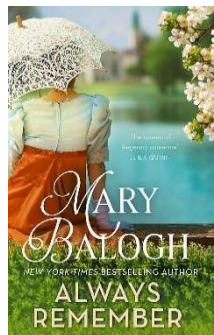


Welcome back and best wishes for 2024! The new year sees the arrival of lots of goodies including Mary Balogh's *Always Remember*, Olivie Blake's *The Atlas Complex*, Carissa Broadbent's *The Serpent and the Wings of Night* (reprint), Jayne Ann Krentz's *The Night Island*, Sarah J. Maas's *House of Flame and Shadow*, Freida McFadden's *The Co-Worker*, J.D. Robb's *Random In Death*, J.R. Ward's *Mine* and more. Enjoy your reading!

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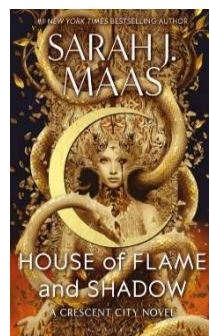
Title: Always Remember
Author: Mary Balogh
Classification: Historical
Book Type: UK B Paperback
Price: \$27
Annotation: *Ravenswood Series.* Left unable to walk by a childhood illness, Lady Jennifer, sister of the Duke of Wilby, has made a happy place for herself in society—but she dreams of marriage, children, walking—and dancing... When Ben Ellis comes across Lady Jennifer as she struggles to walk with the aid of primitive crutches, he wants to help her discover her independence. But as the illegitimate son of the late Earl of Stratton, although raised with the earl's family, Ben does not belong in the world of the ton... Both families are alarmed by the friendship. A duke's sister cannot marry the illegitimate son of an earl. Except sometimes, love can find a way.



Title: The Serpent and the Wings of Night
Author: Carissa Broadbent
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback
Price: \$35
Annotation: *Crowns of Nyxia Series.* The adopted human daughter of the Nightborn vampire king, Oraya carved her place in a world designed to kill her. Her only chance to become more than prey is entering the Kejari: a legendary tournament held by the goddess of death. But winning won't be easy. To survive, Oraya makes an alliance with a mysterious rival... Everything about Raihn is dangerous. He is a ruthless vampire, an efficient killer, an enemy to her father's crown... and her greatest competition. What terrifies Oraya most is that she finds herself drawn to him... which could be her downfall, in a kingdom where nothing is more deadly than love.



Title: The Night Island
Author: Jayne Ann Krentz
Classification: Contemporary/Suspense
Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback
Price: \$35
Annotation: *The Lost Night Files Series.* Talia March, Pallas Llewellyn, and Amelia Rivers, bonded by a night they all have no memory of, are dedicated to uncovering the mystery of what really happened to them months ago—an experience that brought out innate psychic abilities in each of them... When Talia follows up on a lead from Phoebe, a fan of the trio's podcast, she discovers that the informant has vanished... Talia isn't the only one looking for Phoebe. Luke Rand, a hunted and haunted man who is chasing the same list that Talia is after, has his own agenda, and they are instantly suspicious of each other. But when a killer begins to stalk them, they realize they have to join forces... And then the first death occurs...



Title: House of Flame and Shadow
Author: Sarah J. Maas
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback
Price: \$35
Annotation: *Crescent City Series.* Bryce Quinlan never expected to see a world other than Midgard, but now that she has, all she wants is to get back. Everything she loves is in Midgard: her family, her friends, her mate. Stranded in a strange new world, she's going to need all her wits about her to get home again. And that's no easy feat when she has no idea who to trust... Hunt Athalar has found himself in some deep holes in his life, but this one might be the deepest of all. After a few brief months with everything he ever wanted, he's in the Asteri's dungeons again, stripped of his freedom and without a clue as to Bryce's fate. He's desperate to help her, but until he can escape the Asteri's leash, his hands are quite literally tied... The world's future is resting on their shoulders.

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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Praise by **Sara Cate** (UK 20.7x13.7 Trade Paperback Reprint—\$35). *Salacious Players' Club Series*. He calls me perfect. His flawless pet. His good girl... Broken down and wounded by my emotionally neglectful ex, I wanted someone to tell me I was good enough... Then, I stumbled into a new job with a boss who brings me to my knees—literally. He has me do things a real secretary would never do... Emerson Grant tells me I'm more than just good enough... I'm worthy of his praise... There are a million reasons why I should stay away. The owner of the Salacious Players' Club is not just my new boss, he's twice my age... And my ex-boyfriend's father... With him, I am treasured. I am adored. I am his... I'm a good girl, but I'm falling for the wrong man... Emerson Grant knows what he wants—And he wants me... So how far will I go to hear his approval?

Hideaway by **Penelope Douglas** (US 20.3x13.4 Trade Paperback Reprint—\$39). *Devil's Night Series*. Hiding places, chases, and all the games are back... *Banks*. Buried in the shadows of the city, there's a hotel called The Pope. Ailing, empty, and dark, it sits abandoned and surrounded by a forgotten mystery... But you think it's true, don't you, Kai Mori? The story about the hidden twelfth floor. The mystery of the dark guest who never checked in and never checks out. You think I can help you find that secret hideaway and get to him, don't you?... You and your friends can try to scare me. You can try to push me. Because even though I struggle to hide everything I feel when you look at me—and have ever since I was a girl—I think maybe what you seek is so much closer than you'll ever realize... I will never betray him... So sit tight... On Devil's Night, the hunt will be coming to you.... *Kai*. You have no idea what I seek, Little One. You don't know what I had to become to survive three years in prison for a crime I would gladly commit again... No one can know what I've turned into... I want that hotel, I want to find him, and I want this over... I want my life back... But the more I'm around you, the more I realize this new me is exactly who I was meant to be... So come on, kid. Don't chicken out. My house is on the hill. So many ways in, and good luck finding your way out... I've seen your hideaway. Time to see mine..

The Fearless One by **Lori Foster** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Osborn Brothers Series*. He had it all planned... until she showed up... Jedidiah Stephens came to the Colorado Rockies for one reason: to uncover the truth behind the fire that killed her family. She's been chasing down clues, and everything has led her to an isolated campground. Her plan is to get a job there so she can investigate who comes and goes. Getting involved with her boss, Memphis Osborn, the ruggedly handsome groundskeeper, is definitely not part of the plan... When Jedidiah arrives on the scene, Memphis just knows she's up to something. He can see the desperation in her eyes and warily agrees to hire her. As they work side by side, Diah triggers his deepest protective instincts—and the chemistry between them ignites... But the more Diah digs into her family's past, the more secrets she unravels... and the more afraid she becomes.

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She lost everything once before. She'll never forgive herself if now she loses Memphis, too.

Brutal Prince by **Sophie Lark** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$29). *Brutal Birthright Series*. They're a match made in Hell... The Griffins and the Gallos have been battling for control of Chicago's underworld for generations. Their rivalry has always been flammable, but it reignites with a fury when Aida, the youngest and wildest Gallo sibling, crashes a party at the Griffin mansion and accidentally sets fire to the library. To stave off all-out war, her father quickly arranges a marriage between her and Callum Griffin, eldest son and heir to the Irish mafia... Cold, ambitious, and brutal, Callum is determined to tame his headstrong new bride. But Aida is more than capable of giving as good as she gets—starting with poisoning Callum on their wedding night. The problem is, murdering him would be a lot easier if he didn't look so good while she was trying to do it... She's got a lockbox around her heart. He's got something to prove... In their struggle for dominance, who will go up in flames first?

Beauty and the Baller by **Ilsa Madden-Mills** (US 20.6x13.7 Trade Paperback—\$31). *Strangers in Love Series*. Gorgeous, talented, and brilliant, NFL quarterback Ronan Smith has the world in his hands. But after losing his career and his fiancée in a car accident, he falls into a pit of grief and bad choices. When a mysterious girl shows up to his party, he feels drawn to her and makes her his... for one night... Former beauty queen Nova Morgan is on a mission. Scantly clad as a princess from a galaxy far, far away, she sneaks into a high-profile party to capture the attention of her favorite quarterback. But her hopes crash after an awful one-night stand... Fast-forward two years. Broke and desperate, Nova returns home to Blue Belle, Texas, where, by a cosmic twist of fate, her broody neighbor is none other than Ronan, the shiny new football coach everyone adores. But he has no idea who she is... The booster club keeps showing women at Ronan to keep him in town. His solution? He proposes fake dating to Nova. But things heat up for real under these Friday-night lights when he realizes she's the one who slipped away... Has this jaded beauty found her forever baller, or will his past keep them apart?

The Boardwalk Bookshop by **Susan Mallery** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). Friends become family, giving each other courage to start over... When fate brings three strangers to a charming space for lease on the California coast, the Boardwalk Bookshop is born. Part bookstore, part gift shop, part bakery, it's a dream come true for Bree, Mikki and Ashley. But while their business is thriving, their personal lives are... not... Bree, wounded by brilliant but cold parents and her late husband's ultimate betrayal, has sworn to protect her heart at all costs. Even from Ashley's brother, a writer and adventurer who has inspired millions. He's the first man to see past Bree's barricades to her true self, which terrifies her. Mikki has this divorce thing all figured out—somehow, she's stayed friends with her ex and her in-laws... until a new man changes how everyone looks at her, and how

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she sees herself. Meanwhile, Ashley discovers that the love of her life never intends to marry. Can she live without being a wife if it means she can have everything else she's ever wanted?... At sunset every Friday on the beach in front of the Boardwalk Bookshop, the three friends share a champagne toast. As their bond grows closer, they challenge one another to become the best versions of themselves in this beautiful story of friendship, sisterhood and the transformative power of love.

The Happiness Plan by **Susan Mallery** (UK 19.8x12.9 B Paperback—\$33). Three women search for joy in this novel of hope, heartache and the power of friendship... Heather is happy... ish. She has a successful business, a cute but contemptuous cat, and best friends Daphne and Tori who know where she's broken and love her anyway. So why does she feel crushed when her ex gets serious about someone new? No problem—she has a plan. More connections will hold her together while her world falls apart, so she finally reaches out to the stranger who might be her dad... Daphne isn't having an emotional affair, despite what her husband believes. He started the rift in their marriage when he said they weren't ready for a baby. They used to be the closest couple she knew. Can they find their way back to one another before it's too late?... When Tori forms an inconvenient crush on Daphne's brother-in-law, she suppresses her feelings. Until her apartment floods, and she moves in with the dog-loving doctor. If things go wrong, she could lose her friends... but if they go right, she could lose her heart.

One Last Chance by **Kat Martin** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Blood Ties, The Logans*

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense Series. Former Green Beret Edge Logan has made a new life for himself at Nighthawk Security in Denver, using his finely honed skills to neutralize threats of all kinds. When he overhears friend and fellow agent Skye Delaney discussing a new case involving her missing sister and a mysterious cult, he offers himself as backup. With her own military background, Skye is gutsy and more than capable, but a cult like Children of the Sun is too risky for anyone to investigate alone... Skye is grateful for Edge's experience, even though she is aware of the attraction simmering between them. Her battle scars make her reluctant to get involved with anyone, much less a coworker—even a warrior like Edge. But infiltrating the cult's compound is more complicated than expected—and something much more sinister than worship is clearly going on behind its walls. As the pair works against the clock to unearth high-stakes secrets, the personal barriers between them begin to crumble. Together, can they unmask the face of evil before their time runs out?

Vipers and Virtuosos by **Sav. R. Miller** (Print-On-Demand 21.6x14.0 Paperback—\$39). *Monsters and Muses Series.* A dark rock star romance inspired by the myth of Orpheus and Eurydice... Riley Kelly didn't come to New York City with the hope of changing her life. After a vicious assault two years prior left her scarred and deeply traumatized, all the eighteen-year-old really craves is normalcy... Enter rock star Aiden James, the complete opposite of normal. When he's not playing sold-out arenas, he's working on the next hit album and dodging the paparazzi. His happiness, however, has always taken a back seat. The one shred of secrecy left in

“Angels’ Blood” Special Edition Update

The upcoming Deluxe Hardcover Special Edition of ANGELS' BLOOD (Guild Hunter Series #1) by Nalini Singh features new foiled cover artwork on black imitation cloth cover, vibrant red end papers, sprayed edges, head and tail bands, and marker ribbon. Available ~Mar-Apr. We understand the book's RRP may be ~NZ\$80. Based on that RRP, we would price the book at NZ\$69 + shipping if required. However, we are waiting for the book's ISBN, price and release date to be confirmed by Hachette Aotearoa New Zealand. We are also waiting to be advised of our allocation. We understand the 100 books for New Zealand comprise three Special Edition hardcovers in different colours, ie, Angels' Blood, Archangel's Kiss and Archangel's Consort. So, many apologies, but we expect our allocation of Angels' Blood will be small and we won't be able to supply all of the people on the wish list. Enquiries to Frances at [✉ info@chapter.co.nz](mailto:info@chapter.co.nz) 📞 021-635027 📠 09-6232319

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Sun 25 Feb @ 4.15 – PINOT AND PŪHĀ by Nikki Perry and Kirsty Roby (NZ Authors) (Contemporary)

Sun 24 Mar @ 4.15 – A DEAD & STORMY NIGHT by Steffanie Holmes (NZ Author) (Paranormal/Mystery)

Sun 21 Apr @ 4.15 – THE VISCOUNT WHO LOVED ME by Julia Quinn (Historical)

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his life is his dark, tragic past, and his infamous family prefers to keep it that way... Only, when Riley catches his eye at a fundraiser in the city, he can't stop himself as obsession takes root. Her blue eyes and peppermint scent are all he can think about, even after their one encounter takes an unfortunate turn... Suddenly, his dream girl is a malicious ghost... Now, Aiden's on a mission to track her down and make her pay for ruining his career. Even if it means abandoning his life to make hers completely miserable... Soon, he'll learn that revenge isn't always what it's cracked up to be.

Beneath Dark Waters by **Karen Rose** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *New Orleans Series*. Assistant District Attorney Kaj Cordozo's life is thrown upside down when two masked men attempt to kidnap his son, Elijah. Given the high-profile case Kaj is working on, he's not about to take any more risks... When Val Sorensen of Burke Broussard Private Investigation Agency is assigned as Elijah's bodyguard, she realises she also has a very personal connection to the gang thought to be behind the attempted kidnap—a run in with Sixth Day cost her brother his life... As Kaj and Val work together to prevent a second kidnap attempt, they uncover a trail of violence and deception leading back to brothers Aaron and Corey Gates. Aaron is in prison, but Corey is dangerous, at large and about to threaten everything Kaj holds dear... Will the revelation of involvement from the other Gates brothers lead to answers, or by placing their trust in them will Kaj and Val be putting themselves in even more danger?

Done and Dusted by **Lyla Sage** (UK 19.7x13.0 B Paperback—\$27). *Rebel Blue Ranch Series*. She's off-limits, but he's never been good at following the rules... For the first time in her life, Clementine "Emmy" Ryder has no idea what she's doing. She's accomplished everything on her to-do list. She left her small hometown of Meadowlark, Wyoming; went to college; and made a career for herself by doing her favorite thing: riding horses. But after an accident makes it impossible for her to get back into the saddle, she has no choice but to return to the hometown she always wanted to escape... Luke Brooks is Meadowlark's most notorious bad boy, bar owner, and bachelor. He's also the unofficial fifth member of the Ryder family. As Emmy's older brother's best friend, Luke spent most of his childhood antagonizing her. It's been years since he's seen her, but when she walks into his bar and back into his life, he can't take his eyes off her. Despite his better judgment, he wants to do a whole lot more than just look at her... Emmy's got too much on her mind to think about romance. And Luke knows he should stay away from his best friend's younger sister. But what if Luke is just what Emmy needs to get her spark back? Or will they both go up in flames?

Heartbeat by **Sharon Sala** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Jubilee, Kentucky Series*. Sean Pope already lost Amalie Lincoln once. This time, he will risk everything to never have to say goodbye to her again... Amalie Lincoln moved to Jubilee, Kentucky, to start fresh, build her business, and heal the scars of her past. Little did she know she'd run into Sean Pope, a beloved childhood friend she hasn't seen in decades. But on the day she moves to

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town, a helicopter explodes under suspicious circumstances, wreaking havoc on the families of Pope Mountain... As the Jubilee PD dives into their investigation of the incident, Sean and Amalie find comfort and a budding romance with each other. Life in Jubilee becomes exactly what Amalie hoped for. But as the investigators uncover the truth and the crooks behind the attack set Amalie in their sights, Sean must face the danger or risk losing Amalie forever.

The Worst Best Man by **Lucy Score** (UK 19.6x13.0 B Paperback Reprint—\$27). "Newsflash. You don't buy me, a\$#%^*e. You earn me"... The bride is a doll. The groom is the perfect gentleman. But the rest of the wedding party? They're the stuff of nightmares. Rich? Check. Vapid? Double Check. Entitled? Not enough checks in the world. And the Best Man? More like the Worst Man... But Maid of Honor Franchesca takes her duties seriously. Kidnapped groom? She's got this. Rude attendees? You just watch her handle them. So a Best Man with a big attitude and an even bigger... checkbook? Yeah, there's no way she's going to let that pretentious, judgmental jackhole ruin her best friend's wedding. No matter how sexy he is. (Well, that's the plan anyway)... Aiden Kilbourn doesn't do long-term relationships. He's busy ruling the business world, and has yet to find a woman he can tolerate for longer than a month, two at the outside, anyway. Conquering the unconquerable is basically his bread and butter. And he hasn't met a challenge that he can't win. But Franchesca Baranski? This smart-mouthed girl from Brooklyn may just be his downfall.

Mile High by **Liz Tomforde** (UK 19.7x13.0 B Paperback Reprint—\$27). *Windy City Series. Zanders*. Chicago hockey isn't complete without me—everyone's favorite player to hate. I know my role, and I play it well. In fact, I thoroughly enjoy spending the majority of my game time in the penalty box before leaving the arena with a new girl on my arm each night... What I don't like is the new flight attendant on our team's private plane. She works for me, not the other way around. But I'll be sure to remind her of that, and I can guarantee, by the end of the season, she'll be begging to quit her job... But every road trip blurs the lines, and I can't quite figure out if I keep pushing that flight attendant call button in order to push her buttons or if it's more than that.

Stevie. I've been a flight attendant for years. I thought I'd see it all, but when my new job lands me onboard working for the most egotistical and self-righteous diva in the NHL, I start to second guess everything. Including the promise I made to myself of never hooking up with an athlete again... no matter how annoyingly tempting he may be... Evan Zanders is unfiltered, unapologetic, and too attractive for his own good. He loves his image, but I hate everything about it... Everything but him.

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Lemon Curd Killer by **Laura Childs** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Tea Shop Mysteries Series*. High tea and high fashion turn deadly... Tea shop entrepreneur Theodosia Browning has been tapped to host a fancy Limón Tea in a genuine lemon orchard as a rousing kickoff to Charleston Fashion Week. But as fairy lights

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twinkle and the scent of lemon wafts among the tea tables, the deadly murder of a fashion designer puts the squeeze on things... As the lemon curd begins to sour, the murdered woman's daughter begs Theodosia to help find the killer. Tea events and fashion shows must go on, however, which puts Theodosia and her tea sommelier, Drayton Conneley, right in the thick of squabbling business partners, crazed clothing designers, irate film producers, drug deals, and a disastrous Tea Trolley Tour.

Going Rogue: Rise and Shine Twenty-Nine by **Janet Evanovich** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Stephanie Plum Series*. Monday mornings aren't supposed to be fun, but they should be predictable. However, on this particular Monday, Stephanie Plum knows that something is amiss when she turns up for work at Vinnie's Bail Bonds to find that longtime office manager Connie Rosolli, who is as reliable as the tides in Atlantic City, hasn't shown up... Stephanie's worst fears are confirmed when she gets a call from Connie's abductor. He says he will only release her in exchange for a mysterious coin that a recently murdered man left as collateral for his bail. Unfortunately, this coin, which should be in the office—just like Connie—is nowhere to be found... The quest to discover the coin, learn its value, and save Connie will require the help of Stephanie's Grandma Mazur, her best pal Lula, her boyfriend Morelli, and hunky security expert Ranger. As they get closer to unraveling the reasons behind Connie's kidnapping, Connie's captor grows more threatening and soon Stephanie has no choice but to throw caution to the wind, follow her instincts, and go rogue.

Daisy Darker by **Alice Feeney** (UK 23.4x15.8 Trade Paperback—\$24). Daisy Darker was born with a broken heart. Now after years of avoiding each other, Daisy Darker's entire family is assembling for Nana's 80th birthday party in her crumbling gothic house on a tiny tidal island. The family arrives, each of them harboring secrets. When the tide comes in, they will be cut off from the rest of the world for eight hours... But at the stroke of midnight, as a storm rages, Nana is found dead. And an hour later, the next family member follows... Trapped on an island where someone is killing them one by one, the Darkers must reckon with their present mystery as well as their past secrets, before the tide goes out and all is revealed.

Never Lie by **Freida McFadden** (UK 19.7x13.1 B Paperback—\$25). Newlyweds Tricia and Ethan are searching for the house of their dreams... But when they visit the remote manor that once belonged to Dr. Adrienne Hale, a renowned psychiatrist who vanished without a trace four years earlier, a violent winter storm traps them at the estate... with no chance of escape until the blizzard comes to an end... In search of a book to keep her entertained until the snow abates, Tricia happens upon a secret room. One that contains audio transcripts from every single patient Dr. Hale has ever interviewed. As Tricia listens to the cassette tapes, she learns about the terrifying chain of events leading up to Dr. Hale's mysterious disappearance... Tricia plays the tapes one by one, late into the night. With each one, another shocking piece of the puzzle falls into place, and Dr. Adrienne Hale's web of lies slowly unravels...

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And then Tricia reaches the final cassette... The one that reveals the entire horrifying truth.

The Co-Worker by **Freida McFadden** (UK 19.7x12.9 B Paperback—\$25). Dawn Schiff is strange... At least, everyone thinks so at Vixed, the nutritional supplement company where Dawn works. She never says the right thing. She has no friends. And she is always at her desk at precisely 8.45 a.m... So when Dawn doesn't show up to the office one morning, her coworker Natalie Farrell—beautiful, popular, top sales rep five years running—is surprised. Then she receives an unsettling, anonymous phone call that changes everything... It turns out Dawn wasn't just an awkward outsider—she was being targeted by someone close. And now Natalie is irrevocably tied to Dawn as she finds herself caught in a twisted game of cat and mouse that leaves her wondering—who's the real victim? But one thing is incredibly clear—somebody hated Dawn Schiff. Enough to kill.

The Mystery Guest by **Nita Prose** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$34). *Molly the Maid Mystery Series*. Molly Gray wears her Head Maid badge proudly for every shift at the Regency Grand Hotel, plumping pillows, sweeping up the guests' secrets, silently restoring rooms to a state of perfection... But when a renowned guest—a famous mystery writer—drops dead in the grand tea room, Molly has an unusual clean-up on her hands... As rumours and suspicion swirl in the hotel corridors, it's clear there's grime lurking beneath the gilt. And Molly knows that she alone holds the key to the mystery. But unlocking it means thinking about the past, about a dusty old house, and everything else she's tidied away in her memory... Because Molly knew the dead guest once upon a time—and she knows his secrets too...

Payback in Death by **J.D. Robb** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Eve Dallas Series*. Lt. Eve Dallas is home from an overdue vacation when she responds to a call of an unattended death. The victim is Martin Greenleaf, retired Internal Affairs Captain. At first glance, the scene appears to be suicide, but the closer Eve examines the body, the more suspicious she becomes... An unlocked open window, a loving wife and family, a too-perfect suicide note—Eve's gut says it's a homicide. After all, Greenleaf put a lot of dirty cops away during his forty-seven years in Internal Affairs. It could very well be payback—and she will not rest until the case is closed.

Random in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Eve Dallas Series*. Sixteen-year-old Jenna Harbough's parents had given in, and there she was, at a New York club with her best friends, watching the legendary band Avenue A, carrying her demo in hopes of slipping it to the guitarist, Jake Kincade. Then, from the stage, Jake catches her eye, and smiles. It's the best night of her life. It's the last night of her life... Minutes later, Jake's in the alley getting some fresh air, and the girl from the dance floor comes stumbling out, sick and confused and deathly pale. He tries to help, but it's no use. It's time to call Lieutenant Eve Dallas... Who could want this level-headed teen, passionate about her music, dead? Was she targeted or could she have been the victim of a random attack? And if she was, who's next?

All the Little Raindrops by **Mia Sheridan** (US 21.3x13.4 Trade Paperback—\$38). It's senior-year spring break, and Noelle Meyer and Evan Sinclair

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have been kidnapped. Neither knows why they were chosen, only that they share a tragic past: Evan's father got away with killing Noelle's mother, effectively ruining her family when the death was ruled an accident... Despite the connection that should have made them enemies, the teens instead unite to face their other common denominator—their abductors. Noelle and Evan survive one sadistic circumstance after another, eventually making a harrowing escape. But every happy ending comes at a price... Years later, Evan, now a private investigator, revisits the crime when he learns it may be ongoing. He reaches out to Noelle for help, and they discover that the answers lie with a man known as the Collector. To close their case and solve the ones that followed, Noelle and Evan must unmask this mysterious spectator—the only man who knows enough secrets to take their captors down.

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Tonight, I Burn by **Katharine J. Adams** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$27). *Thorn Witch Trilogy*. A thorn witch with the power to walk between the realms of Life and Death finds herself at the center of a magical rebellion that could destroy her coven... Thorns, Tides, Embers, Storms, and Ores. All five covens are bound in servitude to the tyrant High Warden of Halstett... Penny Albright is a daughter of the thorn coven, forced to patrol the veil between the realms of Life and Death. Each night, one thorn witch—and only one—must cross the veil by burning at the stake. Each morning, that witch draws on their magic to return. Failure to follow the rules risks the veil and risks them all... But one morning, Penny's sister Ella doesn't return. And that night, determined to find her, Penny breaks the rules. She burns in secret. And she discovers that all isn't as it seems in Life or Death... Her journey leads her to Malin, a devastating lord with too many secrets; to Alice, a mysterious captive prophet; and to a rebellion brewing in the shadows beneath the city. And as Penny's world splits, she'll face a devastating choice. Because it's not just her sister's life that hangs in the balance. It's the fate of all magic... All it takes is one witch—and one spark—to set the world ablaze..

The Queen's Price by **Anne Bishop** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Black Jewels Series*. Three young women must navigate life within the powerful SaDiablo family—and come to terms with Witch, the Queen who is still the heart and will of that family... The Queen's price is to stand against what you know is wrong. To stand and fight, no matter the cost to your court or to yourself. Especially to yourself... Zoey, a young Queen-in-training at SaDiablo Hall, is wounded... and vulnerable to taunts and criticism. When an opportunity arises to befriend a stranger seeking sanctuary at the Hall, she puts herself and others in danger by ignoring Daemonar Yaslana's warning to back off... Meanwhile, the witch Jillian's family prepares for her Virgin Night, the rite of passage that assures a woman will retain her power and her Jewels. The trouble is Jillian secretly went through the ceremony already. Now she has to explain the omission of that detail to her powerful and lethal family. And the High Lord of Hell's daughter, Saetien, travels to Scelt to find out about Jaenelle Angelline's sister—and perhaps to discover truths about

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herself... With some guidance from Witch, these three young women will learn when to yield because it is right—and when to take a stand, even if they must pay the Queen's price.

The Atlas Complex by **Olivie Blake** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Atlas Series*. Only the extraordinary are chosen. Only the cunning survive... An explosive return to the library leaves the six Alexandrians vulnerable to the lethal terms of their recruitment... Old alliances quickly fracture as the initiates take opposing strategies as to how to deal with the deadly bargain they have so far failed to uphold. Those who remain with the archives wrestle with the ethics of their astronomical abilities; elsewhere, an unlikely pair partner to influence politics on a global stage... And still the outside world mobilizes to destroy them—while the Caretaker himself, Atlas Blakely, may yet succeed with a plan foreseen to have world-ending stakes. It's a race to survive as the six Society recruits are faced with the question of what they're willing to betray for limitless power—and who will be destroyed along the way.

Seasparrow by **Kristin Cashore** (UK 19.6x13.0 B Paperback—\$27). *Graceling Realm Series*. Hava, Queen Bitterblue's personal spy and secret half sister, has the Grace of changing what you think you see when you look at her. In other words, hiding; hiding is an integral part of her life and personality... In *Seasparrow*, Hava sails across the sea toward Monsea with the queen, the royal entourage, and the only copies of the formulas for the zilfium weapon she saved at the end of *Winterkeep*. During the crossing, Hava makes an unexpected discovery about one of the ship's crew, but before she can unravel that mystery, storms drive their ship off course, wrecking them in the ice far north of the Royal Continent. The survivors must endure a harrowing trek across an unforgiving landscape to make it back to Monsea. And while Queen Bitterblue grapples with how to carry the responsibility of a weapon that will change the world, Hava has a few more mysteries to solve—and a decision to make about who she wants to be in the new world Bitterblue will build.

Ghostly Game by **Christine Feehan** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Ghostwalker Series*. Gideon 'Eagle' Carpenter is used to rolling with the punches life has thrown at him. It's the only thing that's kept him alive. He and his team of GhostWalkers have seen and experienced it all. He does his best to live with all the sins written on his soul. Then he hears the laughter of a woman with the ability to erase—even for a few precious moments—the darkness of his past... Laurel 'Rory' Chappel has always been a nomad. She's accustomed to taking care of herself, despite the physical challenges she lives with. She thinks she's too weak to find real love, but that doesn't stop her interest in Gideon from turning into a full-on addiction. He's all rough edges and danger contrasted with a tenderness that makes her feel safe. Still, after a life spent in motion, she's not sure she knows how to stay in one place... Gideon hopes he can persuade Rory to take a chance on him with every electric touch. But soon, life conspires against him, forcing the GhostWalker to risk everything to protect the woman he loves.

Once Upon a Broken Heart by **Stephanie Garber** (UK 19.8x13.0 B Paperback—\$24). *Once Upon a*

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Broken Heart Series. Love, curses, and the lengths that people will go to for happily ever after... For as long as she can remember, Evangeline Fox has believed in true love and happy endings... until she learns that the love of her life will marry another... Desperate to stop the wedding and to heal her wounded heart, Evangeline strikes a deal with the charismatic, but wicked, Prince of Hearts. In exchange for his help, he asks for three kisses, to be given at the time and place of his choosing... But after Evangeline's first promised kiss, she learns that bargaining with an immortal is a dangerous game—and that the Prince of Hearts wants far more from her than she'd pledged. He has plans for Evangeline, plans that will either end in the greatest happily ever after, or the most exquisite tragedy.

The Ballad of Never After by **Stephanie Garber** (UK 19.8x13.0 B Paperback—\$24). *Once Upon a Broken Heart Series*. After Jacks, the Prince of Hearts, betrays her, Evangeline Fox swears she'll never trust him again. Now that she's discovered her own magic, Evangeline believes she can use it to restore the chance at happily ever after that Jacks stole away... But when a new terrifying curse is revealed, Evangeline finds herself entering into a tenuous partnership with the Prince of Hearts again. Only this time, the rules have changed. Jacks isn't the only force Evangeline needs to be wary of. In fact, he might be the only one she can trust, despite her desire to despise him... Instead of a love spell wreaking havoc on Evangeline's life, a murderous spell has been cast. To break it, Evangeline and Jacks will have to do battle with old friends, new foes, and a magic that plays with heads and hearts. Evangeline has always trusted her heart, but this time she's not sure she can.

Bride by **Ali Hazelwood** (UK 19.8x13.0 B Paperback—\$27). Misery Lark, the only daughter of the most powerful Vampyre councilman of the Southwest, is an outcast—again. Her days of living in anonymity among the Humans are over: she has been called upon to uphold a historic peacekeeping alliance between the Vampyres and their mortal enemies, the Weres, and she sees little choice but to surrender herself in the exchange—again... Weres are ruthless and unpredictable, and their Alpha, Lowe Moreland, is no exception. He rules his pack with absolute authority, but not without justice. And, unlike the Vampyre Council, not without feeling. It's clear from the way he tracks Misery's every movement that he doesn't trust her. If only he knew how right he was... Because Misery has her reasons to agree to this marriage of convenience, reasons that have nothing to do with politics or alliances, and everything to do with the only thing she's ever cared about. She is willing to do whatever it takes to get back what's hers, even if it means a life alone in Were territory... alone with the wolf.

The Endless War by **Danielle L. Jensen** (UK 19.9x13.1 B Paperback—\$25). *Bridge Kingdom Series*. Newly crowned as king, Keris has watched, powerless, as his forbidden relationship with Zarrah is revealed. But when Zarrah is imprisoned by the empress, Keris knows there is only one way to save her: to ally with the kingdom he nearly destroyed... Imprisoned on the dreaded Devil's Island, Zarrah faces two choices: prove her loyalty to the empress

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who condemned her or die a traitor. Yet as she struggles to survive among violent prisoners, Zarrah uncovers a third path: a rebellion to overthrow tyranny entwined with a destiny she must fight to claim... While the empress plots a war with devastating consequences, Keris and Zarrah must find their way back to each other. Yet their greatest adversary is the fiery passion between them. Unless they overcome the bitterness of betrayal, their love will not be the bringer of peace but rather the fuel that turns the Endless War into an inferno

Gild by **Raven Kennedy** (UK 19.7x12.9 B Paperback Reprint—\$25). *Plated Prisoner Series*. The fae abandoned this world to us. And the ones with power rule... Gold. Gold floors, gold walls, gold furniture, gold clothes. In Highbell, in the castle built into the frozen mountains, everything is made of gold. Even me... King Midas rescued me. Dug me out of the slums and placed me on a pedestal. I'm called his precious. His favored. I'm the woman he Gold-Touched to show everyone that I belong to him. To show how powerful he is. He gave me protection, and I gave him my heart. And even though I don't leave the confines of the palace, I'm safe... Until war comes and a deal is struck... Suddenly, my trust is broken. My love is challenged. And I realize that everything I thought I knew about Midas might be wrong... Because these bars I'm kept in, no matter how gilded, are still just a cage. But the monsters on the other side might make me wish I'd never left.

A Deal with the Elf King by **Elisa Kova** (UK 19.6x12.8 B Paperback Reprint—\$27). *Married to Magic Series*. The elves come for two things: war and wives. In both cases, they come for death... Three-thousand years ago, humans were hunted by powerful races with wild magic until the treaty was formed. Now, for centuries, the elves have taken a young woman from Luella's village to be their Human Queen... To be chosen is seen as a mark of death by the townsfolk. A mark nineteen-year-old Luella is grateful to have escaped as a girl. Instead, she's dedicated her life to studying herbology and becoming the town's healer... Until the Elf King comes unexpectedly for her... Everything Luella thought she'd known about her life, and herself, was a lie. Taken to a land filled with magic, Luella is forced to be the new queen to a cold yet blisteringly handsome Elf King. Once there, she learns about a dying world that only she can save... The magical land of Midscape pulls on one corner of her heart, her home and people tug on another... but what will truly break her is a passion she never wanted.

Dane's Mark by **Lora Leigh** (US Hardcover—Available By Order—\$57). *Breeds Series*. A decade ago Katy Chavos was a proud misfit who had her heart broken, crushed by a man who drew her close with one breath and pulled away the next. He left a mark she's done everything in her power to erase. But when Katy's job brings her back to the hometown she couldn't wait to escape, seeing Dane again awakens something inside her that won't be tamed... Dane Vanderale isn't like other Breeds. As a hybrid he's stronger, more primal, and more determined to hide it. He's also certain that Katy is not his mate—not that that stops him from wanting her with every part of his soul. He knows he hurt

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her deeply and he intends to make things right, but she is dead set on keeping him at arm's length... Despite their painful history, Katy can't deny the intense attraction she still feels for Dane. And before long, it will be impossible for either to deny the truth that has been in front of them all along...

The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by **Sangu Mandanna** (UK 19.6x12.8 B Paperback—\$27). An isolated witch's opportunity to embrace a quirky new family—and a new love—changes the course of her life... As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon has to hide her magic, keep her head down, and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention. And as an orphan who lost her parents at a young age and was raised by strangers, she's used to being alone and she follows the rules... with one exception: an online account, where she posts videos "pretending" to be a witch. She thinks no one will take it seriously... But someone does. An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the remote Nowhere House to teach three young witches how to control their magic. It breaks the rules, but Mika goes anyway, and is immediately tangled up in the lives and secrets of not only her three charges, but also an absent archaeologist, a retired actor, two long-suffering caretakers, and... Jamie. The handsome and prickly librarian of Nowhere House would do anything to protect the children, and as far as he's concerned, a stranger like Mika is a threat. An irritatingly appealing threat... As Mika begins to find her place at Nowhere House, the thought of belonging somewhere begins to feel like a real possibility. But magic isn't the only danger in the world, and when peril comes knocking at their door, Mika will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a found family she didn't know she was looking for...

Backpacking Through Bedlam by **Sean McGuire** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Incryptid Series*. Reunion, noun: 1. The state of being united again. Reconciliation, noun: 1. An act of reconciling, as when former enemies agree to an amiable truce. 2. The process of making consistent or compatible. 3. See also "impossible"... Alice Price-Healy gave up her life for fifty years to focus on the search for her missing husband. The danger of focus like that is that it leaves little room for thinking about what happens after... and now that she's managed to find Thomas, she has no idea what she's supposed to do next. The fact that he comes with a surrogate daughter who may or may not have some connection to Alice's recently adopted grandson is just icing on the complicated cake... So the three of them are heading for the most complicated place in the universe: they're going home... But things on Earth have changed while Alice, Thomas, and Sally have been away. The Covenant of St. George, antagonized by Verity's declaration of war and Sarah's temporary relocation of an entire college campus, is trying to retake North America from the cryptids and crypto-zoologists who've been keeping the peace for the past hundred years. And they're starting in New York... Alice and company have barely been back an hour before the Ocean Lady and the Queen of the Routewitches are sending them to New York to help, and they find themselves embroiled in the politics of

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dragons, kidnappings, and the most dangerous people of all: family... Getting "back to normal" may be the hardest task Alice has undertaken yet.

Midnight Ruin by **Katee Robert** (US 21.0x14.0 Trade Paperback—\$33). *Dark Olympus Series*. A scorchingly hot modern retelling of Eurydice and Orpheus and Charon... Eurydice Dimitriou has always been the innocent sister, but she's finally ready to step out of the long shadow cast by her powerful family... and the ex who shattered her heart. Perhaps rough hands on soft skin are exactly what she needs to forget her heartbreak once and for all?... Charon Ariti has been Hades's right-hand man for years. He's given everything to the lower city, but now he's ready to take something for himself. He's only too happy to give Eurydice a special kind of education... but is her heart free enough to be claimed?... Orpheus Makos will do whatever it takes to make things right. Once the golden boy of the upper city, he's now a shadow of his former self. He'll do anything to get Eurydice back... even if it means she's not coming into his arms alone. Three hearts. Three futures. Countless ways to get it wrong... But with enemies slipping through Olympus's faltering barrier to lay siege on the lower city, a trio of broken hearts will be the least of these would-be lovers' worries...

The Phantom by **Gena Showalter** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Rise of the Warlords Series*. A vengeful harpy and a callous torture master become locked in a battle to the death... As the son of a war god, Roux Pyroesis has suffered unending pain—he's caused it, too, dispatching his foes with ease. Now he's tasked with cutting out the heart of a powerful queen who rules an ancient prison realm inhabited by the most vicious immortal females in existence... Blythe the Undoing is a decorated harpy warrior determined to annihilate Roux, the invader who killed her beloved consort. Nothing will stop her. Even if she must trap herself for eternity by sneaking into the brutal realm and taking the crown, pitting herself against the merciless male she's sworn to despise... Having never known desire, Roux is ill prepared for the stunning beauty who challenges him at every turn. For the survival of his army, duty comes first. But what happens when the flames of Blythe's hatred burn out and she craves him, too... but only one of them can live?

Resonance Surge by **Nalini Singh** (UK 19.8x13.0 B Paperback—\$27/US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$27). *Psy-Changeling Trinity Series*. Where are the broken? This propulsive question unleashes a world of secrets... StoneWater bears Pavel and Yakov Stepyrev have been a unit since their birth, but now Pavel's life is veering in a new direction, his heart held in the hands of Arwen Mercant, a Psy empath—and the only man who has ever brought Pavel to his knees... This is it. A point of irrevocable change. For Pavel... for Arwen... for Yakov... and for another pair of twins whose bond has a far darker history... A low-gradient Psy, Theodora Marshall is considered worthless by everyone but her violently powerful twin, Pax. She is the sole person he trusts in their venomous family to investigate a hidden and terrible part of their family history—an unregistered rehabilitation center established by their grandfather... Places of unimaginable pain

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designed to psychically wipe minds, leaving the victims shells of their former selves, the Centers are an ugly vestige of the Psy race's Silent past. But this Center was worse. Far, far worse. And now Theo must uncover the awful truth—in the company of a scowling bear named Yakov who isn't about to take a Marshall at face value... especially a Marshall who has turned his dreams into chilling nightmares... Because Yakov is the great-grandson of a foreseer... and he has seen Theo die in an unstoppable surge of blood. Night after night...

Famine by **Laura Thalassa** (UK 19.8x12.9 B Paperback Reprint—\$29). *Four Horsemen Series*. They came to earth—Pestilence, War, Famine, Death—four horsemen riding their screaming steeds, racing to the corners of the world. Four horsemen with the power to destroy all of humanity... They came to earth, and they came to end us all... Ana da Silva always assumed she'd die young, but she never expected it to be at the hands of the haunting immortal who spared her life years ago. Famine. But if the horseman remembers her, he must not care, for when she comes face to face with him for the second time in her life, she's stabbed and left for dead... Only, she doesn't quite die... If there's one thing Famine is good at, it's cruelty. He can't forget the pain humanity has brought him, and he's ready to bring it back to them tenfold. But when Ana, a ghost from his past, corners him for what he did to her, she and her empty threats captivate him, and he decides to keep her around... In spite of themselves, Ana and Famine are drawn to each other. But at the end of the day, the two are enemies. Nothing changes that. Not one kind act, not two. And definitely not a few steamy nights. But enemies or reluctant lovers, if they don't stop themselves soon, heaven will.

Mine by **J.R. Ward** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Lair of the Woven Series*. Destiny and desire are at war in the Black Dagger Brotherhood world as a deadly male holds the key to Lydia Susi and Daniel Joseph's future... Lydia knows time is running out. Daniel's terminal diagnosis has doomed her to grief, and she just wants to spend as much time as she can with him. When his doctor goes missing, however, their secret lab's location is compromised and suddenly she is at war with an enemy she doesn't understand... As a former black ops soldier, Daniel is very familiar with the danger they're in, and he's determined to keep his beautiful wolver safe. This means he must turn to his former boss—and relying on a symphath for anything is a worst-case scenario. But what choice does he have?... With Daniel's sixth sense telling him there's more to the kidnapping, he and Lydia must work with their allies to defend the underground facility. Little do they know that the symphath has something even more valuable to offer them... but at what cost?

Trials of Conviction by **T.A. White** (Print-On-Demand 22.9x15.2 Paperback—\$44). *Firebird Chronicles*. Her niece—taken. Her best friend—gone... There's only one mission that matters now—rescuing her loved ones from enemy hands... Forced to embark on a dangerous journey, Kira will need every one of her allies as she prepares for the greatest battle of her life. With her mind and body failing, it's a race against time to locate the homeworld of the Tsavitee. The alien race intent on dominating the

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universe... A shadowy force stalks her every move. Their motives unclear. As secrets come to light and the danger deepens, the Phoenix will be forced to rise... One thing is clear—not everyone will make it out of this unbroken... The price for failure has never been so high.

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Second Duke's The Charm by **Kate Bateman** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Her Majesty's Rebels Series*. Meet Her Majesty's Rebels: three brilliant women who run King & Co., London's most exclusive investigative agency... The wedding-night death of her much older husband left Tess Townsend the Dowager Duchess of Wansford—and still a virgin. Now she and her two best friends investigate London's crimes, and while Tess longs to experience physical pleasure, she can't risk losing her treasured independence... Cynical shipping magnate Justin Thornton never expected to inherit a dukedom, but he'll do his duty. When the ravishing woman he kissed at a party turns out to be the Dowager Duchess, Justin sees an obvious solution: a marriage of convenience that will suit them both... But the passion that sparks between them is anything but convenient. As Tess works on a new case at the request of Queen Charlotte, her suspicious behavior makes Justin question her motives—and her past. The infuriating woman clearly can't be trusted, but Justin doesn't believe in love, so there's absolutely no danger of him falling for his own wife... is there?

You're the Duke That I Want by **Lenora Bell** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Thunderbolt Club Series*. Raised by an overprotective mother, bookish romantic Sandrine Oliver craves adventure, but nothing exciting ever happens in her sleepy seaside village. Until a handsome, mysterious stranger arrives and sweeps her off her feet... only to leave suddenly with no explanation... Lord Dane Walker, brother to the Duke of Rydell, is infamous for racing fast carriages and breaking hearts. But when his brother is mortally injured, Dane inherits the responsibilities of the dukedom—duties that come with a dangerous secret which threatens everyone close to him... In London, Sandrine is astonished to learn that the charming, honorable man she met at the beach is really a disreputable rake. And the infuriating nobleman acts as though he barely knows her... Who needs a wild rake? Certainly not Sandrine! With a little help from her friends, she transforms into a glamorous belle. She's out to make Dane pay... but can she stop her traitorous heart from longing to surrender only to him?

It Takes a Rake by **Anna Bennett** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Rogues to Lovers Series*. Since she was a girl, Miss Kitty Beckett has been adept at finding trouble: sneaking brandy, running away, and getting under the skin of the boy who, like her, was an apprentice to an architect. Now Kitty's a talented heiress who can take a dry building plan and breathe life into it with her pencils and paints. Also? She can spot a rake at a hundred yards—and she won't be tricked or charmed into marriage. Certainly not by a man who might interfere with her dreams. When Bellehaven Bay announces its first ever architectural design contest, she vows to win—with a little help from her childhood rival... Leo Lockland, a hardworking architect with a gift for numbers, has

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returned home after a few years in London, and he has secrets. The biggest? He's been in love with Kitty since they were both apprentices. She refuses to give her heart to any man, but Leo's determined to beat the odds—even if it means learning how to be a rake. Fortunately, Kitty's willing to tutor him in the nuances of fashion, flirtation, and seduction in exchange for his help with the contest. But the whole plan would fall apart if she knew how he felt, so he'll have to be very convincing... Leo proves to be a surprisingly quick study in the ballroom, on the beach, and in the bedchamber. Before long, he's softening Kitty's hard edges with his wicked words and kissing his way past all her defenses. Perhaps she's a bit too skilled at teaching, because her lessons are threatening to backfire, putting her closely guarded heart in grave danger...

The Duke's All That by **Christina Britton** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Synneful Spinsters Series*. A heartbreaking betrayal. A secret life. A love that deserves a second chance... Iain MacInnes, Duke of Balgair, has spent the last thirteen years believing his wife is dead—until he receives word that she is very much alive and living under an assumed name on the remote Isle of Synne. He sets off with only one goal in mind: bring his wife back to Scotland where he can divorce her and expose her for the liar she is... After a devastating deception by the man who was supposed to love her, Seraphina did what was necessary to keep herself and her sisters safe. And though she's still haunted by the events that tore her world apart all those years ago, she's made a happy life on Synne, surrounded by loyal friends and building a secret career as a popular author. Now that Iain has found her, however, all that is at risk... Despite their long separation, the attraction between Iain and Seraphina still burns strong. But with so much hurt and betrayal between them, can they possibly find their way back to each other?

The Governess and the Duke by **Lydia Drake** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Renegade Dukes Series*. Governess Miss Viola Winslow is familiar with the rules of society, and her place in it. Still, it hasn't stopped her from being horribly in love with the Duke of Huntington for years. But while the duke knows little of her foolish passions, the same cannot be said of Viola's charge—a precocious fourteen-year-old obsessed with her governess's secret romance... As a confirmed bachelor with no interest in marriage, the Duke of Huntington prefers his estate at Moorcliff Castle to the hustle, bustle, and utter nonsense of London society. He's far more content with a glass of excellent whiskey and the calm of the country. Until his peace is shattered by the enchanting Miss Viola, and her injured young charge... Unable to travel or leave, Miss Viola has no choice but to remain at Moorcliff—where avoiding the duke is all but impossible. Somewhere between late night run-ins and a fake date in the most unlikely of places, their chemistry stops feeling one-sided. But when he discovers the secret she's been hiding all along, there's nothing that will save them from scandal.

Her Adventures in Temptation by **Megan Frampton** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *School for Scoundrels Series*. Simeon Jones and Lady Myrtle Allen tell the ton that they are engaged to be wed, fully knowing that once the season is over they will

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quietly part ways. They each have their reasons, but neither expected love to tempt them into turning a pretense into reality!... Simeon Jones has a secret—he is soft-hearted. Despite his scandalous exterior, he will quietly give money to orphans (after all, he was one himself), animals, and damsels in distress. One such damsel is Lady Myrtle Allen—but it's not her funds that are lacking, but rather she needs to get to London—fast... And so begins a wild adventure. First, the pair tells the ton that they are engaged to be wed—how else to prevent scandal once they are found together—alone! They plan to carry out this deception, knowing that once the season is over, they will part ways. But then, they discover that they have fallen in love, which was definitely not part of their plan! Can this scandalous man and adventurous woman turn this pretense into reality?

The Benevolent Society of Ill-Mannered Ladies by **Alison Goodman** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$30). *Ill-Mannered Ladies Series*. Lady Augusta Colebrook, “Gus,” is determinedly unmarried, bored by society life, and tired of being dismissed at the age of forty-two. She and her twin sister, Julia, who is grieving her dead betrothed, need a distraction. One soon presents itself: to rescue their friend's goddaughter, Caroline, from her violent husband... The sisters set out to Caroline's country estate with a plan, but their carriage is accosted by a highwayman. In the scuffle, Gus accidentally shoots and injures the ruffian, only to discover he is Lord Evan Belford, an acquaintance from their past who was charged with murder and exiled to Australia twenty years ago. What follows is a high adventure full of danger, improvisation, near misses, and a little help from a revived and rather charming Lord Evan... Back in London, Gus can't stop thinking about her unlikely (not to mention handsome) comrade-in-arms. She is convinced Lord Evan was falsely accused of murder, and she is going to prove it. She persuades Julia to join her in a quest to help Lord Evan, and others in need—society be damned! And so begins the beguiling secret life and adventures of the Colebrook twins.

Any Duke in a Storm by **Amalie Howard** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Daring Dukes Series*. Lady Lisbeth Medford, Countess of Waterstone and famed international spy, is caught between the devil and the deep blue sea. She's determined to infiltrate a notorious smuggling ring in the West Indies while on a covert mission as a ship's captain. But even when her identity is compromised and she's forced to flee, the men chasing her are still hot on her heels... The trouble in front of her, however, might be even worse. Raphael Saint, the Duc de Viel, is her ship's new aggravating and dangerously charming sailing master, who might very well be part of the smuggling ring Lisbeth must bring to justice. But when a new deadly threat on the high seas looms, the only way out of danger is to face it... together.

Accidentally His by **Sabrina Jeffries** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Designing Debutantes Series*. A talk-of-the-ton trio of young women who've eschewed working as governesses to utilize their talents for fashion, food, and music, by running their own party planning enterprise, Elegant Occasions. And if they, and their wealthy clients, happen to find love along the way, it just makes their efforts all the more rewarding... As a viscount's heir, Rafe Wolfford

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knows he must take a wife someday, but she must be the right sort of wife, and one that won't delve into his escapades as a spy. One thing is for certain: the forthright and perceptive Lady Verity is altogether the wrong choice. But Rafe is on a mission to discover whether Verity or anyone else at Elegant Occasions is leaking information to the French, and so he commences a faux courtship, determined to keep his real feelings out of it... With one disastrous engagement behind her, Verity won't easily open her heart again, and although Rafe's charm catches her off guard, she knows he's harbouring secrets. But when Verity's ex-fiancé tries to ruin her reputation, Rafe offers his hand, and she has little choice but to accept... Only trust can turn this accidental arrangement into a true marriage. But when both parties are so highly suspicious of the other, who will dare surrender first?

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she doesn't know he's dead... Or does she? It's hard to tell. Luka catches glimpses of the desperate vulnerability beneath the party girl exterior and can't help being drawn into the beguiling countess's ruse.

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