

Recent and upcoming arrivals include Hannah Grace's *Icebreaker*, Colleen Hoover & Tarryn Fisher's *Never Never*, Sabrina Jeffries *What Happens in the Ballroom*, Lora Leigh's *In Isabeau's Eyes*, Lucy Score's *Things We Hide From The Light*, Jesse Q. Sutanto's *Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers* and J.R. Ward's *Forever* and *Lassiter*. Enjoy! NB. Please see p.3 for details of the Romance Writers' Short Story Contest sponsored by Chapter and also of the Auckland Romance Readers Book Club.

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 <p>Title: Icebreaker Author: Hannah Grace Classification: Contemporary Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$24 Annotation: UCMH Series. Anastasia Allen has worked her entire life for a shot at Team USA. It looks like everything is going to plan when she gets a full scholarship to the University of California and lands a place on their competitive figure skating team. Nothing will stand in her way, not even the captain of the hockey team, Nate Hawkins... Nate's focus as team captain is on keeping his team on the ice. Which is tricky when a facilities mishap means they are forced to share a rink with the figure skating team—including Anastasia, who can't stand him...But when Anastasia's skating partner faces an uncertain future, she may have to look to Nate to take her shot...</p>	 <p>Title: Never Never Author: C. Hoover & T. Fisher Classification: Contemporary/Suspense Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$25 Annotation: Charlie Wynwood and Silas Nash have been best friends since they could walk. They've been in love since the age of fourteen. But as of this morning...they are complete strangers. Their first kiss, their first fight, the moment they fell in love...every memory has vanished...Now Charlie and Silas must work together to uncover the truth about what happened to them and why. But the more they learn about the couple they used to be...the more they question why they were ever together to begin with...Forgetting is terrifying, but remembering may be worse.</p>
 <p>Title: Things We Hide From The Light Author: Lucy Score Classification: Contemporary Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$26 Annotation: Knockemout Series. Chief of police Nash Morgan is recovering from being shot, panic attacks and nightmares. Nash isn't about to let anyone know he's struggling. But his new next-door neighbor, smart and sexy Lina, sees his shadows. The physical connection between them is incendiary, grounding him and making her wonder if exploring it is worth the risk...Too bad Lina's got secrets of her own, and if Nash finds out the real reason she's in town, he'll never forgive her. Besides, she doesn't do relationships. Ever. But Knockemout has a way of getting under people's skin...</p>	 <p>Title: Lassiter Author: J.R. Ward Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$33 Annotation: Black Dagger Brotherhood Series. Lassiter, the fallen angel, is too good at the savior business. In his new role overseeing the fates of all vampires, he's influenced outcomes he shouldn't have—so the Creator is calling him home. But the angel has a reason to stay in Caldwell. He's bonded with a mysterious female who's seemed to appear from out of nowhere... and has powers that defy all reason...Rahvyn is aware that she doesn't belong in the present. Her true place is in the past. Lassiter proves to be undeniable, however, and she falls for the angel—until a secret he's been keeping comes out and she fears that for him, it's not about love, but duty...</p>

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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Crazy Stupid Bromance by **Lyssa Kay Adams**

(Trade Paperback—\$25). *Bromance Book Club Series*. Alexis Carlisle and her cat café, *ToeBeans*, have shot to fame after she came forward as a victim of a celebrity chef's sexual harassment. When a new customer approaches to confide in her, the last thing Alexis expects is for the woman to claim they're sisters. Unsure what to do, Alexis turns to the only man she trusts—her best friend, Noah Logan...Computer genius Noah left his rebellious teenage hacker past behind to become a computer security expert. Now he only uses his old skills for the right cause. But Noah's got a secret: He's madly in love with Alexis. When she asks for his help, he wonders if the timing will ever be right to confess his crush...Noah's pals in *The Bromance Book Club* are more than willing to share their beloved "manuals" to help him go from bud to boyfriend. But he must decide if telling the truth is worth risking the best friendship he's ever had.

Hang the Moon by **Alexandria Bellefleur** (Trade Paperback—\$25). *Written In The Stars Series*. *LGBTQ+*. Brendon Lowell loves love. It's why he created a dating app to help people find their one true pairing and why he's convinced "the one" is out there, even if he hasn't met her yet. Or...has he? When his sister's best friend turns up in Seattle unexpectedly, Brendon jumps at the chance to hang out with her. He's crushed on Annie since they were kids, and the stars have finally aligned, putting them in the same city at the same time...Annie booked a spur-of-the-moment trip to Seattle to spend time with friends before moving across the globe. She's not looking for love, especially with her best friend's brother. Annie remembers Brendon as a sweet, dorky kid. Except, the 6-foot-4 man who shows up at her door is a certified Hot Nerd and Annie...wants him? Oh yes...Getting involved would be a terrible idea—her stay is temporary and he wants forever—but when Brendon learns Annie has given up on dating, he's determined to prove that romance is real. Taking cues from his favorite rom-coms, Brendon plans to woo her with elaborate dates straight out of Nora Ephron's playbook. The clock is ticking on Annie's time in Seattle, and Brendon's starting to realize romance isn't just flowers and chocolate. But maybe real love doesn't need to be as perfect as the movies...as long as you think your partner hung the moon.

Hunting Adeline by **H.D. Carlton** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$49). *Cat and Mouse Duet*. *The Diamond*. Death walks alongside me. But the reaper is no match for me. I'm trapped in a world full of monsters dressed as men, and those who aren't as they seem. They won't keep me forever. I no longer recognize the person I've become. And I'm fighting to find my way back to the beast who hunts me in the night. They call me a diamond. But they've only created an angel of death...*The Hunter*. I was born a predator. With ruthlessness ingrained in my bones. When what's mine is stolen from me in the night. Like a diamond hidden within a fortress. I find that I can no longer contain the beast. Blood will paint the ground as I tear apart this world to find her. And bring her back to where she belongs. No one will escape my wrath. Especially not those who have

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betrayed me. NB: This is the second installment to the Duet. You must read *Haunting Adeline* first.

The Plus One by **Mazey Eddings** (Trade Paperback—\$26). Some facts are indisputable. The sun rises in the east, sets in the west. Gravity exists. Indira doesn't like Jude. Jude doesn't like Indira. But what happens when these childhood enemies find the only thing they can rely on is each other?...On paper, Indira has everything together. An amazing job, a boyfriend, and a car. What more could a late twenty-something ask for? But when she walks in on her boyfriend in an amorous embrace with a stranger, that perfect on paper image goes up in flames...Jude has nothing together. A doctor that's spent the last three years traveling the world to treat emergencies and humanitarian crises, a quick trip home for his best friend's wedding has him struggling to readjust...Thrust into an elaborate (and ridiculously drawn out) wedding event that's stressing Jude beyond belief and has Indira seeing her ex and his new girlfriend far more frequently than any human should endure, the duo strike a bargain to be each other's fake dates to this wedding from hell. The only problem is, their forced proximity and fake displays of affection are starting to feel a bit...real, and both are left grappling with the idea that a situation that couldn't be worse, is made a little better with the other around.

The Dangerous One by **Lori Foster** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Osborn Brothers Series*. Hunter Osborn left his family, his friends and his job as a park ranger after uncovering a disturbing crime scene. Haunted by nightmares and harrowing memories, Hunter relocated to an isolated property near Triple Creek, Colorado, where he lives alone and keeps his interactions with people to a minimum...Still, Hunter can spot trouble from a mile away, and when he encounters Jodi Bentley, he knows she's trouble of the most tempting kind—even more tempting when she moves into the run-down cabin next door. Jodi is tough as nails, sexy as hell—and clearly struggles with her own traumatic past. Hunter tries to keep his distance, but when Jodi's life is threatened, he can't help being drawn out of his own darkness and into hers.

Beautifully Cruel by **J.T. Geissinger** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$38). *Beautifully Cruel Duet*. King (noun): 1) Having the highest rank in a dominance hierarchy. 2) The most powerful man in a group. 3) Liam Black...He was a stranger to me, a dark and dangerous presence who materialised from the shadows one rainy night to save me from a vicious attack. I didn't know his name or where he was from. All I knew was that the only place I'd ever felt safe was in his arms...But safety is an illusion. And not every saviour is a hero. And—as I'd soon find out—having a king save your life comes with a price...Liam wanted something from me in return.

Yours Truly by **Abby Jiminez** (Trade Paperback—\$26). Dr. Briana Ortiz's life is flatlining. Her divorce is just about finalised, her brother's running out of time to find a kidney donor, and that promotion she wants? Oh, that's probably going to the new man-doctor who's already registering eighty-friggin'-seven

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on Briana's "pain in my ass" scale. But just when all systems are set to hate, Dr. Jacob Maddox flips the game...by sending Briana a letter...And it's a really good letter. Like the kind that proves that Jacob isn't actually Satan. Worse, he might be this fantastically funny and subversively likeable guy who's terrible at first impressions. Because suddenly he and Bri are exchanging letters, sharing lunch dates in her "sob closet," and discussing the merits of freakishly tiny horses. But when Jacob decides to give Briana the best gift imaginable—a kidney for her brother—she wonders just how she can resist this quietly sexy new doctor...especially when he calls in a favour she can't refuse.

Never Marry Your Brother's Best Friend by **Lauren Landish** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). *Never Say Never Series*. When my brother's best friend asks me to fake marry him to secure a business deal he desperately needs, I laugh in his face. Me help Carter Harrington? That's split-your-pants, rip-roaring hilarious. I don't even like him...Besides, no one would believe I'm Carter's wife. It's ridiculous...He's tall, blond, and attention-grabbing gorgeous. I'm short, curvy, awkward...and usually invisible...He's never met someone he couldn't charm. I can barely talk to friends, much less strangers...He's a workaholic that lives and breathes money and business. I prefer to lose myself in my art...Believability factor of us as a couple? Zero...But when he puts his hand on my thigh, pulls me to his side possessively, and whispers dirty things in my ear that make me go liquid, all the reasons why we shouldn't be together start to fade away...And when we're forced to share a bed to keep up the charade, this fake marriage begins to feel real...Dangerously real...What's a girl to do when

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the man she can't stand starts to feel like her husband?

In Isabeau's Eyes by **Lora Leigh** (Trade Paperback—\$38). *Kentucky Nights Series*. Danger is stalking Isabeau Boudreaux. After the deaths of her parents ten years ago during a violent attack that left her blind, remnants of her vision are returning. But a series of accidents has convinced her friends the Mackays of Somerset, Kentucky, that someone wants her dead. When a roadside blowout proves to be almost fatal for Isabeau and her good friend Angel, Angel's brother mercenary Tracker Calloway knows this was no accident...After a particularly bloody job, the last thing Tracker wants to do is get involved. But whoever is after Isabeau almost hurt his sister, and Isabeau is the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. Tracker is determined to protect her but knows staying away from Isabeau is impossible. He begins a steady seduction to tempt the innocent woman into a world of hunger like she could have never imagined. And keeping her is the only option—if he can save her from an unknown enemy as her sight begins to slowly return.

Scarred by **Emily McIntire** (Trade Paperback—\$28). *Never After Series*. Prince Tristan Faasa was never destined for the throne. That was always his brother, Michael. The same brother responsible for both Tristan's tormented childhood and the scar that mars his face. When their father dies, Michael is set to assume the throne, and Tristan is set to steal it. The leader of a secret rebellion, Tristan will stop at nothing to end his brother's reign. But when Michael's new betrothed, Lady Sara Beatreaux, arrives, Tristan finds himself in the middle of a new kind of war. The kind that begs the question of what's more important—the crown or the woman

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Romance Writers of New Zealand (RWNZ) Short Story Contest

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

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Sun 25 Jun @ 4.15pm – to discuss THE WISTERIA SOCIETY OF LADY SCOUNDRELS by India Holton

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about to wear it...Sara has one plan. Marry the King and eradicate the Faasa line, even at the risk of her own peril. But she never expects the Scarred Prince. He's dangerous. Forbidden. And one of the men she's been sent to kill. But the line between hatred and passion has never seemed so thin, and as secrets come to light, Sara grows unsure of whom she can trust, torn between vengeance and the villain she was never supposed to love.

The No Show by **Beth O'Leary** (Trade Paperback—\$26). Three Women. Three Dates. One Missing Man...8.52 a.m. Siobhan is looking forward to her breakfast date with Joseph. She was surprised when he suggested it—she normally sees him late at night in her hotel room. Breakfast on Valentine's Day surely means something ... so where is he? 2.43 p.m. Miranda's hoping that a Valentine's Day lunch with Carter will be the perfect way to celebrate her new job. It's a fresh start and a sign that her life is falling into place: she's been dating Carter for five months now and things are getting serious. But why hasn't he shown up? 6.30 p.m. Joseph Carter agreed to be Jane's fake boyfriend at an engagement party. They've not known each other long but their friendship is becoming the brightest part of her new life in Winchester. Joseph promised to save Jane tonight. But he's not here...Meet Joseph Carter. That is, if you can find him.

The Love Wager by **Lynn Painter** (Trade Paperback—\$25). Hallie Piper is turning over a new leaf. After belly-crawling out of a hotel room (hello, rock bottom), she decides it's time to become a full-on adult. She gets a new apartment, a new haircut, and a new wardrobe, but when she logs onto the dating app that she has determined will find her new love, she sees none other than Jack, the guy whose room she snuck out of...After agreeing they are absolutely not interested in each other, Jack and Hallie realize they're each other's perfect wing-person in their searches for *The One*. They text each other about their dates, often scheduling them at the same restaurant so that if things don't go well, the two of them can get tacos afterward...Spoiler: they get a lot of tacos together...Discouraged by the lack of prospects, Jack and Hallie make a wager to see who can find true love first, but when they agree to be fake dates for a weekend wedding, all bets are off. As they pretend to be a couple, lines become blurred and they both struggle to remember why the other was a bad idea to begin with.

The Highland Fling by **Meghan Quinn** (Trade Paperback—\$32). Freshly fired from her third job in a row, Bonnie St. James has lost her way. So when she and her best friend stumble upon a "help wanted" post to run a coffee shop in the Scottish Highlands, they apply on a whim. Who knows? Maybe traveling to a new place is just what she needs to figure out her next move...When the friends arrive in the tiny idyllic town of Corsekelly, they instantly fall for the gorgeous Highland landscape and friendly townspeople. But Bonnie finds a less-than-warm welcome in Rowan MacGregor, the rugged local handyman. Busy wrestling his demons, Rowan's in no mood to deal with the quirky American—even if she is a bonny lass...As Bonnie and Rowan's paths inevitably cross, insults—and sparks—fly. Can the pair build on their similarities to help each other find purpose

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and direction...and maybe romance too? Or will their passionate tempers fling them apart?

So Not Meant to Be by **Meghan Quinn** (Trade Paperback—\$28). *Cane Brothers Series*. Am I friends with JP Cane? Ha! That's laughable. Besides the fact that he's adopted some far-fetched notion from the movie *When Harry Met Sally* that says men and women can't be friends and work together, it's safe to say we're not friends. He's annoyingly loud, obnoxiously handsome, and has made an art out of poking all my hot buttons... multiple times a day...So you can imagine how disgruntled I am when I not only have to fly to San Francisco with him for work, but stay in the same penthouse. Yup, we're sharing the same air, twenty-four-seven. We're talking full-fledged working roommates...The man doesn't know what it means to wear a shirt, thrives off protein bars, and you guessed it, moans loud enough for people to believe he's Meg Ryan in a restaurant...Spoiler Alert: I WON'T be having what he's having...Tack on his flirting and his polished good looks, and I'm caught staring down the barrel of a seductive temptation that makes it hard for me to sleep at night...But guess who can control herself? This girl...Because if there is one thing I know for certain, it's that JP Cane and I are so not meant to be.

Legacy by **Nora Roberts** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). Adrian Rizzo was seven when she met her father. That was the day he nearly killed her—before her mother, Lina, stepped in...Soon after, Adrian went to her grandparents' house in Maryland, where she spent a long summer drinking lemonade, playing with dogs, making a new best friend—and developing the stirrings of a crush on her friend's brother. Lina, meanwhile, traveled the country promoting her fitness brand and turning it into a billion-dollar business. There was no point in dwelling on the past...A decade later, Adrian has created her own line of yoga and workout videos, following in Lina's footsteps but intent on maintaining creative control. And she's just as cool-headed and ambitious as her mother. They aren't close, but they're cordial—as long as neither crosses the other...But while Lina dismisses the death threats that Adrian starts getting as a part of her daughter's growing celebrity, Adrian can't help but find the vicious rhymes unsettling. Year after year, they keep arriving—the postmarks changing, but the menacing tone the same. They continue after she returns to Maryland and becomes reacquainted with Raylan, her childhood crush, all grown up and as gorgeously green-eyed as ever. Sometimes it even seems like the terrifying messages are indeed routine, like nothing will come of them. Until the murders start, and the escalation begins.

Max Wilde's Cowboy Heart by **Jennifer Ryan** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Wyoming Wilde Series*. Max Wilde lived up to his last name and then some. Years ago, he fell hard and fast for Kenna Baker, thinking they had a love that would last for all time. When a horrible misunderstanding drove them apart, Max thought his chance to find the kind of love his brothers have is gone forever. He changed his bad boy ways, but he never got over the one who got away...Now, their lives have collided once again, as Kenna is the only witness to a murder and needs a place to hide while in protective

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custody. Max is determined to keep her safe on the ranch, and also maintain an emotional distance, but as they spend more time together, the lies and half-truths that once drove them apart are also uncovered, bringing them closer than ever...Kenna has always laid claim to Max's heart—and soul—but will he be able to save her...and their love...before it's too late?

Don't Back Down by **Sharon Sala** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Secrets and Shadows Series*. Army veteran Cameron Pope arrives back in Jubilee, Kentucky, for the first time in years. He barely has time to catch his breath when he becomes embroiled in a race of life or death for his little niece and a deadly hunt for the human traffickers who are destroying the peace of his mountain town. When he's reunited with Rusty Caldwell—a woman from his past he's never stopped thinking about—he wants to believe they can finally be together. But Rusty belongs to one of the rich families in Jubilee—the same rich folks who scorn the rural families living on the surrounding mountainside. Cameron and Rusty will have to find a way to end the feuding and take down the human trafficking ring if they're to have any chance at happiness.

End of Story by **Kylie Scott** (Trade Paperback—\$26). When Susie Bowen inherits a charming fixer-upper from her aunt, she's excited to start living her best HGTV life. But when she opens the door to find that her contractor is none other than her ex's best friend, Lars—the same man who witnessed their humiliating public breakup six months ago—she isn't exactly eager to have anyone around whose alliance is with the enemy. But beggars can't be choosers, and the sooner the repairs are done, the sooner she can get back to embracing singledom...Things go from awkward to unbelievable when Lars discovers a divorce certificate hidden in a wall and dated ten years in the future—with both their names on it. It couldn't possibly be real...could it? As Susie and Lars work to unravel the document's origins, the impossibility of a spark between them suddenly doesn't seem so far-fetched. But would a relationship between them be doomed before it's even begun?

Ruthless Rival by **L.J. Shen** (Trade Paperback—\$28). *Cruel Castaways Series*. When she was young, Arya Roth became best friends with her housekeeper's son. Soon, friendship turned to young love, and when Arya dared him to kiss her, a chain reaction of disastrous events led to the boy being sent away...Now, two decades later, Arya is an on-the-rise publicist with her beloved father as one of her biggest clients. So when her father is sued by a former employee, Arya sets out to prove that her father is not the monster he is accused of being. The only problem is the attorney who is determined to destroy her father's good name. Christian Miller is charming, ambitious, and devilishly good looking, and Arya has no idea he is that same boy who kissed her all those years ago...Past and present collide as Arya falls hard for Christian. But when she finds out who he really is and about his obsession with getting revenge on her father, can she choose love over family?

Sinner by **Sierra Simone** (Trade Paperback—\$28). *Priest Series*. I'm not a good man, and I've never pretended to be. I don't believe in goodness or God or

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any happy ending that isn't paid for in advance. In fact, I've got my own personal holy trinity: in the name of money, sex, and Macallan 18, amen...So when the gorgeous, brilliant Zenny Iverson asks me to teach her about sex, I want to say yes, I really do. Unfortunately, there are several reasons to say no—reasons that even a very bad man like myself can't ignore. 1. She's my best friend's little sister. 2. She's too young for me. Like way too young. 3. She's a nun. Or about to be anyway...But I want her. I want her even with my best friend and God in the way, I want to teach her and touch her and love her, and I know that makes me something much worse than a very bad man. It makes me a sinner.

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The Girl in the Woods by **Kristen Ashley** (Print-on-Demand Paperback—\$52). *Misted Pines Series*. This body would be the last for Zachariah Lazarus...The Crystal Killer's latest casualty was discovered in a sleepy town in the Pacific Northwest, Misted Pines...His years in the FBI, and tracking the Crystal Killer, have taken their toll on Rus. He lost his marriage to the job. And the burdens he carries for the victims were crushing him...Misted Pines has recently survived a killer's rampage and a town scandal that made global news. The media was primed to devour a new story. So Rus already has his work cut out for him...But it's more...Something is just not right with this latest victim...As Rus works with the local sheriff to unravel the mystery, the victim's employer, Lucinda Bonner, decides she's going to do everything she can to help...To help Rus find the killer. To help Rus survive the hunt. To help Rus navigate the intricate, and sometimes sordid, history of the town of Misted Pines...And to help Rus let go of his burdens.

Buried in a Good Book by **Tamara Berry** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *By The Book Mysteries Series*. Bestselling thriller writer Tess Harrow is almost at the end of her rope when she arrives with her teenage daughter at her grandfather's rustic cabin in the woods. She hopes this will be a time for them to heal and bond after Tess's recent divorce, but they've barely made it through the door when an explosion shakes the cabin. Suddenly it's raining fish guts and...is that a human arm?...Tess was hardly convincing Gertie that a summer without Wi-Fi and running water would be an adventure. Now she's thrust into a murder investigation, neighbors are saying they've spotted Bigfoot in the woods near her cabin, and the local sheriff is the spitting image of her character Detective Gabriel Gonzales—something he's less than thrilled about. With so much more than her daughter's summer plans at stake, it's up to Tess to solve this case before anyone else gets hurt.

Death by Hot Apple Cider by **Alex Erickson** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Bookstore Café Mystery Series*. Krissy Hancock's bookstore-café in Pine Hills, Ohio, is teaming up with the library for a seasonal celebration, but someone is spiking the refreshments—with fatal results...With autumn in full swing and Thanksgiving on the way, Krissy's supplying cider and her staff is manning the apple-bobbing booth at a town event. But then a patron dunks his head in—and doesn't come back up...It soon becomes clear that Krissy's brew wasn't to blame. But with her policeman boyfriend looking to make detective, she

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can't help being drawn into the investigation. The victim was notorious for harassing not only her own bookstore but the library and the school for promoting supposedly scandalous literature—before someone censored him permanently. Now, Krissy will have to check out a stack of suspects to find a killer who's rotten to the core...

The Last Orphan by **Gregg Hurwitz** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Orphan X Series*. Evan Smoak returns with a mission which could cost him everything...A heavily-armed counter-assault team, a convoy of tactical vehicles plus decoys, air support, a sedative more commonly used to knock out large animals, arm and leg restraints, a hood, mouthguard and a Secret Service Agent asking for a selfie...This was not your average invitation to meet with the President...But then Orphan X is not your average guest. The last survivor of the off-the-books programme that raised and trained him, Evan Smoak was sent around the world to do his government's dirty work. Until he escaped...Now once again in need of his particular skill-set, the President tracks him down and offers him a deal: kill a man she deems too dangerous or be executed himself...Evan must decide whether to accept. He's spent years trying to atone for his former life. But if by taking on the mission he must betray the very principles he now lives by, what is left?...One thing becomes clear to the President soon enough: no one should ever try to force Evan's hand. Because putting Orphan X in an impossible spot only makes him more dangerous.

Then She Was Gone by **Lisa Jewell** (Trade Paperback—\$24). Ellie Mack was the perfect daughter. She was fifteen, the youngest of three. Beloved by her parents, friends, and teachers, and half of a teenaged golden couple. Ellie was days away from an idyllic post-exams summer vacation, with her whole life ahead of her...*And then she was gone*...Now, her mother Laurel Mack is trying to put her life back together. It's been ten years since her daughter disappeared, seven years since her marriage ended, and only months since the last clue in Ellie's case was unearthed. So when she meets an unexpectedly charming man in a café, no one is more surprised than Laurel at how quickly their flirtation develops into something deeper. Before she knows it, she's meeting Floyd's daughters—and his youngest, Poppy, takes Laurel's breath away...Because looking at Poppy is like looking at Ellie. And now, the unanswered questions she's tried so hard to put to rest begin to haunt Laurel anew. Where did Ellie go? Did she really run away from home, as the police have long suspected, or was there a more sinister reason for her disappearance? Who is Floyd, really? And why does his daughter remind Laurel so viscerally of her own missing girl?

So Shall You Reap by **Donna Leon** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Commissario Guido Brunetti Series*. On a cold November evening, Guido Brunetti and his wife Paola are up late when a call from his colleague Ispettore Vianello arrives, alerting the Commissario that a hand has been seen in one of Venice's canals. The body is soon found, and Brunetti is assigned to investigate the murder of an undocumented Sri Lankan immigrant. Because no official record of the man's presence in Venice exists, Brunetti is forced to use the city's far richer sources of information: gossip

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and the memories of people who knew the victim. Curiously, he had been living in a garden house on the grounds of a palazzo owned by a university professor, in which Brunetti discovers books revealing the victim's interest in Buddhism, the revolutionary Tamil Tigers, and the last crop of Italian political terrorists, active in the 1980s...As the investigation expands, Brunetti, Vianello, Commissario Griffoni, and Signorina Elettra each assemble pieces of a puzzle—random information about real estate and land use, books, university friendships—that appear to have little in common. Until Brunetti stumbles over something that transports him back to his own student days, causing him to reflect on lost ideals and the errors of youth, on Italian politics and history, and on the accidents that sometimes lead to revelation.

The Man Who Died Twice by **Richard Osman** (Trade Paperback—\$24). *Thursday Murder Club Series*. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim—the Thursday Murder Club—are still riding high off their recent real-life murder case and are looking forward to a bit of peace and quiet at Cooper's Chase, their posh retirement village. But they are out of luck...An unexpected visitor—an old pal of Elizabeth's (or perhaps more than just a pal?)—arrives, desperate for her help. He has been accused of stealing diamonds worth millions from the wrong men and he's seriously on the lam...Then, as night follows day, the first body is found. But not the last. Elizabeth, Joyce, Ron and Ibrahim are up against a ruthless murderer who wouldn't bat an eyelid at knocking off four septuagenarians. Can our four friends catch the killer before the killer catches them? And if they find the diamonds, too? Well, wouldn't that be a bonus? You should never put anything beyond the Thursday Murder Club.

The Girl with No Name by **Lisa Regan** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Detective Josie Quinn Series*. When Detective Josie Quinn is called to a large house on the outskirts of the small town of Denton, she's horrified by the viciousness of the attack—smashed glass, splintered furniture and blood spattered across the floor. The owner, a single mother, is fighting for her life, and her newborn baby is missing...A beautiful young woman caught fleeing the scene is Josie's only lead, but when questioned it seems this mysterious girl doesn't know who she is, where she's from or why she's so terrified...Is she a witness, a suspect, or the next victim?...As Josie digs deeper, a letter found hidden in the house convinces her the attack, the missing child, and the nameless woman are linked to a spate of killings across the county, and Josie is faced with a heartbreaking decision... Should she risk the life of one child to save many others? Or can she find another way to stop this killer before any more innocent lives are taken?

The Burning Pages by **Paige Shelton** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Scottish Bookshop Mystery Series*. One winter's night, bookseller Delaney Nichols and her coworker Hamlet are invited to a Burns Night dinner, a traditional Scottish celebration of the poet Robert Burns. She's perplexed by the invitation, but intrigued. The dinner takes place at Burns House itself, a tiny cottage not far from the Cracked Spine bookshop but well hidden. There, it becomes clear that Delaney and Hamlet were summoned in an

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attempt to make amends between Edwin, Delaney's boss, and one of the other invitees, who suspected Edwin for burning down his own bookshop twenty years ago after a professional disagreement...But after the dinner, there's another fire. The Burns House itself is burned to the ground, and this time there's a body among the ruins. When Hamlet is accused of the crime, Delaney rushes to prove his innocence, only to discover that he might actually have a plausible motive...

Murder with Darjeeling Tea by **Karen Rose Smith** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Daisy's Tea Garden Mystery Series*. Daisy's Tea Garden is one of the many attractions in Pennsylvania's Amish country—and when Daisy herself isn't serving tea, she's making sure justice is served...When Daisy Swanson arrives at Rumpel's Statuary shopping for a birthday present for her beau Jonas, Wilhelm Rumpel's cottage looks like something out of a fairy tale, reminding her of the Storybook Tea family event she's planning. Even the man himself—short and stumpy in overalls with bare feet—seems like a storybook character. But as a businessman, Rumpel is rumored to be as cold and hard as the statues he sells...Maybe that's why, following a break-in at his cottage, Rumpel is found dead in a dog run behind Four Paws Animal Shelter, bashed in the head. Now it's up to Daisy to get the residents of Willow Creek to spill the tea on a little man who may have had some big secrets, so she can find a stone-cold killer...

Vera Wong's Unsolicited Advice for Murderers by **Jesse Q. Sutanto** (Trade Paperback—\$38). Put the kettle on, there's a mystery brewing...Tea-shop owner. Matchmaker. Detective?...Sixty-year-old self-proclaimed tea expert Vera Wong enjoys nothing more than sipping a good cup of Wulong and doing some healthy 'detective' work on the internet (AKA checking up on her son to see if he's dating anybody yet)...But when Vera wakes up one morning to find a dead man in the middle of her tea shop, it's going to take more than a strong Longjing to fix things. Knowing she'll do a better job than the police possibly could—because nobody sniffs out a wrongdoing quite like a suspicious Chinese mother with time on her hands—Vera decides it's down to her to catch the killer...Nobody spills the tea like this amateur sleuth.

A Tempest at Sea by **Sherry Thomas** (Trade Paperback—\$38). *Lady Sherlock Series*. Charlotte Holmes's life is in peril when her brilliant deductive skills are put to the test in her most dangerous investigation yet, locked aboard a ship at sea...After feigning her own death in Cornwall to escape from Moriarty's perilous attention, Charlotte Holmes goes into hiding. But then she receives a tempting offer: Find a dossier the crown is desperately seeking, and she might be able to go back to a normal life...Her search leads her aboard the RMS Provence. But on the night Charlotte makes her move to retrieve the dossier, in the midst of a storm in the Bay of Biscay, a brutal murder takes place on the ship...Instead of solving the crime, as she is accustomed to doing, Charlotte must take care not to be embroiled in this investigation, lest it become known to those who harbor ill intentions that Sherlock Holmes is abroad and still very much alive.

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The Queen's Price by **Anne Bishop** (Hardcover—\$59). *Black Jewels Series*. Three young women must navigate life within the powerful SaDiablo family—and come to terms with Witch, the Queen who is still the heart and will of that family...The Queen's price is to stand against what you know is wrong. To stand and fight, no matter the cost to your court or to yourself. Especially to yourself...Zoey, a young Queen-in-training at SaDiablo Hall, is wounded...and vulnerable to taunts and criticism. When an opportunity arises to befriend a stranger seeking sanctuary at the Hall, she puts herself and others in danger by ignoring Daemonar Yaslana's warning to back off...Meanwhile, the witch Jillian's family prepares for her Virgin Night, the rite of passage that assures a woman will retain her power and her Jewels. The trouble is Jillian secretly went through the ceremony already. Now she has to explain the omission of that detail to her powerful and lethal family...And the High Lord of Hell's daughter, Saetien, travels to Scelt to find out about Jaenelle Angelline's sister—and perhaps to discover truths about herself...With some guidance from Witch, these three young women will learn when to yield because it is right—and when to take a stand, even if they must pay the Queen's price.

Harmony of Lies by **Brian Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Alice & Owen Series*. After being forced away for seventeen years, Alice is finally home. But home isn't what she thought it would be, and every day the secrets she holds from her parents grow with weight. But how do you tell your mother and father that you're not normal? That the world is a far more dangerous place than they have ever known and you are anything but the small, innocent child that was torn from their arms all those years ago?...Owen can't say goodbye, and Alice can't hold on to him tightly enough as the pressures of danger and obligation grow stronger and stronger. With a broken heart, Owen is headed to San Francisco with his crew of musicians. But the Golden City is filled with history and secrets, and brutal deaths are just lying in wait for Owen and his people. To survive these trials and this city, Owen will need everything he has—even the broken parts he gave to Alice—to have any hope of doing the impossible one more time.

Last Violent Call by **Chloe Gong** (Trade Paperback—Anthology—\$28). *Foul Lady Fortune Series*. Two captivating new novellas surrounding the events of Foul Lady Fortune and following a familiar cast of characters from the These Violent Delights Duet!...*A Foul Thing*: Roma and Juliette have established themselves as the heads of an underground weapons ring in Zhouzhuang, making a living the way they do best while remaining anonymous in their peaceful, quiet life. But when they hear about several Russian girls showing up dead in nearby towns, they decide to investigate—and ultimately discover that this mystery is much closer to home than they ever imagined...*This Foul Murder*: Benedikt and Marshall have been summoned by Roma to find the elusive scientist, Lourens, and bring him to Zhouzhuang. Time is of the essence aboard the week-long Trans-Siberian Express, but when someone is murdered on board, Benedikt and Marshall convince the officer in

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charge not to stop the train so that they aren't thrown off-schedule. Instead, they pretend that they are investigators and promise they can solve the murder, but as they dig deeper, they realize that the murder might have surprising ties to their own mission...

Smoulder by **Laurell K. Hamilton** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter Series*. Vampire hunter Anita Blake is no stranger to killing monsters. It's part of her job as a Preternatural U.S. Marshal, after all. But even her experience isn't enough to stop something that is bent on destroying everything—and everyone—she loves...Anita Blake is engaged to Jean-Claude, the new vampire king of America. Humans think she's gone over to the side of the monsters. The vampires fear that their new king has fallen under the spell of the most powerful necromancer in a thousand years...In the midst of wedding preparations—including getting Edward, aka U.S. Marshal Ted Forrester, fitted as best man—Anita gets a call that the local police need her expertise at a brutal murder scene linked to a nationwide slaughter of vampires and humans, dubbed the Sunshine Murders...But there is more than just a murderer to catch: an ancient evil has arrived in St. Louis to challenge Jean-Claude for his crown, his life, Anita, and all they hold dear. Even with Jean-Claude's new powers as king and Anita's necromancy, it isn't enough; they must embrace their triumvirate or allow primeval darkness to spread across the country, possessing first the vampires and then the humans. Evil will triumph unless Jean-Claude and Anita can prove that love conquers all.

Storm Echo by **Nalini Singh** (North American Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24/Small New Zealand Trade Paperback—\$26). *Psy/Changeling Trinity Series*. Silence has fallen. The Psy are free to feel emotion. Free to love. But Silence was never a prison for Ivan Mercant. The biggest threat to his future lies dormant in his brain—a psychic monster that wants only to feed. And now, the brutal leash he's kept on that monster is slipping. He prepared for this day, for the end of Ivan Mercant...but that was before he met Lei...As primal as she is human, this wild changeling brings color into his life, laughter to his soul. Then the dream shatters in a rain of blood, in silent bodies in the snow. Lei is gone. Vanished without a trace...until he meets strangely familiar eyes across a busy San Francisco street...Soleil Bijoux Garcia is a healer who has lost everything. She exists in a world of desolate aloneness...till the day she finds herself face-to-face with a lethal stranger. The animal who is her other half knows this man, but her memories are tattered fragments. Sorrow and a need for vengeance are all that drive her. Her mission? To kill the alpha of the DarkRiver leopard pack...But fate has other plans. Soon, a deadly soldier who believes himself a monster and a broken healer might be all that stand between life and death for the entire Psy race...

Forever by **J.R. Ward** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Lair of the Wolves Series*. For Lydia Susi, there is no sweet sorrow in saying goodbye to the man she loves. As a wolven hiding among humans, she's used to being alone—until destiny gives her the kind of love she never dared to dream about. But

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after a sudden devastating diagnosis, grief is the only thing she sees in her future...As an operative for a clandestine arm of the United States government, Daniel Joseph always expected to die an early death. He just assumed it would be out in the field—not in a laboratory hospital bed. With his time running out, he refuses a potentially lifesaving treatment to focus on making sure that Lydia finds her wolven clan...Following an attack on the lab's compound, Daniel fears his former boss is coming after the two of them. Marshaling his strength, he must call on all of his training to protect his love...even if it means her moving on without him.

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A Gentleman Ought to Know by **Jane Ashford** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Duke's Estates Series*. Charlotte Deeping needs something to keep her occupied now that she's back home after her first London season. She misses solving local intrigues with her school friends, but they've all gone off and gotten married. Then Laurence Lindley, the Marquess of Glendarvon, comes for a visit, and drops a mystery right into her lap...When Charlotte's brother makes her promise not to interrogate the marquess, she agrees. But that only means she'll have to find subtler ways to learn about the mysterious marquess and his past. The more time they spend together, the closer Charlotte gets to finding answers, and to Laurence. That is, until Charlotte's digging rouses an old vendetta and Laurence has to delve into his own history to help the young lady he's come to love.

Miss Desirable by **Grace Burrowes** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$33). *Mischief in Mayfair Series*. Miss Catherine Fairchild spent much of her life hating about the globe with her diplomat parents, though she grasped at a young age that as a legitimate by-blow, her social standing among Polite Society would be marginal at best. Now she's lost both parents and is settled back in London, where she learns that not only is she an heiress, but that the family title can be preserved through the female line...Miss Dubious has become Miss Desirable, though Catherine has no plans to marry—or so she claims. Even if she were to admit to some loneliness, the last place she'd turn for companionship would be one of Mayfair's fawning fortune hunters. The one person she can trust to treat her honestly is Monsieur Xavier Fournier, a plainspoken émigré who also has no intention of putting his foot in parson's mousetrap... Or so he claims.

A Spinster's Guide to Danger and Dukes by **Manda Collins** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Lady's Guide Series*. It is a truth universally acknowledged that a lady in danger must be in need of rescue, but whether she wants to be rescued is up for debate... England, 1867: Miss Poppy Delamare is living a lie. To escape an odious betrothal, she fled to London where she's been hiding as the unassuming secretary Flora Deaver. However, when her beloved sister is accused of murder, Poppy cannot leave her to the wolves. Only a most unexpected—and unwelcome—collision interrupts her journey home...Despite a rather dismal first meeting, Joshua Fielding, the Duke of Langham, has no intention of abandoning a lady in need. But he's not

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above asking a favor. A fake betrothal will give Poppy and her sister the power of the dukedom and protect Langham from the society misses intent on becoming his duchess...Yet the longer the ruse goes on, the more Poppy and Langham realize how false their first impressions were—and the less pretend their engagement feels. But before Langham can propose in truth, their search reveals a tangled web of lies and betrayals. With time running out, can Poppy and Langham find the real culprit—before Poppy becomes the next victim?

The Duke's Secret Cinderella by **Eva Devon** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Never a Wallflower Series*. Charlotte Browne could just kick herself. What on earth possessed her to tell the Duke of Rockford that she is a lady? But something about the duke's handsomeness and kind intelligence makes Charlotte blurt out the teeniest, tiniest falsehood. Now it's too late to admit she's just plain Charlotte of no particular importance—with cinder-stained hands, a wretched stepfather, and no prospects for marriage...Rafe Dorchester, Duke of Rockford, has done what every self-respecting duke must do—avoid marriage at all costs. But the only thing stronger than the duke is his mother. When she lays down the highest ultimatum, he'll need to find a duchess. Immediately. Only, when he calls on a potential bride, he instead finds the pert, fresh-faced Lady Charlotte. Rafe was warned to never mix the business of marriage with pleasure, but when it comes to her...oh, business would be a splendid pleasure...One passionate, illicit kiss sends Charlotte fleeing, leaving only a delicate blue ribbon behind. For Rafe can never discover her secret, or it will ruin her beloved sister's chance at marriage. But the duke knows that when you've found the one person that ignites you, body and soul, nothing can keep you away.

How to Lose an Earl in Ten Weeks by **Jenni Fletcher** (Trade Paperback—\$24). Miss Essie Craven has been engaged since birth to a man she has only met once. The haughty, black-haired man with the intense blue eyes: Aidan Ravell, Earl of Denholm. The most coveted man in all of the Ton...The day of their marriage is set. The only problem is, spirited Essie dreams of more than being a Countess. She soon finds out that Aidan has his own reasons for not wishing to marry, but is compelled to proceed due to his sense of honour and the financial baggage his father has left him...So, Aidan and Essie strike up a deal. Essie will find him a more suitable match, and in the meantime they will keep up appearances as the most fashionable couple in all of the Ton...But soon what is real and what is fake begins to converge. Suddenly, what seemed to be a simple agreement is no longer quite that straightforward...

Yours Truly, The Duke by **Amelia Grey** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Say I Do Series*. Fredericka Hale needs a husband, and fast. She's been caring for her deceased sister's three young children, and now a childless cousin has petitioned the court for custody. Fredericka is powerless to stop her, but having a husband might sway the ruling. The last thing Fredericka wants is a hurried-up marriage to a man she doesn't know—much less love, but she'll do it for the children. So when the handsome Duke of Wyathaven shows up with a proposal, she accepts.

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He'll help her, and in return, they'll lead separate lives. But distance cannot keep them from their powerful attraction...At the top of his game in London, the Duke of Wyathaven has no interest in marriage. However, if Wyatt doesn't marry by week's end, he'll lose a sizable inheritance from his grandmother. When Wyatt's solicitor finds Miss Fredericka Hale, Wyatt considers this little hiccup solved. Miss Hale is lovely, and intelligent. Most importantly, she prefers country life to London, so he's free to continue his life as usual. But when circumstances force Fredericka and the children to show up at the duke's door, Wyatt can't deny he's always been under her spell. Will the duke give up his bachelor lifestyle and give into the fiery passion growing between them?

Something Spectacular by **Alexis Hall** (Trade Paperback—\$34). *Something Fabulous Series*. **LGBTQ+**. A riotous Regency romp full of art, expensive hats, and a love that is nothing short of spectacular...Peggy Delancey's not at all ready to move on from her former flame, Arabella Tarleton. But Belle has her own plans for a love match, and she needs Peggy's help to make those plans a reality. Still hung up on her feelings and unable to deny Belle what she wants, Peggy reluctantly agrees to help her woo the famous and flamboyant opera singer Orfeo...She certainly doesn't expect to find common ground with a celebrated soprano, but when Peggy and Orfeo meet, a whole new flame is ignited that she can't ignore. Peggy finds an immediate kinship with Orfeo, who's just as nonconforming as she is—and just as affected by their instant connection...They've never been able to find their place in the world, but as the pair walks the line between friendship, flirtation, and something more, they may just find their place with each other.

A Problem Princess by **Anna Harrington** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Lords of the Armory Series*. General Clayton Elliott, Home Office Undersecretary and new viscount, gets suspicious when London is too quiet. Everyone says that the anarchist group he's been fighting died along with its leader, but his instincts say just the opposite...Then he meets Her Serene Highness Princess Cordelia of Monrovia. Resigned to doing her duty for her country, she is in London to make a match with a royal duke—and as a royal princess, she has no say in which duke she'll marry. But when she is shockingly attacked at a party, Clayton becomes her bodyguard. Is there a connection between the evil group Scepter and whoever apparently wants the princess dead? The longer Clayton and Cordelia spend evading her enemies and pursuing their individual missions, the more they realize they can depend only on each other...

The Counterfeit Scoundrel by **Lorraine Heath** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Chessmen: Masters of Seduction Series*. The Chessmen: Masters of Seduction, centres around three heroes—Knight, Bishop, and Rook—who play to win at any cost...Born into an aristocratic family, yearning for a life beyond Society's strictures, Marguerite "Daisy" Townsend is an enterprising sleuth. Hired to obtain proof of a wife's infidelity, she secures a position in the household of the woman's lover, never expecting to be lured into the seductive blackguard's arms

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herself...Devilishly handsome, David Blackwood, known widely as Bishop, quickly realizes the enticing maid is interested in far more than dusting. She aims to uncover his sins. Although tempted by the dangerous beauty, he can't risk her learning the truth: his affairs are chaste. As a boy who witnessed his mother's abusive relationship, Bishop now helps desperate wives escape unhappy marriages...Yet when he is accused of murdering the husband of a "paramour," he is forced to seek Daisy's assistance in proving his innocence. As their perilous search draws them into a web of deceptions, they can no longer deny their simmering desire. Once secrets are revealed, will Daisy's counterfeit scoundrel give up the scandalous games he plays and surrender his heart into her keeping?

What Happens in the Ballroom by **Sabrina Jeffries**

(Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Designing Debutantes Series*. A young military widow, Eliza Pierce is enjoying both freedom and financial success as part of Elegant Occasions. When her late husband's best friend, Nathaniel Stanton, the Earl of Foxstead, hires Elegant Occasions to help another young widow of an officer become part of high society, Eliza wonders why. Is the woman a relative? Or is she the earl's mistress and her adorable toddler his child? If so, why does he take Eliza in his arms every chance he gets...Foxstead's family situation makes it difficult for him to marry, so his visceral attraction to his best friend's widow is an unwelcome complication. Burdened by family secrets and those of his commanding officer, he's determined to do his duty even when it means being around Eliza every day. But how can he resist when the fetching Eliza keeps tempting him to break his own rules? For if he dares to expose the truth, will she ever forgive him? Or will she banish him from her life forever...

Miss Flibbertigibbet and The Barbarian by **Stephanie Laurens**

(Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$52). *Cynsters Next Generation Series*. A gentleman wishing to buy a fabulous horse and a lady set on protecting her family find common ground while pursuing a thief who upends both of their plans... Nicholas Cynster rides up to Aisby Grange determined to secure the stallion known as The Barbarian for his family's Thoroughbred breeding stable, only to be turned away by the owner's daughter. Nicholas retreats, but is not about to be denied by any lady, no matter how startlingly beautiful and distracting...Lady Adriana Sommerville knows Nicholas will be back and resigns herself to having to manage his interaction with her aging father. She successfully negotiates that potential quagmire only, at the very last moment, to discover the horse is missing...Stunned, Addie insists on setting out in pursuit and is not so silly as to refuse Nicholas's support...But as they follow on the heels of The Barbarian, their adventures and encounters open both their eyes to the prospect of a more enduring partnership. Yet before they can follow that trail farther and before they can lay hands on the horse, through shock after shock, their pursuit uncovers a complicated plot that strips away masks and rescripts everything Addie and her siblings thought they knew about the Sommerville family.

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Never Seduce a Duke by **Vivienne Lorret** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *The Mating Habits of Scoundrels Series*. After being jilted, Margaret Stredwick has sworn off men and marriage. What she needs is a holiday. But a detour along the way takes a surprising turn that leads Meg to him. And soon she starts to wonder if she should indulge in one grand flirtation before she's firmly on the shelf...The instant Lucien Ambrose, Duke of Merleton, finds a strange woman touring the halls of his ancient estate, he knows the minx is up to something. So, when a family heirloom is stolen, it's clear who the culprit is. She may tempt him beyond reason, but he isn't about to let her get away, even if he has to chase her across the continent...Meg never imagined that anyone would mistake her for a notorious thief, known for seducing men to distraction. It's the most thrilling thing ever! She eagerly plays along...until she finds herself falling in love with a man who has no idea who she really is. And by the time she returns to her ordinary life, she discovers that her grand flirtation won't be a secret for long. Apparently, she brought home an unexpected souvenir...

Artfully Yours by **Joanna Lowell** (Trade Paperback—\$32). Nina Finch isn't suited for a life of crime. Raised by her art-forgery brother, she can paint like Botticelli. But she'd rather be baking gooseberry tarts. She finally has the money she needs to open her own bakery. Unfortunately, her brother's carelessness lands her—and their forgeries—directly under the nose of London's most discerning art critic, Alan De'Ath. De'Ath knows the paintings are fake. He doesn't know that Nina had a hand in their creation. In fact, he offers her a job in his household. Accepting it is the most dangerous thing she has ever done...Alan takes pride in seeing things other people miss. He plans to catch the forger and cement his reputation. There's only one problem: the closer he gets to the beguiling woman he hired, the less he trusts his perspective. Nina isn't what she seems. But despite their false start, she just might hold the real key to his heart...As Nina and Alan's attraction grows, divided loyalties threaten to pull them apart and shatter their worlds. They'll lose everything, or discover how powerful true love can be.

A Kiss in the Moonlight by **Cathy Maxwell** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Gambler's Daughters Series*. Once there were three Irish sisters—Gwendolyn, Dara, and Elise—who had to fend for themselves when their gambler of a father disappeared, leaving them with an unscrupulous cousin. Dara hatches a daring plan: they gamble what little they own to finance a London season. Her goal: to use their looks and their wits to find a duke to marry for each sister!...It seems her crazy plot might work when the sisters are declared the "Incomparables" of the Season. Dukes and lords line up at their door, but bold women and scandal always go hand in hand. Particularly when Dara's plans are challenged by the likes of Michael Brogan, who provokes Dara as much as he tempts her. The handsome, clever, and rising politician is definitely not a duke, but he's determined to teach her about ambition, men, and, above all, love, making Dara wonder if her plans are about to change.

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The Portrait of a Duchess by **Scarlett Peckham** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Society of Sirens Series*. An activist painter of radicals and harlots, Cornelia Ludgate dismisses love and marriage as threats to freedom. But when an inheritance gives her the chance to fund the cause of women's rights—on the condition she must wed—she is forced to reveal a secret: she's already married. To a man she hasn't seen for twenty years... A horse breeder with a clandestine taste for revolution, Rafe Goodwood never expected to become a duke. But now that the title is his, he is plotting to shock the ruling class with ambitions of reform—and reveal the infamous Cornelia is his duchess. That just presents one problem: he must not fall in love with her—again... Although determined not to sacrifice her principles for passion, Cornelia is still drawn to the man whose very being threatens her independence. Hurt too many times, Rafe can't risk love again—especially with the woman who once shattered his heart. But a conspiracy to end the inequalities of the aristocracy bring Cornelia and Rafe closer, forcing them to finally decide what—and who—they hold dear.

Lady of Fortune by **Mary Jo Putney** (Mass Market Paperback Reissue—\$24). Forced to escape the French Revolution, young Comtesse Marie-Christine D'Estelle flees to London. But when she finds herself penniless, Christa hides her aristocratic background to become a lady's maid... Until rebuffing advances from both her tyrannical mistress's husband and her lover gets Christa cast into the street—into a hero's arms... After a long absence, Captain Lord Alexander Kingsley has returned to England on medical leave. Now head of his family, he must take charge of his younger siblings. He feels a special duty to his sister Annabelle, a shy debutante in need of a maid. So

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Alex is delighted to discover that the intriguing, outspoken, and lovely young woman who serendipitously landed in his arms is in need of just such a position... With her warmth, charm, and surprisingly refined intellect, Christa soon wins the hearts of all the Kingsleys—especially Alex. And while their mutual attraction deepens to something more, the gap in their social stations seems an impossible obstacle. Only when Alex and Annabelle become the targets of fortune hunters, will the truth about Christa have a chance to be revealed. But will it mean a chance for true love to triumph?

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