

BOOK CATALOGUE

- JUL/AUG 2025

Needing some books to get you through these cold months? There are great new releases by Brigitte Knightley (The Irresistible Urge To Fall For Your Enemy), Stephanie Laurens (The Murder of Thomas Cardwell), Mariah Montoya (By the Moonbeam and the Mist), Meghan Quinn (Till Summer Do Us Part), Devney Perry (Shield of Sparrows), Rachel Schneider (Metal Slinger), Nalini Singh (Atonement Sky), Julie Soto (Rose in Chains) and more. Enjoy your reading!

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Top Books July

Ben Aaronovitch	Stone and Sky*
Meagan Brandy	Trust Me Always
Anna Lee Huber	Tarnished Canvas*
Brigitte Knightley	The Irresistible Urge to Fall For Your Enemy*
Mariah Montoya	By the Moonbeam and the Mist*
Devney Perry	Shield of Sparrows*
Meghan Quinn	Till Summer Do Us Part
Rachel Schneider	Metal Slinger*
Julie Soto	Rose in Chains*
Laura Thalassa	The Curse That Binds

Paperback Release

* Hardcover/TPB/POD

& Anthology

Top Books August

H.D. Carlton	Phantom*
Mai Corland	Three Shattered Souls*
Sarah Beth Durst	The Enchanted Greenhouse*
Jennifer K. Lambert	Never the Roses*
Stephanie Laurens	The Murder of Thomas Cardwell*
Sarah MacLean	These Summer Storms*
Sangu Mandanna	A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping*
Meghan Quinn	Bridesmaid by Chance
Lynsay Sands	Immortal By Morning
Nalini Singh	Atonement Sky*

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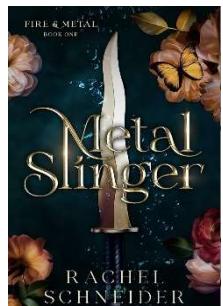


Title: Till Summer Do Us Part
Author: Meghan Quinn
Classification: Contemporary
Book Type: B Paperback
Price: \$27

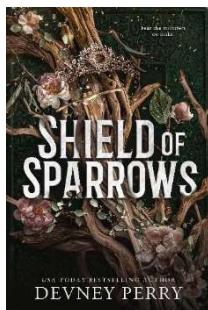
Annotation: Scottie Price just started a new job and she's the only woman on the team. Expecting a bachelor-pad atmosphere, she is surprised to find that everyone is happily married... In an effort to impress, Scottie mentions her own husband. The only problem? He doesn't exist. So when her boss offers her and the love of her life a one-on-one session with the best counsellor money can buy—her boss's partner—she has to think quickly... Enter Wilder Wells. Her best friend's brother... Next thing she knows, the two of them are on an eight-day marriage camp. Sharing a cabin. And Wilder's more handsome than Scottie remembers...

Title: Metal Slinger
Author: Rachel Schneider
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$35

Annotation: Fire & Metal Series. Brynn has spent her life among the Alaha—a community exiled to live at sea—training to be a guard and waiting for the chance to attend the annual market hosted by the Kenta.

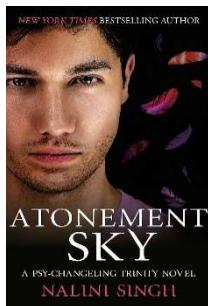


Going to the market is a rite of passage. Brynn doesn't anticipate breaking a peace treaty while there... or for an intense encounter with an enemy soldier to threaten the peace. Brynn's loyalty to the Alaha is tested when an unexpected visitor tracks her down—none other than said enemy soldier—sworn under oath to awaken Brynn to her true identity. Sent to sea and feeling more alone than ever, a world of denied magic is unveiled. With rumours of a growing rebellion, Brynn's future has never looked so unsure as she questions everything, including her heart...



Title: Shield of Sparrows
Author: Devney Perry
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$35

Annotation: Chains of the Seven Series. The gods sent monsters to the five kingdoms to remind mortals they must kneel... I've spent my life kneeling to their will and to my father's. As a princess, my only duty is to wear the crown and obey the king. I was never meant to rule. Never meant to fight. And I was never supposed to be the daughter who sealed an ancient treaty with her blood. But that changed the day a monster hunter sailed to our shores. The day a prince ruined my life... Now I'm crossing treacherous lands beside a warrior who despises me—bound to a future I didn't choose and a husband I barely know...



Title: Atonement Sky
Author: Nalini Singh NZ Author
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Demy Paperback
Price: \$29 1st Shipment Special

Annotation: Psy/Changeling Trinity Series. Justice-Psy Eleri Dias knows the end is near for her and she is determined to atone for an act that has haunted her for a decade. That means facing a changeling wing

leader as well as putting herself in the path of a serial killer... Falcon wing leader Adam Garrett is fiercely protective of his family and his clan. After losing his parents as a teenager in a shocking act of malice, Adam has no forgiveness in him for the J-Psy who betrayed them at the most painful moment of his life. But the evil that stalks his territory will force him once more into contact with the J he has never been able to forget... As Eleri and Adam work to uncover a monster, the reckoning looms closer. Soon, there may be no more time left for either atonement...or love. Hardcover \$60

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An Evening With Lucy Score



Join us for **An Evening with Lucy Score**—the perfect night out for anyone who believes in the magic of small-town love stories.

Date: Wednesday 17 September 2025

Time: Doors open at 5:45pm; event starts at 6pm

Venue: The Loft at Q Theatre, 305 Queen Street, Auckland

Tickets: \$19.99 each; purchase at:

<https://www.qtheatre.co.nz/show/aneveningwithlucyscore>

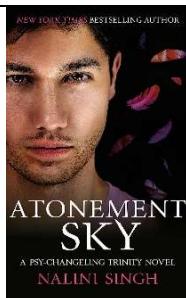
Lucy will go behind the scenes of her New York Times Bestselling Knockemout series, her latest bestseller Story of My Life and discuss Amazon's upcoming adaptation of her smash hit Things We Never Got Over.

This special event will be in conversation with ZM's Carwen Jones—Executive Producer of NZ's largest breakfast radio show, Fletch, Vaughan and Hayley by day and certified book fiend by night.

Lucy will sign books on the night. A total of 3 books per person can be signed with 1 being personalised.

Books will be available for purchase, including limited edition Knockemout series and Story of My Life hardcovers.

All purchases at the event qualify for a limited edition Lucy Score Exclusive Event Commemorative Pin. The pin is only available while stocks last. Limit one pin per person.



Order ATONEMENT SKY by Nalini Singh

Order a signed copy of ATONEMENT SKY (Psy/Changeling Trinity Series #9) by Nalini Singh which was released in print in New Zealand on Tuesday 29 July. Our first shipment special price is \$29 (vs RRP \$37.99) plus shipping for the New Zealand/Australian/International Demy Paperback Edition while first shipment stocks last (otherwise \$35). Enquiries and orders to:

Frances at info@chapter.co.nz 021-635027 09-6232319.

Or pre-order online at <https://chapter.co.nz/product/nalini-singh-atonement-sky/>

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Romance Writers of New Zealand Annual Conference

This is being held in the Naumi Airport Hotel in Auckland, 15-17 August 2025. Theme "Heart of a Story". Details available at: <https://www.romancewriters.co.nz/event/2025-rwnz-conference-registration/>

For Auckland Romance Readers

If you are a romance reader and would like to meet like-minded readers, please join our "Auckland Romance Readers Book Club Group" at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2423724114458506>. We have monthly Book Club Meetings at the Chapter Book & Tea Shop, <https://www.facebook.com/ChapterBookAndTeaShop/events>. Water and tea provided. All welcome.

Sun 31 Aug @ 4.15—TAKE TWO by Danielle Hawkins (NZ Author) (Contemporary—Family Life)

Sun 28 Sep @ 4.15—A COURT THIS CRUEL AND LOVELY by Stacia Stark (NZ Author) (Fantasy & Paranormal)

Sun 19 Oct @ 4.15—BRINGING DOWN THE DUKE by Evie Dunmore (Historical—Victorian)

Sun 30 Nov @ 4.15—Book recommendations to read over the holidays/summer

Sun 18 Jan @ 4.15—ONE GOLDEN SUMMER by Carley Fortune (Contemporary)

Sun 22 Feb @ 4.15—BLOOD AND STEEL by Helen Scheuerer (lives in NZ) (Fantasy & Paranormal)

Sun 29 Mar @ 4.15—VISCOUNT IN LOVE by Eloisa James (Historical—Regency)

Sun 19 Apr @ 4.15—SHE WAS MADE FOR ME by Jen Morris (NZ Author) (Contemporary)

Chapter Book and Tea Shop Short Story Competition Success

Our warm congratulations to the winners of the Romance Writers of New Zealand short story competition which is sponsored by Chapter Book and Tea Shop. The winners and finalists for 2025 are:

Lisa Stanbridge (1st), Sharyn Swanapoel (2nd), Alisa Lindfield-Pratt (3rd=), Jennifer Raines (3rd=), Cerys Lloyd (4th) and J. Hawthorn (5th).

The anthology of the top entries (LIAISONS) for 2025 as well as the anthologies for earlier years are available to download and read (as well as to forward to friends and family) at:

<https://www.romancewriters.co.nz/liaison-magazine>

Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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Trust Me Always by **Meagan Brandy** (B Paperback—\$27). *Boys of Avix Series*. I loathe the day I ran smack dab into the hard chest of Alister Howl, Avix University's second-string quarterback. The moment he smiled my way I should've run. And, well, I did... straight into his bed... That was before I learned he was nothing but a liar. He ruined everything before it even began... Unfortunately for me, he takes my dismissal as a challenge and comes back twice as hard... I didn't think it would work, but the man's relentless, and now I'm wavering when I'm not so sure I should... How can I be with him if I can't trust him?... And that right there is exactly how I end up at a party, locking lips with the campus playboy and ultimate bachelor, Brady freaking Lancaster... One second, I'm hiding from Alister in some sorority house and the next... I'm 'Brady's girl'... I have no idea how it happened or where things go from here... But one thing is for sure, fake dating one football player while his teammate tries to win me back is going to be one hell of a ride...

Haunting Adeline by **H.D. Carlton** (21.4x13.8 Trade Paperback—\$35). *Cat and Mouse Duet*. For Adeline Reilly, moving back to Seattle was supposed to be the perfect fresh start with her flourishing career as an author, and the inheritance of her late grandmother's gothic mansion... But Adeline isn't alone in Parson's Manor... It isn't the angry souls haunting the hallways of her childhood home that Adeline fears—it's the mysterious break-ins, roses appearing, and threatening messages that sound more like eerie promises... Adeline has a stalker... Yet, she quickly discovers she's not the first person in her family to fall victim to a shadow in pursuit... Her great-grandmother's haunting journals detail the story of her own phantom, and subsequently, her brutal murder... Parson's Manor holds more than just Adeline's memories—it houses a grim future that could lead to history repeating itself... If she doesn't fall in love with her stalker first.

Phantom by **H.D. Carlton** (21.1x13.7 Trade Paperback—\$36). *Prequel to Cat and Mouse Duet*. November 12, 1944. This house holds on to souls for a lifetime. I thought I had given it to my husband when I vowed to love him until the end of time. I lied. Nothing could have prepared me for the day my phantom appeared outside my window. He was terrifying, yet hypnotizing, and I couldn't deny my intrigue. I never intended to fall into a whirlwind romance with my stalker. Especially because he's so much more than that. A criminal. A mobster. The man who offers me solace from the monster in Parsons Manor. There are many that haunt these halls, yet it's only my husband I fear.

Unloved by **Peyton Corinne** (B Paperback—\$27). *Undone Series*. Matt "Freddy" Fredderic is all smiles —on the surface. On the ice, he's the star left winger for the Waterfell Wolves with a stellar reputation in bed. But in the classroom, he's retaking failed classes and struggling with dyslexia, dyscalculia, and ADHD. Now tied to a National Hockey League contract upon graduation, Freddy needs help to pass biology... Ro Shariff has terrible luck in love—and now, she is Freddy's tutor. Trying to convince herself that she's happy with her on again/off again

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boyfriend, Ro is desperate for real affection. As her tutoring sessions with Freddy lead to late-night phone calls and an understanding of each other's pains, a friendship emerges between them. And, inevitably, a wistful secret pining hidden by them both... Together, they will show each other how easy it is to love the right person, no matter their flaws.

Fragile Sanctuary by **Catherine Cowles** (B Paperback—\$26). *Sparrow Falls Series*. The scowl should've been my first sign to stay away from Anson Hunt. The sexy smirk and the fact that he's my brother's best friend? Reasons two and three... Anson is my opposite in every way: grumpy, rude, and loves his solitude. It doesn't matter how many times I try to kill him with kindness; the man won't crack... Until he sees me shatter... When my world falls apart, Anson catches me. And as so-called 'accidents' put my life in danger, he steps in to keep me safe... But Anson has secrets. And when they're revealed, neither of us will escape unscathed...

Take Two by **Danielle Hawkins** (Royal Paperback—\$34). *NZ Author*. Sometimes you have to revisit your past to find your future... Laura and Doug were together for ages. Their breakup was just one of those things—she wanted children, he didn't, no hard feelings—not until, with their relationship barely cold in its grave, he got his new girlfriend pregnant... Now, seven years later, a polite social call to his parents lands Laura back in the family, helping Doug and his playboy younger brother to cope with a raft of crises. What better time to re-evaluate your major life decisions than when you're wrangling a farm, a bookshop, two small children, your ex's wife in labour and his two sick parents?

God of Pain by **Rina Kent** (B Paperback—\$26). *Legacy of Gods Series*. Creighton King is silent, brooding, and hostile... Still, Annika Volkov has a crush on him. What Annika doesn't realize is that behind Creighton's beauty lies a dark and violent soul... She is everything he is not: bright, lively, and the heart of every party... Creighton knows he can never outrun his past, so he unleashes his pain on others. He never expected to be drawn to the girl who is his opposite... But as Annika tries to break through his walls, he finds himself captivated by her, especially after he uncovers her wilder side... Now that he's obsessed, she'll never escape him... Can Annika bring light to Creighton's darkness, or will he pull her into the shadows with him?

Kingmakers: Year Three by **Sophie Lark** (B Paperback—\$26). *Kingmakers Series*. The ruthless halls of a mafia university are no place for the diminutive and gentle Cat. She barely survived her first year at school, at the cost of her innocence... Cat did something bad, and Dean Yenin saw it. Now she's being blackmailed by the most vicious bully at Kingmakers... He offers her a devil's bargain—his silence and protection... if Cat belongs to him... Dean's twisted games of dominance have Cat doing things she never thought she'd do... But Dean's fascination with Cat might just be his undoing... At Kingmakers, love is a weapon used by the most lethal players. But brokenness can lead to strength, and sometimes, the one who holds the power is the one most vulnerable to its spell...

These Summer Storms by **Sarah MacLean** (Royal Paperback—\$35). Alice Storm hasn't been welcome at her family's magnificent private island off the Rhode Island coast in five years—not since she was cast out and built her life beyond the Storm name, influence, and billions. But the shocking death of her larger-than-life father changes everything... Alice plans to keep her head down, pay her final respects (such as they are), and leave the minute the funeral is over. Unfortunately, her father had other plans. The eccentric, manipulative patriarch left his family a final challenge—an inheritance game designed to upend their world. The rules are clear: spend one week on the island, complete their assigned tasks, and receive the inheritance... But a whole week on Storm Island is no easy task for Alice. Every corner of the sprawling old house is bursting with chaos: Her older sister's secret love affair. Her brother's unyielding arrogance. Her younger sister's constant analysis of the vibes. Her mother's cold judgment. And all under the stern, watchful gaze of Jack Dean, her father's intriguing and too-handsome second-in-command. It will be a miracle if Alice manages to escape unscathed.

The Temporary Wife by **Catharina Maura** (B Paperback—\$26). *Windsors Series*. Luca Windsor is convinced he hates the secretary his grandmother assigned him, but he can't function without her. Valentina is highly professional, and always a step ahead of him. Despite his insistence that he'd never want her, he loses his composure the second his grandmother mentions pairing her up with another man. A dance leads to a kiss, and the lines are blurred... Except Luca has always known he'd end up in an arranged marriage, and he knows Valentina isn't on his grandmother's list (or so our silly hero thinks). He attempts to distance himself from her, but is unable to, going as far as reinforcing a companywide anti-dating policy to keep her from seeing anyone else... When Valentina experiences a personal crisis, he demands the ultimate price for help he'd, unbeknownst to her, already given her—her hand in marriage... The two start a marriage of convenience, and along the way, they learn they're better suited than they ever thought possible, leading them to rethink the 3-year timeline they put on their marriage.

Arrows and Apologies by **Sav R. Miller** (B Paperback—\$26). *Monsters and Muses Series*. Mayor Alistair Wolfe had one job: hire a new assistant... Preferably, someone who would look good in the position and not cause any scandals. At least, that's what the criminals funding his career want... He definitely wasn't supposed to blackmail his one-night stand into working for him. Especially considering that she's a blue-haired, tattooed thief with an attitude... Cora Astor wasn't looking for a relationship. She wasn't even really looking for a job, but having an in with the mayor of the island where her brother went missing seemed like a good idea... She didn't expect her new boss to be the hot, British stranger she hooked up with the night before her interview, or for him to be so brazen with his desires. Now, despite her disdain for the dirty politician, she's entwined their lives so tight that escape seems unlikely... Not that he'd let her go without a good chase.

You Know It's Love by **Jen Morris** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$27). *NZ Author. Love in the City Series*. I have three rules for dating: 1. Always be my best self. 2. Don't put out too soon. 3. Stay the hell away from anyone like my ex-husband—including liars, cheaters, guys with more looks than substance, and (especially important) bartenders... Everyone says you "just know" when you meet the one, but the only thing I know is New York men are the worst. So when Myles, the cocky, tattooed bartender at my brother's bar starts hitting on me, it's a hard pass, thanks. I won't make that mistake again... Besides, I have enough going on with my ex trying to run my vintage clothing store out of business. So what if I'd rather be selling my own designs? I have bills to pay... But it turns out Myles is good at more than just looking sexy while pouring drinks. He knows how to save my business, and that's an offer I can't refuse. Everything else he's offering? Not interested—not in the slightest. Not even if he could be the best mistake I ever make...

Sounds Like Love by **Ashley Poston** (B Paperback—\$25). *Joni Lark wants to create the melodies that get stuck in your head and your heart...* Her hometown has always given her surf, sand, and inspiration. But when her parents decide to close the family music venue, Joni's life begins to fall off key—she couldn't possibly write another song. Until a melody comes to her, half-formed, and with an imagined voice that she can't forget... But when the very real, aggravating man behind the voice shows up in Vienna Shores—Joni can no longer deny their inexplicable telepathic connection... To get out of each other's heads, they'll have to finish the song haunting them both. But there's just one problem—they can't agree on anything—and if they don't change their tune, it might end in heartbreak first...

Bridesmaid by Chance by **Meghan Quinn** (B Paperback—\$27). *Bridesmaid for Hire Series*. Hudson Hopper is in trouble. After doing his business partner a favour by hiring his younger sister, Sloane, as his assistant, Hudson quickly finds out that she is a massive distraction... Things get more complicated when Hudson volunteers Sloane to fill in as a bridesmaid for a client, and she agrees... with stipulations. She'll be a part of the Regency wedding—corset and all—if Hudson marries her. Sloane knows the value of the trade: he needs her to get into a high-society club to help secure his business deal, and she could use a down payment to secure her childhood home... It's an instant no from Hudson, but when she convinces him that no one will find out, including her brother, and that he will certainly benefit from the marriage too... Hudson suddenly finds himself saying 'I do'.

Pucking Strong by **Emily Rath** (B Paperback—\$26). *LGBTQ+. Jacksonville Rays Series*. My name is Teddy O'Connor, and I just made a terrible mistake. It's been six years since I was an intern for the Jacksonville Rays NHL team. Six years since I was wrapping ice packs on knees and playing Mario Kart on chartered planes. And six long years since I first met him. Henrik Karlsson, star forward of the Rays... and king of my heart... Oh god, I've got to get over this crush! I'm a doctor now, a respected professional. And Henrik doesn't even know I exist. So, why am I risking everything to follow this man halfway around the world!... After receiving news of

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his sister's tragic death, Henrik must fly to Sweden to retrieve his young niece. She's injured and grieving, but a new hockey season is about to start. Henrik can't possibly care for her alone. In fact, the Swedish government won't let him. He needs me. They both do. I'd be heartless not to help...right?... That's what I told myself as I signed our marriage license. It's what I told myself as I moved my stuff into his apartment. And it's what I'm telling myself as the Rays PR Director stares us down. They want this marriage to look real. The team's public image, our jobs, and his niece's custody agreement all depend on it... But my problem isn't that I don't love my new fake husband. God help me, my problem is that I do.

The Syndicator by **RuNyx** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$42). *Dark Verse Series*. Four couples. Six books. One saga... Tristan and Morana. Dante and Amara. Alpha and Zephyr. Shadow Man and Lyla... The world is darker. The game more dangerous. The stakes more deadly... A new era is born.

Fall Into Temptation by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$27). *Blue Moon Series*. Beckett Pierce is the most eligible bachelor in the nosiest small town in upstate New York. But after his last girlfriend handcuffed herself to his porch and set his welcome mat on fire, he's not looking for romance... Especially if it lands in his own backyard. And has miles of red hair... Gianna Decker has her hands full—no, overflowing—with problems. With two kids, a useless ex, and a new yoga studio, the last thing on her mind is finding a man who'll demand more of her time... Fantasizing about her hot, broody landlord? Mistake. Lusting after the sexy mayor of her new town? Terrible idea. Getting naked with the "favorite" son of her father's new lady friend? N-O. Getting involved with Beckett has disaster written all over it... Those stolen kisses were accidental. A few moments of strings-free, sizzling passion couldn't possibly cause any trouble. At least, not until tempers flare when their families complicate things and the interfering citizens of Blue Moon step in with their special brand of chaos.

SEAL In Need by **Annalise Silver** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$20). *NZ Author. SEAL Team Echo Series*. She saved his life. Now he's the only one who can save hers... Paramedic Samantha Evans never expected her routine shift to land her in the middle of a deadly conspiracy. But when she treats Jake Mitchell—a wounded, battle-hardened Navy SEAL—her world explodes. Jake is pursuing a traitor and when Sam unwittingly ends up in possession of top-secret military intel, she becomes a target... Her apartment is ransacked. She's being followed. People close to her are disappearing... The only person she can turn to is Jake—the dangerous, enigmatic stranger who makes her pulse race... Forced to go on the run, Sam and Jake must unravel a web of betrayal before a hidden enemy silences them both... But as danger closes in, trusting Jake with her life is one thing... Trusting him with her heart is another... The clock is ticking... The traitor is watching... And Sam and Jake are running out of time.

Daydreamer by **Susie Tate** (B Paperback—\$27). *Daydreamer Series*. Lucy Mayweather never belonged in the high-powered world of London's business elite, but working for her brother's billionaire best friend was supposed to be her chance to prove herself... and maybe finally win his heart. But the boy she

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once adored is gone, replaced by a cold, ruthless man who seems utterly immune to her charm. Maybe taking this job wasn't her best idea after all... Felix Moretti knows hiring Lucy was a mistake. She's a whirlwind of chaos in his ordered world, and her obvious crush on him is a dangerous temptation. But beneath the tattered jumpers and scattered daydreams is the girl who once enchanted him... Staying away from her is becoming impossible. Giving in is reckless. Wanting more is worse. But when secrets surface and betrayal threatens to tear them apart, Felix must fight for the only woman who's ever mattered—before she's gone for good.

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

Stone and Sky by **Ben Aaronovitch** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Rivers of London Series*. Detective Sergeant Peter Grant takes a much-needed holiday in Scotland. And he'll need one when this is over... If more's the merrier, then it's ecstatic as his partner Beverley, their young twins, his mum, dad, his dad's band and their dodgy manager all tag along. Even his boss, DCI Thomas Nightingale, takes in the coastal airs as he trains Peter's cousin Abigail in the arcane arts... They'll need them, because Scotland's Granite City has more than its share of history and mystery, myth and murder... When a body is found in a bus stop, fresh from the sea, the case smells fishy from the off... Something may be stirring beyond the bay—but there's something far stranger in the sky...

The Woman Left Behind by **Kristen Ashley** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$49). *Misted Pines Series*. There are two dead bodies in Idaho, and the gun used to kill them has been traced back to a sixteen-year-old robbery in Misted Pines... Sheriff Harry Moran has a broken heart and a stack of case files that the corrupt sheriff who came before him might have bungled. Or he may have framed innocent people... The first case Harry dives into, the woman left behind lives just a block away from his office... When Lillian Rainier opens the door to the sheriff, Harry, who's been a dead man walking since his wife died, comes back to life... As for Lillian, she's had a crush on Harry for forever, Harry showing at her door, and how he is when he does only makes her fall deeper... As Harry and his team dive into these suspicious cases, Harry and Lillian have to figure out what to do with all they feel for each other, how hard it hits them, and how deep it goes... But as a voice from the past becomes a witness in the present, and Harry and his crew dig deeper, they sense something sinister happened years ago... As they weave together the threads of a cold case, they realize how messy it is... Worse, the man behind the mess is desperately cleaning it up... And no one in Misted Pines is safe.

A Stranger in the Family by **Jane Casey** (B Paperback—\$25). *Maeve Kerrigan Series*. Every mother's worst nightmare... When nine-year-old Rosalie Marshall vanished from her bed one summer night, her disappearance tore her family apart... Now, sixteen years later, her mother Helena is found dead, her husband by her side. It looks like a straightforward murder-suicide but DS Maeve Kerrigan and DI Josh Derwent soon discover nothing about this case is straightforward... The Marshalls have been keeping secrets. And someone is prepared to kill to hide the truth. Until Maeve finds out what happened to Rosalie, no one will be safe...

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A Tarnished Canvas by **Anna Lee Huber** (20.1x13.0 Trade Paperback—\$44). *Lady Darby Mystery Series*. March 1833. Kiera and her husband, Sebastian Gage, have settled in Edinburgh for the winter with their infant daughter. This allows Kiera to enjoy long hours painting in her studio, making progress on the portraits she hopes to unveil in her own exhibit. She's thrilled when she receives an invitation to the auction of the late Lord Eldin's coveted art collection, and she and Gage eagerly accept. When the floor collapses beneath the gathering, killing one of their fellow bidders, Kiera and Gage are lucky to escape with their lives... Within days it becomes apparent that what at first seemed to be a terrible accident is actually something more nefarious. Someone deliberately compromised the integrity of the structure, though the police are unsure of the culprit's aim. Sergeant Maclean requests Kiera and Gage's assistance in figuring out who would wish to harm the bidders. As they dig deep, it becomes apparent that the victim was not the killer's intended target... and that Kiera was lured to the auction deliberately. Kiera and Gage must utilize all their resources to unveil a monster willing to risk the lives of dozens of bystanders to achieve their ends. But they're on the verge of making a dire miscalculation. For one of the cleverest tricks in a painter's repertoire is the art of misdirection, and their eyes have been drawn far from the gravest danger.

The Boyfriend by **Freida McFadden** (B Paperback—\$26). She's looking for the perfect man. He's looking for the perfect victim... Sydney Shaw, like every single woman in New York, has terrible luck with dating. She's seen it all: men who lie in their dating profile, men who stick her with the dinner bill, and worst of all, men who can't shut up about their mothers. But finally, she hits the jackpot... Her new boyfriend is perfect. He's charming, handsome, and works as a doctor at a local hospital. Sydney is swept off her feet... Then the brutal murder of a young woman—the latest in a string of deaths across the coast—confounds police. The primary suspect? A mystery man who dates his victims before he kills them... Sydney should feel safe. After all, she is dating the guy of her dreams. But she can't shake her own suspicions that the perfect man may not be as perfect as he seems. Because someone is watching her every move, and if she doesn't get to the truth, she'll be the killer's next victim...

We Solve Murders by **Richard Osman** (B Paperback—\$26). *We Solve Murders Series*. Solving murders. It's a family business... Steve Wheeler is enjoying retired life. He does the odd bit of investigation work, but he prefers the pub quiz and afternoons at home with his cat Trouble. His days of adventure are over—that's his daughter-in-law Amy's business now... Amy Wheeler thinks adrenaline is good for the soul, which makes being a private security officer to billionaires the perfect job. She's currently on a remote island keeping world-famous author Rosie D'Antonio alive. Then a dead body, a bag of money and a killer with their sights on Amy have her sending Steve an SOS.

The Corpse in the Closet by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$26). *Riley Thorn Series*. Summer is heating up for reluctant psychic Riley Thorn and her private investigator boyfriend, Nick Santiago... First, her

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disapproving grandmother arrives determined to make Riley take her powers seriously or face the wrath of 'the Guild.' Then there's the homicide detective who needs her help figuring out who murdered the well-dressed corpse in the walk-in closet... Nick's got his own hands full with a tricky missing person case and his parents who want to know why he didn't tell them about his live-in girlfriend. Then there's the fact that he's still the tiniest bit stressed about Riley almost getting murdered earlier that summer. The last thing he wants is her involved in another investigation... Things go from bad to worse when the body count stacks up, the meet-the-parents dinner goes horribly wrong, and their elderly roommate is up to no good... dressed like a mime... To top it off, Riley is forced to return to Channel 50 on official police business to question her spray-tanned news anchor ex-husband and his new weather girl fiancée... The trouble comes to a head when Riley receives a warning from the killer: Back off or she's next. Someone has to solve these murders before she becomes the next corpse.

Dead Girl Gone by **Gareth & Louise Ward** (B Paperback—\$26). *NZ Author. The Bookshop Detectives Series*. When we opened *Sherlock Tomes*, people warned us that we'd made a mistake. That e-readers were taking over. That we'd never compete with the evil Amazon. The one thing they didn't warn us about was the murders... When a mystery parcel arrives at *Sherlock Tomes* bookshop in small-town Havelock North, New Zealand, husband-and-wife owners Garth and Eloise (and their petrified pooch, Stevie) are drawn into the baffling decades-old case of a missing schoolgirl... Intrigued by the puzzling, bookish clues the two ex-cops are soon tangled in a web of crime, drugs, and floral decapitations, while endeavouring to pull off the international celebrity book launch of the century... With their shop on the chopping block and the sinister suspect who forced them to run away from Blighty reemerging from the shadows, have Garth and Eloise *Sherlock* met their Moriarty?

All the Colours of the Dark by **Chris Whitaker** (B Paperback—\$27). There is a moment when childhood ends. For Joseph 'Patch' Macauley and Saint Brown, it comes late one summer as Patch is abducted. Devastated, Saint devotes her days to finding her best friend... Held in darkness, Patch is hopeless and alone—until he feels a hand in his. Though he never sees the girl, they fall in love. When he escapes, he's left with only her voice and name—and promises to spend the rest of his life searching for her... As Saint's heart breaks for the boy she lost—and the man he becomes—she will shadow his journey, to uncover the truth behind who took him... Over a lifetime driven by obsession, Patch and Saint sacrifice everything for redemption, justice, and, ultimately, love—even if that means losing each other forever.

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Tonight, I Bleed by **Katherine J. Adams** (Royal Paperback—\$29). *NZ Author. Witches of Halstatt Series*. Penny Albright has burned night after night to keep her soul free of Malin's contract. Now, she's at the stake again, and this time, it's her free will about to burn. As the ashes settle over the temple inferno, Halstatt faces the Samhain ball and attendance is mandatory. At midnight, when the veil between Life and Death is at its thinnest, the Warden means to

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destroy magic and the witches who wield it. With her family missing and her friends lost, Penny turns to the Sorcerer chained on the mysterious ninth floor of the library for aid... He offers a deal: a legion to fight the Warden in exchange for her blood... Just one drop into the eternal fires will end the Warden's reign and set the Sorcerer free. But as Alice's visions fail and Malin fights the lifeline bond Penny forged to save him, one drop of blood might destroy them all. And with the Warden using Penny's circle of Resistance witch friends as a shield, Penny is forced to choose between the friends she loves and the covens she belongs to....

Shadow's Heart by **Kresley Cole** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$48). *Immortals After Dark Series*. Sheltered princess Kosmina Daciano has always yearned for adventure. But her first trip to the mortal world turns dark when a foe curses her with bloodlust—ensuring her exile in the sinister dimension of Nightside... For millennia, outlaw sorcerer Silt Harea has flouted the laws of the Lore with all the arrogance of a king, remaining one step ahead of ruination. Yet then a mysterious bounty hunter schemes to capture him, dispatching him straight to hell... In Nightside, Silt clashes with the hunter's sister, also condemned. Never imagining that she might be the key to his escape—and his future—he vows revenge against her. But Mina is no easy quarry... Can two doomed immortals survive long enough to salvage a nightmare, turning hatred into love and vengeance into bliss?

Three Shattered Souls by **Mai Corland** (Special Edition Hardcover—\$68). *Broken Blades Trilogy*. The Blades were never supposed to survive this long. But after the battle in Quu Harbor, escaping is no longer enough. The most dangerous liars in the four realms have one last mission—return to Yusan and finish what they started... But now a usurper sits on the throne. And he may be more dangerous than the god-king... With three relics of the Dragon Lord in their possession, the Blades will face the might of the four realms. Enemies will become allies. Allies will become traitors. And the ones they love most? They'll be the ones to break them... Grief will carve the Blades into something ruthless and unrecognisable. But only by losing everything can they win this game of kings and crowns.

The Spellshop by **Sarah Beth Durst** (Special Edition Hardcover—\$60; B Paperback—\$25). *Spellshop Series*. Kiela has always had trouble dealing with people. Thankfully, as librarian at the Great Library of Alyssium, she hasn't had to... She and her assistant, Caz, a magically sentient spider plant, have spent the last eleven years sequestered among the empire's most precious spellbooks, preserving their magic for the city's elite. But when a revolution begins and the library goes up in flames, she and Caz save as many books as they can carry and flee to a faraway island Kiela was sure she'd never return to: her childhood home. Kiela hopes to lay low in the rundown cottage her late parents left her and figure out a way to survive without drawing the attention of either the empire or the revolutionaries. Much to her dismay, in addition to a nosy—and handsome—neighbor, she finds the town neglected and in a state of disrepair... The empire, for all its magic and power, has been

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neglecting for years the people who depend on magical intervention to maintain healthy livestock and crops. And the very magic that should be helping them has been creating destructive storms that have taken a toll on the island. Due to her past role at the library, Kiela feels partially responsible for this, and now she's determined to find a way to make things right: by opening the island's first-ever secret spellshop... Her plan comes with risks—the consequence of sharing magic with commoners is death. And as Kiela comes to make a place for herself among the kind and quirky townspeople of her former home, she realizes that in order to make a life for herself, she must learn to break down the walls she has built up so high.

The Enchanted Greenhouse by **Sarah Beth Durst** (Special Edition Hardcover—\$60; Royal Paperback—\$35). *Spellshop Series*. Terlu Perna broke the law because she was lonely. She cast a spell and created a magically sentient spider plant. As punishment, she was turned into a statue and tucked away into an alcove in the North Reading Room of the Great Library of Alyssium... This should have been the end of her story... Yet one day, Terlu wakes in the cold of winter on a nearly-deserted island full of hundreds of magical greenhouses. She's starving and freezing, and the only other human on the island is a grumpy gardener. To her surprise, he offers Terlu a place to sleep, clean clothes, and freshly baked honey cakes—until she's ready to sail home... But Terlu can't return home and doesn't want to—the greenhouses are a dream come true, each more wondrous than the next. When she learns that the magic that sustains them is failing—causing the death of everything within them—Terlu knows she must help. Even if that means breaking the law again... This time, though, she isn't alone. Assisted by the gardener and a sentient rose, Terlu must unravel the secrets of a long-dead sorcerer if she wants to save the island and have a fresh chance at happiness and love.

A Reign of Rose by **Kate Golden** (B Paperback—\$27). *Sacred Stones Trilogy*. Two kingdoms. One prophecy. One king. One chance to save everything... Arwen Valondale began life as no one, as nothing. But now she's risen to unimaginable heights, done astonishing deeds, and fallen in love... with her arch-nemesis, the compelling Kane Ravenwood. Kane stands for everything Arwen hates: confusion, uncertainty, darkness and fear. And yet, she can't seem to leave him behind—she's journeyed to the highest peaks, the most distant lands, even the depths of the seas, and Kane has been there with her... At first, Arwen believed Kane was the reason her kingdom had fallen to war; now she knows it's the Fae King Lazarus, and that she's prophesised to defeat him. Only by working with Kane will she be able to defeat Lazarus, once and for all, and save herself, her kingdom... and maybe her heart.

The Last Wizard's Ball by **Charlaine Harris** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Gunnie Rose Series*. Lizbeth Rose's sister Felicia attends the Grand Wizards' Ball, and as one of the most powerful—and beautiful—death wizards in a generation, she is highly sought after at the ball... However, war and violence are on the rise in Europe as German and Japanese wizards are also courting Felicia... and

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some are refusing to take no for an answer... As the façade of genteel wizard society turns deadly, Lizbeth must learn to not only protect her sister, but also navigate the arcane world that is pulling her sister and husband into a dangerous dance with death that could change the world as they know it.

The Irresistible Urge to Fall For Your Enemy by **Brigitte Knightley** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Dearly Beloathed Series*. Osric Mordaunt, member of the Fyren Order of assassins, is in dire need of healing. Naturally—such is the grim comedy of fate—the only healer who can help is Aurienne Fairhrim, preeminent scientist, bastion of moral good, and member of an enemy Order... Aurienne is desperate for funding to heal the sick—so desperate that, when Osric bribes her to help him, she accepts, even if she detests him and everything he stands for... A forced collaboration ensues: the brilliant Woman in STEM is coerced into working with the PhD in Murders, much to Aurienne's disgust. As Osric and Aurienne work together to heal his illness and investigate the mysterious reoccurrence of a deadly pox, they find themselves denying their attraction, which only fuels the heat between them.

Arcana Academy by **Elise Kova** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Arcana Academy Series*. Clara Graysword has survived the underworld of Eclipse City through thievery, luck, and illegal magic. After a job gone awry, Clara is sentenced to a lifetime in prison for inking tarot cards—a rare power reserved for practitioners at the elite Arcana Academy... Just when it seems her luck has run dry, the academy's enigmatic headmaster, Prince Kaelis, offers her an escape—for a price. Kaelis believes that Clara is the perfect tool to steal a tarot card from the king and use it to re-create an all-powerful card long lost to time... To conceal her identity and keep her close, Kaelis brings Clara to Arcana Academy, introducing her as the newest first-year student and his bride-to-be... Thrust into a world of arcane magic and royal intrigue, where one misstep will send her back to prison or worse, Clara finds that the prince she swore to hate may not be what he seems. But can she risk giving him power over the world—and her heart? Or will she take it for herself?

Never the Roses by **Jennifer K. Lambert** aka Jeffe Kennedy (Special Edition Hardcover—\$68; Royal Paperback—\$35). Unstoppable war. Unspeakable sins. Impossible love... The Dread Sorceress Oneira has retired. She's fought endless wars for her ambitious queen and has finally exiled herself, seeking peace in a remote forest where the mountains meet the beach. There, in the company of a wolf, a kestrel, and a cat, she comes to accept that her death would be the beginning of a better world. But she has one last curiosity to satisfy... Oneira makes a reckless trip from her hidden fortress to the most extensive library in existence: the collection of her powerful rival, the sorceress Stearanos... Perhaps at the behest of fate, a book on rare roses catches her eye. With little to lose, she steals it and returns to her self-imposed exile. As the subject takes root, she initiates a forbidden correspondence with her once-enemy. Taunting notes and clever retorts reveal a connection neither has found in any other... But Oneira soon learns that Stearanos, bound to a vile king, is called to war against the queen she once served... A relationship

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with him is too dangerous to pursue—and yet, Oneira can't stay away. A bond with the only person who's ever understood her is too tempting to ignore... But not all dreams were meant to come true and not all budding romance blooms.

A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping by **Sangu Mandanna**

(Royal Paperback—\$35). Once, Sera Swan was one of the most powerful witches in Britain. Then she resurrected her great-aunt Jasmine from the (very recently) dead, lost most of her powers, befriended a semi-villainous talking fox, and was exiled from her Guild. Now she helps Jasmine run an enchanted inn in Lancashire, where she deals with their quirky guests' shenanigans and longs for a future that seems lost. Until she finds out about an old spell that could restore her power... Enter Luke Larsen, handsome magical historian, who might have the key to unlocking the spell's secrets. Luke has no interest in the inn's madcap goings-on, and is even less interested in letting a certain bewitching innkeeper past his walls. So no one is more surprised than he is when he agrees to help... Running an inn, reclaiming lost power, and staying one step ahead of the watchful Guild is a lot for anyone, but Sera is about to discover she doesn't have to do it all alone—and that love might be the best magic of all.

By the Moonbeam and the Mist by **Mariah Montoya**

(Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$34). *Esholian Institute Series*. Rayna Drey's second year at the Esholian Institute should be spent advancing her Wild Whispering magic that the Good Council bestowed upon her last year. Unfortunately, she can't quite focus on her new classes. Not when Dyonisia Reeve gave her a single, all-consuming task that she can't refuse: catch Coen Steeler, the murderous pirate who erased her memories three months ago, and hand him in to the Good Council. Then watch him burn... When Rayna finally does come face-to-face with Steeler, however, she finds that he's even more of a force to be reckoned with than she anticipated. He's fast. He's strong. And he has a wicked tongue—one he knows exactly how to use to unravel her mind. Even with a deeper connection to the jungle and training from the lethal tiger Jagaros, Rayna can't yet overpower him... What she can do is get close to Steeler again and strike when he's least expecting it. But while their forbidden meetings evolve into something that burns fiercer than last year, a sinister force is attacking the Esholian villages around them. If Rayna wants to protect the people she loves, she must team up with the same Mind Manipulator who is supposed to be her enemy... and try not to fall back in love with him in the process.

Immortal By Morning by **Lynsay Sands** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Argeneau Series*.

Crispinus Delacort is an immortal rogue enforcer and a homicide detective. But in his quiet city, he's more likely to be rounding up truant teens than investigating murders. So, when he learns that human bones have been found in the garden of a sprawling rural home, it's unexpected to say the least... Abril Newman can't believe her bad luck when she discovers a body buried on the grounds of her boss's home, while chasing after Gina's mischievous lab Lilith. She was just supposed to be house-sitting for a few days! And then Detective

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Delacort arrives. She knows she shouldn't be thinking about love when there's a crime scene outside. But ignoring her attraction to gorgeous Crispin is easier said than done... When Crispin realizes that a rogue is involved, he knows this won't be a simple investigation. Especially because he's so distracted by Abril's presence that all he wants is to kiss her senseless in every room of the manor. But he can woo her, solve the case, and stop a dangerous rogue by morning... right? All in a day's work.

Thorns and Fire by **Helen Scheuerer** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Ashes of Thezmarr Series*. A golden thread joined them, a bond that went deeper than love—and it had nearly destroyed them... Wren Embervale and Torj Elderbrock share a dark and bloody history. With Thezmarr on the brink of another war, and overwhelmed by the force of their feelings for one another, Torj discovers there is more to their bond than passion. The legendary Warsword is determined to protect Wren at all costs, even if it means lying to her... Even if it means losing her... Meanwhile, Wren is struggling to find her place in the world—both as an advanced student of alchemy at the ancient academy of Drevenor, and as one of the heirs to a lost kingdom. With the midrealms once again facing destruction, Wren must decide: Loyalty or liberation? Legacy or love?... As new political players emerge, Wren discovers that her gift for alchemy is more powerful than she imagined—and that it could tear the kingdoms apart... Will she and Torj find their way back to each other, or will the magic that binds them become their undoing?

Rose in Chains by **Julie Soto** (Special Edition Hardcover—\$66; Royal Paperback—\$35). *Evermore Trilogy*. The war is over, the dark forces have won, and the hero who was supposed to save them is dead... Captured as her castle is overrun by the enemy, Briony Rosewood knows that the world as she knows it is changed forever. The dark forces have won and her people face servitude, imprisonment or death... Stripped of her Magic and her freedom, Briony and the other survivors are quickly sold off to the highest bidders in an auction—and as Evermore's princess, she fetches the highest price. After a fierce bidding war, she's sold to none other than Toven Hearst, scion of a family known for their cruelty... Yet despite the horrors of her new world and the role she must learn to play within it, all is not lost. Help—and hope—may yet arise in the most unlikely of places...

The Curse That Binds by **Laura Thalassa** (B Paperback—\$26). *Bewitched Series Prequel*. Two thousand years before there was Selene, there was Roxilana. Her love fated, her life doomed, and her story forgotten—until now... When young Roxilana first hears a voice in her head, she thinks she has gone mad. The truth, however, is stranger still. Because Memnon, the boy who speaks to her, claims he is real. Not only that, he insists they both are god-touched soul mates with the ability to wield magic... As wild as his claims are, they gradually come to pass. First, Roxilana's power Awakens. Then his. But nothing is as startling as the day Memnon, now the sorcerer king of the Sarmatians, arrives at Roxilana's doorstep, proclaiming the witch his wife and shepherding her off to his homeland... Her fate is everything ardent Roxi could have hoped for. But there are things Memnon hasn't told her—about his

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magic, about life as a Sarmatian and what, as queen, she will be asked to endure. Roxilana's trials are only beginning. And as she'll soon discover, there is nothing so dangerous as love mixed with power. For while the combination can build empires and shape legacies, it also has the potential to destroy everything in its path. And, if they're not careful, Roxilana and Memnon could be destroyed along with it.

The Nightshade God by **Hannah Whitten** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Nightshade Crown Trilogy*. The Nightshade Crown is in the hands of a ruthless god and Lore will stop at nothing to defeat him... Lore has failed. She couldn't save King Bastian from the rotten god speaking voices in his mind. She couldn't save her friends from being scattered across the continent. She couldn't save her beautiful, corrupt city from the dark power beneath the catacombs. And she couldn't save herself... Banished to the Burnt Isles, Lore must use every skill she earned on the streets of Dellaire to survive the desolate prison colony and figure out a way to defeat the power that's captured everything and everyone she holds dear. But as Lore gets closer to her goal, her magic grows stronger... and to a woman who's always had to fight for survival, that kind of power may be hard to give up.

The Things We Water by **Mariana Zapata** (B Paperback—\$27). Once upon a time, a girl found a magical puppy, and her life was never the same again... Nina Popoca needs help. So, so much of it... The only place she can find that help is on a sprawling ranch in Colorado. A place hiding more than a community filled with magical creatures trying to live their lives in safety and in peace. A village that might hold the answers to questions she's had her entire life... And if that ranch is owned by her best friend's hunky cousin?... There are worse things in the world than having to live right by Henri Blackrock.

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Road Trip with a Rogue by **Kate Bateman** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Her Majesty's Rebels Series*. A reluctant road trip. A dangerous desire... Daisy Hamilton's new mission for King & Co., London's premier private investigation firm, is simple: stop heiress Violetta Brand from eloping. But her case is derailed when she mistakenly holds up the carriage of Lucien Vaughan, Duke of Cranford—cynical war hero, infamous libertine, and the very man who broke her heart five years ago... Lucien is determined to see his lovestruck nephew married to Miss Brand, but the unexpected appearance of Daisy—the one woman he's never been able to forget—could ruin his plans. As they follow the runaway couple, Lucien decides that delaying the headstrong Daisy by any means possible—including seduction—will be his absolute pleasure... and hers... After Daisy's reputation is threatened, Lucien makes a scandalous claim, but when an unexpected enemy threatens her life, he realizes she's the only woman for him. Their past encounters have made Daisy almost as jaded about love as Lucien himself, and it's going to take action, not words, to convince this knife-wielding hellion to risk her heart on him again.

A Wallflower's Guide to Viscounts and Vice by **Manda Collins** (B Paperback—\$33). *A Wallflower's Guide Series*. A wallflower by choice, wealthy Lucy Penhallow would rather sit out the dancing all season than listen to false flattery from the fortune

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hunters who pursue her. But when she and her best friend's brother witness a crime in progress, they'll need to put every skill Lucy's learned from reading detective stories to the test in their hunt for a missing woman. And if Viscount Gilford happens to be handsome as sin and clever to boot? Well, that's no hardship... Viscount Gilford needs a wife to save him from financial ruin, and there's only one heiress who's off limits. So when he and Lucy find themselves linked in the tabloids, it's a disaster. As their investigation progresses, their once unwelcome alliance becomes something more—a love match neither will give up. But there's a killer watching their romance from the wings who's only too happy to keep these sleuths together ... in the afterlife.

The Murder of Thomas Cardwell by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$40). *The Casebook of Barnaby Adair Series*. Dispatched by Roscoe, London's gambling king, to learn what 'nefarious activity' an upstanding man-of-business has stumbled upon, Jordan Draper—Roscoe's own man-of-business—arrives at Thomas Cardwell's office to discover Cardwell very recently murdered... Soon, Jordan finds himself working alongside the Adairs and Inspector Stokes as they search for clues as to why anyone would kill a man as unthreatening as Cardwell. Unexpectedly, Jordan finds himself drawn to Cardwell's family, especially Thomas's sister, Ruth, and as the investigation progresses, the greater Jordan's compulsion to find the murderer and bring the family resolution and respite grows... Clue by clue, motive by surprising motive, the investigators seek to identify Cardwell's murderer and, along the way, uncover the 'nefarious activity' he'd sought to bring to the authorities' attention. But in a case cluttered with intertwined motives and a web of potential suspects related to each other as well as the victim, finding the kernel of truth amid the chaff is no easy matter. Only through enlisting the help of the investigators' wider circle of supporters do they make any headway, and on the heels of uncovering a cascade of crimes, they finally—finally—close in on the man who murdered Thomas Cardwell.

A Rare Find by **Joanna Lowell** (20.1x13.0 Trade Paperback—\$44). *LGBTQ+*. Aspiring archaeologist Elfreda Marsden has finally made a major discovery—an ancient amulet proving the Viking army camped on her family's estate. Too bad her nemesis is back from London, freshly exiled after a scandal and ready to wreak havoc on her life. Georgie Redmayne is everything Elfreda isn't—charming, popular, carefree, distractingly attractive, and bored to death by the countryside. When the two collide (literally), the amulet is lost, and with it, Elfreda's big chance to lead a proper excavation. Now Elfreda needs new evidence of medieval activity, and Georgie needs money to escape the doldrums of Derbyshire. Joining forces to locate a hidden hoard of Viking gold is the best chance for them both... Marsdens and Redmaynes don't get along, and that's the least of the reasons these enemies can't dream of something more. But as the quest takes them on unexpected adventures, sparks of attraction ignite a feeling increasingly difficult to identify as hatred. It's far too risky to explore. And far too tempting to resist. Elfreda and Georgie soon find that the real treasure

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comes with a steep price... and the promise of a happiness beyond all measure.

Lady Charlotte Always Gets Her Man by **Violet Marsh** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Lady Charlotte Lovett* should have never run away upon discovering her betrothal. But when one has been promised to a man who, rumor has it, killed his previous two wives, one does what one must. The only thing that can get her out of this engagement is proving that Viscount Hawley is as sinister as she thinks he is. And the person who would know best is his very own brother... In many ways, Dr. Matthew Talbot is the exact opposite of his sibling—scholarly, shy, and shunned by society. But like his brother, he has secrets, and he doesn't need Charlotte exposing them in her quest to take down the viscount. It only seems prudent to help her while keeping her from poking her nose in all the wrong places. But as they put their hearts at risk to grow closer to each other, they are also getting closer to a dangerous confrontation with Hawley.

The Muse of Maiden Lane by **Mimi Matthews** (B Paperback—\$29). *Belles of London Series*. Stella Hobhouse is a brilliant rider, stalwart friend, skilled sketch artist—and completely overlooked. Her outmodish gray hair makes her invisible to London society. Combined with her brother's pious restrictions and her dwindling inheritance, Stella is on the verge of a lifetime marooned in Derbyshire as a spinster. Unless she does something drastic...like posing for a daring new style of portrait by the only man who's ever really seen her... Aspiring painter Edward 'Teddy' Hayes knows true beauty when he sees it. He would never ask Stella to risk her reputation as an artist's model but in the five years since a virulent bout of scarlet fever left him partially paralyzed, Teddy has learned to heed good fortune when he finds it. He'll do anything to persuade his muse to pose for him, even if he must offer her a marriage of convenience... After all, though Teddy has yearned to trace Stella's luminous beauty on canvas since their chance meeting, her heart is what he truly aches to capture...

Queen Charlotte by **Julia Quinn and Shonda**

Rhimes (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$29). *Bridgerton Series Prequel*. In 1761, on a sunny day in September, a King and Queen met for the very first time. They were married within hours... Born a German Princess, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz was beautiful, headstrong, and fiercely intelligent... not precisely the attributes the British Court had been seeking in a spouse for the young King George III. But her fire and independence were exactly what she, and her King, needed... Because George has secrets... secrets with the potential to shake the very foundations of the monarchy... Thrust into her new role, Charlotte must navigate the intricate politics of the court—with the newly-titled Lady Danbury at her side—all the while guarding her heart, because she is falling in love with the King... even as he pushes her away. Now, Charlotte must learn to rule, and to understand that she has been given the power to remake society, fulfilling her destiny as Queen. But she also has to fight for the love growing between her and George as people first, royals second. As she says to him: 'Fight with me! Fight for me!'

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traitorous brother has been writing to her under Arthur's name, he's bloody furious. He's content to live alone in his moldering castle, and he has no desire for a radical wife. (Or at least, he shouldn't.) But Arthur is desperate to track down his brother, who's become dangerously entangled in British espionage, and he needs Lydia's help. What he doesn't need? The attraction that burns hotter each moment they spend together. As Lydia slips past his defenses and his brother's mysterious past becomes a very present threat, Arthur will have to risk everything to keep her safe—even his heart.

An Improper Agreement by **Audra Wells** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Improper Agreements Series*. Clara has been missing from the London marriage mart for six years and is reluctant to return. That feeling only grows when she happens to meet Lord Eaton—a rather arrogant, proud earl who vexes her from the moment they first meet. Not wanting to allow herself to be put down by a pompous, self-righteous man, she agrees to the silly game he proposes. The first to make the better match by the end of the season... wins... Wesley had not intended to meet Miss Carrow in the hedge maze in the dark of night—but that is precisely what happened. He can't help but get a rise out of her when he finds that she is entirely too entertaining to tease. Now, they are stuck in a cut-throat competition to see who can land the better match by the end of the season... There are no rules in their secret game—a fact that Wesley overlooked when proposing the idea. Now his plan to pursue the daughter of a duke is quickly crumbling before his very eyes... and not just because of Miss Carrow's meddling. Miss Carrow herself begins to prove to be an unwanted and unplanned distraction... Will either opponent succeed? Or will they stumble upon something deeper as they spend more and more time in each other's company?

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