

The USA's summer releases are arriving for us to enjoy. The new releases include Patricia Briggs (*Winter Lost*), Carissa Broadbent (*The Ashes and the Star-Cursed King*), Jayne Castle (*People in Glass Houses*), Anne Gracie (*The Heiress's Daughter*), Ana Huang (*King of Sloth*), Mariah Montoya (*By the Orchid and the Owl*), Nora Roberts (*Mind Games*) and Nalini Singh (*Archangel's Lineage*). Enjoy! NB. we are now taking pre-orders for *Primal Mirror* by Nalini Singh (for Either a signed bookplate at release date Or, if you wait for about three weeks, a signed book). Details inside!

Top Books May		Top Books June	
Jayne Castle	People in Glass Houses*	Patricia Briggs	Winter Lost*
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Lisa Jewell	None of this is True*	Elle Kennedy	The Dixon Rule*
Julie Anne Long	My Season of Scandal	Mariah Montoya	By The Orchid and The Owl*
Freida McFadden	One By One*	Nora Roberts	Mind Games*
Sarah A. Parker	When the Moon Hatched*	Laura Thalassa	Bespelled*
Nalini Singh	Archangel's Lineage*	Brynne Weaver	Leather and Lark*

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	<p>Title: Winter Lost Author: Patricia Briggs Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: UK Royal Paperback Price: \$35 (RRP \$37.99) Annotation: <i>Mercy Thompson Series.</i> In the supernatural realms, there are creatures who belong to winter. I am not one of them. But like the coyote I can become at will, I am adaptable... My name is Mercy</p>		<p>Title: People in Glass Houses Author: Jayne Castle Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: UK B Paperback Price: \$27 (RRP \$27.99) Annotation: <i>Harmony Series.</i> Molly Griffin needs answers about what happened to her sister Leona, who, along with the rest of the Hollister expedition team, vanished while exploring a sector in Harmony's</p>
<p>Thompson Hauptman, and my werewolf mate, Adam, leads the Columbia Basin Pack. When we travel to Montana to help my brother, Adam and I find ourselves trapped with strangers in a lodge in the heart of the wilderness, in the teeth of a storm of legendary power, only to discover my brother's issues are a tiny part of a problem much bigger than we could have imagined. Arcane and ancient magics are at work that could, unless we are careful, bring about the end of the world.</p>	<p>Underworld known as Glass House. The person who has the answers is the expedition's navigator, Joshua Knight. Joshua was able to make his way above ground after everyone else in the expedition mysteriously vanished, but he is psychically battered and has no memory of what happened. After finally tracking Joshua down, Molly offers him a simple proposal: she will use her talents as a dream walker to help him regain his memories if, in return, he helps her find Leona.</p>		
	<p>Title: Mind Games Author: Nora Roberts Classification: Contemporary/Suspense Book Type: UK Royal Paperback Price: \$35 (RRP \$37.99) Annotation: Thea Fox is just twelve years old when her parents are brutally slain. With Thea's help the police are able to put their murderer—a psychotic serial killer called Ray Riggs—behind bars for life. Changed</p>		<p>Title: Archangel's Lineage Author: Nalini Singh NZ Author Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: UK B Paperback Price: \$24(RRP \$27.99) Annotation: <i>Guild Hunter Series.</i> Raphael and Elena are experiencing their first year of peace. Until... the earth beneath the Refuge begins to tremble, endangering angelkind's precious and fragile young... Amid</p>
<p>forever, Thea slowly learns to come to terms with the events of that terrible night and builds a new life in a small country town where she can breathe in the smells of pine, fresh bread and her grandmother's homemade candles... But the connection that helped Thea put her parents' killer behind bars will come to haunt her. Though her Grandmother calls it a gift, to Thea it feels more like a curse because Ray feels the connection too and though Thea may try to move on, Ray isn't willing to let her go quite so easily...</p>	<p>the chaos, Elena's father suffers a heart attack that threatens to extinguish their last chance to heal the bonds between them... Even as Elena battles grief, Raphael is torn from her side by the disappearance of an archangel. But worse yet is to come. An Ancestor, an angel unlike any other, stirs from his Sleep to warn the Cadre of a darkness so terrible that it causes empires to fall and civilizations to vanish... This time, even the Cadre may not be able to stop a ticking clock that is counting down at frightening speed... <i>(The book is also available as a North American mass market paperback \$26)</i></p>		

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

Say You Swear by **Meagan Brandy** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$27). *Boys of Avix Series*. For years, I've dreamt of what college life could bring and while some things changed, there was always one constant... It didn't matter how wild I allowed my imagination to run, it always led me to the same place in the end. It led me to him. My future was clear, and he was it. Until suddenly... he wasn't... Now I'm a shell of who I was, on a path too blurry to follow, and I see no way out. No way up... They say first loves last forever... That's what I'm afraid of.

Give Me More by **Sara Cate** (UK 20.8x14.1 Paperback—\$35). *Salacious Players' Club Series*. They call him a scoundrel. A playboy... Drake Nielson gets around, and he's not afraid to admit it. So when his best friend, Hunter, opens the Salacious Players' Club and asks him to head the construction, he jumps at the opportunity. Now he's traveling the country with Hunter and his wife, Isabel, touring other clubs to network and get inspiration. But when a demonstration at a new club involves Isabel and Drake, it comes with something Drake never saw coming—an invitation. Hunter wants Drake to sleep with his wife... while he watches... Drake would do anything for Hunter and Isabel, but this is one request he should turn down. Isabel is the woman of his dreams, but she belongs to someone else. And the exact reason he should say no is the one reason he says yes. Because it's not only Isabel he wants... Maybe it's time Drake shows his best friend exactly how much he's willing to do for him—and why.

Hello, Stranger by **Katherine Center** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$27). Struggling artist Sadie Montgomery never saw what was coming... Literally!... One minute she's celebrating placing as a finalist in a prestigious portrait-painting competition, the next she's lying in a hospital bed diagnosed with a "probably temporary" condition known as face blindness. She can still see—but every face she looks at is now a jumbled puzzle of disconnected features... As she struggles to hang on to her artistic dream, work through major family issues, and take care of her beloved dog Peanut, she falls in love—not with one man but two. The timing couldn't be worse... Making judgment calls on anything right now is a nightmare. If only her life were a little more in focus, Sadie might be able to have it all...

Nightfall by **Penelope Douglas** (US 20.2x12.6 Trade Paperback—\$40). *Devil's Night Series*. *Emory* They call it Blackchurch. A secluded mansion in a remote, undisclosed location where the wealthy and powerful send their misbehaving sons to cool off away from prying eyes... Will Grayson has always been an animal, though. Reckless, wild, and someone who was never bound by a single rule other than to do exactly what he wanted. There was no way his grandfather was going risk him humiliating the family again... Not that the last time was entirely his fault. He might've enjoyed backing me into corners in high school when no one was looking, so they wouldn't catch on that Mr. Popular actually wanted a piece of that quiet, little nerd he loved to torture so much, but... He could also be warm. And fierce in keeping me safe. The truth is...

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He has a right to hate me... It's all my fault. Everything. Devils Night. The videos. The arrests. I'm to blame for all of it. And I regret nothing... *Will* I never minded being locked up. I learned a long time ago that being treated like an animal gives you permission to act like one. No one has ever looked at me any other way... Their only mistake is believing anything I do is an accident. I can sit in this house with no Internet, television, liquor, or girls, but I'll come out of here with something far more frightening to my enemies. A plan. And a new pack of wolves... I just didn't expect one of my enemies to come to me. I don't know who smuggled her in or if they meant to leave her here, but I can smell her hiding in the house. She's here... And as the security detail leaves the supplies, the gates close, and the door to my gilded cage opens, giving me free reign of the house and grounds for another unsupervised month, I remember with a smile... Blackchurch houses five prisoners. I'm only one of her problems.

This Summer Will Be Different

by **Carley Fortune** (UK B 19.6x13.1 Paperback—\$25). This summer they'll keep their promise. This summer they won't give into temptation. This summer will be different... Lucy is the tourist vacationing at a beach house on Prince Edward Island. Felix is the local who shows her a very good time. The only problem: Lucy doesn't know he's her best friend's younger brother. Lucy and Felix's chemistry is unreal, but the list of reasons why they need to stay away from each other is long, and they vow to never repeat that electric night again... It's easier said than done... Each year, Lucy escapes to PEI for a big breath of coastal air, fresh oysters and crisp vinho verde with her best friend, Bridget. Every visit begins with a long walk on the beach, beneath soaring red cliffs and a golden sun. And every visit, Lucy promises herself she won't wind up in Felix's bed. Again... If Lucy can't help being drawn to Felix, at least she's always kept her heart out of it... When Bridget suddenly flees Toronto a week before her wedding, Lucy drops everything to follow her to the island. Her mission is to help Bridget through her crisis and resist the one man she's never been able to. But Felix's sparkling eyes and flirty quips have been replaced with something new, and Lucy's beginning to wonder just how safe her heart truly is.

Liar's Point by **Laura Griffin** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Texas Murder Files Series*. Can she find the truth in a growing web of lies?... Detective Nicole Lawson is fed up with her job and non-existent love life, especially when her first date in months gets cut short by an urgent call from the chief of police. A body has been discovered at Lighthouse Point, and news of the homicide quickly reverberates through Nicole's hometown... Leading the investigation is Emmet Davis, a veteran detective and Nicole's fiercest rival at work. With Emmet calling the shots, Nicole is keen to find a lead, but when another body appears and she starts to see a bizarre pattern, no one believes her... As the stakes grow ever higher, Nicole must put aside her tumultuous feelings and work closely with Emmet to figure out who is targeting her beloved hometown... before she becomes a target herself.

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Not In Love by **Ali Hazelwood** (UK B 19.7x12.8
 Paperback—\$27). Rue Siebert might not have it all,
 but she has enough: a few friends she can always
 count on, the financial stability she yearned for as a
 kid, and a successful career as a biotech engineer at
 Kline, one of the most promising start-ups in the
 field of food science. Her world is stable, pleasant,
 and hard-fought. Until a hostile takeover and its
 offensively attractive front man threatens to bring it
 all crumbling down... Eli Killgore and his business
 partners want Kline, period. Eli has his own reasons
 for pushing this deal through—and he's a man who
 gets what he wants. With one burning exception:
 Rue. The woman he can't stop thinking about. The
 woman who's off-limits to him... Torn between
 loyalty and an undeniable attraction, Rue and Eli
 throw caution out the lab and the boardroom
 windows. Their affair is secret, no-strings-attached,
 and has a built-in deadline: the day one of their
 companies will prevail. But the heart is risky
 business—one that plays for keeps.

Happy Place by **Emily Henry** (UK B 19.7x13.0
 Paperback—\$25). 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. Their annual
 respite from the world, where for one vibrant,
 blissful week they leave behind their daily lives;
 have copious amounts of cheese, wine, and seafood;
 and soak up the salty coastal air with the people
 who understand them most... Only this year,
 Harriet and Wyn are lying through their teeth while
 trying not to notice how desperately they still want
 each other. Because the cottage is for sale and this
 is the last week they'll all have together in this
 place. They can't stand to break their friends'
 hearts, and so they'll play their parts. Harriet will be
 the driven surgical resident who never starts a fight,
 and Wyn will be the laid-back charmer who never
 lets the cracks show. It's a flawless plan (if you look
 at it from a great distance and through a pair of
 sunscreen-smearing sunglasses). 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?

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Funny Story by **Emily Henry** (UK Royal
 Paperback—\$35). Daphne always loved the way her
 fiancé Peter told their story. How they met (on a
 blustery day), fell in love (over an errant hat), and
 moved back to his lakeside hometown to begin their
 life together. He really was good at telling it... right
 up until the moment he realized he was actually in
 love with his childhood best friend Petra... Which is
 how Daphne begins her new story: Stranded in
 beautiful Waning Bay, Michigan, without friends or
 family but with a dream job as a children's librarian
 (that barely pays the bills), and proposing to be
 roommates with the only person who could possibly
 understand her predicament: Petra's ex, Miles
 Nowak... Scruffy and chaotic—with a penchant for
 taking solace in the sounds of heart break love
 ballads—Miles is exactly the opposite of practical,
 buttoned up Daphne, whose coworkers know so
 little about her they have a running bet that she's
 either FBI or in witness protection. The roommates
 mainly avoid one another, until one day, while
 drowning their sorrows, they form a tenuous
 friendship and a plan. If said plan also involves
 posting deliberately misleading photos of their
 summer adventures together, well, who could blame
 them?... But it's all just for show, of course,
 because there's no way Daphne would actually start
 her new chapter by falling in love with her ex-
 fiancé's new fiancée's ex... right?

King of Sloth by **Ana Huang** (UK B 19.6x12.7
 Paperback—\$27). *Kings of Sin Series*. He'd never
 wanted anyone enough to chase them... until he
 met her... Charming, easygoing, and rich beyond
 belief, Xavier Castillo has the world at his
 fingertips... He also has no interest in taking over
 his family's empire (much to his father's chagrin),
 but that hasn't stopped women from throwing
 themselves at him... unless the woman in question
 is his publicist... Nothing brings him more joy than
 riling her up, but when a tragedy forces them closer
 than ever, he must grapple with the uncertainty of
 his future—and the realization that the only person
 immune to his charms is the only one he truly
 wants... Cool, intelligent, and ambitious, Sloane
 Kensington is a high-powered publicist who's used
 to dealing with difficult clients... However, none
 infuriate—or tempt—her more than a certain
 billionaire heir, with his stupid dimples and laid-
 back attitude... She may be forced to work with

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him, but she'll never fall for him... no matter how fast he makes her heart beat or how thoughtful he is beneath his party persona... He's her client, and that's all he'll ever be. Right?

The Dixon Rule by **Elle Kennedy** (UK B 19.7x12.8 Paperback—\$27). *Campus Diaries Series*. Diana Dixon has a lot going on this summer. She's rehearsing for a ballroom dance competition, juggling two jobs, and dealing with an ex-boyfriend who can't take the hint it's over. Yet despite all that, she still has plenty of time and energy to tell Shane Lindley to screw off... Shane just moved into her apartment building and seems dedicated to sleeping his way through her entire cheerleading squad. Sure, he's a tall, gorgeous hockey player, but he's messing with her turf. This calls for some ground rules: no parties in her apartment, leave her teammates alone, and—most importantly—leave her alone... What Diana doesn't realize is that Shane's sick of hook-ups and tired of being on the rebound after his long-term girlfriend called it quits. He wants a relationship. And when his ex comes back into the picture, he pretends he has one to make her jealous... and who better to play the girlfriend role than his sassy new neighbour?... Despite Diana's reluctance to break her rule, a fake relationship is the perfect solution for her own ex issues, and soon she can't deny something is sizzling between her and Shane. Something hot and completely unexpected... And it might just be getting a little too real.

Bloody Heart by **Sophie Lark** (UK B 19.8x12.8 Paperback—\$29). *Brutal Birthright Series*. Simone Solomon lives in a gilded cage. She's been raised to wealth, privilege, and above all, obedience. But one night, on her way to another tedious gala in the back of a limousine, Simone is abducted by a mafioso who intended to steal a car, not a girl... and everything changes... Dante Gallo looks like a beast and behaves like one, too—until he lays eyes on Simone in the rearview mirror and falls hard and fast for his accidental hostage. Their attraction is irresistible, even if it's completely wrong. They're willing to risk everything for each other, but with one disastrous move, they're split apart again... After nine years of ignoring Simone's perfect face on billboards and magazines, Dante thinks he's finally moved on... but then he sees her in the flesh. He hasn't forgotten. Neither has she. And now, fate has granted them a chance to reconnect... But Simone has a secret. A mistake she fears even a beast like Dante will never forgive her for... Perhaps what fate has really given them is the chance to make each other's hearts bleed all over again.

Minx by **Sophie Lark** (UK B 19.6x13.0 Paperback—\$29). Ramses Howell is a self-made man. He's proven he can get what he wants, and from the moment Blake Abbot catches his eye, she becomes his top priority... Blake wonders what took Ramses so long—she knew who he was years before... They strike a deal to play a very specific game... Ramses created the game for Blake... Blake adds rules that Ramses has no intention of following... As fantasy invades reality, the arrangement consumes them both... Blake and Ramses cross lines they swore they never would, and each begins to question what they thought they always wanted.

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The Paradise Problem by **Christina Lauren** (UK B 19.6x12.8 Paperback—\$27). Anna Green thought she was marrying Liam 'West' Weston for access to subsidized family housing while at UCLA. She also thought she'd signed divorce papers when the graduation caps were tossed, and they both went on their merry ways... Three years later, Anna is a starving artist living paycheck to paycheck while West is a Stanford professor. He may be one of four heirs to the Weston Foods conglomerate, but he has little interest in working for the heartless corporation his family built from the ground up. He is interested, however, in his one-hundred-million-dollar inheritance. There's just one catch... Due to an antiquated clause in his grandfather's will, Liam won't see a penny until he's been happily married for five years. Just when Liam thinks he's in the home stretch, pressure mounts from his family to see this mysterious spouse, and he has no choice but to turn to the one person he's afraid to introduce to his one-percenter parents—his unpolished, not-so-ex-wife... But in the presence of his family, Liam's fears quickly shift from whether the feisty, foul-mouthed, paint-splattered Anna can play the part to whether the toxic world of wealth will corrupt someone as pure of heart as his grounded and loyal wife. Liam will have to ask himself if the price tag on his flimsy cover story is worth losing true love that sprouted from a lie.

Mr Fixer Upper by **Lucy Score** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$27). It's a constant battle on set between sexy home renovation reality star grumpy Gannon and his no-nonsense field producer. Paige has zero time for temperamental talent, especially one who acts like being in front of the camera is the last thing he wants... Mr. Sex in a Toolbelt has made it his mission in life to get a rise out of her, but Paige is a master at locking down her temper. They're on the road together working long hours fixing houses and changing lives. When cracks in her legendary coolness start to show and sparks fly, Gannon is infatuated and the cameras are there to capture it... But he's fallen for pretty packages before and Paige won't be taken seriously if she's caught sleeping with the star of her show. She also can't seem to resist those big, rough hands. Those smouldery hazel eyes. The dimples. The toolbelt. That fiercely protective vibe... Too bad it's all about to fall apart... She never should have trusted him... He never should have let her go.

Caught Up by **Liz Tomforde** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$27). *Windy City Series*. *Kai* I'm a single dad and starting pitcher for Chicago's MLB team. I'm stretched too thin, but I don't want help raising my son. Each of his previous nannies only lasted a few weeks before I let them go. Now, my coach is putting his foot down by hiring the one person I can't fire—his daughter... Miller Montgomery is the last woman I should fall for. Too wild, too young, and too unattached. But now summer feels too short... *Miller* With only two months to get back on track as a high-end pastry chef, I should be focusing in the kitchen, but instead, I let my dad talk me into using my time off to nanny for his star player's kid. But when Kai Rhodes and his son start to feel like home, I have to remind us both that my time in Chicago ends with the summer... Besides,

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I've always been a runner, and the last thing I want is to get caught.

Taming 7 by **Chloe Walsh** (UK B 19.5x12.8 Paperback—\$27). *Boys of Tommen Series*. She's the quintessential sunshine girl. He's the lovable class clown. But storm clouds are rolling in, and this Tommen boy is about to get serious... Tommen's cheeky lad, Gerard 'Gibsie' Gibson, is a comedian at heart, but underneath his happy-go-lucky-nature lurks a broken boy, tortured by the events of his past. Using humour to cope with his demons, Gibsie hides everything from the world... Only one person knows who he truly is on the inside. His friend's little sister. His Claire-bear... Enveloped in sunshine, Claire Biggs, has spent her whole life adoring the boy across the street. Her brother's friend. Seeing a side to Gerard that no one else sees, Claire is determined to tame her wild-at-heart childhood best friend... But when the unexpected occurs and lines are crossed, will Gibsie and Claire's friendship survive? Will it blossom into something more, or will they lose themselves in the riptide?

Leather and Lark by **Brynn Weaver** (UK B 19.6x12.6 Paperback—\$27). *Ruinous Love Trilogy*. Every killer claims a soul. Every phantom wants revenge... All contract killer Lachlan Kane wants is a quiet life. But when he botches a job for his boss's biggest client, Lachlan knows he'll never claw his way out of the underworld. At least, not until Lark Montague offers him a deal: use his skills to hunt down a killer and she'll find a way to secure his freedom... The catch? He has to marry her first. And they can't stand each other... Indie singer-songwriter Lark may seem like sunshine and glitter personified but she has her own secrets hiding in the shadows. With her formidable family in a tailspin and her best friend's happiness on the line, she's willing to make a vow to the man she's determined to hate, no matter how tempting the broody assassin might be... As Lachlan and Lark navigate the dark world that binds them together, it becomes impossible to discern their fake marriage from a real one. But it's not just familiar dangers that haunt them. There's another phantom lurking on their doorstep... And this one has come for blood.

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

Disturbing the Dead by **Kelley Armstrong** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$39). *Rip Through Time Series*. Victorian Scotland is becoming less strange to modern-day homicide detective Mallory Atkinson. Though inhabiting someone else's body will always be unsettling, even if her employers know that she's not actually housemaid Catriona Mitchell, ever since the night both of them were attacked in the same dark alley 150 years apart. Mallory likes her job as assistant to undertaker/medical examiner Dr. Duncan Gray, and is developing true friends—and feelings—in this century... So, understanding the Victorian fascination with death, Mallory isn't that surprised when she and her friends are invited to a mummy unwrapping at the home of Sir Alastair Christie. When their host is missing when it comes time to unwrap the mummy, Gray and Mallory are asked to step in. And upon closer inspection, it's not a mummy they've unwrapped, but a much more modern body.

Crime, Mystery & Thriller contd

A Limited Edition Murder by **Lauren Elliott** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Beyond the Page Bookstore Mystery Series*. While in England, a first edition of Emily Brontë's *Wuthering Heights* leads bookstore owner Addie Greyborne to a murder on the moors... Although enjoying her extended stay working at Second Chance Books and Bindery in West Yorkshire, Addie still feels adrift—far from home, her friends, and her own beloved bookstore, Beyond the Page Books and Curios. The engagement party of her dear friend, Tony, at Milton Manor promises to be a joyful distraction. But there's an ill wind blowing at the estate: When Tony presents his fiancé with a special copy of *Wuthering Heights* as an engagement gift, the lord of the manor insists the book was stolen from his library... Things go from troubling to tragic when Addie takes her Yorkipoo, Pippi, out for a walk on the moors and stumbles across the body of a young woman. When the police suspect Tony of foul play, Addie vows to get to the bottom of what's going on. But it's a twisted, treacherous path to the truth and Addie will need to watch her every step...

Hiss Me Deadly by **Miranda James** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Cat in the Stacks Mystery Series*. Librarian Charlie Harris remembers Wilfred "Wil" Threadgill as one of the outsiders during high school in Athena. Although Wil was a couple of years ahead of him and his friend Melba Gilley, Melba had a big crush on Wil, who dropped out after his junior year. An aspiring musician, Wil hit the road for California and never looked back. Wil eventually became a star, fronting a band and writing award-winning songs... Coming back to Athena to work for two weeks with students in the college music department, Wil is now the big man on campus. Not everyone is happy to have him back, however. His entourage have been the target of several acts of petty harassment. At first they are easy for Wil to shrug off, but the incidents escalate and become more troubling. When one of the band members is killed Charlie worries that Melba, now deeply involved with the man at the center of the attacks, could be in deadly danger. It is up to Charlie and his Maine coon cat Diesel to find out who hates Wil Threadgill enough to silence his song... forever!

None of this is True by **Lisa Jewell** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$25). Celebrating her forty-fifth birthday at her local pub, popular podcaster Alix Summer crosses paths with an unassuming woman called Josie Fair. Josie is also celebrating her forty-fifth birthday... A few days later, Alix and Josie bump into each other again outside Alix's children's school. Josie has been listening to Alix's podcasts and thinks she might be an interesting subject for her series. She is, she tells Alix, on the cusp of great changes in her life... Josie's life appears to be strange and complicated, and although Alix finds her unsettling, she can't resist the temptation to keep making the podcast. Slowly she starts to realize that Josie is hiding some dark secrets, and before she knows it, Josie has inveigled her way into Alix's life—and her home... But, as quickly as she arrived, Josie disappears. Only then does Alix discover that Josie has left a terrifying legacy in her wake, and that Alix has become the subject of her own true crime podcast, with her life and her family's lives under threat... Who is Josie? And what has she done?

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Then She Was Gone by **Lisa Jewell** (UK B 19.5x12.8 Paperback—\$25). Ellie was her mother's golden girl. She had her whole life ahead of her. And then, in the blink of an eye, Ellie was gone... Ten years on, Laurel has never given up hope of finding Ellie. And then she meets a charming and charismatic stranger who sweeps her off her feet... But what really takes her breath away is when she meets his nine-year-old daughter... Because his daughter is the image of Ellie... Now all those unanswered questions that have haunted Laurel come flooding back... What really happened to Ellie? And who still has secrets to hide?

One By One by **Freida McFadden** (UK B 19.8x13.0 Paperback—\$25). A night spent sleeping on dirt and leaves is not how Claire Matchett expected to spend her vacation... She thought this would be a break from the stresses of work and raising her young children. A chance to repair her damaged marriage. A week of hiking and hot tubs with two other couple friends. It sounded like heaven... Then Claire's minivan breaks down on a lonely dirt road. With no cell reception, the group has no choice but to hike the rest of the way to their hotel. But it turns out the woods aren't as easy to navigate as they thought... Hours later, they are lost. Hopelessly lost... And as they navigate deeper into the woods, the members of their party are struck down mysteriously one by one. Has a wild animal been hunting them? Or is the hunter one of them?... But as more time passes, one thing becomes clear: Only one of them will return home alive.

The Antique Hunter's Guide to Murder by **C.L. Miller** (UK Royal Paperback—\$35). *Antique Hunters Series. Freya, it's down to you to finish what I started...* Freya Lockwood has avoided the quaint English village in which she grew up for the last 20 years. That is until news arrives that Arthur Crockleford, antiques dealer and Freya's estranged mentor, has died—and the circumstances seem suspicious... *You will uncover an invitation, I implore you to attend...* But when a letter from Arthur is delivered, sent just days before his death, and an ordinary pine chest concealing Arthur's journals are revealed, Freya finds herself sucked back into a life she'd sworn to leave behind... *But beware, trust no one. Your life depends on it...* Joining forces with her eccentric Aunt Carole, Arthur's staunch best friend, Freya follows both clues and her instincts to an old manor house for an 'antiques enthusiasts weekend'. But not is all as it seems; the antiques are bad reproductions and the guests all have something to hide... Can Freya and Carole solve the mystery and unearth the killer before they strike again?

The Last Devil to Die by **Richard Osman** (UK B 19.5x13.0 Paperback—\$25). *Thursday Murder Club Mystery Series.* Shocking news reaches the Thursday Murder Club... An old friend in the antiques business has been killed, and a dangerous package he was protecting has gone missing... As the gang springs into action they encounter art forgers, online fraudsters and drug dealers, as well as heartache close to home... With the body count rising, the package still missing and trouble firmly on their tail, has their luck finally run out? And who will be the last devil to die?

The Conditions of Unconditional Love by **Alexander McCall Smith** (UK Royal Paperback—\$35).

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Isabel Dalhousie Series. It seems as if Isabel's life has fallen into a comfortable and tidy rhythm. Well, as tidy as things can be with two small boys wreaking havoc around the house. But when her husband, Jamie, invites a woman named Dawn—recently embroiled in a contentious affair with a member of Jamie's orchestra—to stay with them, things begin to go awry. Strange noises can be heard from the upper floor, even when Dawn is supposedly at work, and the couple wonders whether something nefarious may be afoot... If that weren't enough, Professor Robert Lettuce is staging an academic conference and has asked Isabel to publish the conference papers in a special issue of the *Review of Applied Ethics*. But something is definitely suspect about the funding, and it will be up to Isabel to sort it out. As the truth comes to light, Isabel must rely on her kindness, powers of deduction and philosophical expertise to navigate these sensitive matters.

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The Ministry of Time by **Kaliane Bradley** (UK Royal Paperback—\$35). A boy meets a girl. The past meets the future. A finger meets a trigger. The beginning meets the end. England is forever. England must fall... In the near future, a disaffected civil servant is offered a lucrative job in a mysterious new government ministry gathering 'expats' from across history to test the limits of time-travel... Her role is to work as a 'bridge': living with, assisting and monitoring the expat known as '1847'—Commander Graham Gore. As far as history is concerned, Commander Gore died on Sir John Franklin's doomed expedition to the Arctic, so he's a little disoriented to find himself alive and surrounded by outlandish concepts such as 'washing machine', 'Spotify' and 'the collapse of the British Empire'. With an appetite for discovery and a seven-a-day cigarette habit, he soon adjusts; and during a long, sultry summer he and his bridge move from awkwardness to genuine friendship, to something more... But as the true shape of the project that brought them together begins to emerge, Gore and the bridge are forced to confront their past choices and imagined futures. Can love triumph over the structures and histories that have shaped them? And how do you defy history when history is living in your house?

The Throne of Honor and Blood by **J. Bree** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$52). *Mortal Fates Series.* In our arrogance, the high fae forgot everything that mattered. I carved out a reputation as the Savage Prince for my brutality against witches, but unable to wield our magic, I couldn't stop my kingdom from being torn apart by war and famine while the Fates demanded my patience... The worst was still to come... After almost a thousand years of waiting for my Fates-blessed mate, and thousands of witches dead by my hand, the Fates revealed their cruelest truth yet... With silver eyes that sliced to the bone and a humility that defied all reason, the witch I'm bound to has tested every inch of my restraint, but that was only the beginning... Everything I once knew as true has come into question. Loyalties will be tested, treaties broken, treason committed, and only the strongest will survive... I am Prince Soren Celestial... The rightful heir to the throne of the Southern Lands. Nothing will keep me from my Fates-blessed mate. Not even her hatred for me.

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The Ashes and the Star-Cursed King by **Carissa Broadbent** (UK Royal Paperback—\$35). *Crowns of Nyxia Series*. Love is a sacrifice at the altar of power... In the wake of the Kejari, everything Oraya once thought to be true has been destroyed. A prisoner in her own kingdom, grieving the only family she ever had, and reeling from a gutting betrayal, she no longer even knows the truth of her own blood. She's left only with one certainty: she cannot trust anyone, least of all Raihn... The House of Night, too, is surrounded by enemies. Raihn's own nobles are none too eager to accept a Turned king, especially one who was once a slave. And the House of Blood digs their claws into the kingdom, threatening to tear it apart from the inside... When Raihn offers Oraya a secret alliance, taking the deal is her only chance at reclaiming her kingdom—and gaining her vengeance against the lover who betrayed her. But to do so, she'll need to harness a devastating ancient power, intertwined with her father's greatest secrets... But with enemies closing in on all sides, nothing is as it seems. As she unravels her past and faces her future, Oraya finds herself forced to choose between the bloody reality of seizing power—and the devastating love that could be her downfall.

The Crimson Moth by **Kristen Ciccarelli** (UK Royal Paperback—\$30). *Crimson Moth Series*. Enemies-to-lovers doesn't get more high stakes than a witch and a witch hunter falling in love... On the night Rune's life changed forever, blood ran in the streets. Now, in the aftermath of a devastating revolution, witches have been diminished from powerful rulers to outcasts ruthlessly hunted due to their waning magic, and Rune must hide what she is... Spending her days pretending to be nothing more than a vapid young socialite, Rune spends her nights as the Crimson Moth, a witch vigilante who rescues her kind from being purged. When a rescue goes wrong, she decides to throw the witch hunters off her scent and gain the intel she desperately needs by courting the handsome Gideon Sharpe—a notorious and unforgiving witch hunter loyal to the revolution—who she can't help but find herself falling for... Gideon loathes the decadence and superficiality Rune represents, but when he learns the Crimson Moth has been using Rune's merchant ships to smuggle renegade witches out of the republic, he inserts himself into her social circles by pretending to court her right back. He soon realizes that beneath her beauty and shallow façade, is someone fiercely intelligent and tender who feels like his perfect match. Except, what if she's the very villain he's been hunting? (*This book is called Heartless Hunter in North America*).

Five Broken Blades by **Mai Corland** (UK Royal Paperback—\$34). *Five Broken Blades Series*. Five ruthless killers. Five deadly motives. One King—who must die... The king of Yusan must die... The five most dangerous liars in the land have been mysteriously summoned to work together for a single objective: to kill the God King Joon... He has it coming. Under his merciless immortal hand, the nobles flourish, while the poor and innocent are imprisoned, ruined... or sold... And now each of the five blades will come for him. Each has tasted bitterness—from the hired hitman seeking atonement, a lovely assassin who seeks freedom, or

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even the prince banished for his cruel crimes. None can resist the sweet, icy lure of vengeance... They can agree on murder... They can agree on treachery... But for these five killers—each versed in deception, lies, and betrayal—it's not enough to forge an alliance. To survive, they'll have to find a way to trust each other... but only one can take the crown... Let the best liar win. (*This book is also available as a North American special edition hardcover \$64*).

Ice Planet Barbarians by **Ruby Dixon** (US 20.6x13.7 Trade Paperback—\$29). *Ice Planet Barbarians Series*. Fall in love with the out-of-this-world romance between Georgie Carruthers, a human woman, and Vektal, an alien from another planet!... You'd think being abducted by aliens would be the worst thing that could happen to me. And you'd be wrong. Because now the aliens are having ship trouble, and they've left their cargo of human women—including me—on an ice planet... We're not equipped for life in this desolate winter wasteland. Since I'm the unofficial leader, I head out into the snow to look for help... I find help all right. A big blue horned alien introduces himself in a rather... startling way. Vektal says that I'm his mate, his chosen female—and that the reason his chest is purring is because of my presence. He'll help me and my people survive, but this poses a new problem... If Vektal helps us survive, I'm not sure he's going to want to let me go.

Old Flames and New Fortunes by **Sarah Hogle** (UK B 19.8x12.7 Paperback—\$27). *Moonville Series*. Fibs and squabbles and spells... oh my!... A small, magical town tucked away in rural Ohio, Moonville is the perfect place for floral witch Romina Tempest to use the language of flowers to help the hopeful manifest love in their lives. After giving up on her own big romance eleven years ago, at least she can bask in others' happily ever afters... When the shop's potential financier shares news of his wedding, Romina jumps at the opportunity to discuss the business... even if it means she has to fake-date her chaotic colleague Trevor to get an invitation. But all hell breaks loose when she discovers Trevor's soon-to-be stepbrother is none other than Alex King: her high school sweetheart. Her greatest love. The boy who broke her heart... What starts as an innocent misunderstanding becomes a weeklong fake-dating scheme, as Romina quickly finds out she can't deny her connection with Alex. Caught between her livelihood and her heart, Romina must decide if taking a second chance on first love is worth the risk.

A Duel with the Vampire Lord by **Elise Kova** (UK B 19.6x12.9 Paperback—\$27). *Married to Magic Series*. On the night of the blood moon, the Vampire Lord must die... Floriane's position as the forge maiden of Hunter's Hamlet is one of reverence, for it is her skill that arms and protects the vampire hunters. She knows her place and is a faithful servant to the Master Hunter and her community... until the night of the blood moon. Until her brother is dying at the hands of the Vampire Lord Ruvan... Wanting to defend her home at all costs, Floriane fights the vampire lord, ready to give her life if it means taking his. But Ruvan doesn't want to take her life... he wants her... Kidnapped and brought to

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the vampire castle, Floriane is now blood sworn to the vampire lord. She is bound in mind and body to her worst enemy. But Ruvan isn't the fiend she thought he was. She learns the truth of the vampires: They are not mindless monsters, but a proud people, twisted and tortured by an ancient curse... Ruvan believes that Floriane might be the key to ending his people's suffering. All Floriane wants is to defend her home. Loyalties are tested and the lines between truth and lie, hate and passion, are blurred... When her dagger is at his chest, will she be able to take the heart of the man who has claimed hers?

My Room Mate is a Vampire by **Jenna Levine** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$25). Two strangers. One apartment. Will it be love at first... bite?... Cassie Greenberg needs a new place to live, and fast. When she finds an affordable apartment in a beautiful neighbourhood, she knows there must be a catch... Of course, her new roommate Frederick J. Fitzwilliam is far from normal. He sleeps all day, is out at night on business, and talks like he walked out of a regency romance novel... He also leaves Cassie heart-melting notes around the apartment, always asks about her day, and doesn't look half bad shirtless on the rare occasions they're both home and awake... There's no denying there's a spark between them—but there's also a secret... With true love at stake, will Frederick come clean?

By The Orchid and The Owl by **Mariah Montoya** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$28). *The Esholian Institute Series*. On the island of Eshol, a ruling council gifts magic to all its citizen—whether they want it or not... Eighteen-year-old Rayna Drey should be excited for her Branding, when the island's Good Council will infuse her blood with one of five sanctioned—the ability to wield elements, summon objects, shift forms, talk to wildlife, or manipulate minds. The Good Council is good. The Branding doesn't hurt. And the institution she must attend afterward, to learn how to control her new gift, is only a little dangerous... Or, at least, that's what Rayna has always heard. As soon as she arrives at the Esholian Institute, however, a peer-pressured dare makes her explode with a power as deadly as it is forbidden. Worse yet, the only one who can teach her how to hide it from the Good Council is Coen Steeler, a much-too-handsome fifth-year who can manipulate minds as easily as he breathes. He alone understands Rayna's forbidden power... because he has the same one... With their secret in each other's hands, Rayna soon uncovers other dark secrets that threaten the very foundation of the island itself. And the worst of them? If the Good Council finds out what lurks in her and Coen's blood, they'll both face a fate beyond obedience—and a punishment worse than death.

A Deadly Education by **Naomi Novik** (UK B 19.6x12.9 Paperback—\$25). *Scholomance Series*. Enter a school of magic unlike any you have ever encountered... There are no teachers, no holidays, friendships are purely strategic, and the odds of survival are never equal. Once you're inside, there are only two ways out—you graduate or you die... El Higgins is uniquely prepared for the school's many dangers. She may be without allies, but she possesses a dark power strong enough to level

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mountains and wipe out untold millions—never mind easily destroy the countless monsters that prowl the school... Except, she might accidentally kill all the other students, too. So El is trying her hardest not to use it . . . that is, unless she has no other choice.

When the Moon Hatched by **Sarah A. Parker** (UK Royal Paperback—\$35). *NZ Author. Moonfall Series*. The Creators did not expect their beloved dragons to sail skyward upon their end. To curl into balls just beyond gravity's grip, littering the sky with tombstones. With moons... They certainly did not expect them to fall... As a valued Elding Blade of the rebellion group Fiur du Ath, Raeve's job is to kill. To complete orders and never get caught. When a renowned bounty hunter is employed by The Crown to capture a member of the Ath, Raeve's world is turned upside down. Blood spills, hearts break, and Raeve finds herself at the mercy of the Guild of Nobles—a group of dual-beaded elementals who intend to turn her into a political statement. Only death will set her free... Crushed beneath a mourning weight, Kaan Vaegor took the head of a king and donned his melted crown. Now on a tireless quest to assuage the never-ebbing ache in his chest, his hunt for a moonshard lures him into the belly of Gore's notorious prison where he stumbles upon something that rips apart his perception of reality. A shackled miracle with eyes full of rage and blood on her hands... The echo of the past sings louder than the Creators themselves, and even Raeve can't ignore the truths blaring at her from a warmer, happier time... However... There's more to this song than meets the eye, and some truths ... They're too poisonous to swallow.

Powerless by **Lauren Roberts** (UK B 19.7x12.9 Paperback—\$28). *Powerless Trilogy*. She is the very thing he's spent his whole life hunting. He is the very thing she's spent her whole life pretending to be... Only the extraordinary belong in the kingdom of Ilya—the exceptional, the empowered, the Elites... The powers these Elites have possessed for decades were graciously gifted to them by the Plague, though not all were fortunate enough to both survive the sickness and reap the reward. Those born Ordinary are just that—ordinary. And when the king decreed that all Ordinaries be banished in order to preserve his Elite society, lacking an ability suddenly became a crime—making Paedyn Gray a felon by fate and a thief by necessity... Surviving in the slums as an Ordinary is no simple task, and Paedyn knows this better than most. Having been trained by her father to be overly observant since she was a child, Paedyn poses as a Psychic in the crowded city, blending in with the Elites as best she can in order to stay alive and out of trouble. Easier said than done... When Paedyn unsuspectingly saves one of Ilya's princes, she finds herself thrown into the Purging Trials. The brutal competition exists to showcase the Elites' powers—the very thing Paedyn lacks. If the Trials and the opponents within them don't kill her, the prince she's fighting feelings for certainly will if he discovers what she is—completely Ordinary.

A Court This Cruel and Lovely by **Stacia Stark** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$25). *NZ Author. Kingdom of Lies Series*. Just hours after humans are born, the gods take what little power we have. In

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return, they protect our borders from the vicious, merciless fae... The humans who manage to keep their power are known as the corrupt. And they are put to death... When my forbidden power is discovered, I'm forced to flee my tiny village and the life I adore... To survive, I make a desperate bargain with the mercenary. A dark and brooding man. Whose face I have been seeing in my dreams... It's agreed that I'll help him into the city. And he'll help me learn to wield the strange, dark power I've kept hidden... The power that may just be the key to my survival... But the ruthless mercenary is hiding secrets of his own. Secrets that threaten the safety of everyone I love... Secrets that could tear this kingdom—and perhaps even this world—apart...

Bespelled by **Laura Thalassa** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$29). *Bewitched Series*. Neither magic, nor time, can keep us apart. We are like the stars. Eternal... No one told witch Selene Bowers having a soul mate would be so difficult. Nor did they warn her that he might be a vengeful, ancient sorcerer who would frame her for murder, force her to remember a past life he swears she lived, and then coerce her into an unbreakable marriage pact. But that's exactly what happens the night of the Samhain Ball, when Selene finds herself in a jail cell... After waking from enchanted sleep, Memnon swore to discover why Selene betrayed him long ago. But when his soul mate's memories return, the truth reveals something else entirely. Horrified by his own actions and desperate to make amends, Memnon offers Selene the unthinkable: a magic bond that will give her full control over his will. And Selene is desperate enough to accept it... But other enemies still haunt Henbane Coven, Selene's magical academy, and they've taken a keen interest in her. If she wants to stop them, she'll need Memnon's help. But partnering with the sorcerer is a tricky business, especially when he's dead set on winning her heart. And that can't happen... because the bond controlling him will break the moment she falls in love with him.

The Hemlock Queen by **Hannah Whitten** (UK Royal Paperback—\$35). *Nightshade Crown Series*. The glittering and dangerous world of the Sainted King's royal court is forever changed by Prince Bastian's ascension to the throne—and the dark forces gathering beneath it... The corrupt king August is dead. Prince Bastian has seized the throne and raised Lore—a necromancer and former smuggler—to his right-hand side. Together they plan to cut out the rot from the heart of the royal court and help the people of Delleaire. But not everyone is happy with the changes. The nobles are sowing dissent and the Kirythean Empire is beating down their door. Even Prince Bastian has changed. No longer the hopeful, rakish, charismatic man Lore knows and loves, instead he's become reckless, domineering and cold... And something has been whispering in her ear. A voice, dark and haunting, that's telling her there's more to the story than she knows and more to her power than she can even imagine. A truth buried deep that could change everything... With Bastian's coronation fast approaching and enemies whispering on all sides, Lore must figure out how to protect herself, her prince and her country before they all come crumbling down and whatever dark power has been creeping through the catacombs is unleashed.

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The Duke Has Done It Again by **Jane Ashford** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Duke's Estates Series*. How can they stay rivals when they're falling in love?... As children of the two most prominent families in town, Gavin Keighley and Rose Denholme have been enemies their whole lives. When the Duke and Duchess of Tereford come to town to get their estate in order, they invite Gavin, Rose, and their families for a visit to settle the feud once and for all. But as jealousy takes root, the entire town begins to compete for the attention of the duke and duchess, forcing Gavin and Rose to choose between fighting for their family interests or fighting for the love that's blossoming between them.

Miss Dramatic by **Grace Burrowes** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). *Mischief in Mayfair Series*. Gavin DeWitt has given up a career on the stage to take his place among the respectable gentry of Crosspatch Corners. His older sister has married quite well, and now it's Gavin's job to ensure he and his younger siblings make an excellent impression on polite society too. He's handsome, witty, charming—and quietly dying inside—but nonetheless playing the role of country gentleman desperately well... Enter Mrs. Rose Roberts, a widow from Gavin's theatrical past. She broke his heart when last they parted, but oddly enough, he broke her heart too. Can they piece together what really happened and forge a future together, despite the forces of mischief and mayhem plotting more fiercely than ever to keep them apart?

The Lady Plays With Fire by **Susanna Craig** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Goode's Guide to Misconduct Series*. As the daughter of a clergyman, Julia Addison knows she'll never be able to fulfill her lifelong dream of acting on the stage. But writing forthright reviews of the Season's most popular plays for Mrs. Goode's Magazine for Misses, popularly known as Goode's Guide to Misconduct is surely the next best thing. Even better, she's got a ticket to Ransom Blackadder's latest irritating satire about English society. Best of all, she's sharing a theater box with the gruff but handsome Lord Dunstane, which is enough to make Julia call for an encore... Graham McKay, the Earl of Dunstane, rarely leaves his home in the Scottish Highlands. Why would he? Nothing about London has ever held his interest—until he meets Julia. But when Graham realizes she is the critic who panned his last play—and she discovers he is in fact the man behind Blackadder's wicked pen—will it bring down the curtain on their romance—not to mention the magazine that published the humiliating review? Or can an unexpected collaboration set the stage for a scandalous love affair?

The Gentleman's Gambit by **Evie Dunmore** (UK B 19.6x12.6 Paperback—\$27). *League of Extraordinary Women Series*. Bookish suffragist Catriona Campbell is busy: an ailing estate, academic writer's block, a tense time for England's women's rights campaign—the last thing she needs is to be stuck playing host to her father's distractingly attractive young colleague... Deeply introverted Catriona lives for her work at Oxford and her fight for women's suffrage. She dreams of romance, too, but since all her attempts at love have ended badly, she now keeps her desires firmly locked inside her head—until she climbs out of a Scottish loch after a good swim and finds herself

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rather exposed to her new colleague... Elias Khoury has wheedled his way into Professor Campbell's circle under false pretences: he did not come to Oxford to classify ancient artefacts, he is determined to take them back to his homeland in the Middle East. Winning Catriona's favour could be the key to his success. Unfortunately, seducing the coolly intense lady scholar quickly becomes a mission in itself and his well-laid plans are in danger of derailing... Forced into close proximity in Oxford's hallowed halls, two very different people have to face the fact that they might just be a perfect match. Soon, a risky new game begins that asks Catriona one more time to put her heart and wildest dreams at stake.

The Heiress's Daughter by **Anne Gracie** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *The Brides of Bellaire Gardens Series*. A dashing rake must prove he has changed his scandalous ways to win his one true love from the arms of another... Heiress Clarissa Studley yearns to be loved for more than her fortune. Warmhearted, but plain and shy, she wishes to marry, but has two firm rules: no rakes and no fortune-hunters—her father was both, and she'll never forget the misery he caused... So, when Race, Lord Randall, starts to pay Clarissa attention, she knows she must keep him at a distance. Attractive and charming he might be, Race's reputation precedes him and she's observed first hand his flirtatious ways with London society beauties. But Race sees a beauty in Clarissa that others cannot, and for the first time in his life, he is truly in love. And when a rival for Clarissa's affections appears—a handsome, wounded war hero, heir to his great-aunt's fortune—Race becomes desperate as Clarissa seems tempted to make a safer, tamer choice... Can Race convince Clarissa that his love is true and that she can trust him with her heart? And can Clarissa put aside her unhappy past, and follow her heart, despite the risk of loving a rake?

Never Wager with a Wallflower by **Virginia Heath** (UK B 19.7x13.0 Paperback—\$29). *Merriwell Sisters Series*. Miss Venus Merriwell has been waiting for her prince to come since the tender age of fourteen. She wants a man who is a selfless academic like her, and free from all the wretched vices her gambler father enjoyed far too much before he left the Merriwell sisters practically destitute. Unfortunately, after a slew of romantic disappointments, there is still no sign of that prince at twenty-three and the only one true love of her life is the bursting-at-the-seams orphanage in Covent Garden that she works tirelessly for. An orphanage that desperately needs to expand into the empty building next door... For Galahad Sinclair, gambling isn't just his life, it's in his blood. He grew up and learned the trade at his grandfather's knee in a tavern on the far away banks of the Hudson in New York. But when fate took all that away and dragged him across the sea to London, it made sense to set up shop here. He's spent five years making a success out of his gaming hall in the sleazy docks of the East End. Enough that he can finally afford to buy the pleasure palace of his dreams—and where better than in the capital's sinful heart, Covent Garden? The only fly in his ointment is the perfect building he's just bought to put it in also happens to be right next door to the orphanage run by his cousin's wife's youngest sister. A pious,

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disapproving and unsettling siren he has avoided like the plague since she flattened him five years ago... While Venus and Galahad lock horns over practically everything, and while her malevolent orphans do their darndest to sabotage his lifelong dream, can either of them take the ultimate gamble—and learn to love thy neighbor?

Two Dances and a Duke by **Eloisa James** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). *Seduction Series*. Shamed for her curves and plagued by a Mean Girl, Bea is miserable—until she triumphs over social disaster and wins the hand and heart of a duke... Miss Beatrice Valentine is having a horrible first Season, shamed for her curves by Lady Regina Haywood... Despite Regina's attempts to make Bea a wallflower, Bea finds herself torn between Regina's fiancé, the rakish, quick-tempered Lord Peregrine, and Regina's brother, the war-hero, the Duke of Lennox... Bea is determined to marry a kindly man, and certainly no one close to Regina. But both of these gentlemen are determined to seduce her and one will succeed.

Two Vows and a Viscount by **Eloisa James** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$32). *Seduction Series*. Ella works as an unpaid housekeeper to her usurping uncle... until she meets her cousin's fiancé, Lord Peregrine... Miss Ella St. Trevelyon lives in the attic of her former home, her only companions a pet squirrel and a three-legged cat. Then one night she accompanies her cousin Fulvia to the theatre, where she meets a man of prince-like wealth, with forceful features and insolent manners... Unfortunately, Lord Peregrine is engaged to marry Fulvia... Fiennes Peregrine is not a man who would ever chase after a woman waving a shoe. But he is a man used to getting what he wants... And he wants Ella.

Two Masquerades and a Major by **Eloisa James** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$36). *Seduction Series*. Miss Olive Tyron falls in love with a major—who promptly walks away when he realizes who she is... Livie never worried much about the world's opinion of her—until the world despised her... One minute she is happily dancing through her first Season, and the next her family is plunged into scandal and exiled from society... Stealing into a masquerade ball, she meets the handsome, honorable Major FitzRoy, son of an earl. Yet if she removes her mask and tells Joshua her name, the scandal might engulf him as well... Could he possibly love her enough to give up his career—and his honor?

My Season of Scandal by **Julie Anne Long** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Palace of Rogues Series*. A notorious rake meets his match in a lovely girl from the country, changing the course of both of their futures... A London season is the chance of a lifetime for Catherine Keating. But the ton's glitter and decadence and casual cruelty threaten to crush her hopes of finding a husband before her season even begins... until she accidentally acquires one of the most scandalous men in England as a secret chaperone... Famously fiery Lord Dominic Kirke can hold the House of Commons—and any woman he chooses—in thrall. But when his house goes up in flames in the dead of night, he finds himself at the Grand Palace on the Thames. And there he discovers his cynical armor is no match for another guest: an innocent country girl with a crackling wit and eyes like a summer sky... He's maddening, elusive,

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hopelessly charismatic, wrong in every way—perfectly designed to break her heart. But she doesn't know she holds his battered heart in her hands. And though it will destroy him, Dominic knows loving her means setting Catherine free for the life—and man—she deserves.

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planned to be discovered and he certainly never planned on falling in love. But passion has a way of upending the most careful of plans, and even the strictest boundaries are no match for a love story that is meant to be.

To Marry and to Meddle by **Martha Waters** (UK B 19.8x12.9 Paperback—\$29). *Regency Vows Series*. A seasoned debutante and a rakish theater owner navigate a complicated marriage of convenience... Lady Emily Turner has been a debutante for six seasons now and should have long settled into a suitable marriage. However, due to her father's large debts, her only suitor is the persistent and odious owner of her father's favorite gambling house. Meanwhile, Lord Julian Belfry, the second son of a marquess, has scandalized society as an actor and owner of a theater—the kind of establishment where men take their mistresses, but not their wives. When their lives intersect at a house party, Lord Julian hatches a plan to benefit them both... With a marriage of convenience, Emily will use her society connections to promote the theater to a more respectable clientele and Julian will take her out from under the shadows of her father's unsavory associates. But they soon realize they have very different plans for their marriage—Julian wants Emily to remain a society wife, while Emily discovers an interest in the theater. But when a fleeing actress, murderous kitten, and meddlesome friends enter the fray, Emily and Julian will have to confront the fact that their marriage of convenience comes with rather inconvenient feelings.

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