

Welcome back and best wishes for 2022! We hope you've had a good holiday. The new year sees the arrival of lots of goodies including Christine Feehan's *Annihilation Road + Savage Road*, Colleen Hoover's *Reminders of Him*, Jayne Ann Krentz's *Lightning in A Mirror*, Sarah J. Maas's *House of Sky and Breath*, J.D. Robb's *Abandoned in Death* and Jill Shalvis's *The Family You Make*. Enjoy! NB. There has recently been some upward pressure on our prices due to both higher US RRP's and increased shipping costs.

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|  | <p>Title: Annihilation Road Author: Christine Feehan Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$20 Annotation: <i>Torpedo Ink Series.</i> Savin "Savage" Pajari is convinced he's not worth a damn thing. He's not like his brothers. He's a sadistic monster, a killer – a man no woman could love. So it throws him when a stranger risks her life for his. If he had any sense, he'd leave her alone, but Savage can't get the woman with a smart mouth and no sense of self-preservation out of his head ... Seychelle Dubois has spent her life not feeling much of anything, until Savage comes along. His darkness draws her like a moth to a flame. Loving him could mean losing herself to his needs. But what Savage teaches her could destroy her.</p> |  | <p>Title: Reminders of Him Author: Colleen Hoover Classification: Contemporary Book Type: USA Trade Paperback Price: \$28 Annotation: After serving five years in prison for a tragic mistake, Kenna Rowan hopes to reunite with her four-year-old daughter. But the bridges Kenna burned are proving impossible to rebuild. Everyone in her daughter's life is determined to shut Kenna out, no matter how hard she works to prove herself. The only person who hasn't closed the door on her completely is Ledger Ward, one of the few remaining links to Kenna's daughter. But if anyone were to discover how Ledger is slowly becoming an important part of Kenna's life, both would risk losing the trust of everyone important to them.</p> |
|  | <p>Title: Lightning In a Mirror Author: Jayne Ann Krentz Classification: Contemporary/Suspense Book Type: UK Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Fogg Lake Series.</i> Olivia LeClair's experiment with speed dating is not going well. First there was the nasty encounter with the date-from-hell who tried to murder her, and now the mysterious Harlan Rancourt – long believed dead – sits down at her table and tells her she's the only one who can help him locate the legendary Vortex lab. This is not what Olivia had in mind when she signed up for the <i>Four Event Success Guaranteed</i> package offered by the dating agency. She doesn't have much choice, though, because her psychic investigation firm works for the mysterious Foundation, and Victor Arganbright, the director, is adamant that she assist Harlan. There's just one problem – no one knows Harlan's real agenda.</p> |  | <p>Title: Abandoned in Death Author: J.D. Robb Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: UK Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Eve Dallas Series.</i> Say goodnight, baby darling ... Three young women have gone missing. They're all pretty, mid-twenties – someone clearly has a type. But no one links their disappearances until the first – Lauren Elder – is found lying peacefully on a bench in a children's playground. She is neatly dressed with a wide black velvet ribbon covering where her neck has been precisely slit. Her hands are folded over a childish sign on which is written in black crayon – <i>BAD MOMMY</i>. Lt. Eve Dallas and her team are brought in to investigate Lauren's murder and uncover the links to the other two women. Can they find out enough about the missing women and unmask their captor before they kill again?</p> |

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

Cheat Sheet by **Sarah Adams** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$35). Is it ever too late to leave the friend-zone? ... Hi, my name is Bree Camden, and I'm hopelessly in love with my best friend and star quarterback Nathan Donelson (as is half of America, judging by the tabloids and how much the guy dates). The first step is admitting, right? Except I can never admit it to him because he clearly doesn't see me that way, and the last thing I want is for things to get weird between us ... Nothing but good old-fashioned, no-touching-the-sexiest-man-alive, platonic friendship for us! Exactly how I like it! Yes. Good. (I'm not crying, I'm just peeling an onion.) Our friendship is going swimmingly until I accidentally spill my beans to a reporter after too much tequila, and now the world seems to think Nathan and I belong together. Oh, and did I mention we have to date publicly for three weeks until after the Super Bowl because we signed a contract with ... oops, forgot I can't tell anyone about that! Bottom line, my best friend is smudging all the lines and acting very un-platonic, and I'm just trying to keep my body from bursting into flames every time he touches me. How am I going to make it through weeks of fake dating Nathan without anything changing between us? Especially when it almost-sorta-kinda seems like he's fighting for a different outcome? Send help. XO Bree

The Girl in the Mist by **Kristen Ashley** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$43). *Misted Pines Series*. Renowned author Delphine Larue needs a haven. A crazed fan has gone over the deep end, and she's not safe. Her security team has suggested a house by a lake. Secluded. Private. Far away. In a beautiful area of the Northwest close to the sleepy town of Misted Pines. It's perfect. So perfect, Delphine has just moved in, and she's thinking she'll stay there forever ... Until she sees the girl in the mist ... After that, everything changes ... Delphine quickly learns that Misted Pines isn't so sleepy. A little girl has gone missing, and the town is in the grips of terror and tragedy. The local sheriff isn't up for the job. The citizens are up in arms. And as the case unfolds, the seedy underbelly of a quiet community is exposed, layer by layer ... But most importantly, girls are dying ... There seems to be only one man they trust to find out what's happening ... The mysterious Cade Bohannan.

All The Feels by **Olivia Dade** (Trade Paperback – \$23). Alexander Woodroe has it all. Charm. Sex appeal. Wealth. Fame. A starring role as Cupid on TV's biggest show, *Gods of the Gates*. But the showrunners have wrecked his character, he's dogged by old demons, and his post-show future remains uncertain. When all that reckless emotion explodes into a bar fight, the tabloids and public agree: his star is falling ... Enter Lauren Clegg, the former ER therapist hired to keep him in line. Compared to her previous work, watching over handsome but impulsive Alex shouldn't be difficult. But the more time they spend together, the harder it gets to keep her professional remove and her heart intact, especially when she discovers the reasons behind his recklessness ... not to mention his Cupid fanfiction habit ... When another scandal lands Alex in major hot water and costs Lauren her job, she'll

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have to choose between protecting him and offering him what he really wants – her. But he's determined to keep his improbably short, impossibly stubborn, and extremely endearing minder in his life. And on a road trip up the California coast together, he intends to show her exactly what a falling star will do to catch the woman he loves: anything at all.

Punk 57 by **Penelope Douglas** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$30). We were perfect together. Until we met ... *Misha* I can't help but smile at the words in her letter. She misses me. In fifth grade, my teacher set us up with pen pals from a different school. Thinking I was a girl, with a name like Misha, the other teacher paired me up with her student, Ryen. My teacher, believing Ryen was a boy like me, agreed. It didn't take long for us to figure out the mistake. And in no time at all, we were arguing about everything. The best take-out pizza. Android vs. iPhone. Whether or not Eminem is the greatest rapper ... That was the start. For the next seven years, it was us. Her letters are always on black paper with silver writing. Sometimes there's one a week or three in a day, but I need them. She's the only one who keeps me on track, talks me down, and accepts everything I am. We only had three rules. No social media, no phone numbers, no pictures. We had a good thing going. Why ruin it? Until I run across a photo of a girl online. Name's Ryen, loves Gallo's pizza, and worships her iPhone. What are the chances? F*ck it. I need to meet her. I just don't expect to hate what I find ... *Ryen* He hasn't written in three months. Something's wrong. Did he die? Get arrested? Knowing Misha, neither would be a stretch. Without him around, I'm going crazy. I need to know someone is listening. It's my own fault. I should've gotten his number or picture or something. He could be gone forever. Or right under my nose, and I wouldn't even know it.

Watching Over You by **Lori Foster** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *McKenzies of Ridge Trail Series*. While investigating a criminal network, Detective Crosby Albertson keeps crossing paths with members of the highly trained, suspiciously well-informed McKenzie family. They're always one step ahead of him – especially their alarmingly attractive intel specialist, Madison. And Crosby needs to find out why ... Madison McKenzie is the tech and surveillance whiz of her family's operation. A recent case introduced her to Detective Albertson. She finds herself irresistibly drawn to the sexy and mysterious cop. There's just one problem. He's a detective and her family's work is secret. When Crosby starts digging for information about the McKenzies, Madison's got to get him off the scent ... while keeping him at a safe distance.

Boyfriend Material by **Alexis Hall** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *LGBTQ*. Wanted: One (fake) boyfriend ... Luc O'Donnell is tangentially – and reluctantly – famous. His rock star parents split when he was young, and the father he's never met spent the next twenty years in and out of rehab. Now that his dad's making a comeback, Luc's back in the public eye, and one compromising photo is enough to ruin everything ... To clean up his image, Luc has to find a nice, normal relationship ... and Oliver Blackwood is as nice and normal as they

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense come. He's a barrister, an ethical vegetarian, and he's never inspired any scandal in his life. In other words: perfect boyfriend material. Unfortunately apart from being gay, single, and really in need of a date for a big event, Luc and Oliver have nothing in common. So they strike a deal to be publicity-friendly (fake) boyfriends until the dust has settled. Then they can go their separate ways and pretend it never happened ... But the thing about fake-dating is that it can feel a lot like real-dating. And that's when you get used to someone. Start falling for them. Don't ever want to let them go.

Curse of Salem by **Kay Hooper** (Hardcover – \$40). *Bishop/Special Crimes Unit Series*. The small town of Salem has been quiet for months – or so Bishop and his elite Special Crimes Unit believe. But then Hollis Templeton and Diana Hayes receive a warning in Diana's eerie “gray time” between the world of the living and the realm of the dead that a twisted killer is stalking Salem, bent on destroying in the most bloody and horrifying way possible the five families that founded the town ... The stakes are high, especially for new friends Nellie Cavendish and Finn Deverell, both members of the Five, and this time Bishop and his wife Miranda will lead the team to hunt down a vicious killer and uncover a dark and ancient curse haunting Salem.

The Invitation by **VI Keeland** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$32). The first time I met Hudson Rothschild was at a wedding. I'd received an unexpected invitation to one of the swankiest venues in the city ... Hudson was a groomsman and the most gorgeous man I'd ever laid eyes on. He asked me to dance, and our chemistry was off the charts. I knew it wasn't a good idea to get involved with him, considering the wedding I was at. But our connection was intense, and I was having a great time ... Though the fun came to a screeching halt when Hudson figured out I wasn't who I'd said I was. You see, that unexpected invitation? Well, it hadn't actually been addressed to me – it was sent to my ex-roommate who'd bounced a check for two months' rent and moved out in the middle of the night. I figured she owed me an expensive night out, but I guess, technically, I was crashing the wedding ... Once caught, I couldn't get out fast enough. As I bolted for the door, I might've plucked a few bottles of expensive champagne off the tables I passed, all while the gorgeous, angry groomsman was hot on my tail ... Outside, I jumped into a taxi. My heart ricocheted against my ribs as we drove away – but at least I'd escaped unscathed. Or so I thought ... Until I realized I'd left my cell phone behind at the table. Take one guess who found it? This is the crazy story of how Hudson Rothschild and I met. But trust me, it's only the tip of the iceberg.

To Love Jason Thorn by **Ella Maise** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$38). *Love and Hate Series*. Jason Thorn ... My brother's childhood friend ... Oh, how stupidly in love with that boy I was. He was the first boy that made me blush, my first official crush. Sounds beautiful so far, right? That excitement that bubbles up inside you, those famous butterflies you feel for the very first time – he was the reason for them all. But, you only get to live in that fairytale world until they crush your hopes and dreams and then stomp on your heart for good measure. And

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense boy did he crush my little heart into pieces ... After the stomping part he became the boy I did my best to stay away from – and let me tell you, it was pretty hard to do when he slept in the room right across from mine ... When tragedy struck his family and they moved away, I was ready to forget he ever existed ... Now he is a movie star, the one who makes women of all ages go into a screaming frenzy, the one who makes everyone swoon with that dimpled smile of his. Do you think that's dreamy? I certainly don't think so. How about me coming face to face with him? Nope still not dreamy. Not when I can't even manage to look him in the eye ... Me? I'm Olive, a new writer. Actually, I'm THE writer of the book that inspired the movie he is about to star in on the big screen. As of late, I am also referred to as the oh-so-very-lucky girl who is about to become the wife of Jason Thorn ... Maybe you're thinking yet again that this is all so dreamy? Nope, nothing dreamy going on here. Not even close.

The Perfect Murder by **Kat Martin** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Maximum Security Series*. The eldest of the three wealthy Garrett brothers, Reese Garrett is in the middle of a major purchase for his multimillion-dollar oil and gas company, Garrett Resources. The Poseidon offshore drilling platform venture will greatly enhance the company's value ... But when Reese is on a trip out to see the rig, his helicopter crashes, leaving him hospitalized and two men dead. It's discovered the chopper was sabotaged, and Reese is determined to find out who's behind the crash – and whether he was the intended target. Then, when his lover, Kenzie, is accused of her ex-husband's murder – a man with a vested interest in the Poseidon deal – clues start pointing to a connection that puts Reese, Kenzie and her young son in the sights of a killer ... From the Texas heat to the Louisiana bayous, Reese and his brothers must track down the truth before the body count gets any higher.

Just Last Night by **Mhairi McFarlane** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Eve, Justin, Susie, and Ed have been friends since they were teenagers. Now in their thirties, the four are as close as ever, Thursday night bar trivia is sacred, and Eve is still secretly in love with Ed. Maybe she should have moved on by now, but she can't stop thinking about what could have been. And she knows Ed thinks about it, too ... But then, in an instant, their lives are changed forever ... In the aftermath, Eve's world is upended. As stunning secrets are revealed, she begins to wonder if she really knew her friends as well as she thought. And when someone from the past comes back into her life, Eve's future veers in a surprising new direction ... They say every love story starts with a single moment. What if it was just last night?

Red, White and Royal Blue by **Casey McQuiston** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *LGBTQ*. What happens when America's First Son falls in love with the Prince of Wales? ... When his mother became President, Alex Claremont-Diaz was promptly cast as the American equivalent of a young royal. Handsome, charismatic, genius – his image is pure millennial-marketing gold for the White House. There's only one problem: Alex has a beef with the actual prince, Henry, across the pond. And when the tabloids get hold of a photo involving an Alex

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Henry altercation, US/British relations take a turn for the worse ... Heads of family, state, and other handlers devise a plan for damage control: staging a truce between the two rivals. What at first begins as a fake, Instagramable friendship grows deeper, and more dangerous, than either Alex or Henry could have imagined. Soon Alex finds himself in a secret romance with a surprisingly unstuffy Henry that could derail the campaign and upend two nations and begs the question: Can love save the world after all? Where do we find the courage, and the power, to be the people we are meant to be? And how can we learn to let our true colors shine through?

19 Yellow Moon Road by **Fern Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Sisterhood Series*. Maggie Spritzer's nose for a story doesn't just make her a top-notch newspaper editor, it also tells her when to go the extra mile. When she gets a strange message from her journalism pal, Gabby Richardson, Maggie knows her services are needed. Gabby has become involved with *The Haven*, a commune that promises to guide its members toward a spiritually fulfilling life. But Gabby's enthusiasm has turned to distrust ever since she was refused permission to leave the compound to visit her sick mother ... Maggie wants to learn more about *The Haven*, and *The Sisterhood* is eager to help. It turns out *The Haven's* founders are the sons of a disgraced Chicago businessman in prison for running a Ponzi scheme. They also have connections to a Miami billionaire with dubious sidelines. Soon, the Sisterhood gang embark on a search – and uncover a web of crime that runs deeper and higher than they imagined. They'll need all their special skills to bring it down ...

Say Goodbye by **Karen Rose** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Sacramento Series*. Only she can stop him. But he's got nothing left to lose ... FBI Agent Tom Hunter has been chasing down leads to find the brutal *Eden* cult that damaged some of his closest friends. They managed to escape to tell their stories, but *Eden's* location has remained a mystery ... Liza Barkley is struggling with her feelings for Tom and wonders if their friendship can survive the secrets they've kept from one another. But they may be forced to confront the truth when a chance to help the investigation puts Liza directly in the line of fire ... When the perpetrator of an attempted sniper attack on Liza and her friends is discovered to be one of the cult's leaders, DJ Belmont, it becomes clear that he is out to get revenge on the victims who escaped *Eden's* clutches ... But there is one person who has always had control over DJ, and who no one outside of *Eden* has ever glimpsed: cult leader Pastor. When a serious injury forces Pastor to seek help outside the confines of the *Eden*, Tom and his team finally have a chance to bring the cult down ... But DJ Belmont has his own plan, and is not going to stop until he gets what he wants ...

Mako Bay by **Stephanie Ruth** *NZ Author* (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$32). *Otago Waters Series*. Shal Hoffner's back in Dunedin after eight years of self-imposed exile. Setting up a new fashion boutique, and celebrating her best friend's wedding, she's determined to forget her ripped-up past, soulless love-life, and the guy who broke her heart ... She should've known it wouldn't be that simple ... Assuming the proximity of Cameron Dante-builder,

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense guitarist, surf-buddy, and ex-flatmate – the least of her worries? Big mistake. Humongous. Because there's more to the past than Shal knows, on a collision course with right now, and if she can't stick to friends-with-benefits there's a chance she could snap. Just like before ... Shal's mantra: 'No promises, no commitment, and no exclusive rights' is fast losing traction, and it's all Cam's fault ... Cam's not the shy surfer-down-the-hall he once was, and despite fears history's about to repeat, he's out to prove something. No matter the cost. He's been in love with Shal forever, so what's he got to lose? His newfound roots, his music career, his very heart and soul ... Pretty much everything, actually.

The Family You Make by **Jill Shalvis** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Sunset Cove Series*. Is this the life she was always meant to have? ... During the snowstorm of the century Levi Cutler is stranded on a ski lift with a beautiful stranger named Jane. When the gondola in front of them hurtles to the ground, Levi calls his parents, but can't bring himself to say goodbye. Instead, he impulsively reveals that he's happily settled and Jane is his girlfriend – right before his phone dies. But Levi and Jane do not ... Now Levi's family is desperate to meet '*The One*'. Jane agrees to be his pretend girlfriend for just one dinner, but a traumatic childhood has left her unsure how to act around a tight-knit family that cherishes one another ... As Jane and Levi spend more time together, pretend feelings quickly turn into real ones. Now all Jane has to do is admit to herself she can't live without the man she's fallen in love with – and the family she has always dreamed of.

The Wall of Winnipeg and Me by **Mariana Zapata** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$49). Vanessa Mazur knows she's doing the right thing. She shouldn't feel bad for quitting. Being an assistant/ housekeeper/ fairy godmother to the top defensive end in the National Football Organization was always supposed to be temporary. She has plans and none of them include washing extra-large underwear longer than necessary ... But when Aiden Graves shows up at her door wanting her to come back, she's shocked ... For two years, the man known as *The Wall of Winnipeg* couldn't find it in him to tell her good morning or congratulate her on her birthday. Now? He's asking for the unthinkable ... What do you say to the man who is used to getting everything he wants?

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The Sorority Murder by **Allison Brennan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). A popular sorority girl. An unsolved murder. A campus podcast with chilling repercussions ... Lucas Vega is obsessed with the death of Candace Swain, who left a sorority party one night and never came back. Her body was found after two weeks, but the case has grown cold. Three years later while interning at the medical examiner's, Lucas discovers new information, but the police are not interested ... Lucas knows he has several credible pieces of the puzzle. He just isn't sure how they fit together. So he creates a podcast to revisit Candace's last hours. Then he encourages listeners to crowdsource what they remember and invites guest lecturer Regan Merritt, a former US marshal, to come on and share her expertise ... New tips come in that convince Lucas and Regan they are onto something. Then shockingly one of the podcast callers turns up

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dead. Another hints at Candace's secret life, a much darker picture than Lucas imagined – and one that implicates other sorority sisters. Regan uses her own resources to bolster their theory and learns that Lucas is hiding his own secret. The pressure is on to solve the murder, but first Lucas must come clean about his real motives in pursuing this podcast – before the killer silences him forever.

Haunted Hibiscus by **Laura Childs** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Tea Shop Mysteries Series*. It is the week before Halloween and Theodosia Browning, proprietor of the *Indigo Tea Shop*, and her tea sommelier, Drayton, are ghosting through the dusk of a cool Charleston evening on their way to the old Bouchard Mansion. Known as the *Gray Ghost*, this dilapidated place was recently bequeathed to the Heritage Society, and tonight heralds the grand opening of their literary and historical themed haunted house ... Though Timothy Neville, the patriarch of the Heritage Society, is not thrilled with the fund-raising idea, it is the perfect venue for his grandniece, Willow French, to sign copies of her new book, *Carolina Crimes & Creepers* ... But amid a parade of characters dressed as Edgar Allan Poe, Lady Macbeth, and the Headless Horseman, Willow's body is suddenly tossed from the third-floor tower room and left to dangle at the end of a rope. Police come screaming in and Theodosia's boyfriend, Detective Pete Riley, is sent to Willow's apartment to investigate. But minutes later, he is shot and wounded by a shadowy intruder ... Timothy begs Theodosia to investigate, and shaken by Riley's assault, she readily agrees. Now, she questions members of the Heritage Society and a man who claims the mansion is rightfully his, as well as Willow's book publisher and her fiancé, all while hosting a Sherlock Holmes tea and catering several others ... But the *Gray Ghost* holds many secrets, as do several other key suspects, while this murder mystery plays out on the eve of Halloween.

The Hunted by **Lisa Childs** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Bane Island Series*. You're Going To Pay ... The pressures of fame and an obsessive stalker have driven pop star Olivia Smith to take shelter at Halcyon Hall, an exclusive spa on a remote island off the coast of Maine. Yet from the moment she arrives, there are rumors about women disappearing, and stories about the resort's grisly past. Then a note arrives from her stalker, proving that nowhere is truly safe ... It's been twenty-five years since Sheriff Deacon Howell discovered his first dead body on these grounds. Back then, Halcyon Hall was an asylum known as Bainesworth Manor. Others have perished here since, including Deacon's wife. Many locals share his belief that her death wasn't suicide. The difference is, they think Deacon killed her. But he has bigger problems than gossip, because another body has been found ... As Deacon investigates the increasing threats to the singer's life, the danger becomes undeniable. Something evil lurks here – not just in the asylum's grim history, but in the present. And there will be no rest at Halcyon Hall until every sin has been avenged ...

Murder Outside the Lines by **Krista Davis** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Pen and Ink Series*. With Halloween approaching, the fall colors in Georgetown are brilliant. As manager of the *Color Me Read*

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bookstore, coloring book creator Florrie Fox has arranged for psychic author Hilda Rattenhorst to read from *Spooktacular Ghost Stories*. But the celebrity medium arrives for the event in hysterics, insisting she saw a foot sticking out of a rolled-up carpet in a nearby alley. Is someone trying to sweep murder under the rug? Florrie calls in her policeman beau, Sergeant Eric Jonquille, but the carpet corpse has disappeared ... Then in the middle of her reading, Hilda chillingly declares that she feels the killer's presence in the store. Is this a publicity stunt or a genuine psychic episode? It seems there's no happy medium. When a local bibliophile is soon discovered missing, a strange mystery begins to unroll. Now it's up to Florrie and Jonquille to expose a killer's true colors.

Prodigal Son by **Gregg Hurwitz** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Orphan X Series*. As a boy, Evan Smoak was pulled out of a foster home and trained in an off-the-books operation known as the *Orphan Program*. He was a government assassin, perhaps the best, known to a few insiders as *Orphan X*. He eventually broke with the Program and adopted a new name – *The Nowhere Man* – and a new mission, helping the most desperate in their times of trouble. But the highest power in the country has made him a tempting offer – in exchange for an unofficial pardon, he must stop his clandestine activities as *The Nowhere Man*. Now Evan has to do the one thing he's least equipped to do – live a normal life ... But then he gets a call for help from the one person he never expected. A woman claiming to have given him up for adoption, a woman he never knew – his mother. Her unlikely request: help Andrew Duran – a man whose life has gone off the rails, who was in the wrong place at the wrong time, bringing him to the deadly attention of very powerful figures. Now a brutal brother and sister assassination team are after him and with no one to turn to, and no safe place to hide, Evan is Duran's only option. But when the hidden cabal catches on to what Evan is doing, everything he's fought for is on the line – including his own life.

An Unexpected Peril by **Deanna Raybourn** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Veronica Speedwell Mystery Series*. January 1889. As the newest member of the *Curiosity Club* – an elite society of brilliant, intrepid women – Veronica Speedwell is excited to put her many skills to good use. As she assembles a memorial exhibition for pioneering mountain climber Alice Baker-Greene, Veronica discovers evidence that the recent death was not a tragic climbing accident but murder. Veronica and her natural historian beau, Stoker, tell the patron of the exhibit, Princess Gisela of Alpenwald, of their findings. With Europe on the verge of war, Gisela's chancellor, Count von Rechstein, does not want to make waves – and before Veronica and Stoker can figure out their next move, the princess disappears ... Having noted Veronica's resemblance to the princess, von Rechstein begs her to pose as Gisela for the sake of the peace treaty that brought the princess to England. Veronica reluctantly agrees to the scheme. She and Stoker must work together to keep the treaty intact while navigating unwelcome advances, assassination attempts, and Veronica's own family – the royalty who has never claimed her.

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Forgotten in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *In Death Series*. The body was left in a dumpster like trash, the victim a woman of no fixed address, known for offering paper flowers in return for spare change – and for keeping the cops informed of any infractions she witnessed on the street. But the notebook where she scribbled her intel on litterers and other such offenders is nowhere to be found ... Then homicide detective Eve Dallas is summoned away to a nearby building site to view more remains – in this case decades old, adorned with gold jewelry and fine clothing – unearthed by recent construction work. She isn't happy when she realizes that the scene of the crime belongs to her husband, Roarke – not that it should surprise her, since the Irish billionaire owns a good chunk of New York. Now Eve must enter a complex world of real estate development, family history, shady deals, and shocking secrets to find justice for two women whose lives were thrown away.

Quiet in Her Bones by **Nalini Singh** NZ Author (US Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). My mother vanished ten years ago. So did a quarter of a million dollars in cash. Thief. Bitch. Criminal. Now, she's back. Her bones clothed in scarlet silk ... When socialite Nina Rai disappeared without a trace, everyone wrote it off as another trophy wife tired of her wealthy husband. But now her bones have turned up in the shadowed green of the forest that surrounds her elite neighborhood, a haven of privilege and secrets that's housed the same influential families for decades ... The rich live here, along with those whose job it is to make their lives easier. And somebody knows what happened to Nina one rainy night ten years ago. Her son Aarav heard a chilling scream that night, and he's determined to uncover the ugly truth that lives beneath the moneyed elegance ... but no one is ready for the murderous secrets about to crawl out of the dark ... Even the dead aren't allowed to break the rules in this cul-de-sac.

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A Most Unusual Duke by **Susanna Allen** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Shapeshifters of the Beau Monde Series*. The Duke said he'd never get married ... The Prince Regent insists his cousin and fellow bear shifter Arthur Humphries, the Duke of Osborn, take a mate to ensure the continuation of their species. After all, Arthur is an Alpha, so he must set a good example. The duke would very much prefer to continue his comfortable bachelor lifestyle, but the Prince Regent is not a bear to be poked ... Beatrice, the widowed Marchioness of Castleton, is in possession of a powerful secret. She knows all about Shifters, her horrible late husband being one of them. At any moment, Beatrice could reveal the secrets of the Prince and those like him – unless the Prince can make sure she marries another Shifter ... A marriage between the Duke of Osborn and Beatrice is far from ideal for either one, but at least they won't fall in love ... right?

Fated Blades by **Ilona Andrews** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$22). *Kinsmen Series*. At first glance, the planet Rada seems like a lush paradise. But the ruling families, all boasting genetically enhanced abilities, are in constant competition for power – and none more so than the Adlers and the Baenas. For generations, the powerful families have pushed

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and pulled each other in a dance for dominance ... Until a catastrophic betrayal from within changes everything ... Now, deadly, disciplined, and solitary leaders Ramona Adler and Matias Baena must put aside their enmity and work together in secret to prevent sinister forces from exploiting universe-altering technology. Expecting to suffer through their uneasy alliance, Ramona and Matias instead discover that they understand each other as no one in their families can – and that their combined skills may eclipse the risks of their forbidden alliance ... As the two warriors risk their lives to save their families, they must decide whether to resist or embrace the passion simmering between them. For now, the dance between their families continues – but one misstep could spell the end of them both.

The Cruel Prince by **Holly Black** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Folk of the Air Series*. Of course I want to be like them. They're beautiful as blades forged in some divine fire. They will live forever ... And Cardan is even more beautiful than the rest. I hate him more than all the others. I hate him so much that sometimes when I look at him, I can hardly breathe ... One terrible morning, Jude and her sisters see their parents murdered in front of them. The terrifying assassin abducts all three girls to the world of Faerie, where Jude is installed in the royal court but mocked and tormented by the Faerie royalty for being mortal ... As Jude grows older, she realises that she will need to take part in the dangerous deceptions of the fey to truly belong ... But the stairway to power is fraught with shadows and betrayal. And looming over all is the infuriating, arrogant and charismatic Prince Cardan.

Wolf Gone Wild by **Juliette Cross** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$34). *Stay A Spell Series*. Unable to shift for three months, Mateo Cruz knows all too well. His wolf has taken up residence in his head, taunting him night and day with vividly violent and carnal thoughts. Convinced he's cursed, he needs the help of a powerful witch before he literally goes insane ... Evie Savoie has always obeyed the house rules of her coven – no werewolves. They're known for being moody and volatile. So, when a distempered, dangerous werewolf strolls into the bar and almost strangles one of her late-night customers, she's ready to bounce him through the door. But the desperation in his eyes when he begs her to help him softens her heart and convinces her to bend the rules ... What Evie doesn't know is that Mateo's wolf has a mind of his own. And now that she's in his sights, he wants only one thing. Her.

Savage Road by **Christine Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Torpedo Ink Series*. When Savin 'Savage' Pajari and Seychelle Dubois first met, their connection was instant, their attraction undeniable. Their relationship has been full throttle since day one. Even though months have passed, the passion and love between them has only increased ... Savage owns what he is: a sadist in the bedroom who can only get off on his partner's pain. He believes he's not a good man, but he loves Seychelle with a fierceness that shocks him. He wants all of her, but only if she gives herself freely with eyes wide open ... Seychelle never imagined the lure of mixing pain with pleasure, or how much she'd crave Savage's darkness. She's been shaken to her core, but she is

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committed to Savage and their life together – even though he’s keeping a piece of himself back. And to truly make their relationship work, he has to give her everything that he is, just as she is doing for him ... Savage knows that what he really needs could break his woman if she isn’t ready. She agreed to come into his world, and he’s not about to give her up. He has to find a way to let her see the monster inside without pushing her away. But the real Savage might be more than Seychelle can bear ... and he knows he wouldn’t survive losing her.

The Witch of Willow Hall by **Hester Fox** (Trade Paperback – \$32). Two centuries after the Salem witch trials, there’s still one witch left in Massachusetts. But she doesn’t even know it ... Take this as a warning: if you are not able or willing to control yourself, it will not only be you who suffers the consequences, but those around you, as well ... New Oldbury, 1821. In the wake of a scandal, the Montrose family and their three daughters – Catherine, Lydia and Emeline – flee Boston for their new country home, Willow Hall ... The estate seems sleepy and idyllic. But a subtle menace creeps into the atmosphere, remnants of a dark history that call to Lydia, and to the youngest, Emeline ... All three daughters will be irrevocably changed by what follows, but none more than Lydia, who must draw on a power she never knew she possessed if she wants to protect those she loves. For Willow Hall’s secrets will rise, in the end ...

Sapphire Eclipse by **Amy Hart** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$32). *NZ Author. Mistwood Academy Series.* A vampire. A murder. A prophecy ... I’m Emily Sanderson. I used to be an ordinary girl. Now I’m a vampire, living at Mistwood Academy, a school for supernatural teenagers. It’s not how I pictured my life turning out, but I’ve made friends, and I’m doing okay in my classes. I know I’ll figure things out ... But then I’m attacked and everything changes. There are whispered voices. Threats. And dark magic. Something sinister is going on at Mistwood ... something that results in murder ... Now I’m caught up in an ancient prophecy. A prophecy I need to stop before it’s too late.

The Bridge Kingdom by **Danielle Jensen** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$36). *Bridge Kingdom Series.* What if you fell in love with the one person you’d sworn to destroy? ... Lara has one thought for her husband on their wedding day: I will bring your kingdom to its knees. A princess trained from childhood to be a lethal spy, Lara knows that the Bridge Kingdom represents both legendary evil – and legendary promise. The only route through a storm-ravaged world, the Bridge Kingdom controls all trade and travel between lands, allowing its ruler to enrich himself and deprive his enemies, including Lara’s homeland. So when she is sent as a bride under the guise of fulfilling a peace treaty, Lara is prepared to do whatever it takes to fracture the defenses of the impenetrable Bridge Kingdom ... But as she infiltrates her new home – a lush paradise surrounded by tempest seas – and comes to know her new husband, Aren, Lara begins to question where the true evil resides. Around her, she sees a kingdom fighting for survival, and in Aren, a man fiercely protective of his people. As her mission drives her to deeper understanding of the fight to

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possess the bridge, Lara finds the attraction between her and Aren impossible to ignore. Her goal nearly within reach, Lara will have to decide her own fate: Will she be the destroyer of a king or the savior of her people?

Dark Stranger The Dream by **IT Lucas** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$30). *Children of the Gods Series.* Syssi’s paranormal foresight lands her a job at Dr. Amanda Dokani’s neuroscience lab. But Syssi’s premonitions are tricky. They foretell catastrophes but fail to predict the thrilling yet terrifying turn her life is about to take. Syssi has no clue that her new boss is the immortal daughter of a goddess and who will drag her into a secret, millennia-old battle over humanity’s future. Nor does she realize that the professor’s imposing brother is the mysterious stranger who’s been starring in her dreams ... Since the dawn of human civilization, two warring factions of near-immortals – the descendants of the gods of old – have been secretly shaping humanity’s destiny. Leading the clandestine battle from his luxurious L.A. high-rise, Kian is surrounded by his clan, yet alone. Descending from a single goddess, clan members are forbidden to each other. As the descendants of a single goddess, his clan members are forbidden to each other, and since the only other known immortals are their enemies, Kian and his kin have been long resigned to a lonely existence – of fleeting trysts with human partners – and eventual extinction. That is until his sister, a neuroscience professor and a researcher of paranormal abilities, makes a game-changing discovery.

The Memory of Souls by **Jenn Lyons** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Chorus of Dragons Series.* The longer he lives. The more dangerous he becomes ... Now that Relos Var’s plans have been revealed and demons are free to rampage across the empire, the fulfillment of the ancient prophecies – and the end of the world – is closer than ever ... To buy time for humanity, Kihrin needs to convince the king of the Manol vané to perform an ancient ritual which will strip the entire race of their immortality, but it’s a ritual which certain vané will do anything to prevent. Including assassinating the messengers ... Worse, Kihrin must come to terms with the horrifying possibility that his connection to the king of demons, Vol Karoth, is growing steadily in strength ... How can he hope to save anyone when he might turn out to be the greatest threat of them all?

House of Sky and Breath by **Sarah J. Maas** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Crescent City Series.* A world about to explode – and the people who will do anything to save it ... Bryce Quinlan and Hunt Athalar are trying to get back to normal – they may have saved Crescent City, but with so much upheaval in their lives lately, they mostly want a chance to relax. Slow down. Figure out what the future holds ... The Asteri have kept their word so far, leaving Bryce and Hunt alone. But with the rebels chipping away at the Asteri’s power, the threat the rulers pose is growing. As Bryce, Hunt, and their friends get pulled into the rebels’ plans, the choice becomes clear: stay silent while others are oppressed, or fight for what’s right. And they’ve never been very good at staying silent.

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(Hardcover – \$34). *Wayward Children Series*. Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. No Solicitations. No Visitors. No Quests ... When is a door not a door? When it's a gateway to adventure: when it's the portal that leads you from a world where you never quite fit in to the place where you've always belonged, where you've always wanted to be. When it is the conduit to everything you need to be happy ... When is a door a lie? When it opens again and you find yourself right back where you started ... only now suddenly, brutally aware of how much you're missing ... There's a school where these wayward children go, when they find themselves back in homes that will never understand them. Welcome to Eleanor West's ... Children have always disappeared under the right conditions; slipping through the shadows under a bed or at the back of a wardrobe, tumbling down rabbit holes and into old wells, and emerging somewhere ... else ... But magical lands have little need for used-up miracle children ... Nancy tumbled once, but now she's back, and enrolled at Eleanor West's Home for Wayward Children. Darkness lurks around each corner, and when tragedy strikes, it's up to Nancy and her new schoolmates to get to the heart of things ... no matter what it costs.

Hunt the Stars by **Jessie Mihalik** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Starlight's Shadow Series*. Octavia Zarola would do anything to keep her tiny, close-knit bounty hunting crew together – even if it means accepting a job from Torran Fletcher, a ruthless former general and her sworn enemy. When Torran offers her enough credits to not only keep her crew afloat but also hire someone to fix her ship, Tavi knows that she can't refuse – no matter how much she'd like to ... With so much money on the line, Torran and his crew insist on joining the hunt. Tavi reluctantly agrees because while the handsome, stoic leader pushes all of her buttons – for both anger and desire – she's endured worse, and the massive bonus payment he's promised for a completed job is reason enough to shut up and deal ... But when they uncover a deeper plot that threatens the delicate peace between humans and Valoffs, Tavi suspects that Torran has been using her as the impetus for a new war. With the fate of her crew balanced on a knife's edge, Tavi must decide where her loyalties lie – with the quiet Valoff who's been lying to her, or with the human leaders who left her squad to die on the battlefield. And this time, she's put her heart on the line.

The Raven Spell by **Luanne G. Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Conspiracy of Magic Series*. After a nearly fatal blow to the skull, traumatized private detective Ian Cameron is found dazed and confused on a muddy riverbank in Victorian London. Among his effects: a bloodstained business card bearing the name of a master wizard and a curious pocket watch that doesn't seem to tell time. To retrieve his lost memories, Ian demands answers from Edwina and Mary Blackwood, sister witches with a murky past. But as their secret is slowly unveiled, a dangerous mystery emerges on the darkened streets of London ... To help piece together Ian's lost time, he and Edwina embark on a journey that will take them from the river foreshore to an East End music hall, and on to a safe house for witches in need of

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sanctuary from angry mortals. The clues they find suggest a link between a series of gruesome murders, a missing person's case, and a dreadful suspicion that threatens to tear apart the bonds of sisterhood. As the investigation deepens, could Ian and Edwina be the next to die?

Pretty Little Lion by **Suleikha Snyder** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Third Shift Series*. The rules of undercover work are simple: Never fall for your mark. Never let down your guard. Never give your heart away ... Lion shifter and Third Shift co-founder Elijah Richter is on a mission: seduce arms dealer Mirko Aston's gorgeous girlfriend, use her as an entry point to the organization, and discover what the global terrorist is planning. It should be simple ... Then he meets Meghna Saxena-Saunders – influencer, celebutante, ex-wife to a handsome Hollywood hotshot, and a highly trained apsara assassin – and all his plans are blown out of the water ... Meghna immediately clocks the mysterious stranger watching her at a VIP party and decides she's curious enough to play along. She and Elijah fall headfirst into their lusty bed of lies, but when their steamy morning-after is interrupted by one of Aston's goons, both of their missions are thrown into jeopardy. Now Meghna must team up with Third Shift to cover her tracks, discover the truth, and resist falling for a man who thrills her to her core ... before it's too late.

The Best of Both Wolves by **Terry Spear** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Red Wolf Series*. Where there's a wolf, there's a way ... Retired army finance officer Sierra Redding is on her way to her new job as a part-time art teacher for a red wolf pack in Portland, Oregon, when she thwarts a break-in in her hotel room. She's just in time to see the would-be thief and sketch him for detective Adam Holmes, earning her a job with the police department as a sketch artist, and bringing her closer to the handsome investigator ... When the thief is caught, he has friends that make her life challenging.

A Touch of Darkness by **Scarlett St. Clair** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Hades and Persephone Series*. Persephone is the Goddess of Spring in title only. Since she was a little girl, flowers have only shriveled at her touch. After moving to New Athens, she hoped to lead an unassuming life disguised as a mortal journalist. All of that changes when she sits down in a forbidden nightclub to play a hand of cards with a hypnotic and mysterious stranger ... Hades, God of the Dead, has built a gambling empire in the mortal world and his favorite bets are rumored to be impossible. But nothing has ever intrigued him as much as the goddess offering him a bargain he can't resist ... After her encounter with Hades, Persephone finds herself in a contract with the God of the Dead, and his terms are impossible: Persephone must create life in the Underworld or lose her freedom forever. The bet does more than expose Persephone's failure as a goddess, however. As she struggles to sow the seeds of her freedom, love for the God of the Dead grows – a love that is both captivating and forbidden.

Pestilence by **Laura Thalassa** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *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

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all of humanity. They came to earth, and they came to end us all ... When Pestilence comes for Sara Burn's town, one thing is certain: everyone she knows and loves is marked for death. Unless, of course, the angelic-looking horseman is stopped, which is exactly what Sara has in mind when she shoots the unholy beast off his steed. Too bad no one told her Pestilence can't be killed ... Now the horseman, very much alive and very pissed off, has taken her prisoner, and he's eager to make her suffer. Only, the longer she's with him, the more uncertain she is about his true feelings towards her ... and hers towards him ... And now, well, Sara might still be able to save the world, but in order to do so, she'll have to sacrifice her heart in the process.

Heaven Official's Blessing Vol. 2 by **Mo Xiang Tong Xiu** (Trade Paperback – \$36). *LGBTQ*. The Touch of a Hand, a Roll of the Dice ... Xie Lian has confirmed that the bewitching youth San Lang is actually Hua Cheng, one of the Four Calamities and a supreme ghost despised by all heavenly officials. Still, he has trouble matching the terror of his companion's reputation with the charming, clever, and protective young man he's come to know ... When a distress signal leads Xie Lian into Ghost City, a bustling metropolis containing all the horrors and delights of the dead, he sees Hua Cheng in his element – and his true form – for the first time. But despite their chemistry and care for one another, there are missions to fulfill and secrets to uncover, and Xie Lian's centuries of troubled history are never far behind.

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Girls Before Earls by **Anna Bennett** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Rogues to Lovers Series*. To survive her difficult childhood, Miss Hazel Lively relied on two things: a tough exterior and a love of books. Now, she's realized her life-long dream of opening a school for girls. She's hoping the wealthy families who summer at the shore will entrust their daughters to Bellehaven Academy – and help pay for less fortunate students. All Hazel must do is maintain a flawless reputation. It's a foolproof plan ... until a handsome earl strides into her office ... Gabriel Beckett, Earl of Bladenton, has had a monstrous headache since the day his teenaged niece became his ward. She's already been expelled from two London schools, but Blade is determined to enroll her at Bellehaven Academy, where she'll be out of his hair. If only he can convince the buttoned-up – and unexpectedly intriguing – headmistress to take a risk ... Blade makes an offer that's impossible for Hazel to refuse, but she has one condition: the earl must visit his niece every other week. Soon, Blade discovers there's more to Hazel than meticulous lessons. Their sparring leads to flirtation ... and something altogether deeper. But the passion that flares between them poses a threat to Hazel's school and Blade's battered heart. They say a good thing can't last forever, but true love? Well, it just might ...

The Redemption of Philip Thane by **Lisa Berne** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Penhallow Dynasty Series*. How many times can a rake get it wrong ... before he becomes Mr. Right? ... Philip Thane – rogue, rake and scoundrel extraordinaire – hadn't wanted to visit some dumpy provincial town to give a speech, but he'd struck a devil's bargain with old

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Henrietta Penhallow, the imperious family matriarch. Nor did he expect that once he got there, he'd somehow be living the same day over and over again. It's strange! It's terrible! ... On the other hand, it is giving him time to cozy up to the delectable, brainy Margaret Allen, in town to research the book she's writing. Philip is sure she'll fall starry-eyed into his arms, just as women always do ... But to his amazement Miss Allen stands firm against his wiles, day after day. How can she resist his seductive charm? Why won't she change her mind? What must he do to win her heart? ... Maybe – just maybe – it isn't Margaret who needs to change, but rather a certain rogue, in love for the first time in his life, who will ...

To Seduce a Highlander by **Kerrigan Byrne** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$29). *Highland Magic Series*. Meet the MacLauchlan Berserkers ... They are three of the world's Unwanted. On a snowy Solstice night, their tale becomes one of blood and vengeance, of love, redemption, and forging the bonds that make a family. *Roderick – Highland Secret* He's death for hire, cursed by a malicious enemy who left him unable to speak. She's a refugee with a dangerous secret that could cost her life. Outnumbered by thousands, he's fated to die in battle like so many Berserkers before him. Could the strength of their love defy destiny? *Connor – Highland Shadow* He's a mercenary Laird who fears nothing but the darkness inside him. She's a noble beauty from two of the most prominent families in Scotland, sold to the highest bidder. He mistakenly rescues her from a fate worse than death, but now she's his captive. They must battle their pride and their explosive attraction to each other in order to defeat a common enemy who threatens the clan's survival. *Finn – Highland Stranger* He's a nameless bastard, stalking the Highlands bent on revenge and murder when he stumbles on an infant deserted in the snow. She's a desperate woman who's lost everything, including her dignity.

Duke Gone Rogue by **Christy Carlyle** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Love on Holiday Series*. Will Hart, the Duke of Ashmore, is everything his father was not: scrupulously honest, forbidding, and apparently joyless. As a duke, he's a catch, but as a grumpy stick-in-the mud, no lady knows quite how to catch his eye. When his sisters concoct a plan for him to visit a run-down family property in Cornwall, he reluctantly agrees, hoping it will be a chance for him to rediscover the carefree man he once was ... Madeline Ravenwood believes she can do anything she puts her mind to, including running the gardening business she inherited from her father and being a founding member of the Royal Visit Committee. Hard at work preparing for Princess Beatrice's visit to judge their annual flower show, the appearance of a stern, handsome duke is a distraction Maddie doesn't need ... Tasked by the committee to convince the duke to repair his ramshackle manor house in time for the royal visit, he agrees, if she will join him as he explores Cornwall. Spending their days, and nights, together, Will's love for Maddie becomes too strong to ignore. But Maddie knows how different their worlds are and when the burdens of his title reappear, can Will convince her that she's the woman he's been waiting for?

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The Widow Wore Plaid by **Jenna Jaxon** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Widow's Club Series*. The Battle of Waterloo made them widows, but each has found new happiness. However Jane, Lady John Tarkington, intends to keep her freedom, even if love – and one particular gentleman – are determined to claim her heart ... It is a truth rarely acknowledged – at least in public – that a wealthy widow is free to pursue a great many adventures. For two years, Jane has privately enjoyed her independence. Why should she remarry, even when the gentleman proposing is as wonderful as Gareth, Lord Kinellan? She entreats him never to ask her again. But as her *Widows' Club* friends – now all joyfully remarried – gather at Castle Kinellan, Jane begins to wonder if stubbornness has led her to make a terrible mistake ... Kinellan needs a wife to give him an heir, and he wants that wife to be Jane. They are perfect together in every way, yet she continually refuses him. Just as he is on the point of convincing her, a series of accidents befall Gareth and point to an enemy in their midst. He has promised Jane a passionate future filled with devotion, but can he keep them both alive long enough to secure it?

His Lessons on Love by **Cathy Maxwell** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Logical Man's Guide to Dangerous Women Series*. Lesson #1: A man, even titled and handsome, cannot be careless forever ... The Earl of Marsden – better known as Mars to all – has lived his life by his own rules ... until he is presented with a very big problem in a very tiny package – a baby girl, his daughter cast off by his ex-mistress. Mars won't let his child be cast adrift, except he doesn't know the first thing about babies ... Panicking, he turns to a woman for help. Not just any woman, but Clarissa Taylor, village spinster, matron-in-training, and Mars's greatest critic. Still, who better to tend a motherless child than a woman who was abandoned as a babe herself? Lesson #2: Life always plays the upper hand – especially when it comes to love ... Clarissa desperately wishes to not to be beholden to anyone. She has spent a lifetime being pitied by the village. Her plan is simple – to use what the intolerable earl will pay her to become her own woman. It all sounds so straightforward until the threat of scandal sends her and the one man she can't abide toward ... marriage? ... Mars and Clarissa are about to learn the greatest lesson of all – that sparks always fly when the iron is hot.

How to Deceive a Duke by **Samara Parish** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Rebels with a Cause Series*. Fiona McTavish is an engineer, a chemist, a rebel – and no one's idea of a proper lady. She prefers breeches to ballrooms, but her new invention – matches – will surely turn as many heads. There's just a little matter of her being arrested for a crime she didn't commit. And the only person she can turn to for help is the man who broke her heart years ago ... Edward Stirling, Duke of Wildeforde, will do anything to restore his family's name and put his father's scandalous death behind them. But when Fiona needs his help getting released from prison, he can't deny her – even though it means she must live with him as a condition of her freedom. With the desire between them rekindling as fast as the gossip about their arrangement is spreading among the ton, Edward will have to choose what matters most to him – his reputation or his heart.

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A Scoundrel of Her Own by **Stacy Reid** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Sinful Wallflowers Series*. Lady Ophelia Darby exists in two worlds. In one, she is the impudent, willful daughter of a powerful marquess and darling of the ton. In the other, she moves through the underworld's shadows as songstress Lady Starlight, protected only by the notoriously wealthy scoundrel Devlin Byrne. But when she stumbles upon her beloved father's darkest secrets, the line between her two worlds quickly blurs. Now she needs the help of the one man a lady should never trust ... Devlin Byrne stands on the edge of London society, knowing he will never be accepted. No one else knows that his obscene wealth and ruthlessness aren't without purpose. Or that his purpose has golden-brown eyes that shimmer with mischief, the palest of skin, and a lush mouth that beckons to be kissed, and deeply. But having Ophelia is only the beginning of Devlin's plans ... It's undeniable that Devlin Byrne is a dangerous temptation – but just as Ophelia begins to trust him, maybe even fall for him, she discovers she's not the only one with secrets. And his would lead her down more than just the path of scandal ...

Highland Wolf by **Lynsay Sands** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Highland Brides Series*. In all her daydreams about her wedding day, Lady Claray MacFarlane never once imagined being dragged to the altar by her greedy uncle and forced to marry a man she didn't know. But that's what happened, or would have, had a Highland warrior not snatched her up at the last minute and ridden off with her in his arms ... They call him *The Wolf*. The mercenary's courage and prowess in battle are known throughout the Highlands, and with his handsome face and black-as-sin hair, he is as intelligent and deadly as the wolf he was named for ... But *The Wolf* is also Claray's betrothed. Thought to have been killed as a child, he's been in hiding all these years. Now he's determined to earn enough coin to rebuild his home, reclaim his birthright, and honor his marriage contract to Claray. For he's fallen for the tender-hearted lass ... and he will do anything to protect her and their future together.

In the Arms of a Highlander by **Michele Sinclair** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *McTiernays Series*. The McTiernay brothers will always be able to depend upon Brodie Dunstan's loyalty, his sword, and his strength. But there is another kind of bond – one that can fell even a fearless warrior ... Brodie Dunstan was an honored McTiernay commander when he agreed to leave and help an allied clan. Eight years later, he's back among the McTiernays at Lochlen Castle, yet despite the welcome, Brodie feels he's still searching for his rightful place. The moment he rescues a storm-soaked young woman on the road to Lochlen, he wonders if he's found it ... From nun to killer to royal spy, Shinae Mayboill has had little choice in her life's path so far. Now, caught in a compromising position with Brodie after her rescue, she's ushered into a hasty marriage. To her surprise, Brodie is unlike any man she has ever met, with a tenderness that belies his powerful persona. Their passion deepens every day. But when Brodie learns the truth about her past – and the real reason she has come to Lochlen Castle – will there still be room for her in the Highlander's heart?

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The Rebel and the Rake by **Emily Sullivan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *League of Scoundrels Series*. Rafe Davies might seem like just another charismatic rake, but in reality, he is one of the crown's most valuable agents. As relentless as he is reckless, Rafe has never come upon a mission he couldn't complete. But when he encounters the intriguing-yet-prickly lady's companion Miss Sylvia Sparrow while on assignment at a Scottish house party, he finds himself thoroughly distracted by the secretive beauty ... Though most women would be thrilled to catch the eye of a tall, dark, and dangerously handsome man, Sylvia is through with that sort of adventure. She trusted the wrong man once and paid for it dearly. The fiery bluestocking is resolved to avoid Rafe, until a chance encounter between them reveals the normally irreverent man's unexpected depths – and an attraction that's impossible to ignore. But when Sylvia begins to suspect she isn't the only one harboring a few secrets, she realizes that Rafe may pose a risk to far more than her heart.

Fortune Favors the Duke by **Kristin Vayden** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Cambridge Brotherhood Series*. Quinton Errington is perfectly happy teaching at Cambridge, with his elder brother carrying the duties of being the Duke of Wesley. But when a trip to celebrate Wesley's last week of bachelorhood ends in tragedy, Quinton, who becomes the Duke, would give anything to have his brother back ... Wesley's would-be bride, Catherine Greatheart, is left heartbroken and alone. Her grandmother has fallen ill, and Catherine has

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nowhere left to turn but to the family she was so close to being part of. The new Duke is kind, and she could use a friend ... Between learning how to be the head of his family, mourning his brother, and trying not to fall in love with his late-brother's fiancée, Quinton will need some help – and it's a good thing he's not alone.

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The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by **Taylor Jenkins Reid** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *LGBTQ*. Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for the job, no one is more astounded than Monique herself. Why her? Why now? ... Monique is not exactly on top of the world. Her husband has left her, and her professional life is going nowhere. Regardless of why Evelyn has selected her to write her biography, Monique is determined to use this opportunity to jumpstart her career ... Summoned to Evelyn's luxurious apartment, Monique listens in fascination as the actress tells her story. From making her way to Los Angeles in the 1950s to her decision to leave show business in the '80s, and, of course, the seven husbands along the way, Evelyn unspools a tale of ruthless ambition, unexpected friendship, and a great forbidden love. Monique begins to feel a very real connection to the legendary star, but as Evelyn's story near its conclusion, it becomes clear that her life intersects with Monique's own in tragic and irreversible ways.

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