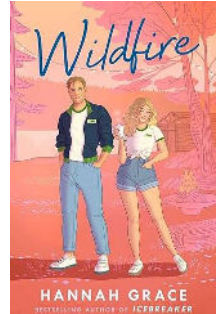
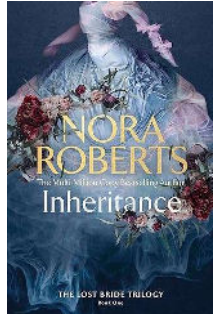
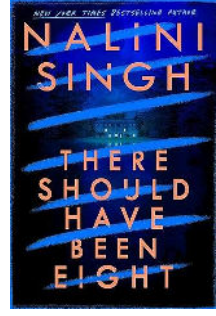
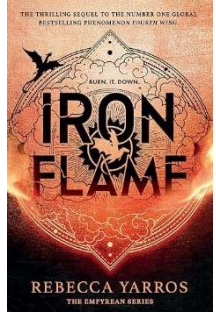


Just in time for some summer holiday reading, there are new releases by Hannah Grace (*Wildfire*), Shelly Laurenston (*Born to be Badger*), Nora Roberts (*Inheritance*), Elsie Silver (*Hopeless*), Nalini Singh (*There Should Have Been Eight*), Rebecca Yarros (*Iron Flame*) and more. Happy holidays and enjoy your reading!

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Lauren Asher	Love Redesigned*	Jennifer L. Armentrout	A Fire in the Flesh*
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Rachel Gillig	One Dark Window*	Janet Evanovich	Dirty Thirty*
Hannah Grace	Wildfire*	Laurell K. Hamilton	Slay*
Ana Huang	King of Greed*	Sophie Jordan	The Duke Starts a Scandal
Elle Kennedy	The Graham Effect*	Shelly Laurenston	Born to be Badger*
Kerri Maniscalco	Throne of the Fallen*	Heather McCollum	Highland Surrender
Catharina Maura	The Broken Vows	Devney Perry	Sable Peak*
Elsie Silver	Hopeless*	Nora Roberts	Inheritance*
Rebecca Yarros	Iron Flame*	Nalini Singh	There Should Have Been Eight*

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	<p>Title: Wildfire Author: Hannah Grace Classification: Contemporary Book Type: UK B Paperback Price: \$26 Annotation: <i>Maple Hills Series.</i> Maple Hills students Russ Callaghan and Aurora Roberts cross paths at a party celebrating the end of the academic year, where a drinking game results in them having a passionate one-night stand. Never one to overstay her welcome (or expect much from a man), Aurora slips away before Russ even has the chance to ask for her full name... Imagine their surprise when they bump into each other on the first day of the summer camp where they are both counselors, hoping to escape their complicated home lives by spending the summer working... Did their one night together start a fire they can't put out?</p>		<p>Title: Inheritance Author: Nora Roberts Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback Price: \$33 Annotation: <i>Lost Bride Trilogy.</i> 1806. Astrid Poole is murdered on her wedding day. Her last words—a promise to her husband never to leave him... Graphic designer Sonya MacTavish is stunned to learn that her late father had a twin he never knew about—and that her uncle, Collin Poole, has left her almost everything he owned, including a majestic Victorian house on the Maine coast, which she must live in for at least three years... Sonya sets off to find out why the boys were separated at birth—and why it was kept secret until a genealogy website brought it to light. She finds that she has inherited a centuries-old curse, and a puzzle to solve if there is any hope of breaking it.</p>
	<p>Title: There Should Have Been Eight Author: Nalini Singh Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback Price: \$27 (First Shipment Special) Annotation: They met when they were teenagers. Now they're adults, and time has been kind to some and unkind to others. None more so than Bea—the one they lost nine long years ago... They've gathered to reminisce at Bea's family's remote estate, a once glorious mansion straight out of a gothic novel. Best friends, old flames, secret enemies, and new lovers are all under one roof. But when the weather turns and they're snowed in, there's nowhere to hide from their shared history... As the walls close in, the pretense of normality gives way to long-buried grief, bitterness, and rage. Underneath it all, there's the nagging feeling that Bea's shocking death wasn't what it was claimed to be. Before the weekend is through, the truth will be unleashed. No matter the cost...</p>		<p>Title: Iron Flame Author: Rebecca Yarros Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Royal Trade Paperback Price: \$33 Annotation: <i>Empyrean Series.</i> Everyone expected Violet Sorrengail to die during her first year at Basgiath War College—Violet included. But Threshing was only the first test to weed out the weak-willed, the unworthy, and the unlucky... Now the real training begins, and Violet's wondering how she'll get through. The new vice commandant has made it his personal mission to teach Violet exactly how powerless she is—unless she betrays the man she loves... Violet has her wits—and a will of iron—and has learnt Dragon riders make their own rules. But a determination to survive won't be enough this year. Because Violet knows the real secret hidden for centuries at Basgiath War College—and nothing, not even dragon fire, may be enough to save them in the end.</p>

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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A Very Merry Bromance by **Lyssa Kay Adams** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Bromance Book Club Series*.

Country music's golden boy Colton Wheeler felt the most perfect harmony when he was with Gretchen Winthrop. But for her, it was a love him and leave him situation. A year later, Colton is struggling to push his music forward in a new direction. If it weren't about to be the most magical time of year and the support of the Bromance Book Club, he'd be wallowing in self-pity... It's hard for immigration attorney Gretchen not to feel a little Scrooge-ish about the excess of Christmas when her clients are scrambling to afford their rent. So when her estranged, wealthy family reaches out with an offer that will allow her to better serve the community, she's unable to say no. She just needs to convince Colton to be the new face of her family's whiskey brand. No big deal... Colton agrees to consider Gretchen's offer in exchange for three dates before Christmas. With the help of the Bromance Book Club, Colton throws himself into the task of proving to her there's a spark between them. But Gretchen and Colton will both need to overcome the ghosts of Christmas past to build a future together.

Love Redesigned by **Lauren Asher** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Lakefront Billionaires Series*.

Julian If I ever caught on fire, Dahlia Muñoz would fan the flames with a smile. So, when she returns to Lake Wisteria, I fully intend to avoid the interior designer. At least until my meddling mother exploits my saviour complex. The faster I help Dahlia find her creative spark, the sooner she will leave town. But while I was busy getting rid of Dahlia, I overlooked one potential issue. What happens if I want her to stay? *Dahlia* People say the devil has many faces, but I know only one. Julian Lopez—my childhood rival and family frenemy. I vow to steer clear of him while recovering from my broken engagement, but then the billionaire makes an irresistible offer. Renovate a historic house together and triple our profits. Our temporary truce becomes compromised as we face years' worth of denied attraction and mixed emotions. Giving into our desire is inevitable... but falling in love? That isn't part of the plan.

Wreck the Halls by **Tessa Bailey** (UK B Paperback—\$24). Melody Gallard may be the daughter of music royalty, but her world is far from glamorous. She spends her days restoring old books and avoiding the limelight (one awkward tabloid photo was enough, thanks). But when a producer offers her a lot of money to reunite her mother's band on live tv, Mel begins to wonder if it's time to rattle the cage, shake up her quiet life... and see him again. The only other person who could wrangle the rock and roll divas... Beat Dawkins, the lead singer's son, is Melody's opposite—the camera loves him, he could charm the pants off anyone, and his mom is not a potential cult leader. Still, they might have been best friends if not for the legendary feud that broke up the band. When they met as teenagers, Mel felt an instant spark, but it's nothing compared to the wild, intense attraction that builds as they embark on a madcap mission to convince their mothers to perform one last show... While dealing with rock star shenanigans, a 24-hour film crew,

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brawling Santas, and mobs of adoring fans, Mel starts to step out of her comfort zone. With Beat by her side, cheering her on, she's never felt so understood. But Christmas Eve is fast approaching, and a decades-old scandal is poised to wreck everything—the Steel Birds reunion, their relationships with their mothers, and their newfound love.

Iris Kelly Doesn't Date by **Ashley Herring Blake** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Bright Falls Series*. *LGBTQ+*. Everyone around Iris Kelly is in love... And she's happy for all of them, truly. So what if she misses her friends and family, who are busy with their perfectly paired partners. At least she has her brand-new career writing romance novels (the irony), right?... Wrong. She is completely out of ideas after having spent all of her romantic energy on her debut... Perfectly happy to ignore her problems as usual, Iris goes to a Portland bar. But a night of dancing with a sexy stranger named Stefania turns into the worst one-night stand Iris has had in her life (vomit and crying are regrettably involved)... To get her mind off everything, Iris tries out for a local play only to come face-to-face with Stefania—or, Stevie, her real name. When Stevie desperately asks Iris to play along as her girlfriend, Iris is shocked but goes along with it in a bid to get her creative juices flowing... As the two women play the part of a couple, they turn into a constant state of hot-and-bothered and soon it just comes down to who will make the real first move...

Overkill by **Sandra Brown** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). Former Super Bowl MVP quarter-back Zach Bridger hasn't seen his ex-wife, Rebecca Pratt, for some time—not since their volatile marriage imploded—so he's shocked to receive a life-altering call about her. Rebecca has been placed on life support after a violent assault, and he—despite their divorce—has medical power-of-attorney. Zach is asked to make an impossible choice: keep her on life support or take her off of it. Buckling under the weight of the responsibility and the glare of public scrutiny, Zach ultimately walks away, letting Rebecca's parents have the final say... Four years later, Rebecca's attacker, Eban—the scion of a wealthy family in Atlanta—gets an early release from prison. The ludicrous miscarriage of justice reeks of favoritism, and Kate Lennon, a brilliant state prosecutor, is determined to put him back behind bars. Rebecca's parents have kept her alive all these years, but if her condition were to change—if she were to die—Eban could be retried on a new charge: murder... It isn't lost on Zach that in order for Eban to be charged with Rebecca's murder, Zach must actually be the one to kill her. He rejects Kate's legal standpoint but can't resist their ill-timed attraction to each other. Eban, having realized the jeopardy he's in, plots to make certain that neither Zach nor Kate lives to see the death of Rebecca—and the end of his freedom.

Midnight at the Christmas Bookshop by **Jenny Colgan** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Christmas Bookshop Series*. Christmas comes early—far too early—to McCredie's little Old Town bookshop in Edinburgh. It's summer, but an American production company has decided that McCredie's is

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the perfect location to film a very cheesy Christmas movie. After all, who can resist the charmingly narrow historic street with its Victorian grey stone buildings and warmly lit shop windows?... Carmen Hogan, the bookshop's manager, is amused and a bit horrified by the goings-on, but the money the studio is paying is too good to pass up. She uses the little windfall from filming to create new displays and fend off a buyout offer from an obnoxious millionaire who wants to turn McCredie's into a souvenir shop selling kilts made in China and plastic Nessies. Still reeling slightly from a breakup, Carmen's not particularly looking forward to the holidays. But just as snow begins to fall and the lights of Christmas blink on, all sorts of lovely new possibilities present themselves... for McCredie's bookstore, and for Carmen herself.

Do Your Worst by **Rosie Danan** (UK B Paperback—\$26). Riley Rhodes finally has the chance to turn her family's knack for the supernatural into a legitimate business when she's hired to break the curse on an infamous Scottish castle. Used to working alone in her alienating occupation, she's pleasantly surprised to meet a handsome stranger

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upon arrival—until he tries to get her fired... Fresh off a professional scandal, Clark Edgeware can't allow a self-proclaimed "curse breaker" to threaten his last chance for redemption. After he fails to get Riley kicked off his survey site, he vows to avoid her. Unfortunately for him, she vows to get even... Riley expects the curse to do her dirty work by driving Clark away, but instead, they keep finding themselves in close proximity. Too close. Turns out, the only thing they do better than fight is fool around. If they're not careful, by the end of all this, more than the castle will end up in ruins.

Birthday Girl by **Penelope Douglas** (UK B Paperback—\$26). Jordan has nowhere else to go when her boyfriend offers to let her move in with him and his dad. Working a dead-end job, with her relationship sputtering, she jumps at the opportunity, expecting to help out around the house in exchange. What she doesn't anticipate is for her heart to race every time Pike pulls into the driveway, or to burn when their eyes meet over the breakfast table. He's kind and listens to her and protects her in a way no man ever has before. Her sister once told her there are no good men, and if you find one,

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he's probably unavailable. Only Pike isn't the unavailable one... she is... As the days go by, Pike's finding it anything but simple to have his son's girlfriend living in his house. He can't stop thinking about her and holding his breath every time they cross paths. It feels like she's becoming a part of him. Except he knows they're not free to give in to this. How could they when he's her boyfriend's father?

Corrupt by **Penelope Douglas** (US 20.35 x 13.41 Trade Paperback—\$39). *Devil's Night Series*. Erika Fane's boyfriend's older brother is handsome, strong, and completely terrifying. The star of his college's basketball team gone pro, he's more concerned with the dirt on his shoe than he is with her. But she saw him. She heard him. The things that he did, and the deeds that he hid... For years, Erika bit her nails, unable to look away. Now, she's in college, but she hasn't stopped watching him. He's bad and the things she's seen aren't content to stay in her head anymore... Because he's finally noticed her... But Michael Crist knows the hold he has on Rika, how much she fears him. She looks down when he enters the room and stills when he's close. He knows she thinks only of him. When Michael's brother leaves for the military, leaving Rika alone and unprotected, he knows the opportunity is too good to be true... Three years ago she put Michael's friends in prison, and now they're free... Every last one of her nightmares is about to come true.

The Last Close Call by **Laura Griffin** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). Forensic genealogist Rowan Healy has made a name for herself by helping investigators trace the family trees of violent criminals who have eluded justice for years. But the pressure of police cases left her burned out, and she's shifted her focus to helping adoptees find their biological parents... Austin detective Jack Bruner has spent his career successfully tracking down vicious criminals—with the notable exception of the West Campus Rapist, a meticulous offender in Texas who has never been identified. When the latest two victims come to light, Jack sees his target is escalating his violent behavior—and only with Rowan's help does he stand a chance of cracking this case... Moved by Jack's dedication and the brutal details of the attacks he lays out, Rowan agrees to help. When her ground-breaking DNA research sheds new light on the criminal's background and helps them zero in on a search radius, Rowan and Jack must race against the clock to find a ruthless killer who's growing bolder the longer he evades the law.

King of Greed by **Ana Huang** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Kings of Sin Series*. Powerful, brilliant, and ambitious, Dominic Davenport clawed his way up from nothing to become the King of Wall Street. He has everything—a beautiful home, a beautiful wife and more money than he could spend in a lifetime. But no matter how much he accumulates, he's never satisfied. In his endless quest for more, he drives away the only person who saw him as enough. It isn't until she's gone that he realizes there may be more to life than riches and glory... but by then, it may be too late... Kind, intelligent, and thoughtful, Alessandra Davenport has played the role of trophy wife for years. She stood by her

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husband while he built an empire, but now that they've reached the top, she realizes he's no longer the man she fell for. When it becomes clear that she'll always come second to his work, she finally takes charge of her life and puts herself first—even if it means leaving the only man she's ever loved. But what she didn't count on was his refusal to let her go... or for him to fight for their marriage, no matter what it takes.

The Graham Effect by **Elle Kennedy** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Campus Diaries Series*. Gigi Graham has exactly three goals: qualify for the women's national hockey team, win Olympic gold, and step out of her famous father's shadow. So far, so good, except for two little things. Fine—a little thing and a big, grumpy thing. She needs to improve her game behind the net, and she needs help from Luke Ryder... Ryder is six-foot five, built, opinionated, rude... and sexy as hell. But he's still the enemy... Briar's new hockey co-captain has his reasons, though. The men's team just merged with a rival program, leaving Ryder with an angry roster where everyone hates one another's guts. To make matters worse, the summer coaching spot he's angling for with the legendary Garrett Graham is out of reach after he makes the worst possible first impression on his hero. So, really, this compromise with Gigi is win-win. He helps her make the national team, she puts in a good word with her dad... The only potential snag? This bone-deep, body-numbing, mind-spinning chemistry they're trying to ignore. It's a dangerous game they're playing, but the risks just might be worth it.

Sleep No More by **Jayne Ann Krentz** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Lost Night Files Series*. One night left three women changed forever... Seven months ago, Pallas Llewellyn spent a fateful night at Lucent Springs Hotel. The hotel was destroyed, while Pallas and two other women were left with no memory of their time there. Bonded by the events, they investigate cold cases, hoping to connect with others who have also experienced forgotten encounters—and enhanced psychic abilities... After receiving a tip, Pallas travels to a college town, to explore an abandoned asylum. Once there she encounters a startling dark energy, and the man who tipped her off—Ambrose Drake... Ambrose is certain he witnessed a murder, but without a body, no one believes him. When he enlists Pallas's help, she realizes that he, too, has a lost night he cannot remember—one that may be connected to her own... As Pallas and Ambrose search for answers, it's clear some are not so happy about their questions. And even worse, one of them is willing to kill to keep the truth from coming out.

The Unwanted Marriage by **Catharina Maura** (Print-On-Demand-Paperback—\$38). *Windsors Series*. Faye is the last woman Dion Windsor wants to be near, let alone marry... yet there's no escaping the alluring pianist he's been engaged to since they were children... For years, he made his unwillingness known, but his attempts to keep Faye at a distance fade to dust at the sight of her with another man—mere months before their wedding... One look at her, and he realizes he's done running. Time is up, and whether she likes it or not, she's his... Or she could be, if the secrets he keeps didn't hold the power to destroy her.

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The Broken Vows by **Catharina Maura** (Print-On-Demand-Paperback—\$40). *Windsors Series*. Zane Windsor always loved the way Celeste Harrison's eyes light up when he infuriates her. It just took him years to realize that what he felt for his childhood rival wasn't hatred... When they begin working for their family businesses, competing on a larger scale than ever before, he decides he wants it all with her—and what Zane Windsor wants, he gets... Zane and Celeste discover just how thin the line between love and hate truly is, falling harder than either of them thought possible... until an unexpected tragedy leaves them wondering if any of it was ever real at all... Led by a desire for revenge, Zane brings Celeste's company to the brink of bankruptcy, leaving both of their grandparents no choice but to intervene... The Windsors and Harrisons agree to a merger—on one condition: Zane and Celeste must marry each other.

The Wake-Up Call by **Beth O'Leary** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). Two sworn enemies. One failing hotel. Love is the last thing they need... It's the most wonderful time of the year, and Forest Manor Hotel is quite literally falling apart. So when sworn enemies Izzy and Lucas are given the same shift on the hotel's front desk, they have no choice but to put their differences aside... The hotel won't stay open beyond Christmas without some sort of miracle. But when Izzy returns a guest's lost wedding ring, the reward convinces management this might fix everything. With four rings still sitting in lost property, the race is on for Izzy and Lucas to save their beloved hotel—and their jobs... As their bitter rivalry turns into something much more complicated, Izzy and Lucas begin to wonder if there's more at stake here than the hotel's future. Can the two of them make it through the season with their hearts intact?

Sable Peak by **Devney Perry** (US 21.59 x 13.97 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Eden Series*. Vera Gallagher is chasing constant. For four years, her life was anything but normal. And the years before that she refuses to even remember. Dwelling on the past only hurts. Life is fragile, a lesson her mother taught her well. She's determined not to waste a moment of her newfound freedom... Maybe some would consider her crush on Mateo Eden wasted time. Maybe some would call her a fool for loving a man who hasn't once dropped a crumb of interest her way. Still, to Vera, it's Mateo or nothing... He's handsome. Charming. Witty. And he loves his family the way Vera loves—with her whole heart... Maybe he'll never notice her. Maybe she's too damaged, too broken, to find that normal life she craves. Maybe her secrets will always keep them apart. But Vera will love him anyway. Whether Mateo realizes it or not.

NB. This version matches the size of the previously available print-on-demand books; the whole series is being reprinted in trade paperback.

Pucking Wild by **Emily Rath** (UK B Paperback—\$25). *Jacksonville Rays Series*. My name is Tess Owens and my life is officially on fire. I never thought dancing at my best friend's wedding would be the match to light the flames. But with one lingering touch, one longing look... and one sneaky caterer holding a camera phone, my almost ex-husband is ready to torch my entire life... Unwilling to face the heat, I do what I do best—I run. Straight into the

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arms of Rachel and her team of NHL hockey players. One player stands apart from the rest. Jacksonville Rays star forward Ryan Langley is out with an injury. I get the surprise of my life when he shows up at my door, declaring himself my roommate... Now I have six weeks to launch a new business. Six weeks to fight for my freedom... all while fighting my growing attraction to this All-American sweetheart with a charming smile and a career on the rise. Did I mention he's ten years younger than me? Ryan doesn't need my drama. And we have nothing in common. But it's getting harder to deny the way he makes me feel. Wild. Fun. Free... I want to believe him when he says age is just a number. I want to believe that our pasts don't define us forever. But first I have to stop running. I have to face my fears. With one innocent dance, Ryan Langley helped me start this fire. What if we're meant to fan these flames? What if, together, we're meant to burn?

The Rebel King by **Kennedy Ryan** (UK B Paperback—\$28). *All The King's Men Series*. Though surrender is what Maxim Cade demanded of Lennix Hunter's body and heart, she had other plans. They were fast-burning fascination and combustible chemistry, the son of an oil baron and the Apache daughter at war with his family, but she trusted him, and he turned out to be a thief who stole her love... Still, if what they had was a lie, why had it felt so real?... Now, the man she swore to hate is about to have it all, and he wants Lennix at his side. But when the two of them are forced to face the unthinkable, their rocky foundation is tested, as is the invisible thread that seems to wind their fates together. As they navigate a treacherous political landscape in their quest for justice, Maxim and Lennix soon learn that power is a game, and they are merely the pawns and players. Facing insurmountable odds, will they win the world, or will they lose it all?

Hopeless by **Elsie Silver** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Chestnut Springs Series*. Beau Eaton is the town prince, a handsome military hero with a tortured past... I'm the outcast bartender, a shy girl from the wrong side of the tracks... He's thirty-five and all man, I'm twenty-two and all... virgin. He's also my fiancé. Correction: my fake fiancé... We start out as a bet. He doesn't believe that anyone holds my last name against me. So he offers me his to prove a point... It's a win-win. He gets a break from his concerned family's prying, and I get a chance to shed my family's reputation while I save up to ditch this small town... He says all I have to do is wear his ring, follow his lead, and pretend I can't keep my hands off of him in public... But it's what happens between us in private that blurs all those carefully drawn lines... It's what transpires behind closed doors that doesn't feel like pretending at all... This engagement was supposed to be for show. This agreement? It has an end date... He once told me he'd never fall in love... And yet here I am, head over heels for my fake fiancé.

The Sinner by **Shantel Tessier** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$52). *L.O.R.D.S. Series*. Little Demon... I was raised in a world where money and power are at your fingertips. My father is a LORD, a very respected member of a secret society that knows no bounds. When tragedy struck my family, we discovered we weren't untouchable. Just when I thought life couldn't get any worse, I was shown what hell is

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really like. Then he came and saved me. The devil disguised as my personal hero. But of course, nothing is for free. Not when a soul is up for grabs. I Vow. You Vow. We Vow... Easton Bradley Sinnett—Sin—uses his power for his own sick pleasure. Like a typical Lord, he never thought about the consequences of his actions. I grew up with him, obsessed over him, craved him. He was who I pictured when I imagined doing things my body shouldn't want... One day, I realized he was not who I thought he was. It didn't change anything, though, because I was already too far gone. If anything, I fell for him harder... Every now and then, someone enters your life who flips it upside down. Sin wrecked me in the worst way, and I thanked him for it by serving on my knees... As they say, nothing lasts forever. Men like him never stay with a woman like me. I'm what they use, not keep. So when he threw me away, I shouldn't have been all that surprised... My body had always craved the darker side of love. The kind that left bruises and scars. I was what most would call unholy. And when the devil whispered in my ear that he loved me, I was more than determined to show him just how devoted I could be.

Saving 6 by **Chloe Walsh** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Boys of Tommen Series*. He's a boy who's lost. She's a girl who might just be the home he's never had... The second born son in a broken marriage, Joey Lynch has spent a lifetime picking up the pieces of a family unravelling. When his older brother Darren skips town, twelve-year-old Joey finds himself thrown into the role of protector to his younger siblings and mother. Plagued by self-loathing, and furious with the world, he grapples with teenage life, his unwavering sense of duty to his family, while balancing precariously close to a life of addiction that threatens to swallow him whole. The only light in his sea of darkness is his boss's firecracker of a daughter who refuses to back down. A girl who just so happens to be his classmate... Aoife Molloy has never been backwards in coming forward. Her bubbly and self-assured nature has never led her astray. Until her first day of secondary school when she collides with a hot-headed boy who sparks a burning curiosity inside of her that only grows stronger by the day... Falling into a complicated friendship with her father's apprentice, Aoife works to unravel the secrets around Joey Lynch's life—while he desperately fights to keep her out.

Redeeming 6 by **Chloe Walsh** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Boys of Tommen Series*. I'm saving you, six... With his world unravelling around him, and pressure rising at home, Joey Lynch's life has never been in more turmoil. Desperate to prove himself worthy of the only person he's ever put his trust in, Joey fights to stay away from a world that threatens to destroy everything. But with the odds stacking against him by the day, can he keep his head above water?... Unwilling to give up on the boy she loves, Aoife Molloy fights to save her best friend from the edge of self-destruction. Drowning in a world she doesn't understand, with only her heart to guide her, Aoife refuses to turn her back on Joey, no matter how badly the odds are stacked against them... Through heartbreak and horror, Aoife and Joey have had each other's backs, and this time is no different. Come what may.

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

Seven Girls Gone by **Allison Brennan** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Quinn & Costa Thriller Series*. When nobody will talk and corruption runs deep, turning to outsiders is the only way to make sure women stop disappearing... For three years, women have been going missing—and eventually turning up dead in the small bayou town of St. Augustine, Louisiana. Police detective Beau Hebert is the only one who seems to care, but with every witness quickly silenced and a corrupt police department set on keeping the cases unsolved, Beau's investigation stalls at every turn... With nobody else to trust, Beau calls in a favor from his friend on the FBI's Mobile Response Team. While LAPD detective Kara Quinn works undercover to dig into the women's murders and team leader Matt Costa officially investigates the in-custody death of a witness, Beau might finally have a chance at solving the case... But in a town where everyone knows everyone, talking gets you killed and secrets stay buried, it's going to take the entire team working around the clock to unravel the truth. Especially when they discover that the deep-seated corruption and the deadly drug-trafficking ring at the center of it all extends far beyond the small-town borders.

Dirty Thirty by **Janet Evanovich** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Stephanie Plum Series*. Stephanie Plum, Trenton's most underappreciated bounty hunter, is on the trail of a stolen cache of dirty diamonds... Stephanie's new assignment seems simple enough. A local jeweller wants her to locate his former security guard, who he is convinced has stolen a fortune in diamonds. Stephanie is also looking for another man arrested for robbing the same jewellery store on the same day... With her boyfriend Morelli away on police business, Stephanie is taking care of Morelli's giant orange dog, who will devour anything, including the upholstery in Stephanie's car. Morelli's absence means the inscrutable, irresistible security expert Ranger is front and centre in Stephanie's life when things go sideways. And he seems determined to stay there... An overnight stakeout with Stephanie's mother and Grandma Mazur reveals three generations of women with nerves of steel and driving skills worthy of the most daring stock-car champions... As the body count rises and witnesses disappear, it's not easy for Stephanie to keep herself clean when everyone else is playing dirty. It's a good thing Stephanie isn't afraid of getting a little dirty, too.

The Year of the Locust by **Terry Hayes** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Pilgrim Series*. If, like Kane, you're a Denied Access Area spy for the CIA, then boundaries have no meaning. Your function is to go in, do whatever is required, and get out again—by whatever means necessary. You know when to run, when to hide—and when to shoot... But some places don't play by the rules. Some places are too dangerous, even for a man of Kane's experience. The badlands where the borders of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan meet are such a place—a place where violence is the only way to survive... Kane travels there to exfiltrate a man with vital information for the safety of the West—but instead he meets an adversary who will take the world to the brink of extinction. A frightening, clever, vicious man with blood on his hands and vengeance in his heart...

Crime, Mystery & Thriller contd

Cyanide and Sensibility by **Katie Oliver** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Jane Austen Tea Society Mystery Series*. While Phaedra Brighton might not have a Mr. Darcy (yet), she's quite content with her loving family and loyal cat. Phaedra's sister Hannah is the Jane to her Elizabeth, and Phaedra is ecstatic that Hannah has decided to move home for her next adventure—opening a business... All of Laurel Springs is out in full force to celebrate the grand unveiling of Hannah's new patisserie, Tout de Sweet, including local celebrity Rachel Brandon. Hannah is a master of her craft, with confections so divine, one bite will make you think you've died and gone to heaven... Of course, you never want that to happen literally... When one of Hannah's famous dark chocolate cupcakes sends Rachel's assistant to the hospital with poisoning, Hannah begs for Phaedra's help to save her reputation and budding business. But Phaedra has more questions than answers: Who was the cupcake actually meant for? And how far is the culprit willing to go to take their target off the menu—permanently?

A Book Club to Die For by **Dorothy St James** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Beloved Bookroom Mystery Series*. When a member of an exclusive book club is checked out, spunky librarian Trudell Becket must sort fact from fiction to solve the murder... The Cypress Arete Society is one of the town's oldest and most exclusive clubs. When assistant librarian Trudell Becket is invited to speak to the group about the library, its modernization, and her efforts to bring printed books to the reading public, her friend Flossie invites herself along. Flossie has been on the book club's waiting list for five years, and she's determined to find out why she's never received an invitation to join... But not long after Tru and Flossie arrive for the meeting, they're shocked to find the club's president, Rebecca White, dead in the kitchen. Rebecca was a former TV actress and local celebrity, but was not known for being patient or pleasant. She'd been particularly unkind to the book club's host for the evening, who also happens to be the mother of Detective Jace Bailey, Tru's boyfriend. And Rebecca had made it clear that she didn't think Flossie was book club material... With her boyfriend and one of her best friends wrapped up in a murder, Tru has to work fast to figure out who cut Rebecca's story short before the killer takes another victim out of circulation...

I'm Not Done With You Yet by **Jesse Q. Sutanto** (UK B Paperback—\$24). Jane is unhappy. She's a struggling writer trapped in an underwhelming marriage with husband Ted, scraping by to pay for a mortgage for a house and a life that she's never really wanted... There's only ever been one person she cared about, one person who truly understood her: Thalia. Jane's best and only friend nearly a decade ago during their time together at Oxford. But then the night of the formal which should have bound them together for good, drove them apart. Until now... Because after years of searching, Thalia is everywhere as she tops the New York Times bestseller list. And now Jane has found Thalia after all these years, she won't let her go...

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

A Fire in the Flesh by **Jennifer L. Armentrout** (22.86 x 15.24 Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$55). *Flesh and Fire Series*. The only thing that can save the realms now is the one thing more powerful than the Fates... After a startling betrayal ends with both Sera and the dangerously seductive ruler of the Shadowlands she has fallen madly in love with being held captive by the false King of the Gods, there is only one thing that can free Nyktos and prevent the forces of the Shadowlands from invading Dalos and igniting a War of Primals... Convincing Kolis won't be easy, though—not even with a lifetime of training. While his most favored Revenant is insistent that she is nothing more than a lie, Kolis's erratic nature and twisted sense of honor leave her shaken to the core, and nothing could've prepared her for the cruelty of his Court or the shocking truths revealed. The revelations not only upend what she has understood about her duty and the very creation of the realms but also draw into question exactly what the true threat is. However, surviving Kolis is only one part of the battle. The Ascension is upon her, and Sera is out of time... But Nyktos will do anything to keep Sera alive and give her the life she deserves. He'll even risk the utter destruction of the realms, and that's exactly what will happen if he doesn't Ascend as the Primal of Life. Yet despite his desperate determination, their destinies may be out of their hands... But there is that foreseen unexpected thread—the unpredictable, unknown, and unwritten. The only thing more powerful than the Fates.

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Sword Catcher by **Cassandra Clare** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Chronicles of Castellane Series*. In the vibrant city-state of Castellane, the richest of nobles and the most debauched of criminals have one thing in common: the constant search for wealth, power, and the next hedonistic thrill... Kel is an orphan, stolen from the life he knew to become the Sword Catcher—the body double of a royal heir, Prince Conor Aurelian. He has been raised alongside the prince, trained in every aspect of combat and statecraft. He and Conor are as close as brothers, but Kel knows that his destiny is to die for Conor. No other future is possible... Lin Caster is one of the Ashkar, a small community whose members still possess magical abilities. By law, they must live behind walls within the city, but Lin, a physician, ventures out to tend to the sick and dying of Castellane. Despite her skills, she cannot heal her best friend without access to forbidden knowledge... After a failed assassination attempt brings Lin and Kel together, they are drawn into the web of the mysterious Ragpicker King, the criminal ruler of Castellane's underworld. He offers them each what they want most; but as they descend into his world of intrigue and shadow, they discover a conspiracy of corruption that reaches from the darkest gutters of Castellane to the highest tower of its palaces. As long-kept secrets begin to unravel, they must ask themselves: Is knowledge worth the price of betrayal? Can forbidden love bring down a kingdom? And will their discoveries plunge their nation into war—and the world into chaos?

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Dark Whisper by **Christine Feehan** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Carpathian Series*. Vasilisa Sidkorolyavolkva is a Lycan of royal blood. She knows what's expected of her, but all she wants is to be out from under her family's watchful eyes. There is a fire inside her that is building. A restlessness coupled with a sense of growing dread. Every day she feels the weight of the legacy passed down through generations. The prophecy that says a man will come to claim her as his mate and that she will guard his soul. She knows nothing about him, except that he is hers. But nothing seems real until the night she meets him in the flesh... Afanasiv Belan is a Carpathian, and an ancient one. In all the centuries of his existence, no one has ever affected him like Vasilisa. He can see into her mind and feel what's in her heart. They are so alike, warriors bound by honour and plagued by secrets. They both know they must reveal the darkest parts of their souls if they hope to survive and protect the ones they love... But if they claim each other as lifemates it will change them down to the bone. They will become something more—something both of their kinds fear...

One Dark Window by **Rachel Gillig** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Shepherd King Series*. Elspeth needs a monster. The monster might be her... An ancient, mercurial spirit is trapped inside Elspeth Spindle's head—she calls him the Nightmare. He protects her. He keeps her secrets. But nothing comes for free, especially magic... When Elspeth meets a mysterious highwayman on the forest road, she is thrust into a world of shadow and deception. Together, they embark on a dangerous quest to cure the town of Blunder from the dark magic infecting it. As the stakes heighten and their undeniable attraction intensifies, Elspeth is forced to face her darkest secret yet: the Nightmare is slowly, darkly, taking over her mind. And she might not be able to stop him.

Two Twisted Crowns by **Rachel Gillig** (UK B Paperback—\$26). *Shepherd King Series*. Elspeth must confront the weight of her actions as she and Ravyn embark on a perilous quest to save the kingdom... Grippled by a tyrant king and in the thrall of dark magic, the kingdom is in peril. Elspeth and Ravyn have gathered most of the twelve Providence Cards, but the last—and most important—one remains to be found: the Twin Alders. If they're going to find the card before Solstice and set free the kingdom, they will need to journey through the dangerous mist-cloaked forest. The only one who can lead them through is the monster that shares Elspeth's head: the Nightmare... And he's not eager to share any longer.

Slay by **Laurell K. Hamilton** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter Series*. My name is Anita Blake and my family think I'm marrying a demon straight out of hell. If they'd ever met a real demon, they'd understand the difference... Considering my dark and dangerous past, I never expected preparations for my wedding to Jean-Claude to go smoothly. We've already faced naysayers and a power-hungry ancient evil and come out the other side still standing. But now I need to do the one thing that actually scares me—introduce my very religious, very human relatives to

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my fiance, the newly crowned vampire king of America... As I try to keep the peace between the family I left behind and the family I've chosen, dark forces jump at the chance to take advantage of the chaos. With our happy-ever-after and everyone's immortal souls hanging in the balance, it's time to face a hard truth... Blood makes you related, but only loyalty makes you family.

Born to be Badger by **Shelly Laurenston** (US 22.61 x 14.99 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Honey Badger Chronicles*. A family of clueless tiger shifter brothers have no idea how lucky they are to have caught the eye of three fierce honey badger females... Emily "Tock" Meyerson-Jackson is on a mission to rid the world of shifters trafficking humans for hunting and cash. And now that she's narrowed down her suspects to a brutal coalition of male lions, nothing will get between this honey badger and her prey—not even a dog-loving Tiger with absolutely no time management skills. Doesn't matter that Shay Malone is ferociously adorable. With a war brewing between cat families, Tock doesn't have time to lounge around with a football-playing tiger shifter. But when she realizes the coalition is also responsible for the death of Shay's father, she's forced to partner up with the flirtatious feline... Revenge is most definitely on the menu for Shay and his tiger shifter brothers. But when it comes to Shay's alluring partner in crime-solving, so is seduction. Tock might be a bad-ass of a honey badger, but she's awfully cute when she's flashing her fangs, which she's pretty much doing all the time these days. Good thing revenge is a dish best served hot. Because when it comes to Tock, Shay knows just how to turn up the heat...

The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches by **Sangu Mandanna** (UK B Paperback—\$26). She found magic in the most unlikely of places... Mika Moon follows three rules: hide your magic, keep your head down, and stay away from other witches. Mika is good at being alone, and she doesn't mind it... mostly... But when an unexpected invitation arrives to teach three young witches at the mysterious Nowhere House, Mika jumps at the chance for a different life. As she comes to care for its quirky inhabitants—and Jamie, the handsome but prickly librarian—finally belonging somewhere feels like a real possibility... But magic isn't the only danger in the world—is it worth risking everything to protect the found family Mika didn't know she was looking for?... A warm and uplifting novel about an isolated witch whose opportunity to embrace a new family—and a new love—changes the course of her life.

Kingdom of the Feared by **Kerri Maniscalco** (UK B Paperback—\$24). *Kingdom of the Wicked Series*. "Right now, I want the demon, not the prince. Show me why they call you the Wicked. And don't you dare hold back"... Emilia yearns to claim her king, the seductive Prince of Wrath, in the flesh. She wants him, heart and soul—but that's something the enigmatic demon can't promise her... When a high-ranking member of House Greed is assassinated, evidence points to Vittoria as the murderer. Now, Emilia will do anything to discover the truth of these accusations against the sister she thought she knew... As Emilia and Wrath play a

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game of deception to solve the murder and stop the unrest brewing in Hell. When it comes to the Wicked, nothing is as it seems, but have the true villains been much closer all along?... Two Curses. One Prophecy. All Hail The King And Queen Of Hell.

Throne of the Fallen by **Kerri Maniscalco** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$33). *Set within the Kingdom of the Wicked World*. A wicked prince. A fallen painter. Let the games begin... The Prince of Envy has never claimed to be a saint. But when a cryptic note arrives at his demon court, signalling the beginning of a deadly game, he knows it will take more than a hint of sin to win. Riddles, hexed objects, anonymous players, nothing will stand in his way... Camilla is an artist with troubles of her own: a desperate mistake has landed her in debt to a notorious rake. Threatened with ruinous scandal, she is forced to enter a devil's bargain with Envy. A bargain that reveals secrets and ignites passions that neither of them expects... Together, Envy and Camilla must embark on a perilous journey through the underworld—from glittering demon courts to the sultry vampire realm and beyond—while trying to avoid the most dangerous trap of all: falling in love.

The Becoming by **Nora Roberts** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Dragon Heart Legacy Series*. The world of magick and the world of man have long been estranged from one another. But some can walk between the two—including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She has just returned to Talamh, with her friend, Marco, who's dazzled and disoriented by this realm—a place filled with dragons and faeries and mermaids (but no WiFi, to his chagrin). In Talamh, Breen is not the ordinary young schoolteacher he knew her as. Here she is learning to embrace the powers of her true identity. Marco is welcomed kindly by her people—and by Keegan, leader of the Fey. Keegan has trained Breen as a warrior, and his yearning for her has grown along with his admiration of her strength and skills... But one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran, plots to destroy Talamh—and now all must unite to defeat his dark forces. There will be losses and sorrows, betrayal and bloodshed. But through it, Breen Siobhan Kelly will take the next step on the journey to becoming all that she was born to be.

When a Dragon Falls by **Kerrelyn Sparks** (US 20.8 x 13.79 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Embraced by Magic Series*. Princess Lenushka of Norveshka prides herself on her courage. She's faced down the doubters who think a woman dragon shifter is worth less than a man. She will marry to secure the support of her nobles—and ensure she'll hold the Norveshki throne. A battle-hardened soldier, she's prepared to destroy the Brotherhood of the Sun, who threaten all Aerthlan. But she can barely look at Bran Morris, the Raven. His dark, brooding beauty is off-limits for a princess who must wed for advantage. And he has far too many secrets of his own for Lennie to trust him with hers... Bran's quest is for vengeance, against the Brotherhood monsters who killed his brother and abused his sisters. He can't dream about the sharp-eyed woman warrior whose memory haunts him, not even when she appears to rescue him from an unknown dragon shifter. But when Lennie and Bran discover they're Aerthlan's

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last defense against a powerful, murderous mastermind, they can no longer afford to deceive each other—or themselves. And when a dragon's passion is freed, anything is possible...

Her Wolf for the Holidays by **Terry Spear** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Highland Wolf Series*. When a new she-wolf moves in next door, only one alpha wolf can give her everything she wants for Christmas and more... Edeen Campbell has heard many wild stories about the MacQuarrie clan living in the castle next door to her new home. She is determined that not even Lachlan MacQuarrie, the pack leader's brother, can ruin her holidays, no matter how hard he may try or how intrigued she is by him. But as Lachlan proves to her over and over that he is a wolf to be trusted, Edeen begins to change her mind about the pack and the very handsome wolf dedicated to making her first Highland Christmas a special one.

War by **Laura Thalassa** (UK B Paperback—\$29). *Four Horsemen Series*. They came to earth—Pestilence, War, Famine, Death—four horsemen riding their screaming steeds, racing to the corners of the world. Four horsemen with the power to destroy all of humanity. They came to earth, and they came to end us all... The day Jerusalem falls, Miriam Elmahdy knows her life is over. Houses are burning, the streets run red with blood, and a traitorous army is massacring every last resident. There is no surviving this, especially not once Miriam catches the eye of War himself. But when the massive and terrifying horseman corners Miriam, he calls her his wife, and instead of killing her, he takes her back to his camp... Now Miriam faces a terrifying future, one where she watches her world burn town by town, and the one man responsible for it all is her seemingly indestructible "husband". But there's another side to him, one that's gentle and loving and dead set on winning her over, and she might not be strong enough to resist... However, if there's one thing Miriam has learned, it's that love and war cannot coexist. And so she must make the ultimate choice: surrender to War and watch humankind fall, or sacrifice everything and stop him.

Bewitched by **Laura Thalassa** (UK B Paperback—\$29). *Bewitched Series*. At age twenty, Selene Bowers desperately hopes to be accepted into Henbane Coven, an academy for young witches. Since one of the requirements for entry is to connect with her powers via a quest through the wilderness, Selene books a trip to South America. When a nefarious supernatural force tries to drag her plane from the sky, Selene's magic awakens to save her life—at a cost. Using her powers devours her memories, one by one... Worse, when Selene braves the jungle and discovers the source of the attack, she finds herself awakening an ancient evil, Memnon the Cursed, who mistakes Selene for his long-dead wife. The wife who betrayed him. Selene manages to escape and begin her studies at Henbane, but when Memnon turns up at the coven and witches are found dead across campus, Selene becomes entangled in a dangerous plot. Accused of the murders on the basis of her memory loss, Selene must rely on Memnon's help for answers—and his plans for her will change everything.

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Lassiter by **J.R. Ward** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Black Dagger Brotherhood Series*. Destiny, duty... and desire. A fallen angel finds love with a mysterious female—who could be his destiny... or the embodiment of his utter destruction... Lassiter, the fallen angel, is too good at the saviour business. In his new role overseeing the fates of all vampires, he's influenced outcomes he shouldn't have—so the Creator is calling him home. But the angel has a reason to stay in Caldwell. He's bonded with a mysterious female who seemed to appear from out of nowhere... and has powers that defy all reason... Rahvyn is well aware that she doesn't belong in the present. And she never intended to stay, for her true place is in the past. Lassiter proves to be undeniable, however, and she lets herself fall for the angel—until a secret he's been keeping comes out and she fears that for him, it's not about love, but duty... As the Omega's son re-establishes the Lessening Society, and the Brotherhood must resume the deadly war, an unfathomable tragedy occurs. In the aftermath, Rahvyn has to decide whether to stay and help—or save herself from an immortal heartbreak she knows will crush her very soul...

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Remember Me by **Mary Balogh** (US Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Ravenswood Series*. Can Lady Philippa Ware forgive the man who once shattered all her youthful dreams?... Philippa, elder daughter of the Earl of Stratton, grew up eagerly anticipating a glittering debut and a brilliant marriage. Then her brother caught their father out in a clandestine affair and denounced him publicly. The whole family was disgraced, and Philippa's hopes were dashed. Only years later does Philippa find the courage to go to London at last to meet the ton—to instant success, nurturing a close friendship with the granddaughter of a duke. Only one man can spoil everything for her, but surely he will not be in London this year... Lucas Arden, heir to the elderly Duke of Wilby, has been tasked with marrying and producing an heir before it is too late. Lucas goes to London, in the hope of finding an eligible bride before his grandparents arrange one for him. He is instantly drawn to his sister's new friend, until the young lady asks a simple question: 'Remember me?' And suddenly he does remember her, as well as the reason why the daughter of the Earl of Stratton is the one woman he can never marry—even if his heart tells him she is the only woman he wants... Unfortunately for Philippa and Lucas, their families have other ideas and believe them to be a perfect match. They will simply not take no for an answer. Telling Philippa the full truth is the hardest thing Lucas has ever faced... will the truth ruin everything, or make love even more possible?

Dreaming of a Duke Like You by **Sara Bennett** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Romancing the Dukes Series*. Raised in a foundling home and now proprietor of a successful club, Gabriel Cadieux hasn't ever been welcomed by polite society. But when he discovers he's the legitimate heir to a dukedom, he must make a choice: accept the debt-ridden title and the trappings of the peerage who shunned him or decline and leave his six rebellious half sisters to fend for themselves. As much as he hates the idea, Gabriel can't abandon his siblings,

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even if it means making a deal with the most frustrating—and aggravatingly beautiful—woman he's ever met... Vivienne Tremeer storms into Cadieux's club with one thing on her mind: get the loathsome owner to discharge her brother's gambling debts. So when Gabriel offers her a trade—if she'll teach his wild sisters the ways of the ton, he'll clear the notes—she has no choice but to accept. But with her reputation already on a knife's edge, falling for the duke could cause the scandal of the season.

Miss Determined by **Grace Burrowes** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). *Mischief in Mayfair Series*. Trevor, Marquess of Tavistock, has finally decided to stop larking around on the Continent, come home, and take a bride. His solicitors applaud his decision to settle down, provided he chooses a wealthy young lady to be his marchioness. To Trevor's dismay, the years he spent seeing the world went badly for the lordly coffers... Trevor is reluctant to consign himself to a mercenary marriage, and instead considers selling off some of his smaller properties. While inspecting his Berkshire holdings under an assumed name, he meets Miss Amaryllis DeWitt. Her family is desperately trying to find a title for her to marry, and she does have the most lovely fortune, but she thinks Trevor is an aspiring beer merchant, and he thinks the truth might get him drop-kicked back to France!

Miss Dashing by **Grace Burrowes** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). *Mischief in Mayfair Series*. Miss Hecate Brompton is on the shelf and relieved to finally be there with her personal wealth intact. She faces enough challenges keeping her rackets family from scandal and ruin without the added bother of marriage. When Phillip Vincent approaches her with a request to become his de facto finishing governess, she's both appalled by and sympathetic to his plan. She was once the awkward outsider, and knows exactly how treacherous the waters of the Beau Monde can be for the unsuspecting... Phillip is mere gentry at heart, and the glittering ballrooms of Mayfair leave him frankly bored. For the sake of his family he must nonetheless learn to do the pretty. Miss Hecate Brompton, is anything but glittering. She's quiet, proper, plain, and—to Phillip—utterly fascinating. He sees what society does not: Behind Hecate's demure facade lurks a fierce heart and a brilliant mind... Hecate's family has no quarrel with Phillip stealing her heart, but her fortune and her hand in marriage are quite another matter. Can the squire and spinster find a happily ever after when all of polite society intends to deny them exactly that?

The Wolf of Westmore by **Amalie Howard** (Print-On-Demand Novella—\$20). *Everleigh Sisters Series*. Lord Wulfric Bane, the Duke of Westmore knows that blood is thicker than water, that duty is more important than personal desire, and that some things, like falling in love, are a waste of time... Cosseted and coddled Lady Jocelyn Capehart has been bred to be the perfect lady. On the outside, she is demure, sweet, and biddable, but on the inside, a vixen longs to break free of her cage... When a chance meeting at a sultry club leads to one sinfully explosive night that neither of them can forget, nothing, not even the bad blood between their families, will keep them apart.

The Duke Starts a Scandal by **Sophie Jordan** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Duke Hunt Series*.

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Lucian, the newly minted Duke of Penning, has much to prove—to himself, his family and the ton. Craving spotless respectability, he must find an aristocratic wife. Unfortunately, he can't keep his eyes—and thoughts—off his deliciously distracting housekeeper. Such a dalliance can only mar the facade he's constructed to protect his sisters' future from the demons of his past... but this fiery passion is a temptation he cannot resist. While Susanna may not be the bride he needs, she is everything he desires... As the housekeeper to one of the grandest estates in England, Susanna Lockhart has worked determinedly to become all that is proper and efficient, and she never steps over the line. Romance is an indulgence for the upper class, not for her—and most especially not with her employer. But every smoldering glance from the surly, handsome duke calls to the long-buried reckless wanton inside Susanna. A love between them can never be, but will Lucian and Susanna risk being together... Even if it starts a scandal...

It Had To Be a Duke by **Vivienne Lorret** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Liar's Club Series*. Verity Hartley always tells the truth. Well, mostly. However, when her snooty neighbor returns to their small hamlet to brag about having a grand Season, a plethora of ballgowns, and so many suitors that she cannot possibly decide which one to marry, Verity tells a lie. She claims to be betrothed. To a duke. Who happens to be her family's sworn enemy. But what are the odds that he would ever learn of this one, little, harmless falsehood?... Magnus Warring,

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the Duke of Longhurst, is on the precipice of marrying an heiress to save his estate from financial ruin. At least, he was. Until he hears an unbelievable rumor that he is already betrothed. To the daughter of a liar, cheat, and swindler! Needing to protect his reputation, he hunts down the culprit. And when he finds the untamed beguiler, she has the audacity to ask him to lie for her. To pretend to be her fiancé!... One week, that's all Verity needs. Then Magnus can return to his life. But nothing is ever that simple. Sometimes it doesn't take that long to fall in love, even with the enemy.



Highland Surrender by **Heather McCollum** (US Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Sons of Sinclair Series*. With his family's honor on the line, Norse warrior Erik Halverson has no choice but to follow the orders of the royal house of Denmark. Now he must follow his destiny—and royal command—to sail to Scotland, find his enemy's weakest link, and abduct her. Their mistake, of course, was thinking the Sinclair lass wouldn't fight back... From the moment her four brothers took control of their clan, Hannah Sinclair has learned to stand tall and defend herself. So when a big, brawny, and admittedly handsome warrior tries to abduct her, she isn't about to give in. And the more he tries, the more she's determined to make it as hard as possible... and enjoy it all the while... Now Norway's greatest warrior has a Highland hellcat on his hands, and Odin help him, he can't resist her. But with the brutal Sinclair brothers coming after them, Erik is out of options. War is inevitable. And when a man is forced to choose between duty and passion, only one will win...

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