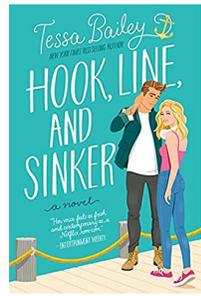
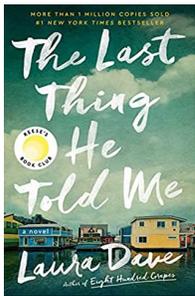
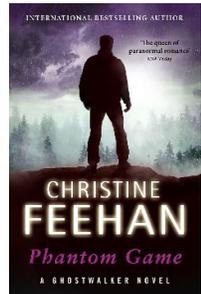
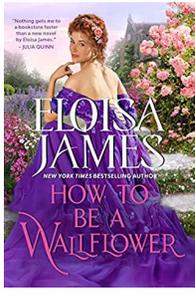


Recent and upcoming arrivals include Tessa Bailey's *Hook, Line, and Sinker*, Kresley Cole's *Munro*, Lauren Dave's *The Last Thing He Told Me*, Christine Feehan's *Phantom Game*, Eloisa James' *How to Be a Wallflower*, Stephanie Laurens' *Foes, Friends and Lovers* and Lucy Score's *Things We Never Got Over*. Enjoy! NB. Please see p.3 for details of the Romance Writers' Short Story Contest sponsored by Chapter.

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|  | <p>Title: Hook, Line, and Sinker Author: Tessa Bailey Classification: Contemporary Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: 23 Annotation: <i>Bellinger Sisters Series.</i> King crab fisherman Fox Thornton is a carefree flirt. Until he meets Hannah Bellinger. She's immune to his charm and looks. And wants to be friends? Bizarre. But platonic it is ... Now, Hannah's in town for work, crashing in Fox's spare room. She's got a crush on a colleague and Fox is just the person to help her love life with a few tips. Yet the more time she spends with Fox, the more she wants him instead, but Hannah refuses to be a notch on his bedpost ... Living with his best friend should have been easy. Except Fox is fantasizing about waking up next to her for the rest of his life! Maybe if Fox can show Hannah he's all in, she'll choose him?</p> |  | <p>Title: The Last Thing He Told Me Author: Lauren Dave Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his new wife, Hannah: <i>protect her.</i> Hannah knows who Owen needs her to protect – his teenage daughter, Bailey, who lost her mother as a child. And who wants nothing to do with her stepmother ... As her calls to Owen go unanswered, his boss is arrested for fraud and the police start questioning her, Hannah realises that her husband isn't who he said he was. And that Bailey might hold the key to discovering Owen's true identity, and why he disappeared. Together they set out to discover the truth. But as they start putting together the pieces of Owen's past, they soon realise that their lives will never be the same again.</p> |
|  | <p>Title: Phantom Game Author: Christine Feehan Classification: Fantasy/Paranormal Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$34 Annotation: <i>Ghostwalker Series.</i> Jonas 'Smoke' Harper never imagined he'd meet someone who complements every part of him – even the monster that lurks within. But his instant connection with Camellia goes beyond wanting the intelligent, beautiful, and lethal woman in his bed. They are two parts of a whole ... Camellia has lived on her own for a long time, relying on her unique psychic abilities to keep her safe. She knows that Jonas was literally made for her, and that makes their addictive connection dangerous. Once the threat looming over them is dealt with she's going to get far away as fast as she can. Jonas will have to use all of his considerable skills to convince her to stay.</p> |  | <p>Title: How to Be a Wallflower Author: Eloisa James Classification: Historical Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$22 Annotation: <i>Would-Be Wallflowers Series.</i> Miss Cleopatra Lewis is about to be launched in society. But since she has no intention of marrying, she visits a costume emporium to order unflattering dresses to put off any suitors ... Charismatic Jacob Astor Addison is in London, acquiring businesses to add to his holdings in America. He's furious when a "she-devil" steals Quimby's Costume Emporium from under his nose ... Jake strikes a bargain, offering to design her "wallflower wardrobe" and giving Cleo the chance to design his. Somehow in the middle of their lively competition, Jake becomes Cleo's closest friend ... and Jake realizes she's stolen his fiercely guarded heart.</p> |

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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Tell No Lies by **Allison Brennan** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Quinn & Costa Thriller Series*. Something mysterious is killing the wildlife in the mountains south of Tucson. When a college intern turned activist sets out to collect evidence, she, too, ends up dead. Local law enforcement is slow to get involved. That's when the mobile FBI unit goes undercover to infiltrate the town and its copper refinery in search of leads ... Young detective Kara Quinn and loner FBI agent Matt Costa find themselves scouring the desolate landscape, which keeps revealing clues to something much darker – greed, child trafficking and more death. As the body count adds up, it's clear they have stumbled onto much more than they bargained for. Now they must figure out who is at the heart of this mayhem and stop them before more innocent lives are lost.

Sunrise on Half Moon Bay by **Robyn Carr** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). Adele and Justine have never been close. Born twenty years apart, Justine was an adult when Addie was born. The sisters love each other but they don't really know each other ... When Addie dropped out of university to care for their ailing parents, Justine, a successful lawyer, covered the expenses. It was the best arrangement but now that their parents are gone, the future has changed for both women ... Addie had great plans for her life but has been worn down by the pressures of being a caregiver and doesn't know how to live for herself. And Justine's success has come at a price. Her marriage is falling apart despite her best efforts ... Neither woman knows how to start over but both realize they can and must support each other the way only sisters can. Together they find the strength to accept their failures and overcome their challenges. Happiness is within reach, if they have the courage to fight for it.

Love at First Spite by **Anna Collins** (Trade Paperback – \$32). They say living well is the best revenge. But sometimes, spreading the misery seems more satisfying. That's interior designer Dani Porter's justification for buying the vacant lot next to her ex-fiancé's house ... the house they were supposed to live in together, before he cheated on her with their Realtor. Dani plans to build a vacation rental that will a) mess with his view and peace of mind and b) prove that Dani is not someone to be stepped on. Welcome to project *Spite House* ... The plan becomes complicated when Dani teams up with Wyatt Montego, the handsome, haughty architect at her firm, and the only person available to draw up blueprints. Wyatt is terse and stern, the kind of man who eats his sandwich with a knife and fork. But as they spend time together on- and off-site, Dani glimpses something deeper beneath that hard veneer, something surprising, vulnerable, and real. And the closer she gets to her goal, the more she wonders if winning revenge could mean losing something infinitely sweeter ...

Meet Me in the Margins by **Melissa Ferguson** (Trade Paperback – \$34). Savannah Cade's dreams are coming true. *THE* Claire Donovan, editor-in-chief of the most successful romance imprint in the country, has requested to see the manuscript Savannah's been secretly writing while working as editor herself – except at her publishing house, the

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philosophy is only highbrow works are worth printing and commercial fiction, particularly romance, should be reserved for the lowest level of Dante's inferno ... When Savannah drops her manuscript during a staff meeting and nearly exposes herself to the company – including William Pennington, new publisher and son of the romance-despising CEO – she hides her manuscript in the secret turret room of the old Victorian office ... When she returns, she's dismayed to discover that someone has not only been in her hidden nook but has written notes in the margins – quite critical ones. But when Claire's own reaction turns out to be nearly identical to the scribbled remarks, and worse, Claire announces that Savannah has six weeks to resubmit before she retires, Savannah seeks the help of the shadowy editor ... As their notes back and forth start to fill up the pages, Savannah finds him not just becoming pivotal to her work, but also her life. She's falling for her mystery editor. If she only knew who he was.

Good Girl Complex by **Elle Kennedy** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *Avalon Bay Series*. She does everything right. So what could go wrong? ... Mackenzie "Mac" Cabot is a people pleaser. Her demanding parents. Her prep school friends. Her long-time boyfriend. It's exhausting ... All she wants to do is grow her internet business, but first she must get a college degree at her parents' insistence. That means moving to the beachside town of Avalon Bay, a community made up of locals and the wealthy students of Garnet College ... Twenty-year-old Mac has had plenty of practice suppressing her wilder impulses, but when she meets local bad boy Cooper Hartley, that ability is tested. Cooper is rough around the edges. Raw. Candid. A threat to her ordered existence. Their friendship becomes the realest thing in her life ... Despite his disdain for the trust-fund kids he sees coming and going from his town, Cooper realizes Mac isn't just another rich clone and falls for her. Hard. But as Mac finally starts feeling accepted by Cooper and his friends, the secret he's been keeping from her threatens the only place she's ever felt at home.

Mr. Wrong Number by **Lynn Painter** (Trade Paperback – \$32). Bad luck has always followed Olivia Marshall ... or maybe she's just the screw-up her family thinks she is. But when a "What are you wearing?" text from a random wrong number turns into the hottest, most entertaining – albeit anonymous – relationship of her life, she thinks things might be on the upswing ... Colin Beck has always considered Olivia his best friend's annoying little sister, but when she moves in with them after one of her worst runs of luck, he realizes she's turned into an altogether different and sexier distraction. He's sure he can keep his distance, until the moment he discovers she's the irresistible Miss Misdiel he's been sort of sexting for weeks – and now he has to decide whether to turn the heat up or ghost her before things get messy.

A Not So Meet Cute by **Meghan Quinn** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$34). How did you two meet? The quintessential question asked to every couple. And the answer is usually some lovey dovey tale of being struck in the bum by Cupid's arrow ... My

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense meet cute (well not so meet cute) is different. I was trolling a wealthy neighborhood in Beverly Hills, searching for someone to take me as their bride, you know, to make my arch nemesis jealous who consequently just fired me. He was stomping around the block like some sort of gorgeous ogre, mumbling about a business deal gone wrong and attempting to finagle his way out of it. And that's when we bumped into each other. No sparks. Not even a hint of blossoming love ... But next thing I knew, I was scarfing down free chips and guac, listening to this man lay out all of his problems which led to his big ask ... he wanted me to be his Vivian Ward, you know, from *Pretty Woman* – minus the frisky behavior ... We're talking about living in a mansion, intimate double dates, and pretending we were head over heels in love ... and engaged. Can you imagine? The absolute audacity. But people do crazy things when they're desperate. So, I struck a deal. My big mistake, though ... big ... HUGE? I accidentally fell for Huxley Cane.

Hideaway by Nora Roberts (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). Caitlyn Sullivan came from a long line of Hollywood royalty, stretching back to her Irish immigrant great-grandfather. At nine, she was a star – yet still an innocent child who loved to play hide and seek with her cousins at the family home in Big Sur. It was during one of those games that she disappeared ... Some may have considered her a pampered princess, but Cate was a smart, scrappy fighter, and she managed to escape her abductors. Dillon Cooper was shocked to find the bloodied, exhausted girl huddled in his house – but when the teenager and his family heard her story they provided refuge, reuniting her with her loved ones ... Cate's ordeal, though, was far from over. First came the discovery of a shocking betrayal that would send someone she'd trusted to prison. Then there were years spent away in Ireland, peaceful and protected but with restlessness growing in her soul ... Finally, she would return to Los Angeles, gathering the courage to act again and get past the trauma that had derailed her life. What she didn't yet know was that two seeds had been planted that long-ago night – one of a great love, and one of a terrible vengeance ...

Ruby Island by Stephanie Ruth NZ Author (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$32). *Otago Waters Series*. Big-headed ex-rugby star, Daniel Dante, refuses to believe a word celebrated ceramicist Kanako Janssen says, though why her new landlord's opinion bothers her so much is anyone's guess. She has enough to worry about, with her soon to be ex-husband refusing to sign divorce papers, Daniel's dog appearing regularly to freak her out, and an exhibition date looming ... Like the swallows, Kanako's only in Otago for the season. But the self-proclaimed introvert is being slowly absorbed into small town life on the lake, and she's in danger of falling in love with it ... Kanako is everything Daniel isn't, and nothing he's used to. Trust doesn't come

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense easily to a player who's been burnt publicly before, but if he can't learn to lean on this fresh-faced, quirky artist, he could well lose her altogether.

Things We Never got Over by Lucy Score (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$40). Bearded, bad-boy barber Knox prefers to live his life the way he takes his coffee: Alone. Unless you count his basset hound, Waylon. Knox doesn't tolerate drama, even when it comes in the form of a stranded runaway bride ... Naomi wasn't just running away from her wedding. She was riding to the rescue of her estranged twin to Knockemout, Virginia, a rough-around-the-edges town where disputes are settled the old-fashioned way ... with fists and beer. Usually in that order ... Too bad for Naomi her evil twin hasn't changed. After helping herself to Naomi's car and cash, Tina leaves her with something unexpected. The niece Naomi didn't know she had. Now she's stuck with no car, no job, no plan, and no home with an 11-year-old going on thirty to take care of ... There's a reason Knox doesn't do complications or high-maintenance women. But since Naomi's life imploded right in front of him, the least he can do is help her out of her jam. And just as soon as she stops getting into new trouble he can leave her alone and get back to his peaceful, solitary life. At least, that's the plan until the trouble turns to real danger.

Weather Girl by Rachel Lynn Solomon (Trade Paperback – \$32). A TV meteorologist and a sports reporter scheme to reunite their divorced bosses with unforecasted results ... Ari Abrams has always been fascinated by the weather, and she loves her job as a TV meteorologist. But her boss, legendary Seattle weatherwoman Torrance Hale, is too distracted by her tempestuous relationship with her ex-husband, the station's news director, to give Ari the mentorship she wants. Ari, who runs on sunshine and optimism, is at her wits' end. The only person who seems to understand how she feels is sweet but reserved sports reporter Russell Barringer ... In the aftermath of a disastrous holiday party, Ari and Russell decide to team up to solve their bosses' relationship issues. Between secret gifts and double dates, they start nudging their bosses back together. But their meddling backfires when the chemistry builds between Ari and Russell ... Working closely with Russell means allowing him to get to know parts of herself that Ari keeps hidden from everyone. Will he be able to embrace her dark clouds as well as her clear skies?

The Fastest Way to Fall by Denise Williams (Trade Paperback – \$25). Britta Colby works for a lifestyle website, and when tasked to write about her experience with a hot new body-positive fitness app that includes personal coaching, she knows it's a major opportunity to prove she should write for the site full-time ... As CEO of the FitMi Fitness app, Wes Lawson finally has the financial security he grew up without, but despite his success, his floundering love life and complicated family

Romance Writers of New Zealand (RWNZ) Short Story Contest

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

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situation leaves him feeling isolated and unfulfilled. He decides to get back to what he loves – coaching. Britta’s his first new client and they click immediately ... As weeks pass, she’s surprised at how much she enjoys experimenting with her exercise routine. He’s surprised at how much he looks forward to talking to her every day. They convince themselves their attraction is harmless, but when they start working out in person, Wes and Britta find it challenging to deny their chemistry and maintain a professional distance ... Wes isn’t supposed to be training clients, much less meeting with them, and Britta’s credibility will be sunk if the lifestyle site finds out she’s practically dating the fitness coach she’s reviewing. Walking away from each other is the smartest thing to do, but running side by side feels like the start of something big.

The Paid Bridesmaid by **Sariah Wilson** (Trade Paperback – \$27). Rachel Vinson is a bridesmaid for hire: part confidante, part wedding planner, and one hundred percent pretend BFF. Discretion guaranteed. Her next gig is a destination wedding – livestreamed and sponsored – for an Instagram influencer. That means new contacts, which could be a boon to her already booming business. If Rachel can keep the very handsome and slightly too interested best man at bay ... High-tech entrepreneur Camden Lewis must know: Who is this gorgeous, intelligent, and mysterious woman? Too good to be real? Convinced she’s a corporate spy out to tank his company, Camden’s not letting her out of his sight. But the constant surveillance is also opening his eyes to things about Rachel that he likes. If she’s a spy, she’s certainly the cutest one he’s ever seen ... As the week’s worth of wedding events march along, Rachel and Camden are learning almost everything there is to know about each other. Rachel’s made a career out of always a bridesmaid ... but perhaps there’s a chance for her own trip down the aisle?

The True Cowboy of Sunset Ridge by **Maisey Yates** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Gold Valley Series*. Midwife Mallory Chance is ready for a fresh start in Gold Valley. And when she locks eyes with a handsome cowboy across the saloon, it feels like fate. After years wasted on her cheating ex, Mallory is ready to cut loose and prioritize herself. But when the dust settles on their hot night together, it turns out that her mysterious one-night cowboy is none other than her new landlord – and someone she’ll be seeing regularly ... Bull rider Colt Daniels has a wild reputation, but after losing his friend on the rodeo circuit, he’s left it all behind. If only he could walk away from his guilt as easily ... or the temptation of Mallory. He can’t offer her the future she deserves – what does a cowboy with a heart as damaged as his know about forever? Then his friend’s tiny daughter ends up in Colt’s care. Colt has never wanted to rely on anyone, but he needs Mallory’s help taking care of the baby he’s beginning to love as his own. But is it all temporary, or their chance at a forever family?

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The Recovery Agent by **Janet Evanovich** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Gabriela Rose Series*. Lost something? Gabriela Rose knows how to get it back. As a recovery agent, she’s hired by individuals and companies seeking lost treasures, stolen heirlooms, or missing assets of any kind. She’s reliable, cool

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under pressure, and trained in weapons of all types. But Gabriela’s latest job isn’t for some billionaire, it’s for her own family, whose home is going to be wiped off the map if they can’t come up with a lot of money fast ... Inspired by an old family legend, Gabriela sets off for the jungles of Peru in pursuit of the *Ring of Solomon* and the lost treasure of Lima. But this job comes with a huge problem attached to it – Gabriela’s ex-husband, Rafer. It’s Rafer who has the map that possibly points the way to the treasure, and he’s not about to let Gabriela find it without him ... Rafer is as relaxed as Gabriela is driven, and he has a lifetime’s experience getting under his ex-wife’s skin. But when they aren’t bickering about old times the two make a formidable team, and it’s going to take a team to defeat the vicious drug lord who is also searching for the fabled ring. A drug lord who doesn’t mind leaving a large body count behind him to get it.

The Paris Apartment by **Lucy Foley** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Jess needs a fresh start. She’s broke, alone, and just left her job under less than ideal circumstances. Her half-brother Ben didn’t sound thrilled when she asked if she could crash with him, but he didn’t say no, and surely everything will look better from Paris. Only when she shows up – to find a very nice apartment, could Ben really have afforded this? – he’s not there ... The longer Ben stays missing, the more Jess starts to dig into her brother’s situation, and the more questions she has. Ben’s neighbors are an eclectic bunch, and not particularly friendly. Jess may have come to Paris to escape her past, but it’s starting to look like it’s Ben’s future in question ... The socialite – The nice guy – The alcoholic – The girl on the verge – The concierge ... Everyone’s a neighbor. Everyone’s a suspect. And everyone knows something they’re not telling.

Dark Horse by **Gregg Hurwitz** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Orphan X Series*. Evan Smoak is a man with many identities and a challenging past. As *Orphan X*, he was a government assassin for the off-the-books Orphan Program. Then, he adopted a new name and a new mission – *The Nowhere Man*, helping the most desperate in their times of trouble. Having just survived an attack on his life and the complete devastation of his base of operations, as well as his complicated (and deepening) relationship with his neighbor Mia Hall, Evan isn’t interested in taking on a new mission. But one finds him anyway ... Aragon Urrea is a kingpin of a major drug-dealing operation in South Texas. He’s also the patron of the local area – supplying employment in legitimate operations, providing help to the helpless, rough justice to the downtrodden, and a future to a people normally with little hope. He’s complicated – a not completely good man, who does bad things for often good reasons. However, for all his money and power, he is helpless when one of the most vicious cartels kidnaps his eighteen year old daughter, spiriting her away into their armored headquarters in Mexico. With no other way to rescue his daughter, he turns to *The Nowhere Man* ... Now not only must Evan figure out how to get into the impregnable fortress of a paranoid cartel leader, but he must also decide if he should help a very bad man – no matter how just the cause.

A Good Girl’s Guide to Murder by **Holly Jackson** (Trade Paperback – \$24). *Good Girl’s Guide to Murder Series*. Everyone in Fairview knows the story ...

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Pretty and popular high school senior Andie Bell was murdered by her boyfriend, Sal Singh, who then killed himself. It was all anyone could talk about. And five years later, Pip sees how the tragedy still haunts her town ... But she can't shake the feeling that there was more to what happened that day. She knew Sal when she was a child, and he was always so kind to her. How could he possibly have been a killer? ... Now a senior herself, Pip decides to reexamine the closed case for her final project, at first just to cast doubt on the original investigation. But soon she discovers a trail of dark secrets that might actually prove Sal innocent ... and the line between past and present begins to blur. Someone in Fairview doesn't want Pip digging around for answers, and now her own life might be in danger.

Peril on the Page by **Margaret Loudon** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Open Book Mysteries Series*. A murder in her quaint British bookshop drops American Gothic novelist Penelope Parish into her deadliest caper yet ... Penelope Parish is ready to close the book on her amateur sleuthing – from now on, *The Open Book's* writer-in-residence will be sticking to villains of the fictional variety while she puts the final touches on her new novel. But when an author is murdered inside the bookshop, all of Upper Chumley-on-Stoke goes on high alert ... Now it's up to Pen and the quirky citizens of Chumley to stop a killer and protect the charming British town she's begun to call home.

The Maid by **Nita Prose** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *"I am your maid. I know so much about you. But when it comes down to it: what is it that you know about me?"* ... Molly Gray is not like everyone else. She struggles with social skills and misinterprets the intentions of others. Her gran used to interpret the world for her, codifying it into simple rules that Molly could live by ... Since Gran died a few months ago, twenty-five-year-old Molly has had to navigate life's complexities by herself. No matter – she throws herself with gusto into her work as a hotel maid. Her unique character, along with her obsessive love of cleaning and proper etiquette, make her an ideal fit for the job. She delights in donning her crisp uniform each morning, stocking her cart with miniature soaps and bottles, and returning guest rooms at the Regency Grand Hotel to a state of perfection ... But Molly's orderly life is turned on its head the day she enters the suite of the infamous and wealthy Charles Black, only to find it in a state of disarray and Mr. Black himself dead in his bed. Before she knows what's happening, Molly's unusual demeanor has the police targeting her as their lead suspect. She quickly finds herself caught in a web of deception, one she has no idea how to untangle. Fortunately for Molly, friends she never knew she had unite with her in a search for clues to what really happened to Mr. Black – but will they be able to find the real killer before it's too late?

Deadly Editions by **Paige Shelton** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Scottish Bookshop Mystery Series*. It's a quiet, snowy morning at *The Cracked Spine* bookshop, when bookseller Delaney Nichols receives a mysterious visitor, a messenger. He presents her with a perplexing note: an invitation to a meeting with eccentric socialite Shelagh O'Conner, who requests Delaney's participation in an exclusive treasure hunt. Delaney is intrigued, but also cautious: Shelagh, while charming in person, has a

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reputation for her hijinks as a wealthy young woman in the '70s. She was even suspected of the murder of a former boyfriend, though ultimately cleared of all charges ... But Delaney is enticed by the grand prize at the end of the treasure hunt: a highly valuable first edition copy of *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, by Robert Louis Stevenson. The winner is also to receive the contents of Shelagh's vast library, and all participants will earn a large sum of cash ... The night after the first meeting of the treasure hunters, however, several homes in Edinburgh are robbed in a manner reminiscent of Shelagh's old tricks. And when a man connected to Shelagh is killed, suspicion builds. Except Shelagh herself has disappeared from her home, seemingly kidnapped by the villain ... Terror mounts throughout the city as Delaney attempts to solve the mystery, while trying to evade the killer's clutches. But it's hard to know who to trust when around every corner, a new monster could be lurking.

The Consequences of Fear by **Jacqueline Winspear** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Maisie Dobbs Series*. As Europe buckles under Nazi occupation, Maisie Dobbs investigates a possible murder that threatens devastating repercussions for Britain's war efforts ... October 1941. While on a delivery, young Freddie Hackett, a message runner for a government office, witnesses an argument that ends in murder. Crouching in the doorway of a bombed-out house, Freddie waits until the coast is clear. But when he arrives at the delivery address, he's shocked to come face to face with the killer ... Dismissed by the police when he attempts to report the crime, Freddie goes in search of a woman he once met when delivering a message: Maisie Dobbs. While Maisie believes the boy and wants to help, she must maintain extreme caution: she's working secretly for the Special Operations Executive, assessing candidates for crucial work with the French resistance. Her two worlds collide when she spots the killer in a place she least expects. She soon realizes she's been pulled into the orbit of a man who has his own reasons to kill – reasons that go back to the last war ... As Maisie becomes entangled in a power struggle between Britain's intelligence efforts in France and the work of Free French agents operating across Europe, she must also contend with the question of Freddie's state of mind. What she uncovers could hold disastrous consequences for all involved.

The Girl from Silent Lake by **Leslie Wolfe** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$29). *Detective Kay Sharp Series*. "Please, not in front of my daughter," she pleaded. "She's just a little girl." He leaned closer, so close she felt his heated breath on her face. The blue jays that had been filling the valley with their chirping fell silent when the woman's cry ripped through the mountain air ... Detective Kay Sharp vowed she'd never return to her childhood home. On the night of her thirteenth birthday her broken family was shattered beyond repair, and leaving was the only option. Unable to fix her own past, she's been an FBI profiler for over a decade, desperate to save others ... But now Kay's back and only she can solve the crime that has rocked the tight-knit community of Mount Chester. A dead woman has been found by Silent Lake under the dew-covered Fall leaves, her hair braided and her body wrapped in a blanket. This small town may be a stranger to murder, but

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Kay recognizes the signs of a serial killer. She's certain that the ritualistic nature of the scene means it's just a matter of time until he strikes again – unless she catches him first ... As yellow dot-cross tape flaps in the biting wind, another woman is reported missing. Kay leads a search for out-of-towner Alison Nolan and when she locates her car, Kay's blood turns to ice as she shines her flashlight on the backseat and sees a teddy bear. Alison's six-year-old little girl, Hazel, has vanished too ... Kay knows the missing-person investigation could turn into a murder case at any second. But as she hunts for the culprit, her own past closes in. Can she find the killer before it's too late? And will the secret she thought she'd buried stay that way?

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Boss Witch by **Ann Aguirre** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *LGBTQ. Fix-It Witches Series*. Clementine Waterhouse is a perfectly logical witch. She doesn't tumble headlong into love. Rather she weighs the pros and cons and decides if a relationship is worth pursuing. At least that's always been her modus operandi before. Clem prefers being the one in charge, always the first to walk away when the time is right. Attraction has never struck her like lightning ... Until the witch hunter comes to town ... Gavin Rhys hates being a witch hunter, but his family honor is on the line, and he needs to prove he's nothing like his grandfather, a traitor who let everyone down. But things in St. Claire aren't what they seem, and Gavin is distracted from the job immediately by a bewitching brunette with a sexy smile and haunting secrets in her eyes ... Can the bossiest witch in town find a happy ending with the last person she should ever love?

The War of Two Queens by **Jennifer L.**

Armentrout (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$45). *Blood and Ash Series*. Casteel Da'Neer knows all too well that very few are as cunning or vicious as the Blood Queen, but no one, not even him, could've prepared for the staggering revelations. The magnitude of what the Blood Queen has done is almost unthinkable ... Nothing will stop Poppy from freeing her King and destroying everything the Blood Crown stands for. With the strength of the Primal of Life's guards behind her, and the support of the wolvern, Poppy must convince the Atlantian generals to make war her way – because there can be no retreat this time. Not if she has any hope of building a future where both kingdoms can reside in peace ... Together, Poppy and Casteel must embrace traditions old and new to safeguard those they hold dear – to protect those who cannot defend themselves. But war is only the beginning. Ancient primal powers have stirred, revealing the horror of what began eons ago. To end what the Blood Queen has begun, Poppy might have to become what she has been prophesied to be – what she fears most.

The Queen's Weapons by **Anne Bishop** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Black Jewels Series*. They are Warlord Princes, men born to serve and protect. They are the Queen's Weapons, men born to destroy the Queen's enemies – no matter what face that enemy wears ... Daemonar Yaslana knows how to be bossy yet supportive – traits he shares with his father, the Demon Prince, and his uncle, the High Lord of Hell. Within his generation

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of the family, he assumes the role of protector, supporting his sister Titian's artistic efforts and curbing his cousin Jaenelle Saetien's more adventurous ideas. But when a young Eyrien Queen, someone Titian thought was a friend, inflicts an emotional wound, Daemonar's counterattack brings him under the tutelage of Witch, the Queen whose continued existence is known only to a select few ... As Daemonar is confronted by troubling changes within and around the family, he sees warnings that a taint in the Blood might be reappearing. Daemonar, along with his father and uncle, must uncover the source of a familiar evil – and Daemon Sadi, the High Lord of Hell, may be forced into making a terrible choice.

Crowbones by **Anne Bishop** (Hardcover – \$50).

World of the Others Series. Crowbones will gitcha if you don't watch out! ... Deep in the territory controlled by the Others – shape-shifters, vampires, and even deadlier paranormal beings – Vicki DeVine has made a new life for herself running *The Jumble*, a rustic resort. When she hosts a gathering of friends and guests for Trickster Night, at first everything goes well between the humans and the Others ... But then someone arrives dressed as Crowbones, the Crowgard bogeyman. When the impostor is killed along with a shape-shifting Crow, and the deaths are clearly connected, everyone fears that the real Crowbones may have come to The Jumble – and that could mean serious trouble ... To “encourage” humans to help them find some answers, the Elders and Elementals close the roads, locking in suspects and victims alike. Now Vicki, human police chief Grimshaw, vampire lawyer Ilya Sanguinati, and the rest of their friends have to figure out who is manipulating events designed to pit humans against Others – and who may have put Vicki in the crosshairs of a powerful hunter.

The Wicked King by **Holly Black** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Folk of the Air Series*. You must be strong enough to strike and strike again without tiring ... The first lesson is to make yourself strong ... After the jaw-dropping revelation that Oak is the heir to Faerie, Jude must keep her brother safe. To do so, she has bound the wicked king, Cardan, to her, and made herself the power behind the throne. Navigating the constantly shifting political alliances of Faerie would be difficult enough if Cardan were easy to control. But he does everything in his power to humiliate and undermine her even as his fascination with her remains undiminished ... When it becomes clear that someone close to Jude means to betray her, threatening her own life and the lives of everyone she loves, Jude must uncover the traitor and fight her own complicated feelings for Cardan to maintain control as a mortal in a Faerie world.

Wild Sign by **Patricia Briggs** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Alpha and Omega Series*. Mated werewolves Charles Cornick and Anna Latham must discover what could make an entire community disappear – before it's too late ... In the wilds of the Northern California mountains, all the inhabitants of a small town have gone missing. It's as if the people picked up and left their possessions behind. With a mystery on their hands and no jurisdiction on private property, the FBI dumps the whole problem in the lap of the land owner, Aspen

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Creek, Inc. – aka the business organization of the Marrok's pack ... Somehow, the pack of the Wolf Who Rules is connected to a group of vanished people. Werewolves Charles and Anna are tasked with investigating, and soon find that a deserted town is the least of the challenges they face ... Death sings in the forest, and when it calls, Charles and Anna must answer. Something has awakened in the heart of the mountains, something old and dangerous – and it has met werewolves before.

Munro by **Kresley Cole** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$38). *Immortals After Dark Series*. Coming off torture at the hands of his warlock captors, Munro MacRieve never expected to find his mate, or to lose her just as abruptly. Driven to desperation, the ruthless warrior uses his enemies' own powers to reunite with her – in the distant past ... When a crazed werewolf crashes her wedding, Kereny "Ren" Codrina does what any cunning huntress would do: she captures him. Yet she finds herself softening toward the wounded beast – until he turns the tables and forces her into an incomprehensible future ... As danger mounts, Munro will do anything to make her undying, even sell his soul to an evil sorceress. But first he must convince his fiery mate that she belongs with him. If seduction means her survival, Munro will use every weapon in his arsenal to possess her – forever.

Eve of Destruction by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$24). *League: Eve of Destruction Series (Prequel novella to BORN OF BLOOD)*. Jayne Erixour believes she knows everything about the universe. As a bounty hunter and assassin, she's seen the worst dregs of humanity and every sentient species ever spat out of a hell realm. To her, there is no truth outside of her blaster's recoil and her resolve to let no one get too close ... Hadrian Scalera is on the run from the brutal assassins who slaughtered his family, both birth and foster. He has no refuge and no one he calls friend, as it will mean the end of them. He expects no mercy from anyone, until the day one assassin hesitates to pull the trigger ... An assassin's code is simple: Kill or be killed. No prey, no pay. Every life has a price ... If Jayne doesn't fulfill her contract and kill Hadrian, she'll be the next target on the League's menu. But as old enemies hunt them both, they quickly learn that neither will survive unless they learn to trust each other. Yet things are never so simple and survival means only one of them can be left standing ...

A Dance with the Fae Prince by **Elisa Kova** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$38). *Married to Magic Series*. She knew her hand in marriage would be sold. She had no idea a fae prince was the buyer ... 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, all Katria wants is a better life than the one she's leaving. 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 is spirited away to the land of Midscape ... Surviving the fae wilds as a

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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?

Mist Rising by **Eve Langlais** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$36). *Mist and Mirrors Series*. The mist is rising so lock your doors and stay inside, for the monsters have returned ... On a dark and ominous night, at the edge of the Abyss, Agathe rescues a baby from a monster that should have been extinct. Gravely injured in the process, the elderly Agathe is rewarded by having her youth restored ... But that's only the start ... The child she saves is far from ordinary. Belle has a unique magic that must not fall into the wrong hands. Like those of the King ... Everyone knows the monarch steals those they called the Blessed – those with the purple eyes. Supposedly, they are the only thing standing between the Kingdom and the rising mist ... As far as Agathe is concerned, they're victims of the King's lust for power. What is the King really doing with the Blessed and their magic? ... To discover the truth, Agathe must insert herself into the court. Unfortunately, things are worse than they seem ... Can Agathe save the Kingdom?

A Court of Honey and Ash by **Shannon Mayer & Kelly St. Clare** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$33). *Honey and Ice Series*. Orphaned. Trained to fight. Raised to fear the power of Underhill. Secretly in love with a man who doesn't want me ... I'm still just Alli, aka the half-human orphan fae, but my life is looking up for the first time. It only took me 24 years ... But when Underhill – the ancestral home of the fae – shatters, making it impossible for any fae to enter, I'm the only one who knows who did it ... A secret that will be the death of me if I do nothing ... A brutal madness spreads through the fae as they lose their connection to Underhill, and to save my people, my only choice is to leave all I have fought for and go on the run ... Unless I figure out how the hell magic that has existed since the dawn of time was destroyed with a single touch, well, an entire life spent fighting to prove myself isn't going to mean anything at all. I must find the answer to the riddle of Underhill's shattering ... Hunted by the very man I loved once upon a time.

Spelunking Through Hell: A Visitor's Guide to the Underworld by **Sean McGuire** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Incryptid Series*. Love, noun: 1. An intense feeling of deep affection; may be romantic, filial, or platonic. Passion, noun: 1. A strong or barely controllable emotion. 2. Enthusiasm, interest, desire. 3. See also "obsession" ... It's been fifty years since the crossroads caused the disappearance of Thomas Price, and his wife, Alice, has been trying to find him and bring him home ever since, despite the increasing probability that he's no longer alive. Now that the crossroads have been destroyed, she's redoubling her efforts. It's time to bring him home, dead or alive ... Preferably alive, but she's tired, and at this point, not that picky. It's a pan-dimensional crash course in chaos, as Alice tries to find the rabbit hole she's been missing all these time – the one that will take

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her to the man she loves ... Who are her allies? Who are her enemies? If she finds him, will he remember her? It's a lot for one cryptozoologist to handle.

Sword and Shadow by **Michelle Sagara** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Wolves of Elantra Series*. In Elantra, the law is upheld by a few groups, and the most feared are the Wolves – the Emperor's executioners ... Granted a leave of absence from this elite force to pursue information about his past, Severn Handred joins a mission to an enclave well outside the boundaries of the Empire. He will be in danger the entire time but the instincts that led him to the Wolves and the sense of duty that keeps him there can't be discarded as easily as the tabard he wears ... While he's in the heart of the West March, enmeshed in a tangled web of mysteries that have been held for centuries, Severn's belief in justice is tested. It's one mortal man and his single ally against a community of immortals who will kill to keep their secrets. But they don't know who they're up against.

The Immortal by **Gena Showalter** (Trade Paperback – \$20). *Rise of the Warlord Series*. Halo Phanion, assassin of gods, is as cold and merciless as a machine. For victory, he crosses any line. When tasked to kill twelve of mythology's fiercest monsters in twenty-four hours, Halo accepts. Except, each morning he awakens to the same day, forced to relive new horrors. One other person retains their memory – the beauty who threatens his control ... Ophelia the Flunk Out hates her disaster of a life. She's the family disappointment, a harpy warrior without a kill and powerless – or is she? Nearly every night she's doomed to repeat her own murder, but each morning she arises to spar with Halo, the ruthless warlord increasingly determined to save her ... and lure her to his bed ... Halo's insatiable desire for the stubborn Ophelia drives him wild ... and he only craves more. If he remains in the time loop, they stay together. But if he escapes, they lose each other forever.

Last Guard by **Nalini Singh** (USA Mass Market Paperback Release/NZ Small Trade Paperback Release – \$20/\$23). *Psy-Changeling Trinity Series*. Termed mercile by some, and a robotic sociopath by others, Payal Rao is the perfect Psy: cardinal telekinetic, CEO of a major conglomerate, beautiful – and emotionless ... For Canto Mercant, family and loyalty are everything. A cardinal telepath deemed "imperfect" by his race due to a spinal injury, Canto cares for the opinions of very few – and ruthlessly protects those he claims as his own. Head of intel for the influential Mercant family, he prefers to remain a shadow in the Net, unknown and unseen. But Canto is also an anchor, part of a secretive designation whose task it is to stabilize the PsyNet. Now that critical psychic network is dying, threatening to collapse and kill the entire Psy race with it ... To save those he loves, Canto needs the help of a woman bound to him by a past neither has been able to forget. A woman who is the most powerful anchor of all: Payal Rao. Neither is ready for the violent inferno about to ignite in the PsyNet ... or the passionate madness that threatens to destroy them both.

A Touch of Ruin by **Scarlett St. Clair** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Hades & Persephone Series*. Persephone's relationship with Hades has gone public and the resulting media storm disrupts her normal life and threatens to expose her as the

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Goddess of Spring. To add to her troubles, everyone seems eager to warn Persephone away from the God of the Dead by exposing his hellish past ... Things only get worse when a horrible tragedy leaves Persephone's heart in ruin and Hades refusing to help. Desperate, she takes matters into her own hands, striking bargains that lead to severe consequences. Faced with a side of Hades she never knew, and crushing loss, Persephone wonders if she can truly become Hades's queen.

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Earl on the Run by **Jane Ashford** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Duke's Estates Series*. At the end of the London season, Harriet Finch reluctantly returns to her wealthy grandfather's country house. His rigid opinions for how she should live and whom she should marry sparks Harriet's rebelliousness. Yearning to reclaim her freedom, Harriet goes for a long walk and a handsome rogue from the nearby Travelers camp catches her eye ... Little does she know, the rugged Traveler she's flirting with is the missing Earl of Ferrington in disguise. Will this man, who goes by "Jack" tell Harriet the truth about who he is for the sake of their blossoming relationship? Or will he keep his distance altogether? Time is running out, and the earl can't hide forever ...

Miss Delectable by **Grace Burrowes** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$29). *Mischief in Mayfair Series*. Miss Ann Pearson has spent years learning the art of professional cook, and guarding her position in the kitchen of the fancy Coventry Club. When Colonel Sir Orion Goddard asks her to take on an apprentice, Ann would rather refuse. But Orion is respectful, gruffly charming, and looking out for a girl whom others have neglected, and that is a combination Ann cannot resist ... Lingered scandal has taught Orion to make his way along the fringes of polite society without allies or entanglements. Then he meets Ann, who is fierce, passionate, and warm-hearted, and worth fighting for. If Orion and Ann are to forge a new love, they must first learn to trust each other, and find the courage to overcome old enemies who will do anything to keep the cook and colonel apart.

To Desire a Highlander by **Kerrigan Byrne** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$29). *Highland Magic Series*. Meet the MacKay Banshees ... *Katrina (Highland Darkness)* – Her last memory is of her violent death, and now she's screaming for vengeance ... He's a Laird with enough sins to stain his soul, but he's cursed for the crimes of another ... With a clan divided, an impending marriage, and whispers of dark magic threatening the Highlands, a tempting Banshee is the last thing he needs. *Kylah (Highland Devil)* – She was burned alive, but denied her vengeance by a twist of fate ... He's a ruthless Druid driven mad by his quest for retribution ... Two Souls have lost themselves in the secrets of the past and can only find redemption in the desires they thought long dead. *Kamdyn (Highland Destiny)* – She's a Banshee assassin who's not yet killed a man, and her first mark had a carnal proposition too seductive to resist ... He's the notorious Laird of Shadows, a rogue Berserker terrorizing the Highlands in search of a warrior's death ... When a mistaken kiss binds their souls together, she must prove that love, not fear, changes the course of destiny. If she doesn't, she'll have to slay him or face unthinkable consequences.

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A Lady's Formula for Love by **Elizabeth Everett** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Secret Scientists of London Series*. What is a Victorian lady's formula for love? Mix one brilliant noblewoman and her enigmatic protection officer. Add in a measure of danger and attraction. Heat over the warmth of humor and friendship, and the result is more than simple chemistry – it's elemental ... Lady Violet is keeping secrets. First, she founded a clandestine sanctuary for England's most brilliant female scientists. Second, she is using her genius on a confidential mission for the Crown. But the biggest secret of all? Her feelings for protection officer Arthur Kneland ... Solitary and reserved, Arthur learned the hard way to put duty first. But the more time he spends in the company of Violet and the eccentric club members, the more his best intentions go up in flames. Literally ... When a shadowy threat infiltrates Violet's laboratories, endangering her life and her work, scientist and bodyguard will find all their theories put to the test – and learn that the most important discoveries are those of the heart.

A Relentless Rake by **Anna Harrington** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Lords of the Armory Series*. An unapologetic rake attempting to cover up his past. A rule-following heroine unafraid to speak her mind. Passionate attraction that overrides their resistance ... Notorious rake Alexander Sinclair, Earl of St James, takes pride in displaying his sins. When he's tasked by the Home Office with finding the men who attempted to assassinate the prime minister, his hunt leads him to Olivia Everett, a proper schoolmistress who wants nothing to do with a profligate nobleman like him ... Unknown to her, Olivia's brother Henry has been working with the revolutionary group planning to overthrow the government. Shocked and hoping to save her brother, Olivia agrees to help the persuasive earl. But the closer they get to uncovering the villains, the more Alec and Olivia need to trust each other.

Never Fall for your Fiancée by **Virginia Heath** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Merriwell Sisters Series*. The trouble with lies is they have a tendency to catch a man out ... The last thing Hugh Standish, Earl of Fareham, wants is a wife. But since the only way to keep his mother's matchmaking ways at bay is the promise of impending nuptials, Hugh takes the most logical action: he invents a fake fiancée ... It's the perfect plan – until Hugh learns that his mother is on a ship bound for England to meet his 'beloved'. He needs a solution fast, and when he collides with a mysterious beauty, he might just have found the answer to his prayers ... Minerva Merriwell is desperate for money to support her sisters, and although she knows that posing as the Earl's fiancée seems nonsensical, it's too good an offer to refuse ... As the Merriwells descend upon Hugh's estate, the household is thrown into turmoil as everyone tries to keep their tangled stories straight. And with Hugh and Minerva's romantic ruse turning into the real thing, is true love just one complication too many?

The League of Gentlewomen Witches by **India Holten** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Dangerous Damsels Series*. Miss Charlotte Pettifer belongs to a secret league of women skilled in the subtle arts. That is to say – although it must never be said – witchcraft. The *League of Gentlewomen Witches* strives to improve the world in small ways. Using magic, they tidy,

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correct, and manipulate according to their notions of what is proper, entirely unlike those reprobates in the Wisteria Society ... When the long lost amulet of Black Beryl is discovered, it is up to Charlotte, as the future leader of the League, to make sure the powerful talisman does not fall into the wrong hands. Therefore, it is most unfortunate when she crosses paths with Alex O'Riley, a pirate who is no Mr. Darcy. With all the world scrambling after the amulet, Alex and Charlotte join forces to steal it together. If only they could keep their pickpocketing hands to themselves! If Alex's not careful, he might just steal something else – such as Charlotte's heart.

The Rake Gets Ravished by **Sophie Jordan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Duke Hunt Series*. The owner of London's most popular gaming hell, wealthy and powerful Silas Masters, is feared by men and desired by women – except Mercy Kittinger. When the blackguard wins her family home in a game of cards, Mercy steals into Silas's rooms, intent on destroying the proof. But things don't go to plan ... Caught in the act, Mercy must be bold to save herself ... even if it means seducing the dangerous rogue and then disappearing with the dawn, debt voucher in hand. Safe at home and determined to settle back into her quiet, uneventful life, Mercy burns at the memory of her night spent ravishing the most compelling man she'd ever met. Thank goodness she'll never see him again! ... No one trifles with Silas Masters. Even if he could forget the dark-haired seductress who undid him, he can't allow anyone to steal from him. He will hunt down the sultry woman who haunts his dreams and show her just how sweet payback can be.

White Knight Needed by **Betina Krahn** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Reluctant Heroes Series*. Just as Barclay Howard declares himself finished with the idea of true love and in pursuit of the more pragmatic "free love," he is thrust into a commitment: guardian to his nephew. Barclay hasn't a clue about children and must relocate to his estate. But when he is swept up in the raid of a free love gathering and jailed with a lovely, cultured, innocent bystander, things become complicated – or perhaps simpler ... Norah Capshaw was fleeing a brute when she found herself swept into a lecture hall, jailed, and jobless. Without a penny or a relative to her name, she has sworn never rely on others, much less look for a hero. But she can't resist Barclay's offer of a position as tutor to his nephew. In fact, despite her distrust, it's hard to resist Barclay. With their attraction growing, and a mysterious man following her, the two embark on a journey into the uplands of Scotland – and into the heart of a great love neither expected ...

Foes, Friends and Lovers by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$40). *Cynsters Next Generation Series*. A gentleman searching for a purpose in life sets out to claim his legacy, only to discover that instead of the country residence he'd expected, he's inherited an eccentric community whose enterprises are overseen by a determined young lady who is disinclined to hand over the reins ... Gregory Cynster arrives at the property willed to him by his great-aunt with the intention of converting Bellamy Hall into a quiet gentleman's country residence, only to discover the Hall overrun by an eclectic collection of residents engaged in a host of business endeavors under the stewardship of a lady far too young to be managing such reins ...

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With the other residents of the estate, Caitlin Fergusson has been planning how to deal with the new owner, but coming face to face with Gregory Cynster throws her and everyone else off their stride. They'd anticipated a disinterested gentleman who, once they'd revealed the income generated by the Hall's community, would be content to leave them undisturbed ... Instead, while Gregory appears the epitome of the London rake they'd expected, they quickly learn he's determined to embrace Bellamy Hall and claim ownership of the estate ... While the other residents adjust their thinking, the burden of dealing daily with Gregory falls primarily on Caitlin's shoulders, yet as he doggedly carves out a place for himself, Caitlin's position as chatelaine-cum-steward seems set to grow redundant. But Caitlin has her own reasons for clinging to the refuge her position at Bellamy Hall represents ... What follows is a dance of revelations, both of others and also of themselves, for Gregory, Caitlin, and the residents of Bellamy Hall. Yet even as they work out what their collective future might hold, a shadowy villain threatens to steal away everything they've created.

The Good Girl's Guide to Rakes by **Eva Leigh** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Last Chance Scoundrels Series*. When Kieran Ransome's latest antics result in a massive scandal, his father issues an ultimatum: find a respectable wife or inherit nothing. But as one of London's most inveterate scoundrels, Kieran doesn't know any ladies who fit the bill. Or does he? ... Celeste Kilburn is a society darling, beloved by influential members of the ton. But keeping a spotless reputation leaves little room for adventure and she longs to escape her gilded cage, especially with her impending engagement to a stuffy earl. When Kieran – her older brother's best friend and an irresistibly attractive rogue – begs for her help, Celeste makes a deal: she'll introduce him to the right social circles if he'll show her the scandalous side of London ... In between proper teas and garden parties, Kieran escorts Celeste – disguised as "Salome" – to rowdy gaming hells, wild fêtes, and sensual art salons. As they spend more time together, their initial attraction builds to a desperate desire that neither can ignore. But when someone discovers their midnight exploits, Celeste's freedom and reputation are endangered, and Kieran must save the woman he loves ... respectable or not.

Last Duke Standing by **Julia London** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Royal Match Series*. When Crown Princess Justine of Wesloria is sent to England to learn the ropes of royalty, she falls under the tutelage of Queen Victoria. Justine's also in the market for a proper husband – one fit to marry the future queen of Wesloria ... Because he knows everyone, William, Lord Douglas (the notoriously rakish heir to the Duke of Hamilton seat in Scotland, and decidedly not husband material), is on hand as an escort of sorts. William has been recruited to keep an eye on the royal matchmaker for the Weslorian prime minister, tasked to ensure the princess is matched with a man of quality ... and one who will be sympathetic to the prime minister's views ... As William and Justine are forced to scrutinize an endless parade of England's best bachelors, they become friends. But when the crowd of potential grooms is steadily culled, what if William is the last bachelor standing?

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Say You'll Be My Lady by **Katie Pembroke** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Unconventional Ladies of Mayfair Series*. Lady Serena Wynter flirts with scandal. She ignores society's strictures to live life on her own fiercely independent terms. She chooses to pour her passions into charitable causes with the vibrant group of ladies in her Wednesday Afternoon Social Club. But there is one man who stirs Serena's emotions, one who's irresistibly handsome, infuriatingly circumspect, and too honorable for his own good ... Charles Townshend, former boxer and consummate gentleman, worries Serena's reckless nature will earn her the ton's scorn ... or put her in danger. Though Charles isn't immune to the attraction between them, a family secret prevents him from acting on his desires. But it seems Lady Serena doesn't intend to let his penchant for propriety stand in the way of a satisfying dalliance.

The Lady Has a Past by **Amanda Quick** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Burning Cove, California Series*. Investigative apprentice Lyra Brazier, the newest resident of Burning Cove, is unsettled when her boss suddenly goes on a health retreat at an exclusive spa and disappears. Lyra knows something has happened to Raina Kirk, and she is the only one who can track her down. The health spa is known for its luxurious offerings and prestigious clientele, and the wealthy, socialite background Lyra desperately wanted to leave behind is perfect for this undercover job. The agency brings in a partner and bodyguard for her, but she doesn't get the suave, pistol-packing private eye she expected ... Simon Cage is a mild-mannered antiquarian book dealer with a quiet, academic air, and Lyra can't figure out why he was chosen as her partner. But it soon becomes clear when they arrive at the spa and pose as a couple: Simon has a unique gift that allows him to detect secrets, a skill that is crucial in finding Raina ... The unlikely duo falls down a rabbit hole of twisted rumours and missing socialites, discovering that the health spa is a facade for something far darker. With a murderer in their midst, Raina isn't the only one in grave danger – Lyra is next ...

The Marquess Makes His Move by **Diana Quincy** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Clandestine Affairs Series*. London's most renowned mapmaker is a woman ... but nobody knows it. If anyone discovers that Rose Fleming is the power and talent behind the family business, the scandal could ruin them. Rose's secret is tested by the arrival of a handsome new footman who shows far too much interest in his new mistress. Rose battles an intense attraction to the enigmatic servant, but maintaining a distance isn't easy when you and temptation live under the same roof ... Few have met the reclusive half-Arab Marquess of Brandon, who is rumored to live with a harem of beauties among his mother's people near Jerusalem. Brandon couldn't care less what society thinks of him, or that his fellow peers are disdainful of his common blood, but he won't stand for being robbed. That's why he's disguised himself as a footman in the home of a respected mapmaker who cheated Brandon out of his land. But the nobleman's plans for retribution are complicated by his growing attraction for the secretive lady of the house ... When Brandon uncovers the shocking truth about Rose's role in his stolen birthright, can a love born of deception really conquer all?

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The Most Eligible Bride in London by **Ella Quinn** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Lords of London Series*. Mistakes happen, to be sure. Rarely are those mistakes as unfortunate as the one made by Nathanael, Viscount Fotherby, when he abducted the now Lady Merton to save his friend from marriage. Nate has been trying to make amends ever since, leaving behind his self-centered ways to fulfill his duties – and that includes finding a wife of his own. One woman sparks his interest above all others – a lady he helped when she was rescuing a child. Alas, there is a devilish complication ... Miss Henrietta Stern, Lady Merton's younger sister, is intrigued by the stranger who comes to her aid – until she learns his identity. Nate's stunt could have ruined her sister's reputation, and her family may never forgive him. With beauty, connections, and a sizeable dowry, Henrietta has plenty of admirers. Yet no other suitor quickens her pulse quite like Nate does. Her heart insists that the gentleman has changed for the better. But can a renowned scoundrel prove himself to be the perfect husband?

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another husband, as is expected of a young widow, Helena pours her energy into The London Home for Young Women. But Society gives no quarter to unmarried radicals who associate with illegitimate children and fallen women, and Helena's funding is almost run out. So when the seductive Crenshaw heir suggests a fake engagement to save them both – him from an unwanted marriage and her from scorn and financial ruin – Helena finds herself too fascinated to refuse the sexy American ... As their arrangement of convenience melts deliciously into nights of passion, their deception starts to become real. But if Max knew the true reason Helena can never remarry, he wouldn't look at her with such heat in his eyes. Or might the Crenshaw heir be willing to do whatever it takes to win the one woman he's never been able to forget ...

Mainstream & Chick Lit

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