

# BOOK CATALOGUE – NOV/DEC 2024

Just in time for some summer holiday reading, there are some great books by Carissa Broadbent (*The Songbird and the Heart of Stone*), Laurie Gilmore (*The Pumpkin Spice Café*), Callie Hart (*Quicksilver*), Ana Huang (*The Striker*), Stephanie Laurens (*Dead Beside the Thames*), Julie Anne Long (*The Beast Takes a Bride*), Nora Roberts (*The Mirror*), J.R. Ward (*A Bloom In Winter*) and more. Happy holidays and enjoy your reading!

NB. Please see p3 for details of our pre-order link for *ONYX STORM*, details of our Christmas/New Year closure (while closed, orders will be processed for pickup/shipping) and a heads-up on an instore book sale planned for the second half of January 2025.

Top Books November		Top Books December	
L.J. Andrews	The Mist Thief*	Carissa Broadbent	The Songbird and the Heart of Stone*
Meagan Brandy	Promise Me Not*	Penn Cole	Glow of the Everflame*
Mikayla Everitt	Bonds of Beauty and Blood*	Callie Hart	Quicksilver*
Laurie Gilmore	The Pumpkin Spice Café*	Sarah Hawley	Servant of Earth*
Ana Huang	The Striker*	Elizabeth Hoyt	No Ordinary Duchess
Stephanie Laurens	Dead Beside the Thames*	Ella Quinn	A Worthington Wedding
Julie Anne Long	The Beast Takes a Bride	Meghan Quinn	Bridesmaid Undercover*
Kerri Maniscalco	Throne of Secrets*	Nora Roberts	The Mirror*
Lucy Score	The Christmas Fix*	Lyla Sage	Lost and Lassoed*
Shantel Tessier	Madness*	J.R. Ward	A Bloom In Winter*

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

	<p><b>Title:</b> The Songbird and the Heart of Stone  <b>Author:</b> Carissa Broadbent  <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal  <b>Book Type:</b> Royal Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$35  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Crowns of Nyaxia Series.</i> Mische lost everything when she was forcibly Turned into a vampire—her home, her humanity, and the love of the sun god to whom she had devoted her life. Sentenced to death for murdering the vampire prince who Turned her, Mische is saved by Asar, the bastard prince of the House of Shadow... Mische is forced into a mission to journey to the underworld to resurrect the god of death. But in a secret meeting, her sun god commands her to help Asar in his mission, only to betray him... by killing the god of death... As her betrayal looms, Mische will be forced to choose between the redemption of the sun or the damnation of the darkness.</p>		<p><b>Title:</b> Quicksilver  <b>Author:</b> Callie Hart  <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal  <b>Book Type:</b> Royal Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$35  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Fae &amp; Alchemy Series.</i> Saeris Fane is good at keeping secrets. No one knows about the strange powers she possesses. But a secret is like a knot. Sooner or later, it is bound to come undone... When Saeris comes face-to-face with Death himself, she inadvertently reopens a gateway between realms and is transported to a land of ice and snow. The first of her kind to tread the frozen mountains of Yvelia in over a thousand years, Saeris mistakenly binds herself to Kingfisher, a handsome Fae warrior, who has secrets and nefarious agendas of his own. He will use her Alchemist's magic to protect his people, no matter what it costs him... or her.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> The Mirror  <b>Author:</b> Nora Roberts  <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal  <b>Book Type:</b> Royal Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$35  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Lost Bride Trilogy.</i> When Sonya MacTavish inherits the Victorian mansion on the coast of Maine, she has no idea that it is haunted. The footsteps, the doors slamming, the music playing she hears, are not figments of her imagination. In her dreams, she sees glimpses of the past. In the present, she finds portraits of brides. When she has visions of an antique mirror, she is drawn to it, sensing it holds dark family secrets... Then one night the mirror appears and Sonya glides through it, into the past—and sees a bride murdered on her wedding day. It is a scene that will play out again and again—a centuries-old curse—and a puzzle she must solve to break the curse.</p>		<p><b>Title:</b> A Bloom In Winter  <b>Author:</b> J.R. Ward  <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal  <b>Book Type:</b> B Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$27  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Black Dagger Brotherhood World. LGBTQ+.</i> A fighter finds himself falling in love—and trying to rescue—a male who's lost all hope... With the BDB training center reopening, and the Brothers looking to add more soldiers in the war against the Lessening Society, Callum decides to find his purpose in fighting. Apex knows what suffering the male has survived, and he joins the program to make sure Callum doesn't get himself killed. As the two hit the streets, and the danger gets real, Callum must decide whether he can open himself up to love or if he will give in to his inner darkness and spiral down into an abyss of hatred and death... forever.</p>

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## Other Books Available in This Catalogue

### Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

**The Off-Limits Rule** by **Sarah Adams** (B Paperback—\$27). *It Happened in Nashville Series*. Rules are made to be broken—especially for love, right? Lucy Marshall has hit rock bottom. After failing to succeed as a single mom in Atlanta, she's back home and moving in with her older brother, Drew. Reconnecting with her support system is the right thing to do, but Lucy can't help but feel like a failure. Her four-year-old son deserves the world, and all she can give him is a spare bedroom. But Drew is the sweetest uncle, and some quality time might be exactly what they both need to start fresh. That is until she meets Cooper, her brother's incredibly hot best friend... When Drew senses something between the two of them, he puts his foot down on any shenanigans. According to him, Cooper is everything Lucy should stay away from: flirtatious, adventurous, and especially noncommittal. But Lucy has been getting the opposite impression so far; Cooper is a genuinely great guy, and she's starting to catch real feelings... Her whole life, Lucy has tried to do everything right, and look where that's gotten her—so what if she were to try something wrong?

**Make the Season Bright** by **Ashley Herring Blake** (B Paperback—\$27). *LGBTQ+*. It's been five years since Charlotte Donovan was ditched at the altar by her ex-fiancée, and she's doing more than okay. Sure, her single mother never checks in, but she has her strings ensemble, the Rosalind Quartet, and her life in New York is a dream come true. As the holidays draw near, her ensemble mate Sloane persuades Charlotte and the rest of the quartet to spend Christmas with her family in Colorado—it is much cozier and quieter than Manhattan, and it would guarantee more practice time for the quartet's upcoming tour. But when Charlotte arrives, she discovers that Sloane's sister Adele also brought a friend home—and that friend is none other than her ex, Brighton... All Brighton Fairbrook wanted was to have the holliest, jolliest Christmas—and try to forget that her band kicked her out. But instead, she's stuck pretending like she and her ex are strangers—which proves to be difficult when Sloane and Adele's mom signs them all up for a series of Christmas dating events. Charlotte and Brighton are soon entrenched in horseback riding and cookie decorating, but Charlotte still won't talk to her. Brighton can hardly blame her after what she did... After a few days, however, things start to slip through. Memories. Music. The way they used to play together—Brighton on guitar, Charlotte on her violin—and it all feels painfully familiar. But it's all in the past and nothing can melt the ice in their hearts... right?

**Promise Me Not** by **Meagan Brandy** (B Paperback—\$27). *Boys of Avix Series*. For as long as I can remember, I've had one dream. Go to college with my best friends, earn a starting position on a division one team, and hear my name announced to the world come draft day. The path was clear, and things were falling in place perfectly. Until she showed up... I never meant to fall for my friend's little sister and by the time I realized I had, it was too late. I am a man in love with a girl... who is in love with someone else. But I can't compete with a

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ghost, and her heart was buried along side the boy she gave it to. The father of her unborn son... Instead of fighting for something she's unable to give, I do my best to be her friend. But then her little man comes along and changes everything... She says I should walk away, focus on my love for football, but I can't because what she doesn't understand is I have a new dream now... One that begins and ends with them.

**Out of Nowhere** by **Sandra Brown** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). At a Texas county fair, children's book author Elle Portman is enjoying a rare night out with her favorite cowboy: her two-year-old son, Charlie. But just as they're about to head home, the unthinkable happens: a shooter opens fire into the crowd, causing widespread panic to erupt all around them. Also caught in the melee is corporate consultant Calder Hudson. When he wakes up in the hospital, he's told he's lucky. Others didn't fare so well, which instills in Calder a furious determination to get justice... A chance encounter with Elle at the police station leads to a surprising gravitation to one another. But even as the attraction grows, Elle and Calder can't help but wonder if the unimaginable tragedy that brought them together is too painful to bear—especially while the shooter remains at large.

**Madame** by **Sara Cate** (21.0x13.9 Trade Paperback—\$33). *Salacious Players' Club Series*. They think they know me, but they have no idea. As a professional Domme, I see men and women come and go. But no one ever sticks around, and I like it that way. I have a secret to protect—at all costs... So when the cocky, handsome, and submissive Clay Bradley weasels his way into my heart, I do the one thing I've always excelled at. I push him away—forever. And like a good boy, he listens. But a few months later, during a chance encounter, he shows up again, but this time he isn't alone. He has the stunning Jade on his arm. And she has a request of her own. She wants me to teach her. I should say no. Training a woman who makes my knees weak is bad enough. But this particular woman is dating the man who still has my heart. It's a recipe for disaster. Made worse by one simple thing: they know my secret. And they won't let go. But how can I protect what's mine if I'm holding onto them too? Jade and Clay are the only ones who truly see me and the only ones who know... I'm so much more than Madame.

**The Rom-Comers** by **Katherine Center** (B Paperback—\$27). She's rewriting his love story. But can she rewrite her own? Emma has big dreams, though she hasn't let herself think about them in years. Until her big break comes along: she's offered the chance to write a screenplay with none other than her hero, Charlie-freaking-Yates! And it's a rom-com! It's the dream... Until reality sets in... Charlie is a bonafide Hollywood movie-writing legend. He's also, as it turns out, kind of a jerk. He's only writing this movie to get a Mafia movie that he actually cares about made. And that's not even the worst of it: Charlie doesn't like rom-coms because he doesn't believe in love... But Emma's not going down without a fight. She's determined to finally make her dreams come true by helping Charlie

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write a kick-ass screenplay. But first she has to make him understand rom-coms... And the more she tries to teach him about love, the more real it all starts to seem... Can Emma really write her dreams into reality? Or was it all fiction after all?

**The Christmas Bookshop** by **Jenny Colgan** (B Paperback—\$29). *Christmas Bookshop Series*. Carmen has always worked in her local department store. So, when the gorgeous old building closes its doors for good, she is more than a little lost... When her sister, Sofia, mentions an opportunity in Edinburgh—a cute little bookshop, the spare room in her house—Carmen is reluctant, she was never very good at accepting help. But, short on options, she soon finds herself pulling into the snowy city just a month before Christmas... What Sofia didn't say is that the shop is on its last legs and that if Carmen can't help turn things around before Christmas, the owner will be forced to sell. Privately, Sofia is sure it will take more than a miracle to save the store, but maybe this Christmas, Carmen might surprise them all...

**The Pumpkin Spice Cafe** by **Laurie Gilmore** (B Paperback—\$26). *Dream Harbour Series*. When Jeanie's aunt gifts her the beloved Pumpkin Spice Café in the small town of Dream Harbor, Jeanie jumps at the chance for a fresh start away from her very dull desk job... Logan is a local farmer who avoids Dream Harbor's gossip at all costs. But Jeanie's arrival disrupts Logan's routine and he wants nothing to do with the irritatingly upbeat new girl, except that he finds himself inexplicably drawn to her... Will Jeanie's happy-go-lucky attitude win over the grumpy-but-gorgeous Logan, or has this city girl found the one person in town who won't fall

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for her charm, or her pumpkin spice lattes...

**The Cinnamon Bun Book Store** by **Laurie Gilmore** (B Paperback—\$26). *Dream Harbour Series*. When a secret message turns up hidden in a book in the Cinnamon Bun Bookstore, Hazel can't understand it. As more secret codes appear between the pages, she decides to follow the trail of clues... she just needs someone to help her out... Gorgeous and outgoing fisherman, Noah, is always up for an adventure. And a scavenger hunt sounds like a lot of fun. Even better that the cute bookseller he's been crushing on for months is the one who wants his help!... Hazel didn't go looking for romance, but as the treasure hunt leads her and Noah around Dream Harbor, their undeniable chemistry might be just as hot as the fresh-out-of-the-oven cinnamon buns the bookstore sells...

**The Christmas Tree Farm** by **Laurie Gilmore** (B Paperback—\$26). *Dream Harbour Series*. Kira North hates Christmas. Which is unfortunate since she just bought a Christmas tree farm in a town that's too cute for its own good... Bennett Ellis is on vacation in Dream Harbor taking a break from his life in California. And most importantly, taking a break from his latest run of disastrous dates... After a run in with Kira in her fields, Ben has no intention of offering to help the grumpy owner set up her tree farm, despite the fact she's clearly got no idea what she's doing... Kira knows she should stop being so stubborn, but her farm is not all cute and cozy like people always show on social media, it's borderline dangerous with no heating, and she'd rather no one saw it... But somehow fate finds Ben at Kira's farm once more, and as Kira watches him swing an ax at the first tree, she finds herself

### **Pre-Order ONYX STORM by Rebecca Yarros**

Pre-order ONYX STORM (Empyrean Series #3) by Rebecca Yarros. It is due to be released on Tue 21 Jan 2025. Our price is NZ\$33 (vs RRP NZ\$37.99) plus shipping for the International Trade Paperback Edition. If we receive the book in advance, we will open at midnight for anyone who wishes to Either purchase the book Or collect their pre-order in the early hours on 21 Jan. We will also be available for after-hours collection on 21 Jan by arrangement. (If you pre-order and select Pickup, we'll email you the Pickup details when the book arrives). Please note that the Australia/New Zealand Limited Special Edition Hardcover of ONYX STORM will be released at a later date (on 4 Feb 2025). Enquiries to Frances at [info@chapter.co.nz](mailto:info@chapter.co.nz) 📞 021-635027 📞 09-6232319 Or pre-order online at [www.chapter.co.nz/product/rebecca-yarros-onyx-storm/](http://www.chapter.co.nz/product/rebecca-yarros-onyx-storm/)

### **January 2025 (mid-to-late Jan) Book Sale**



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Sun 24 Nov @ 4.15 – The books we'd like to recommend for holiday/summer reading

Sun 19 Jan @ 4.15 – JUST FOR THE SUMMER by Abby Jimenez (Contemporary)

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We apologise for any inconvenience, and we extend our warm wishes for the holidays!

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**The Striker** by **Ana Huang** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gods of the Game Series*. She's the only woman he wants... and the only one he can't have... Asher Donovan is a living legend—the darling of the Premier League, the (arguably) greatest footballer in the world... But his reckless antics and recent team transfer have caused much controversy, and when his feud with his rival-turned-teammate costs them a championship, they're forced to 'bond' during off-season cross-training... Surviving the summer shouldn't be hard... until Asher meets their new trainer. She's beautiful, talented, and no matter how hard he tries, he can't take his mind off her... The only problem? She's his rival's sister—and completely off limits.

**The Night Island** by **Jayne Ann Krentz** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Lost Night Files Series*. One night left three women changed forever... Talia March, Pallas Llewellyn, and Amelia Rivers are dedicated to uncovering the mystery of what really happened to them months ago—an experience that amplified innate psychic abilities in each of them. Suspecting they were test subjects years earlier, they are searching for those who took that same test. When Talia follows up on a lead from Phoebe, a fan of the trio's podcast, she discovers that the informant has vanished... Talia isn't the only one looking for Phoebe. Luke Rand, a hunted and haunted man, also shows up at the meeting place. It's clear he has his own agenda, and they are instantly suspicious of each other. But when a killer begins to stalk them, they decide to join forces to find Phoebe and the list... The rocky investigation leads Talia and Luke to a rustic, remote retreat on Night Island in the Pacific Northwest, where the Unplugged Experience promises to rejuvenate guests. It soon becomes clear that Phoebe is not the first person to disappear into the strange gardens that surround the Unplugged Experience retreat. And then the first mysterious death occurs...

**Forbidden Hearts** by **Corinne Michaels** (21.6x14.0 Trade Paperback—\$39). *Whitlock Family Series*. First rule of being a nanny? Don't fall for the single dad, even if he is smoking hot... But that's exactly what happens when grumpy small-town sheriff Asher Whitlock reluctantly hires me to take care of his daughter for the summer. Neither of us is thrilled with the arrangement, but he's desperate for help, and I need the money for grad school this fall... All we need to do is keep our distance and remain professional... turns out, that's easier said than done... Instead of focusing on my future, all I see is the strong jawline, crystal-blue eyes, and rock-hard body right in front of me. We try to resist each other, but we end up crossing every line until I'm in his bed... I tell myself it's just this once. Okay, twice. All right, every night... But it's got to end—he's fourteen years older than me, with a kid and a stressful job. Have I mentioned my dad is his boss? Then there's the past I'm trying to forget. Secrets aren't easy to keep and mine are getting too big to hide... Walking away is never simple but when I do, I can't look back... Even if it means leaving behind the man I was never meant to love.

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**Sunlight** by **Devney Perry** (21.3x14.0 Trade Paperback—\$38). *Haven River Ranch Series*. My first day in Montana, I got into a tug-of-war over a grocery store shopping cart. The most handsome man I'd ever seen broke up the scuffle before he asked me on a date. I was seconds away from accepting but then he told me his name... As an owner of the Haven River Ranch, Jax Haven wasn't my boss. But he wasn't not my boss either... Obviously, my only option was to turn him down, scurry away, then pretend like he was a stranger on my first day of work. And obviously, I could never, ever admit that he was my secret crush... For as hard as I work at my job, I work twice as hard to pretend Jax doesn't exist. I don't let myself think about his dazzling eyes or charming smile. I refuse to acknowledge how good he looks in a pair of faded Wrangler jeans. And as tempting as he is in a cowboy hat, Jax is a distraction I cannot afford... Everything was going according to plan until the annual holiday party. Until I drank one too many flutes of champagne and let him sweep me off my feet. After a night in his bed, there was no more ignoring Jax Haven. Not when I'm pregnant with his baby.

**Bridesmaid Undercover** by **Meghan Quinn** (B Paperback—\$27). *Bridesmaid for Hire Series*. Everly Plum is a Bridesmaid for Hire: whatever you need her to do on your special day, she'll be there to do it. So when Hardy Hopper, a billionaire, approaches Everly for help with his friends' wedding, she's more than happy to step in... But Hardy has an extra assignment for her: his ex-girlfriend will be the maid of honour opposite his role as best man, and Hardy wants Everly's help to get her back... There's only one problem: Everly may just have a tiny crush on her businessman employer. She knows there are rules about this, she knows her clients are off the table. So why can't she stop thinking about him?

**Pucking Sweet** by **Emily Rath** (B Paperback—\$25). *Jacksonville Ray Series*. My name is Poppy St. James and I've just landed my dream job as the Director of Public Relations for the NHL's hottest new team, the Jacksonville Rays... But if I want to stay beyond my one-year contract, I'll have to prove myself. Easy. PR is in my blood. What's not so easy are the hockey players... They're a real handful—especially party boy defenseman Lukas Novikov... I don't care how well Lucas plays hockey. Off the ice, he's a PR nightmare. The players can all call me PR Barbie all they want, but I'm getting the job done... I am poised, powerful, and always professional...

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until the fateful night my phone rings... One little phone call from home that leads to one drunken mistake, and my carefully balanced life is knocked off-kilter. Now I'm staring down at a little blue plus sign and I have no strategy, no idea what's next... All I know is that nothing will ever be the same.

**The Predator** by **RuNyx** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Dark Verse Series*. What happens when an unstoppable force meets an immovable object in the field of death?... In the dark underbelly of the mob, Tristan Caine has been an anomaly. As the only non-blooded member in the high circle of the Tenebrae Outfit, he is an enigma to all—his skills unparalleled, his morality questionable, and his motives unknown. He is lethal and he knows it... As does Morana Vitalio, the genius extraordinaire daughter of the rival family. What Caine does with weapons, Morana does with computers. When a twenty-year-old mystery resurfaces, Morana infiltrates Caine's house, intent on killing him, unaware of a tie that binds them together. Hate, heat, and history clash together with unexpected sparks... But something bigger, something worse is happening in their world. And despite their animosity, only they can fight it down.

**The Reaper** by **RuNyx** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Dark Verse Series*. What happens when the untameable wind and the endless sea collide in the dark of the night?... Tristan 'The Predator' Caine had been unprepared for Morana Vitalio. After spending his entire life with a vow he broke on a rainy night, he finds himself torn in a battle between his painful past and an uncertain future. The only thing he knows? Her life still belongs to him... For Morana, the line between enemies and allies has blurred. Everything she once held dear to her has disintegrated and the unknown gapes at her, leaving her with both her freedom and life on the line in enemy territory. The only thing she knows? His life has always belonged to her... With twenty years of history tying them to each other, Tristan and Morana begin their hunt for the truth together. And they realize that the mystery of the missing girls is just the tip of the iceberg... Skeletons are uncovered. Dominoes begin to fall... A storm is born.

**Lost and Lassoed** by **Lyla Sage** (B Paperback—\$27). *Rebel Blue Ranch Series*. She thrives in chaos. He prefers routine. The only thing they have in common? How much they hate each other... Teddy Andersen doesn't have a plan. She's never needed one. She's more of a go-with-the-flow type of girl, but for some reason, the flow doesn't seem to be going her way this time... Gus Ryder has a lot on his plate. He's always been the dependable one, but when his workload starts to overwhelm him, he has to admit that he can't manage everything on his own. He needs help... His little sister's best friend, the woman he can't stand, is not who he had in mind. But when no one else can step in, Teddy's the only option he's got... Tempers flare, tension builds, and for the first time ever, Gus and Teddy start to see each other in a different light. As new feelings start to simmer below the surface, they must decide whether they should act on them. Can they keep things cool? Or will both of them get burned?

**The Christmas Fix** by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$27). She'll save Christmas just to spite him...

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There's only one thing standing in the way of Cat King saving a small town's Christmas festival: Grumpy town manager Noah Yates... Single dad Noah takes his responsibilities seriously. When a late season hurricane turns Merry, Connecticut, into a disaster, he's left scrambling to pick up the pieces of the town he loves... At least, until home renovation expert and smoking hot reality TV star Catalina King arrives with a camera crew and a budget big enough to put the town back together again. But Noah doesn't want a celebrity diva capitalizing on their tragedy or filling his daughter's head with visions of glitz and glam... Blonde bombshell Cat is used to being underestimated, but Noah has an uncanny knack for getting under her skin. They can't be in a room together without rubbing each other the wrong way... except that time in the dark alley where the rubbing was just right. Can these enemies work together to pull off a Christmas miracle or will their fighting leave them both on the naughty list?

**Off to the Races** by **Elsie Silver** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gold Rush Ranch Series*. Keeping things professional with my employees has never been an issue. Until she waltzed onto my property... Billie is talented. She's mouthy. And she's so damn tempting. I can't stop thinking about all the ways I could take her down a peg. I can't stop thinking about her, period... We clash from the moment we meet. And in a small town, on an even smaller farm, it's hard to keep your distance. It's even harder to keep that friction from turning to fire... But keeping my distance? That might be the biggest struggle of all. Because Billie is the whole package, whip-smart with a body I fantasize about when I'm alone, and quite possibly the only woman who can save this business—and me... She drives me crazy. In every sense of the word. Every smart-mouthed little comment—every game we play—I end up wanting more. Wanting her closer. With me. Under me... I try not to let her get to me, but the more time we spend together the more I crave her. Her lips. Her trust. Her heart... I want it all... But at what cost?... Because suddenly I don't just want to win races, I want to win the girl.

**A Photo Finish** by **Elsie Silver** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gold Rush Ranch Series*. I met Violet Eaton online. What happened between us, in our chats, was meant to stay anonymous and in the past. Until it didn't... It's a small world, but Ruby Creek is even smaller. When I move to the tiny town, the grumpy facade I've created slips when Violet and I are forced to live under the same roof. Every time her eyes flare with heat, the ice I've encased myself in melts. She has me wanting things I can't want—things I don't deserve... But my invisible wounds have the power to ruin us both. As a former soldier, I should have the discipline to walk away, but the more I open up to Violet, the more I want to keep her. I came back from the war a different man, but my scars are older and deeper than anyone knows—and I planned to keep it that way. I planned to keep my secrets hidden. Until her.

**Sinners Consumed** by **Somme Sketcher** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Sinners Anonymous Series*. My world is on fire, and I'm obsessed with the girl who lit the match. Bloodied knuckles and a lifeless body at my feet confirm it: Penny is my demise. My gentlemanly facade is nothing but a

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memory. My sins are seeping through my shirt like ink. I tried to leave her. Couldn't do it. I tried to snuff the life out of her. Couldn't do that, either. So we'll slow dance in the flames until I'm nothing but ash and embers. I'll only rise like a phoenix when she's gone. The problem is, I'd never let her go. No, she'd have to run far, far, away to escape me. And maybe she will if I just told her the truth: I own the Sinners Anonymous Hotline. And I've listened to every call she's ever made.

**The Stopover** by **T.L. Swan** (19.8x13.0 Trade Paperback—\$32). *The Miles High Club Series*. I was upgraded to first class on a flight from London to New York. The food, champagne, and service were impeccable. The blue-eyed man sitting next to me, even better. He was suave and intelligent. We talked and laughed, and something clicked... Fate took over and the plane was grounded, and we had an unexpected stopover for the night. With no plans, we made our own. We danced and laughed our way around Boston and had a night of crazy passion that no woman would ever forget. That was twelve months ago, and I haven't heard from him—until today... I started a new job and met the CEO. You can imagine my surprise to see those naughty blue eyes dance with delight when he saw me across the mahogany desk. But I'm not that carefree girl anymore. My life has changed, I have responsibilities... I just got an email. He wants to see me in his office for a private meeting at 8:00 a.m. Naughty blue eyes have no place in the workplace. What kind of private meeting does he have in mind?

**Madness** by **Shantel Tessier** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$70). *L.O.R.D.S. Series. His Secret*. A Lord takes what he wants. But like anything else, even he can get greedy and betray his oath. That's where Carnage comes in. A Spade brother runs their prison for those who have wronged their society. It just so happens to be where the Lords have sent me... *I Vow. You Vow. We Vow*. Most women within the Lords don't get the chance to prove themselves worthy of the brand or the power that comes with it, but there's always an exception. I'm one of them. Finally, my time had come to be assigned to a Lord. Not just any Lord but a Spade brother—Haidyn Jamison Reeves. I had everything under control until he found out what I was hiding... Everyone in our world knows the only way to get to the top is to sacrifice something the Lords want... So when Haidyn gave me a choice—become his toy or turn me over to the Lords—the decision was easy... I've worked too hard to get this far to allow a man to take what I've earned. I chose to become his dirty little secret over admitting I failed... It didn't take long for him to unravel my web of lies, thread by thread, until nothing was left. He took over my life, blurring the lines until I discovered that what I thought I wanted was no longer what I needed... But even in our world, nothing lasts forever. Time had run out. The hourglass lay broken on the floor, shattering not only my future but everything I knew... I never thought that falling in love with a Spade brother would reveal so many secrets. And when they all came to light, the Lord who blackmailed me was the only one I could count on.

### Crime & Mystery & Thriller

**The Missing Witness** by **Allison Brennan** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Quinn & Costa Thriller Series*. When a key witness goes missing, Quinn & Costa must find her before a killer silences her for good... Detective Kara Quinn is back in Los Angeles to testify against a notorious human trafficker, finally moving past the case that upended her life. But when the accused is shot in broad daylight, the chaotic scene of the crime turns up few reliable bystanders. And one witness—a whistleblower who might be the key to everything—has disappeared... After another person close to the case is killed, it's clear that anyone who knows too much is in danger, and tracking down the witness becomes a matter of life-and-death. But as explosive secrets surface within the LAPD and FBI, Kara questions everything she thought she knew about the case, her colleagues and the life she left behind months ago... Now with FBI special agent Matt Costa's help, she must race to find the missing witness and get to the bottom of the avalanche of conspiracies that has rocked LA to its core... before it's too late.

**Now or Never** by **Janet Evanovich** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Stephanie Plum Series*. She said yes to Morelli. She said yes to Ranger. Now Stephanie Plum has two fiancés and no plan. But the way things are going, she might not live long enough to marry anyone... Stalling for time, Stephanie buries herself in her work as a bounty hunter, tracking down fugitives from justice. There's Eugene Fleck, a seemingly sweet online influencer who might also be YouTube star Robin Hoody, masked hero to the homeless. There's Bruno Jug, a wealthy and connected man who is rumored to traffic young girls alongside wholesale lettuce and tomatoes. Most terrifying of all is Zoran—a laundromat manager by day and self-proclaimed vampire by night with a taste for the blood of pretty girls. When he shows up on Stephanie's doorstep, it's not for the meatloaf dinner... Stephanie has to use every trick in the book to reel in these men. But she can't decide what to do about Ranger and Morelli—and she's keeping a secret from them that is the biggest bombshell of all. Now or never, she's got to make the decision of a lifetime.

**The Heiress** by **Rachel Hawkins** (B Paperback—\$27). There's nothing as good as the rich gone bad... When Ruby McTavish Callahan Woodward Miller Kenmore dies, she's not only North Carolina's richest woman, she's also its most notorious. The victim of a famous kidnapping as a child and a widow four times over, Ruby ruled the tiny town of Tavistock from Ashby House, her family's estate high in the Blue Ridge Mountains... But in the aftermath of her death, her adopted son, Camden, wants little to do with the house or the money—and even less to do with the surviving McTavishes. Instead, he rejects his inheritance, settling into a normal life as an English teacher in Colorado and marrying Jules, a woman just as eager to escape her own messy past... Ten years later, his uncle's death pulls Cam and Jules back into the family fold at Ashby House. Its views are just as stunning as ever, its rooms just as elegant, but the legacy of Ruby is inescapable... And as Ashby House tightens its grip on Jules and

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Camden, questions about the infamous heiress come to light. Was there any truth to the persistent rumors following her disappearance as a girl? What really happened to those four husbands, who all died under mysterious circumstances? And why did she adopt Cam in the first place? Soon, Jules and Cam realize that an inheritance can entail far more than what's written in a will—and that the bonds of family stretch far beyond the grave.

**Madrigals and Mayhem** by **Elizabeth Penney** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Cambridge Bookshop Series*. Molly Kimball finds that even the holidays can come with a healthy dose of mystery... Molly is eager to experience her first English Christmas with family and friends now that she's adjusted to her move to Cambridge and her restoration of her family's ancestral bookshop, Thomas Marlowe—Manuscripts and Folios. When local toyshop Pemberly's Emporium reopens, Molly is excited to meet the new owner, Charlotte Pemberly, who is determined to make the toy store a success after unexpectedly becoming her grandfather Arthur's heir... Arthur's new wife Althea Winters and her unpleasant family loathe Charlotte for inheriting what they believe was theirs and have set their sights on a valuable Madame Alexander doll that's gone missing. When Althea's grandson is poisoned by cakes from Tea & Crumpets, Charlotte becomes the top suspect. Molly believes Charlotte was the intended victim and investigates the Pemberly's home, only to discover that Arthur had been murdered... To get closer to this treacherous family, Molly and her boyfriend Kieran go undercover by volunteering to act and sing for a madrigal dinner directed by Althea and her daughter at St. Hildegard's College. Molly must help her new friend clear her name while searching for the missing doll and wrangling her own family during the chaotic festivities at the bookshop.

**Random in Death** by **J.D. Robb** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *In Death/Eve Dallas Series*. A small and easily concealed weapon wreaks havoc and the killer is just a face in the crowd... Jenna's parents had finally given in, and there she was, at a New York club with her best friends, watching the legendary band Avenue A, carrying her demo in hopes of slipping it to the guitarist, Jake Kincade. Then, from the stage, Jake catches her eye, and smiles. It's the best night of her life. It's the last night of her life... Minutes later, Jake's in the alley getting some fresh air, and the girl from the dance floor comes stumbling out, sick and confused and deathly pale. He tries to help, but it's no use. He doesn't know that someone in the crowd has jabbed her with a needle—and when his girlfriend Nadine arrives, she knows the only thing left to do for the girl is call her friend, Lieutenant Eve Dallas... After everyone on the scene is interviewed, lab results show a toxic mix of substances in the victim's body—and for an extra touch of viciousness, the needle was teeming with infectious agents. Dallas searches for a pattern: Had any boys been harassing Jenna? Was she engaging in risky behavior or caught up in something shady? But there are no obvious clues why this levelheaded sixteen-year-old, passionate about her music, would be targeted... And that worries Dallas. Because if Jenna wasn't targeted, if she was just the random,

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unlucky victim of a madman consumed by hatred, there are likely more deaths to come.

**The Witch is Back** by **Angela M. Sanders** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Witch Way Librarian Mysteries Series*. Just when residents thought life was settling down in small-town Wilfred, Oregon, poison pen letters begin to arrive. Who can celebrate the retreat's success or the opening of The Wallingford Guesthouse when secrets and less than neighborly transgressions are aired? Librarian Josie Way is lucky to be a witch, since the spellbound books know plenty about murders... Surprised by an unexpected visit from her oddly pensive mother, Josie hopes to distract her with a visit to the Aerie, the clifftop manor where the recently passed Reverend Clarence Duffy lived. Inside, however, Josie hears hissed warnings from boxes of the preacher's old books—and once home, from the library's detective novels. When Wilfred residents start to receive threatening letters the next day, the witch-in-training is determined to uncover the missives' author... But not before the dead body of one of the reverend's sons is discovered at the bottom of the cliff. Unsettled by the Wilfred residents' crumbling friendships—and by her mother's reason for her visit—Josie has her hands full of dilemmas. Sheriff Sam is no help—he laughs off the letter he receives. Then Josie finds one addressed to her, stating that the author “knows her secret.” Josie must trust her fledgling sorcery—as well as a bit of magic from a surprising source—to uncover the poison pen before anyone else receives a deadly delivery...

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**The Mist Thief** by **L.J. Andrews** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$41). *Broken Kingdom: Ever Seas Series*. She tried to kill him, so he made her his wife... Skadi met her husband-to-be with blades in hand on the opposite side of a battle. She lost, and he claimed his prize... To her horror, the king of the shadow elven agrees to marry her off to Jonas, a prince in the fae realms, as a way to unite their kingdoms against a shared enemy—the light elves. Skadi knows the marriage is a political game. Feelings won't come into play... Except her new husband makes not falling in love... challenging... When new threats arise, Skadi must decide to either love her enemy, or keep him alive by betraying him.

**Glow of the Everflame** by **Penn Cole** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *The Kindred's Curse Saga*. An unexpected gift offers the power to change everything. Keeping it could cost Diem her life... The threat of war has arrived at Diem's doorstep, along with a discovery that could save her people. To use it, she must survive the next thirty days by forming a devil's bargain with the people she hates most: the royal family of House Corbois... But as she dives into the world of the Descended elite, Diem realizes good and evil aren't as simple as they seem. Old prejudices are challenged, and new loyalties blur the line between friend and foe... Meanwhile, her mother is still missing, and the secrets she left behind can no longer be ignored—and neither can the Guardians and their demands. Caught between an old flame and a sizzling new spark, Diem must confront the truth about who she is and what she wants before time runs out... War is coming, and

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enemies wait on all sides... but the most deadly battle Diem faces may be the one for her heart.

**Bonds of Beauty and Blood** by **Mikayla Everitt** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$28). *Triad Series*. NZ Author. A spicy love letter to unmasking and unleashing feminine rage... Sylvie Hart doesn't want much in life. A steady income and an apartment out of the slums of Erus would do... But when her two alluring and provocative bosses claim she is theirs—sworn by fate and soon-to-be bound by blood—she is thrust into realms she could only dream of, or read about in her spicy books... Proximity forces them together, while blood-sworn betrothals and fae promises threaten to tear them apart. That and the demon hybrids. Yet when unseen voices demand violence, Sylvie is compelled to follow or risk losing everything—her life included... Betrayal and cruelty lead to unwanted self-discovery and devastating power. When caged trauma is unleashed, Sylvie must use her past as fuel to fan her inner flames or risk being burned to ashes.

**Slay** by **Laurell K. Hamilton** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Anita Blake, Vampire Hunter Series*. Wedding bells are ringing. But before Anita can make it to the altar, she must face an obstacle more daunting than any supernatural threat... Necromancer Anita Blake is small, dark, and dangerous. Her turf is the city of St. Louis. Her job: U.S. Marshal—Preternatural Branch. She's faced horrifying monsters and brutal killers and come out the other side still standing... Considering how things in her life tend to go, Anita never expected her walk down the aisle with Jean-Claude to go smoothly. They've already been confronted with naysayers and a power-hungry ancient evil, but now Anita has to do the one thing that actually scares her: introduce her religious human relatives to her fiancé—the newly crowned vampire king of America... As Anita tries to keep the peace between the family she left behind and the family she's chosen, dark forces jump at the chance to take advantage of the chaos. With her happy-ever-after at risk and everyone's immortal souls hanging in the balance, Anita grapples with a hard truth: Blood makes you related, but loyalty makes you family.

**Servant of Earth** by **Sarah Hawley** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Shards of Magic Series*. In the underground Fae realm, only the strongest and most ruthless have power—but a young human woman forced into a life of servitude is about to change everything... Kenna Heron is best known in her village for being a little wild—some say half feral—but she'll need every ounce of that ferocity to survive captivity in the cruel Fae court... Trapped as a servant in the faeries' underground kingdom of Mistei, Kenna must help her new mistress undertake six deadly trials, one for each branch of magic: Fire, Earth, Light, Void, Illusion, and Blood. If she succeeds, her mistress will gain immortality and become the heir to Earth House. If she doesn't, the punishment is death—for both mistress and servant... With no ally but a sentient dagger of mysterious origins, Kenna must face monsters, magic, and grueling physical tests. But worse dangers wait underground, and soon Kenna gets caught up in a secret rebellion against the faerie king. When her feelings for the rebellion's leader

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turn passionate, Kenna must decide if she's willing to risk her life for a better world and a chance at happiness... Surviving the trials and overthrowing a tyrant king will take cunning, courage, and an iron will... but even that may not be enough.

**A Fire in the Sky** by **Sophie Jordan** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$32). *A Fire In The Sky Series*. Dragons are extinct. Witches are outcast. Magic is dying. But human lust for power is immortal... Dragon fire no longer blisters the skies over Penterra, but inside the palace, life is perilous... especially for Tamsyn. Raised in the court alongside the princesses, it's her duty to be punished for their misdeeds. Treated as part of the royal family but also as the lowliest servant, Tamsyn fits nowhere. Her only friend is Stig, Captain of the Guard... though sometimes she thinks he wants more than friendship... When Fell, the Beast of the Borderlands, descends on her home, Tamsyn's world becomes more dangerous. To save the princesses from a fate worse than death, she is commanded to don a veil and marry the brutal warrior. She agrees to the deception even though it means leaving Stig, and the only life she's ever known, behind... The wedding night begins with unexpected passion—and ends in near violence when her trickery is exposed. Rather than start a war, Fell accepts Tamsyn as his bride... but can he accept the dark secrets she harbors—secrets buried so deep even she doesn't know they exist? For Tamsyn is more than a royal whipping girl, more than the false wife of a man who now sees her as his enemy. And when those secrets emerge, they will ignite a flame bright enough to burn the entire kingdom to the bone... Magic is not dead...it is only sleeping. And it will take one ordinary girl with an extraordinary destiny to awaken it.

**Nocticadia** by **Keri Lake** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$52). *Mortui vivos docent*. The dead teach the living... After watching my mother succumb to a mysterious illness, I promised myself two things. I'd find the cure for what ravaged her. And leave the city where she abandoned me... Four years later, I receive an acceptance letter from Dracadia University, one of the oldest, most prestigious schools in the country. Nestled on a secluded island off the coast of Maine, it's rumored to be haunted by the souls of the mental patients exiled there centuries before. Those whose bones are said to make up the island's white sandy shores. And restless ghosts aren't even its most daunting peculiarity... Devryck Bramwell, known on campus as Doctor Death, is a brilliant pathologist in charge of the midnight lab. He's also my devastatingly handsome professor, who seems to loathe tenacious first-years, like me. Except, his dark and enigmatic gaze tells me all the ways he'd devour me if given the chance, and his stolen kisses burn my lips with forbidden jealousy... I crave his authority. He aches for redemption. Together, we're toxic. Delicious fodder for the prying eyes hellbent on exhuming the skeletons of our pasts... The dead have much to teach, and it's only a matter of time before Dracadia's most depraved secret is resurrected.

**Throne of Secrets** by **Kerri Maniscalco** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Princes of Sin Series*. Gabriel Axton—the Prince of Gluttony, self-proclaimed rake of rakes—has always lived for indulgence: in



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delicious food, in tantalizing women, and most of all, in the thrill of the hunt, where his love of danger can take over. But when his favorite adventure takes a deadly turn, he realizes something is wrong in his demon court. With the clock ticking, he must turn to the only one who might uncover the truth: a journalist he has spent a decade avoiding... Adriana Saint Lucent has been on the hunt for years—if she could just report something damning enough about that no-good scoundrel Axton, she knows others would finally see the demon as she does. But she never expected to turn up a rumor too terrifying to be believed: could the ice dragons to the north be growing restless? Drawn into the secrets of the Underworld, Adriana's investigation leads her into the place she dreads most... Axton's court... To stop darkness from falling over their kingdom, Axton and Adriana unite against an escalating danger. But with each holding tight to their own secrets, can they find the truth before it's too late? And what will they do with an equally troubling rumor: that they might not actually hate one another, after all?

**Blood of Hercules** by **Jasmine Mas** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Villains of Lore Series*. I'm just a girl. And it turns out, I'm Hercules... I'm struggling to survive in a Titan infested world where Spartans, immortals from twelve royal families who have god-like powers and obscene wealth, rule over all. A shy, stammering foster child with nothing, I keep my head down, cover my scars, and focus on school. At least, I try to. Then it happens... My blood test reveals I'm part of the powerful elite. I'm one of them. A Spartan... Forced to attend the Spartan War Academy, I undergo the most harrowing test of all—time to see if I have what it takes to be an immortal. There's just a few problems. Achilles and Patro are my scary mentors. Kharon, the ferryman of death, and Augustus, the son of war, are my terrifying professors. Also, I'm pretty sure either someone's stalking me, or my sanity's slipping—I have a bad feeling both are true... I'm surrounded by Villains and they're smothering me with hate, obsession, and dark possessiveness. Too bad for them, they have no clue just who they're messing with.

**The House at Watch Hill** by **Karen Marie Moning** (Royal Paperback—\$36). *Watch Hill Trilogy*. The house at Watch Hill was a patient beast, born of dichotomy, a familiar stranger, a beautiful monstrosity. It seduced before it terrified. And it would never be done with me... I was the sweetest thing the evil in those walls ever tasted... Zo Grey is reeling from the sudden death of her mother when she receives a call from an unknown attorney in Divinity, Louisiana, offering her an inheritance. With nothing left to lose, Zo heads to Divinity and discovers a sprawling mansion that seems to pull inward—Watch Hill, an entity cloaked in shadows and laden with secrets. But there's a catch: she must endure three years within its ominous walls to claim her fortune... As Zo delves deeper into the mansion's mysteries, she encounters a sinister, red-eyed owl, a captivating Scottish groundskeeper, doors that go nowhere, others that are impossible to open, and a turret into which there is no visible means of ingress, all while the townsfolk whisper of dark legends... Unaware of her own ties to the house, Zo must confront ancient evils and unlock something deep within herself... before evil consumes her completely.

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**The Book of Azrael** by **Amber V. Nicole** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gods and Monsters Series*. Where there are gods, there are also monsters... For a thousand years, the Etherworld has known peace. Until now... Many centuries ago, desperate to save her dying sister, Dianna made a deal with Kaden, a monster far worse than any nightmare. Locked in servitude to him, she is forced to hunt down an ancient relic held by her most dangerous enemies: an army led by Samkiel, the World Ender... After the Gods War, Samkiel hid from everything, denying his crown and deserting his people. Now, an attack on those he loves sends him back to the realm he never wished to return to, and into the sights of an enemy he had hoped to forget... With every world at stake, Dianna and Samkiel are forced to set aside their animosity and work together, before all is lost...

**The Dawn of the Cursed Queen** by **Amber V. Nicole** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gods and Monsters Series*. Ask her, boy. Ask her what she begged the stars for and what lives now. Ask her what she ripped from the very heavens. And then ask her if she cares. The old blood runs through her veins... Nismera and her legions rule the realms as Samkiel's power fills the sky. With him gone, she strives to solidify her spot on the throne, no matter the cost... Dianna struggles beneath the weight of half-truths, lies, and deceptions. After overcoming what she thought was her hardest battle, she soon learns she is at risk of losing everything... Samkiel strives to heal, but he has more on his plate than ever before. The Hand is dismantled, the realms are in turmoil, and the one person he can trust keeps him at arm's length. Can the two work out their differences, or will they both fall to the blade of the Goddess of War?... The one true king returns, but is it the king or queen who shall rule them all?

**Bloodguard** by **Cecy Robson** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Old Earth Series*. Everything in the Kingdom of Arrow is a lie. Leith of Grey thought coming to this new land and volunteering to fight in the gladiator arena—vicious tournaments where only the strongest survive—would earn him enough gold to save his dying sister. He thought there was nothing left to lose. He was wrong—and they took everything. His hope. His freedom. His humanity... All Leith has left is his battle-scarred body, fueled by rage and hardened from years of fighting for the right to live another day... Then Leith meets Maeve, an elven royal who is everything he despises. Everything he should hate. Until the alluring princess offers him the one thing he needs most: a chance to win the coveted title of Bloodguard—and his freedom... But in a kingdom built on secrets and lies, hope doesn't come cheap... Nor will his ultimate revenge...

**Alpha's Temptation** by **Renee Rose & Lee Savino** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Bad Boy Alphas Series*. I'm a lone wolf, and I like it that way. Banned from my birth pack after a bloodbath, I never wanted a mate... Then I meet Kylie. My temptation. We're trapped in an elevator together, and her panic almost makes her pass out in my arms. She's strong, but broken. And she's hiding something... My wolf wants to claim her. But she's human, and her delicate flesh won't survive a wolf's mark... I'm too dangerous. I should stay away. But when I discover she's the hacker who nearly took down my company, I demand she submit to my

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punishment. And she will... Kylie belongs to me.

**Mated for Christmas** by **Terry Spear** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *White Wolf Series*. It's almost Christmas and the time has come for white wolf Slade White to embark on his holiday cabin retreat in the forests of Minnesota. But when his travel buddy can no longer join him, Slade invites his girlfriend, private investigator Sheri Whitmore. He's been thinking about how to propose mating her, and this trip feels like the perfect fit... Sheri can't wait to wrap up her latest case so she can ice fish, hike, run as wolves, put up Christmas decorations, and snuggle up by the fire with her favourite wolf. But just one day into her vacation with Slade, trouble begins to stir up strange clues to her previous cases—cases that she thought were closed... As Sheri and Slade work together to solve the mystery, it becomes even more clear that they have found their mating partner for life, making this Christmas the most special of all.

**Their Vicious Darling** by **Nikki St. Crowe** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Vicious Lost Boys Series*. The Dark One has accepted me... just in time for everything to change. Because Vane's brother, The Crocodile, has arrived on Neverland soil and he's not alone. He's brought with him members of the royal Darkland family and they want Vane's Death Shadow back at any cost... Of course, Peter Pan, Vane, Kas and Bash, they're all familiar with war. But war isn't easy when love is on the line... I know those vicious Lost Boys would do anything to protect me. But what if I'm not the one that needs saving?... As power shifts on the island and shadows are claimed, all five of us have to let go of who we were, if we have any chance of becoming who we are destined to be.

**The Emperor of Evening Stars** by **Laura Thalassa** (B Paperback Novella—\$29). *Bargainer Series*. Before he met his soulmate, Callypso Lillis, and before he became the Bargainer or the King of Night, he was Desmond Flynn, the bastard son of a scribe. A boy born to a weak mother in a lowly city, cursed with little magic, and destined to marry a slave. A boy taught to hide his truths from the realm of Night... and himself. But fate had something else in mind... In an instant, Des loses everything, and his life becomes defined by a quest for revenge. From the barren caves of Arestys to the palace of Somnia to the streets of Earth, Des journeys to destroy the king who shattered his life in the shadows. What he finds will change him forever. Between the threads of fate, the business of bargains, and a centuries-long quest to find his soulmate, this is how a fairy who began with nothing becomes Emperor of Evening Stars.

**One Cursed Rose** by **Rebecca Zanetti** (B Paperback—\$27). *Grimm Bargains Series*. Alana Beaumont is the heir to Aquarius Social—but with the company under attack from an unseen enemy, her father decides to marry her off to a rival family in the hopes of securing an alliance, leaving Alana torn between her duty and her thirst for revenge as her wedding day approaches... After an unsuccessful assassination attempt, the wedding becomes the least of her concerns when she comes face to face with her rescuer: Thorn Beathach, owner of the rival business empire driving Aquarius under... and now her kidnapper... Known as the richest and most ruthless of them all, Thorn protects his realm with an iron fist, and no one sees his face. Until Alana...

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Convinced that she is only safe with him, Thorn wants to keep her in his enchanted castle, but she's not the docile beauty he expects, and he's not the only one who finds pleasure in their arrangement...

**Historical & Regency Romance**

**Always Remember** by **Mary Balogh** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Ravenswood Series*. Left unable to walk by a childhood illness, Lady Jennifer, sister of the Duke of Wilby, has made a happy place for herself in society—even if she cannot dance at balls or stroll in Hyde Park. She is blessed with a loving family, but secretly dreams of marriage, children, walking—and dancing... When Ben Ellis comes across Lady Jennifer as she struggles to walk with the aid of primitive crutches, he understands her yearning. He never saw a practical problem he did not have to solve, and he wants to help her discover her independence. But as the illegitimate son of the late Earl of Stratton he must be careful, for although raised with the earl's family, he knows he does not really belong in the world of the ton... Jennifer is shocked—and intrigued—by Ben's ideas, and both families are alarmed by the friendship and perhaps more that they sense developing. A duke's sister certainly cannot marry the illegitimate son of an earl. Except sometimes, love can find a way.

**No Ordinary Duchess** by **Elizabeth Hoyt** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Greycourt Series*. Julian Greycourt, the heir to the Windemere dukedom, has always known that his uncle the duke was responsible for his mother's death. Now he's determined to exact revenge against his uncle—if he can find the proof. But Julian hides a secret so explosive it will destroy him if it's revealed, and the duke is watching. The last thing he needs is a distracting woman whose very presence threatens to destroy his plans... Sunny and cheerful, Lady Elspeth de Moray doesn't know why her brother and Julian fell out years ago, but she can't let the autocratic man get in the way of her mission: to retrieve an ancient family text that she believes is in one of the Windemere libraries. Locating the tome, however, proves trickier than she anticipated, and at each turn, she's thrown together with the mysterious Julian. And the temptation to give in to her family's greatest enemy grows stronger with each encounter...

**Dead Beside the Thames** by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$40). *Casebook of Barnaby Adair Series*. Charlie Hastings is astonished to find himself accused of murdering Viscount Sedbury. Admittedly, Charlie had two altercations with Sedbury in the hours preceding the man's death, but as Charlie points out to Stokes—and to Barnaby and Penelope—there are a multitude of others in the ton who will be delighted to learn of Sedbury's demise... As Penelope, Barnaby, and Stokes assemble a suspect list, Charlie's prediction proves accurate. Yet the most puzzling aspect is who managed to kill Sedbury. The man was a hulking brute, large, strong, and known as a vicious brawler. Who managed to subdue him enough to strangle him?... As the number of suspects increases, the investigators are forced to ask if one of their suspects hired a killer capable of taking Sedbury down. With that possibility thrown into the calculations, narrowing the suspect list becomes a futile exercise... The pursuit of the truth leads them to investigate the

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many shady avenues of Sedbury's life, much to the consternation of Sedbury's father, the Marquess of Rattenby. Rattenby does not want Sedbury's distasteful proclivities exposed, further harming the other family members who Sedbury has taken great delight in tormenting for most of his life... In the end, the resolution of the crime lies in old-fashioned policing coupled with the twists Barnaby and Penelope bring to Scotland Yard's efforts... And when the truth is revealed, it raises questions that strike to the very heart of justice and what, with such a victim and such a murderer, true justice actually means.

**The Beast Takes a Bride** by **Julie Anne Long** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *The Palace of Rogues Series*. He would pay any price to possess her. But even though Alexandra Bellamy sacrifices herself to save her family's fortunes, a shocking betrayal sunders her marriage to a taciturn brute of a war hero, Colonel Magnus Brightwall, before it even begins. Five years of icy separation later, a scandal—with Alexandra at the middle—reunites them, and Magnus issues an edict: they will confront the ton, rescue their reputations, then Magnus will banish her to another continent—forever... But alone in a suite at the Grand Palace on the Thames, a new battle begins—between pride and the unexpected volcanic passion stirring between them. The danger is real: Magnus rediscovers why Alexandra is the only woman who could ever break him. And even as she lays bare the beautiful heart beating beneath the battered hide of the near-stranger she married, Alexandra knows she may have already lost him—even as she finally falls fatally, irrevocably in love.

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decidedly unblue blood. And worse still, her dearly departed duke has assigned a co-guardian of their son: the handsome (if insufferable) Count of Rauchberg, who seems most insistent on dictating the terms of Tamsin's duchy. But not if she has anything to say about it... Christian August has never been so vexed in his life. He's come to help raise the duchess's son, and in return, she's doing everything she can to destroy his peace of mind. Unleashing goats, secretly shortening the cuffs of his shirts, and—damn the woman—driving him to distraction with her flashing eyes and soft, kissable lips. It's enough to make a man forget his duty...

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