

Recent and upcoming arrivals include Sarah Adams' *The Rule Book*, H.D. Carlton's *Where's Molly?*, Christine Feehan's *Leopard's Hunt*, Danielle L. Jensen's *A Fate Inked In Blood*, Abby Jimenez's *Just for the Summer*, Stephanie Laurens' *A Family of His Own*, Elsie Silver's *Wild Love* and J.R. Ward's *The Beloved*. Enjoy! NB. See p.3 for details of the Romance Writers' Short Story Contest sponsored by Chapter which closes 30 Apr and also the details to pre-order signed copies of Nalini Singh's *Archangel's Lineage* (NZ edition) which is also due 30 Apr.

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 <p>Title: Where's Molly? Author: H.D. Carlton Classification: Contemporary/Dark Book Type: Print-On-Demand Price: \$39 Annotation: <i>Cat & Mouse Duet Spin-Off.</i> Molly Devereaux has been missing for more than two weeks, and police are still searching for the girl who seemed to vanish out of thin air. The world still wants to know... Where's Molly?... In my dreams, I never escaped the Oregon woods... Life after death isn't easy to accept, especially when I still feel like a ghost...Now, I live deep in the mountains of Montana—the paradigm of beauty. But they are also the home of horrors... Horrors that I only unleash at night... When my pigs are allowed to feast.</p>	 <p>Title: Just for the Summer Author: Abby Jimenez Classification: Contemporary Book Type: UK B Paperback Price: \$27 Annotation: Justin has a curse, and thanks to a Reddit thread, it's all over the internet. Every woman he dates goes on to find their soul mate when they break up. When Emma slides into his DMs with the same problem, they come up with a plan: They'll date each other and break up. Their curses will cancel each other's out, and they'll both go on to find the love of their lives. It's a bonkers idea... and it just might work... It's supposed to be a quick fling, just for the summer. But what if this time Fate has actually brought the perfect pair together?</p>
 <p>Title: Wild Love Author: Elsie Silver Classification: Contemporary Book Type: UK B Paperback Price: \$27 Annotation: <i>Rose Hill Series.</i> Forbes may have labeled Ford Grant the World's Hottest Billionaire, but all he cares about is escaping the press and opening a recording studio in gorgeous small town Rose Hill. Something that comes to a halt when he ends up face-to-face with a young girl who claims he's her biological father. Now, he spends his days balancing business with parenting a sullen twelve-year-old, all while trying desperately to keep his hands the hell off his best friend's sister, Rosie Belmont... After living in the city, Rosie came blasting back into town like a storm. Ford vows to keep her at arm's length. He knows damn well he shouldn't cross the line. But shouldn't and can't are two very different things... And the only thing he truly can't do is resist her.</p>	 <p>Title: J.R. Ward Author: The Beloved Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback Price: \$35 Annotation: <i>Black Dagger Brotherhood Series.</i> Nalla, the blooded daughter of Zsadi, has led a sheltered life until she finds herself face-to-face with a male whose inner darkness rivals even that of her sire's horrific origins... Tortured in a lab, then cursed with immortality, Nate is all vengeance and no purpose because he cares for no one—not even himself. The Brotherhood knows this and they declare him a liability... When Nalla and Nate find themselves fighting side by side, a sizzling attraction is ignited, though Nalla knows her sire will never accept him. As the enemy closes in, and Nalla realizes she must choose between her mate and her sire, what starts with such passion may well end with eternal sorrow and no chance of a reunion—even in the Fade.</p>

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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The Rule Book by **Sarah Adams** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$27). Nora Mackenzie's entire career lies in the hands of famous NFL tight end Derek Pender who also happens to be her extremely hot college ex-boyfriend. Nora didn't end things as gracefully as she could have back then, and now it's come back to haunt her. Derek is her first client as a full-time sports agent and he's holding a grudge... Derek has set his sights on a little friendly revenge. If Nora Mackenzie, the first girl to ever break his heart, wants to be his agent, oh he'll let her be his agent. The plan is simple: make Nora's life absolutely miserable. But if Derek knows anything about the woman he once loved—she won't quit easily... Instead of giving in, Nora starts a scheme of her own. But then a wild night in Vegas leads to Nora and Derek in bed the next morning married. With their rule book out the window, could this new relationship be the thing to save their careers?

Behind the Net by **Stephanie Archer** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback Reprint—\$27). *Vancouver Storm Series*. After my ex crushed my dreams in the music industry, I'm done with getting my heart broken. Working as an assistant for an NHL player was supposed to be a breeze, but nothing about Jamie Streicher is easy. He's an intimidatingly hot, grouchy jerk who can't stand me. The guy has a massive ego. Keeping things professional will be no problem, even when he demands I move in with him... When Jamie learns how bad my ex was in bed, his competitive nature flares, and he encourages and spoils me in every way. The creative spark I used to feel about songwriting? It's back, and I'm writing music again. Between wearing his jersey at games, rowdy parties with the team, and being brave on stage again, I'm falling for him.

The Fake Out by **Stephanie Archer** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback Reprint—\$27). *Vancouver Storm Series*. Being the team physiotherapist for a bunch of pro hockey players is challenging enough without my ex joining the team. He's the reason I don't date hockey players... Vancouver Storm's new captain and the top scorer in pro hockey, Rory Miller is the arrogant, flirtatious hockey player I tutored in high school. And he's just agreed to be my fake boyfriend. I get sweet revenge. Rory gets to clean up his image. It's the perfect deal... Faking with him is fun and addictive, though, and beneath the bad boy swagger, Rory's sweet and protective... He teaches me to skate. He sleeps in my bed. He kisses me like it's real... Was he ever faking it at all?

Fangirl Down by **Tessa Bailey** (US Trade 20.0x13.6 Paperback—\$24). *Big Shots Duology*. Wells Whitaker was once golf's hottest rising star, but lately, all he has to show for his "promising" career is a killer hangover, a collection of broken clubs, and one remaining supporter. No matter how bad he plays, the beautiful, sunny redhead is always on the sidelines. He curses, she cheers. He scowls, she smiles. But when Wells quits in a blaze of glory and his fangirl finally goes home, he knows he made the greatest mistake of his life... Josephine Doyle believed in the gorgeous, grumpy golfer, even when he didn't believe in himself. Yet after he throws in the towel, she begins to wonder if her faith was misplaced. Then a determined Wells shows up at

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her door with a wild proposal: be his new caddy, help him turn his game around, and split the prize money. And considering Josephine's professional and personal life is in shambles, she could really use the cash... As they travel together, spending days on the green and nights in neighboring hotel rooms, sparks fly. Before long, they're inseparable, Wells starts winning again, and Josephine is surprised to find a sweet, thoughtful guy underneath his gruff, growly exterior. This hot man wants to brush her hair, feed her snacks, and take bubble baths together? Is this real life? But Wells is technically her boss and an athlete falling for his fangirl would be ridiculous... right?

The Friendship Club by **Robyn Carr** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$30). Celebrity cooking show host Marni McGuire has seen it all. She's been married—twice—and widowed and divorced. Now in her midfifties, she's single. Happily so. She just needs to convince her pregnant daughter, Bella, of this fact. And maybe convince herself, too. Especially after Marni's efforts to humour her daughter result in a series of disastrous dates that prompt Marni to wonder if maybe the right man for her is still out there after all... Similarly single, Marni's best friend and colleague is confident she's content without a man, but both women find themselves leading by example as the young intern on their show appears caught in a toxic relationship—and Bella reveals her own marriage maybe isn't built to withstand the stresses of the baby on the way... Suddenly, all four women find themselves at a crossroads, each navigating the challenges of dating, marriage, loneliness and love. Thankfully, they have each other to lean on. The realities of modern love are far from easy, but there's no better group to have in your corner than friends who will lift you up, no matter what, and hold fast in the face of any storm.

Eyes On Me by **Sara Cate** (US 20.8x13.9 Trade Paperback—\$35). *Salacious Players' Club Series*. I'm a voyeur—it means I like to watch... And in my line of work, that's a gift... As one of the four owners of the Salacious Players' Club, I'm comfortable on the sidelines. This is what I was made to do, and I work better alone... Until the day I stumble on a certain cam girl app and find myself watching the one person I should never have watched—my step-sister... There are three big problems with this... One, Mia and I can't stand each other... Two, she has no idea I'm the man on the other end of the video... And three...I'm hooked—on the app and on her... Now, Mia has me wanting and doing things I said I'd never do again, like opening up and getting attached. I'm falling for her, but she's falling for the man I'm pretending to be... If I'm going to make this right, then I have to do more than just watch... But how far will I go to keep her eyes on me?

At First Spite by **Olivia Dade** (UK B 19.7x12.6 Paperback—\$27). *Harlot's Bay Series*. When Athena's fiance ends their engagement, she has no choice but to move into the Spite House she recklessly bought him as a wedding gift. Which is a real problem, for many reasons: the house is only ten feet wide. Her ex's home is literally attached to hers. And Dr. Matthew Vine the Freaking Third—the uptight, judgy jerk who convinced his younger

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brother to leave her—is living on her other side, only a four-foot alley away... If she has to see Matthew every time she looks out her windows, she might as well have a little fun with the situation. By, say, playing erotic audiobooks at top volume with those windows open. Unfortunately, loathing Matthew proves more difficult than anticipated. He helps her move. He listens. And he's kind of hot...?... Matthew may not regret breaking up his brother's engagement, but he does regret what it's done to Athena. And now he'll help her however he can. If that means enduring nightly steamy story hours, so be it. And if that means watching Athena through their windows a bit too often and caring about her a bit too much... well, nothing can come of it. She'll never forgive him. Even if she did, how could he ever tell his younger brother that he wants the very same woman he pushed him to leave?

Forget What You Know by **Christina Dodd** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Last Seen in Gothic Series*. A submerged car is pulled from the bottom of the lake, and in an interesting twist, the driver has been shot in the back of the head. No other bodies are found; only the legendary Dragon's Heart remains inside, and as it rises to the surface, greedy collectors from around the world gather. They'll stop at nothing to gain possession of the priceless artifact, and only flower-breeder Zoey Phoenix, the unknowing heir, stands in their way... Zoey remembers nothing about her early childhood; her mother's desire to leave those years behind never worried her... until she's almost killed in a hit and run and, days later, her mother disappears.

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Now Zoey fears her family secrets won't stay buried long. She has no idea who almost killed her or why, but she's determined to unravel the dangerous truths of her past—before they claim her future.

Credence by **Penelope Douglas** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback Reprint—\$29). Tiernan de Haas doesn't care about anything anymore. The only child of a film producer and his starlet wife, she's grown up with wealth and privilege but not love or guidance. And when her parents suddenly pass away, she knows she should be devastated. But she's always been alone, hasn't she?... Jake Van der Berg, her father's stepbrother and her only living relative, assumes guardianship of Tiernan. Sent to live in the mountains of Colorado with Jake and his two sons, Noah and Kaleb, Tiernan quickly learns that these men now have a say in what she chooses to care and not care about anymore... As the men take Tiernan under their wing, she slowly finds her place among them... Because lines blur and rules become easy to break when no one else is watching... One of them has her. The other one wants her. But he's going to keep her.

Kill Switch by **Penelope Douglas** (US 20.2x12.6 Trade Paperback Reprint—\$39). *Devil's Night Series*. *Winter* Sending him to prison was the worst thing I could've done. It didn't matter that he did the crime or that I wished he was dead. Perhaps I thought I'd have time to disappear before he got out or he'd cool off in jail and be anything but the horror he was... But I was wrong. Three years came and went too fast, and now he's anything but calm. Prison only gave him time to plan... And while I anticipated his

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Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense vengeance, I didn't expect this... He doesn't want to make me hurt. He wants to make everything hurt... *Damon* First thing's first. Get rid of her daddy. He told them I forced her. He told them his little girl was a victim, but I was a kid, too, and she wanted it just as much as I did... Step two... Give her, her sister, and her mother nowhere to run and no fuel to escape. The Ashby women are alone now and desperate for a knight in shining armor... But that's not what's coming... No, it's time I listened to my father and took control of my future. It's time I showed them all—my family, her family, my friends—that I will never change and that I have no other ambition than to be the nightmare of their lives... Starting with her... She'll be so scared, she won't even be safe in her own head by the time I'm done with her. And the best part is I won't have to break into her home to do it... As the new man of the house I have all the keys.

Magnolia Parks by **Jessa Hastings** (UK B 19.7x13.1 Paperback Reprint—\$27). *Magnolia Parks Series*. She is a beautiful, affluent, self-involved and mildly neurotic London socialite... He is Britain's most photographed bad-boy who broke her heart... Magnolia Parks and BJ Ballentine are meant to be, and everyone knows it... She dates other people to keep him at bay; he sleeps with other girls to get back at her for it. But at the end of their every sad endeavour to get over one another, it's still each other they crawl back to... But now their dysfunction is catching up with them, pulling at their seams and fraying the world they've built; a world where neither has ever let the other go completely... As the cracks start to show and secrets begin to surface, Magnolia and BJ are finally forced to face the formidable question they've been avoiding all their lives: How many loves do you really get in a lifetime?

Girl Abroad by **Elle Kennedy** (UK B 19.6x12.8 Paperback—\$27). When nineteen-year-old Abbey Bly gets the opportunity to study abroad for a year in London, it's the perfect chance to finally slip out from under the thumb of her beloved but overbearing retired rock star father. She's ready to be free, to discover herself—but first off, to meet the girls she's rooming with. That is, until she arrives at her gorgeous new flat to discover those roommates are actually all boys. Charming, funny, insufferably attractive boys. And off-limits, with a rule against fraternizing between housemates after unwanted drama with the previous girl... Abbey has never considered herself a rulebreaker. But soon, she's lying to her father about her living situation and falling for not one, but two men she can't have: her rugby-player roommate and a broody musician with a girlfriend. Not to mention, her research for school has gotten her tangled in a deeply hidden scandal of a high nobility family, surrounding her in secrets on all sides... If there's any hope of Abbey finding love, answers, or a future in London, she'll have to decide which rules—and hearts—might be worth breaking.

Stolen Heir by **Sophie Lark** (UK B 19.8x13.0 Paperback—\$29). *Brutal Birthright Series*. Love is the one thing you can't steal... Nessa Griffin leads a lonely life. Too compassionate and gentle for the underworld business she grew up in, she fills no role in her family's mafia empire, struggling to prove

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Savage Lover by **Sophie Lark** (UK B 19.7x12.8 Paperback—\$29). *Brutal Birthright Series*. Two people convinced they're unworthy of love... until they meet each other... Camille Rivera is drowning. Her father's sick, her brother's in deep with a dirty cop, and her mechanic shop is failing. She's growing desperate, trying to keep her world afloat in whatever way she can... Nero Gallo is the neighborhood hazard. A mess-maker. A walking disaster. Camille has watched him burn through every girl in a ten-mile radius, as vicious as he is gorgeous, breaking hearts and never, ever getting attached... Which is why she can't believe it when Nero unexpectedly saves her from a risky situation. They've lived next to each other their whole lives, yet she's only ever known him as sin made flesh. Is it possible she didn't really know him at all?... They aren't friends. They aren't allies. But Nero is the only chance Camille has, and she'll have to trust there's more to him beneath the savage surface... Except trust is a dangerous thing to give. And Camille is about to learn the only thing more dangerous than trusting Nero is falling for him.

Play Dirty by **Lora Leigh** (US 20.7x13.7 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Tempting SEALs: Triton Series*. She saved his life when they were kids and then he saved hers. When she became a young woman, Poppy Porter knew she would never love anyone the way she loved Jack Lee Bridger... But after a near tragedy, Jack left home to become a Navy SEAL. Poppy knew there wouldn't be another like him. Not for her... She remembered the way it felt when he looked at her with those smoldering eyes... The way he kissed her... Touched her... Now it's years later and danger is dogging her footsteps and Jack is back... And Poppy knows that he will do anything to keep her safe. She trusts him to protect her body, but can she trust him with her heart?

The Secret Fiancee by **Catharina Maura** (Print-On-Demand-Paperback—\$38). *Windsors Series*. When the woman he'd desperately been looking for crashes into him and spills her drink all over his shirt, Lexington seizes the unexpected opportunity—demanding six rounds of Truth or Dare as compensation... An evening filled with laughter and a connection he never wanted to feel ends in her walking away—without even leaving him her phone number... Raya thinks she'll never see him again, until he shows up as her professor, offering her

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class the opportunity of a lifetime: an internship at Windsor Motors... What Raya doesn't realize is that none of their meetings were coincidental—and she's the sole reason he took up a teaching position at all... After all, Lex knows something she doesn't: the two of them are arranged to be married.

Happily Never After by **Lynn Painter** (UK B 19.6x13.0 Paperback—\$25). Two love sceptics agree to work together as professional wedding disruptors. But fate has more romantic plans in mind for them... When Sophie finds out before her wedding that her fiancé cheated again, she desperately employs the mysterious Max to yell 'I object' at the altar... On the big day, Sophie sees a gorgeous stranger stand up and tell the entire congregation the truth about the cheating groom, blowing the ceremony apart... Enjoying the thrill from the aftermath of being saved from her own wedding, Sophie agrees to work with Max as a love-cynic duo... When they're both hired for a wedding by a groom, who happens to be marrying the woman that broke Max's heart years ago, Sophie sees Max wrestle with his feelings and is struck by her own jealousy... This can only mean one thing... Her love cynicism may be wearing off.

Codename Charming by **Lucy Parker** (US 20.3x13.5 Trade Paperback—\$24). *NZ Author*. Petunia De Vere enjoys being the personal assistant to lovable, bumbling Johnny Marchmont. But the job has its share of challenges, including the royal's giant bodyguard, Matthias. Pet and Matthias are polar opposites—she's spontaneous and enthusiastic, he's rigid and stoic—but she can sense there's something softer underneath that tough exterior... For Matthias Vaughn, protecting others is the name of the game. But keeping his royal charge out of trouble is more difficult than he imagined because everywhere Johnny goes, calamity ensues, and his petite, bubbly assistant is often caught in the fray. Matthias hates the idea of Pet getting hurt and he's determined to keep everyone safe, even if it means clashing with his adorable new coworker... When a clumsy moment leads to a questionable tabloid photo, the press begins to speculate that Pet is romantically involved with Johnny. To put an end to the rumors, the royal PR team asks Pet and Matthias to stage a fake relationship and the two reluctantly agree. But as they spend more time together outside of work, they begin to wonder what real emotions this pretend connection might uncover. Especially when a passionate kiss leaves both of their heads spinning...

Blitz by **Devney Perry** (Print-On-Demand-Paperback—\$42). *Treasure State Wildcats Series*. A coach. A student. The rules were concrete. We broke them anyway... The night I met Toren Greely was the night I learned how to lie. He was a Treasure State football coach. I was the star of the volleyball team. Coaches and students were forbidden. My future was on the line, so I told myself it was only one night... That was the first lie. They got easier to tell after that. The lines blurred. The boundaries shifted. Our relationship became a game of its own... A chaste smile. A knowing glance. A veiled touch or a hushed kiss. We hid in plain sight. We were invincible. Or so we thought. Neither of us saw the blitz coming until it was too late... Game over. The night I left Toren Greely was the night I learned how to lose.

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Indigo Ridge by **Devney Perry** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback Reprint—\$25). *Edens Series*. Winslow Covington believes in life, liberty and the letter of the law... As Quincy's new chief of Police she has to prove herself to the community. And that means she has to earn favour with the Edens. But winning over the town's founding family might have been easier if not for her one-night stand with their oldest son, Griffin... Sleeping with Griffin was a mistake. Winslow does her best to avoid him, but when a woman is found dead on Eden property, the two of them have no choice but to cross paths... As clues to the murderer lead to one of Quincy's own, Griffin realises Winslow is more than he gave her credit for. Beautiful and intelligent, she is hard to resist. For him. And the killer.

Nightwork by **Nora Roberts** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). Greed. Desire. Obsession. Revenge... It's all in a night's work... Harry Booth started stealing at nine to keep a roof over his ailing mother's head, slipping into luxurious, empty homes at night to find items he could trade for precious cash. When his mother finally succumbed to cancer, he left Chicago—but kept up his nightwork, developing into a master thief with a code of honor and an expertise in not attracting attention—or getting attached... Until he meets Miranda Emerson, and the powerful bond between them upends all his rules. But Booth has made some dangerous associations, including the ruthless Carter LaPorte, who sees Booth as a tool he controls for his own profit. Knowing LaPorte will leverage any personal connection, Booth abandons Miranda for her own safety—with no explanation—and disappears... But the bond between Miranda and Booth is too strong, pulling them back together. Now Booth must face LaPorte, to free himself and Miranda once and for all.

Swift and Saddled by **Lyla Sage** (UK B 19.7x12.8 Paperback—\$27). *Rebel Blue Ranch Series*. She's the city girl who refuses to be saddled with a man. He's the cowboy who wants her anyway... The last thing Ada Hart needs is a man to take care of her. Not anymore. After failing out of her interior design program and the disaster that was her short-lived marriage, Ada clawed her way up from her rock bottom. Now, the only person she trusts is herself, and that has gotten her further than ever before. She has her own business, and one of the largest ranches in Wyoming just hired her for the most important project of her career... When Ada arrives in Meadowlark, she finds herself in a dive bar where she can't seem to shake the eyes of a handsome cowboy. When she leads him to the back of the bar, he leaves her with a kiss that most people can only fantasize about. She almost regrets that she'll never see him again... except it turns out he's her new boss... Weston Ryder is a happy guy. Even happier now that the mystery woman from the bar is the interior designer for his dream project on his family's ranch. Too bad she wants nothing to do with him outside of work. Ada is convinced the pull she feels toward Wes will go away, but Wes can't stop thinking about her. Even though walls are coming down around Rebel Blue, Ada's walls are firmly in place... Can they make it through this project without giving in? Or will they put their dreams on the line for a chance at love?

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The Perfect Passion Company by **Alexander McCall Smith** (US 20.1x13.2 Trade Paperback—Anthology—\$38). As the new manager of The Perfect Passion Company at No. 24 Mouse Lane in New Town, Katie Donald has made it her mission to provide help to the lovelorn citizens of Edinburgh. With the help of her amiable and handsome office neighbor William Kidd, she finds herself making matches for the lonely hearts of Edinburgh who want a more personal touch... In this tale, Katie helps an airline pilot figure out what it is he really wants in a partner by sending him to cooking school. Another customer, a hotelier with a particularly overbearing mother, arrives looking for a bit of freedom—and space. Along the way, Katie learns that the work of the Perfect Passion Company may be a little broader in its scope than she had originally thought.

When Grumpy Met Sunshine by **Charlotte Stein** (UK 21.7x13.5 Trade Paperback—\$30). When grumpy ex-footballer Alfie Harding gets badgered into selling his memoirs, he knows he's never going to be able to write them. He hates revealing a single thing about himself, is allergic to emotions, and can't imagine doing a good job of putting pen to paper. And so in walks curvy, cheery, cute-as-heck ghost-writer Mabel Willicker, who knows just how to sunshine and sass her way into getting every little detail out of Alfie. They banter and bicker their way to writing his life story, both of them sure they'll never be anything other than at odds. But after their business arrangement is mistaken for a budding romance, the pair have to pretend to be an item for a public who's ravenous for more of this Cinderella story. Or at least, it feels like it's pretend—until each slow-burn step in their fake relationship sparks a heat neither can control. Now they just have to decide: is this sizzling chemistry just for show? Or something so real it might just give them their fairy-tale ending?

The Sacrifice by **Shantel Tessier** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$52). *L.O.R.D.S. Series. His Lady* A Lord is to marry after he graduates from Barrington University, an elite college for the rich. A Lady's job is to help him fit into a world unaware of his secret society. The Lord does not get to choose who he spends the rest of his life with. But there is always an exception to the rule. And I happen to be his... *I Vow. You Vow. We Vow...* I was to wed a Lord of my parents' choosing. Wealth can't buy you everything, or I would have had freedom years ago. Instead, my parents made sure I lived a dull life in a mansion resembling a prison... On my wedding day, I was handed over to another man—an even more ruthless Lord that my family hated... Tyson Riley Crawford only wanted me for his revenge. I'm nothing more than a debt to be paid. I didn't have a say in the matter. So when I said my vows, I knew I'd break them. Consequences be damned... Too bad I underestimated my husband and didn't realize he was more determined to punish me than I was to succeed at escaping. He'll make me choke on those words I used to bind myself to him... Yet even he couldn't have seen what our future held. Ultimately, we're all just pawns in a game that none of us can win unless you're willing to pay the ultimate sacrifice ... and even that may not be enough.

The Right Move by **Liz Tomforde** (UK B 19.7x13.2 Paperback—\$27). *Windy City Series. Ryan* She's a

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 distraction, that's what she is... I'm the newest Captain of the Devils, Chicago's NBA team, and the last thing I needed this year was for Indy Ivers, my sister's best friend, to move into my apartment. She's messy, emotional, and way too tempting... But when the team's General Manager vocalizes his blatant disapproval of my promotion to Captain, referring to me as an unapproachable lone wolf with no work-life balance, I can't think of a better way to convince him otherwise than pretending to date my outgoing roommate... The only problem? Faking it feels far too natural... Having a fake girlfriend wasn't supposed to be messy but having Indy under my roof and in my bed is complicated, especially when she wants all the romantic parts of life that I could never give her... *Indy* I never imagined I'd be living with my best friend's brother, NBA superstar Ryan Shay. Even more unbelievable? He needs me to act as his loving girlfriend who's suddenly changed him into a friendly and approachable guy... Because, well... he's not. He's controlling of his space and untrusting of others... Our arrangement isn't one-sided, though. I'm in a wedding coming up, one where every one of my childhood friends, including my ex-boyfriend, will be in attendance, and there's no better date than my ex's celebrity hero... Blurred lines make it almost impossible to separate real from fake. Falling for my roommate was never part of the deal, especially when Ryan is quick to remind me that he doesn't believe in love... I'm a romantic and can't help fantasizing that he'll change, but soon enough, I find myself questioning if sharing a roof with my best friend's brother was the right move after all...

Butcher and Blackbird by **Brynn Weaver** (UK B 19.7x12.7 Paperback—\$27). *Ruinous Love Trilogy.* When a chance encounter sparks an unlikely bond between rival murderers Sloane and Rowan, the two find something elusive—the friendship of two like-minded, pitch-black souls who just happen to enjoy killing other serial killers... Stalking across the country, the two hunters collide in an annual game of blood and suffering, one that pits them against the most dangerous monsters in the country... But as their friendship develops into something deeper, the restless ghosts left in their wake are only a few steps behind, ready to claim more than just their new-found romance... Can Rowan and Sloane dig themselves out of a game of graves? Or have they finally met their match?

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Speculations in Sin by **Jennifer Ashley** (US 20.3x13.1 Trade Paperback—\$40). *Below Stairs Mystery Series.* To save an innocent man's life, amateur sleuth and cook Kat Holloway must expose a financial scam that could ruin the most powerful aristocrats in Victorian-era London... Kat Holloway is distressed to learn that Samuel Millburn, husband of the woman who looks after her daughter, has been accused of embezzling funds from the bank where he works as a clerk. The accusation is absurd, and Samuel's wife fears that her husband will not only lose his post but be imprisoned. Kat vows to uncover the truth... When she discovers the bank is involved in shockingly murky business dealings, Kat realizes she's treading in dangerous waters. She turns to her confidante and handsome suitor, Daniel McAdam, for help. To exonerate Samuel, Kat and Daniel may have

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to expose the unseemly financial dealings of prominent aristocrats and government officials, and even those working to bring down the royal family. Kat will risk everything to protect the man who has sacrificed so much for her daughter, even if it means danger for herself and the friends she has come to love.

The Burning by **Jane Casey** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$29). *Maeve Kerrigan Series*. A serial killer who wants to watch you burn... The media call him The Burning Man, a brutal murderer who has beaten four young women to death, before setting their bodies ablaze in secluded areas of London's parks. And now the fifth victim has been found... Maeve Kerrigan is an ambitious detective constable, keen to make her mark on the murder task force. Her male colleagues believe Maeve's empathy makes her weak, but the more she learns about the latest victim, Rebecca Haworth, from her grieving friends and family, the more determined Maeve becomes to bring her murderer to justice... But how do you catch a killer no one has ever seen? And when so much of the evidence they leave behind has gone up in smoke?

The Reckoning by **Jane Casey** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$29). *Maeve Kerrigan Series*. It's a thin line between revenge and murder... To the public, he's a hero—a killer who targets convicted paedophiles... Two men have already been tortured to death and, for the police, their cases are not a priority... But DC Maeve Kerrigan believes that no one should be allowed to take the law into their own hands... As the killer's violence begins to escalate, Maeve is forced to confront exactly how far she's prepared to go to ensure justice is served...

Lone Wolf by **Gregg Hurwitz** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Orphan X Series*. Once a black ops government assassin known as Orphan X, Evan Smoak left the Program, went deep underground, and reinvented himself as someone who will go anywhere and risk everything to help the truly desperate who have nowhere else to turn. Since then, Evan has fought international crime syndicates and drug cartels, faced down the most powerful people in the world and even brought down a president. Now struggling with an unexpected personal crisis, Evan goes back to the very basics of his mission—and this time, the truly desperate is a little girl who wants him to find her missing dog... Not his usual mission, and not one Evan embraces with enthusiasm, but this unlikely, tiny job quickly explodes into his biggest mission yet, one that finds him battered between twisted AI technocrat billionaires, a mysterious female assassin who seems a mirror of himself, and personal stakes so gut-wrenching he can scarcely make sense of them... Evan's mission pushes him to his limit—he must find and take down the assassin known only as the Wolf, before she succeeds in completing her mission and killing the people who can identify her—a teenaged daughter of her last target, and Evan himself. Matched skill for skill, instinct for instinct, Evan must outwit an opponent who will literally stop at nothing.

The Teacher by **Freida McFadden** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$25). Lesson #1—trust no one... Eve has a good life. She gets up each day, gets a kiss

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from her husband Nate, and heads off to teach math at the local high school. All is as it should be. Except... Last year, Caseham High was rocked by a scandal, with one student, Addie, at its center. And this year, Eve is dismayed to find the girl in her class... Addie can't be trusted. She lies. She hurts people. She destroys lives. At least, that's what everyone says... But nobody knows the real Addie. Nobody knows the secrets that could destroy her. And Addie will do anything to keep it quiet.

Gone with the Witch by **Angela Sanders** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Witch Way Librarian Mysteries Series*. As the bones pile up in Wilfred, Oregon, librarian and apprentice witch Josie Way hits the books—and soon finds herself playing Dr. Watson to none other than Sherlock Holmes!... When human bones are discovered beneath an old outhouse covered in blackberry vines, no one knows who they once belonged to. But elderly Helen Garlington wants Sam the sheriff to test the remains, suspecting they may solve the mystery of her long-vanished husband. It's not a match, and Helen takes it hard, drowning her disappointment in sherry at the tavern—where she sees a contestant on a game show who she swears is her missing spouse, Martin. To ease the woman's mind, Josie contacts the show to track down the look-alike guest, who kindly agrees to travel to Wilfred—and is then found dead the next morning... Horrified by this fatal turn of events, Josie asks the spellbound books for help, seeking the aid of Sherlock Holmes. But strange things continue to happen—frightening images flash on the screen of a long-abandoned movie theater and flocks of crows seem to appear wherever she goes. Is Josie about to meet her own Moriarty? It will take all her courage to untangle the twisted vines of this mystery before this chapter in the colorful story of Wilfred claims another life...

Fateful Words by **Paige Shelton** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Scottish Bookshop Mystery Series*. Bookseller Delaney Nichols stakes her reputation—and her life—when a literary tour turns deadly... When Edwin, Delaney's boss at the Cracked Spine bookstore, leaves town on secret business, Delaney is called upon to guide his yearly literary tour around Edinburgh. But on the first night, at the inn where the tour group is staying, the inn manager falls—or is pushed—off the roof of the inn, and killed. Then, one of the tour members disappears, leaving a trail of puzzles in her wake... In a race against the clock, Delaney sets out on the expedition of her life, following clues around Edinburgh to get to the bottom of this mystery. Exploring sights from Greyfriars Bobby to the Royal Mile to the Sir Walter Scott Monument, she'll have to put the pieces together quickly, or the bookstore's survival could be on the line... as well as her own.

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The Prisoner's Throne by **Holly Black** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$31). *Elfhame: Stolen Heir Duology*. An imprisoned prince. A vengeful queen. And a battle that will determine the future of Elfhame... Prince Oak is paying for his betrayal. Imprisoned in the icy north and bound to the will of a monstrous new queen, he must rely on charm and calculation to survive. With High King Cardan and High Queen Jude willing to use any means necessary to retrieve

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their stolen heir, Oak will have to decide whether to attempt regaining the trust of the girl he's always loved or to remain loyal to Elfame and hand over the means to end her reign—even if it means ending Wren, too... With a war looming on the horizon and treachery lurking in every corner, neither Oak's guile nor his wit will be enough to keep everyone he loves alive. It's just a question of whom he dooms.

The Witch Queen of Halloween by **Kresley Cole** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$38). *Immortals After Dark Series. A demon soldier of fortune...* Rök Kours dives into a dangerous mission, only to cross swords with the one woman who bewitched him... *A cursed Wiccan mercenary...* Poppy Dyer has never let her uncontrollable magic interfere with her work, but she can barely withstand one demon's charms... *Trapped in a terrifying lair...* If the two rivals can defeat Halloween's worst nightmares to escape a haunted castle, can they overcome their pasts to claim a spellbinding future together?

Leopard's Hunt by **Christine Feehan** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Leopard People Series.* Gorya Amurov might be known as his family's peacekeeper, but the leopard inside him wants nothing more than to claw to the surface and unleash hell. A harsh life has shaped him into a vicious fighter with a calm exterior, but Gorya knows it's only a matter of time until he loses all control. Deep down, he believes he'd be better off dead, and that no woman will ever accept him as a mate... Maya Averina has spent years hunting the criminals who destroyed her life, and she always takes down her prey. She keeps to herself, stays under the radar, and never loses focus. But with her body burning up and her mind distracted by her first heat, an ambush takes her by surprise. Now she's trapped, an unmated female shifter about to be sold off to the highest bidder. Maya is ready to fight her way out—until the most dangerous man she's ever encountered arrives to set her free...

The Fake Mate by **Lana Ferguson** (UK B 19.7x12.7 Paperback—\$27). Two wolf shifters agree to be fake mates but unexpectedly find something real... Mackenzie Carter has had some very bad dates lately. Model train experts, mansplainers, guys weirdly obsessed with her tail—she hasn't had a successful date in months. Only a year out of residency, her grandmother's obsession with Mackenzie finding the perfect mate to settle down with threatens to drive Mackenzie barking mad. Out of options, it feels like a small thing to tell her grandmother that she's met someone. That is, until she blurts out the name of the first man she sees and the last man she would ever date: Noah Taylor, the big bad wolf of Denver General... Noah, interventional cardiologist and all around grump, has spent his entire life hiding what he is. With outdated stigmas surrounding unmated alphas that have people wondering if they still howl at the moon, Noah has been careful to keep his designation under wraps. It's worked for years, until an anonymous tip has everything coming to light. Noah is left with two options: come clean to the board and risk his career—or find himself a mate. The chatty ER doctor asking him to be her fake boyfriend on the same day he's called to meet the board has to be kismet, right?... Mackenzie will

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keep her grandmother off her back, and Noah will get a chance to prove he can continue to work without a real mate—a mutually beneficial business transaction, they both rationalize. But when the fake-mate act turns into a very real friends-with-benefits arrangement, lines start to blur, and they realize love is a whole different kind of animal.

A Curse for True Love by **Stephanie Garber** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$28). *Once Upon a Broken Heart Series.* Two villains, one girl, and a deadly battle for happily ever after... Evangeline Fox ventured to the Magnificent North in search of her happy ending, and it seems as if she has it. She's married to a handsome prince and lives in a legendary castle. But Evangeline has no idea of the devastating price she's paid for this fairytale. She doesn't know what she has lost, and her husband is determined to make sure she never finds out... but first he must kill Jacks, the Prince of Hearts.

Witches Get Stuff Done by **Molly Harper** (US 21.1x14.3 Trade Paperback—\$33). *Starfall Point Series.* Juggling newfound witchy powers, a house full of ghosts, and verbal battles with the handsome local librarian is almost too much for a new witch to manage. But falling in love with said librarian wasn't on her to-do list... From the moment Riley Everett set foot in Starfall Point, magic bubbled inside of her. But with only her late aunt's journals and a cantankerous live-in ghost butler to instruct her on all things witchy—including her newly inherited Victorian haunted house—Riley seeks out a coven for sisterhood and support. The last person she expects to be drawn to is the town's frustrating, yet ridiculously attractive head librarian... Edison Held knows almost everything there is to know about Starfall Point, but Shaddow House was always off-limits, thanks to its elusive owner. If he can convince the new owner, Riley, to let him take a peek inside, there's so much he could learn. But as he gets closer to Riley, he's fascinated by her dazzling wit and fiery spirit. Edison will do whatever he can to help Riley keep her family legacy alive, especially if it means spending more time with the captivating new witch in town.

A Demon's Guide to Wooing a Witch by **Sarah Hawley** (UK B 19.5x12.8 Paperback—\$27). *Glimmer Falls Trilogy.* Calladia Cunnington curses the day she met Astaroth the demon, but when he shows up memoryless, why does she find him so helpless... and sort of hot?... Calladia knows she's rough around the edges, despite being the heir to one of small-town Glimmer Falls' founding witch families. While her gym obsession is a great outlet for her anxieties and anger, her temper still gets the best of her and manifests in bar brawls. When Calladia saves someone from a demon attack one night, though, she's happy to put her magic and rage to good use... until she realizes the man she saved is none other than Astaroth, the ruthless demon who orchestrated a soul bargain on her best friend... Astaroth is a legendary soul bargainer and one of the nine members of the demon high council—except he can't remember any of this. Suffering from amnesia after being banished to the mortal plane, Astaroth doesn't know why a demon named Moloch is after him, nor why the muscular, angry, hot-in-a-terrifying-way witch who saved him hates him so

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much... Unable to leave anyone in such a vulnerable state—even the most despicable demon—Calladia grudgingly decides to help him. (Besides, punching an amnesiac would be in poor taste.) The two set out on an uneasy road trip to find the witch who might be able to restore Astaroth's memory so they can learn how to defeat Moloch. Calladia vows that once Astaroth is cured, she'll kick his ass, but the more time she spends with the snarky yet utterly charming demon, the more she realizes she likes this new, improved Astaroth.. and maybe she doesn't want him to recover his memories, after all.

Rift in the Soul by **Faith Hunter** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Soulwood Series*. Nell Ingram draws her powers from deep in the earth, and uses them to help Psy-LED, the Psychometric Law Enforcement Division, which solves paranormal crimes. When a local vampire calls to report a dead body on her compound, Nell knows she and her team have to be ready for anything... But the dead body is just the beginning of a mystery that involves supernaturals of all kinds, including some of the most powerful vampires in the country. As Nell gets closer to the truth, she begins to understand that the perpetrator is tracking her too—and that there is something personal about this crime. Something with roots that go almost as deep as those in Soulwood.

A Fate Inked in Blood by **Danielle L. Jensen** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Unfated Series*. A shield maiden blessed by the gods battles to unite a nation under a power-hungry king—while also fighting her growing desire for his fiery son... Bound in an unwanted marriage, Freya spends her days gutting fish, but dreams of becoming a warrior. And of putting an axe in her boorish husband's back... Freya's dreams abruptly become reality when her husband betrays her to the region's jarl, landing her in a fight to the death against his son, Bjorn. To survive, Freya is forced to reveal her deepest secret: She possesses a drop of a goddess's blood, which makes her a shield maiden with magic capable of repelling any attack. It was foretold such a magic would unite the fractured nation of Skaland beneath the one who controls the shield maiden's fate... Believing he's destined to rule Skaland as king, the fanatical jarl binds Freya with a blood oath and orders Bjorn to protect her from their enemies. Desperate to prove her strength, Freya must train to fight and learn to control her magic, all while facing perilous tests set by the gods. The greatest test of all, however, may be resisting her forbidden attraction to Bjorn. If Freya succumbs to her lust for the charming and fierce warrior, she risks not only her own destiny but the fate of all the people she swore to protect.

Glint by **Raven Kennedy** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$25). *Plated Prisoner Series*. Auren discovers the truth of Midas' enemy—Commander Rip—and something begins to stir within her... I've left the grips of one king to fall into the hands of another... Rip's name is whispered in taverns and street corners throughout the kingdoms... But as I get to know him, I realise he is something else... Fae... Part of the powerful and magical people who abandoned this world hundreds of years ago... But here one stands before me. And when he turns his onyx eyes upon me, I fall captive... For an entirely

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different reason... As his army marches towards a battle with the king I once adored, I must decide... Midas or Rip... Loyalty or freedom.

A Dance with the Fae Prince by **Elisa Kova** (UK B 19.6x12.9 Paperback Reprint—\$27). *Married to Magic Series*. Katria swore she'd never fall in love. She's seen what 'love' means through the cruelty of her family. So when she's married off to the mysterious Lord Fenwood for a handsome price, all Katria wants is a better life. Feelings are off the table... But her new husband makes not falling in love difficult... As their attraction begins to grow, so too do the oddities within her new life: strange rules, screams in the night, and attacks by fae that Katria never thought were real. When she witnesses a ritual not meant for human eyes, Katria finds herself spirited away to the land of Midscape... Surviving the fae wilds as a human is hard enough. Katria must survive as a human who accidentally pilfered the magic of ancient kings—magic a bloodthirsty king is ready to kill her for in order to keep his stolen throne—and her new husband is the rightful heir in hiding... The power to save the fae is in her hands. But who will save her from a love she vowed never to feel?

Aftermarket Afterlife by **Seanan McGuire** (US 20.8x13.8 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Incryptid Series*. Mary Dunlavy didn't intend to become a professional babysitter. Of course, she didn't intend to die, either, or to become a crossroads ghost. As a babysitting ghost, she's been caring for the Price family for four generations, and she's planning to keep doing the job forever... With her first charge back from her decades-long cross-dimensional field trip, with a long-lost husband and adopted daughter in tow, it's time for Mary to oversee the world's most chaotic family reunion. And that's before the Covenant of St. George launches a full scale strike against the cryptids of Manhattan, followed quickly by an attack on the Campbell Family Carnival... It's going to take every advantage and every ally they have for the Prices to survive what's coming—and for Mary, to avoid finding out the answer to a question she's never wanted to know: what happens to a babysitting ghost if she loses the people she's promised to protect?

A Good Wolf Is Hard to Find by **Terry Spear** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Run with the Wolf Series*. Agent Dylan Powers is on a mission in Silver Town to catch four men hunting illegally and put them behind bars. With his heightened wolf senses, he's right on their trail, but the hunters know he's coming. Suddenly, Dylan finds himself in trouble, nearly drowned and left to die, until he's rescued by a beautiful she-wolf... When ski lodge owner Roxie Wolff first found Dylan, her curiosity got the better of her. Who was this handsome wolf and how did he end up in such dire straits? Things start to heat up between Roxie and Dylan as she takes him into her home to help him recover. But with the hunters still on the run, all of Silver Town is at risk, and Roxie and Dylan must team up to take them down before they can explore their explosive mutual attraction.

A Touch of Chaos by **Scarlett St. Clair** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$33). *Hades x Persephone Saga Series*. The gods are at war, the Titans have been released, and Hades and Persephone must fight tooth and nail for their happy ending... Persephone,

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Goddess of Spring, never guessed that a chance encounter with Hades, God of the Underworld, would change her life forever. Now embroiled in a fight for humanity and battles between the gods, Persephone and Hades have entered a world they never thought they would see. To end the chaos, Persephone must draw upon her darkness and embrace who she's become—goddess, wife, queen of the Underworld... Once, Persephone made bargains to save those she loves. Now, she will go to war for them.

Death by **Laura Thalassa** (UK 19.8x12.9 B Paperback Reprint—\$29). *Four Horsemen Series*. He's known by many names: Thanatos. Horseman. God's last angel. And then, of course, the all too familiar Death... The day Death comes to Lazarus Gaumond's town and kills everyone in one fell swoop, the last thing he expects to see is a woman left alive. But Lazarus has her own extraordinary gift: she cannot be killed—not by humans, not by the elements, not by Death himself... She is the one soul Death cannot pry free from her flesh. Nor can he ignore the desire he has for her... Take her. He wants to, desperately. And the longer she tries to stop him from his killing spree, the stronger the desire becomes... When Lazarus crosses paths with the three other horsemen, an unthinkable situation leads to a terrible deal: seduce Death, save the world. A hopeless task, made worse by the bad blood between them. But Death's attraction to her is undeniable, and try though she might, Lazarus cannot stay away from that ancient, beautiful being and his dark embrace... The end is here. Humankind is set to perish, and not even the horsemen can stop Death from fulfilling his final task... Only Lazarus can...

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Damned If I Duke by **Anna Bradley** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Drop Dead Dukes Series*. Bold and adventurous, Prudence Thorne is not the kind of woman to stand by meekly when someone she loves has been wronged. And she's quite certain that Jasper Vincent, Duke of Montford, duped her father into racking up enormous gambling debts. When fate offers her a chance to blackmail Jasper into forgiving her father's losses, she seizes it... only to have her scheme backfire... Jasper enjoys London's illicit delights too much to wed. Too bad his grandfather has decided that a woman with the nerve to blackmail might be exactly the sort of wife to tame him. Pressed into a marriage neither wanted—and fighting a desire neither expected—Prue and Jasper torment and tempt each other beyond reason... Surely a proper duchess should be obedient and dignified? Yet just as he begins to get his wish, Jasper realizes how much he wants his unconventional wife—if it's not too late to win her...

The Diamond and the Duke by **Christi Caldwell** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *All The Duke's Sins Series*. Despite a hero's return to England from the Napoleonic Wars, Wesley Audley isolates from the ton. Deep wounds from the horrors of combat—and a broken heart—left him scarred. As he struggles to resume his place in Polite Society, Wesley is quick to cut himself off from everyone... except for Ellie Balfour... Independent and strong-willed, Ellie has dreams of captaining her own husband-free life and a penchant for meddling in other's business. Befriending Wesley is a risk but Ellie can't bear to

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see his heartache. Nor can she silence all the intimate thoughts his nearness provokes... Ellie is yet to face a battle she can't win—and Wesley's heart is worth the fight. If only her campaigns went to plan.

Sincerely, the Duke: Say I Do by **Amelia Grey** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Say I Do Series*. Miss Edwina Fine has one shot at finding a husband before the ton learns her secret. With red hair, green eyes and being one of triplets, she knows the superstitions and rumors about women like her. So when a marriage proposal from the Duke of Stonerick arrives by mail, Edwina jumps at the chance to solve her problems. But nothing could prepare her for the attraction that sparks between them when they finally meet... Rick, Duke of Stonerick, enjoys his life exactly as it is: honing his expert marksmanship, playing cards and fencing with his friends. He even enjoys exchanging affectionate humor with his mother about his lack of matrimonial engagement. But when a recurring illness reminds Rick he has no heir, he picks a name from the list of prospects his mother presents and writes a simple marriage proposal. Then he forgets about it—until that very lady with an iron will and breathtaking bravery shows up at his doorstep, ready to accept. Edwina tempts him like no other and suddenly, marriage doesn't seem much of an inconvenience after all. But will keeping his illness a secret cost him her love?

Wake Me Most Wickedly by **Felicia Grossman** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Once Upon the East End Series*. Solomon Weiss has little interest in power, but to repay the half-brother who raised him, he pursues money, influence, and now, a respectable wife. That is, until outcast Hannah Moses saves his life, and Sol finds himself drawn to the pawnshop owner... Forever tainted by her parents' crimes, Hannah sees only a villain when she looks in the mirror—no one a prince would choose. To survive, she must care for herself, even if that means illegally hunting down whatever her clients wish. No matter how charming she finds Sol, he belongs to a world too distant from her own... Only neither can resist their desires, and each meeting weakens Hannah's resolve. But when Hannah discovers a shocking betrayal in Sol's inner circle, can she convince him to trust her? Or will fear and doubt poison their love?

In Want of a Viscount by **Lorraine Heath** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Chessmen: Masters of Seduction Series*. American Leonora Garrison has come to England in desperate search of investors to keep her family business afloat but instead finds surprising pleasure when she visits an exclusive ladies' club and dares to kiss a stranger, who leaves her yearning for more... With a libertine for a father, Viscount Wyeth, more commonly known as Rook, vowed to live his life above reproach, with nary a hint of disgrace. Until one night, he takes a mysterious beauty into his arms, a lady who tempts him to cast his sterling reputation aside in favor of more wicked pursuits... When fate reunites the couple, they are torn between desire and duty. Leonora may want the viscount, but she needs a stakeholder not a lover... When caught in a compromising situation, they must determine how best to win. However, in this scandalous game, nothing except love takes all.

A Family Of His Own by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$47). *Cynsters Next*

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Generation Series. Toby Cynster is not amused when informed that his new mission is to be his last in the service of Drake, Marquess of Winchelsea. Courtesy of Toby being the last unmarried Cynster of his generation, he will be expected to devote himself to finding a bride. But Toby has no thoughts of establishing a family of his own... Then the mission takes an unexpected turn, leaving Toby to escort the fascinating Diana Locke plus the three young children of a dying Englishman from Vienna to England... Their journey becomes a flight from deadly pursuit, and their most effective disguise is to pass themselves off as a family... Toby and Diana learn what having a family means to them, individually and together, and each discovers the until-then-missing foundation stone of their future lives.

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The Bride Wore White by **Amanda Quick** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Burning Cove, California Series.* Prudence Ryland thought reinventing herself in a new home, far from the dangers of her old life, would keep her safe: she was wrong. She is kidnapped and drugged—and when she wakes, it’s in a honeymoon suite, in a blood-stained wedding dress, with a dead man at her side... With the press outside the hotel and police sirens in the distance, it’s obvious she’s being framed for the man’s murder. Prudence knows who is responsible, but will anyone believe her?... Desperate, Prudence accepts the help of rumored crime boss Luther Pell and his associate, Jack Wingate. Jack’s ideas for helping her involve using her as the bait for a killer, but Prudence feels oddly safe with Jack protecting her. But who will protect Prudence from her growing fascination with this enigma of a man?

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