—because a single misstep will cost thousands of lives.

Neon Gods by **Katee Robert** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Dark Olympus Series*. He was supposed to be a myth. But from the moment I crossed the River Styx and fell under his dark spell...he was, quite simply, mine...Society darling Persephone Dimitriou plans to flee the ultra-modern city of Olympus and start over far from the backstabbing politics of the Thirteen Houses. But all that's ripped away when her mother ambushes her with an engagement to Zeus, the dangerous power behind their glittering city's dark facade...With no options left, Persephone flees to the forbidden undercity and makes a devil's bargain with a man she once believed a myth...a man who

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awakens her to a world she never knew existed...Hades has spent his life in the shadows, and he has no intention of stepping into the light. But when he finds that Persephone can offer a little slice of the revenge he's spent years craving, it's all the excuse he needs to help her—for a price. Yet every breathless night spent tangled together has given Hades a taste for Persephone, and he'll go to war with Olympus itself to keep her close...

Ruthless by **Gena Showalter** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$24). *Immortal Enemies Series*. Forbidden. Powerful. Ruthless...Micah the Unwilling, fae King of the Forgotten, can tame even the most violent of beasts. Forged on the battlefield, this iron-willed warrior considers his soldiers his family, and he will stop at nothing to reclaim their dispossessed land. Gearing for war with a sadistic enemy, he is disciplined and focused—until a feral beauty he encountered long ago wanders into his camp...Viori de Aoibheall wields a terrifying ability to sing monsters to life. Having spent her childhood in a forest, raising herself and her frightening creations—the only friends she's ever known—she's ill prepared for the scarred royal and his fearsome brutality. Not to mention the ferocity of their connection and the carnality of his touch. But the real problem? Her brother is Micah's greatest foe. And though the sensual king makes her burn, she must stop him, whatever the cost.

A Touch of Malice by **Scarlett St. Clair** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Hades x Persephone Series*. Persephone and Hades are engaged. In retaliation, Demeter summons a snowstorm that cripples New Greece, and refuses to lift the blizzard unless her daughter calls off her engagement...When the Olympians intervene, Persephone finds her future in the hands of ancient gods, and they are divided. Do they allow Persephone to marry Hades and go to war with Demeter or prohibit their union and take up arms against the God of the Dead?...Nothing is certain but the promise of war.

For the Throne by **Hannah Whitten** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Wildewood Series*. The First Daughter is for the throne. The Second Daughter is for the Wolf...Red and the Wolf have finally contained the threat of the Old Kings but at a steep cost. Red's beloved sister Neve, the First Daughter is lost in the Shadowlands, an inverted kingdom where the vicious gods of legend have been trapped for centuries and the Old Kings have slowly been gaining control. But Neve has an ally—though it's one she'd rather never have to speak to again—the rogue king Solmir...Solmir wants to bring an end to the Shadowlands and he believes helping Neve may be the key to its destruction. But to do that, they will both have to journey across a dangerous landscape in order to find a mysterious Heart Tree, and to claim the gods' dark, twisted powers for themselves.

Heaven Official's Blessing Vol. 3 by **Mo Xiang Tong Xiu** (Trade Paperback – \$40). *LGBTQ+*. Something To Fight For, Someone To Live For...Gods should never meddle in the affairs of mortals, but Xie Lian is not one to follow the rules when lives are at risk. He spits in the face of heaven and its laws and descends in a fury to save his country from drought and civil war. Yet this golden child gets a harsh dose of reality when he discovers just how little one

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individual—even a god—can do to save a crumbling nation. As the people reject and betray him, one young soldier stands by Xie Lian—a boy with a face wrapped in bandages and a fierce loyalty in his heart. In this chaotic past, can an unshakable bond grow from the ashes of unimaginable destruction?

Scum Villain's Self-Saving System Vol. 3 by **Mo Xiang Tong Xiu** (Trade Paperback – \$40). *LGBTQ+*. To save his sect from destruction, Shen Qingqiu has at last submitted to Luo Binghe—though he wishes people would stop saying it like that! Unfortunately, they're not wrong...Luo Binghe has finally made his desire for his old master clear. For all that Shen Qingqiu longs to return to their peaceful days together on Qing Jing Peak, he knows it's impossible now that Luo Binghe has darkened into a true demon lord. But as Shen Qingqiu begins to uncover more of Proud Immortal Demon Way's hidden plot, including his host body's own backstory, he realizes he must learn to see Luo Binghe for who he truly is if either of them are to survive.

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Up All Night with a Good Duke by **Amy Rose Bennett** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Byronic Book Club Series*. Artemis Jones—"respectable" finishing-school teacher by day and Gothic romance writer by night—has never lost sight of her real dream: to open her own academic ladies' college. When Artemis is unexpectedly called upon by a dear friend, a fellow Byronic Book Club member, to navigate her first London Season, she comes at once. Who knows, perhaps she can court the interest of a wealthy patron for her school. As long as she can avoid her high-handed aunt's schemes to marry her off...Dominic Winters, the widowed Duke of Dartmoor, needs a wife—someone who will provide him with an heir and help him to manage his spitfire adolescent daughter. The problem is, Society has dubbed him "The Dastardly Duke." Rumors are rife that he murdered his mad wife so his choices for a suitable bride are limited. But then he meets the ravishing and passionate Artemis Jones who might just be everything he needs.

Miss Delightful by **Grace Burrowes** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Mischief in Mayfair Series*. Miss Dorcas Delancey, vicar's daughter and advocate for the less fortunate, has been guarding her heart from fortune hunters and fashionable fribbles for years. She's completely unprepared for Alasdhair MacKay, former officer and all around grouch, to steal that heart. But when Alasdhair takes on responsibility for a motherless infant whom Dorcas's family won't acknowledge, she sees the honour lurking beneath his gruff mannerisms...Alasdhair MacKay did not storm hell with Wellington's army just so he could drink, swive, and flirt his way through life after Waterloo. He's serious, intelligent, and passionate about his causes—also passionate in his regard for Dorcas. He's the man of her dreams and a paragon in plaid, but looming scandal means Dorcas will have to choose between love and the honor Alasdhair values.

The Earl on the Train by **Kerrigan Byrne** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – Novella – \$22). *Victorian Rebels Series*. Sebastian Moncrieff is a villain, a traitor, and a pirate, who has recently inherited an Earldom he never wanted. As a man who's committed every sin imaginable, he knows his only chance at redemption

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is the one woman who ever reached through to his soul of ice. He's kidnapped Veronica Latimer once before, and was enchanted by everything about her...This time, when he takes her, he'll have to admit that she's kept his heart captive since the moment they met. But can he convince her to forgive his past in order to claim a future?

Four Weeks of Scandal by **Megan Frampton** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Hazards of Dukes Series*. It only takes one moment to cause a scandal...and four weeks to live it down!...Week one: Lovely, lively Octavia Holton arrives in the village, determined to claim her inheritance—the home she grew up in with her late father. Surely he meant for his daughter to have the property, and owning it means she could fix it up, sell it, and use the money to pay off her debts. But when she arrives, she discovers the house is also claimed—by one Gabriel Fallon...Week two: Gabriel claims his father won the property in a bet, but he can't bring himself to toss Octavia out on her very delightful derriere, so he makes her a four-week bargain: Together they'll pretend to be engaged, all the while seeking out any will, letter, or document that proves who gets the ownership...Weeks three and four: But that means togetherness...a lot of togetherness, and long days—and evenings—in each other's company. The pair seems destined to "duke it out," staking their claims...but it's all too soon that they realize their rivalry might lead to something much more intimate. And suddenly four weeks seems like a long time. And yet not enough.

A Lady for a Duke by **Alexis Hall** (Trade Paperback – \$25). *LGBTQ+*. When Viola Carroll was presumed dead at Waterloo she took the opportunity to live, at last, as herself. But freedom does not come without a price, and Viola paid for hers with the loss of her wealth, her title, and her closest companion, Justin de Vere, the Duke of Gracewood...Only when their families reconnect, years after the war, does Viola learn how deep that loss truly was. Shattered without her, Gracewood has retreated so far into grief that Viola barely recognises her old friend in the lonely, brooding man he has become...As Viola strives to bring Gracewood back to himself, fresh desires give new names to old feelings. Feelings that would have been impossible once and may be impossible still, but which Viola cannot deny. Even if they cost her everything, all over again.

A Remarkable Rogue by **Anna Harrington** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Lords of the Armory Series*. Sydney Rowland, young widow of Baron Rowland, has spent a lifetime keeping secrets, one of them being her young son. Now that the husband she despised is dead, she'll do anything to get her son back and protect him however she can. And that includes risking her life when she's coerced into working for a revolutionary group determined to overthrow the government...Captain Nathaniel Reed has heard of Sydney's involvement with Scepter. Though he quickly learns that Sydney is innocent, he's determined to keep the secretive widow at arm's length despite the attraction that burns between them. But when she turns to him for help, nothing will stop him from coming to her aid and showing her exactly what she means to him...

The Return of the Duke by **Lorraine Heath** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Once Upon a Dukedom*

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Series. When his father, the Duke of Wolford, is hanged for an assassination attempt on Queen Victoria, Marcus Stanwick is stripped of everything. Vowing to return honor to his family, he seeks to expose the others involved in the treasonous plot and bring them to justice. His search forces him to turn to a woman he despises for her unforgivable betrayal—a woman known as the heartless harlot...Harboring secrets, Esme Lancaster has her own reasons for wanting to discover who's behind the conspiracy that's still afoot. She doesn't trust Marcus but can't deny the handsome devil makes her wonder if she does indeed possess a heart, one he could very easily steal...As their hunt for the truth leads them into danger, Marcus finds Esme isn't cold and calculating as he'd assumed but fire and brimstone, with courage and determination to match his own. Soon, they're unable to deny their growing desire for each other. But giving into temptation comes at a cost, and they must decide if love is worth the risk of losing their one chance for redemption.

Always Be My Duchess by **Amalie Howard** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Taming of the Dukes Series.* Lord Lysander Blackstone, the stern Duke of Montcroix, has only one interest: increasing his considerable fortune. After a series of betrayals, he keeps his emotions buried deep. Money, after all, can't break a man's heart—or make promises it can't keep. But when his reputation for being heartless jeopardizes a new business deal, he finds himself seeking a most unusual—and alluring—solution...Once an up-and-coming ballerina, Miss Geneviève Valery is now hopelessly out of work. After refusing to become a wealthy patron's mistress, Nève was promptly shown the door to the streets. When she accidentally saves the life of a handsome duke, she doubts the encounter will go any better than her last brush with nobility. But instead of propositioning her, Montcroix makes Nève an offer she would be a fool to refuse: act as his fake fiancée in exchange for fortune enough to start over...Only neither is prepared when very real feelings begin to grow between them. They both stand to win...but only if they're willing to risk their hearts.

You Were Made to be Mine by **Julie Anne Long** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *The Palace of Rogues Series.* The mission: Find the Earl of Brundage's runaway fiancée in exchange for a fortune. Child's play for legendary British former spymaster, Christian Hawkes. The catch? Hawkes knows in his bones that Brundage is the traitor to England who landed him in a brutal French prison. Hawkes is destitute, the earl is desperate, and a bargain is struck...Fleeing a savagely shattered dream, the sheltered Lady Aurelie Capet finds refuge in an alias and the warmth and kindness of the Grand Palace on the Thames—until a gorgeous, mysterious disturbance to her peace literally topples through the door...An unexpected, fierce desire that feels destined, dangerous—and devastatingly sweet—ignites between the sheltered beauty and the jaded spy, and as they slowly unravel each other's shocking secrets Hawkes closes in on the truth about the earl. Soon it's clear they can have no future without vanquishing the past: Hawkes knows that loving her means avenging her. Aurelie knows that loving Hawkes means freeing him to do that, no matter the cost.

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A Duchess by Midnight by **Charis Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Awakened by a Kiss Series.* Miss Drewsmina "Drew" Trelayne is a former awkward child and one-time wicked stepsister. Raised by a bitter, overbearing mother, Drew is all grown up and has made peace with her orange hair and bean-pole height. Her transformation has inspired her dream of opening a finishing school that emphasizes inner beauty, capability, and confidence. But launching a school costs money so Drew must begin with private clients who pay well and don't ask many questions...Ian Clayblack, the Duke of Lachlan, lives alone on his Dorset estate, forced by scandal into a smuggler's life. When his estranged sister arrives with her two daughters, he feels obligated to give the girls a proper Season. Venturing back to society could clear his name and provide his vagabond nieces with a better life. Who better to help than the striking Miss Trelayne?...Affording Drew's services isn't a problem for Lachlan, but his growing desire for her is. As his nieces warm to her gentle charm, he is overwhelmed by her unique beauty and open manner. When they're caught in a scandalous embrace, nothing short of marriage will save all of them from further scandal...Can a marriage made in haste be love's saving grace?

Never Marry a Scandalous Duke by **Renee Ann Miller** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Infamous Lords Series.* In the eyes of the ton, Lady Sara Elsmere is so firmly on the shelf, she might as well be nailed in place. Not that Sara minds. She is far more concerned about her study of butterflies than society's gossip. Of course, it's also true that the nervous laughter that ruined Sara's debut—and every social event thereafter—is a bit embarrassing. She can hardly help it—men are quite nerve-racking. Except for one: the rake who pulls her into a dark room during a costume ball and kisses her senseless. He doesn't make her titter, he makes her burn...Ian McAllister, the Duke of Dorchester, is perfectly satisfied to remain a rogue for the rest of his days. But when he finds he has kissed the wrong shepherdess, albeit a decidedly luscious one, he's faced with a dilemma. His indiscretion with an innocent may cost him a lucrative business arrangement—and his two scapegrace wards need a maternal influence they can't scare away. Promising Sara the use of her dowry to fund her studies seals the pair's businesslike deal. But as they embark on their life together, they discover that their mutual attraction has sparked a desire not easily tamed—and certain feelings each of them are surprised to own... Can their matrimonial experiment possibly end in real love?

A Matter of Temptation by **Stacey Reid** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). Miss Wilhelmina "Mina" Crawford is desperate. Having been ruined in the eyes of society years ago for one foolish, starry-eyed mistake, she spends her days secreted away at her family's crumbling estate, helping her brother manage the land but not able to truly live life the way she's always dreamed. When her brother admits how dire their finances have gotten, she takes it upon herself to procure employment...but the only one who will even consider the scandalous idea of a female secretary is the brilliant, ruthless, and infuriating Earl of Creswick...Simon Loughton, the Earl of

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Creswick, needs help if he wants to finally pass the reform bill he's been championing for years and secure the vote for England's most vulnerable constituents. Too bad help comes in the form of a woman with breathtaking nerve, fiery red hair, and a sense of humor to match...Now temptation—disguised as a lovely, clever-mouthed devil—lives and works under Simon's very roof. And Mina finally feels as though she's truly living life to her wildest dreams. But even the most incendiary of kisses can't incinerate Mina's past...or the shocking secret that could ruin them both.

Nobody's Princess by **Erica Ridley** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Wild Wyncesters Series*. Nothing happens in London without Graham Wyncester knowing. His massive collection of intelligence is invaluable to his family's mission of aiding those most in need. So when he deciphers a series of coded messages in the scandal sheets, Graham's convinced he must come to a royal's rescue. But his quarry turns out not to be a princess at all... The captivating Kunigunde de Heusch is anything but a damsel in distress, and the last thing she wants is Graham's help...All her life, Kuni trained alongside the fiercest Royal Guardsmen in her family, secretly planning to become her country's first Royal Guardswoman. This mission in London is a chance to prove herself worthy without help from a man, not even one as devilishly handsome as Graham. To her surprise, Graham believes in her dream as much as she does, which makes it harder to resist kissing him...and falling in love. But how can she risk her heart if her future lies an ocean away?

Mainstream

Out of the Clear Blue Sky by **Kristan Higgins** (Trade Paperback – \$36). Lillie Silva knew life as an empty nester would be hard after her only child left

Mainstream continued

for college, but when her husband abruptly dumps her for another woman just as her son leaves, her world comes crashing down. Besides the fact that this announcement is a complete surprise, what shocks Lillie most is that she isn't heartbroken. She's furious...Lillie has loved her life on Cape Cod, but as a mother, wife, and nurse-midwife, she's used to caring for other people...not taking care of herself. Now, alone for the first time in her life, she finds herself going a little rogue. Is it over the top to crash her ex-husband's wedding dressed like the angel of death? Sure! Should she release a skunk into his perfect new home? Probably not! But it beats staying home and moping...She finds an unexpected ally in her glamorous sister, with whom she's had a tense relationship all these years. And an unexpected babysitter in, of all people, Ben Hallowell, the driver in a car accident that nearly killed Lillie twenty years ago. And then there's Ophelia, her ex-husband's oddly lost niece, who could really use a friend...It's the end of Lillie's life as she knew it. But sometimes the perfect next chapter surprises you...out of the clear blue sky.

Where the Crowds Sing by **Delia Owens** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$24). For years, rumours of the 'Marsh Girl' have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

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Patricia Briggs	Soul Taken*	Christine Feehan	Leopard's Scar
Christine Feehan	Dark Whisper*	Charlaine Harris	The Serpent in Heaven*
Robert Galbraith	The Ink Black Heart*	Terry Hayes	The Year of the Locust*
Ali Hazelwood	Love on the Brain*	Eloisa James	The Reluctant Countess
Colleen Hoover	It Starts with Us*	Darynda Jones	A Hard Day for a Hangover*
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Kristan Higgins	Out of the Clear Blue Sky*	Mainstream	\$36
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