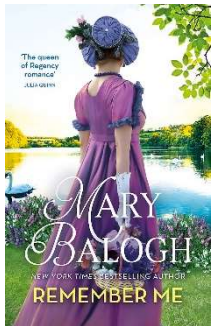
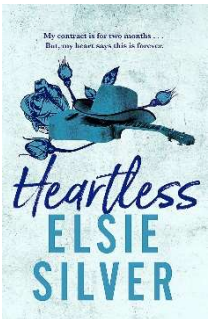
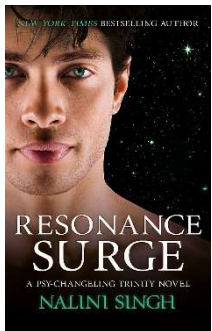
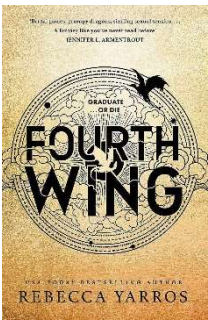


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Needing some more reading material to help you get through these cold and wet months? There are some great new releases by Jennifer L. Armentrout (*A Soul of Ash and Blood*), Mary Balogh (*Remember Me*), Eloisa James (*Not That Duke*), Devney Perry (*Crimson River*), Emily Rath (*Pucking Around*), Elsie Silver (*Heartless*), Nalini Singh (*Resonance Surge*), Rebecca Yarros (*Fourth Wing*) and more. Enjoy your reading!

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|  <p>Title: Remember Me Author: Mary Balogh Classification: Historical Book Type: UK B Paperback Price: \$26 Annotation: <i>Ravenswood Series.</i> On the cusp of making her debut in London, Lady Philippa Ware overheard the Marquess of Roath viciously insult her upon learning of her father's identity. Mortified, Philippa went into social seclusion and it is several years before Philippa finds the courage to go to London at last to meet the ton. She is an instant success and enjoys a close friendship with the granddaughter of a duke. Only one man can spoil everything for her... Lucas Arden, Marquess of Roath, is instantly attracted to his sister's new friend, until that young lady asks a simple question: "Remember me?"</p> |  <p>Title: Heartless Author: Elsie Silver Classification: Contemporary Book Type: UK B Paperback Price: \$26 Annotation: <i>Chestnut Springs Series.</i> Working as a nanny for the world's grumpiest single dad should have been simple. Except I can't keep my eyes off him. And he can't keep his hands off of me...Cade Eaton is thirteen years older than I am and barely looks my way. Until I get him into the hot tub one night for a game of truth or dare. Then all bets are off—and so are our clothes... Someone convinced Cade once that his best wasn't good enough. But I've never felt more cherished than I do in his arms. My contract may say this arrangement is only for two months. But my heart says this is forever.</p> |
|  <p>Title: Resonance Surge Author: Nalini Singh Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Demy Trade Paperback Price: \$32 Annotation: <i>Psy-Changeling Trinity Series.</i> StoneWater bears Pavel and Yakov Stepyrev have been a unit since birth, but now Pavel's life is veering in a new direction, his heart held in the hands of Arwen Mercant, a Psy empath. This is it. A point of irrevocable change. For Pavel... for Arwen... for Yakov... and for another pair of twins whose bond has a far darker history... A low-Gradient Psy, Theodora Marshall is considered worthless by everyone but her violently powerful twin, Pax. She is the sole person he trusts to investigate a hidden part of their family history—an unregistered rehabilitation Center established by their grandfather. Theo must uncover the awful truth—in the company of a scowling bear named Yakov, who isn't about to take a Marshall at face value...</p> |  <p>Title: Fourth Wing Author: Rebecca Yarros Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback Price: \$33 Annotation: <i>Empyrean Series.</i> Violet Sorrengail was supposed to live a quiet life as a scribe. Now, the commanding general—also known as her tough-as-talons mother—has ordered Violet to join the hundreds of candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders... But when you're small and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away... Violet is assigned to the Fourth Wing, led by Xaden Riorson, the son of a rebel leader whom her mother executed. With fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her just for being her mother's daughter... Everyone at Basgiath War College has an agenda—because once you enter, there are only two ways out: graduate or die.</p> |

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Does It Hurt by **H.D. Carlton** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$49). Who am I? I've forgotten the answer to that question long ago. Ever since I ran from that house, so desperate to escape, I left with only the clothes on my back and socks on my feet. After that day, I've only ever walked in stolen shoes... Could I be a girl who is searching for the meaning of life in faceless men? They were all so forgettable. Until he came along. He took me under a waterfall and made me forget my name, and in return, I took his instead... Enzo Vitale... An enigmatic man that will only ever love the deep sea. Or rather the predators that inhabit it. Turns out, he's not so different than the monsters he feeds. He lured me onto his boat like a fish in the ocean, seeking vengeance for my crime. Had I realized his intentions, and that a massive storm would leave us shipwrecked, I would've run... Now, I'm a girl who's seeking refuge in a decrepit lighthouse with a man who loathes me almost as much as he craves me. He wants to hurt me, but the old caretaker of the abandoned island may have intentions far more sinister... It's no longer a question of who I am, but rather, will I survive?

The Bodyguard by **Katherine Center** (UK B Paperback—\$26). She's got his back. He's got her heart. They've got a secret. What could possibly go wrong?... Hannah Brooks looks more like a kindergarten teacher than somebody who could kill you with a wine bottle opener. Or a ballpoint pen. Or a dinner napkin. But the truth is, she's an Executive Protection Agent (aka "bodyguard"), and she just got hired to protect superstar actor Jack Stapleton from his middle-aged, corgi-breeding stalker... Jack Stapleton's a household name—captured by paparazzi on beaches the world over, famous for, among other things, rising out of the waves in all manner of clingy board shorts and glistening like a Roman deity. But a few years back, in the wake of a family tragedy, he dropped from the public eye and went off the grid... When Jack's mom gets sick, he goes home to the family's Texas ranch to help out. Only one catch: He doesn't want his family to know about his stalker. Or the bodyguard thing. And so Hannah—against her will and her better judgment—finds herself pretending to be Jack's girlfriend as a cover. Even though her ex, says no one will believe it... Hannah hardly believes it, herself. But the more time she spends with Jack, the more real it all starts to seem. And there lies the heartbreak. Because it's easy for Hannah to protect

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Jack. But protecting her own, long-neglected heart? That's the hardest thing she's ever done.

The House on Firefly Beach by **Jenny Hale** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Firefly Beach Series*. For Sydney Flynn, her treasured family home, Starlight Cottage, is her sanctuary. The house on the beach, surrounded by glittering turquoise waters, is the perfect place for her fresh start, piecing her life back together after it fell apart. That's until her knees almost buckle at the sight of Nate Henderson... As teenagers, Sydney and Nate spent their summers whispering sweet nothings and promising "forever" to each other. Sydney never imagined that her childhood sweetheart was going to break her heart, driving away from her and Firefly Beach, never looking back... Now, when Sydney spots him at her sister's wedding, their eyes meeting across the rows of guests, she barely recognizes him. The down-to-earth son of a fisherman, forever in beach t-shirts and flip flops, is replaced with a successful songwriter in a designer suit, a superstar in the country music scene. Yet despite everything, his dazzling blue eyes and easy smile stir up all the feelings she thought she'd left behind... Nate is back to make it up to Sydney, but can she forgive him for all the heartbreak he caused? And it's not only about her—Sydney is a single mother to Robby, her whole world, and she won't let just anyone into their lives. Can she trust that Nate has really changed?... As if worrying about Nate wasn't enough, a new development threatens Starlight Cottage, the safe haven that saved her when she had nothing else. Can Nate and Sydney overcome their past to save Firefly Beach and the house that holds so many memories for them? Or will the town they adore, and the love they have for one another, be lost forever?

Too Late by **Colleen Hoover** (UK B Paperback—\$26). Sloan will go through hell and back for those she loves. And she does so, every single day. Caught up with the alluring Asa Jackson, a notorious drug trafficker, Sloan has finally found a lifeline to cling to, even if it's meant compromising her morals. She was in dire straits trying to pay for her brother's care until she met Asa. But as Sloan became emotionally and economically reliant on him, he in turn developed a disturbing obsession with her—one that becomes increasingly dangerous every day... When undercover DEA agent Carter enters the picture, Sloan's surprised to feel an immediate attraction between them, despite knowing that if

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Asa finds out, he will kill him. And Asa has always been a step ahead of everyone in his life, including Sloan. No one has ever gotten in his way... No one except Carter... Together, Sloan and Carter must find a way out before it's too late ...

The Summer Girl by **Elle Kennedy** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Avalon Bay Series*. College student Cassie Soul hasn't spent an entire summer in Avalon Bay in years, not since her parents divorced and her mother spitefully whisked her away to Boston. Now that her grandmother is selling the boardwalk hotel that's been in their family for five decades, Cassie returns to the quaint beach town to spend time with family, ring in her twenty-first birthday... and maybe find herself a summer fling... On her first night in town, she finds the perfect candidate: Tate Bartlett, Avalon Bay's fun-loving golden boy... Tate, sailing instructor and lovable player, is no stranger to flings. In fact, he's always down for a good time. But the moment he meets Cassie, he knows she's not the girl you play games with. Cassie is gorgeous, hilarious, and, frankly, the coolest person he's ever met. The last thing he wants to do is risk breaking her heart, and so he reluctantly puts her in the friend-zone... only to realize he made a huge mistake. Soon, his attraction to Cassie becomes impossible to ignore. He wants that fling now. Big-time... And maybe even something more... As Cassie and Tate walk the line between friends and lovers, they're about to discover that their situation is the least complicated part of this equation. Because Avalon Bay is full of secrets—and their relationship might not survive when those secrets come to light.

Promises We Meant to Keep by **Monica Murphy** (UK B Paperback—\$25). *Lancaster Prep Series*. A damaged woman gets her chance to redeem herself with the one man who's been in love with her forever... Spencer Donato... My brother's best friend ... My dirty little secret... We fell for each other at Lancaster Prep. Sneaking around. Not wanting anyone to find out. He was my first love, my protector, my knight in shining armor. We were made for each other, and I truly believed he was my forever... But then I did the unthinkable, and betrayed him in the worst possible way. I thought I lost him for good... Until I saw him at my brother's wedding. Now he's older. Crueler. Unbearably handsome. We're drawn to each other still, but will Spencer be there for me when I need him the most? Or did I ruin us once again?

Crimson River by **Devney Perry** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$42). *Edens Series*. Lyla Eden has spent the last few years watching her siblings fall in love. Meanwhile, she's married to her job. It's on her hundredth consecutive workday that her sister stages an intervention, kicking Lyla out of her own coffee shop. With nothing else to do, Lyla sets out on her favorite hiking trail... It's there that she spots a man washing blood from his hands in a stream. One moment she's staring at the jagged scar on his face. The next, his hand is around her throat. But by some miracle, he lets her go... Shaken to her core, Lyla reports the incident to the local police. Two days later, Vance Sutter arrives in town, armed with endless questions and a tarnished badge... Vance may be ruggedly handsome but he's as mysterious as the man he's hunting. And he'll be

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gone from Quincy in a blink. Yet Lyla's crush is impossible to stop... No matter how hard Vance tries to ignore it, there's no denying the chemistry between them. And avoiding Lyla is not an option. After years of chasing dead ends, she's his only lead to closing the case that haunts his career. So together, they'll retrace her steps... To find the scarred man she met beside a crimson river.

The Seven Year Slip by **Ashley Poston** (UK B Paperback—\$24). Sometimes, the worst day of your life happens, and you have to figure out how to live after it... Six months ago, overworked book publicist Clementine West had the worst day of her life. So, she came up with a plan to keep her heart safe: stay busy, work hard, take no risks. And it's been working... That is until one day she finds a strange man standing in her kitchen. A man with kind eyes, a crooked smile, and a recipe for the perfect lemon meringue pie. The kind of man that, before everything, she could have fallen for... He's perfect but for one thing: he lives in the past. Seven years ago, to be exact... This should be impossible, but Clementine used to love impossible things. And maybe, just maybe, she will again. After all, love is never a matter of time—but a matter of timing.

Pucking Around by **Emily Rath** (Print-On-Demand-Paperback—\$50). *Jacksonville Rays Series*. My name is Rachel Price, and two months ago, I walked away from the perfect man. Sweet and funny, and so hot it should be illegal—we shared one magical night. No names. No strings. I never thought I'd see him again... I was wrong. It turns out Mr. Perfect is the playboy grinder for the Jacksonville Rays, the NHL's hottest new hockey team... and I'm his new physical therapist. Oh, and the jerk doesn't even recognize me!... This fellowship is going to be the longest ten months of my life. Mr. Perfect Mistake will do anything to get back on my good side. Meanwhile, his best friend is the surly new equipment manager always riding my case. Worst of all, I've got an uncooperative goalie who thinks I can't tell he's hiding an injury!... This is my chance to prove myself, and I'm not risking it for anything. But with one unexpected night, one secret revealed, these men are ready to test all my limits. I can't fall for a player... let alone three. But if love is a game, these guys are playing to win.

Cold Blooded Liar by **Karen Rose** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *San Diego Case Files Series*. He lies about everything. Except for murder... Colton Driscoll is a compulsive liar. But there's one thing his psychologist Sam Reeves fears he is telling the truth about: murder. Concerned his patient has committed an awful crime and that the life of another girl could be under threat, Sam calls in an anonymous tip to the San Diego Police Department... Detective Kit McKittrick works homicide in the hope that one day she will find out what happened to her foster sister, Wren. When a tip comes in from an anonymous caller, it leads her to the body of a girl whose murder has the hallmarks of a serial killer that has been at large for almost twenty years. It also leads her to the source of the information: Dr Sam Reeves... Will Kit crack the cold case in time to stop another murder being committed? And is Sam Reeves being a concerned citizen trying to help, or is there another more sinister reason he has so much information?

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Last Rites by **Sharon Sala** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Jubilee Series*. There's nothing a community won't do to protect its own... Shirley Wallace and her four sons return to her childhood home on Pope Mountain in Jubilee, Kentucky, with a lifetime of hardship behind them, hoping to find peace and begin their lives anew. Eldest brother Aaron Pope returns to his life as a police officer, and is settling in just fine. Then Aaron's investigation into an attempted murder leads him right to Dani Owens. She may hold the key to a long-lost part of the Pope family's past, and more importantly, she may hold the key to Aaron's heart.

Powerless by **Elsie Silver** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Chestnut Springs Series*. Two childhood best friends. Two broken hearts. One impromptu road trip to get away from everything... I've been living in the friend zone for years now... To Jasper Gervais's fans, he's just the hockey heartthrob on TV. But to me, he's still the lost boy with sad eyes and a heart of gold. The man I've loved in secret for years... So when my life falls apart on my wedding day, it only makes sense that he's the one to swoop in and save me. And when his world comes crashing down around him, I'm there to return the favour... But the more time alone we spend together, the more I start to realise that Jasper isn't looking at me like a friend anymore. And he isn't touching me like one, either... He acts like he wants me... But after years of turning me away, he's going to need to prove it...

Reckless by **Elsie Silver** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Chestnut Springs Series*. Theo Silva. Rowdy bull rider, notorious ladies' man, scorching hot trouble wrapped up in a drool-worthy package... And he's looking at me like I might be his next meal... I'm almost free of my toxic marriage and have sworn off men entirely. So all I see when I look at Theo is temptation served up with a heaping side of heartbreak... The man is hard to trust—and even harder to resist... Make that impossible. Because Theo is persistent. And no matter how hard I try to freeze him out, he melts my icy exterior and pulls apart all my defences... Then I spend the hottest night of my life with him... It was supposed to be a one-time thing... A secret... But that little plus sign is going to make this secret impossible to keep.

Business or Pleasure by **Rachel Lynn Solomon** (UK B Paperback—\$25). Chandler Cohen has never felt more like the ghost in "ghostwriter" until she attends a signing for a book she wrote—and the author doesn't even recognize her. The evening turns more promising when she meets a charming man at the bar and immediately connects with him. But when all their sexual tension culminates in a spectacularly awkward hookup, she decides this is one night better off forgotten... Unfortunately, that's easier said than done. Her next project is ghostwriting a memoir for Finn Walsh, a C-list actor best known for playing a lovable nerd on a cult classic werewolf show who now makes a living appearing at fan conventions across the country. Chandler knows him better from their one-night stand of hilarious mishaps... Chandler's determined to keep their partnership as professional as possible, but when she admits to Finn their night together wasn't as mind-blowing as he thought it was, he's distraught. He intrigues her enough that

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense they strike a deal: when they're not working on his book, Chandler will school Finn in the art of satisfaction. As they grow closer both in and out of the bedroom, they must figure out which is more important, business or pleasure—or if there's a way for them to have both.

With Love, From Cold World by **Alicia Thompson** (UK B Paperback—\$25). Lauren Fox is the bookkeeper for Cold World, a tourist destination that's always a winter wonderland despite being located in humid Orlando, Florida. Sure, it's ranked way below any of the trademarked amusement parks and maybe foot traffic could be better. But it's a fun place to work, even if 'fun' isn't exactly Lauren's middle name... Her coworker Asa Williamson, on the other hand, is all about finding ways to enliven his days at Cold World—whether that means organizing the Secret Santa or teasing Lauren. When the owner asks Lauren and Asa to propose something (anything, really) to raise more revenue, their rivalry heats up as they compete to come up with the best idea. But the situation is more dire than they thought, and it might take these polar opposites working together to save the day. If Asa thought Lauren didn't know how to enjoy herself, he's surprised by how much he enjoys spending time together. And if Lauren thought Asa wasn't serious about anything, she's surprised by how seriously he seems to take her... As Lauren and Asa work to save their beloved wintery spot, they realize the real attraction might be the heat generating between them.

You Can Die by **Rebecca Zanetti** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Laurel Snow Series*. Men are dying in the Pacific Northwest, their bodies found near churches, charities, and counselling centers—each with valentine candy hearts shoved down their throats. They're good men with families and community ties—or so they seem until Laurel Snow and her team begin to investigate. Then the case takes a shockingly personal turn when the father she's never met, a former pastor, is attacked in exactly the same way... Now, besides solving the case, Laurel is on the hunt to discover where her father has been. Complicating things is Laurel's troubled half-sister, Abigail, a brilliant sociopath determined to prove that they've both inherited their father's malignant narcissism... Assisting Laurel is Washington Fish and Wildlife Captain Huck Rivers, a dangerous loner whose reliance on gut instinct puts him at odds with Laurel's coolly analytic approach. But the choice may be moot when the killer hones in on Huck's own dark secrets—putting him and Laurel squarely in the crosshairs.

All Rhodes Lead Here by **Mariana Zapata** (UK B Paperback—\$28). The people we lose take a part of us with them... but they leave a part of themselves with us too... Aurora De La Torre, or Ora to her friends, knows moving back to Pagosa Springs, Colorado, a place that was once home and is now full of bittersweet memories of her late mother, isn't going to be easy. Starting your whole life over probably isn't supposed to be... But after breaking up with her longtime, famous musician boyfriend, hiding out in a small town in the mountains might be the perfect remedy for a broken heart. And checking out her landlord who lives across the

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 driveway just might cure it, too... Only Tobias Rhodes didn't rent out the apartment to her, rather it was his teenage son, Amos. Fiercely protective of his family and distrusting of strangers, gruff and grumpy Rhodes initially keeps little miss sunshine Ora at a distance. But over days and weeks, long hikes and fireside chats, Aurora breaks down his walls and soon an unbreakable friendship blossoms into a once-in-a-lifetime love.

The Wall of Winnipeg and Me by **Mariana Zapata** (UK B Paperback—\$28). 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 beyond 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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Amongst Our Weapons by **Ben Aaronovitch** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Rivers Of London Series*. There is a world hidden underneath this city... The London Silver Vaults—for well over a century, the largest collection of silver for sale in the world. It has more locks than the Bank of England and more cameras than a paparazzi convention... Not somewhere you can murder someone and vanish without a trace—only that's what happened... The disappearing act, blinding flash of light, and memory loss amongst the witnesses make this a case for Detective Constable Peter Grant and the Special Assessment Unit... Alongside their boss DCI Thomas Nightingale, the SAU find themselves embroiled in a mystery that encompasses London's tangled history, foreign lands and the North!... Peter must solve this case soon, because back home his partner Beverley is expecting twins any day now. But what he doesn't know is that he's about to encounter something—and somebody—that nobody ever expects...

Murder in the Book Lover's Loft by **Ellery Adams** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Book Retreat Mystery Series*. Storyton Hall resort manager and sleuth Jane Steward and her fiancé, Edwin, are headed to the North Carolina coast for a much-needed vacation. Their harborside loft has floor-to-ceiling bookcases and breathtaking views, but Jane's hopes of exploring the town with her man are stymied when Edwin steps on a stingray. Things take an even less romantic turn when Jane stumbles across a dead body... Instead of taking leisurely beach strolls, Jane is suddenly on a literary chase through time, unearthing a dark secret in her family tree that threatens all she holds dear back in Storyton. And it'll take a whole village to help her make amends for the past—and stop a madman bent on exacting justice in the present.

The Final Gambit by **Jennifer Lynn Barnes** (US 20.8 x 13.8 Trade Paperback—\$29). *The Inheritance Games Series*. Avery's fortune, life, and loves are on the line in the game that everyone will be talking about... To inherit billions, all Avery Kylie Grambs

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has to do is survive a few more weeks living in Hawthorne House. The paparazzi are dogging her every step. Financial pressures are building. Danger is a fact of life. And the only thing getting Avery through it all is the Hawthorne brothers. Her life is intertwined with theirs. She knows their secrets and they know her... But as the clock ticks down to the moment when Avery will become the richest teenager on the planet, trouble arrives in the form of a visitor who needs her help—and whose presence in Hawthorne House could change everything. It soon becomes clear that there is one last puzzle to solve, and Avery and the Hawthorne brothers are drawn into a dangerous game against an unknown and powerful player... Secrets upon secrets. Riddles upon riddles. In this game, there are hearts and lives at stake—and there is nothing more Hawthorne than winning.

Clause of Death by **Lorna Barrett** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Booktown Mystery Series*. Bookstore owner Tricia Miles tries to open a new chapter in life, but murder mars the pages... Tricia and her sister, Angelica, are the co-presidents of the Stoneham Chamber of Commerce. Things are changing in the booktown, and some merchants would say not for the better. They grumble that too many non-book-related stores are moving into the village, taking up the most visible storefronts on Main Street, diluting the "Booktown" moniker. Of course, the members with other businesses, like the latest, The Bee's Knees, are fine with other businesses moving in. No matter what side of the argument they're on, all the business owners agree on one thing: Tricia and Angelica are to blame... Still, it's a pretty typical day in the life of a small-town Chamber of Commerce until one of the disgruntled bookstore owners is killed—Eli Meier from The Inner Light Bookstore, the most vocal of the Chamber complainers. He sold religious and other spiritual books, but also stocked books on wild conspiracy theories and sold incense, crystals, etc. Eli had never been a member of the Chamber until Angelica recently convinced him to join. He hit on her and she, having good taste, turned him down. He hounded (but not stalked) her, and some might think that was a motive for murder... Stoneham's police chief is an old friend of Tricia's, but that doesn't mean he's going to go easy on her sister. One might even say that he's going to throw the book at her.

A Troubling Tail by **Laurie Cass** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Bookmobile Cat Mystery Series*. When the owner of a local candy store is murdered, librarian Minnie Hamilton and her rescue cat, Eddie, prepare to find the sweet spot to solve a crime... The charming town of Chilson, Michigan, is beautiful in the spring, and the bookmobile is delivering great reads far and wide on one of the first warm days of the year. But a chill sweeps through when they discover that one of their favorite patrons, the owner of Henika's Candy Emporium, has been found murdered. Although Minnie can't understand who could have had a motive to murder such a kind man, she decides that the sticky problem isn't hers to solve... However, when rumors start flying around town and the police have no leads, Minnie decides to throw her investigative hat into the ring. The more Minnie investigates, the less certain she is that the victim's past is as wholesome as his reputation. But

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Minnie has plenty of experience unearthing inconvenient truths, and she and Eddie won't rest until they determine how the victim met his end.

A Dark and Stormy Tea by **Laura Childs** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Tea Shop Mystery Series*. A possible serial killer on the loose sends tea maven Theodosia Browning into a whirlwind of investigation... It was a dark and stormy night, but that was the least of Theodosia's troubles. As she approaches St. Philips Graveyard, Theodosia sees two figures locked in a strange embrace. Wiping rain from her eyes, Theodosia realizes she has just witnessed a brutal murder and sees a dark-hooded figure slip away into the fog... In the throes of alerting police, Theodosia recognizes the victim—it is the daughter of her friend, Lois, who owns the Antiquarian Bookshop next door to her own Indigo Tea Shop... Even though this appears to be the work of a serial killer who is stalking the back alleys of Charleston, Lois begs Theodosia for help. Against the advice of her boyfriend, Detective Pete Riley, and the sage words of Drayton, her tea sommelier, amateur-sleuth Theodosia launches her own shadow investigation. And quickly discovers that suspects abound with the dead girl's boyfriend, nefarious real estate developer, private-security man, bumbling reporter, and her own neighbor who is writing a true-crime book and searching for a big ending.

Red on the River by **Christine Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Sunrise Lake Series*. Vienna Mortenson isn't your typical gambler. She prefers to stay under the radar, using her poker winnings to support her family and her community, including the local search and rescue team, which she heads up. Out in the backcountry there's no time for hesitation when lives are on the line. Vienna prides herself on being tough and decisive. She's not the sort to make a fool of herself over a guy, especially one who left her high and dry without a backward glance... Zale Vizzini's job constantly puts him in harm's way. Working undercover and disappearing for months at a time isn't exactly a recipe for a stable relationship. Despite the challenges and the risks, Zale wants something real with Vienna. He just needed time to figure out how to be in her life without putting her in danger. Now, he's determined to win her back, and he's ready to lay all his cards on the table... As their friends' wedding approaches, Zale takes advantage of the festivities to make a play for Vienna's heart. But there are more deadly forces waiting to strike in the rugged terrain of Nevada and the western Sierras. Soon both of their lives are threatened, and the odds are stacked against them...

A Fatal Illusion by **Anna Lee Huber** (US 20.1 x 13.2 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Lady Darby Mystery Series*. New parents Lady Kiera Darby and Sebastian Gage look forward to introducing Sebastian's father to his granddaughter, but instead find themselves investigating an attempt on his life... Yorkshire, England. August 1832. Relations between Sebastian Gage and his father have never been easy, especially since the discovery that Lord Gage has been concealing the existence of an illegitimate son. But when Lord Gage is nearly fatally attacked on a journey to Scotland, Sebastian and Kiera race to his side. Given the tumult over the recent passage of the

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Reform Bill and the Anatomy Act, in which Lord Gage played a part, Sebastian wonders if the attack could be politically motivated... But something suspicious is afoot in the sleepy village where Lord Gage is being cared for. The townspeople treat Sebastian and Kiera with hostility when it becomes clear they intend to investigate, and rumors of mysterious disappearances and highway robberies plague the area. Lord Gage's survival is far from assured, and Sebastian and Kiera must scramble to make the pieces fit before a second attempt at murder is more successful than the first.

A Deadly Dedication by **Margaret Loudon** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Open Book Mysteries Series*. When murder taints writer-in-residence Penelope Parish's charming British bookshop, she must follow the clues to catch a killer before tempers boil over... Penelope Parish thought she'd turned the page on her amateur sleuthing days but when the owner of Upper Chumley-on-Stokes' proposed first high-end gourmet shop is poisoned, the American novelist starts to wonder if she and her quaint British town are in for another rewrite. It turns out that not everyone was a fan of Simeon Foster's farm-sourced charcuterie and imported pastries—many of the locals were outraged by the potential new competition... With a full menu of suspects on her hands, this just might be Penelope's toughest case yet. Luckily, her friends at the Open Book are there to help with every twist of the poisoned pen.

The Housemaid's Secret by **Freida McFadden** (US 20.3 x 13.3 Trade Paperback—\$31). *Housemaid Series*. "Don't go in the guest bedroom." A shadow falls on Douglas Garrick's face as he touches the door with his fingertips. "My wife... she's very ill." As he continues showing me their incredible penthouse apartment, I have a terrible feeling about the woman behind closed doors. But I can't risk losing this job—not if I want to keep my darkest secret safe... It's hard to find an employer who doesn't ask too many questions about my past. So I thank my lucky stars that the Garricks miraculously give me a job, cleaning their stunning penthouse with views across the city and preparing fancy meals in their shiny kitchen. I can work here for a while, stay quiet until I get what I want... It's almost perfect. But I still haven't met Mrs Garrick, or seen inside the guest bedroom. I'm sure I hear her crying. I notice spots of blood around the neck of her white nightgowns when I'm doing laundry. And one day I can't help but knock on the door. When it gently swings open, what I see inside changes everything... That's when I make a promise. After all, I've done this before. I can protect Mrs Garrick while keeping my own secrets locked up safe... Douglas Garrick has done wrong. He is going to pay. It's simply a question of how far I'm willing to go...

The Bullet That Missed by **Richard Osman** (UK B Paperback—\$24). *Thursday Murder Club Series*. It is an ordinary Thursday, and things should finally be returning to normal. Except trouble is never far away where the Thursday Murder Club are concerned. A decade-old cold case—their favorite kind—leads them to a local news legend and a murder with no body and no answers... Then a new foe pays Elizabeth a visit. Her mission? Kill or be killed. Suddenly the cold case has become red hot... While Elizabeth wrestles

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with her conscience (and a gun), Joyce, Ron, and Ibrahim chase down the clues with help from old friends and new. But can the gang solve the mystery and save Elizabeth before the murderer strikes again?... This third adventure takes The Thursday Murder Club from an upmarket spa to a prison cell complete with espresso machine to a luxury penthouse high in the sky.

Encore in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *In Death/Eve Dallas Series*. It was a glittering event full of A-listers, hosted by Eliza Lane and Brant Fitzhugh, a celebrity couple who'd conquered both Hollywood and Broadway. And now Eve Dallas has made her entrance—but not as a guest. After raising a toast, Fitzhugh fell to the floor and died, with physical symptoms pointing to cyanide, and the police have crashed the party... From all accounts, he wasn't the kind of star who made enemies. Everyone loved him—even his ex-wife. And since the champagne cocktail that killed him was originally intended for Eliza, it's possible she was the real target, with a recently fired assistant, a bitter rival, and an obsessed fan in the picture. With so many attendees, staff, and servers, Eve has her work cut out determining who committed murder in the middle of the crowd—and what was their motivation. As one who's not fond of the spotlight herself, she dreads the media circus surrounding a case like this. All she wants is to figure out who's truly innocent, and who's only acting that way...

The St. Ambrose School for Girls by **Jessica Ward** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). When Sarah Taylor arrives at the exclusive St. Ambrose School, she's carrying more baggage than just what fits in her suitcase. She knows she's not like the other girls—if the shabby, all-black, non-designer clothes don't give that away, the bottle of lithium hidden in her desk drawer sure does... St. Ambrose's queen bee, Greta Stanhope, picks Sarah as a target from day one and the most popular, powerful, horrible girl at school is relentless in making sure Sarah knows what the pecking order is. Thankfully, Sarah makes an ally out of her roommate Ellen "Strots" Strotsberry, a cigarette-huffing, devil-may-care athlete who takes no bullshit. Also down the hall is Nick Hollis, the devastatingly handsome RA, and the object of more than one St. Ambrose student's fantasies. Between Strots and Nick, Sarah hopes she can make it through the semester, dealing with not only her schoolwork and a recent bipolar diagnosis, but Greta's increasingly malicious pranks... Sarah is determined not to give Greta the satisfaction of breaking her. But when scandal unfolds, and someone ends up dead, her world threatens to unravel in ways she could never have imagined.

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A Soul of Ash and Blood by **Jennifer L.**

Armentrout (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$50). *Blood and Ash Series*. Only his memories can save her... A great primal power has risen. The Queen of Flesh and Fire has become the Primal of Blood and Bone—the true Primal of Life and Death. And the battle Casteel, Poppy, and their allies have been fighting has only just begun. Gods are awakening across Iliseum and the mortal realm, readying for

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the war to come... But when Poppy falls into stasis, Cas faces the very real possibility that the dire, unexpected consequences of what she is becoming could take her away from him. Cas is given some advice, though—something he plans to cling to as he waits to see her beautiful eyes open once more: Talk to her... And so, he does. He reminds Poppy how their journey began, revealing things about himself that only Kieran knows in the process. But it's anybody's guess what she'll wake to or exactly how much of the realm and Cas will have changed when she does.

Soul Taken by **Patricia Briggs** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Mercy Thompson Series*. Mercy Thompson, car mechanic and shapeshifter, must face her greatest fears in this chilling entry in the #1 New York Times bestselling series... The vampire Wulfe is missing. Since he's deadly, possibly insane, and his current idea of "fun" is stalking me, some may see it as no great loss. But, warned that his disappearance might bring down the carefully constructed alliances that keep our pack safe, my mate and I must find Wulfe—and hope he's still alive. As alive as a vampire can be, anyway... But Wulfe isn't the only one who has disappeared. And now there are bodies, too. Has the Harvester returned to the Tri-Cities, reaping souls with his cursed sickle? Or is he just a character from a B horror movie and our enemy is someone else?... The farther I follow Wulfe's trail, the more twisted—and darker—the path becomes. I need to figure out what's going on before the next body on the ground is mine.

Children of Fallen Gods by **Carissa Broadbent** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$43). *War of Lost Hearts Series*. No war can be fought with clean hands. Not even the ones waged for the right reasons. Not even the ones you win... Tisaanah bargained away her own freedom to save those she left behind in slavery. Now, bound by her blood pact, she must fight the Orders' war—and Max is determined to protect her at all costs... But when a betrayal tears apart Ara, Max and Tisaanah are pushed into an even bloodier conflict. Tisaanah must gamble with Reshaye's power to claim an impossible victory. And Max, forced into leadership, must confront everything he hoped to forget: his past, and his own mysterious magic... All the while, darker forces loom—far darker, even, than the Orders' secrets... As Tisaanah and Max are ensnared in a web of ancient magic and twisted secrets, one question remains: what are they willing to sacrifice for victory? For power? For love?

Sweetwater and the Witch by **Jayne Castle** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Harmony Series*. Welcome to the world of Harmony, where—despite its name, things are anything but—danger lurks just beneath the surface... If there's something Ravenna Chastain knows, it's when to end things. And after she almost winds up the victim of a cult that believes she's a witch, it's easy to walk away from her dead-end career, ready for a new start. But where to find a job that would allow her to use her very specialized skill set? The answer is clear: she becomes a matchmaker... But even a successful matchmaker can't find someone for everyone, and Ravenna considers Ethan Sweetwater her first

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professional failure. After nine failed dates, Ravenna knows it's time to cut Ethan loose. But Ethan refuses to be fired as a client—he needs one final date to a business function. Since Ravenna needs a date herself to a family event, they agree to a deal: she will be his (business) date if he will be her (fake) date to her grandparents' anniversary celebration... What Ethan fails to mention is that attending the business function is a cover for some industrial espionage that he's doing as a favor to the new Illusion Town Guild boss. Ravenna is happy to help, but their relationship gets even more complicated when things heat up—the chemistry between them is explosive, as explosive as the danger that's stalking Ravenna. Lucky for her, Ethan isn't just an engineer—he's also a Sweetwater, and Sweetwaters are known for hunting down monsters...

Immortal Longings by **Chloe Gong** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Flesh and False Gods Series*. Every year, thousands in the kingdom of Talin will flock to its capital twin cities, San-Er, where the palace hosts a set of games. For those confident enough in their ability to jump between bodies, competitors across San-Er fight to the death to win unimaginable riches... Princess Calla Tuoleimi lurks in hiding. Five years ago, a massacre killed her parents and left the palace of Er empty... and she was the one who did it. Before King Kasa's forces in San can catch her, she plans to finish the job and bring down the monarchy. Her reclusive uncle always greets the victor of the games, so if she wins, she gets her opportunity at last to kill him... Enter Anton Makusa, an exiled aristocrat. His childhood love has lain in a coma since they were both ousted from the palace, and he's deep in debt trying to keep her alive. Thankfully, he's one of the best jumpers in the kingdom, flitting from body to body at will. His last chance at saving her is entering the games and winning... Calla finds both an unexpected alliance with Anton and help from King Kasa's adopted son, August, who wants to mend Talin's ills. But the three of them have very different goals, even as Calla and Anton's partnership spirals into something all-consuming. Before the games close, Calla must decide what she's playing for—her lover or her kingdom.

A Witch's Guide to Fake Dating a Demon by **Sarah Hawley** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Glimmer Falls Series*. Mariel Spark knows not to trust a demon, especially one that wants her soul, but what's a witch to do when he won't leave her side—and she kind of doesn't want him to?... Mariel Spark is prophesied to be the most powerful witch seen in centuries of the famed Spark family, but to the displeasure of her mother, she prefers baking to brewing potions and gardening to casting hexes. When a spell to summon flour goes very wrong, Mariel finds herself staring down a demon—one she inadvertently summoned for a soul bargain... Ozroth the Ruthless is a legend among demons. Powerful and merciless, he drives hard bargains to collect mortal souls. But his reputation has suffered ever since a bargain went awry—if he can strike a bargain with Mariel, he will earn back his deadly reputation. Ozroth can't leave Mariel's side until they complete a bargain, which she refuses to do (turns out some humans are attached to their souls)... But the witch is funny. And curvy. And

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disgustingly yet endearingly cheerful. Becoming awkward roommates quickly escalates when Mariel, terrified to confess the inadvertent summoning to her mother, blurts out that she's dating Ozroth. As Ozroth and Mariel struggle with their opposing goals and maintaining a fake relationship, real attraction blooms between them. But Ozroth has a limited amount of time to strike the deal, and if Mariel gives up her soul, she'll lose all her emotions—including love—which will only spell disaster for them both.

Backpacking Through Bedlam by **Sean McGuire** (US 21.0 x 14.0 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Incryptid Series*. Reunion, noun: 1. The state of being united again. Reconciliation, noun: 1. An act of reconciling, as when former enemies agree to an amiable truce. 2. The process of making consistent or compatible. 3. See also "impossible"... Alice Price-Healy gave up her life for fifty years to focus completely on the search for her missing husband. The danger of focus like that is that it leaves little room for thinking about what happens after... and now that she's finally managed to find Thomas, she has no idea what she's supposed to do next. The fact that he comes with a surrogate daughter who may or may not have some connection to Alice's recently adopted grandson is just icing on the complicated cake... So the three of them are heading for the most complicated place in the universe: they're going home... But things on Earth have changed while Alice, Thomas, and Sally have been away. The Covenant of St. George, antagonized by Verity's declaration of war and Sarah's temporary relocation of an entire college campus, is trying to retake North America from the cryptids and cryptozoologists who've been keeping the peace for the past hundred years. And they're starting in New York... Alice and company have barely been back for an hour before the Ocean Lady and the Queen of the Routewitches are sending them to New York to help, and they find themselves embroiled in the politics of dragons, kidnappings, and of course, the most dangerous people of all: family... Getting "back to normal" may be the hardest task Alice has undertaken yet.

Be The Serpent by **Sean McGuire** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *October Daye Series*. October Daye is finally something she never expected to be: married. All the trials and turmoils and terrors of a hero's life have done very little to prepare her for the expectation that she will actually share her life with someone else, the good parts and the bad ones alike, not just allow them to dabble around the edges in the things she wants to share. But with an official break from hero duties from the Queen in the Mists, and her family wholly on board with this new version of "normal," she's doing her best to adjust... It isn't always easy, but she's a hero, right? She's done harder... Until an old friend and ally turns out to have been an enemy in disguise for this entire time, and October's brief respite turns into a battle for her life, her community, and everything she has ever believed to be true... The debts of the Broken Ride are coming due, and whether she incurred them or not, she's going to be the one who has to pay.

Capture the Sun by **Jesse Mihilak** (US 20.4 x 13.5 Trade Paperback—\$40). *Starlight's Shadow Trilogy*.

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An intergalactic thief must join forces with the charming teleporter who stole her last job—and may now be her only hope for saving her former crew... As a recovery specialist, Lexi Bowen's jobs typically require more trickery and thievery than honest work. Her former captain might not approve of her flexible morals, but stealing artifacts for rich assholes pays the bills, and Lexi's had enough of war and death. The FHP left her to die once; she doesn't plan to give them a chance to finish the job... Unfortunately, her latest contract takes her to Valovia itself—and right back into the orbit of Nilo Shoren, a Valovian teleporter who already cost her one payday and nearly stole her heart... Armored against his clever charm, Lexi plans to get in, get the job done, and get out. But when her former crew goes missing in Valovian space, Lexi will have to work with Nilo to figure out what happened—and stop it—before the galaxy's two superpowers can use the disappearance as an excuse to return to war.

The Foxglove King by **Hannah Whitten** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Nightshade Crown Series*. A young woman's secret power to raise the dead plunges her into the dangerous and glamorous world of the Sainted King's royal court... When Lore was thirteen, she escaped a cult in the catacombs beneath the city of Dellaire. And in the ten years since, she's lived by one rule: don't let them find you. Easier said than done, when her death magic ties her to the city... Mortem, the magic born from death, is a high-priced and illicit commodity in Dellaire, and Lore's job running poisons keeps her in food, shelter, and relative security. But when a run goes wrong and Lore's power is revealed, she's taken by the Presque Mort, a group of warrior-monks sanctioned to use Mortem working for the Sainted King. Lore fully expects a pyre, but King August has a different plan. Entire villages on the outskirts of the country have been dying overnight, seemingly at random. Lore can either use her magic to find out what's happening and who in the King's court is responsible, or die... Lore is thrust into the Sainted King's glittering court, where no one can be believed and even fewer can be trusted. Guarded by Gabriel, a duke-turned-monk, and continually running up against Bastian, August's ne'er-do-well heir, Lore tangles in politics, religion, and forbidden romance as she attempts to navigate a debauched and opulent society... But the life she left behind in the catacombs is catching up with her. And even as Lore makes her way through the Sainted court above, they might be drawing closer than she thinks.

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Desert Island Duke by **Kate Bateman** (Print-On-Demand Novella—\$24). *Ruthless Rivals Series*. Surviving on a tropical island will be hard... Living with him will be impossible... Shipwrecked on a tropical isle, Caroline 'Caro' Montgomery is furious to discover that her sole fellow castaway is her brother's infuriating best friend, Maximillian Cavendish, the fourteenth duke of Hayworth... Max might be the most handsome man she's ever met, but he's teased her ever since they were children. So when Max claims to have lost his memory, Caro seizes the opportunity for revenge—and informs him he's a lowly stable hand... As they work together to survive, attraction flares hot between them. But should Caro

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reveal her deception? And what will happen if Max finally remembers he's a duke?

Tall, Duke and Scandalous by **Amy Rose Bennett** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Byronic Book Series*. This bluestocking would do almost anything to save her reputation and her grandfather's legacy... even marry a scandalous duke... No-nonsense Jane Delaney divides her time between her grandfather's beloved bookstore and writing newspaper columns, determined to overcome a past that's left her with scars on her face and in her heart. But when the store ends up in unexpected financial jeopardy and Jane's secrets are threatened by a mysterious blackmailer, she finds herself in desperate need of money. All seems lost until a temptation like no other presents itself... Christopher Marsden is the new rakish Duke of Roxby...and someone wants him dead. The problem is, he has no idea who or why. Following a vicious attack, he's acquired a rare affliction where he can no longer recognize faces. But when he catches Miss Delaney attempting to steal a priceless book from his library, Christopher can tell her apart from the rest. Her scarred beauty stands out like a beacon, and he doesn't want to let her go. So he offers her an outrageous proposal: the money she needs in exchange for a marriage of convenience and her help in catching his would-be killer... As passion flares between the two unlikely newlyweds, dangerous truths are exposed and hidden enemies poise to strike. Can these two damaged souls survive long enough to find love?

Give the Devil His Duke by **Anna Bradley** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Drop Dead Dukes Series*. One should never judge a duke by his cover. As far as London society knows, Giles Drew, the Duke of Basingstoke, is everything a proper aristocrat ought to be. But when a notorious scandal sheet publishes details of Giles's questionable bedroom antics, only one bride can salvage his reputation... Prim and penniless, Francesca Stanhope has resigned herself to a season full of the ton's snickering—until the Duke of Basingstoke's dizzying courtship transforms her fate. Yet wedded bliss quickly turns into a clash of wills as Franny realizes her handsome duke is a devil in disguise... But beneath the newlywed's skirmishes lies scorching heat. And while each attempts to tame the other, the truth is that this union may be all either could ever desire...

What's a Duke Got to Do With It by **Christina Britton** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Synneful Spinsters Series*. A woman unlucky in life and love has a second chance at romance when she runs into a dashing Duke from her past... The last thing Katrina Denby expected to find in her garden is the body of the man who ruined her three seasons ago. No matter that his death is a tragic accident, the rumors are enough to kill any woman's prospects. With two scandals now hounding her, the best she can hope for is a hasty marriage of convenience—until her first love shows up in her drawing room, reminding her of all the reasons why she wanted a love match. If only he weren't already engaged... Sebastian Thorne, Duke of Ramsleigh, knows what he has to do to save the dukedom from the crushing debts and scandal his father left: marry and marry well. He's picked the lady, too—a baron's daughter who is pleasant, if a little boring. But seeing Katrina

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again makes him want to throw all those perfectly laid plans out the window. The first chance he had with her, he chose his duty over his heart. Doing so again might prove utterly impossible.

A Rogue at Stonecliffe by **Candace Camp** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Stonecliffe Series*. An unwelcome reunion between a lady and a rogue calls up old feelings... and new dangers... When the love of her life left without any explanation, Annabeth Winfield moved on despairingly, knowing she'd never have a love as thrilling as her first ever again. Sloane Rutherford was roguish and daring, but as Annabeth grew up, she realized that their reckless romance was just a passing adventure, never meant for stability. Twelve years later, Annabeth is engaged to someone new, ready to start her life with a dependable man... That's when Sloane returns. And he brings with him a serious warning: Annabeth is in trouble... After spending the past dozen years working as a spy, Sloane thought he'd left espionage behind him. But now a dangerous blackmailer is after Annabeth. Sloane offers to hide his former lover at Stonecliffe, the Rutherford estate, but stubborn Annabeth demands to be part of the investigation. As the two embark on a dangerous and exciting journey, memories of their past romance resurface. Sloane and Annabeth aren't the wide-eyed children they used to be, but knowing they're wrong for each other makes a nostalgic affair seem very right...

Bookshop Cinderella by **Laura Lee Guhrke** (US 20.1 x 13.2 Trade—\$38). *Scandal at the Savoy Series*. A dashing duke, a shy bookshop owner, and a wager that will change their lives forever... Evie Harlow runs a quaint little bookshop in London, which is the biggest adventure an unmarried woman with no prospects could hope for. Until Maximillian Shaw, Duke of Westbourne, saunters into her shop with a proposition: to win a bet with his friends, he'll turn her into the diamond of the season. The duke might be devilishly attractive, but Evie has no intention of accepting his ludicrous offer. When disaster strikes her shop, however, she's left with little choice but to let herself be whisked into his high-society world... Always happy to help a lady in distress, Max thinks he's saving Evie from her dull spinster's life. He'll help her find a husband and congratulate himself on a job well done. But as shy Evie becomes the shining star he always knew she could be, she somehow steals his heart. And when her reputation is threatened, can Max convince her to choose a glittering, aristocratic life with him over the cozy comfort of her bookshop?

The Notorious Lord Knightly by **Lorraine Heath** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Chessmen: Masters of Seduction Series*. A scandalous book by an anonymous author takes London by storm, and everyone is convinced its villainous "Lord K" is the greatly admired Earl of Knightly. Heartbroken that he left her at the altar, Miss Regina Leyland impulsively sought revenge by revealing the true Knightly to the world but never expected the uproar to bring enemies to her door. To keep her identity hidden, she must trust the one man with the power to destroy her... Furious to be the object of notoriety and gossip, Knightly confronts the lady he suspects of penning the tome only to discover she is no longer the naïve innocent he was forced to betray, but a woman of

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strength and conviction, who will bow before no man... Knightly and Regina pretend a reconciliation to salvage their reputations and throw the ton off their scent. But false friendship soon turns to powerful passion. When truths emerge, threatening all they hold dear, they must face the consequences of their past if their story is ever to deserve its happily ever after.

Not that Duke by **Eloisa James** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Would-Be Wallflowers Series*. Bespeckled and freckled, Lady Stella Corsham at least has a dowry that has attracted a crowd of fortune-hunting suitors—which definitely doesn't include the sinfully handsome Silvester Parnell, Duke of Huntington, who laughingly calls her "Specs" as he chases after elegant rivals. And then—The worst happens... Marriage... To the duke. To a man marrying her for all the wrong reasons... How can Silvester possibly convince Stella that he's fallen in love with the quirky woman he married? Especially after she laughingly announces that she's in love—but not with that duke...Not with her husband.

How to Tame a Wild Rogue by **Julie Anne Long** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *The Palace of Rogues Series*. An infamous privateer's limits are put to the test when he's trapped during a raging tempest with a prickly female at the Grand Palace on the Thames... He clawed his way up from the gutters of St. Giles to the top of a shadowy empire. Feared and fearsome, battered and brilliant, nothing shocks Lorcan St. Leger—not even the discovery of an aristocratic woman escaping out a window near the London docks on the eve of the storm of the decade. They find shelter at a boarding house called the Grand Palace on the Thames—only to find greater dangers await inside... Desperate, destitute, and jilted, Lady Daphne Worth knows the clock is ticking on her last chance to save herself and her family: an offer of a loveless marriage. But while the storm rages and roads flood, she and the rogue who rescued her must pose as husband and wife in order to share the only available suite... Crackling enmity gives way to incendiary desire—and certain heartbreak: Lorcan is everything she never dreamed she'd wanted, but he can never be what she needs. But risk is child's play to St. Leger. And if the stakes are a lifetime of loving and being loved by Daphne, he'll move any mountain, confront any old nemesis, to turn "never" into forever.

Say Yes to the Princess by **Charis Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Hidden Royals Series*. A princess in exile searches for her lost brother—and falls for the devastatingly charming scoundrel sent to thwart her... A hidden princess... Princess Regine Elise Adelaide d'Orleans is no longer a princess, but she's also no commoner. She's obscure French royalty, exiled to England in the aftermath of the revolution. She lives as a glorified houseguest of the British Royal family, guarded and gilded, but also trapped... The cynical outcast... Mr. Killian Crewes serves as the "Royal Fixer" in St. James's Palace, making messy situations disappear. As the second son of an earl, cleaning up indiscretions was hardly Killian's goal in life, but his mother's notoriety makes him less of a peer, and more a member of staff... A royal scandal... When Princess Elise spots her long-lost brother in a crowded market, she's determined to

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find him. But her search puts the palace in an uncomfortable position, and they hire Killian to seduce the princess to distract her from meddling. Except, no one anticipated that Killian would be the one seduced instead. Now he's risking everything for the lonely princess—his job, her reputation, and both of their hearts.

The Heiress Swap by **Maddison Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *The Dollar Princess Series*. Evie Jenkins didn't know what she was thinking by agreeing to switch places with her American heiress cousin. After all, she's naught but a poor—and usually quite sensible—companion. All she has to do is spend six weeks among London society, pretending to be an heiress... and ensure that absolutely under no circumstances does she accept any proposals of marriage... When his cousin declares himself in love with a new woman visiting from the States, Alexander Trenton—the sixth Duke of Hargrave—is determined to prove that the young lady in question is just another American “Dollar Princess” desperate for an English title. She seems innocent enough, but Alex is determined to expose her... by thoroughly seducing the lovely and fiercely intelligent heiress himself... What he assumed would be just one simple kiss erupts into something wild, uncontrollable, and much too public. Now the duke must save her reputation with a betrothal... little knowing that his charming Princess harbors a secret that would certainly ruin them both.

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