

BOOK CATALOGUE – JAN/FEB 2025

Welcome back and best wishes for 2025! The new year sees the arrival of lots of goodies including Mary Balogh's *Remember When*, Hannah Bonam-Young's *Out On a Limb*, Christine Feehan's *Dark Hope*, Anne Gracie's *The Secret Daughter*, Jayne Ann Krentz's *Shattering Dawn*, J.D. Robb's *Bonded In Death*, Brynne Weaver's *Scythe and Sparrow*, Rebecca Yarros's *Onyx Storm* and more. Enjoy your reading!

NB. Please see p3 for our pre-order link for *ONYX STORM* and for details of our instore book sale in January 2025.

Top Books January 2025		Top Books February 2025	
Mary Balogh	Remember When*	Tessa Bailey	Dream Girl Drama*
Sara Cate	Keep Me*	Hannah Bonam-Young	Out On a Limb*
Mai Corland	Four Ruined Realms*	Loretta Chase	My Inconvenient Duke
Heather Fawcett	Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries*	Ashley Easton	First Lie Wins*
Heather Fawcett	Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands*	Kate Golden	A Promise of Peridot*
Christine Feehan	Dark Hope*	Ali Hazelwood	Deep End*
Anne Gracie	The Secret Daughter	Chloe Liese	Once Smitten, Twice Shy*
Lorraine Heath	A Tempest of Desire	J.D. Robb	Bonded in Death*
Jayne Ann Krentz	Shattering Dawn*	Nalini Singh	Primal Mirror#
Keri Lake	Anathema*	Brynne Weaver	Scythe & Sparrow*

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Title: Dark Hope
Author: Christine Feehan
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$35
Annotation: *Dark Carpathian Series.* Silke Vriese Reinders knows a war is coming. The demon slayer has seen it in the cards—the battle for the survival of all mankind. Silke knows the only way to win will be with the help of the Carpathians.

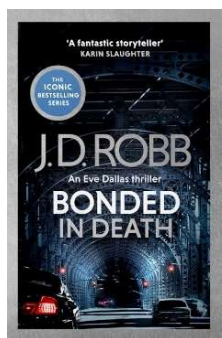
This fills her with trepidation, as she is fated to be the lifemate to one of the ancient supernatural warriors—bound to a stranger and responsible for his soul. One of the oldest, most dangerous Carpathians, Benedek Kovak is more beast than man. The only thing that has stopped him from becoming a monster is the thought of his lifemate. When Benedek senses the impending danger, he sets out to find her before it's too late.



Title: Shattering Dawn
Author: Jayne Ann Krentz
Classification: Contemporary/Suspense
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$36

Annotation: *Lost Night Files Series.* Amelia Rivers, a member of the Lost Night Files podcast team, hires private investigator Gideon Wells to catch the stalker who has been watching her. Amelia suspects the stalker may be connected to the

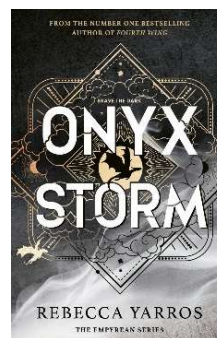
shadowy organization responsible for the night that she and her two friends lost to amnesia—a night that upended their lives and left them with paranormal talents. Gideon suspects that Amelia is either paranoid or an outright con artist, but he takes the case despite his skepticism. Now the pair is on the run, with no choice but to return to the haunting ruins of the old hotel where Amelia's lost night occurred.



Title: Bonded In Death
Author: J.D. Robb
Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$35

Annotation: *In Death Series.* His passport read Giovanni Rossi. But decades ago, during the Urban Wars, he was part of a small, secret organization called The Twelve. Responding to a summons from an old compatriot, he landed in New

York, eased into the waiting car and died within minutes... When Lieutenant Eve Dallas finds the connection to the Urban Wars of the 2020s, she thinks Summerset—major-domo and the man who rescued her husband from the Dublin streets—may know something from his stint as a medic in Europe back then. Summerset is also one of The Twelve still alive—and the murderer's mission is yet to be fully accomplished...



Title: Onyx Storm
Author: Rebecca Yarros
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$33

Annotation: *Empyrean Series.* After nearly eighteen months at Basgiath War College, Violet Sorrengail knows there's no more time for lessons. Because the battle has begun. Now Violet must journey beyond the failing Aretian wards to seek allies

from unfamiliar lands to stand with Navarre. The trip will test every bit of her wit, luck, and strength, but she will do anything to save what she loves—her dragons, her family, her home, and him. Even if it means keeping a secret so big, it could destroy everything. They need an army, power, and magic. And they need the one thing only Violet can find—the truth. But a storm is coming... and not everyone can survive its wrath.

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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Beg, Borrow or Steal by **Sarah Adams** (B Paperback—\$27). *When In Rome Series*. Emily Walker hates having her carefully crafted world disrupted by anyone, most of all her legendary nemesis, Jack Bennett. He's the opposite of the wonderful heroes she dreams up in her double life as a romance writer, which is why Emily was perfectly happy when Jack left Rome, Kentucky, mid-school year with his fiancée. The last thing Emily saw coming was Jack's return at the start of the summer after calling off the wedding and ending his relationship, but he's here to stay—as her colleague and her neighbour... Jack is glad to be back, eager to renovate his house and work on the next mystery novel under his bestselling pen name. But when he realizes he's now neighbours with the one woman who has always pushed his buttons, he discovers something he's even more excited about—thwarting Emily and her petty plans to sabotage his return... With their chemistry-fueled animosity at an all-time high, Emily accidentally sends an email to their school's principal that could reveal her secret literary side hustle. She needs to steal back her manuscript, and Jack—she hates to admit—is just the man to help her. Surprisingly, he agrees. Will their unlikely alliance put an end to their rivalry? Or could it lead to a steamy plot twist they never saw coming?

Throttled by **Lauren Asher** (B Paperback—\$27). *Dirty Air Series*.

Noah Maya Alatorre is the sister of my teammate... and my new obsession. Keeping my distance during the Formula 1 season should be easy, except I always find ways to see her. Press tours. Pre-race rituals. Sponsor events and black-tie galas. The more time we spend together, the stronger my desire grows. Sneaking around with her is one thing, but wanting more? Never going to happen. She might be a distraction dressed like a daydream, but no woman is worth risking the championship title over. Or so I thought. Maya Noah Slade is Formula 1 royalty and my brother's biggest rival. When I'm invited to join my sibling while he competes for the World Championship, I promise to avoid Noah at all costs. Twenty-one races. Two drivers who hate each other. And one forbidden attraction I can't ignore. Developing feelings for Noah wasn't part of my plan. But then again, neither was anyone finding out. Turns out the man I was warned about happens to be the one I can't stay away from. Even if he breaks my heart once the season comes to an end.

Collided by **Lauren Asher** (B Paperback—\$27). *Dirty Air Series*.

Sophie Liam is Formula 1's golden boy. But he's nothing but a fraud. Charming. Devious. Seductive. And someone who promises to fulfill all my naughty bucket list items. I force him behind the safe lines of the friend zone. Instead of accepting our friendship, he strikes a deal. One

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Liam Sophie is my greatest fantasy brought to life. And a major threat to my contract renewal. She's a part of the rival team and someone I should resist at all costs. Everyone is against our friendship. My boss. Her dad. Me. Yet, I'm captivated by her and the naughty list she created. Screw platonic, I want catastrophic.

Dream Girl Drama by **Tessa Bailey** (B Paperback—\$25). *Big Shots Series*. When professional hockey player Sig Gauthier's car breaks down and his phone dies, he treks into a posh private country club to call a tow truck, where he encounters the alluring Chloe Clifford, the manic pixie dream girl who captivates him immediately with her sense of adventure and penchant for stealing champagne... Sparks fly during a moonlight kiss and the enamoured pair can't wait to see each other again, but when Sig finally arrives to meet his dad's new girlfriend over dinner, Chloe is confusingly also there. Turns out the girlfriend is Chloe's mother. Oh, and they're engaged... Sig's dream girl is his future stepsister... Though the pair is now wary of being involved romantically, Chloe, a sheltered harp prodigy, yearns to escape her controlling mother. Sig promises to teach her the ins and outs of independence in Boston—but not inside his bedroom. They both know there can never be more than friendship between a famous hockey player and his high-society, soon-to-be stepsister. But keeping their relationship platonic grows harder amid the developing family drama, especially knowing they were meant for so much more...

Out On a Limb by **Hannah Bonam-Young** (B Paperback—\$25). Winnifred 'Win' McNulty has always been wildly independent and not one to be coddled for her limb difference. Win has spent most of her life trying to prove that she can do it all on her own. With some minor adjustments, she's done just fine... Hooking up at a costume party with the incredibly charming Bo changes everything. Win finds herself pregnant—and decides to keep the baby. While Bo is surprisingly elated to step up to the plate, Win is unsure of whether she can handle this new challenge... Together, Win and Bo decide to get to know one another as friends and nothing more while they embark on this parenting journey together. But, as they both should know by now, life rarely goes according to plan.

Keep Me by **Sara Cate** (B Paperback—\$25). *Sinful Manor Series*. Their marriage of convenience is anything but... All Killian Barclay wants is to be left the hell alone. He's had enough heartache to last a lifetime, and he has no more need for love—earning him the reputation of a broody Scot and eventually turning his famous ancestral home into a den of iniquity. It doesn't take long for tales of his raunchy house parties to reach the rest of his family, though, inspiring

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them to hatch a plan to shake Killian out of his routine... New Yorker Sylvie Devereaux is tough as nails—as the daughter of famous yet neglectful parents, she’s grown a hard shell and keeps everyone at arm’s length. So when she sneaks into Barclay Manor during a trip to Scotland to get a glimpse of a famous heirloom, she doesn’t anticipate facing off against the brutish, maddening highlander who lives there. And she certainly didn’t expect to ever see the bastard again... Yet just weeks later, she’s approached by Killian’s family with a proposal—move to Scotland and marry Killian to improve his playboy reputation, and after one year, she’ll walk away with ten million dollars. Sylvie agrees, even knowing that their plan is more deceptive than he realizes. But as she grows closer to Killian and the end of their year together, she has to decide: Is the love of a good man with a dark soul worth keeping, or is she willing to break Killian’s heart now that it’s well and truly hers?

Loving Georgia by **Grace De Witt** (Print-On-Demand Novella—\$22). NZ Author. A tale of three hearts set in a small cottage on the west coast of New Zealand... When Jeremy Willis finds Georgia Sullivan living in his grandmother’s cottage, it’s a wake-up call. It’s the smell of spring flowers after

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decades of a cold and stilted winter. Jeremy wants nothing more than to bask in the sunshine and honey that Georgia offers... but he can’t get the glint of a silver ring out of his mind. It wasn’t for Georgia... Georgia feels drawn to him despite the shadows overhead. She has to confront the reality of his secrets, but her heart is torn in two. What can you do when everything you desire is wrong? Can love truly blossom against all odds?... Will this small-town romance survive the big city obligations or is this just another summer fling?

Deep End by **Ali Hazelwood** (B Paperback—\$27). Scarlett Vandermeer is swimming upstream. A Junior at Stanford and a student-athlete who specializes in platform diving, Scarlett prefers to keep her head down, concentrating on getting into med school and on recovering from the injury that almost ended her career. She has no time for relationships—at least, that’s what she tells herself... Swim captain, world champion, all-around aquatics golden boy, Lukas Blomqvist thrives on discipline. It’s how he wins gold medals and breaks records: complete focus, with every stroke. On the surface, Lukas and Scarlett have nothing in common. Until a well-guarded secret slips out, and everything changes... So

 **Pre-Order ONYX STORM by Rebecca Yarros** 

Pre-order ONYX STORM (Empyrean Series #3) by Rebecca Yarros. It is due to be released on Tue 21 Jan 2025. Our price is NZ\$33 (vs RRP NZ\$37.99) plus shipping for our first shipment of the International Royal Paperback Edition. If we receive the book in advance, we will open at midnight for anyone who wishes to Either purchase the book Or collect their pre-order in the early hours on 21 Jan. We will also be available for after-hours collection on 21 Jan by arrangement. (If you pre-order and select Pickup, we’ll email you the Pickup details when the book arrives). Please note that the Australia/New Zealand Limited Special Edition Hardcover of ONYX STORM (RRP \$60) will be released later (on 4 Feb). Enquiries to Frances at info@chapter.co.nz 📞 021-635027 📞 09-6232319 Or pre-order online at www.chapter.co.nz/product/rebecca-yarros-onyx-storm/

 **January 2025 (mid-to-late Jan) Book Sale** 

We will hold a two-week book sale when we re-open on 14 Jan 2025 to clear surplus and old book stock. Enquiries to Frances at info@chapter.co.nz 📞 021-635027 📞 09-6232319

Romance Writers of New Zealand (RWNZ) Short Story Contest

The Chapter Book & Tea Shop is sponsoring the RWNZ Short Story Contest again. To enter, you must be a RWNZ member and submit a previously unpublished short story of less than 1,800 words between 1–30 Apr. Entry fee is \$20. Chapter is providing \$500 worth of gift vouchers as prizes for the top three entries (1st \$250, 2nd \$150 and 3rd \$100). Details at www.romancewriters.co.nz/shop/contests/chapter-short-story.

Romance Writers of New Zealand Annual Conference 2025

Save the Date: The Romance Writers of New Zealand Annual Conference will be held in the Naumi Airport Hotel in Auckland, 15-17 August 2025. The theme is “Heart of a Story.”

 **For Auckland Romance Readers** 

If you are a romance reader and would like to meet like-minded readers, please join our “Auckland Romance Readers Book Club Group” at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2423724114458506>. We have monthly Auckland Romance Readers Book Club Meetings at the Chapter Book & Tea Shop, 442 Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 1024. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/ChapterBookAndTeaShop/events>. Water and tea provided. All welcome. Please RSVP to Frances at info@chapter.co.nz 📞 021-635027 📞 09-6232319

Sun 19 Jan @ 4.15 – JUST FOR THE SUMMER by Abby Jimenez (Contemporary)

Sun 23 Feb @ 4.15 – THE SERPENT AND THE WINGS OF NIGHT by Carissa Broadbent (Romantasy)

Sun 30 Mar @ 4.15 – UNMASKING MISS APPLEBY by Emily Larkin (Historical)

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they start an arrangement. And as the pressure leading to the Olympics heats up, so does their relationship. It was supposed to be just a temporary, mutually satisfying fling. But when staying away from Lukas becomes impossible, Scarlett realizes that her heart might be treading into dangerous water...

Kingmakers: Year One by **Sophie Lark** (B Paperback—\$25). *Kingmakers Series*. Bound by Blood, Torn by Love... In the shadowed halls of Kingmakers, a ruthless mafia university, the offspring of the world's most feared families come to master the dark arts of influence and intimidation... Leo, unwaveringly loyal to his childhood friend, Anna, follows her into a world where love is a weapon, trust is a casualty, and survival is the only victory that matters... But the greatest danger comes from Dean Yenin, a Bratva heir with a vendetta as cold as his heart. Dean plans to destroy Leo and take everything he holds dear, starting with Anna... Can Leo win back his soulmate? Or is Anna lost forever...

Kingmakers: Year Two by **Sophie Lark** (B Paperback—\$25). *Kingmakers Series*. I Want The One Girl I Can't Have... Zoe Romero is trapped in a marriage contract with the most sadistic psychopath at Kingmakers... She couldn't be more off-limits. Stealing her from Rocco Prince would break the most ironclad rules of the mafia world... But that's never stopped Miles Gallo... He's determined to claim Zoe as his own, no matter the risk... Their forbidden love sparks a power struggle with disastrous consequences. In a world where breaking the rules can mean death, Miles's obsession with Zoe isn't just about love... it's a battle for survival.

Once Smitten, Twice Shy by **Chloe Liese** (B Paperback—\$27). *Wilmot Sisters Series*. Since heartbreak entered the scene, Juliet Wilmot, once a hopeless romantic, has sworn off love. But when she's presented with the chance to revisit romance—purely for practice—with the gorgeous, off-limits guy she keeps serendipitously running into, it feels like a sign from the universe... Quiet, shy Will Orsino knows happily-ever-after isn't on his horizon. Problem is, for the sake of the family business, marriage is. Resigned to the inevitable, but with no confidence he can woo a wife, he can hardly say no when fate hands him the alluring, unattainable woman he keeps crossing paths with, offering to help him learn the ropes of romance... Neither of them looking for love, Jules and Will agree they're the perfect pair to practice romance. Except that practicing to perfection leads to an irresistible attraction. Their once smitten hearts, though still twice shy, might have happily-ever-after written in the stars for them, after all.

Vipers and Virtuosos by **Sav R. Miller** (B Paperback—\$25). *Monsters and Muses Series*. He'll go to Hell and back for her... Riley Kelly didn't come to New York City with the hope of changing her life. After a vicious assault left her scarred and deeply traumatized, all she really

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense 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 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. Even if it means breaking every rule to make her his...

The Devil and the Deep Blue Sea by **Elizabeth O'Roark** (B Paperback—\$27). *Grumpy Devils Series*. You don't really know a guy until you've vacationed with him... When Drew Wilson's ex-boyfriend Joel 'Six' Bailey asks her to go on his family trip to Hawaii with him just as her life is falling apart, she decides it's the perfect time to give him another chance... The hitch? The Bailey family includes Six's rude older brother, Joshua—a hot-nerd doctor who has hated Drew since the moment they met and once suggested she'd steal the family silver... Drew is determined to win the Baileys over and give this thing with Six a fair shot...but Joshua is making that difficult. Not simply because he is in her way at every turn, but because—as one tropical adventure leads to the next—she's beginning to wonder if obnoxious, odious Joshua might be the brother she actually belongs with.

The Front Runner by **Elsie Silver** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gold Rush Ranch Series*. Stefan Dalca is infuriatingly handsome. And annoyingly persistent. We're supposed to hate each other. But apparently he didn't get the memo, because he's been asking me out for years... And I always say no. Until today... Today he has something that I desperately need. Today he's a saviour, and I'm his prize... Our time together starts out as a simple transaction. Three dates. No touching. No telling anyone. And definitely no falling in love... But with every intimate conversation, and each stolen glance, the tension between us builds... The way he looks at me gives me butterflies. And when he finally touches me? We sizzle... Stefan makes me feel seen in a way no other person has before. He cherishes my words as passionately as my body... He makes me laugh. He makes me blush. He calls me kitten... He's not the villain he's been made out to be... And suddenly I find myself longing for him in a way the people closest to me wouldn't approve of or understand... Giving in to Stefan Dalca is playing with fire... But with him I don't even mind the heat.

A False Start by **Elsie Silver** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gold Rush Ranch Series*. I kissed my best friend's little sister, and the world stood still...

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That night we were two perfect strangers, the town's grumpy recluse and a gorgeous girl in the back of a bar. Until we weren't... Because Nadia Dalca isn't just some girl. She's the girl I can't have. Fourteen years younger than me and completely off-limits... My plan is to stay away, but the universe keeps pushing us together. It's like some sort of cosmic joke, to give me a taste of something so electric—so real—something that breathed life back into me... Because I can look, but I can't touch... Her sinful curves, her light-hearted laughter, her wild side... I'm addicted to every last bit of her... And when she turns those sultry eyes on me—the ones so full of longing and so free of judgement? I've always considered myself a strong man. But when she looks at me I'm weak... To give in to our connection would be a betrayal. My life is beyond complicated, and she has the world at her fingertips. Her brother is the only family she has left, and sad as it sounds, he's also my only friend... But I kissed her again anyway... And now I can't stop.

Scythe & Sparrow by **Brynn Weaver** (B Paperback—\$27). *Ruinous Love Trilogy*. Doctor Fionn Kane is running from a broken heart, one he hopes to mend in small-town Nebraska, far away from his almost-fiancé and his derailed surgical career. It's a simpler life: head down, hard work, and absolutely no romantic relationships. He wants none of the circus he left behind in Boston... But then the real circus finds him... Motorcycle performer Rose Evans has spent a decade on the road with the Silveria Circus, and it suits her just fine, especially when she has the urge to indulge in a little murder when she's not in the spotlight. But when a kill goes awry and she ends up with an injured leg, Rose finds herself stuck in Nebraska, at the home of the adorably nerdy town doctor... The problem is, not every broken heart can be sewn back together... And the longer you stay in one place, the more likely your ghosts are to catch up.

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

Unforgiven by **Sarah Barrie** (B Paperback—\$25). *Lexi Winter Series*. Once a victim, she's now a vigilante... Lexi Winter is tough, street-smart and has stood on her own two feet since childhood, when she was a victim of notorious paedophile the Spider. All she cares about now is a roof over her head and her long-term relationship with Jack Daniels. She isn't particular about who she sleeps with... as long as they pay before leaving... Lexi is also an ace hacker, tracking and entrapping local paedophiles and reporting them to the cops. When she finds a particularly dangerous paedophile who the police can't touch, she decides to gather enough evidence to put him away. Instead, she's a witness to his death... Detective Inspector Rachael Langley is the cop who cracked the Spider case, 18 years earlier—but failed to protect Lexi. Now a man claiming to be the real Spider is emulating his murderous acts, and Rachael is under pressure from government, media and her police colleagues. Did she get it wrong all those years

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ago, or is this killer is a copycat?... Lexi and Rachael cross paths at last, the Spider in their sights... but they may be too late...

First Lie Wins by **Ashley Easton** (B Paperback—\$27). Everything she is about to tell them is a lie... Evie Porter has everything a nice Southern girl could want: a doting boyfriend, a house with a white picket fence, a tight group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist... The identity comes first: Evie Porter. Once she's given a name and location by her mysterious boss, Mr. Smith, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job... Evie isn't privy to Mr. Smith's real identity, but she knows this job isn't like the others. Ryan has gotten under her skin, and she's starting to envision a different sort of life for herself. But Evie can't make any mistakes—especially after what happened last time... Evie Porter must stay one step ahead of her past while making sure there's still a future in front of her. The stakes couldn't be higher—but then, Evie has always liked a challenge...

Love in Lockdown by **K.F. Fleming** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$27). *NZ Author*. Oak Tree Lodge is a classy inner-city boarding house with just four guest rooms. But there is nothing classy about Leo Murdoch, the proprietor, who lives upstairs and spies on his guests... Covid-19 is sweeping the world, and the country is hours from lockdown. Meg Hart, a beautiful, backpacking tourist with nowhere to go, is desperate for a place to stay. There is one vacancy, the room previously occupied by the aspiring young actress, Chelsea Green, who disappeared two weeks earlier... And now Meg is trapped... The government has imposed strict shelter-in-place sanctions, and she is stuck with three strangers and the creepy Leo, who watches her every move... What happened to Chelsea Green and will Meg be next?

The Only One Left by **Riley Sager** (B Paperback—\$27). *At seventeen, Lenora Hope. Hung her sister with a rope...* Now reduced to a schoolyard chant, the Hope family murders shocked the Maine coast one bloody night in 1929. While most people assume seventeen-year-old Lenora was responsible, the police were never able to prove it. Other than her denial after the killings, she has never spoken publicly about that night, nor has she set foot outside Hope's End, the cliffside mansion where the massacre occurred... *Stabbed her father with a knife. Took her mother's happy life...* It's now 1983, and home-health aide Kit McDeere arrives at a decaying Hope's End to care for Lenora after her previous nurse fled in the middle of the night. In her seventies and confined to a wheelchair, Lenora was rendered mute by a series of strokes and can only communicate with Kit by tapping out sentences on an old typewriter. One night, Lenora uses it to make a tantalizing offer—I want to tell you everything... *'It wasn't me,' Lenora said. But she's the only one not dead...* As Kit helps Lenora write about the events leading to

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the Hope family massacre, it becomes clear there's more to the tale than people know. But when new details about her predecessor's departure come to light, Kit starts to suspect Lenora might not be telling the complete truth—and that the seemingly harmless woman in her care could be far more dangerous than she first thought.

The Poison Pen by **Paige Shelton** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Scottish Bookshop Mystery Series*. Edinburgh is mourning the recent death of Queen Elizabeth II when bookseller Delaney Nichols's boss comes to her with a most unusual assignment. An old friend of his, living in an estate in the village of Roslin, has found what could be a priceless relic on her property, and Delaney is tasked with investigating. Could Jolie possibly have an item of breathtaking Scottish historical significance in her possession? But when Delaney arrives at Jolie's estate, she is greeted by a legal team with a vested interest in the property. Jolie manages to remove the interlopers, but as they're examining the priceless item, they hear a scream, and meet a much less welcome discovery: a body... As Delaney digs deeper, she discovers Jolie's own fascinating history. Jolie's mother had long claimed that her daughter was the rightful heir to the throne, not Elizabeth II, because of an affair she claimed to have with King Edward VIII. The only evidence, however, is in the form of a purported journal that one of Edward's secretaries kept. The puzzles become more confusing when a connection is uncovered between this far-fetched story and the murdered man. Delaney will have to read between the lines to put together the pieces... or become history herself.

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Four Ruined Realms by **Mai Corland** (Royal Paperback—\$34). *Broken Blades Series*. The King of Yusan may be the greatest liar of them all... His sister's ring is in his sights, and he will do anything to get what he wants. Even manipulating the five blades to steal it... Bonded by deceit, the blades must rely on their skills to pull off King Joon's pursuit or risk his legendary wrath... A foreign rule of law stands between them and Quilimar, the Queen of Khitan. Now they have one month to steal the powerful Golden Ring of the Dragon Lord. But that impossible task might be easier than trusting one another, even though their lives, their families, and the realms depend on it... They can all agree on one thing: the king can't win. But can they beat him at his own game? Because for the blades, this time it's not just personal, it's revenge. Lies may have torn them apart, but now vengeance will bring them together... The lies have only just begun... Also available as *North American Special Edition Hardcover \$68*

Fear the Flames by **Olivia Rose Darling** (Royal Paperback—\$34). *Fear the Flames Series*. As a child, Elowen Atarah was ripped away from her dragons and imprisoned by her father, King Garrick of Imirath. Years later, Elowen is now a

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woman determined to free her dragons. Having established a secret kingdom of her own called Aestilian, she's ready to do what's necessary to save her people and seek vengeance. Even if that means having to align herself with the Commander of Vareveth, Cayden Veles, the most feared and dangerous man in all the kingdoms of Ravaryn... Cayden is ruthless, lethal, and secretive, promising to help Elowen if she will stand with him and all of Vareveth in the pending war against Imirath. Despite their contrasting motives, Elowen can't ignore their undeniable attraction as they combine their efforts and plot to infiltrate the impenetrable castle of Imirath to steal back her dragons and seek revenge on their common enemy... As the world tries to keep them apart, the pull between Elowen and Cayden becomes impossible to resist. Working together with their crew over clandestine schemes, the threat of war looms, making the imminent heist to free her dragons their most dangerous adventure yet. But for Elowen, her vengeance is a promise signed in blood, and she'll stop at nothing to see that promise through.

Emily Wilde's Encyclopaedia of Faeries by **Heather Fawcett** (B Paperback—\$27). *Emily Wilde Series*. Cambridge professor Emily Wilde is good at many things: She is the foremost expert on the study of faeries. She is a genius scholar and a meticulous researcher who is writing the world's first encyclopaedia of faerie lore. But Emily Wilde is not good at people. She could never make small talk at a party—or even get invited to one. And she prefers the company of her books, her dog, Shadow, and the Fair Folk to other people... So when she arrives in the hardscrabble village of Hrafnsvik, Emily has no intention of befriending the gruff townsfolk. Nor does she care to spend time with another new arrival: her dashing and insufferably handsome academic rival Wendell Bumbleby, who manages to charm the townsfolk, muddle Emily's research, and utterly confound and frustrate her... But as Emily gets closer and closer to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones—the most elusive of all faeries—lurking in the shadowy forest outside the town, she also finds herself on the trail of another mystery: Who is Wendell Bumbleby, and what does he really want? To find the answer, she'll have to unlock the greatest mystery of all—her own heart.

Emily Wilde's Map of the Otherlands by **Heather Fawcett** (B Paperback—\$27). *Emily Wilde Series*. Emily Wilde is a genius scholar of faerie folklore who just wrote the world's first comprehensive encyclopaedia of faeries. She's learned many of the secrets of the Hidden Ones on her adventures... and also from her fellow scholar and former rival Wendell Bumbleby... Because Bumbleby is more than infuriatingly charming. He's an exiled faerie king on the run from his murderous mother and in search of a door back to his realm. And despite Emily's feelings for Bumbleby, she's not ready to accept his proposal of marriage: Loving one of the Fair Folk comes

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with secrets and dangers... She also has a new project to focus on: a map of the realms of faerie. While she is preparing her research, Bumbleby lands her in trouble yet again, when assassins sent by his mother invade Cambridge. Now Bumbleby and Emily are on another adventure, this time to the picturesque Austrian Alps, where Emily believes they may find the door to Bumbleby's realm and the key to freeing him from his family's dark plans... But with new relationships for the prickly Emily to navigate and dangerous Folk lurking in every forest and hollow, Emily must unravel the mysterious workings of faerie doors and of her own heart.

A Promise of Peridot by **Kate Golden** (B Paperback—\$27). *Sacred Stones Series*. A prophecy of death. A weapon of hope. A sacrifice of love... Arwen Valondale is sailing for the mysterious Kingdom of Citrine after the battle of Siren's Bay. Reeling from shocking revelations and her newfound powers, Arwen directs all of her pain and rage toward the man who betrayed her: King Kane Ravenwood... Kane's presence is unavoidable as he travels with Arwen and her friends to seek the Blade of the Sun, a legendary weapon inextricably tied to her fate and the future of the realm. Even an uneasy truce proves difficult as Arwen fights against her unresolved feelings for Kane, who is willing to become darkness itself to protect her... As Arwen faces creatures, foes, and magic beyond her wildest imaginings, she must discover the secrets of her past to defeat the monstrous Fae king Lazarus. But finding the light within might mean the death of her and everyone she loves.

Anathema by **Keri Lake** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$54). *Eating Woods Duology*. Only the banished know what lies beyond the woods... There are whispers about what lurks in Witch Knell—the forest where sinners go to die. The villagers call it The Eating Woods because what's taken is never given back. Only those who've lost their senses would dare to go near it... Or the banished... Maevyth Bronwick knows better than to breach the misty labyrinth of trees, but a tragic turn of events compels her beyond the archway of bones, to a boundary no mortal has crossed before. One that cloaks a dark and fantastical world that's as dangerous as it is alluring... It's there that he dwells, the cursed lord of Eidolon. The one tasked to keep her hidden from the magehood that seeks to crucify her in the name of an arcane prophesy. Zevander Rydainn, known to his prey as The Scorpion, is the coldest, most calculated assassin in all of Aethyria and he'd sooner toss his feisty ward to a pack of vicious fyredrakes than keep her safe... If only he could... Maevyth's blood is the key to breaking his despised curse and vanquishing the slumbering evil in Witch Knell. Unfortunately for Lord Rydainn, fate has other plans for the irresistible little enchantress. And his growing obsession with her threatens to destroy everything... Including himself.

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Grimstone by **Sophie Lark** (B Paperback—\$25). *Grimstone Series*. Remi Hayes is beginning to think she's cursed—her fiancé cheated on her, her brother Jude is a major pain in her ass, and the moldering mansion she inherited from her uncle might just be haunted... Flipping Blackleaf Manor already feels impossible, even before Remi is blackmailed by Dane Covett, the dangerously hot doctor-next-door, and Grimstone's most eligible bachelor—if you can ignore the fact that everyone in town thinks he murdered his wife... Remi doesn't want to believe it, especially after Dane sews up a gash in her thigh and steals a kiss in payment—a kiss that makes it hard to walk for reasons that have nothing to do with an injured leg... But as the renovation takes a strange and violent turn, Remi must decide if Dane is the one haunting her nights, or if he's trying to protect her from something much worse...

Monarch by **Sophie Lark** (B Paperback—\$25). *Grimstone Series*. In a desperate bid to get out of town, twenty-seven-year-old virgin and bookstore nerd Elena Zelenska becomes the world's most unlikely mail-order bride. Her gamble pays off when she's swept off her feet by Lorne Ronson, handsome single father and (gasp!) actual published author. Elena's new fiancé seems almost too good to be true. Her life is turning into a fairytale, especially once Lorne starts building her a castle in the woods. But when Elena arrives in Grimstone, her fairytale turns darker... The castle in the woods is a macabre labyrinth of hidden chambers, and Lorne is no Prince Charming. In fact, he might just be a monster... Isolated far from home, Elena's only ally is Atlas Covett, owner of the Monarch hotel. Massive and stern, even Atlas' employees are terrified of him. He becomes Elena's unexpected protector, offering sanctuary from the darkness that threatens to consume her... As Elena's bond with Atlas deepens, her jealous fiancé exerts his control in increasingly twisted ways. Elena must find a way out before the castle he's building becomes a prison she'll never escape...

Assistant to the Villain by **Hannah Nicole Maehrer** (B Paperback—\$25). *Assistant to the Villain Series*. *Assistant Wanted*: Notorious, high-ranking villain seeks loyal, levelheaded assistant for unspecified office duties, supporting staff for random mayhem and terror, and other Dark Things In General. Discretion a must. Excellent benefits... With ailing family to support, Evie Sage's employment status isn't just important, it's vital. So when a mishap with Rennedawn's most infamous Villain results in a job offer—naturally, she says yes. No job is perfect, of course, but even less so when you develop a teeny crush on your terrifying, temperamental, and undeniably hot boss. Don't find evil so attractive, Evie... But just when she's getting used to severed heads suspended from the ceiling and the odd squish of an errant eyeball beneath her heel, Evie suspects this dungeon has a huge

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rat... and not just the literal kind. Because something rotten is growing in the kingdom of Rennedawn, and someone wants to take the Villain—and his entire nefarious empire—out... Now Evie must not only resist drooling over her boss but also figure out exactly who is sabotaging his work... and ensure he makes them pay... After all, a good job is hard to find.

Apprentice to the Villain by **Hannah Nicole Maehrer** (B Paperback—\$25). *Assistant to the Villain Series. Notice To Staff*: There has been a disturbing increase in cheeriness, sprightly behaviour and overall optimism of late. Please resume your former dark, ominous terrors at your earliest convenience. —Mgmt... Evie Sage has never been happier to be the assistant to The Villain... Who would have thought that working for an outrageously handsome (shhh, bad for his brand) evil overlord would be so rewarding?... But Rennedawn is in grave trouble, and all signs point to catastrophe... Something peculiar is happening with the kingdom's magic, and it's made The Villain's manor vulnerable to their enemies... including their nemesis, the king... Now it's time for Evie to face her greatest challenge: protecting The Villain's lair, all of his nefarious works, and maybe (provided no one finds out) the entire kingdom. No pressure, Evie... It's time to step out of her comfort zone and learn new skills. Like treason. Dagger work. Conspiring with the enemy. It's all so... so... delightfully fun... But what happens when the assistant to The Villain is ready to become his apprentice?

Hexed by **Emily McIntire** (21.3x14.0 Paperback—\$33). *Never After Series*. He's the prince of La Cosa Nostra. She's the witch who steals his heart... Venesa Andersen has never been good. She wasn't good enough for her parents, and she isn't good enough for the gangster uncle who took her in after they died. But she's cunning. Beautiful. Dutiful to her uncle's demands. And she doesn't have time for a moral compass, anyway. When her runaway cousin returns to their coastal southern town, she brings a man with her... and Venesa soon realizes he's the only one who's ever seen her for her. There's just one problem: she can never have him... Enzo 'Loverboy' Marino is a wealthy businessman by day and prince of the underworld by night. Underboss to a notorious mafia syndicate, he answers to no one except his father, the strongest don in the Northeast. When he's tasked with marriage, Enzo doesn't think twice... Until he meets his fiancée's cousin... Venesa is everything he never knew he wanted, bewitching him with her sultry voice and supple curves. But Enzo learned long ago that for a man like him, life is better without the things you want... When plans unravel and temptation sings its siren song, they'll both have to choose what's more important: duty to their families, or a forbidden love that was never supposed to be.

Fated to the Feral Wolf by **April L. Moon** (21.6x14.0 Paperback—\$38). *Hunted Omegas Series*. I never would have seen him coming, not in a million years. Feral. Growling. Terrifying. Until my wolf claimed him as hers... *Shay* I'm a lot of things; a loyal best friend, music lover, introvert. All labels I'd happily claim as mine.

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Survivor of abuse, I'll claim because it's true, and I'm a survivor. But fated mate? That one feels like an ill-fitting glove. Especially when said mate has been feral for years, and nobody knows what sent him over the edge, let alone how to get him back... But there's no denying my wolf, and she wants him. So what's a girl to do? Bathe the stinky wolf if he's going to sneak into my bed and then play him Mozart until dawn. Obviously. But a fated mate connection is a once in a lifetime bond. And if he can't turn back into a man... will I be alone forever, even with him at my side?

Dirge I've been on the run for so many years, I don't remember how to be a man, not really. But Shay calls to that part of me, the part I hid away so long ago. She's everything a man could want. Gorgeous, intelligent, and funny, all wrapped into a stunning, shyly sweet package... There's nothing under the moon I want more than to hold her in my arms. That's the problem, though; if I give into the urge, if I change back and take her as mine... I sign her death warrant. The fates have foretold it, and the only way I can save her is to never go back, no matter how badly it hurts. To save her, I have to stay a wolf.

The Throne of Broken Gods by **Amber V. Nicole** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gods and Monsters Series*. Where there are gods, there are also monsters... When I burn this world to embers, and you paint me as the villain, remember, I really did try to be good... once... Dianna is hellbent on revenge. As the last shred of her humanity is ripped from her, she decides to embrace her monstrous side and set the worlds alight... Samkiel alone refuses to believe that she has become the monster that everyone else sees, and he'll do anything in his power to save her from herself, even if it means losing her... With every realm now at risk from Kaden's army, and a myriad of new threats on the horizon, Samkiel can't afford to let his guard down. And as Dianna's thirst for blood only increases, he is running out of time to save them both...

The Golden Enclaves by **Naomi Novik** (B Paperback—\$25). *Scholomance Trilogy*. The one thing you never talk about while you're in the Scholomance is what you'll do when you get out. Not even the richest enclaver would tempt fate that way. But it's all we dream about: the hideously slim chance we'll survive to make it out the gates and improbably find ourselves with a life ahead of us, a life outside the Scholomance halls... And now the impossible dream has come true. I'm out, we're all out—and I didn't even have to turn into a monstrous dark witch to make it happen. So much for my great-grandmother's prophecy of doom and destruction. I didn't kill enclavers, I saved them. Me and Orion and our allies. Our graduation plan worked to perfection: We saved everyone and made the world safe for all wizards and brought peace and harmony to all the enclaves everywhere... Ha, only joking! Actually, it's gone all wrong. Someone else has picked up the project of destroying enclaves in my stead, and probably everyone we saved is about to get killed in the brewing enclave war. And the first thing I've got to do now, having miraculously gotten out of the Scholomance, is turn straight around and find a way back in.

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North Is the Night by **Emily Rath** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Tuonela Duet*. In the Finnish wilderness, more than wolves roam the dark forests. For Siiri and Aina, summer's fading light is a harbinger of unwelcome change. Land-hungry Swedes venture north, threatening the peace; a zealous Christian priest denounces the old ways; and young women have begun to disappear... Siiri vows to protect Aina from danger. But even Siiri cannot stop a death goddess from dragging her friend to Tuonela, the mythical underworld. Determined to save Aina, Siiri braves a dangerous journey north to seek the greatest shaman of legend, the only person to venture to the realm of death and return alive... In Tuonela, the cruel Witch Queen turns Aina's every waking moment into a living nightmare. But armed with compassion and cleverness, Aina learns the truth of her capture: the king of the underworld himself has plans for her. To return home, Aina must bargain her heart—as Siiri plots a daring rescue of the woman she loves the most.

Metal Slinger by **Rachel Schneider** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$50). *Fire & Metal Series*. Brynn has spent the better part of her life waiting for the chance to attend the annual market hosted by the Kenta, the very same people who exiled the Alaha to live a life over the sea. A rite of passage for all young guards, she's not sure what to expect from it, but breaking a century-long peace treaty certainly isn't on her map... Neither is the encounter with an enemy soldier... Returning home to Alaha, she's confronted with the aftermath of the day's events. The future is uncertain as the threat of hunger looms over the people. With rumors of a growing rebellion, Brynn and her closest friends promise to stick together... When an unexpected visitor arrives, Brynn's loyalty will be tested as she learns of a world of magic and treachery. Once her enemy, always her enemy, right? But the dark, knowing eyes of a stranger make her question everything... including her heart.

Primal Mirror by **Nalini Singh** (B Paperback—\$27). *NZ Author. Psy/Changeling Trinity Series*. Daughter of two ruthless high-Gradient telepaths, Auden Scott is not the child her Psy parents wanted or expected, even before her brain injury. Her thoughts are scattered, her memories fuzzy—or just terrifyingly blank. The only thing she knows for certain is that she must protect her unborn baby... a baby she has no recollection of conceiving and who draws an unnerving depth of interest from her dead mother's closest associates... Leopard alpha Remi Denier is a man driven by the primal instinct to protect. Protect his pack, protect his allies... and protect the mysterious woman who has become a most unlikely neighbor. With eerie eyes that see too much and a scent that alters in ways disturbing and impossible, Auden Scott is the enemy... but nothing about this strange Psy is what it seems, and Remi's feline heart is as fascinated by her as his human half... Then Auden asks Remi to help her shatter the wall of secrets that is the Scott bloodline. What they unearth will reveal a nightmare beyond imagination. This time, the battle is to the death...

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The Fae Princes by **Nikki St. Crowe** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$39). *Vicious Lost Boys Series*. I thought Peter Pan was a myth and Neverland a

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fairytale. A story spun by my mother who had lost her mind a long time ago... But there was no denying the overwhelming shadow cast by Peter Pan when he was standing in my house... Pan took me captive to Neverland and I somehow found my place among him and the Lost Boys... I've never looked back... Now I'm entangled right alongside him in a war we can't seem to escape. We thought we had defeated our enemies... We thought we could finally have our happily ever after... But there was one enemy we never saw coming... A fairy who has nothing to lose and everything to gain... The fairy with golden wings and a dark, twisted heart... She wants Neverland and she'll stop at nothing to have it. Including destroying anyone who stands in her way, even her own flesh and blood.

Dark Harmony by **Laura Thalassa** (B Paperback—\$29). *Bargainer Series*. There are worse things than death. Things that lurk in the shadows and slip into dreams. Things that once slept... but have now awakened... For Callypso Lillis, the fae magic that now runs through her veins is equal parts curse and good fortune. While it bonds her to Desmond Flynn, her soulmate and the King of Night, it also leaves her newly vulnerable to the Thief of Souls, who wants to break the Otherworld... and Callie along with it... But it's not just the Thief whose shadow looms over the fae realms. Des's father, the previous King of Night, has returned from the dead, and he wants revenge on the son who sent him to the grave in the first place... Time is running out to track down both enemies and stop their plans from unfolding. Callie and Des race across realms, gathering clues and unraveling secrets, but fate and chaos are catching up to them. If they can't find a way to stop the forces working to tear them and their kingdom apart, they risk not just their lives, but the lives of all fairies... and unfortunately for them, death is no longer the worst outcome.

A Fate of Wrath and Flame by **K.A. Tucker** (B Paperback—\$25). *Fate & Flame Series*. She would know the world of vengeful gods and monsters, and the lengths one would go for love. And nothing would ever be the same for her again... Gifted thief Romeria steals jewels under a notorious New York City crime boss. But when an enigmatic woman secures her services at swordpoint, Romeria is wrenched from this world and transported into a realm of opposing thrones, warring elven societies and elemental magic... Waking up in the body of a treacherous elven princess, Romeria quickly realizes she's entangled in a deadly plot and must hide her identity at all costs—not least from the princess's betrothed, King Zander, who detests her. Romeria is forced to play the smitten princess as the unwilling pair work together to uncover the danger that surrounds them... But with their enemies closing in—and as she fights her growing feelings for the king—it's time for Romeria to find out who she truly is.

A Curse of Blood & Stone by **K.A. Tucker** (B Paperback—\$25). *Fate & Flame Series*. 'I do not know how to love you and be a good king to my people'... Romeria has fled Cirilea as a traitor. Zander has sacrificed his crown to save her life but dreads what her existence means for the future of his realm. They both know that no immortal will ever welcome her as Islor's queen. Side-by-side as outcasts—yet with a growing distance between them—they watch as a

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new threat to the kingdom unfurls, one larger than they could have imagined... Guided by an uncertain prophecy and with their allies rapidly losing faith, their company journeys to the Venhorn Mountains in search of answers. Yet with Romeria struggling to wield her newfound abilities and the mortal rebellion growing in strength, it may already be too late.

The Hemlock Queen by **Hannah Whitten** (B Paperback—\$27). *Nightshade Crown Series*. The corrupt king August is dead. Prince Bastian has seized the throne and raised Lore—a necromancer and former smuggler—to his right-hand side. Together they plan to cut out the rot from the heart of the royal court and help the people of Dellaire. But not everyone is happy with the changes. The nobles are sowing dissent and the Kirythean Empire is beating down their door. Even Prince Bastian has changed. No longer the hopeful, rakish, charismatic man Lore knows and loves, instead he's become reckless, domineering and cold... And something has been whispering in her ear. A voice, dark and haunting, that's telling her there's more to the story than she knows and more to her power than she can even imagine. A truth buried deep that could change everything... With Bastian's coronation fast approaching and enemies whispering on all sides, Lore must figure out how to protect herself, her prince and her country before they all come crumbling down and whatever dark power has been creeping through the catacombs is unleashed.

The Unmaking of June Farrow by **Adrienne Young** (B Paperback—\$27). In the small mountain town of Jasper, North Carolina, June Farrow is waiting for fate to find her. The Farrow women are known for their thriving flower farm—and the mysterious curse that has haunted them for generations... The madness that led to Susanna Farrow's disappearance left her daughter, June, to be raised by her grandmother. Everyone in Jasper is certain it's only a matter of time before she finds the same end, but June has kept secret that her unravelling has already begun... After her grandmother's death, June follows a series of clues that link her mother's disappearance to the town's dark history, leading finally to a mysterious door... Behind it may lay the answer to the mysteries that have always lingered like a dark shadow. Upon crossing the threshold, June embarks on a journey that will not only change both the past and the future, but entangle her fate and her heart in a star-crossed love.

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Remember When by **Mary Balogh** (B Paperback—\$27). *Ravenswood Series*. The Dowager Countess of Stratton, Clarissa Ware, née Greenfield, has just presented her younger daughter to the ton, and the rest of her life belongs only to herself. She returns to Ravenswood, intending to spend the summer alone there. But the summer has other plans for her... Born a gentleman, Matthew Taylor has chosen to spend his life as the village carpenter. Growing up, he and Clarissa were close—dangerously so, considering his family's modest fortune. As a young man, he never would have been a suitable match for the daughter of the wealthy Greenfields. Clarissa married Caleb Ware, the Earl of Stratton, so Matthew married another, though he was widowed soon after... Now everything is different—Clarissa has

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already lived the life expected of her by society. And Matthew is as attractive and intriguing as he was when they were young. As their summer friendship deepens into romance, they stand together on the precipice of change—essentially the same man and woman they remember being back then, but with renewed passion and the potential to take their lives in an entirely new direction.

My Inconvenient Duke by **Loretta Chase** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Difficult Dukes Series*. Of all the dukes in all the world, why does it have to be him?... Lady Alice Ancaster needs a husband, and fast, because her reckless brother is going to get himself killed, leaving the dukedom—and her future—in their repellent cousin's clutches... The Duke of Blackwood has known Alice since childhood, and they've always had a special connection. But years ago he broke it, when he chose a riotous life with his two best friends instead of a reasonable one with her... The trouble is, the tall, dark, sardonic rogue keeps turning up exactly when needed, and ready—though he sometimes needs a push—to play the hero, if only for as long as it takes... Being irresistibly drawn to the Wrong Man is not convenient, but when events come to a crisis, Alice has to make a choice. The question is, can she live with it?

The Secret Daughter by **Anne Gracie** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Brides of Bellaire Gardens Series*. Orphaned Zoë Benoit has spent the last three years in Paris learning how to be a lady. But Zoë is torn—as an independent spirit and a talented artist, she cannot help but want more than the tightly controlled life of a society lady... On an impulsive visit to the château where her mother lived, Zoë, disguised as a maidservant named Vita, meets a handsome wandering artist, known simply as Reynard. One blissful week with the charming Reynard convinces Zoë that this is the man and the life for her—until she discovers what he's been hiding from her, and she flees, heartbroken... Longing for the chance to redeem himself, Reynard searches far and wide for the woman he knows as Vita, to no avail. Disheartened, he returns to England to reluctantly resume his role as Julian Fox, the Earl of Foxton. However, when he sees one of Zoë's paintings, he realizes she's in London, and becomes desperate to find her before it's too late. But even if they reunite, can he convince Zoë he's worthy of her trust and prove to her that, with him, she can be a free-spirited artist and a countess?

A Tempest of Desire by **Lorraine Heath** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Scandalous Gentlemen of St. James Series*. After surviving a horrific railway accident, Viscount Langdon retreats to his private island to recover and conquer the nightmarish memories that continue to haunt him. The very last thing he wants—or expects—is for London's most infamous courtesan to wash up on his beach... Marlowe is known for her bold flirtations, but her most daring exploits involve flying in her hot air balloon. When a storm blows her off

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course, she discovers herself alone with the isle's only inhabitant. The gorgeous, seductive lord tempts her beyond reason, but giving into temptation would lead to her ruin because the all-consuming liaison would demand complete surrender. And she has secrets to protect... Langdon finds the captivating beauty near impossible to resist, but he can't risk her learning the true reason behind his isolation. However, a powerful tempest of desire is swirling wildly between them, urging them to give in to the perilous passion that could destroy them... or perhaps show them the way to love.

A Lady's Guide to Scandal by **Sophie Irwin** (B Paperback—\$27). *A Lady's Guide Series*. A lifetime of duty... Widowed at just seven-and-twenty from her marriage of convenience, Eliza, now Countess of Somerset, is bequeathed a fortune, hers to keep—provided she can steer clear of scandal... The promise of love... The last thing she expects is to be torn between two very different men—a face from the past, whose loss she's always mourned, and a roguish poet, who scorns convention... A taste of freedom... But a lady's reputation is fragile and with jealous eyes on Eliza's fortune, it will only take one whisper of gossip for her to lose it all...

Never Blow a Kiss by **Lindsay Lovise** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *The Secret Society of Governess Spies Series*. The utterly charming Emily Leverton has a dark past and is determined to leave it behind in her respectable new role as a governess. But when she is recruited by a secret network of governesses who spy on the ton, it may just be a way to redeem the dark secrets of her past... An ex-soldier turned railroad magnate, Zach hunts killers for the Metropolitan Police by

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day and dutifully attends balls at night. In neither world has he met a woman with the brazenness to mock him. So when a saucy governess blows him a kiss he is determined to catch her, never expecting that when he does he will find an intelligent, quirky woman hiding more than her true name... As Zach peels back the layers of Emily's lies, he falls for the street-wise woman who handles a dagger like a pro and kisses like a mistress. But when his affair with Emily intertwines with his hunt for a killer, he discovers Emily is hiding an explosive secret—one that could destroy them both.

Ne'er Duke Well by **Alexandra Vasti** (B Paperback—\$27). *Belvoir's Library Trilogy*. Peter Kent—newly inherited Duke of Stanhope and recently of New Orleans, Louisiana—must become respectable. Between his radical politics and the time he interrupted a minor royal wedding with a flock of sheep—not his fault!—he's developed a scandalous reputation at odds with his goal of becoming guardian to his half siblings. For help, he turns to the cleverest and most managing woman of his acquaintance, Lady Selina Ravenscroft. Selina is society's most proper debutante, save one tiny secret: she runs an erotic circulating library for women. When Peter asks for her help, she suggests courtship and marriage to a lady of unimpeachable reputation. (Which is to say, definitely not herself.) But matchmaking doesn't go according to plan. Peter's siblings run rampant on Bond Street. Selina ends up in the Serpentine. And worst of all, the scorching chemistry between Peter and Selina proves impossible to resist. For the disreputable duke and his unpredictable matchmaker, falling in love just might be the ultimate scandal.

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