

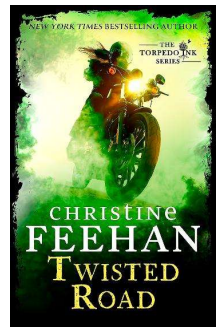
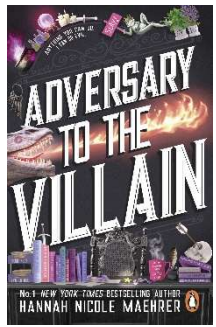
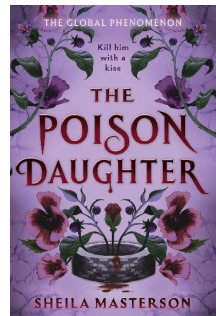
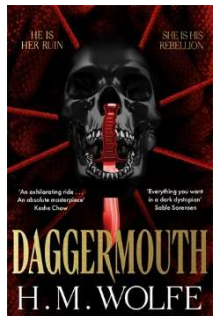
Needing some books to get you through these cold months? There are great new releases by Jayne Castle (Enter the Nightmare), Christine Feehan (Twisted Road), Brigitte Knightley (The Exquisite Torment of Loving Your Enemy), Julie Anne Long (Game of Rogues), Hannah Nicole Maehrler (Adversary to the Villain), Sheila Masterson (The Poison Daughter), Leigh Rivers (Restitution), H.M. Wolfe (Daggermouth), and more. Enjoy your reading!

NB. Please see p2 for details of the *COLD REDEMPTION* book launch and the *BRIMSTONE & BOOKSHELVES* signing event and ball.

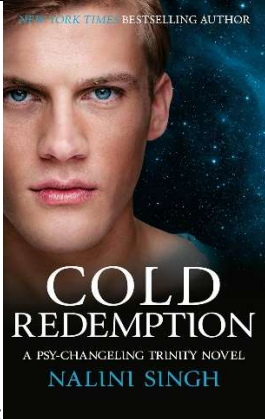
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* Hardcover/TPB/POD

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	Title: Twisted Road Author: Christine Feehan Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book: B Format Paperback Price: \$27 Annotation: <i>Torpedo Ink Series.</i> When Czar shuts down Lazar “Keys” Alexeev’s undercover mission, Keys finds himself back in a nowhere town, distracted by a petite redhead who’s not even his type. He’s breaking Torpedo Ink’s rules to spend time with Lyric Johansen—and can’t get her out of his head... Lyric avoids eye contact, but Keys’s gaze keeps her panic at bay. After helping him fight off vicious thugs, she ends up trapped with him in a coffin, minutes from death... When Keys kisses Lyric to calm her, he’s the one who falls apart. He’ll have to unleash hell to get them out alive—and get another taste....		Title: Adversary to the Villain Author: Hannah Nicole Maehrler Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book: B Format Paperback Price: \$27 Annotation: <i>Assistant to the Villain Series.</i> HR Update: The position of ‘adversary to the villain’ has been filled. Evie Sage does not recall applying... A dangerous prophecy threatens Rennedawn, while Evie and the Villain race King Benedict to claim the artifacts needed to save it. The prophecy points at Evie—and the Villain’s magic keeps choosing her. If she’s accused of evil, she might as well commit... But the more Evie embraces her villain era, the closer Trystan gets, looking at her like she’s chosen his side. Which is inconvenient, because if Evie can’t save the kingdom’s magic, she might become its greatest threat.
	Title: The Poison Daughter Author: Sheila Masterson Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book: Royal Paperback Price: \$36 Annotation: Every person Harlow Carrenwell kisses dies—and that’s the way she likes it. The poison-lipped daughter of Lunameade’s magical founding family serves as her parents’ assassin while secretly hunting abusive men as a vigilante... Until Harlow kisses Henry Havenwood and he doesn’t die. Worse, he’s her new betrothed and now knows her secret. Instead of exposing her, Henry whisks her away to his mountain fort... Trapped near vampire-infested woods with a husband she can’t kill, Harlow must uncover his family’s plans—and somehow make the man who knows she’s a killer fall in love with her.		Title: Daggermouth Author: H.M. Wolfe Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book: Royal Paperback Price: \$35 Annotation: <i>The Heart Duology.</i> In New Found Haven, mercy is weakness, the Veyra are always watching, and love outside your ring is a death sentence... Greyson Serel is the flawless heir to the presidency, secretly tangled in secrets that could topple the regime. Shadera is a mercenary sent to kill him—but when her bullet misses, survival leaves her bound to her target in a political marriage... Their union is a battlefield. Trapped within the city’s corrupt heart, Greyson and Shadera must choose between destroying each other or burning the regime down together. Their forced bond could ignite a revolution—or consume them both.

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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A Lick and a Promise by **Kristen Ashley** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$49). *Avenging Angels Series*. Luna Nelson and Knox Chambers fell together fast, and they did it hard. It was so big, so special, they wanted it just for themselves and kept it a secret from their found family: the Avenging Angels and the Hottie Squad. They both knew this was it. Together forever... What Luna didn't know was that Knox had secrets. Secrets that tore them apart... But when Knox asked for them to continue being friends—for the sake of their crew, and so he wouldn't lose her—Luna loved him enough to say yes. Yes to the torture of being in the life of a man who was the love of hers, but he let her go... Then, Knox gets shot. He gets shot not because he's got a dangerous job (which he does), but because his family is an absolute mess... With the man who means everything to her recuperating, Luna can't keep away. While Luna tries to keep the Angels safe from interfering in Knox's family's criminal enterprises, she and Knox circle each other, drawing a different kind of blood... Will Knox continue to keep his secrets? And will both of them be safe in the Chambers Family Feud?

Depraved Desires by **Morgan Bridges** (B Paperback—\$27). *Villains & Vices Duet*. My monster isn't locked away anymore. He's free. And he's mine... Every wall I once built between us has been demolished, replaced by Ghost's merciless obsession. He isn't my convicted patient anymore. He's my shadow, my captor, and my addiction. Except it's not my fear he wants anymore. It's my total surrender... The deeper I fall into Ghost's world of vengeance and destruction, the more I see the truth: He doesn't just crave me. He wants to remake me in his image. And the most terrifying part? Somewhere in the darkness... I want it too... So, when I uncover the brutal truth about my parents' deaths, a fire ignites in me. Revenge. The killers thought they buried their sins with the bodies they left behind. They never expected me to unearth them. Now Ghost and I share a hunger that no justice system can contain. Together, we'll make them bleed. Or die trying.

Into the Fading Twilight by **Catherine Cowles** (B Paperback—\$27). *Starlight Grove Series*. She's known nothing but darkness for 413 days... but he'll burn down the world to save her... After a year in captivity, Nova Monroe is back in Starlight Grove—but she's not the same woman who vanished. She lives on the edge, chases adrenaline,

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and refuses to be caged again. Cliff diving. Mountain biking. Anything to feel alive and outrun the memories clawing at her. But the single dad with shadows of his own won't let her face it alone. Especially when she finds herself needing a place to stay... Kol Archer has made it his mission to protect her. As a Forest Service investigator, he's no stranger to rugged terrain or battling for control. But nothing prepared him for Nova—her fire, her fight, the way she makes him feel something he thought was lost... The closer they get, the more dangerous things become. Someone doesn't want Nova to move on. And Kol is determined to stop them—no matter the cost... Because for the first time in forever, Nova's not just surviving. She's learning how to live, how to trust, and reminding Kol he can, too. But as darkness looms, the truth could destroy them both...

The Wedding People by **Alison Espach** (B Paperback—\$27). Phoebe Stone arrives at a grand beachside hotel in Rhode Island wearing her best dress and least comfortable shoes. She is mistaken for one of the wedding people—but she's actually the only guest at the Cornwall Inn who isn't here for the big event... When the bride discovers her elaborate destination wedding could be ruined by a divorced and depressed stranger, she is furious. She has spent months accounting for every detail and every possible disaster—except for, well, Phoebe... Soon, both women find their best-laid plans derailed and an unlikely confidante in one another.

Deviant King by **Rina Kent** (B Paperback—\$27). *Royal Elite Series*. The villain isn't supposed to be king... I have a simple plan. Finish Royal Elite School and secure a place at my dream university. But one glance from the school's king blows my strategy up in smoke. One glance and he suffocates my air. Because everything about Aiden King is black. Black mind. Black heart. Black soul... I should've remained quiet and endured the time I have left. I didn't. I made the irrevocable mistake of provoking the king on his throne. And now, I'll pay the price... Being hated by Aiden King is dangerous. But being wanted by him is lethal.

Tempting Venom by **Rina Kent** (B Paperback—\$27). *LGBTQ+. Vipers Series*. When two ruthless enemies collide... My name is Preston Armstrong, and I'm the most depraved bastard you'll ever meet. I take what I want, ruin what I don't, and live exactly how I please. That is, until I crash into the force of nature that is Marcus Osborn... Captain of

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our rival hockey team and the perpetual thorn in my side. A migraine in human form and the one person who refuses to play by my rules. He's my brand of heartless and just as deranged. I set out to crush him, his career, and his infuriatingly gorgeous face. But Marcus hits back with equal force, turning our rivalry into a violent, addictive dance neither of us can walk away from... We were supposed to annihilate each other. Instead, we spark a fire that threatens to devour everything in its path. In this battle of two unhinged souls, our bodies become collateral damage. But I never expected our stone-cold hearts to get involved.

Losers: Part One by **Hayley LaRoux** (US Trade Paperback—Sprayed Edges—\$42). *Losers Series*. I was supposed to have it all. I'd been Prom Queen, Cheer Captain—high school's most savage Queen Bee. I could have everything I wanted... Except them. The freaks, the weirdos, the school's ultimate losers: Manson, Jason, Lucas, and Vincent. Our hatred for each other couldn't keep us apart, not even when my own mistake got Manson expelled and made me the ultimate villain to the rest of them... One night was supposed to be enough... I couldn't resist forever. For one night I gave myself over to the men I wasn't supposed to want and satisfied the darkest parts of my soul. But some things are meant to stay in the dark. One night, and it was over... Nothing more than a game... Now, with college behind me, our worlds collide yet again. Four men, all willing to share me as their plaything until my debt to them is paid. Another game to satiate my dark cravings, the twisted rules of which bring us all even closer than before. But games aren't meant to last... When the debt is paid and the game is done, what if I don't want to walk away?

The Romance Revival by **Christina Lauren** (B Paperback—\$27). Three years ago, Emery Finch did something completely out of character: she got married. To Luca—the impossibly charming landscaper she met on one blistering night in Vegas who made her laugh, made her dance, made her feel... But now, Emery is consumed by her top-secret job, missing dinners, forgetting anniversaries, and promising herself Luca will understand once her cutting-edge research comes to light. Until the unthinkable happens: a tragic accident takes Luca from her... Desperate not to lose him, Emery breaks every rule to bring him back. And Luca would probably thank her for it, if only he could remember her. Their first kiss, their Sunny Sundays at the beach, the life they built together... all of it is gone... It may be a miracle of science, but for Emery it's her one shot at a second chance. And this time, she won't waste it—because true love is worth reviving.

I'll Keep Her Safe by **Jen Morris** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$27). *NZ Author. Forbidden on Fruit Street Series*.

Poppy: Crushing on your best friend's dad? Bad idea. Moving in with him? Even worse. But Wyatt Mathers is unlike any dad I've ever met: he's tattooed, owns a motorcycle, and is dangerously handsome. Oh, and he's hell-bent on protecting me from my toxic ex... To him, I'm his daughter's best friend. But to me? He's the only person who's ever made me feel safe and seen. Living under his roof,

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I'm falling harder than I ever thought possible... and there's no way I can stop.

Wyatt: The moment we met, I noticed my daughter's best friend and roommate. I knew it was wrong, and I've kept my distance ever since... But when Bailey moves out, leaving Poppy with nowhere to go, I can't turn my back on her. Especially not with her psycho ex-boyfriend lurking in the shadows... Having her here feels natural. Too natural. Watching her cook in my kitchen and settle into my home makes me realize I don't want her to leave... My only goal is to keep her safe. But what happens when the real threat is... me?

She's All I Need by **Jen Morris** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$27). *NZ Author. Forbidden on Fruit Street Series*.

Iris: I've always fumbled my way through life, one step behind everyone else. Flunking out of college is failure enough, but when my father forces me to work at his architecture firm to pay off my loans, I hit rock bottom... Then I meet a devastatingly sexy stranger in a bar who helps me forget everything for a little while. Until I walk into Dad's office and find out I'm now his assistant. So much for escaping my problems...

Aidan: My life is simple: work hard, make partner, avoid distractions. But a beautiful young woman crying into a box of cupcakes ignites something in me I can't ignore... When I learn she's my new assistant—and the boss's daughter—I know I need to stay away. Especially when she comes across as a spoiled daddy's girl... Only the more I see how her father treats her, the more I realize I was wrong. The more I want to care for her. And the more I want to be the one she calls Daddy... My career was supposed to be everything, but what if she's all I need?

Restitution by **Leigh Rivers** (B Paperback—\$27). *Edge of Darkness Series*. The weapon they created will be their destruction... As Kade seeks revenge on those who destroyed his life, the lines between sanity and insanity start to blur. They threatened his family, shattered his mind, and then stole his girl. He'll sacrifice everything to save them all, even if it means war... Stacey has been to hell and back, and now she's trapped by Bernadette, the monster who stole Kade from her. But Stacey isn't backing down—she'll do whatever it takes to save Kade, no matter the cost... Can she free them both from Bernadette's clutches before this war consumes everyone they love?

Holding On to Chaos by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$26). *Blue Moon Series*. Romance novelist Eva Merrill is a hot mess running from her past. She doesn't mind telling a fib or two to protect her secrets and her family. It's too bad that she moved to the nosiest small town in the world with Sheriff Sexy—the tall, built human lie detector. He's showing way too much interest in her and treating every conversation like it's an interrogation... Maybe that's because she accidentally showed him her boobs in the middle of downtown Blue Moon. Or maybe it's because he thinks she's about to commit a crime. It's definitely not that he's attracted to her. That only happens in her novels... Donovan Cardona loves his quiet hometown, and he's got pretty strong feelings when it comes to a certain

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klutzy redhead too. But his gut says she's hiding something. Just when he starts to peel back those layers to get to the naked truth, the entire town loses its collective mind—and inhibitions... Can he save the girl from her past and the town from itself?

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

Stone and Sky by **Ben Aaronovitch** (B Paperback—\$27). *Rivers of London Series*. 'This isn't London. The rules are different up here, and so are the allegiances...' Detective Sergeant Peter Grant takes a much-needed holiday up 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... And they'll need them too, because Scotland's Granite City has more than its fair 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 from Nowhere by **Kristen Ashley** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$49). *Misted Pines Series*. After a heartbreaking betrayal, Mabel Adams reinvents herself for the fourth time. Regardless of the alarming reputation of the deceptively sleepy town of Misted Pines, she decides to move all the way across the country to start yet again... Mabel has a one-night stand with a mountain man who rocks her world in bed but doesn't tell her his name. The next day, after receiving a threatening note from her neighbours, she discovers she's living next to an extremist cult where the women go in and are never seen again... After serving, former Navy SEAL Hutch Hutchison is living a peaceful life on his patch in the mountains outside Misted Pines. He's been burned so many times by women, he's happy to train his guard dogs, play his guitar, live remote, and most of all, quiet. Until he hooks up with a beautiful woman who lives just down the way. And then he discovers she's been threatened by the cult next door. Hutch's protective instinct sparks, and he decides his next mission is to keep Mabel safe at all costs... But there's something even hinkier about that cult than Hutch or local law enforcement expect... As Hutch executes the riskiest mission of his life—keeping Mabel safe at the same time keeping both of their hearts intact—Hutch and the Sheriff's Department try to unravel the mystery of The Lion and The Lamb before it's too late. Because Mabel is in their crosshairs. And Hutch is not about to allow her to disappear.

The Night We Lost Him by **Laura Dave** (B Paperback—\$27). One beautiful Californian evening, a wealthy businessman falls to his death from his secluded cliff-top house onto the rocks below. A tragic accident? Or murder? Nora and her half-brother Sam suspect it may be the latter, and team up to uncover the truth of what really happened that night. But their relationship has never been easy, and it is about to be tested to the limit as they start to question how well either of them really knew their elusive father. Unravelling his mysterious past takes them back to a world they knew nothing about, to a tangled love affair and a web of

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relationships that other people would far rather stay buried...

A Bitter Cut by **Anna Lee Huber** (US Trade Paperback—\$46). *Lady Darby Mystery Series*. July 1833. Lady Kiera Darby and her dashing husband, Sebastian Gage, are settling into their newly renovated home at Bevington Park in Warkwickshire with their young daughter. With the breach between them and Sebastian's father recently healed, they've agreed to help host a country house party for friends and family to share in their joy. Kiera is also anxious to help promote a match between her brother, Trevor, and the woman he's fallen in love with, inviting her family to join them. However, Kiera swiftly discovers that the would-be bride's family is not without their detractions. Her brother is unpleasant. Her mother is abrasive. And her father—the prosperous industrialist Jeremiah Birnam—is brusque, discourteous, and, at times, downright rude... So when Mr. Birnam's secretary is found murdered with Birnam standing over her body, many are content to allow him to take the blame. But neither Kiera nor Sebastian believes he did it, and in spite of his bluster and boorish behaviour, they can't let an innocent man be hung for another's crime. Unfortunately, Birnam had his fair share of enemies at the house party, and any one of them might have struck out at his secretary in order to get to him. It's up to Kiera and Sebastian to uncover the truth and salvage Birnam's reputation. As the couple slowly inches their way closer to the truth and threats emerge against their loved ones, Kiera begins to fear that the price of solving the crime may mean sacrificing her brother's future happiness.

Do Not Disturb by **Freida McFadden** (B Paperback—\$27). Quinn Alexander has committed an unthinkable crime. To avoid spending her life in prison, Quinn makes a run for it. She leaves behind her home, her job, and her family. She grabs her passport and heads for the northern border before the police can discover what she's done. But when an unexpected snowstorm forces her off the road, Quinn must take refuge at the broken-down, isolated Baxter Motel. The handsome and kindly owner, Nick Baxter, is only too happy to offer her a cheap room for the night. Unfortunately, the Baxter Motel isn't the quiet, safe haven it seemed to be. The motel has a dark and disturbing past. And in the dilapidated house across the way, the silhouette of Nick's ailing wife is always at the window. Always watching. In the morning, Quinn must leave the motel. She'll pack up her belongings and get back on the road to freedom... But first, she must survive the night.

The Housemaid's Wedding by **Freida McFadden** (B Paperback—Novella—\$24). *The Housemaid Series*. Today is supposed to be the happiest day of my life. I'm engaged to the man of my dreams, and in a few short hours, I'm going to stand before a judge, who will declare us husband and wife, till death does us part. Despite some bumps in the road, this day is everything I dreamed it would be. There's only one problem: Someone out there doesn't want me to live long enough to say my vows. And if I'm not careful, they may very well get their wish....

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Bertie's Theory of Ice Cream by **Alexander McCall Smith** (B Paperback—\$27). *44 Scotland Street Series*. "It's like ice cream, Mr Flynn," Bertie continued. "When you have ice cream, you need to eat it straight away, otherwise it melts. If there are people who haven't got any, you should share it, if you can..." When despair for the world grows, Bertie's theory of ice cream reminds us that it's the simple pleasures in life that we should hold onto. And everyone's favourite seven-year-old has a lot to put up with: at home, Irene is planning lessons on Irish Culture for Bertie; at school, he is forced to join Olive and Pansy's book group, and during a day out with his best friend Randal Braveheart Macpherson, the boys find themselves unexpectedly invited to a wedding... Meanwhile, Bruce's latest property venture goes horribly wrong after trying to move a flat's front door to give it a more prestigious address. At Nine Mile Burn, Matthew and the triplets try to adopt an unwillingly-vegan dog. And Sister Maria-Fiori dei Fiore Montagna discovers the missing part of the Stone of Scone in Drummond Place Gardens.

Murder and Mojitos by **Gareth Ward & Louise Ward** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *NZ Authors. The Bookshop Detectives Series*. The Bookshop Detectives are on the case!... Booksellers Garth and Eloise Sherlock (and their cowardly dog, Stevie) have been roped into hosting Murder and Mojitos, a glamorous Art Deco festival event starring Cuba's queen of crime fiction. Between flapper frocks, rooftop hijinks and competitive cocktail shaking, it should be the bookshop's biggest break yet... But when mysterious parcels arrive at the shop and a body turns up on a quiet local beach, every clue points back to Arthur Pinter—the literary-obsessed serial killer from the Sherlocks' past... With the mojitos flowing and half of the town in costume, Garth and Eloise must untangle a web of old betrayals, new alliances and international intrigue before the festival's finale turns into a bloodbath. Can they protect their staff, their small town and their beloved bookshop—or will this be their final chapter?

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

The Lunatics by **Navessa Allen** (B Paperback—\$27). *Lunatics Series*. Anything can happen during a full moon... Layla Fitzpatrick lives a simple life... for a werewolf. And that's just how she likes it—the scent of woody air, the ability to run free whenever she wants. Everything changes one summer night when she attends a ritual bonding ceremony. She thought she was only there to support her friend, but midway through, the magic seizes her, and Layla's suddenly mated to the most arrogant shifter she's ever met. How in the world is she supposed to spend her life with him?... Layla has no idea that man in the pristine business suit is hiding deep secrets. That Michael Kolbeck spends his nights prowling the streets of Boston, where shifters, witches, and vampires walk a delicate tightrope of uneasy peace. Layla wants to rebel against every aspect of her new life, but unless she and Michael can unlock the true powers of their mating bond, that thin veneer of peace among all supernatural beings is about to vanish.

Enter The Nightmare by **Jayne Castle** (B Paperback—\$27). *Harmony Series*. Alice Radstone should have known not to return. Her life before the Hotel

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of Dreams had been the perfectly cloistered world of a teacher at the Ballantine Academy. When the death of her mentor forced her out, she was left to reinvent herself in the big city. Since then, things have not gone well. Ten months ago, after her first trip to the hotel, she woke up in the locked ward of a hospital for the criminally insane, told that she had murdered her husband on their wedding night. She has no memory of the husband or the wedding but after escaping the asylum, one thing is certain—she is never going back... Unfortunately, Alice's second reinvented life is also deteriorating rapidly, which is why she finds herself once again at the Hotel of Dreams—this time hiding in the shadows of her room, a dead body in the shower, and two men wearing masks creeping toward the bed to kidnap her. Again... When the enigmatic and decidedly dangerous Owen March shows up, claiming he's there to rescue her, she has no choice but to accept his offer—and hope that he doesn't intend to kidnap her, too... With Alice and now Owen in the killer's sights, time is running out. Alice and Owen must trust each other and the electric passion between them if they are to make it out of this hotel alive.

Verity Guild by **Mai Corland** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Verity Guild Series*. After her father's untimely death, Kerasea becomes High Priestess of the Temple of Truth and the people of Pryor look to her for guidance. What they don't know is that she is hiding a secret which could bring the regime down... Praetorian and revered soldier, Matelo, lost everything at the hands of Kerasea's father. Years later, he still seeks revenge... When the beheaded body of a Senator is found with the ceremonial dagger of the temple beside him, Kerasea and Matelo's paths become inextricably linked... And they set off on a path neither would expect.

Nobody's Quest by **Alyssa Day** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *The Nobody Chronicles*. The goddess needs a nobody. The prince needs a miracle. Soli Graymind might be both... Soli has spent most of her life invisible—an indentured servant, a library mould-scrubber, the girl no one sees unless she's in the way. Then the king chooses her to retrieve a set of ancient keys that can save the goddess and halt the chaos consuming the world. Beside him stands Prince Kaelen: devastatingly beautiful, mercilessly cold, and certain Soli won't survive the journey. She has no training, little power, and no idea why she was chosen—but she refuses to be expendable. As assassins, monsters and impossible choices test her fragile alliance with the prince, Soli realizes she can no longer hide in the shadows... Because, for the first time in her life, she has something to lose...

Sea of Charms by **Sarah Beth Durst** (US Hardcover—Sprayed Edges—\$63). *Spellshop Series*. Marin has always belonged on the great blue sea. Betrayed by love, she lives and works as a supply runner, sailing from island to island, delivering an array of goods with Perri the sea serpent and Ree the sailor shrub as her crew... On one of her routine trips to the capital, Alyssium, Marin finds a revolution underway—and a friend in the line of fire... What starts as a rescue evolves into a deal: Marin will keep Dax on as a member of her crew if he pretends to be her boyfriend at the End-of-Harvest Festival back home. But against her better judgment, Marin finds

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herself intrigued by his stubbornness, his passion for stories, his charming smile—and realizes that perhaps she isn't saving him. Maybe it's the other way around.

The Faraway Inn by **Sarah Beth Durst** (Royal Paperback—\$35). When sixteen-year-old Calisa arrives at her great-aunt's bed-and-breakfast for the summer, she's shocked to find it run down rather than cosy. Grumpy and eccentric, Auntie Zee is determined to keep anyone from messing with her beloved inn... even though she clearly needs the help... To convince her great-aunt to keep her around, Calisa sets to work fixing up the inn, enlisting extra help from the groundkeeper's (handsome) son. But the longer she stays, the surer she is that there's something strange about the B and B—and its residents. Something almost... otherworldly... The inn is hiding a magical secret—but secrets are like doors. Once Calisa opens this one, she won't be able to go back...

Thunder Game by **Christine Feehan** (B Paperback—\$27). *GhostWalker Series*. Diego Campos has come home to die. The GhostWalker is tired of walking a dark path shaped by countless losses. There has never been a moment of good in his life that wasn't followed by something bad. But as he makes his way to his family's homestead in the Appalachian Mountains, his plans are interrupted by a violent ambush that sets his life on a new course... In between fighting off a small army of assailants, Diego is struck by a beautiful, brutal warrior woman unlike anyone he's encountered before. Compelled to rescue her, Diego uses his psychic gifts to make Leila's broken body whole again and save her from certain death. With each new breath she regains her strength, showcasing her humor, intelligence and courage as she reveals the truths of her past and inspires feelings Diego never thought his heart could experience... After a lifetime alone, in the middle of a firefight, Diego has finally found a light to guide him through the darkness—and one brief touch is enough to set them both aflame.

Eyes of Kings by **Chloe Gong** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *NZ Author. Flesh and False Gods Series*. You are owed to me. After all the heavens have done, you are mine. Wear the crown. Pay the price... War beckons in the kingdom of Talin. On one side sits Calla Tuoleimi and Anton Makusa, and on the other, the recently dethroned August Shenzhi and Calla's own predecessor Sinoa Tuoleimi. Neither will rest until the opposition is buried... Calla assumed victory would be easy. She wears the divine crown after a violent coup, wielding the most powerful weapon in the kingdom. Then the provinces start to whisper of the old gods returning to earth, and suddenly the game board is flipped upside-down... Anton thought he aligned himself with victory. When he swore to serve as Calla's general, he understood the battle they were waging. But he fears Calla is no longer herself with the crown. Rather, he fears that Calla is returning to who she once was... August would sacrifice anything for victory. He has waited his entire life for the throne, and surrender is not an option. In the face of age-old immortals challenging his terrain and the possibility of betrayal from his closest and most cherished guard, he must be careful who he trusts... Because when the war ends, there

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can only be one king.

Shadows of Sparta by **C.R. Jane** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *The Spartan Flame Trilogy*. Sparta is dying... Gods once ruled the land, until King Menelaus cast them out and crowned himself in their place. Now drought scours the earth, and a mysterious affliction steals the breath from the living. Prayers go unanswered. Defiance is rewarded with blood... When the king resurrects the ancient trials meant to choose his queen, Helena becomes her dying village's only hope. Marked by a terrible beauty, she steps forward not for glory—but for survival... But beauty alone cannot save her from a crown forged from fear... Alone in a dangerous court, Helena must decide whom to trust: a legendary warrior bound to the throne by blood and oath, or a prisoner bearing forbidden magics and truths meant to stay buried... One guards her cage. One whispers how to escape it. And one of them is lying... The fate of her people rests on her shoulders. And if Helena chooses wrong, Sparta will not simply fall. It will kneel.

Spellcast by **Sophie Jordan** (Royal Paperback—\$33). *Standalone in A Fire in the Sky world...* For ten long years, Arden has been invisible, trapped in her village by a spell she cannot break. Living like a ghost among those who've forgotten her, she dreams of vengeance against the witch who cursed her... Until one fateful day, her village is devoured in flame, and everything changes... From the wreckage rises a pride of dragons that can transform into humans. Their piercing eyes slice through her curse, and for the first time in a decade, Arden can be seen... Swept off to the Craggs by the enigmatic alpha dragon, Tage, Arden is forced into a world of fire and power, drawn unwillingly to Tage's fiery intensity... But Arden's fate is bound to a secret she has yet to uncover. With war on the horizon, she must decide whether to harness the wild magic around her, or risk losing everything... Sometimes all it takes to break a curse... is to cast another spell.

The Exquisite Torment of Loving Your Enemy by **Brigitte Knightley** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Dearly Beloathed Series*. Osric is a Fyren assassin who gleefully murders for money. Aurienne is a Haelan scholar-healer whose Order's motto is Harm to none. They should be absolute opposites—until Osric bribes Aurienne to heal him and the lines between good and bad, love and hate begin to blur. Every healing session draws them closer, and Osric develops unwanted feelings as Aurienne's capable hands heal his body—and his heart. Aurienne should be in her research lab, not secretly healing a devastatingly handsome assassin every full moon or wrestling with her attraction to him. Then they discover more about the deadly Pox deliberately unleashed through the Tiendoms. The plague may be the work of another Order far nastier than either can handle, and the balance between peace and war hinges on a heartbeat.

Prince of Swords by **Elise Kova** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Arcana Academy Series*. I am terrified. Yet my heart skips a beat. This man might be a monster, but he is my monster... Clara Graysword is Oricalis's most wanted. Hunted and cornered, not even her mastery of tarot can save her this time... until the mysterious Worldkeepers appear. This secretive order may hold the key to changing Clara's fate. If she

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dares to trust them... But the most dangerous alliance of all is one she's already deeply ensnared within: Prince Kaelis... Kaelis, second-born prince of Oricalis and headmaster of Arcana Academy, is the one man she can't escape—maybe she doesn't want to escape. Ruthless, dangerous, and bound to Clara by destiny and desire, Kaelis tests her heart as much as her loyalty. Together, they grow closer to the most powerful secrets of the tarot... and to the truths they both hide that could destroy the passion that they no longer deny... Hidden in plain sight within Arcana Academy, Clara walks the dagger's edge. Revelations about Oricalis threaten everything she thought she knew, and every choice she makes is the difference between salvation and ruin... To change the world, Clara must risk everything—her power, her beliefs, and her heart.

Dominion by **Jean Kwok** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Silk & Iron Trilogy*. A woman with no past. A warrior with no future. Their love could save the world—or burn it down... In a world divided into four rival Dominions, power is everything—and Rubi Morningtail has almost none. Three years after the Annihilation destroyed her homeland and shattered her memories, she lives as an Azure refugee in the Dominion of the Silver Tyger, scraping by as a ribbon dancer and hiding her little bit of singing magic. When she wounds a massive battle-tyger on her doorstep, she draws the notice of Blake Axefire—supreme metal mage, leader of the royal tyger warriors, and the last man an Azure should trust. His sentence? Cast her into the Bonding, a brutal trial where tygers choose their riders and slaughter the rest. Surviving is unthinkable... But survive she does. Now she's stuck on Blake's elite team racing to reseal the Anchors to the demon realm. With rebels striking, demons rising, and the Dominions at each other's throats, Rubi must unlock the truth of her magic and her past... while resisting her dangerous attraction to the ruthless warrior who could be her redemption—or her ruin.

Among the Thorns by **Jennifer K. Lambert** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Never the Roses Series*. Twin sorceresses. One Prince Charming. Which sister will win out?... Ambitious young sorceress Rose of Northbrooke is about to graduate. She's the only known dream sorcerer of her generation and she's a remarkable one. No wonder she has Prince Sebastien, one of the most eligible royals of the realm trailing her skirts... But when rumours of dream magic gone awry reach her ear, Rose discovers she's not the only oneiromancer of her generation. And she might not be the most powerful... In a faraway cottage, Thorn has lived a simple and isolated life. She longs to be part of the world. When she discovers there's another dream sorceress out there who owns everything Thorn has ever wanted, she hungers even more for all she's been denied... When Rose and Thorn meet, the outcome is clear: only one sorceress can live out in the open and claim the prince's loving hand...

Steelborn by **Taylor J. LaRue** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Steelborn Saga*. Enter a world ruled by tyrants and thieves, where magic is outlawed, revolution brews, desire is dangerous, and an impossible cure may prove deadlier than the curse... Never run. Never bow. Never die... Reya Connery became the

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Crimson Dagger, the most notorious thief in Rhiterra, by following a strict set of rules. One: There is no honour among thieves. Two: A good blade is key to any negotiation. Three: Only the dead keep secrets. And Reya has a secret that must be kept at all costs. But when a heist goes wrong on the eve of paying off her debt to a ruthless crime lord, Reya needs a lot of coin. Fast... Enter Caelan Halcyon, an immortal warrior whose magic makes him a valuable target—if the curse inching closer to his heart doesn't kill him first. There's just one person desperate enough to seek the fabled cure in time to save him: the Crimson Dagger. A male of honour, Caelan loathes everything the beautiful, cocky thief represents, yet knows Reya is his last hope... Their search takes them to the edge of the known world, where Reya discovers far more is at stake than their own lives. She must confront deadly foes, her growing attraction to the lethal immortal, and the rage she's spent a lifetime trying to bury. This time, her daggers aren't going to cut it, and the fate of all magic-born hangs in the balance.

The Raven at the Ash Door by **K.A. Linde** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Oak & Holly Cycle Series*. A second Monster War is on the horizon... Kierse is struggling to return as a major player. With both control of her new magic and the ceaseless bond between her and Lorcan sidelining her, she is determined to find a way to help... Kierse and Graves seek to steal the Stone of Fal, an ancient Celtic artifact that they believe can break bonds. In the pursuit of her freedom, the hunter becomes the prey as Kierse's parents' killer, the dreaded Fae Killer, lands on her trail... The future itself hangs in the balance if Kierse and Graves can't bring all the artifacts together in the hopes of defeating their enemies.

A Palace of Smoke and Mirrors by **Loren Little** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$42). *Gift War Series*. Furious at being betrayed, Aura has fled from the House and tumbled deeper into Faerie with one thought: run for your life... The Malum are determined to force an arranged marriage between the High King and an enemy bride, while the caenim track Aura by the scent of her humanity—and of the future High Queen she could become if she accepts her bond to Lucais. But Lucais is still keeping secrets, and Aura must decide whether to keep running or fight to save herself. Haunted by old wrongs and an Oracle's prophecy, she needs to unravel hidden truths and reopen old wounds to escape the fate awaiting her. Enemies hide secrets throughout Faerie, and Aura's magic makes her a force to be reckoned with—but first she must reckon with herself.

Apprentice to the Villain by **Hannah Nicole Maehr** (UK Hardcover—Sprayed Edges—\$35). *Assistant to the Villain Series*. This book is now available as a special edition hardcover.

A Witch's Guide to Magical Innkeeping by **Sangu Mandanna** (B Paperback—\$27). It's time to get her spark back... Once, Sera Swan was one of the most powerful witches in Britain—until she sacrificed most of her magic to resurrect her beloved aunt. Now she runs an enchanted inn in Lancashire, where she deals with her quirky guests' shenanigans and longs for a future that seems

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entirely lost... Then she meets Luke Larsen, the handsome and icy magical historian who could hold the key to restoring her power. Luke has no interest in the inn's goings-on or letting a certain witch past his walls, so no one is more surprised than he when he agrees to help. Worse, he might actually be thawing... But as the two work together alongside the family Sera has built, she begins to wonder... could love be the best magic of all?

The Hidden Way by **Juliet Marillier** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *NZ Author. Heartwood Series.* Stasya and her companions have made a remarkable journey to find the true heir to the Rulership, believed dead as a child. Now they must bring Markus back to court for the Ruler's Grand Council, where he will reveal himself. Until then his survival must be kept secret, for the Ruler's guards will be on the roads, hunting the fugitives. While Markus, in seclusion, prepares for the great task ahead, the team heads away from Heartwood, accompanied by two of the Forest Folk. Olev and Eldur, with their uncanny gifts, can provide security beyond the ability of human guards... Stasya and Karolis, with Olev, join a troupe of travelling players. As a storyteller, Stasya can pass on the message of justice and harmony, while Karolis can guard her and exercise his own talents. Aleksis, with Matiss and Eldur for support, seeks the support of trusted allies... The journey holds many dangers: shipwreck, armed attack, monsters both human and uncanny. While Olev and Eldur can find shortcuts unknown to humankind, those hidden ways have their own perils. Stasya's small companion, Flip, is both gift and burden in a realm where any suggestion of witchcraft can lead to a death sentence. As they travel, the team learns how much damage the Ruler's desperate quest for amber is inflicting on her people, with land laid ruin and communities struggling to meet her demands. And they learn how much stronger they can be when they stand together... All fear the final confrontation. All know how much hangs in the balance. In the end, could storytelling be the key?

A Forsaken Prophecy by **Stacey McEwan** (Royal Paperback—\$36). *Artisan Trilogy.* In Belavere Trench, the Artisans and the Craftsmen are at war. Patrick, the last Alchemist, and Nina, the world's only known Earth Charmer, have been captured by the Artisans, putting Patrick's rebel union in a precarious position... Though he hasn't forgiven Nina her betrayals, Patrick has other things to worry about. He is finally reunited with his father, a prisoner of the Artisans, and the group lands a narrow escape only with the help of Nina's first love, Theo. Decoding an ancient prophecy, they set off in search of an infinite supply of idium that will determine the course of the war, should it prove more than a myth. Fleeing across Craftsman towns on the brink, they will encounter old friends—and enemies—in search of answers.

Fated to the Wolf Maiden by **April L. Moon** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$40). *Hunted Omegas Series.* Getting mated to the enemy? Not an effing option... Elodie: I don't have time for this. I'm a warrior maiden, oath-sworn to the Enclave to live and die by my sword in the protection of the omegas. Not only is he the enemy, giving into the

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pull between us would ruin my career. Because the maiden part of warrior maiden? It's not optional... A fated mate bond would mean that I can't fulfill my life's purpose, and there's no way I'm letting that happen. So what's a girl to do?... Deny everything, and have no regrets. I'm going to reject the bond, because I've got no other choice.

Atonement Sky by **Nalini Singh** (B Paperback—\$27). *NZ Author. Psy-Changeling Trinity Series.* Justice-Psy Eleri Dias knows the end is near for her, her mind one step away from fatal psychic exposure. In the short time that remains, she is determined to atone for an act of omission that has haunted her for a long, cruel decade. But that decision not only means facing a powerful changeling wing leader, but also 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 him, betrayed them, at the most painful moment of his life. But the evil that stalks his territory will allow him no respite, forcing him once more into contact with the J he has never been able to forget... Everything that could've been between Eleri and Adam was lost years ago, a shimmering promise crushed. As they work to uncover a monster, the moment of reckoning looms ever closer. Soon, there may be no more time left for either atonement... or love.

The Alchemy by **Rachel Vincent** (US Trade Paperback—\$32). *Alchemy Trials.* Naked, knowing little more than her name, Amber Fallbrook does not recognize the stone tower she's awoken in, or the vast, glittering ocean beyond its window. Turning, she finds a very a different view: a beautiful, nearly nude man stirring in her bed. He is a stranger, as is the man who barges into the room seconds later, clearly expecting to find Amber alone... Who are they? Who is she? Why can't she remember?... Shocked to discover that she's in her dormitory room at the Alchemy—the realm's prestigious university dedicated to the study of alchemy—Amber has no recollection of having been one of the school's top students for the past two years. The two men—brothers—are her childhood friends, even if "friends" is not exactly the energy in the room... One brother claims he wants to protect her, and the other to help her recover her memory. But nothing is at it seems at the Alchemy. Not the intentions of her classmates and faculty, not the stunning, labyrinthine campus, not the two brothers she's increasingly attracted to—maybe not even Amber herself... Despite her memory loss, Amber rejoins her classes and prepares for the deadly Alchemy Trials alongside the other Mastery-level students. But as invigorating as the flowing language and symbology of alchemy is, she can't help but notice that for an institution shining light on the quest for human perfection there are a lot of dark shadows in its winding corridors.

Dark Lover by **J.R. Ward** (B Paperback—\$27). *Black Dagger Brotherhood Series.* In the shadows of the night in Caldwell, New York, there's a deadly turf war going on between vampires and their slayers. There exists a secret band of brothers like no other—six vampire warriors, defenders of their race.

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Yet none of them relishes killing more than Wrath, the leader of The Black Dagger Brotherhood... The only purebred vampire left on earth, Wrath has a score to settle with the slayers who murdered his parents centuries ago. But, when one of his most trusted fighters is killed—leaving his half-breed daughter unaware of his existence or her fate—Wrath must usher her into the world of the undead—a world of sensuality beyond her wildest dreams.

Kingdom of Claw by Demi Winters (B Paperback—\$27). *Ashen Series*. Silla Nordvig survived the Road of Bones, but her dreams of a simple life are shattered. Beaten, betrayed and reeling from the revelation of her true name, she flees Kopa with Reynir Galtung, ruthless leader of the Bloodaxe Crew. Forced into hiding together, Silla plans to master the magic in her veins and save her sister—but first she must face her own inner demons. Meanwhile, Saga Volsik has lost her family and her throne, and now her enemies expect her to marry their son. When she discovers her foster mother has kept the biggest secret of all, Saga sets out to dismantle Queen Signe's plans piece by piece. But a handsome Zagadkian dignitary knows too many of her secrets, while across Íseldur dark threads gather and magic long thought dead begins to wake.

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How to Lose a Laird by Anna Bradley (US Trade Paperback—\$43). *Cairncross Castle Series*. Despite their village's wild, insistent rumours, middle sister Freya MacLeod is no more a witch than her extraordinary siblings. Quiet and observant, she can't control the weather—although her magnificently skilled drawings often predict it. But now a very different sort of storm has besieged their home of Castle Cairncross. When Freya's fearless younger sister disappears and is accused of murder, Freya is determined to prove her innocence—and bring her back. That means matching wits with a warrior—no matter how dangerous he may be... A reluctant laird, Callum is glad to escape his clan's intrigues. But helping to protect Castle Cairncross as a favour to a friend is far more difficult than he thought. Especially when the seemingly timid Freya eludes him, his battle-honed instincts—and enrages the village into putting a bounty on both their heads... As they flee, Freya is stunned to see how caring—and vulnerable—Callum can be... But he must keep his growing feelings for her hidden in order to honour a secret promise to his clan. Yet as their peril increases, they may find that battling side-by-side will uncover something more precious than gold...

You Had Me at Heist by Christina Britton (US Trade Paperback—\$43). *Wimpole Street Widows Society Series*. Widow Iris Rumford has faced her fair share of hardships. Joining the Wimpole Street Widows Society has helped her start to heal—until she learns that her late mother's groundbreaking botanical work was stolen by her greatest adversary, who is about to publish the findings as his own... Determined to stop the thief at all costs, Iris refuses to let the dashing guard protecting the research threaten her plans. Even if he does tempt her in new, intriguing ways... After a scandal cost Oliver Beckett his job as a Bow Street Runner, he's spent

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the last year struggling to provide for his mother and sister. Guarding a lord's precious botanical collection seems too good to be true—who would steal a bunch of plants? But the appearance of a beautiful, maddening woman throws his hopes for a quiet future right out the window... As the two find themselves constantly thrown together, their resolve is tested—and so are their hearts.

Nicholas: Lord of Secrets by Grace Burrowes (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$33). *Lonely Lords Series*. Nicholas Haddonfield has something to hide... After a wild youth, Nicholas Haddonfield has promised his ailing father he'll finally settle down and take a bride, though doing so will force Nick to make impossible choices and face old, painful wounds... Leah Lindsey is glad to find refuge from her own desperate situation in a marriage of convenience with the gallant viscount. But soon convenience is not enough, and Leah can't understand why Nick remains so distant. What is he hiding, and will he ever allow her into his heart?

A Duke Never Tells by Suzanne Enoch (US Trade Paperback—\$43). Before entering into a supremely-advantageous arranged marriage with James Clay, the new Duke of Earnhurst, clever, independent Lady Meg Pinwell has to see if he's really the rake he's rumored to be. But how is a well-bred young lady going to make sure he's the man she wants?... With the help of her Aunt Clara, they plan some discreet reconnaissance at the Duke's country estate. Meg will pretend to be her aunt's maid/companion to see the true state of affairs at Earnhurst Manor... But Meg isn't the only one pretending to be someone she isn't: In order to escape Clara (who is surely a marriage hunter!), James has traded places with the excellent Riniken, the former Duke's butler. Soon everyone is falling in love with the absolute wrong person! They say the course of true love never does run smooth... at Earnhurst, it's running amuck!

Miss Tiffany Has a Secret by Bronwen Evans (Independently Published Paperback—\$39). *NZ Author. Season of Secrets Series*. She calculated every risk... except falling for him... Miss Tiffany Deveraux is more than just a bluestocking, she's a financial genius hiding behind the plain façade of an orphaned ward. Society sees a penniless, unremarkable girl under the Earl of Marlowe's care, and Tiffany intends to keep it that way. Her quiet fortune, earned through sharp wit and savvy investments, is a secret she'll protect at all costs. Because the only way to know if a man truly loves her... is if he believes she has nothing to offer but her heart... Slade Ware, Marquess of Wolfarth, has the Midas touch, or so the ton believes. Lauded as a brilliant investor, his success is largely luck, and that luck may have just run out. When he learns of Tiffany's hidden talents and growing wealth, a marriage of convenience seems the ideal solution. She gains protection. He gains stability. Simple. Logical. Unemotional... But emotions have never followed logic... As friendship deepens and hidden wounds come to light, what begins as a calculated match risks turning into something neither of them anticipated. Because what Tiffany truly wants isn't his title or protection, it's his heart. And that's the one thing Wolfarth swore he'd never give again.

Historical & Regency Romance continued**A Shop Girl's Guide to Wooing a Lord** by **Shana Galen** (US Trade Paperback—\$43). *Heiress Hunters Series*.

A down-on-her-luck shop girl and the son of an earl find they have more in common than they thought... Tamsin Archer might just be having the worst year of her life. And that's saying something, considering her father is dead, her mother was maimed at work, and her family regularly sleeps under London's bridges. But when her younger siblings go missing, Tamsin decides it's time to step up and fight... Desperate times call for desperate measures, and Tamsin's more than willing to take a few risks to reunite with her siblings. But while disguising herself to sneak into homes and steal from the rich, Tamsin is caught by Garret Kildare, the second son of an earl. Much to Tamsin's surprise, Garret doesn't want to turn her in. He wants to help her. Though Tamsin's wary—she's learned to never trust supposed 'good luck'—the unlikely pair form an alliance, one that quickly muddles their class differences... Garret knows he must be careful. Falling for a woman of a lower class could be the nail in the coffin for his family's tenuous social standing, and there are eyes everywhere. Ignoring their attraction proves impossible, though, and soon the lines they've drawn around their partnership begin to blur. As more focus lands on Tamsin and Garret, they wonder if their red-hot connection means giving up everything—and everyone—they've ever known.

Nearly a Bride by **Sabrina Jeffries** (B Paperback—\$28). *Lords of Hazard Series*. The art of faking an engagement is never easy... After more than a decade, the Earl of Heathbrook returns to London to reclaim guardianship of his younger brothers. However, his reputation as a rake has followed him from France, and his own father has blocked Heathbrook's rightful custody in his will. But the clever rogue concocts the perfect plan to restore his reputation, and his inheritance... by finding a temporary fiancée... Giselle Bernard is not looking to wed an earl with a wild past. All she seeks is a nobleman, who can legally secure her new life in England and head off a mysterious stranger's threats. Posing as Heathbrook's bride-to-be would surely benefit them both. But as their engagement charade unravels, neither expect it to blossom into a promise of love...

The Mismatch of the Season by **Michelle Kenney** (B Paperback—\$27). *Fairfax Sisters Series*. 'I don't pretend to know the details of your private life, Miss Fairfax, but you might do better to embrace the fortunate position into which you were born, rather than regret the one that only exists between the covers of a novel'... Miss Phoebe Fairfax dreams of being as free as her four brothers. When she discovers she is to be wed to a repugnant earl who is old enough to be her grandfather, she decides to embark on a real adventure... Enter the insufferable—and insufferably gorgeous—Viscount Damerel.

A Game of Rogues by **Julie Anne Long** (US Trade Paperback—\$45). *Palace of Rogues Series*. A lady on the edge of ruin must plead with the king of London's underworld to save her family, only to find herself instead caught in his web... and unable to resist him... One disastrous night. One devastating man.

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One diabolical proposition... Gabriel Marchand ruthlessly fought his way up from the gutters of St. Giles to preside over London's most exclusive gaming hell. Few dare cross him. But when a young earl gambles away his inheritance, Marchand makes an enemy: a woman with wit like a dagger and the softest eyes he's ever seen... Spend a night in his bed, and he'll call off the debt. This is the offer he makes Guinevere Woodville, the earl's sister, when she blames him for her brother's disaster. She'd rather die, of course. But when their seething enmity gives way to sizzling attraction at The Grand Palace on the Thames, his offer haunts them. Soon it seems a matter of not if, but when... It's not long before Ginny is facing two stark truths: the so-called worst man in London is the best man she's ever known... and keeping him would mean losing everything and everyone else she loves. But Marchand has one final card to play... and losing everything is a risk he's willing to take if it means a chance to love her forever.

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Seduced by a Devil by **Wendy Vella** (Independently Published Paperback—\$39). *NZ Author. Deville Brothers Series*. A fiery piano teacher with a past she never knew—and an earl sworn to protect the King... To society, he's a powerful earl. In secret, he's a member of a hidden alliance sworn to protect the King. The one complication he doesn't need is his sister's piano teacher. From their first clash, Dimity Brown has been a thorn in his side. But when she vanishes, Gabriel is forced to find her—and confront the truth of what lies between them... Dimity's life as a piano teacher is safe, quiet—and a lie she never knew she was living. After her father's death, a single letter shatters everything she believed about her past and puts her in grave danger. With nowhere else to turn, she's forced to rely on the one man she cannot stand. Gabriel Deville is infuriating, inflexible... and far too tempting. Trusting him may save her life—but loving him could cost her everything... When enemies become allies, can love survive when the truth threatens to destroy them both?

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