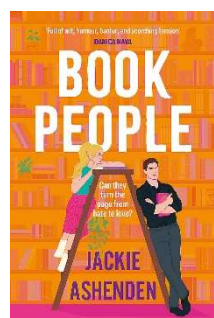


Recent and upcoming arrivals include Jackie Ashenden's *Book People*, Kristen Ciccarelli's *The Rebel Witch*, Laurie Gilmore's *The Strawberry Patch Pancake House*, Abby Jimenez's *Say You'll Remember Me*, Loren Little's *A House of Cloaks and Daggers*, Lucy Score's *Story of My Life*, Elsie Silver's *Wild Side* and Kaylie Smith's *Phantasma*. Enjoy! NB. See p.2 for details of two upcoming book launch events (*Book People* on 30 Apr and *Archangel's Ascension* on 13 May); See p.3 for details of the Romance Writers' Short Story Contest sponsored by Chapter which closes on 30 Apr.

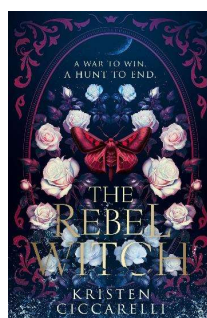
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Penn Cole	Heat of the Everflame*	Abby Jimenez	Say You'll Remember Me*
Heather Fawcett	Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales*	K.A. Knight	Den of Vipers* (Special Edition)
Loren Little	A House of Cloaks and Daggers*	Stephanie Laurens	Marriage and Murder*
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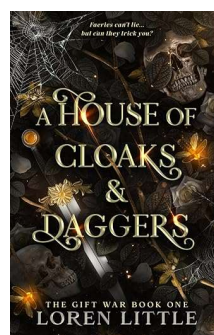
**Title:** Book People  
**Author:** Jackie Ashenden NZ Author  
**Classification:** Contemporary  
**Book Type:** B Paperback  
**Price:** Special \$24 (RRP \$27.99)  
**Annotation:** When Kate, a fledgling bookseller, opens a bookshop that celebrates the kinds of genre fiction she loves to read (popular and fun!), she's surprised to find that not everyone in the town is as excited as

she is... Least excited of all? Sebastian, owner of the highbrow bookshop across the road, who has rules for everything: the kind of books he sells, the clothes he wears, and the people he dates (no-one local)... When the pair find themselves working together on the town's literary festival, their growing attraction becomes harder and harder to ignore. Professional rivalry aside, just one steamy kiss can't mean anything, can it?



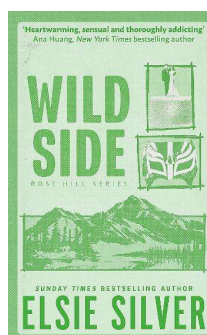
**Title:** The Rebel Witch  
**Author:** Kristen Ciccarelli  
**Classification:** Fantasy & Paranormal  
**Book Type:** Royal Paperback  
**Price:** \$30  
**Annotation:** *Crimson Moth Series.* Betrayed by the boy she loved, Rune Winters allies herself with a dangerous witch to survive, while Gideon Sharpe is torn between his lingering feelings for her and his

duty to stop the witches... When Rune makes Gideon an offer he can't refuse, the two must pair up to accomplish dangerous goals. The more they're forced into each other's company, the more Gideon realizes the feelings he had for Rune aren't as dead as he thought. Now he's faced with a terrible choice: sacrifice the girl he loves to stop a monster taking back power, or let Rune live and watch the world he fought so hard for burn.



**Title:** A House of Cloaks and Daggers  
**Author:** Loren Little  
**Classification:** Fantasy & Paranormal  
**Book Type:** Print-On-Demand  
**Price:** \$37  
**Annotation:** *The Gift War Series.* When Aura meets the man of her dreams, he's being tortured in them. Obsessed with saving him, she craves sleep for three months, if only for the chance to see him again. The day one of the monsters

hunts her into the real world, Aura meets Wren, a High Fae man who saves her and explains that human women are being hunted and killed... To protect those she loves, Aura makes a bargain with Wren and flees into Faerie to seek protection under the High King... Instead of salvation, Aura finds secrets. Dark truths about herself, her family, the High King and the man from her dreams... He's real, but can she save him? And when she finds out who he is, will she want to?



**Title:** Wild Side  
**Author:** Elsie Silver  
**Classification:** Contemporary  
**Book Type:** B Paperback  
**Price:** \$27  
**Annotation:** *Rose Hill Series.* I'd always dreamed of my wedding day. But not like this. Not looking into the eyes of the man who betrayed me. But when my nephew's guardianship is contested, I'll do whatever it takes to keep him in

Rose Hill. Even marrying the enemy. Rhys Dupris... A man who is secretive and infuriating. Whose work takes him away for weeks and brings him back covered in bruises. I swore I would never forgive him. But that was before I knew the man behind the mask. The one who's fierce, protective, gentle and patient. The one who shows up for us when we need him... He's not at all who I thought he was... And that makes hating my husband so much harder... and loving him just a little too easy.

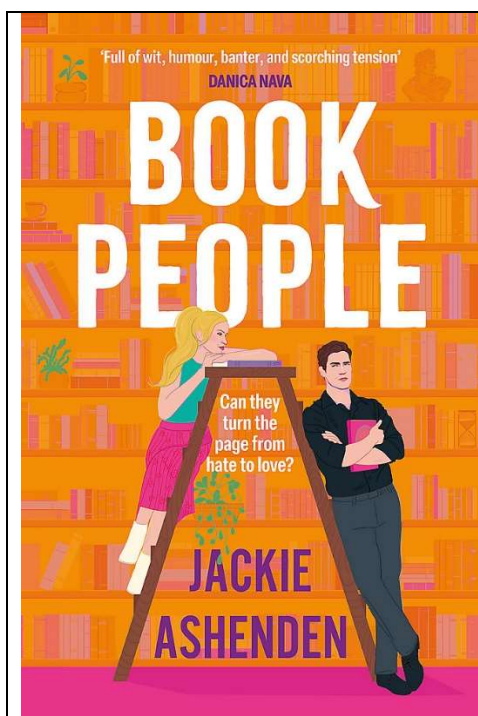
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## Upcoming Events



### BOOK LAUNCH WITH JACKIE ASHENDEN

**WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL @ 7PM**

Join us to celebrate the publication of **BOOK PEOPLE** with **JACKIE ASHENDEN** on Wednesday 30 April at 7pm at Chapter Book and Tea Shop, 442 Mt Eden Rd.

Come along and meet Jackie, ask your questions (you might win a prize!) and get your book signed.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/956376263149823>

To celebrate the release, **BOOK PEOPLE** is available at a special price of \$24 (vs RRP \$27.99). Order ahead to reserve your copy.

If you are not able to attend, but would like a copy signed/personalised and shipped to you, please get in touch or order online. We can organise this for you.

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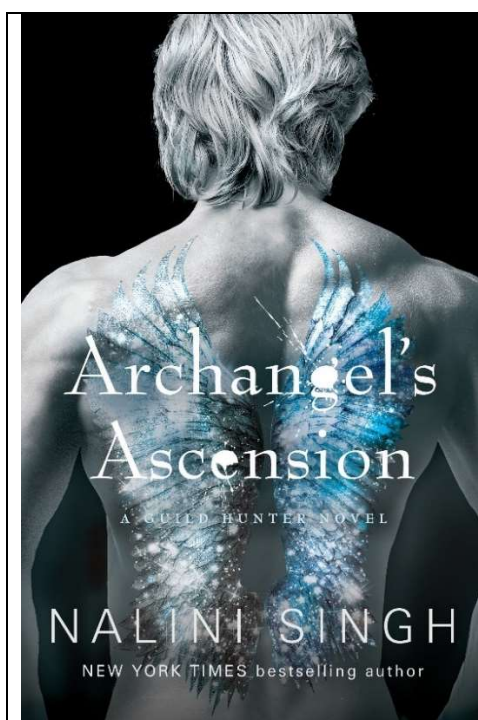
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### BOOK LAUNCH WITH NALINI SINGH

**TUESDAY 13 MAY @ 7PM**

Join us to celebrate the publication of **ARCHANGEL'S ASCENSION** with **NALINI SINGH** on Tuesday 13 May at 7pm at Chapter Book and Tea Shop, 442 Mt Eden Rd.

Come along and meet Nalini, ask your questions (you might win a prize!) and get your book signed.

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## Romance Writers of New Zealand Annual Conference

This will be held in the Naumi Airport Hotel in Auckland, 15-17 August 2025. Theme "Heart of a Story".

## ♥ For Auckland Romance Readers ♥

If you are a romance reader and would like to meet like-minded readers, please join our "Auckland Romance Readers Book Club Group" at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2423724114458506>. We have monthly Auckland Romance Readers Book Club Meetings at the Chapter Book & Tea Shop, 442 Mt Eden Rd, Mt Eden, Auckland 1024. Details at <https://www.facebook.com/ChapterBookAndTeaShop/events>. Water and tea provided. All welcome. Please RSVP to Frances at ✉ [info@chapter.co.nz](mailto:info@chapter.co.nz) ☎ 021-635027 ☎ 09-6232319

Sun 30 Mar @ 4.15 – UNMASKING MISS APPLEBY by Emily Larkin (Historical—Regency—Magic)

Sun 04 May @ 4.15 – PRAISE by Sara Cate (Contemporary—Erotic)

Sun 25 May @ 4.15 – WHEN THE MOON HATCHED by Sarah J. Parker (Romantasy—Fantasy—Paranormal)

Sun 29 Jun @ 4.15 – BOMBSHELL by Sarah MacLean (Historical—Regency/Victorian—Romantic Comedy)

Sun 27 Jul @ 4.15 – BOOK PEOPLE by Jackie Ashenden (Contemporary—Romantic Comedy)



## Other Books Available in This Catalogue

### Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

**Wrecked** by **Lauren Asher** (B Paperback—\$27).

*Dirty Air Series.*

*Jax* Pills. Alcohol. Adrenaline... I'm addicted to destructive decisions that numb my pain... Until one night when I make a catastrophic mistake... To repair my broken reputation, my team hires Elena—an overpaid babysitter. My damnation disguised as my salvation. And my newest addiction.

*Elena* I begged the universe to save me from my financial disaster. It answered my call with a Formula 1 team desperate for a PR miracle. One season. One job. One broody British racer. Jax turns our hotel room into a battleground. To beat the enemy, I need to find his weaknesses. What I learn threatens to ruin everything. Love is a warzone, and neither one of us plans to surrender.

**Redeemed** by **Lauren Asher** (B Paperback—\$27).

*Dirty Air Series.*

*Santiago* One mistake destroys my career. I go from eligible bachelor to monster, hiding from the world. Until Chloe breaks into my home. My new fake girlfriend is a temporary fix to my biggest problem. But as our game changes, so do my feelings. There's only one issue stopping me from claiming her. Me.

*Chloe* It all started with a birthday wish and an ancestry kit. That's how I end up in Italy, finding my long-lost father. But one decision lands me a fake boyfriend. The more we pretend, the easier our ruse becomes. I told myself not to fall in love with a liar like Santiago. I should have listened.

**In Full Bloom** by **Elle Ashwell** (Print-On-Demand

Paperback—\$32). *NZ Author. Wildflower Ridge*

*Series.* Katie Barton once swore she'd never return to the small town of Kauri Creek—the only place that's ever felt like home... But when her life falls apart and her best friend needs her help running the Wildflower Ridge ranch, that's exactly where she finds herself: in the local bar, in a town she hates... A one night fling with cocky cowboy, Dallas, is just the thing to cheer her up about her whole situation. A bit of fun, then she'll hopefully never have to see him again... Until she arrives at her new job and finds out Dallas is her brand new boss. Not only that, she just broke his number one rule in regards to his adorable five-year-old daughter and he hates her for it... Returning to Wildflower Ridge was supposed to be a short-term escape from the drama of her real life, but now she has to salvage a working relationship with Dallas, while battling the intense attraction between them and the memories of that one night... As walls begin to crumble between them, Katie realises Dallas is offering her everything she's ever wanted, but to accept it, first she has to move on from her past and that may be the biggest hurdle of all.

**Coming Up Roses** by **Elle Ashwell** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$32). *NZ Author. Wildflower Ridge Series.* Abigail Fletcher finally has her life

*Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense* together. There's one thing left to do: reconnect with her five-year-old daughter, Sadie, who she left three years ago, her anxiety telling her Sadie would be better off without her... Moving to the small town of Kauri Creek, Abi lands an incredible job as an event manager at Wildflower Ridge, the same property where Sadie lives with her dad, and the family they now call their own... Determined to prove she's a capable, reliable and loveable parent, Abi throws herself into work and building connections with Sadie and the people in her life... But she never bargained on Flynn Woods, the charming farmhand who seems hellbent on getting her to loosen up. He's everything she's not; easy going, relaxed, sure of his place within his found-family, and when neither can deny their attraction, their friendship quickly develops into more: some no strings fun in the bedroom... Despite his influence on Abi's life, not even Flynn can protect her from her own mind, or his ghosts, and the pair will need to decide if they're willing to open their hearts to each other, or figure out a way to continue being 'just friends'.

**Out Of the Woods** by **Hannah Bonam-Young** (B Paperback—\$25). High school sweethearts Sarah and Caleb Linwood have always been a sure thing. For the past seventeen years, they have had each other's backs through all of life's ups and downs... But Sarah has begun to wonder... who is she without her other half?... When she decides to take on a fundraiser in memory of her late mother, Sarah wants nothing more than to prove that she doesn't need Caleb's help to succeed. But the event fails and Caleb uninvitedly steps in to save the day... The rift that follows unearths a decade of grievances and doubts. Are they truly the same people they were when they got married at nineteen? Are they supposed to be? Desperate to save what they once had, Sarah and Caleb join a grueling, week-long hiking trip intended to guide couples through rough patches. Can they fight their way out of the woods in order to find their way back to their roots?

**Gravity** by **Sara Cate** (B Paperback—\$25). *Wilde Boys Series.* It's been two years since my sister and her boyfriend were killed in a plane crash. The last person I expected to show up on my doorstep was his father, Alistair Wilde. Yet, he came with an offer I'd be an idiot to pass up: be his son's girlfriend for three months, live with the two of them in a remote house, and the one million dollars is mine... The challenge turns out to be harder than I expected. Nash is not just wild, he's dangerous. And Alistair is far more broken than he lets the world believe. The three of us are bound by grief. It's up to me to feed Nash's hunger and heal Alistair's pain... Lines are crossed. Rules are broken. On the island, there's no one to tell us this is wrong... I know I have to choose before I tear this family apart. But I belong to both of them—One of them has my body. The other has my heart.

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> \$150 and 3<sup>rd</sup> \$100). Details at [www.romancewriters.co.nz/shop/contests/chapter-short-story](http://www.romancewriters.co.nz/shop/contests/chapter-short-story).

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**Fan Service** by **Rosie Danan** (B Paperback—\$27). The only place small-town outcast Alex Lawson fits in is the online fan forum she built for *The Arcane Files*, a long-running werewolf detective show. Her dedication to archiving fictional supernatural lore made her Internet-famous, even if she harbours a secret disdain for the show's star, Devin Ashwood. (Never meet your heroes—sometimes they turn out to be *The Worst*.)... Ever since his show went off the air, Devin and his career have spiraled, but waking up naked in the woods outside his LA home with no memory of the night before is a new low. It must have been a coincidence that the once-in-a-century Wolf Blood Moon crested last night. The claws, fangs, and howling are a little more difficult to explain away. Desperate for answers, Devin finds Alex—the closest thing to an expert that exists. If only he could convince her to stop hating his guts long enough to help... Once he makes her an offer she can't refuse, these reluctant allies lower their guards trying to wrangle his inner beast. Unfortunately, getting up close and personal quickly comes back to bite them.

**Every Single Secret** by **Christina Dodd** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). In an isolated lighthouse on the California coast, Rowan Winterbourne lives a solitary life with only her secrets for company. She has a mission that drives her—to avenge herself against Gregory Torval, the powerful drug and arms dealer who murdered her mother and vowed to eliminate everyone in her family... Then Joe Grantham arrives at her door and, for the first time, Rowan lets her guard down—a dangerous mistake when he blackmails her to go with him to Torval's private island. There Torval's decadent birthday celebration rages, and while Joe pursues his own agenda, she'll provide the perfect distraction... On Raptor Island, Torval's will is law and Joe, the closest she has to an ally, is an enigma she can't trust. One false move, one careless word, and Rowan will die. As dark truths are uncovered, one by one, Rowan recognizes her last chance for the revenge has come. But is it worth everything she must sacrifice to get out alive?

**Let Me Be The One** by **Lori Foster** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Family Ties Series*. When Callie McCallahan left Hoker, Kentucky, she thought it was for good. Her parents moved the family away to pursue financial success. Since then, she's had some bumps in the road, most recently the humiliation of a failed engagement. When she inherits her uncle's farm in her old neighborhood, it's the perfect do-over. With her social media skills, she'll attract a whole new following and restart her career. The only thing is... she knows nothing about farming... For Tanner Patrick, Callie was the one who got away. He crushed on her in high school, but she barely knew he existed. Ten years later, she's back—and now she lives next door. Tanner keeps his head down and focuses on his family's tree farm. But when he sees that Callie is in way over her head and looking pretty down-to-earth and happy—Tanner finds her impossible to ignore... When Callie stumbles through the woods and encounters her sexy chain-saw-wielding neighbor, Callie definitely notices Tanner. Could this be the do-over each of them didn't know they needed?

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**The Love Shack** by **Lori Foster** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Indiana Summers Series*. When Berkley Carr opened *The Love Shack Animal Haven*, she thought she'd finally put her past behind her. But sometimes she feels the sting of the scandal from her youth, especially when she keeps crossing paths with her handsome neighbor. So, she keeps her head down and pours all her love into caring for animals... Lawson Salder moved to Cemetery, Indiana, to escape from the grinding poverty of his childhood. He barely knew Berkley from their old neighborhood, but every time he sees her, the shame and pain come crashing back. He knows she's got major baggage of her own. They're better off just avoiding each other... But that's downright impossible in a town full of matchmaking busybodies. Then there's the hard-to-ignore attraction they feel every time they see each other. When the universe is conspiring to bring them together, will Berkley and Lawson let past hurts go and embrace the love they deserve?

**The Strawberry Patch Pancake House** by **Laurie Gilmore** (B Paperback—\$26). *Dream Harbour Series*. As a world-renowned chef, single dad Archer never planned on moving to a small town, let alone running a pancake restaurant. But Dream Harbor needs a new chef, and Archer needs a community to help raise his daughter Olive... Iris has never held down a job for more than a few months. So when it's suggested that Archer is looking for a live-in nanny, she almost runs in the opposite direction... Now, Iris finds herself in a whole new world. One where her gorgeous new boss lives right across the hall and likes to cook topless... Keeping everything strictly professional should be easy, right?

**Say You'll Remember Me** by **Abby Jimenez** (B Paperback—\$27). The perfect guy. The perfect date. Utterly disastrous timing... There might be no such a thing as a perfect guy, but Xavier Rush comes disastrously close. A gorgeous veterinarian giving Greek god vibes—all while cuddling a tiny kitten? Immediately yes. That is until Xavier opens his mouth and proves that even sculpted gods can say the absolute wrong thing. Like, really wrong. Of course, there's nothing Samantha loves more than proving an asshole wrong... unless, of course, he can admit he made a mistake. But after one incredible and seemingly endless date—possibly the best in living history—Samantha is forced to admit the truth, that her family is in crisis and any kind of relationship would be impossible. Samantha begs Xavier to forget her. To remember their night together as a perfect moment, as crushing as that may be... Only no amount of distance or time is nearly enough to forget that something between them. And the only thing better than one single perfect memory is to make a life—and even a love—worth remembering.

**Bossman** by **Vi Keeland** (B Paperback—\$25). Reese Annesley was hiding in the bathroom hallway of a restaurant leaving a message for her best friend to save her from her awful date, when a gorgeous stranger overhears and offers her some dating advice. She proceeds to tell him to mind his own damn business—his own tall, handsome, full-of-himself damn business—and goes back to her miserable date, though she can't help but sneak

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hidden glances at the condescending jerk on the other side of the room. Of course, he catches her—and winks... When Chase Parker and his equally hot date suddenly appear at Reese's table, she's sure he's going to rat her out. But instead, he pretends he and Reese are old friends and joins them, telling elaborate, embarrassing stories about their fake childhood. And her date suddenly goes from boring to bizarrely exciting... After they part ways, Reese finds herself thinking about Chase more than she wants to admit, even though she knows she'll never see him again. What are the chances in a city with eight million people? Then again... what are the chances a month later he winds up being her new boss?

**The Charlie Method** by **Elle Kennedy** (B

Paperback—\$27). *Campus Diaries Series*. College senior Charlotte Kingston is living two lives—and she's nailing both of them. By day, she's the perfect sorority girl, a STEM student in biomedical engineering, and the adopted daughter of an overachiever family. At night, she's Charlie: a risk-taking daredevil looking for fun who finds herself chatting on a dating app with two anonymous hotties... Will Larsen may seem like the breezy boy next door, but his congressman father is a constant thorn in his side. After a scandal hits another Division 1 hockey program, Will's dad is determined to distance his son from it, hiring a journalist to prove how squeaky-clean Will and his team are. Which means the last thing Will wants is for anyone to find out he and his best friend Beckett Dunne—a laidback Aussie shielding secret heartache—sometimes share girls in the bedroom... When Charlie meets them in person and realizes she's been chatting with two gorgeous Briar U hockey players, things get steamy—fast. But all their messy secrets are piling up, and real life threatens to shatter the fantasy. With Charlie, Will, and Beckett all coming to terms with what they want and what others want for them, difficult decisions will need to be made... Especially when lust starts to look a lot like love.

**Den of Vipers** by **K.A. Knight** (Special Edition Paperback—\$46). Ryder, Garrett, Kenzo, and Diesel—The Vipers... They run this town and everyone in it. Their deals are as sordid as their business, and their reputation is enough to bring a grown man to his knees, forcing him to beg for mercy. They are not people you mess with, yet my dad did. The old man ran up a debt with them and then sold me to cover his losses. Yes, sold me. They own me now... I'm theirs in every sense of the word. But I've never been meek and compliant. These men, they look at me with longing. Their scarred, blood-stained hands holding me tight. They want everything I am, everything I have to give, and won't stop until they get just that. They can own my body, but they will never have my heart... I'm going to make them regret the day they took me... This girl? She bites too.

**Merit** by **Devney Perry** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$42). *Treasure State Wildcats Series*. The world loves Maverick Houston. Me? I've hated him since we were ten... It's not exactly easy to escape your childhood nemesis when your parents are best friends who live on the same block. Through countless vacations, parties and holidays, Maverick and I have spent the past decade trading insults... Until that family dinner when his mother tells us

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she's dying. When she asks us to forget the past and start fresh. That's how I found myself on a date with the Treasure State Wildcats football star. The campus playboy. The boy I kissed when I was three. The man who is the bane of my existence... He's arrogant. He's blunt. He's too handsome for his own good. But if he has a single, redeeming merit, the guy does love his mom. And that's why I started fake dating Maverick Houston. That's why I made him a proposition of my own. That's how this sham of a relationship ruined my life... The world loves Maverick. Me? I hate that he made me love him too.

**Identity** by **Nora Roberts** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$29). Former Army brat Morgan Albright has finally planted roots in a friendly neighborhood near Baltimore. Her friend and roommate Nina helps her make the mortgage payments, as does Morgan's job as a bartender. But after she and Nina host their first dinner party—attended by Luke, the flirtatious IT guy who'd been chatting her up at the bar—her carefully built world is shattered. The back door glass is broken, cash and jewelry are missing, her car is gone, and Nina lies dead on the floor... Soon, a horrific truth emerges: It was Morgan who let the monster in. "Luke" is actually a cold-hearted con artist named Gavin who targets a particular type of woman, steals her assets and identity, and then commits his ultimate goal: murder... What the FBI tells Morgan is beyond chilling. Nina wasn't his type. Morgan is. Nina was simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. And Morgan's nightmare is just beginning. Soon she has no choice but to flee to her mother's home in Vermont. While she struggles to build something new, she meets another man, Miles Jameson. He isn't flashy or flirtatious, and his family business has deep roots in town. But Gavin is still out there hunting new victims, and he hasn't forgotten the one who got away.

**Buried Too Deep** by **Karen Rose** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *New Orleans Series*. Employed as the nighttime security guard of Broussard Investigations, Phineas Bishop has been working through overwhelming PTSD episodes from his army service while still utilizing his military skills. But when a violent break-in occurs at the office, the accusatory eyes of the NOPD are on Phin, and he resolves to track down the intruder and clear his name... Phin's only lead is Cora Winslow, a spirited librarian who also needs answers. The body of her father, murdered twenty-three years ago, has just been discovered under a recently demolished building. So who has been sending her handwritten letters—written and signed by her father—every year since she was five? Someone wants to keep Cora in the dark. And now, they're coming for her... As Cora's self-appointed bodyguard, Phin is surprised by his growing fondness for the woman and her fierce determination and research prowess. But New Orleans's Garden District holds secrets as old as the streets. With help from the entire Broussard P.I. team, Phin and Cora enter a labyrinth of fraud and homicide that threatens to bury them all.

**The Emperor** by **RuNyx** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Dark Verse Series*. Heir to the notorious Tenebrae Outfit, Dante Maroni has been trained since birth. A silent rebel in the shadows, he has learned to hide his ruthlessness under his

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charm, his brutality under his suits, and his love for one woman under his silence. Infiltrating the Syndicate responsible for the missing children, Dante discovers information that shatters his reality and forces him to trigger a lethal game... Daughter of the Maroni housekeeper, Amara has loved Dante for longer than she's known it. Abducted and tortured at the young age of fifteen, she loses herself, her life, and her home as she knows it. Years after, unknowingly protected, she's found some semblance of normalcy when her world collapses again, forcing her to join the game... Mysteries are unraveled. Secrets are discovered. And their young love is transformed, replaced by a deep intimacy, power, and survival... The reluctant king and inevitable queen play... An empire of death is born.

**The Finisher** by **RuNyx** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Dark Verse Series*. Growing up on the streets of Los Fortis, Alessandro 'Alpha' Villanova scrapped his way to the top, fighting for his very survival, losing everything in the process. A city that shunned him then is now the one he rules, albeit alone, as the king of a dark empire few know about... Far from Alpha's world, Zephyr de la Vega has a normal life, normal family, normal drama. Her biggest problem is people trying to make her lose a few pounds. When a chance encounter puts her on his path, she makes a proposition that changes the course of their lives... As a killer goes on a spree in Alpha's city, taking apart his scarred empire corpse by corpse, and The Syndicate comes into play, their partnership evolves into something deeper, more enduring, more powerful than either of them anticipated... Evil ascends. Darkness descends... A new order is born.

**Bad Seed** by **Sharon Sala** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Jubilee, Kentucky, Series*. It's love at first sight when head pastry chef Brendan Pope meets private investigator Harley Banks at the Serenity Inn. Harley is staying there for her latest investigation. But unknown to them both, Harley has a hitman after her, courtesy of the wrong-doer she put behind bars on her last case. The FBI gets involved to clean up the loose ends so Harley can continue the investigation at the inn. But after nearly losing her, Brendan will stop at nothing to make sure Harley is safe and the criminals get their comeuppance.

**By a Thread** by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$27). *Dominic* I got her fired. Okay, so I'd had a bad day and took it out on a bystander in a pizza shop. But there's nothing innocent about Ally Morales. She proves that her first day of her new job... after being hired by my mother... So maybe her inexplicably alluring personality brightens up the magazine's offices. Maybe I like that she argues with me in front of the editorial staff. And maybe my after-hours fantasies are haunted by those brown eyes and that sharp tongue... But that doesn't mean that I'm going to be the next Russo man to take advantage of his position. I might be a second-generation asshole, but I am not my father... She's working herself to death at half a dozen dead-end jobs for some secret reason. And I'm going to fix it all. Don't accuse me of caring. She's nothing more than a puzzle to be solved. If I can get her to quit, I can peel away all those layers. Then I can go back to salvaging the family name and forget about the dancing, beer-slinging brunette.

### **Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense**

*Ally*

Ha. Hold my beer, Grumpy Grump Face.

**Story Of My Life** by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$27). *Story Lake Series*. Hazel Hart was a successful romance novelist until a breakup drives her straight into writer's block. Having failed (and failed some more) to deliver her new manuscript, she's hiding from the world behind a wall of old takeout containers until her publisher lays down the law. If she misses her next deadline it's The End... Desperate for inspiration, Hazel impulse-buys a historic home online and flees Manhattan to tiny Story Lake, PA. Upon her dramatic arrival—involving an incident with a bald eagle—she discovers the charm of her new home may have been slightly exaggerated... The house is a wreck and the town is struggling after their biggest employer shut down. Also, since her raccoon-infested home came with a seat on the town council our introverted heroine is stuck with a front row seat to all the small-town shenanigans... But Hazel isn't worried. Not since all six-foot-three inches of grouchy contractor Campbell Bishop slapped a bandage on her forehead and unintentionally inspired the heck out of her. There's only one thing to do: Hire Cam and his equally gorgeous brothers to renovate her new spider museum... er... house... Okay two things. A fake date for 'research purposes' will really put her work-in-progress on track. Before Hazel knows it, she's writing a romance novel and living one. At least until the drywall dust settles, the town she's falling in love with faces bankruptcy, and growly Cam remembers why he can't live happily ever after.

### **Crime & Mystery & Thriller**

**Murder in the Tea Leaves** by **Laura Childs** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Tea Shop Mysteries Series*. When tea shop maven Theodosia Browning reads the tea leaves on the set of the movie, *Dark Fortunes*, things go from spooky to worse. Lights are dimmed, the camera rolls, and red hot sparks fly as the film's director is murdered in a tricky electrical accident... Or was it an accident? Though the cast and crew are stunned beyond belief, nobody admits to seeing a thing. And when Theodosia's friend, Delaine, becomes the prime suspect, Theodosia begins her own shadow investigation. But who among this Hollywood cast and crew had murder on their mind? The screenwriter is a self-centered pot head, the leading actress is trying to wiggle out of her contract, the brand new director seems indifferent, and nobody trusts the slippery-when-dry Hollywood agent... Between hosting a Breakfast at Tiffany's Tea, a Poetry Tea, and trying to launch her own chocolate line, Theodosia doggedly hunts down clues and explores the seemingly haunted Brittlebank Manor where the murder took place. And just when she's ready to pounce, a Charleston Film Board member is also murdered, throwing everything into total disarray. But this clever killer will go to any lengths to hide his misdeeds as Theodosia soon finds out when she and her tea sommelier, Drayton, get caught up in a dangerous stakeout.

**Close Your Eyes** by **Teresa Driscoll** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). *PI Matthew Hill Series*. When private investigator Matthew Hill picks up the call from his wife, Sally, his world comes crashing down. Their eight-year-old daughter, Amelie, is

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missing. One second, she was there, the next, she was gone... It's the very nightmare they've been dreading. Long ago, Matthew left the force after a woman blamed him for her son's death, promising that he too would one day feel her pain. It's a threat that's hung over his family ever since, and now it's Amelie's picture on the news... Matthew knows how these things go—the longer their daughter is missing, the less hope there is of finding her alive... As the clock ticks and a canal is searched, he and Sally must reckon with their greatest fear...

**The Perfect Son** by **Freida McFadden** (B Paperback—\$25). Erika Cass has a perfect family and a perfect life. Until the evening when two detectives show up at her front door... A high school girl has vanished from Erika's quiet suburban neighborhood. The police suspect the worst—murder. And Erika's teenage son, Liam, was the last person to see the girl alive... Erika has always sensed something dark and disturbed in her seemingly perfect older child. She wants to believe he's innocent, but as the evidence mounts, she can't deny the truth—Liam may have done the unthinkable... Now she must ask herself: How far will she go to protect her son?

**Into the Fall** by **Tamara L. Miller** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). For better or for worse, Sarah Anderson has it all: a thriving career, a nice home in Ottawa, two young kids... and a marriage coming apart at the seams... Then her husband, Matthew, vanishes without a trace during a family vacation up north. Sarah and her children are nearly lost among the slumbering lakes, treacherous cliffs, and brooding forests of the Canadian Shield. A glacier-scraped realm of ancient beauty and terror, it's a world away from the safety of the suburbs. And a big storm is brewing... A kind rural lawman comes to their aid and takes an interest in the case. The trail goes cold, however, launching Sarah into a year-long odyssey to find her husband. On the way, she must reconnect with her estranged sister and duck the suspicions of a slick city police officer. But that's nothing compared to unearthing the dark secrets buried deep in the granite of her marriage—and in herself.

**The Killing Plains** by **Sherry Rankin** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). Two victims. Twenty years apart. One elusive killer... Crescent Bluff, West Texas. Everybody knows everybody. And everybody has a secret... When a boy is found dead with the skin of a hare's head in his hand, everyone knows who killed him—Willis Newland, just released from prison after serving twenty years for an identical murder... But what if everyone's wrong?... Detective Colly Newland reluctantly agrees to investigate a case that seems to involve the whole town, including her dead husband's extended family. But the deeper she digs, the more secrets she unearths. And as threats against her escalate, Colly realizes someone is willing to kill to keep theirs...

**Don't Let Her Stay** by **Nicola Sanders** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). It seemed only five minutes ago that Richard went to the station to pick up Chloe, and now they were here. I was so excited. Finally, I would meet my stepdaughter for the first time, and Chloe would meet her baby sister Evie...

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Richard was over the moon that his daughter wanted to come back into his life. 'You'll love her,' he'd said, beaming. 'She's very sweet. She just had a wobble about me marrying again, but that's over now'... Well, she was going to find out she had nothing to worry about. I'd been fantasising non-stop about the two of us becoming close. I had visions of us baking together while Richard was at work, chatting about her boyfriends, her studies, what kind of job she'd like to do... Anyway, let's just say things haven't quite worked out that way... Whenever we're alone, Chloe makes it clear that she hates me. But in front of her father, she's a perfect little angel. Richard says I'm not giving her a chance, but he doesn't see what I see. I don't trust Chloe, and I certainly won't leave her alone with Evie... Because I know something isn't right with Chloe, and I will do everything possible to protect my family... Before it's too late...

**Fantasy & Paranormal Romance**

**The Raggicker King** by **Cassandra Clare** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Chronicles of Castellane Series*. His life is an illusion. Her lie is a gamble. Can two outliers save a kingdom?... The royal court is in turmoil following a massacre. Kel, Prince Conor's body-double, is hunting for traitors. And the notorious Raggicker King, ruler of the dazzling city of Castellane's criminal underworld, holds the only clues. But they lead to a dark conspiracy to destroy the royal family—headed by the man due to marry the woman Kel loves... Lin will be judged after claiming to be the legendary Goddess Reborn and wielder of powerful magic—now her people's charismatic leader is ready to test her powers. Failure will mean exile, and only further dangerous deception can save her now. As the simmering tension in Castellane reaches fever pitch, Prince Conor demands that Lin heal his father's madness. But the King is tormented by an ancient magic, and Lin cannot deny its allure—any more than she can deny her growing passion for the prince. Lin and Kel must decide who they can trust. Yet any false move will mean death—or worse...

**Heat of the Everflame** by **Penn Cole** (Royal Paperback—\$36). *Kindred's Curse Saga*. The war has begun. Both sides demand Diem's allegiance—or her death... After her disastrous coronation, Diem finds herself at the center of the conflict between the Descended and the Guardians. With her newfound friends and the man she's falling for on one side, and the mortals she has vowed to protect on the other, Diem must walk a careful line to save the people she loves... even from each other... The mystery of her unusual heritage begins to unravel, sending Diem and Luther on an unexpected journey across the realms. The answers may hold the key to winning the war, but finding them will require her to face painful truths about her mother, her bloodline, and her fate... Meanwhile, the Crowns have set Diem in their sights. Some could be her greatest allies—while others want her dead. To end their oppressive reign, Diem must sort friend from foe and risk it all to build an army of her own... But a powerful figure in the north has plans that could change everything...

**Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales** by **Heather Fawcett** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Emily*

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*Wilde Series.* Emily Wilde has spent her life studying faeries. A renowned dryadologist, she has documented hundreds of species of Folk in her *Encyclopaedia of Faeries*. Now she is about to embark on her most dangerous academic project yet: studying the inner workings of a faerie realm—as its queen... Along with her former academic rival—now fiancé—the dashing and mercurial Wendell Bumbleby, Emily is immediately thrust into the deadly intrigues of Faerie as the two of them seize the throne of Wendell's long-lost kingdom, which Emily finds a beautiful nightmare filled with scholarly treasures... Emily has been obsessed with faerie stories her entire life, but at first she feels as ill-suited to Faerie as she did to the mortal world: How can an unassuming scholar such as herself pass for a queen? Yet there is little time to settle in, for Wendell's murderous stepmother has placed a deadly curse upon the land before vanishing without a trace. It will take all of Wendell's magic—and Emily's knowledge of stories—to unravel the mystery before they lose everything they hold dear.

**The Sapphire Eclipse** by **Amy Hart** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$29). *NZ Author. Mistwood Academy Series.* A vampire. A murder. A prophecy... I'm Emily Sanderson. I used to be an ordinary girl. Now I'm a vampire, living at Mistwood Academy, a school for supernatural teenagers. It's not how I pictured my life turning out, but I've made friends, and I'm doing okay in my classes. I know I'll figure things out... But then I'm attacked and everything changes. There are whispered voices. Threats. And dark magic. Something sinister is going on at Mistwood... something that results in murder... Now I'm caught up in an ancient prophecy. A prophecy I need to stop before it's too late.

**The Hidden Spell** by **Amy Hart** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$29). *NZ Author. Mistwood Academy Series.* A secret. A weapon. A spell... I'm Emily Sanderson, and I'm not an ordinary vampire. My life's been turned upside down more times than I can handle, and all I want is to figure out my newest powers and to keep studying at Mistwood Academy, the school that's become my home... Actually, no. All I really want is to give those powers back... But when Haven Montgomery, my best friend and a powerful witch, offers me a solution, I know things are going to get complicated. Because something about her has changed since the night of the Sapphire Eclipse. I don't know how to help her, and I don't know who to trust... Because if there's one thing I've learned about life at Mistwood, it's that nothing's as easy as it seems.

**A Fate Inked in Blood** by **Danielle L. Jensen** (B Paperback—\$25). *Unfated Series.* 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

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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.

**Dane's Mark** by **Lora Leigh** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Breeds Series.* A decade ago Katy Chavos was a proud misfit who had her heart broken, crushed by a man who drew her close with one breath and pulled away the next. He left a mark she's done everything in her power to erase. But when Katy's job brings her back to the hometown she couldn't wait to escape, seeing Dane again awakens something inside her that won't be tamed... Dane Vanderale isn't like other Breeds. As a hybrid he's stronger, more primal, and more determined to hide it. He's also certain that Katy is not his mate—not that that stops him from wanting her with every part of his soul. He knows he hurt her deeply and he intends to make things right, but she is dead set on keeping him at arm's length... Despite their painful history, Katy can't deny the intense attraction she still feels for Dane. And before long, it will be impossible for either to deny the truth that has been in front of them all along...

**The Amber Owl** by **Juliet Marillier** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *NZ Author. Heartwood Series.* Stasya lives in an isolated farming village on the edge of the mysterious Heartwood Forest with her unusual dog for company. Thought odd by the locals, she is tolerated for her rare gift with animals. Engaging with her fellow humans is difficult, with one exception: goatherd Lukas, who shares her love of storytelling... The peace of Heartwood is shattered when a group of soldiers descends, under orders from the Ruler of the Northlands. Their mission: to hack a path through the forest and find the fabled treasure said to lie deep within. Under the gruelling decree, Stasya's village falls into chaos. The task is clearly impossible. The forest is alive with bears and wolves, and the old tales speak of evil spirits, monsters and uncanny beings. Nobody has ever gone deep into Heartwood Forest and returned safe and well... When Stasya raises her voice in protest she is removed from her beloved home and transported to court—a different world. Word of her special skills has reached the Ruler's ears, and Lady Elisabeta has a job for her. But Stasya will not break her vow to protect the forest, even under the most appalling threat. Help comes from an unlikely quarter... Secrets abound; dangers lie everywhere; and it is hard to tell friend from foe. As Stasya and her band of unlikely allies embark on a perilous mission, it becomes apparent that uncanny forces may indeed be involved. Maybe the old tales of the Hermit are true.

**Aftermarket Afterlife** by **Sean McGuire** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$30). *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



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babysitting ghost, she's been caring for the Price family for four generations, and she's planning to keep doing the job for the better part of forever... With her first charge finally 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?

**Fated to the Warrior Wolf** by **April L. Moon** (Print-In-Demand Paperback—\$45). *Hunted Omegas Series*. Houston, this was not part of the plan. Not even a little tiny bit. He's not my fated mate, yet here I am, pregnant regardless...

*Leigh* It's not supposed to be possible, but I guess when your BFF is some sort of unicorn wolf with special powers, things tend to get a bit wonky. But that's not really the point. The point is I'm super duper for sure pregnant, and he's pissed off, growly, and grumpy as hell... Oh, and he found out by accident. While I was telling his best friend. And puking, loudly. Huzzah for morning sickness, yo... And... he didn't seem thrilled. Not loving the trajectory, here. But I'll protect my tiny, perfect Petal. Even from her own father if I have to.

*Gael* Am I still breathing? I'm not really sure. Because a one night stand isn't supposed to come with these sorts of consequences. I mean, sure, if we were human. But wolves? It's not that easy. There are signs... But despite the utter lack of a starter pistol announcing that we were a go, the four pregnancy tests laid out on her bathroom counter don't lie. I'm going to be a dad. Pretty sure my face is about to melt off with the shock... She and I are like oil and water. Fire and gasoline? Yeah, that one. It's not because I don't like her. Hell, I can't stop thinking about her. The problem is she knows how to push every last one of my buttons, and she's determined to slam the door in my face... But I'm not the kind of guy to take no for an answer, not when the woman I'm crazy about and my baby are on the line. We might not have mate signs—yet—but I know she's the one for me. Now I just have to prove that I can be the one for her, too... That can't be too difficult, right?

**Fearless** by **Lauren Roberts** (B Paperback—\$28). *Powerless Trilogy*. Paedyn Gray and Kai Azer return to the Kingdom of Ilya... And Paedyn has a life-altering choice to make. Whatever she decides will determine her fate—and the fate of those around her—forever... In the ultimate battle of love and loyalty, who wins?

**Phantasma** by **Kaylie Smith** (B Paperback—\$27). *Phantasma Series*. Welcome to Phantasma. There are only two rules to the game. Stay alive. And don't fall in love... When Ophelia's sister disappears, there is only one way to save her. Ophelia must enter Phantasma, a deadly contest inside a haunted mansion, and claim its prize—a single wish... In a maze of twisting corridors and lavish ballrooms,

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Ophelia will face nine challenges, each more dangerous than the last. Just as fear threatens to overwhelm her, a mysterious stranger offers her a bargain... Charming, arrogant and infuriatingly attractive, Blackwell claims he can guide her through the lethal trials ahead. Ophelia knows she shouldn't trust Blackwell. Worse still, she feels a dark and irresistible attraction drawing them closer and closer... And in Phantasma, the only thing deadlier than losing the game is losing your heart...

**The Wolf of My Eye** by **Terry Spear** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Highland Wolf Series*. All gray wolf Robert Campbell plans to do is move into his new home and open his new veterinary clinic in the Highlands of Scotland. But a simple summer fishing trip turns into a deadly adventure as a sudden, fierce squall bears down on him and instead of a fish, he rescues beautiful she-wolf Masie MacTavish diving in the vicinity. It's the best catch he's ever made! And he aims to keep her. It doesn't end there as they find themselves falling hard for each other during several wild misadventures, including uncovering a murder. All they know is that if they can make it through all the mystery, mayhem, and madness, they want to be together forever.

**The Wedding Witch** by **Erin Sterling** (B Paperback—\$27). *Graves Glen Series*. Bowen Penhallow has always been a loner, studying dark and ancient magic on a mountaintop in Wales. He prefers it that way. But when his friend Colin—who happens to be a ghost—asks him to attend a Yuletide wedding at a grand estate deep in the Welsh countryside, Bowen reluctantly agrees... Tamsyn Bligh is not a witch, but she makes her living off of them. As a procurer and seller of magical items, Tamsyn's business is not always above board, but she's been trying to fix that (mostly.) Bowen is an occasional customer—as well as the star of several of Tamsyn's dirtiest dreams—but she's been around enough witches to know that, as a human, getting involved with one is not the smartest idea. She's finagled an invite to the Witchy Wedding of the Century in the hopes of finally making a score big enough to retire. Just one priceless magical artifact from Tywyll House would set her up for life... But Tamsyn isn't the only one sneaking about in Tywyll House, and the mix of a very strong spell combined with a wedding mishap transports Bowen and Tamsyn into Tywyll House's past, to the Yuletide Celebration of 1958. As Bowen and Tamsyn work together to get back to the present, they must also face off with the origins of Tywyll House's haunting, the suspicions of their fellow witches... oh, and the fact that somewhere between the mistletoe and the bonfire, they might be falling in love.

**A Queen of Thieves & Chaos** by **K.A. Tucker** (B Paperback—\$25). *Fate & Flame Series*. "You betrayed your brother to steal a broken crown"... The kingdom stands on the brink of chaos. Atticus' grip on the realm is faltering, and as threats arise ever closer to home he is driven to increasingly desperate acts to hold onto power... With Islor's fate now in the balance, Zander stands to defend the Rift from the oncoming Ybarisan army. With the king's forces scattered, he must risk unlikely new alliances... And behind the walls of Ulyse, secrets wait for its new queen. Romeria knows that the paths of the hidden

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city will lead her to answers. But will they be enough to save the realm—or is their fate already sealed?

**A Dawn of Gods & Fury** by **K.A. Tucker** (B Paperback—\$25). *Fate & Flame Series*. “Prophecy always finds a way”... The will of the fates has come to pass. Monsters swarm from the depths, while dragons soar overhead. And the throne of Islor lies vacant... but not for long... Fleeing the merciless sirens, Tyree and Annika find themselves stranded on a distant shore. Forced together to survive, they find old magics and terrifying new enemies... For Romeria and Zander, the long-held secrets of the casters’ magic reveal a chance to finally master the power that has held all their lives in the balance for too long. But with power comes betrayal. And sacrifices must be made.

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**My Secret Duke** by **Sara Bennett** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Duke of Grantham Series*. Most ladies would be thrilled to receive a proposal from a handsome duke only weeks into their first season, but Olivia is not most ladies, and the circumstances are less than ideal. After a family scandal left their coffers empty and their reputation on the rocks, Olivia must marry someone rich with an impeccable pedigree. A man with shaky finances and a taste for risky adventures is exactly wrong for her, no matter how charming his smile... Ivo Fitzsimmons, Duke of Northam, did not expect to find a wife. He planned to spend the season shoring up his smuggling enterprise and looking for new ways to keep his estate afloat. If meeting a lady like Olivia surprised him, that was nothing compared to refusing his proposal. She has feelings for him, he’s sure of it. Now he’ll spend the season proving he’s the only man for her—if only he doesn’t get arrested first.

**The Duke and Lady Scandal** by **Christy Carlyle** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Princes of London Series*. Alexandra Prince is clever, outspoken, and, yes, perhaps a bit impulsive. Yet she’s always been overshadowed by her siblings. While they are off on adventurous expeditions, she’s the one left to keep the family’s antique shop going while she works on a book about lady pirates—and longs for an adventure of her own. When she overhears a group of suspicious customers whispering about a plan to steal the Crown Jewels, she knows it’s her opportunity to shine. But she needs a little help... Detective Inspector Benedict Drake takes his duties at Scotland Yard seriously. In fact, he takes almost everything seriously. Except for the breathless beauty who crashes into his office to tell him about a ludicrous scheme to steal the Crown Jewels. Despite his turning her away, she keeps popping up wherever he goes, and he’s not sure whether she’s determined to cause a scandal or is trying to drive him to distraction. Just when he thinks he’s rid of her, an event compels him to believe her account, and he begrudgingly enlists her aid to thwart the theft of the century... But while thieves seek the Crown Jewels, the troublesome bluestocking he can’t seem to keep away from might just steal his heart...

**The Devil’s Charm** by **Megan Frampton** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Heirs & Spares Series*. One Night He Cannot Forget... Lord Lucian Blackwood, second son of the Duke of Waxford, has assumed all the responsibilities of a spare, meaning

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it is his duty to seduce all the women, win vast sums at gaming, and appear gorgeously clothed for any occasion. He doesn’t expect his friend’s wedding to be any different—but then he meets, and kisses, her. Even more delicious is that she is the daughter of his rigid father’s longtime enemy...and now Lucian and Lady Diantha are tasked with working together on a project that will heal the rift.

One Night She Can’t Help but Remember... Lady Diantha Courtenay always does the right thing. She wears the proper clothes, she speaks to the right people, she smiles exactly the right amount. When she attends her friend’s wedding, however, she sees a gentleman who makes her want to do all the wrong things. With him. The next morning, she is appalled, and sets herself back on course to being the most proper young lady, relieved she now has a family project to focus on. She thought she was safe from that other Diantha until she realizes she’ll be working with him.

**Love, the Duke** by **Amelia Grey** (Mass Market Paperback—\$28). *Say I Do Trilogy*. When the Duke of Hurstbourne receives a letter from his childhood friend asking him to marry his sister Ophelia, Hurst declines. He’s not adverse to taking a bride, but he believes in love at first sight that stirs his desire—not marriage sight-unseen... Adhering to society’s strict propriety for ladies, Ophelia Stowe has no choice but to present herself as a man to seek the Duke of Hurstbourne’s favor. If not for the dire situation she finds herself in, she wouldn’t have asked for help from the handsome man who had rebuffed her. When the alluring duke’s response is a plan of his own, Ophelia never dreams it would be a proposal of a marriage of convenience... But the stakes are high, and the good name of the Stowe family will be damaged if a missing antiquity isn’t found. When she accepts his offer, she quickly finds she isn’t immune to the passion building between her and her new husband—or how real the marriage begins to feel.

**Marriage and Murder** by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$45). *Casebook of Barnaby Adair Series*. When a middle-aged spinster is found strangled in her country cottage and scurrilous gossip implicates Henry, Lord Glossup, he appeals to Barnaby and Penelope Adair along with Inspector Stokes to unravel the mystery of who killed Viola Huntingdon... Henry, Lord Glossup, arrives on Barnaby and Penelope Adairs’ doorstep and begs their aid—and that of Stokes—in identifying the murderer of Viola Huntingdon, a middle-aged spinster who lived a largely blameless life in a country cottage in a tiny village close to Henry’s home. As Stokes has already been tapped to take the case, the investigators travel to Salisbury and thence to Ashmore village and throw themselves into the case... While initially Henry was touted as a suspect, he is quickly eliminated, and with the help of the victim’s sister, Madeline, the investigators set out to discover all they can about the victim and who might have wished her ill. In such a small village, with a commensurately small population, the list of possible suspects is short, but the existence of Viola’s ‘secret admirer, H’ has everyone stumped. First, how could Viola, living in such a small community, have had a secret visitor, a man no one saw except at a distance? And who on earth is he, this H?... As the investigators piece together the clues of missing

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jewelry and sightings of H and follow the leads generated by opportunistic thieves, dodgy jewelers, and local moneylenders, a picture emerges that points to only one conclusion. But in small villages, things are rarely as they seem. Have the investigators got the right man in their sights, or have they been led astray?

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ornament his isolated ruin, and he has his sights set on the enchanting Julia Wychwood... For Julia, an incurable romantic cursed with a crippling social anxiety, navigating a London ballroom is absolute torture. The only time Julia feels any degree of confidence is when she's on her horse.

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