

The USA's summer releases are arriving for us to enjoy through our winter down under. There are new releases by Ilona Andrews (*Magic Claims*), Emily Henry (*Happy Place*), Christine Feehan (*Ghostly Game*), Ali Hazelwood (*Love, Theoretically*), Ana Huang (*King of Pride*), Amanda Quick (*The Bride Wore White*), Julia Quinn (*Queen Charlotte*) and Nora Roberts (*Identity*). Enjoy! NB. please Save the Date (Wed 26 July) for the *Resonance Surge* Book Launch with Nalini Singh. We are now taking signed book pre-orders. Details inside!

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Sarah Adams	Practice Makes Perfect*	Ilona Andrews	Magic Claims*
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Nora Roberts	Identity*	Elissa Sussman	Once More with Feeling*

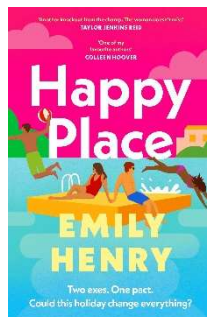
# Paperback Release \* Hardcover/TPB/POD & Anthology Please contact us if you would like to reserve a book



**Title:** Magic Claims  
**Author:** Ilona Andrews  
**Classification:** Fantasy & Paranormal  
**Book Type:** Print-On-Demand-Novella  
**Price:** \$35

**Annotation:** *Kate Daniels:* Wilmington Years Series. Kate and Curran have just settled into their new home and their 'low profile,' when a local businessman approaches them with an offer they can't refuse. A mysterious evil has

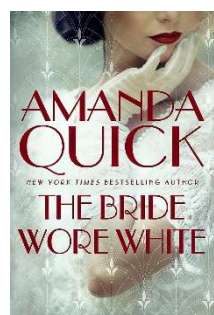
spawned in the nearby forest and is holding a defenseless town hostage. The 'due date' is rapidly approaching... It's exactly the kind of fight the Lennarts can't resist, not for the prize the town offers, but for the people who will surely die if they ignore it. If they succeed, they'll be rescuing an entire community and can build a strong new base for their family and the Wilmington Pack. If they fail... well, fail is a four-letter word... Nothing comes without a price. Now Kate must decide if she has what it takes to pay it.



**Title:** Happy Place  
**Author:** Emily Henry  
**Classification:** Contemporary  
**Book Type:** Trade Paperback  
**Price:** \$32

**Annotation:** Harriet and Wyn have been the perfect couple since they met in college—they go together like salt and pepper, honey and tea, lobster and rolls. Except, now—for reasons they're still not discussing—they don't... They broke up five

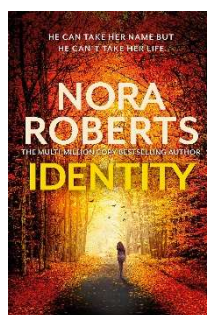
months ago. And still haven't told their best friends... Which is how they find themselves sharing a bedroom at the Maine cottage that has been their friend group's yearly getaway for the last decade. The cottage is for sale and so this is the last week they'll all have together in this place. Harriet and Wyn can't stand to break their friends' hearts, and so they'll play their parts... After years of being in love, how hard can it be to fake it for one week... in front of those who know you best?



**Title:** The Bride Wore White  
**Author:** Amanda Quick  
**Classification:** Historical  
**Book Type:** Trade Paperback  
**Price:** \$33

**Annotation:** *Burning Cove, California Series.* Being Madame Ariadne, Psychic Dream Consultant, wasn't Prudence Ryland's ideal gig—especially when she realizes that her latest client intends to kill her.

Prudence finds a new job and new home as far away as possible. But letting her guard down means being kidnapped and drugged and waking up in a bloodstained wedding dress in the honeymoon suite next to a dead man. It's obvious she's being framed for the man's murder... The mysterious Jack Wingate offers help. But who will protect Prudence from her growing fascination with this enigma of a man?



**Title:** Identity  
**Author:** Nora Roberts  
**Classification:** Contemporary/Suspense  
**Book Type:** Trade Paperback  
**Price:** \$33



**Annotation:** Morgan Albright dreams of owning her own bar one day but she's bartending for now—working hard, saving money. Life is hectic but she loves sharing a house with her best friend, Nina, and she

is even finding time to date for the first time in what feels like forever... When a seemingly random attack turns Morgan's life upside down, she must leave the city to return to her family home. She hopes that moving back to a small town where she can feel safe will help her to put the horror of that day behind her but, as Morgan soon discovers, sometimes your past just doesn't want to let you go...

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# Book Launch ✨

Meet multiple *New York Times* bestselling author Nalini Singh, ask her your questions and get your book signed ✨

**Wed 26 July @ 7pm**

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We are very excited to have multiple award-winning author Nalini Singh in-store again to sign *RESONANCE SURGE*. <https://www.facebook.com/events/1259233824703631>. Come along to the Book Launch on Wed 26 July at 7pm. To celebrate the release, our first shipment is available at a special price of NZ\$27 (New Zealand edition). Order ahead to reserve your copy.

Nalini's books have appeared on the bestsellers lists of the *New York Times*, the *USA Today*, and *Publishers Weekly*. Born in Fiji and raised in New Zealand, Nalini was first published in 2003. Her books have sold over seven million copies worldwide and have been translated into more than twenty languages.

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Parking: please be careful where you park because Mt Eden Rd heading south is a clearway until 7pm. Parking is available in the Essex Road public car park (free after 6pm), in the side-streets (no time limits after 6pm) and on Mt Eden Rd heading north.

Other titles: we will also have limited quantities of Nalini's other Psy/Changeling Trinity, Psy/Changeling and Guild Hunter titles available for purchase and signing. New Zealand/International editions only.

Bring along a reusable cup: we'll serve complimentary cups of tea for those waiting in line.

Net proceeds from the launch event: will be donated to Mt Eden Rotary's literacy initiatives. Many thanks to Nalini Singh and Hachette Aotearoa New Zealand for their support.

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BACK-UP PLAN: due to Auckland's variable weather, please note that we plan to switch to an online/zoom event if Auckland declares a State of Emergency. If the instore event does not take place, we will still be able to organise signed and personalised copies for collection/shipping when the situation allows.

## Other Books Available in This Catalogue

### Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

**Practice Makes Perfect** by **Sarah Adams** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *When In Rome Series*. A small-town sweetheart and an emotionally unavailable bad boy try to find some common ground in this chemistry-filled romance... How hard can it be to find the perfect match?... Florist Annie Walker is determined to find someone who complements her life. But after overhearing her latest date describe her as ‘so unbelievably boring’, Annie wonders if the problem might be her. Is it too late to become flirtatious and fun like the leading ladies in her favourite romance movies? Maybe she only needs some practice... and Annie has the perfect tutor in mind... Sexy and tattooed Will Griffin is temporarily back in Rome, Kentucky, providing security for pop-star Amelia Rose in the build-up to her wedding to Annie’s brother. He also has his own agenda: stay away from Annie Walker and any attachments to this sleepy town, which becomes difficult when she enlists him to help fix her love life... Amid steamy practice dates and strictly ‘educational’ tutoring lessons, the lines of their friendship blur and Annie reconsiders what her ‘dream guy’ might look like. Maybe her love life doesn’t need to be perfect—it just needs to be real.

**Unfortunately Yours** by **Tessa Bailey** (Trade Paperback—\$25). *Vine Mess Series*. A down-on-her-luck heiress suggests a mutually beneficial marriage of convenience to a man she can’t stand... only to discover there’s a fine line between love and hate... After losing her job and her fiancé in one fell swoop, Natalie Vos returned home to lick her wounds. A few months later, she’s sufficiently drowned her sorrows in cabernet and she’s ready to get back on her feet. She just needs her trust fund to finance her new business venture. Unfortunately, the terms require she marry before she can have the money. And well, dumped, remember?... But Natalie is desperate enough to propose to a man who makes her want to kill him—and kiss him, in equal measure... August Cates may own a vineyard, but he doesn’t know jack about making wine. He’s determined to do his late best friend proud, no matter what it takes. Except his tasting room is empty, his wine is disgusting (seriously, he once saw someone gag), and his buddy’s legacy is circling the drain. No bank will give him the loan he needs to turn the business around... and then the gorgeous heiress knocks on his door... Natalie has haunted August’s dreams since the moment they met, but their sizzling chemistry immediately morphed into simmering insults. Now, a quickie marriage could help them both. A sham wedding, a

*Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense* few weeks living under the same roof, and then they can go their separate ways—assuming they make it out alive. How hard could it be?... There’s just one thing they didn’t account for: their unfortunate, unbearable, undeniable attraction.

**Count Your Lucky Stars** by **Alexandria Bellefleur** (Trade Paperback—\$25). *Written In The Stars Series*. *LGBTQ+*. Former best friends might be each other’s second chance at love... Margot Cooper doesn’t do relationships. She tried and it blew up in her face, so she’ll stick with casual hookups, thank you very much. But now her entire crew has found “the one” and she’s beginning to feel like a fifth wheel. And then fate (the heartless bitch) intervenes. While touring a wedding venue with her engaged friends, Margot comes face-to-face with Olivia Grant—her childhood friend, her first love, her first... well, everything. It’s been ten years, but the moment they lock eyes, Margot’s cold, dead heart thumps in her chest... Olivia must be hallucinating. In the decade since she last saw Margot, her life hasn’t gone exactly as planned. At almost thirty, she’s been married... and divorced. However, a wedding planner job in Seattle means a fresh start and a chance to follow her dreams. Never in a million years did she expect her important new client’s Best Woman would be the one that got away... When a series of unfortunate events leaves Olivia without a place to stay, Margot offers up her spare room because she’s a Very Good Person. Obviously. It has nothing to do with the fact that Olivia is as beautiful as ever and the sparks between them still make Margot tingle. As they spend time in close quarters, Margot starts to question her no-strings stance. Olivia is everything she’s ever wanted, but Margot let her in once and it ended in disaster. Will history repeat itself or should she count her lucky stars that she gets a second chance with her first love?

**A Family Affair** by **Robyn Carr** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). Life’s biggest dilemmas can provide its sweetest rewards... Anna McNichol knows how to take charge. Raised by a single mother, she’s worked to ensure her three children have every advantage she didn’t. And while her marriage has its problems, she values commitment and believes in “till death do us part.” Now an empty nester, she’s at the peak of her career and ready to seize the opportunity to focus on her future... But life can change in an instant, and when her husband dies suddenly, Anna’s carefully constructed world falls apart. The mysterious young woman at the memorial service confirms her husband had been keeping secrets, and Anna is

## ♥ For Auckland Romance Readers ♥

Are you a romance reader? If so, and if you would you like to meet some like-minded readers, please join our Auckland Romance Readers Book Club Group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2423724114458506>.

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Sun 21 May @ 4.15pm – to discuss THE UNHONEYMOONERS by Christina Lauren

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

Sun 30 Jul @ 4.15pm – to discuss RED, WHITE & ROYAL BLUE by Casey McQuiston

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**Meet Me at the Lake** by **Carley Fortune** (Trade Paperback—\$26). A random connection sends two strangers on a daylong adventure where they make a promise one keeps and the other breaks, with life-changing effects... One day. One promise. Two lives changed... Fern Brookbanks has wasted far too much of her adult life thinking about Will Baxter. She spent twenty-four hours in her early twenties with the aggravatingly attractive, idealistic artist—a chance encounter that spiralled into a daylong city adventure. The timing was wrong, but their connection was undeniable: they shared every secret, every dream, and made a pact to meet one year later. Fern showed up. Will didn't... At thirty-two, Fern's life hasn't turned out how she imagined it. She's back home, running her mother's lakeside resort, which is in disarray—and her ex-boyfriend is the manager. She needs a lifeline... To Fern's surprise, it comes in the form of Will, who arrives—nine years too late—with an offer to help. Will may be the only person who understands what Fern's going through. Yet how can she possibly trust this expensive suit-wearing mirage who seems nothing like the young man she met all those years ago... But ten years ago, Will Baxter rescued Fern. Can she do the same for him?

**The Little Flower Shop** by **Lori Foster** (Trade Paperback—\$39). *Indiana Summers Series*. How did her love life become a community affair?... Emily Lucretia makes people happy with her flower arrangements, and for the longest time she's been content with her work. Yet now she's feeling pretty stuck. At forty-two, she's divorced, responsible for her aging aunt and uncle, and she knows that any chance of love or romance has probably passed her by... Except... somehow Saul Culver, the town's most beloved bachelor, didn't get that memo... Saul has had his eye on Emily for a while—and though he knows she's attracted to him, is it only in a friends-with-benefits way?... He has a plan to win her over, but the people of Cemetery, Indiana, have strong opinions about Emily's dating life. Suddenly everyone is posting photos of her innocently talking to hot guys to the town's social media with the hashtag #theflowerlady. How the heck did she become a hashtag!?... With her new notoriety, can she still get the romance of her dreams—with the most eligible bachelor of all?

**Deep Tide** by **Laura Griffin** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Texas Murder Files Series*. An undercover FBI agent and a coffee shop owner who values her independence must team up when a local barista is found dead in their coastal Texas town... With two brothers on the police force, Leyla Breda is well aware of the rising crime in her small beach town, but she never expected it to show up on her doorstep. When Leyla finds one of her employees murdered in the alley behind her coffee

**Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense** shop, she's deeply shaken, and as a new law enforcement officer in town begins to circle her place of business, her instincts only sharpen... Sean Moran is on an undercover mission: The seaside community of Lost Beach may look like a picturesque postcard, but his team suspects it's a point of intersection for several crime syndicates that the FBI has been investigating for years. Even so, when the brash and beautiful Leyla Breda starts bossing him around, he's immediately intrigued. He knows her brothers want him to back off, but every time he sees her, he feels more of a spark... Leyla's connections in the local community and Sean's skills allow them to go deeper into the case together than they would be able to go alone. But when a single crime spirals into something darker, Sean's carefully planned mission takes a deadly turn.

**Love, Theoretically** by **Ali Hazelwood** (Trade Paperback—\$26). Rival physicists collide in a vortex of academic feuds and fake dating shenanigans... The many lives of theoretical physicist Elsie Hannaway have finally caught up with her. By day, she's an adjunct professor, toiling away at grading labs and teaching thermodynamics in the hopes of landing tenure. By other day, Elsie makes up for her non-existent paycheck by offering her services as a fake girlfriend, tapping into her expertly honed people-pleasing skills to embody whichever version of herself the client needs... Honestly, it's a pretty sweet gig—until her carefully constructed Elsie-verse comes crashing down. Because Jack Smith, the annoyingly attractive and arrogant older brother of her favourite client, turns out to be the cold-hearted experimental physicist who ruined her mentor's career and undermined the reputation of theorists everywhere. And he's the same Jack Smith who rules over the physics department at MIT, standing right between Elsie and her dream job... Elsie is prepared for an all-out war of scholarly sabotage but... those long, penetrating looks? Not having to be anything other than her true self when she's with him? Will falling into an experimentalist's orbit finally tempt her to put her most guarded theories on love into practice?

**King of Pride** by **Ana Huang** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Kings of Sin Series*. She's his opposite in every way... and the greatest temptation he's ever known... Reserved, controlled, and proper to a fault, Kai Young has neither the time nor inclination for chaos—and Isabella, with her purple hair and inappropriate jokes, is chaos personified... With a crucial CEO vote looming and a media empire at stake, the billionaire heir can't afford the distraction she brings... Isabella is everything he shouldn't want, but with every look and every touch, he's tempted to break all his rules... and claim her as his own... Bold, impulsive, and full of life, Isabella Valencia has never met a party she doesn't like or a man she couldn't charm... except for Kai Young... It shouldn't matter. He's not her type—the man translates classics into Latin for fun, and his membership at the exclusive club where she bartends means he's off limits... But she can't deny that, beneath his cool exterior, is a man who could make her melt with just a touch... No matter how hard they try, they can't resist giving into their forbidden desires... Even if it costs them everything.

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**Something Wild and Wonderful** by **Anita Kelly**

(Trade Paperback—\$28). *LGBTQ+*. A sparkling sullen-meets-sunshine romance featuring two men's sweeping journey across the Western wilderness... Alexei Lebedev's journey on the Pacific Crest Trail begins with a single snake. And it is angling for the hot stranger who seemed to have appeared out of thin air. Lex is prepared for rattlesnakes, blisters, and months of solitude. What he isn't prepared for is Ben Carvalho. But somehow—on a 2,500-mile trail—Alexei keeps running into the outgoing and charismatic hiker with golden-brown eyes, again and again. It might be coincidence. Then again, maybe there's a reason the trail keeps bringing them together... Ben has made his fair share of bad decisions, and almost all of them involved beautiful men. And yet there's something about the gorgeous and quietly nerdy Alexei that Ben can't just walk away from. Surely a bad decision can't be this cute and smart. And there are worse things than falling in love during the biggest adventure of your life. But when their plans for the future are turned upside down, Ben and Alexei begin to wonder if it's possible to hold on to something this wild and wonderful.

**The True Love Experiment** by **Christina Lauren**  
 (Trade Paperback—\$26). They're crafting the perfect Hollywood romance for the screen... But the chemistry behind the camera might be the real story... Felicity 'Fizzy' Chen is lost. Sure, she has an incredible career as a beloved romance novelist with numerous bestsellers to her name, but when she's asked to give a commencement address, it hits her: she hasn't been practising what she's preached... She hasn't been in love. In lust? Sure. But that swoon-worthy, can't-stop-thinking-about-him, all-encompassing feeling? Nope. And suddenly the optimism she's encouraged in her readers starts to feel like a lie... Connor Prince, documentary filmmaker and single father, loves that his work allows him to live near his daughter. Then his profit-minded boss orders him to create a reality TV show, putting it all in jeopardy. Desperate to find his romantic lead, a chance run-in with an exasperated Fizzy offers Connor the perfect solution. What if he could show the queen of romance herself falling head-over-heels? But when production on *The True Love Experiment* begins, Connor wonders if that perfect match will ever be in the cue cards for him too.

**The Getaway** by **Emily March** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Lake in the Clouds Series*. A family looks to make a fresh start—but it's never easy to leave the past behind... Widowed young, Genevieve Prentice dedicated her life to raising her four children. Now, though, they're all grown and scattered to the wind, and Genevieve is ready for a change. In a flash of inspiration, she puts her home on the market and heads to Lake in the Clouds, Colorado, to renovate a rustic water-front lodge with her sister. But just as they begin, Genevieve gets the shock of a lifetime: the arrival of her son... Jake Prentice built a career out of being dependable, one that left him perennially stressed and overworked. Finally heeding his mother's words of wisdom, he's quit his job and is ready to find out what truly makes him happy. And now, as he stands

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 surrounded by open sky and fresh, pine-scented air, he's got no regrets... until former colleague Tess Crenshaw appears at the lake, forcing him to reassess what—and who—he really wants... As they work together to renovate the lodge, Genevieve and Jake embark on a heartfelt and inspiring journey to learn about themselves, each other, and the true meaning of family.

**Things I Wanted to Say (But Never Did)** by **Monica Murphy** (Trade Paperback—\$25). *Lancaster Prep Series*. Whit Lancaster burst into my life like a storm. Dark and thunderous, furious and fierce. Cold, heartless and devastatingly beautiful, like the statues in our prep school gardens. The school with his family name on the sign. He can do no wrong here. This is his domain... He's a menace on campus. Adored and feared. Hated and respected. His taunting words carve into my skin, shredding me to ribbons. Yet his intense gaze scorches my blood, fills me with a longing I don't understand... When he comes to my rescue one night, he ends up broken. Bleeding. My instincts scream to leave and let him suffer, but I can't. I sneak him into my room. Clean him up. Fall for his lies. Let him possess every single part of me until I'm the one left a gasping, broken mess... Then he leaves me alone in the dead of night, taking my journal with him... Now he knows all my secrets. My hate. My truth. And he promises to use my words against me. I'll be ruined if my darkest secret gets out... That's when I strike a bargain with the devil... I'll let Whit Lancaster ruin me behind closed doors instead.

**A Long Time Coming** by **Meghan Quinn** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Cane Brothers Series*. True love might be right in front of you... Have you ever heard of a man-in-waiting?... Yeah, neither has my best friend's soon-to-be monster-in-law. Ooo, sorry, I meant mother-in-law. Nor has she heard of the term, what the bride wants, the bride gets... With wedding planning underway and a short timeline, my best friend, Lia, has recruited me to help her battle the snarly beast that is Mrs. Beaver. Not scared at all, I accept the challenge as her man-in-waiting—aka, man of honour—and take matters into my own hands... The only problem is, with every second we draw closer to the wedding, I'm starting to see my best girl in a different light... She's always been beautiful to me, but now... I find myself staring a touch too long. My hand lingering for one more minute. And when she's upset? Allowing her to sleep in my bed... And before I know what's happening, it hits me like a ton of bricks. I'm in love with my best friend. Not just in love, but infatuated... No one compares to her and nothing seems to distract me from that realization... Not the girl I try to date while I help plan Lia's wedding... Not her angry fiancé who thinks I'm growing too close... And not the looming deadline of her nuptials... Which means, there's only one thing left for me to do. Prove to Lia I'm the one she should be with instead. But with the pressure of her engagement, the stress from her soon-to-be mother-in-law, and the breath-stealing nerves running through me, I'm finding it a lot harder to claim the girl than I would like to admit... Say a little prayer for me...

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**Addicted For Now** by **Krista & Becca Ritchie** (Trade Paperback—\$25). *Addicted Series*. He's addicted to booze. She's addicted to sex... Staying sober is only half the battle... No. More. Sex... Those are the three words Lily Calloway fears the most. But Loren Hale is determined to be with Lily without enabling her dangerous compulsions. With their new living situation—sleeping in the same bed, for real, together—Lily has new battles. Like not jumping Lo's bones every night. Not being consumed by sex and his body... Loren plans to stay sober, to right all of his wrongs. So when someone threatens to expose Lily's secret to her family and the public, he promises that he'll do anything to protect her. But with old enemies surfacing, Lo has more at stake than his sobriety... And his worst fear isn't relapsing. He hears the end. He sees it. The one thing that could change everything. Just three words... No. More. Us.

**Mermaid Beach** by **Sheila Roberts** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Moonlight Harbour Series*. A story of music, hopes, dreams and family... Bonnie Brinks and her all-woman band, The Mermaids, are the pride of Moonlight Harbour. They're the house band at The Drunken Sailor, and that's just the right amount of fame for Bonnie. A lifetime ago, she went to Nashville to make it big, but she returned home with a broken heart and broken dreams. Now she's got a comfortable life and a brilliant daughter, Avril, who plays for The Mermaids alongside Bonnie and Bonnie's mother, Loretta... Avril has big dreams of her own. Her life in Moonlight Harbor is good—she loves singing and playing guitar with The Mermaids, and she has the sweetest, most loyal boyfriend a girl could ask for—but it all feels so... small. She can't help wondering if there's something more out there for her. And she doesn't understand why her mom won't support her going to Nashville to find out... Meanwhile, Bonnie threw in the towel on her love life long ago, but Loretta sure hasn't. She's determined to be swept off her feet, and she wants the same for her daughter. When the hunky new owner of The Drunken Sailor turns the tables on the band and Avril announces she's leaving Moonlight Harbour, Bonnie's comfortable life seems to be drifting away. Will these three generations of Mermaids find their happy endings on the Washington coast? Or will the change in the winds leave them all shipwrecked?

**Flawless** by **Elsie Silver** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Chestnut Springs Series*. The rules were simple. Keep my hands off his daughter and stay out of trouble... But now I'm stuck with her. There's only one bed. And well, rules are made to be broken... I'm the face of professional bull riding—the golden boy. Or at least I was, until it all blew up in my face. Now my agent says I have to clean up my image, so I'm stuck with his ball-busting daughter for the rest of the season as my “full-time supervision”... But I don't need a goddamn babysitter, especially one with skin-tight jeans, a sexy smirk, and a mouth she can't stop running... A mouth I can't stop thinking about... Because Summer isn't just another conquest. She sees the man behind the mask, and she doesn't run—she pulls me closer, even when she shouldn't... She says this means nothing... I say this means everything... She says there are boundaries we shouldn't cross. That my reputation can't take any more hits—and neither can her damaged heart... I say I'm going to steal it anyway.

**Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense**  
**Once More with Feeling** by **Elissa Sussman** (Trade Paperback—\$26). A former pop star finds herself back in the spotlight—along with an old flame from her past—in this friends-to-lovers meets enemies-to-lovers story... Then. Katee Rose is living the dream as America's number one pop star, caught in a whirlwind of sold-out concerts, screaming fans, and constant tabloid coverage. Everyone wants to know everything about her and her boyfriend, Ryan LaNeve, the hottest member of adored boy band CrushZone. Katee loves to perform but hates the impossible demands of stardom. Maybe that's why she finds herself in the arms of another CrushZone member, Cal Kirby. Quiet, serious Cal, who's always been a good friend to Katee, is suddenly Cal with the smoldering eyes and very good hands. One unforgettable night is all it takes to blow up Katee's relationship with Ryan, her career, her whole life... Now. Kathleen Rosenberg is okay with her ordinary existence and leaving her pop star image in the past. That is, until Cal Kirby shows up with the opportunity of her dreams—a starring role in the Broadway show he's directing and a chance to perform, the way she's always wanted. The two haven't spoken since the joint destruction of their careers, and each of them blames the other, making their reunion a tense battle of wits and egos. Kathleen reluctantly agrees to the musical, as long as she keeps her guard up around Cal. But rehearsals are long, those eyes still smoulder, and those hands are still very good. Despite everything, Kathleen can't deny the chemistry between them. Is it ever a good idea to reignite old flames? Especially if you've been burned in the past?

**Summer at the Cape** by **RaeAnne Thayne** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Cape Sanctuary Series*. A poignant and uplifting story about forgiveness, family and all the complications—and joy—that come with it... As the older sibling to identical twins Violet and Lily, Cami Porter was always the odd sister out. The divide grew even wider when their parents split up—while the twins stayed in Cape Sanctuary with their free-spirited mother, Rosemary, fourteen-year-old Cami moved to LA with her attorney father. Nearly twenty years later, when Cami gets the terrible news that Lily has drowned saving a child's life, her mother begs her to return home to help untangle the complicated estate issues her sister left behind... Navigating their own strained relationship, Cami readjusts to the family and community she hasn't known for decades, including the neighbour who stands in the way of her late sister's dream, while Violet grieves the loss of her twin and struggles to figure out who she is now, without her other half, as the little girl Lily saved pulls her back into the orbit of the man she once loved.

**Crime & Mystery & Thriller**  
**Murder Off The Books** by **Tamara Berry** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *By the Bay Mystery Series*. Author Tess Harrow is looking to get back in the town of Winthrop's good graces after she uncovered not one, but two long-forgotten murders. With the perfect plan of combining her new book release with her bookstore's grand opening she'll have the chance to wine and dine the locals and some big press contacts... But the night before the party, Tess is greeted by a surprise: her mother has come for a

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visit, with her much-younger new boyfriend in tow... a boyfriend her daughter Gertrude recognizes as the notorious Levi Parker, a man recently connected to the deaths of three elderly widows... Tess immediately alerts Sheriff Boyd about Levi and his suspicious past, but it's already too late—Levi Parker is found dead and Tess's mother is starting to look like the prime suspect. Bernadette swears she didn't murder Levi, and Tess is doing her best to maintain her mother's innocence, but too many coincidences keep stacking up. With the whole town seemingly against her family, it's up to Tess to get to the bottom of the story before it's too late.

**Dedication to Murder** by **Lauren Elliott** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Beyond the Page Bookstore Mystery Series*. Wedding bells are about to ring again in Greyborne Harbor, and as rare bookstore owner Addie Greyborne slips into her white dress her thoughts are focused on a bright future with Dr. Simon Emerson. But a discovery in her attic leads her to startling revelations about the past. As the owner of Beyond the Page Books and Curios and a lifelong bibliophile, Addie is delighted to find a rare collection of classic children's books gathering dust in a secret room beneath the rafters, including a first edition of *The Velveteen Rabbit* by Margery Williams. To her surprise, a handwritten inscription on the title page provides a clue to unraveling a complex mystery in Addie's family... But that's only the first surprise in a series of shocking twists that will turn Addie's vision of where her life is going and where she's come from upside down—including a suspicious death in the present that suggests foul play.

**What the Cat Dragged In** by **Miranda James** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Cat in the Stacks Mystery Series*. Librarian Charlie Harris and his faithful feline companion, Diesel, have inherited Charlie's grandfather's house, along with a deadly legacy: a decades-old crime scene, in this all-new mystery... Charlie has always believed that his grandfather had sold his house to his longtime tenant, Martin Hale. So when Martin dies, Charlie is surprised to discover the house was not left to Martin but instead belongs to Charlie. As he and Diesel check out the house he remembers fondly from his childhood, he is pleasantly surprised that it is in better condition than expected. That is, until they find a literal skeleton in a closet... While the sheriff's department investigates the mysterious remains, Charlie digs deeper into the past for clues to the identity of the bones and why they are there. But the cold case heats up quickly when Martin's grandson is found dead on the farm... As Charlie delves into his own family history, he encounters many people who might have been motivated to take a life. But Charlie and Diesel know that things are not always what they seem, and that secrets seemingly lost to time have a way of finding their way back to haunt the present.

**The Curfew** by **T.M. Logan** (Trade Paperback—\$30). Your son said he was home. Why did he lie?... I should have known something was wrong. I should have sensed it. Felt it in the air, like the build-up of pressure before a thunderstorm, that heavy, loaded calm... The curfew... Andy and Laura are good parents. They tell their son Connor that he can go out with friends to celebrate completing his exams, but he must be home by midnight... The lie... When

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Connor misses his curfew, it sets off a series of events that will change the lives of five families forever... The truth?... Because five teenagers went into the woods that night, but only four came out. And telling the truth might mean losing everything... What would you do?

**The Housemaid** by **Freida McFadden** (Trade Paperback—\$31). *Housemaid Series*. "Welcome to the family," Nina Winchester says as I shake her elegant, manicured hand. I smile politely, gazing around the marble hallway. Working here is my last chance to start fresh. I can pretend to be whoever I like. But I'll soon learn that the Winchesters' secrets are far more dangerous than my own... Every day I clean the Winchesters' beautiful house top to bottom. I collect their daughter from school. And I cook a delicious meal for the whole family before heading up to eat alone in my tiny room on the top floor... I try to ignore how Nina makes a mess just to watch me clean it up. How she tells strange lies about her own daughter. And how her husband Andrew seems more broken every day. But as I look into Andrew's handsome brown eyes, so full of pain, it's hard not to imagine what it would be like to live Nina's life. The walk-in closet, the fancy car, the perfect husband... I only try on one of Nina's pristine white dresses once. Just to see what it's like. But she soon finds out... and by the time I realize my attic bedroom door only locks from the outside, it's far too late... But I reassure myself: the Winchesters don't know who I really am... They don't know what I'm capable of...

**Home Before Night** by **J.P. Pomare** (Trade Paperback—\$28). Mother's intuition or a deadly guilty conscience? A woman races against time to find her son... As the third wave of the virus hits, all inhabitants of Melbourne are given until 8 pm to get to their homes. Wherever they are when the curfew begins, they must live for four weeks and stay within five kilometres of. When Lou's son, Samuel, doesn't arrive home by nightfall, she begins to panic... He doesn't answer his phone. He doesn't message. His social media channels are inactive. Lou is out of her mind with worry, but she can't go to the police, because she has secrets of her own. Secrets that Samuel just can't find out about. Lou must find her son herself and bring him home.

**The Perfect Marriage** by **Jeneva Rose** (Trade Paperback—\$36). Sarah Morgan is a successful and powerful defense attorney in Washington D.C. As a named partner at her firm, life is going exactly how she planned. The same cannot be said for her husband, Adam. He's a struggling writer who has had little success in his career and he tires of his and Sarah's relationship as she is constantly working... Out in the secluded woods, at the couple's lake house, Adam engages in a passionate affair with Kelly Summers. But one morning everything changes. Kelly is found brutally stabbed to death and now, Sarah must take on her hardest case yet, defending her own husband, a man accused of murdering his mistress.

**Witch Upon a Star** by **Angela M. Sanders** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Witch Way Librarian Mystery Series*. A spellbinding heroine, a clever cat familiar, colorful locals—and of course, murder... Librarian Josie Way is eager to show off Wilfred, Oregon's delights to her visiting sister, Jean—even

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though Josie must conceal her magic from her. In any case, Jean is excited to attend Cookie Masterson's trademark "Ready-Set-Go!" workshop on becoming a life coach. Then there's the grand reopening of Darla's Café, where the doors are thrown open to reveal... a dead man, stabbed in the back. That was definitely not on the revamped menu... Even more worrisome, the sheriff receives a report of a fresh corpse at the retreat center. Maybe murder isn't so uncommon in Wilfred anymore, but two unfamiliar bodies within an hour certainly is! Josie's willing to let law enforcement take the lead—after all, she's gotten into some trouble from the hints the library's spellbound books keep feeding her about the patrons. But when her sister receives the killer's chilling calling card, she'll use everything within her otherworldly powers to divine just who in town has homicide as his new slogan...

**The Enigma of Garlic** by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback—\$34). *44 Scotland Street Series*. Our favourite residents of Scotland's most celebrated address are up to their usual hilarious hijinks... It's the most anticipated event of the decade: Big Lou and Fat Bob's wedding and everyone is invited! After a wonderful day, Big Lou crashes back down to earth and finds that she is a victim of her own success. The lure of those famous bacon rolls is preventing her from leaving hungry customers without their daily dose of deliciousness—even to go for a long-awaited honeymoon. Will Big Lou find the happiness she so richly deserves? Everyone in Scotland Street hopes so, but, as Burns warned, the best laid plans... The relative peace and tranquillity of 44 Scotland Street is about to be disrupted. Irene is to return for a two-month stay, consigning Bertie to a summer camp. Not satisfied with that, she somehow manages to come between the enigmatic nun, Sister Maria-Fiore dei Fiori di Montagna, and her friend, the hagiographer, Antonia Collie... Can a person really change, even after being struck by lightning? Bruce's metamorphosis and new-found outlook on life is put to the test as he prepares to leave his creature comforts for the monastic simplicity of Pluscarden Abbey. His house sitter, meanwhile, gets a little too comfortable in his new life and discovers that the talented Bruce Anderson's shoes are all too easy to slip into. With great taste comes great responsibility.

**Murder with Earl Grey Tea** by **Karen Rose Smith** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Daisy's Tea Garden Mystery Series*. At Daisy's Tea Garden in Pennsylvania's Amish country, the tea of the month is Earl Grey to warm those late February days—but cold-blooded murder casts a deadly chill... Even though spring in Lancaster County is still a bit far off, Daisy Swanson has much to look forward to: setting a date with her fiancé Jonas, a whimsical Alice in Wonderland tea event, and an anniversary celebration for her parents at a farm-to-table restaurant in Willow Creek... But a grim discovery turns her thoughts to the troubled present. Meeting up for a hike with her friend, Daisy and her fiancé's dog Felix find the woman dead on a trail, a victim of an apparent hit and run. The tire tracks clearly indicate this was no accident, and now Daisy must follow a twisted trail of clues to uncover what drove someone to murder...

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**A Sunlit Weapon** by **Jacqueline Winspear** (Trade Paperback—\$40). *Maisie Dobbs Series*. A series of possible attacks on British pilots leads Maisie Dobbs into a mystery involving First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt... October 1942. Jo Hardy, a 22-year-old ferry pilot, is delivering a Supermarine Spitfire—the fastest fighter aircraft in the world—to Biggin Hill Aerodrome, when she realizes someone is shooting at her aircraft from the ground. Returning to the location on foot, she finds an American serviceman in a barn, bound and gagged. She rescues the man, who is handed over to the American military police; it quickly emerges that he is considered a suspect in the disappearance of a fellow soldier who is missing... Tragedy strikes two days later, when another ferry pilot crashes in the same area where Jo's plane was attacked. At the suggestion of one of her colleagues, Jo seeks the help of psychologist and investigator Maisie Dobbs. Meanwhile, Maisie's husband, a high-ranking political attaché based at the American embassy, is in the thick of ensuring security is tight for the first lady of the United States, Eleanor Roosevelt, during her visit to the Britain. There's already evidence that German agents have been circling: the wife of a president represents a high value target. Mrs. Roosevelt is clearly in danger, and there may well be a direct connection to the death of the woman ferry pilot and the recent activities of two American servicemen... To guarantee the safety of the First Lady—and of the soldier being held in police custody—Maisie must uncover that connection. At the same time, she faces difficulties of an entirely different nature with her young daughter, Anna, who is experiencing wartime struggles of her own.

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**Daughter of No Worlds** by **Carissa Broadbent** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$38). *War of Lost Hearts Series*. A former slave fighting for justice. A warrior who no longer believes it exists. A deadly magic that binds their fates... A life in slavery taught Tisaanah how to survive with nothing but a sharp eye, a quick mind, and a touch of magic. But the night she tried to buy her freedom, she nearly paid with her life. Instead, she murdered the most powerful man in Threll... Forced to flee, she has only one chance at saving those she left behind: pledging herself to the Orders, an organization of magic Wielders strong enough to destroy her former masters... Tisaanah is forced into an apprenticeship with Maxantarius Farlione, a handsome and reclusive fire Wielder who despises the Orders. He has no interest in helping her. But as the Orders' grip tightens around them both, his bloody past may be the key to her future... or their downfall... Under looming war, Tisaanah must master her magic and survive in an unfamiliar world. And as her feelings for Maxantarius deepen, she is forced to decide how much she is willing to trade away for vengeance... The Orders have bigger plans for Tisaanah. Darker plans... But she will stop at nothing to save those she abandoned. Even if it means forfeiting her freedom and sacrificing her heart... Even if it means wielding death itself.

**What the Hex** by **Jessica Clare** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *The Hex Series*. Enemies-to-lovers has never been more enchanting in this witchy romantic



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comedy... Penny Roundtree wants nothing more than to be a familiar to a witch. She's been a member of the Society of Familiars ever since she was old enough to join the Fam. There's just a small problem—no one's hiring. Witches and warlocks are so long-lived that there are far more familiars available than witches to train them. So when an unorthodox arrangement to apprentice under the table to a forbidden warlock presents itself, she takes it... Willem Sauer is banned from having a familiar due to past transgressions, thereby limiting his magic-casting abilities. Unfortunately for the surly, Prussian warlock, he has no choice but to work with enthusiastic Penny as a familiar. They immediately clash like dried roan horsehair and honeycomb gathered by moonlight (it's a terrible spell combination, ask anyone)... Casting spells has delightful perks Penny never could have dreamed of, but also greater dangers. Someone is targeting Penny. Willem and Penny must work together to catch their enemy, and if their ploy requires a little kissing on the side, who is to question the rules of magic?

**Ghostly Game** by **Christine Feehan** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Ghostwalker Series*. Sometimes things just go south and there isn't a damn thing you can do about it... Gideon "Eagle" Carpenter is used to rolling with the punches life has thrown at him. It's the only thing that's kept him alive. He and his team of GhostWalkers have seen and experienced it all. He does his best to live with all the sins written on his soul. Then he hears the laughter of a woman with the ability to erase—even for a few precious moments—the darkness of his past... Laurel "Rory" Chappel has always been a nomad. She's accustomed to taking care of herself, despite the physical challenges she lives with. She thinks she's too weak to find real love, but that doesn't stop her interest in Gideon from turning into a full-on addiction. He's all rough edges and danger contrasted with a tenderness that makes her feel safe. Still, after a life spent in motion, she's not sure she knows how to stay in one place... Gideon hopes he can persuade Rory to take a chance on him with every electric touch. But soon, life conspires against him, forcing the GhostWalker to risk everything to protect the woman he loves....

**Mortal Follies** by **Alexis Hall** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Mortal Follies Series*. *LGBTQ+*. A young noblewoman must pair up with an alleged witch to ward off a curse in this irresistible sapphic romance... It is the year 1814, and life for a young lady of good breeding has many difficulties. There are balls to attend, fashions to follow, marriages to consider, and, of course, the tiny complication of existing in a world swarming with fairy spirits, interfering deities, and actual straight-up sorcerers... Miss Maelys Mitchelmore finds her entry into high society hindered by an irritating curse. It begins innocuously enough with her dress slowly unmaking itself over the course of an evening at a high-profile ball, a scandal she narrowly manages to escape... However, as the curse progresses to more fatal proportions, Miss Mitchelmore must seek out aid, even if that means mixing with undesirable company. And there are few less desirable than Lady Georgianna Landrake—a brooding, alluring

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young woman sardonically nicknamed "the Duke of Annadale"—who may or may not have murdered her own father and brothers to inherit their fortune. If one is to believe the gossip, she might be some kind of malign enchantress. Then again, a malign enchantress might be exactly what Miss Mitchelmore needs... With the Duke's help, Miss Mitchelmore delves into a world of angry gods and vindictive magic, keen to unmask the perpetrator of these otherworldly attacks. But Miss Mitchelmore's reputation is not the only thing at risk in spending time with her new ally. For the reputed witch has her own secrets that may prove dangerous to Miss Mitchelmore's heart—not to mention her life.

**Trouble with the Cursed** by **Kim Harrison** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Hollows Series*. Rachel Morgan must keep her friends close—and her enemies closer... Rachel Morgan, witch-born demon, has one unspoken rule: take chances, but pay for them yourself. With it, she has turned enemies into allies, found her place with her demon kin, and stepped up as the subrosa of Cincinnati—responsible for keeping the paranormal community at peace and in line... Life is...good? Even better, her best friend, Ivy Tamwood, is returning home. Nothing's simple, though, and Ivy's not coming alone. The vampires' ruling council insists she escort one of the long undead, hell-bent on proving that Rachel killed Cincy's master vampire to take over the city. Which, of course, Rachel totally did not do. She only transformed her a little... With Rachel's friends distracted by their own lives and problems, she reaches out to a new ally for help—the demon Hodin. But this trickster has his own agenda. In the end, the only way for Rachel to save herself and the city may be to forge a new understanding with her estranged demon teacher, Al. There's just one problem: Al would sell his soul to be rid of her...

**Shadow Fallen** by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Dream-Hunter Series*. For centuries, Ariel has fought the forces of evil. Her task was to protect the souls of innocent mortals when they die. Captured by a powerful sorceress, she is transformed into a human who has no memory of her real life or calling... And is plunked into the middle of the Norman invasion of England... Cursed the moment he was born with a "demonic deformity," Valteri wants nothing of this earth except to depart it and will do his duty to his king until then. When a strange noblewoman is brought before him, Valteri realizes he has met her before... in his dreams. When others come for her, bringing with them preternatural predators, he is faced with a destiny he had no idea was waiting. One he wants no part of... The truth is that Valteri isn't just a knight of William the Conqueror. He is the son of one of the deadliest powers in existence, and if he doesn't restore Ariel to her place, she is not the only one who will be in peril. The world itself hangs in the balance, and he is the necessary key to hold back the powers of evil. But only if he can find a way to work with the woman who stands for everything in the universe he hates.

**Wolf on the Wild Side** by **Terry Spear** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Run With the Wolf Series*. Two wolves are better than one, but a pack of

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wolves beats trouble any day... Ski Lodge owner and gray wolf Kayla Wolff hasn't had the best romantic history, so dating Private Investigator and fellow pack mate Nate Grayson feels like she's hit the jackpot. When she thinks about the way her last relationship ended, Kayla worries that she'll screw up again and lose Nate too... When Nate's latest investigation puts Kayla in the crosshairs, the pack comes together to help while Nate stays by her side day and night to protect the wolf he loves. There's no doubt in his mind that Kayla is the mate for him, but does she feel the same way?

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**For a Scot's Heart Only** by **Gina Conkle** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Scottish Treasures Series*. One last daring heist is orchestrated by a brave Scotswoman and the man she never meant to fall for... A Lost Treasure... Corset maker Mary Fletcher lives a life of duty to her sister, her league, and to the Highland clan that took her in years ago. But as she continues the work of her fellow league members, hunting the lost Treasure of Arkaig, a deadly enemy encroaches—and Mary must chase clues in the most astonishing places. A Favour Returned... Thomas West must save his family's legacy. Miss Fletcher's league owes him a debt of gratitude, and there's no one he wants to collect from more than the icy dark-haired beauty. He can't believe his luck when her plan takes them both to London's finest brothel. An Indecent Proposal... Soon, lines between duty and desire blur whenever Mary and Thomas meet. Secrets come to light about the gold and an undeniable love—a love that will be tested against all that they hold dear... if they survive.

**The Lady Knows Best** by **Susanna Craig** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Goode's Guide to Misconduct Series*. The women behind the popular, scandalous periodical Mrs. Goode's Magazine for Misses, also known as Goode's Guide to Misconduct are daring, witty, clever, and wise, just like their publication... especially in romance... Serving as the advice columnist, 'Miss Busy B.', for an often-subversive ladies' magazine is the perfect outlet for Daphne Burke's outspoken nature. But when she advises a young lady of the ton, to break off her engagement to a notorious rake, the consequences take Daphne beyond the page and into her real life... Miles, Viscount Deveraux, sometimes known as "that devil Deveraux" needs a respectable bride by the end of the Season, and he's bet a fortune that he can get one. Now, his fiancée has not only changed her mind—but done it publicly, in a letter to London's most infamous magazine. With the stakes high and time short, it seems reasonable to him that the columnist responsible should come to his rescue and marry him instead... Fortunately for Miles, Daphne is eager to escape the pressures of the London marriage mart. She agrees to a courtship. But at the end of two weeks, she intends to turn him down in a big, splashy, scandal that will ruin her reputation and set her free. There's just one shocking wrinkle: Who knew being ruined by a rake could be so much fun?

**Something in the Heir** by **Suzanne Enoch** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). Smart, capable heiress Emmeline Pershing will do anything to keep her beloved home; and all it takes is an arranged marriage and a teeny white lie to fulfill her family's silly inheritance rules. But now her little fib means

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that she and her completely unsuspecting husband are going to inherit big—and very messy!—trouble... Emmeline and William Pershing have enjoyed a perfectly convenient marriage for eight years. Their relationship is a seamless blend of their talents and goals. They've settled into separate, well-ordered lives beneath the same roof, and are content to stay that way—or so Emmeline thinks. And if William has secretly longed for a bit more from the woman he adores, he's managed to be content with her supreme skills as a hostess and planner, which has helped him advance his career... Then when Emmeline's grandfather, the reclusive Duke of Welshire, summons them both for his birthday celebration and demands they bring their two little angelic children, William is stunned to discover that his very proper wife invented not one, but two heirs to fulfill the agreement for living at Winnover. But surely if Emmeline and William team up and borrow two cherubs to call their own, what could go wrong? Enter George, age 8, and Rose, 5—the two most unruly orphans in Britain... As the insanity unfolds, their careful, professional arrangement takes some surprisingly intimate turns as well. Perhaps it takes a bit of madness to create the perfect happily ever after...

**A Love by Design** by **Elizabeth Everett** (Trade Paperback—\$32). *Secret Scientists of London Series*. You couldn't design a better hero than the very eligible and extremely charming Earl Grantham. Unless, of course, you are Margaret Gault, who wants nothing to do with the man who broke her youthful heart... Widowed and determined, Margaret Gault has returned to Athena's Retreat and the welcoming arms of her fellow secret scientists with an ambitious plan in mind: to establish England's first woman-owned engineering firm. But from the moment she sets foot in London her plans are threatened by greedy investors and—at literally every turn—the irritatingly attractive Earl Grantham, a man she can never forgive... George Willis, the Earl Grantham, is thrilled that the woman he has loved since childhood has returned to London. Not as thrilling, however, is her decision to undertake an engineering commission from his political arch-nemesis. When Margaret's future and Grantham's parliamentary reforms come into conflict, Grantham must use every ounce of charm he possesses—along with his stunning good looks and flawless physique, of course—to win Margaret over to his cause... Facing obstacles seemingly too large to dismantle, will Grantham and Margaret remain forever disconnected or can they find a way to bridge their differences, rekindle the passion of their youth, and construct a love built to last?

**His Study in Scandal** by **Megan Frampton** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *School for Scoundrels Series*. Navigating life—and love—in London, a dashing young businessman enters into a liaison with a widowed Duchess... Alexandra, Duchess of Chelmsworth, is tired of pretending to mourn a husband who squandered a fortune and never bothered to give her the time of day, much less any attentions at night. So, the still-beautiful duchess cuts up her mourning gowns, deciding to experience the pleasures long denied her by daringly visiting the Garden of Hedon. It is there the ton anonymously gives in to their deepest desires, and where

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Alexandra finds herself in the arms of a mysterious man. She willingly gives in to the passion he offers her, fully believing she would never see him again... But she is shocked to soon discover he is none other than Theo Osborne, who is continually being pushed forward as a husband—for Alexandra's own stepdaughter! While his wealth would save the family from financial ruin, his intentions are clear: he has no interest in anyone but Alexandra. And though he tempts and teases her, she is determined not to give her heart to any man. But what started as a sensuous game turns into something much more...

**How Not to Marry a Duke** by **Tina Gabrielle** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Daring Ladies Series*. From the moment her pet pig attacks him, Adeline Foster knows she does not care at all for the Duke of Warwick. Certainly the man is handsome, but such an arrogant arse. But when her scoundrel half brother demands she marry a stranger over a failed investment, the duke does something shocking... he announces he's courting her... One moment, Daniel Millstone is enjoying tinkering with his inventions in his quiet country home with relative anonymity. The next, he's courting the willful Miss Adeline. It might have begun as a way to vex her half brother—his childhood nemesis—but her striking beauty and kissable lips prove an irresistible temptation... Now Adeline and her faux beau must convince the ton and their families that they're an item. It doesn't matter if they can barely tolerate each other. It doesn't matter that scandal is only a touch away. Because if this charade doesn't work, Adeline will find herself in dangerous hands...

**The Secret Service of Tea and Treason** by **India Holton** (Trade Paperback—\$24). *Dangerous Damsels Series*. The marriage may be fake but the danger is real... Rival spies who must pretend to be married for a mission discover that not even a houseful of pirates is as dangerous as falling in love... Two rival spies must brave pirates, witches, and fake matrimony to save the Queen... Known as Agent A, Alice is the top operative within the Agency of Undercover Note Takers, a secret government intelligence group that is fortunately better at espionage than at naming itself. From managing deceptive witches to bored aristocratic ladies, nothing is beyond Alice's capabilities. She has a steely composure and a plan always up her sleeve (alongside a dagger and an embroidered handkerchief). So when rumors of an assassination plot begin to circulate, she's immediately assigned to the case... But she's not working alone. Daniel Bixby, otherwise known as Agent B and Alice's greatest rival, is given the most challenging undercover assignment of his life—pretending to be Alice's husband. Together they will assume the identity of a married couple, infiltrate a pirate house party, and foil their unpatriotic plans... Determined to remain consummate professionals, Alice and Daniel must ignore the growing attraction between them, especially since acting on it might prove more dangerous than their target.

**The Heiress Bride** by **Madeline Hunter** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Duke's Heiress Series*. This love story resolves the mystery of an eccentric and wealthy Duke bequeathing three seemingly unknown women with shares in his fortune. When the heir to the Duke's title meets with the charming and

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stunning last heir to the fortune, will he be able to resist her charms long enough to learn why she was named in the will?... Now the new Duke of Hollinburgh, Nicholas Radnor has two duties to fulfill: locate the mysterious woman mentioned in his late uncle's will and acquire a suitable bride. When bedazzling, unconventional Iris Barrington shows up at the estate, Nicholas believes he may have found the missing beneficiary—unless she is a charlatan, or worse. But as for his second duty—he is finding it difficult to think of any other woman while tantalizing thoughts of Iris occupy his mind. He agrees to fulfill the late duke's promise to her, even as he grows suspicious of both her motives and the danger that seems to surround her. All of which keeps her temptingly close at hand... Iris will do anything to restore honor to her beloved grandfather's name. Even tangle with the likes of Nicholas, a man whose formidable intellect and good looks lure her like no other. But all her years on the continent have not prepared her for the sensual onslaught she discovers in his embrace—or the devastation of almost losing him to malicious intentions. Now Iris's desire to unearth the scandal behind the dukedom burns ever brighter: for doing so might also protect the man who has stolen her heart...

**A Lady's Guide to Fortune Hunting** by **Sophie Irwin** (Trade Paperback—\$35). *A Lady's Guide Series*. Kitty Talbot needs a fortune. Or rather, she needs a husband who has a fortune. Left with her father's massive debts, she has only twelve weeks to save her family from ruin... Kitty has never been one to back down from a challenge, so she leaves home and heads toward the most dangerous battleground in all of England: the London season... Kitty may be neither accomplished nor especially genteel—but she is utterly single-minded; imbued with cunning and ingenuity, she knows that risk is just part of the game... The only thing she doesn't anticipate is Lord Radcliffe. The worldly Radcliffe sees Kitty for the mercenary fortune-hunter that she really is and is determined to scotch her plans at all costs, until their parrying takes a completely different turn....

**The Scandalous Ladies of London: The Countess** by **Sophie Jordan** (Trade Paperback—\$45). *Scandalous Ladies of London Series*. "My husband is a good man... just ask all the women he has bedded"... Wealthy society maven Lady Gertrude knows how the world works. If her husband is less than faithful, it's an acceptable price to pay for her coveted position at the apex of London's most fashionable set. No exclusive soirée or lavish ball is complete without her and her group of decadent, well-connected friends. And this Season promises more excitement than usual: Tru is launching her daughter into Society, helping her navigate the cutthroat Marriage Mart, complete with fortune hunters, jealous debutantes, and malicious gossips... As skilled as Tru is at playing the high-stakes games of the ton, she never expects to meet her match—until Jasper Thorne begins to court her daughter. Jasper needs a titled bride, but when he meets Tru, all his carefully laid plans go up in smoke. The attraction between Tru and Jasper is undeniable... and unacceptable. To indulge in an affair with her daughter's suitor would be ruinous. If it becomes public, she'll never survive the scandal. Especially as

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it becomes clear that he wants more than one night... he wants the impossible. He wants forever.

**A Rogue's Rules for Seduction** by **Eva Leigh** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Last Chance Scoundrels Series*. A young lady and her former betrothed get a second chance at love when they're stranded at a remote country house... After Dominic Kilburn left Lady Willa Ransom at the altar, she vowed never to reveal how badly she was hurt. Following a year abroad, Willa wants to move on with her life, so she accepts an invitation to a house party. She's determined to leave her humiliation behind, as well as the scorching attraction she still feels for the man who jilted her... When dark secrets from his past surfaced right before his wedding, Dom knew he didn't deserve Willa. So, he bolted. But he still burns for the only woman who ever claimed his heart. To escape the memories of all he lost, Dom heads to a friend's estate on an isolated Scottish isle. Yet one of the other guests is the very woman who haunts his every thought and makes him wish for the impossible... Thrown together by well-meaning family and friends, Willa and Dom try to resist the fiery pull between them. Soon the line between love and loathing begins to blur, and their attraction explodes. But Dom's past lurks on the edge of their rekindled passion and Willa fears she'll be devastated all over again. Can these star-crossed lovers find their happily ever after, or will everything detonate a second time?

**The Viscount Who Vexed Me** by **Julia London**

(Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Royal Match Series*. Daring. Darling. Determined... Next to the Season's newest diamond, Harriet (Hattie) Woodchurch feels like a plain Jane. But that's of no consequence, since Hattie's plan for her future is to earn enough to live far, far away from her embarrassing family... That is until Mateo Vincente, Duke of Santiava and newly minted Viscount Abbott, arrives in London. While the shy European's spoken English is impeccable, his writing is less fluent. The ton is eager to meet the handsome bachelor, and so many invitations flood in that Mateo needs a correspondence secretary... With her perfect penmanship and way with words, Hattie is recommended, and the two bond over books and the ton's eligible ladies. But when Hattie's friend Flora becomes smitten with the viscount, things get complicated. Flora is tongue-tied in his presence. To help, Hattie feeds her information about Mateo's interests. Soon things turn around and Flora appears on track to become his duchess. Yet for Mateo, something's not quite right. Conversation with Flora isn't as scintillating as it is with Hattie...

**How to Best a Marquess** by **Janna MacGregor**

(Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Widow Rules Series*. Beth Howell needs to find her dowry, post haste. After her good-for-nothing first husband married her—and two other women, unbeknownst to them all—she's left financially ruined and relegated to living with her brother, who cares more for his horses than he does his blood relatives. If Beth fails to acquire her funds, her brother will force her to marry someone fifty years her senior and missing half his teeth. She'd prefer to avoid that dreadful fate. But her now-deceased husband, Meri, absconded with her money mere days after their illegitimate marriage. To find it, Beth will have to leave town and retrace Meri's steps if she's to take her future into

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her own hands... Julian Raleah, Marquess of Grayson, cares not a whit for social norms and generally growls at anyone in his path. Grayson has had a heart of stone ever since his engagement to Beth Howell went down in flames—long before she married that cad, Meri, and sealed her own fate for good. But now she's on his doorstep, asking for use of his carriage and accompaniment on the hunt to find her lost dowry. Surely Grayson cannot go on the road with the woman who has occupied his thoughts for the past decade. Yet, knowing she needs him, how can he resist helping her this one last time? And maybe that's just enough time to change the ending to their over-too-soon love story.

**Highland Beast** by **Heather McCollum** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Sons of Sinclair Series*. Bàs Sinclair is the cold and brutal hand—and sword—of justice across the Highlands. He has one destiny: to bring fear into the hearts of guilty men. But when he is called to execute a midwife for her crimes, he cannot raise his weapon. For Bàs already knows this lovely, part-wild creature. After all, she gave him his first and only kiss... Shana Drummond will do anything to protect her beloved sister. Now her cruel, merciless brother-in-law has called upon Bàs to have Shana killed for crimes she didn't commit. She can't reconcile the cold, lethal warrior before her with the gentle one she met—nay, kissed—only days before... But mercy from Bàs can only lead to one thing: war among the clans. A war that will test allegiances, tear families apart, and challenge everything Bàs knows about himself and his heart. Because once this Highlander knows love, nothing will stop him from keeping Shana safe... even if it means destroying his own destiny.

**Four Weddings and a Duke** by **Michelle McLean**

(Mass Market Paperback—\$24). As the middle—and least marriageable—sister in a bevy of swans, Lavinia Wynnburn is quite content being the odd duck out. This way, she's free to commit social faux pas without anyone much noticing. Until the Duke of Beaubrooke turns up the morning after a ball, asking for her hand in marriage... Alexander Reddington doesn't particularly care for social niceties, nor is he particularly good at them. But now that the spare has become the heir, he must marry... and soon. When he stumbles into the same corner as a socially awkward wallflower, he knows he's found the perfect wife: one who won't bother him to attend every simpering event of the season... Only, Alexander's shy and pretty new wife is finding her new position surprisingly exciting and keeps accepting every invitation that flutters past their door. And worse luck, he might even be falling for her. Now he must hide the truth about why he really proposed... before his unexpectedly happy marriage is dashed to pieces.

**Queen Charlotte** by **Julia Quinn & Shonda Rhimes**

(Trade Paperback—\$23). *Bridgerton Series Prequel*. In 1761, on a sunny day in September, a King and Queen met for the very first time. They were married within hours. Born a German Princess, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz was beautiful, headstrong, and fiercely intelligent... not precisely the attributes the British Court had been seeking in a spouse for the young King George III. But her fire and independence were exactly what she needed, because George had secrets... secrets with the potential to shake the very foundations of the monarchy... Thrust into her new

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role as a royal, Charlotte must learn to navigate the intricate politics of the court... all the while guarding her heart, because she is falling in love with the King, even as he pushes her away. Above all she must learn to rule, and to understand that she has been given the power to remake society. She must fight—for herself, for her husband, and for all her new subjects who look to her for guidance and grace. For she will never be just Charlotte again. She must instead fulfil her destiny... as Queen.

**Atlas: The Story of Pa Salt** by **Lucinda Riley & Harry Whittaker** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Seven Sisters Series*. 1928, Paris. A boy is found, moments from death, and taken in by a kindly family. Gentle, precocious, talented, he flourishes in his new home, and the family show him a life he hadn't dreamed possible. But he refuses to speak a word about who he really is... As he grows into a young man, falling in love and taking classes at the prestigious Conservatoire de Paris, he can almost forget the terrors of his past, or the promise he has vowed to keep. But across Europe an evil is rising, and no-one's safety is certain. In his heart, he knows the time will come when he must flee once more... 2008, the Aegean. The seven sisters are gathered together for the first time, on board the Titan, to say a final goodbye to the enigmatic father they loved so dearly... To the surprise of everyone, it is the missing sister who Pa Salt has chosen to entrust with the clue to their pasts. But for every truth revealed, another question emerges. The sisters must confront

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the idea that their adored father was someone they barely knew. And even more shockingly: that these long-buried secrets may still have consequences for them today.

**The Duchess Takes a Husband** by **Harper St. George** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Gilded Age Heiresses Series*. Despite her illustrious title, Camille, Duchess of Hereford, remains what she has always been—a pariah. Though her title means she's technically accepted by London Society, the rebellious widow with her burgeoning interest in the suffrage movement and her American ways isn't exactly high on every hostess's guest list. But Camille starts to wonder if being an outcast is not without its perks when the tantalizing answer to her secret fear appears in the shape of Jacob Thorne, the illegitimate son of an earl and co-owner of London's infamous Montague Club...Jacob is used to making deals with his club members—he's just not accustomed to them being beautiful women. Nor have the terms ever been so sweetly seductive as Camille's shocking proposition. To finally buy his own club and gain the crucial backing of investors, Camille offers Jacob the respectability of a fake engagement with a duchess. In return, the tempting widow has one condition: she wants Jacob to show her if it's possible for her to experience pleasure in bed...The lure of such a bargain proves too delicious to resist, drawing the enterprising rogue and the wallflower duchess into a scandalous game and an even more dangerous gamble of the heart.

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