

BOOK CATALOGUE

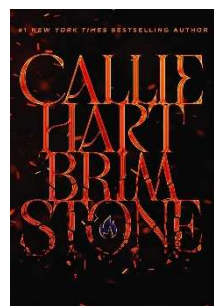
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Just in time for some summer holiday reading, there are some great books by Callie Hart (*Brimstone*), Ana Huang (*The Defender*), Keri Lake (*Eldritch*), Stephanie Laurens (*The Curse of Ill-Gotten Gains*), Lauren Palphreyman (*The Wolf King*), Meghan Quinn (*Merry Christmas, You Filthy Animal*), Leigh Rivers (*Little Stranger*) and Nora Roberts (*The Seven Rings*) and more. Happy holidays and enjoy your reading!

NB. Please see p2 for our pre-order links for *SUCH A PERFECT FAMILY* and *ARCHANGEL'S ETERNITY* and details of our Christmas Shopping Day on 13 Dec and our Christmas/New Year closure (while closed, orders will be processed for pickup/shipping).

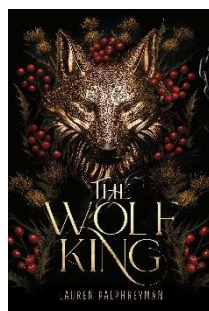
| Top Books Nov Dec | | Top Books Nov Dec continued | |
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| Patricia Briggs | Blind Date with a Werewolf* | Jasmine Mas | Bond of Hercules* |
| Kristen Ciccarelli | A Dark Forgetting* | Catharina Maura | A Curse of Shadows and Ice* |
| Janet Evanovich | The King's Ransom* | Lauren Palphreyman | The Wolf King* |
| Heather Fawcett | Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales | Meghan Quinn | Merry Christmas, You Filthy Animal |
| Callie Hart | Brimstone* | Emily Rath | His Grace, The Duke |
| Sarah Hawley | Princess of Blood* | Leigh Rivers | Little Stranger* |
| Ana Huang | The Defender | Nora Roberts | The Seven Rings* |
| Keri Lake | Eldritch* | Rebecca Ross | Wild Reverence* |
| Stephanie Laurens | The Curse of Ill-Gotten Gains* | Helen Scheurer | Silver and Smoke* |
| Becka Mack | Breathe with Me | Liv Zanders | Feathers So Vicious* |

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



Title: Brimstone
Author: Callie Hart
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book: Royal Paperback/S.E. Hardcover
Price: \$35/\$59
Annotation: *Fae & Alchemy Series.* Saeris Fane has been crowned queen of the Blood Court but a heavy weight rests upon her shoulders. Her ward—and her brother—need her back in her

hometown. But Saeris will surely die if she makes her way through the Quicksilver. Which means that she must send someone else in her stead... Kingfisher of the Ajun Gate has defeated armies, but traveling back to Zilvaren with Carrion Swift might just be the death of him. Hidden dangers await them and unfolding secrets pose impossible threats. Fisher must accomplish his goals quickly if he wants to see his mate again.

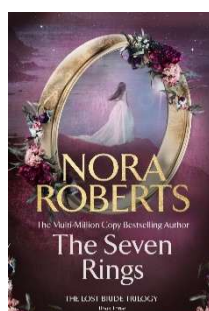


Title: The Wolf King
Author: Lauren Palphreyman
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$35
Annotation: *Wolf King Series.* Princess Aurora longs to escape the marriage that has been arranged for her... But on the night before her wedding, at a dog fight where captured werewolves are made to fight for sport, she spares the life of a young wolf. It puts her on the radar of the powerful alpha who was going to kill him. And it changes everything... That night, the alpha kidnaps her and takes her north of the border—where once warring werewolf clans are beginning to unite. He thinks that she is the key to winning the war against the humans... Only, as they spend time around one another, forbidden attraction starts to grow.



Title: Merry Christmas, You Filthy Animal
Author: Meghan Quinn
Classification: Contemporary
Book Type: B Paperback
Price: \$27
Annotation: *How My Neighbour Stole Christmas Series.* Atlas "Max" Maxheimer did not sign up for this. One minute, he's anxiously trying to keep his family's Christmas tree farm from imploding. The next? He's

passed out in the snow after getting clocked by a suspiciously strong bottle of soda... Enter Betty: new in town, full of holiday cheer, and helping her uncle open a rival tree farm next door. Max is convinced she's out to destroy everything Evergreen Farm stands for. Betty thinks Max might be one sleigh short of a winter parade... Cue the holiday chaos... Between blizzards, blown reputations, misguided romantic plots, and one stolen ornament with a tragic backstory, this war turns into something far messier—and much more delicious—than either of them expected.



Title: The Seven Rings
Author: Nora Roberts
Classification: Paranormal
Book Type: Royal Paperback
Price: \$35
Annotation: *Lost Bride Trilogy.* Long ago, Arthur Poole built a grand house overlooking the turbulent ocean, in a Maine village that bore his name. Today, Sonya MacTavish lives in the manor that has been cursed for generations. Within its walls, she has witnessed the deaths of seven brides and the thefts of seven wedding rings. To break the curse and banish a malevolent spirit, a difficult task must be completed... Sonya searches for clues to her ancestors' hidden story. She's determined to bring light to this haunted place. But the enemy in the black dress continues to hover, to come at her in frightening forms. The dark-hearted witch wants to be mistress of Poole Manor at any cost. Sonya will need to fight a battle across two realms to take possession of the house—and her own future.

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🎄 Christmas Shopping Day | Saturday 13 December 10-4 🎄

We have a Christmas Shopping Day on Saturday 13 December with cupcakes, giveaways (bookmarks, tea spoons and tea samples) and spot prizes. Purchases > \$25 qualify for 10% discount (some exclusions apply, eg, Bartercard). While you are in Mt Eden, do visit the Craft Market (from 9.30-3.00) at 449 Mt Eden Rd and enjoy the Christmas Music and Face Painting (from 11.00-1.00) at 436 Mt Eden Rd.

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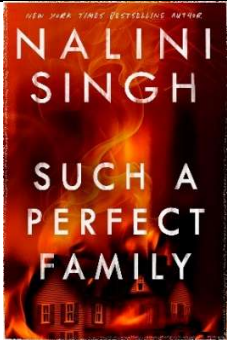
🎄 December Trading Hours | Three Week Closure 🎄

In December, we are open Tue-Sun 10-4 until Christmas; we are also open on Mon 15 Dec and 22 Dec. We are closed from Thu 25 Dec 2025 and we re-open on Tue 13 Jan 2026.

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

During our closure, web site and email/phone orders will be processed for shipping or for pickup.

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Pre-Order a signed copy of SUCH A PERFECT FAMILY by Nalini Singh (her fourth standalone thriller) which is due to be released in New Zealand on Tuesday 27 January. Our special price is \$29 (vs RRP \$37.99) plus shipping if required for the New Zealand/Australian/International First Edition Trade Paperback while first shipment stocks last.

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Pre-Order Archangel's Eternity | by Nalini Singh

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♥ For Auckland Romance Readers ♥

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Sun 18 Jan—ONE GOLDEN SUMMER by Carley Fortune (Contemporary)

Sun 22 Feb—BLOOD AND STEEL* by Helen Scheuerer (lives in NZ) (Fantasy & Paranormal)

Sun 29 Mar—VISCOUNT IN LOVE by Eloisa James (Historical—Regency)

Sun 19 Apr—SHE WAS MADE FOR ME by Jen Morris (NZ Author) (Contemporary)

Sun 24 May—THE VERY SECRET SOCIETY OF IRREGULAR WITCHES by Sanghu Mandanna (Fantasy & Paranormal)

Sun 28 Jun—NE'ER DUKE WELL by Alexandra Vasti (Historical—Regency)

Read the Free prequel novella to BLOOD AND STEEL at <https://helenscheuerer.com/get-an-alechemists-vow-now/>

Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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Avenging Angel by **Kristen Ashley** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$49). *Avenging Angel Series*. Rachel Armstrong has a burning need to right the world's wrongs. Thus, she becomes the Avenging Angel. And maybe she's a bit too cocky about it... While riding a hunch about the identity of a kidnapper, she runs into Julien 'Cap' Jackson, who was trained by the team at Nightingale Investigations in Denver. Now he's a full-fledged member at their newly opened Phoenix branch... It

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takes Cap a beat to realize Raye's the woman for him. It takes Raye a little longer (but just a little) to figure out how she feels about Cap... As Raye introduces Cap to her crazy posse of found family and his new home in the Valley of the Sun, Cap struggles with his protective streak. Because Raye has no intention to stop doing what she can to save the world... But there's a mysterious entity out there who has discovered what Raye is up to, and they've become very interested... Not to mention,

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women are going missing in Phoenix, and it seems like the police aren't taking it seriously... Raye believes someone should... So she recruits her best friend Luna, and between making coffees, mixing cocktails, planning parties and enduring family interventions (along with reunions), the Avenging Angels unite to ride to the rescue.

Keep Me Never by **Meagan Brandy** (B Paperback—\$27). *Boys of Avix Series*. On the outside, it looks like I've got it all together. I'm killing it on the football field, pushing harder than ever before and breaking league records... But on the inside, I'm drowning and there's no one to pull me up... Until her... I tried to stay away, to keep my distance so I wouldn't ruin us both, but I was powerless against her... She's everything I didn't know I wanted and more than I could ever deserve... Just when I think maybe I'm becoming the man I want to be, my world comes crashing down around me, and I'm faced with a choice that has the power to break us both... Suddenly, I'm right back where I started. I'm the guy with nothing to give—and she's the girl who deserves the world.

Broken Harbor by **Catherine Cowles** (B Paperback—\$27). *Sparrow Falls Series*. Since the moment our lives fell apart, the only thing that mattered was making a good life for my seven-year-old son. A life where he was happy and safe... I just never expected to find safety with a hockey player known for his brutal dominance on the ice and recklessness off it... But Cope Colson is so much more than his public persona... And when my life falls apart again, he's the one picking up the pieces. Until we're living in his house, eating his chef-worthy meals, and I'm falling for him. Hard... But Cope has secrets, and so do I... Forces from our pasts soon emerge from the shadows, and it seems they'll stop at nothing to end our happiness. Once and for all...

Pen Pal by **J.T. Geissinger** (B Paperback—\$25). It all began with just one line... The first letter arrived the day my husband was buried. It was postmarked from the state penitentiary and contained a single sentence: I'll wait forever if I have to... It was signed by Dante, a man I didn't know... Out of simple curiosity, I wrote back to ask him what exactly he was waiting for. His reply? You... I told the mystery man he had the wrong girl. He said he didn't. I said we'd never met, but he said I was wrong... We went back and forth, exchanging letters every week that grew increasingly more intimate. Then, one day, the letters stopped. When I found out why, it was already too late... Dante was at my doorstep... And nothing on earth could have prepared me for what happened next.

Unfurl by **Elodie Hart** (20.2x13.2 Trade Paperback—\$30). *Alchemy Series*. An upbringing steeped in purity culture has saddled me with three things: an intact V-card, enough Catholic guilt to fill a cathedral... and a raging priest kink... My religious extremist father is intent on preserving my virtue, but when I meet my magnetic older neighbour, Rafe, it seems the universe has other plans for my body... and my soul... He's the precise opposite of me: a man who views sex as a commodity, whose club caters to the wealthiest, most debauched clientele in London... But when I discover the club offers a

programme to “unfurl” inexperienced women like me in a safe space, I'm in. Even the entry questionnaire has me aching with desire. It seems I'm about to get schooled in every delight I've been missing... Rafe makes it his mission to bring my wildest fantasies to life. When he and his friends don their dog collars, they put the hot into hot priests. He's so attentive, so possessive, and I have to remind myself that a boring little virgin like me could never make man like him happy in the long run... So when all the religious BS I've been battling comes to a head in the most horrifying way, what right do I have to think he'll stick by me?

The Defender by **Ana Huang** (B Paperback—\$27). *Gods of the Game Series*. He has to play by the rules... but for her, he'd break them all... As the captain of Blackcastle Football Club and one of the highest-paid athletes in the game, Vincent DuBois should be on top of the world... But when his fame brings danger to his doorstep, he finds himself in his worst nightmare scenario—secretly sharing a flat with his coach's daughter, knowing full well she's far too big a temptation for him to resist... When his new living arrangements escalate into a bet that throws them even closer together, he realizes he's in deeper trouble than he thought... He's always played to win—but for her, he might just risk it all... As a sports nutritionist and the daughter of a legendary coach, Brooklyn Armstrong is used to dealing with hotshot athletes... However, no player gets under her skin like Vincent, her best friend's infuriatingly cocky (and gorgeous) brother. She left California hoping for a fresh start, and he's the kind of distraction she doesn't need... Now, he's sleeping in the room next to hers while her career is up in the air and her defenses are crumbling... But no matter how many sparks fly between them, a relationship between the captain and the coach's daughter could never work... could it?

God of Ruin by **Rina Kent** (B Paperback—\$27). *Legacy of Gods Series*. Mia Sokolov, Mafia heiress and selective mute, holds no prisoners... But when she gives Landon King a taste of his own medicine, she quickly learns that some moves come with dangerous consequences... Landon King is a genius artist, a posh rich boy, and now obsessed with Mia and the dark secret she's hiding... Despite Landon's psychotic tendencies that push Mia to the edge, his obsession pulls them closer together in ways neither expected... But as Landon gets nearer to the truth about Mia's past, so do the horrors that haunt her... She may have learnt to trust him. But when it all comes crashing down, will he protect or ruin her?

Shattering Dawn by **Jayne Ann Krentz** (Mass Market Paper-back Release—\$28). *Lost Night Files Series*. Amelia Rivers, a member of the *Lost Night Files* podcast team, hires private investigator Gideon Sweetwater to catch the stalker who has been watching her. Amelia suspects the stalker may be connected to the shadowy organization responsible for the night that she and her two friends lost to amnesia—a night that upended their lives and left them with paranormal talents... Gideon suspects that Amelia is either paranoid or an outright con artist, but he can't resist the chemistry between them. He takes the case despite his skepticism. For her part, Amelia has second thoughts about the

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wisdom of employing the mysterious Mr. Sweetwater. She is wary of the powerful attraction between them, and deeply uneasy about the nightmarish paintings on the walls of his home. She senses they were inspired by his own dreamscapes... Amelia knows she doesn't have time to find another investigator, and Gideon is forced to reckon with the truth when he disrupts what was intended to be Amelia's kidnapping. Now the pair is on the run, with no choice but to return to the haunting ruins of the old hotel where Amelia's lost night occurred. They are desperate to stop a killer and the people who are conducting illegal experiments with a dangerous drug that is designed to enhance psychic abilities. If they are to survive, they will have to trust each other and the passion that bonds them.

Breathe with Me by **Becka Mack** (B Paperback—\$28). *Playing for Keeps Series*. Cara Hunter is a self-made woman. Driven and fearless, she's never lost a battle. In fact, the only time she's fallen to her knees was, well... for *him*... Emmett Brodie might be one of hockey's hottest players, but the moment he sees Cara, he's reduced to a single word: hers. And he'll stop at nothing to change her last name... With a love as all-encompassing and fierce as theirs, they become the ultimate power couple. But when they decide it's time to have a baby, they discover their journey to conceive will be anything but easy. As they face-off with infertility, a battle that strips them to their bones, they'll see just how unshakeable their foundation really is... They thought they could survive anything together, but how do you survive when you're barely breathing?

The Broken Vows by **Catharina Maura** (B Paperback—\$27). *Windsors Series*. She was his first love, his first heartbreak, and his only regret... Celeste and Zane are childhood rivals, inheriting their rivalry from their grandparents before them. Except, the line between love and hate is thinner than either expected. When Celeste returns from college overseas, Zane asks for a chance to show her he's no longer the childish boy she grew up with... The two date, despite the odds, and despite their grandparents' disapproval. Just as they've decided to forge ahead and get married, tragedy strikes, forcing them apart, and leading Celeste to believe Zane cheated on her with her best friend, who takes her own life after confessing... As a result, she attempts to sabotage our (innocent) hero, who in turn brings her family's company to the brink of ruin, only for both grandparents to intervene and enforce a merger, and an arranged marriage between the two... The two learn to be together again, and the longer they're married, the clearer it becomes that the truth is subjective... The two must learn to overcome their past, and build a future from the ruins.

The Secret Christmas Bookshop by **Cressida McLaughlin** (B Paperback—\$25). *Secret Bookshop Series*. In a village by the sea, where wintry skies bring a dusting of sparkling snow, somebody is opening an unexpected gift... When Sophie receives a surprise package, she's intrigued to find a beautifully bound book inside... Sophie is desperate to discover the mystery sender, and her hunt draws her to the enigmatic Harry. The subject of much

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Souls and Sorrows by **Sav R. Miller** (B Paperback—\$27). *Monsters and Muses Series*. Her new husband isn't the monster she thinks... Cash Primrose takes his namesake seriously. As a successful environmental lawyer, work is his focus, and he has no room on his plate for anything else. That is, until an ex-ballerina gets herself into a bind at an underground auction, and he becomes so enamored with her that he ends up placing a bid... A quarter of a billion dollars later, and suddenly Cash is married to more than just his career. Not to mention, his new wife is a complete nightmare... As the middle daughter of a once-prominent crime family, and her mother's former punching bag, Ariana Ricci is no stranger to grappling for control. She relies on seduction and violence to get what she wants, and thinks her new husband will be just as easy to manipulate as the men she's used to dealing with... Only, Cash is different. He won't touch Ariana, doesn't retaliate when she lashes out in anger, and, in spite of their temporary status, sticks up for her when he could just let her get into trouble... He isn't exactly kind, but perhaps the stoic, secretive lawyer is precisely what she needs to start healing once and for all.

The Love You Deserve by **Jen Morris** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$27). *NZ Author. Love In The City Series*. Will he let go of his past to let her love in?

Josie: I didn't plan to fall in love with my boss. Cory Porter is six-foot-six of muscle and I fell for him the day he gave me a job in his bar. Too bad he's twelve years older than me and treats me like a little sister... Anyway, I've got other things to worry about—like saving my favorite animal shelter and fostering an anxious pup called Pretzel. The only problem is, I'm not allowed to have dogs in my apartment...

Cory: I shouldn't have suggested Josie and Pretzel stay at my place. I've been fighting feelings for that woman for five years. She's too young, too much my employee, and way too sweet for a guy like me... But the more time we spend under one roof, the harder it gets to keep my hands off her—especially when she's bent over on her yoga mat in our living room. Can't a guy catch a break? I know it's selfish of me to act on this. I'm a committed bachelor like my father and will only end up hurting her. But now that I've let Josie in, can I become the man she deserves?

Little Stranger by **Leigh Rivers** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$39). *Web of Silence Duology*. Owning her is all he ever wanted... She betrayed him, and now he wants revenge against the foster sister who became his forbidden obsession the second he laid eyes on her. After she sends him to prison for years, he's free and ready to haunt her... Everything about Olivia belongs to Malachi Vize. Her mind. Her body. Her soul. Her fear. Her pain... On Halloween night, he can no longer lurk in the shadows. All he has left to own is her heart, even if he needs to take it.

Little Liar by **Leigh Rivers** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$45). *Web of Silence Duology*. Malachi

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Vize has always had one desire in life. One goal. One deep obsession he could never give up on. His foster sister Olivia... For the first time, she's chosen him over the entire world, and he intends to keep her in his firm grasp forever—but his happiness is soon shattered by powerful enemies who want to claim Olivia for themselves... He had her. But then he lost her... Wounded and still wrestling with his own demons, Malachi is forced into unexpected alliances to hunt them down, but he won't stop fighting until he gets her back. No matter what it takes.

The Mistletoe Kisser by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$26). *Blue Moon Series*. Ryan Sosa, grumpy former corporate accountant, has had it up to here with surprises. He didn't see getting fired coming. And he certainly didn't anticipate flying across the country to the world's hippie-est, happiest, most annoying town to save his great-uncle from some mysterious emergency... Not only is there actual snow on the ground, it also appears that elves on psychedelics have decked Blue Moon's halls. But he doesn't have time to be snarky about the impending Winter Solstice and Multicultural Holiday Celebration—whatever the hell that is. Not when he's got a farm to save, a free-range sheep that he may or may not have nudged with his stupid microscopic rental car, and some small-town veterinarian telling him she can't take the animal off his hands... Dr. Sammy Ames has a practice to manage and a fundraising crisis to attend to. She doesn't have time to deal with a big-city grouch who doesn't remember being her first kiss ever. Especially not since he wants to dump a sheep named Stan on her. So not happening. No matter how cute—and pantless—Ryan is when he's drunk... Besides, as soon as he solves his uncle's problem, he'll be on the first flight out of Blue Moon, never to return again... It will take a Winter Solstice Miracle or perhaps some matchmaking interference from the Beautification Committee to get these two to see eye-to-eye under the mistletoe... unless he's the wrong Ryan after all.

The Casanova by **T.L. Swan** (B Paperback—Sprayed Edges—\$28). *Miles High Club Series*. A battle of wits. A power struggle. And a man she swore to hate... As the Head of I.T. for Miles Media, Kathryn Landon is efficient, intelligent, and impossible to intimidate. In fact, she's the only one in her team unafraid to stand up to her arrogant billionaire boss. Just the sight of his handsome face triggers her sarcasm and makes her blood boil like no other. The only thing distracting her from their daily office battles is the connection she's building with her mysterious online pen-pal... Elliot Miles is powerful, ruthless, and effortlessly charismatic. As the CEO of Miles Media's U.K. division, he commands attention with a glance. Women adore him, men respect him, and his reputation as a legendary Casanova precedes him. For years, Kate has been his sworn enemy, and they've clashed at every turn. But everything changes the night he catches her dancing alone in her office... Their fiery exchanges turn into late-night messages, their stolen glances into something impossible to ignore. And for the first time, Kate sees another side to him and she's left wondering, could Elliot be the same man she's falling for online?

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The Do-Over by **T.L. Swan** (B Paperback—Sprayed Edges—\$28). *Miles High Club Series*. He left behind everything he knew... but he never expected to find her... A year off, a new identity, and a chance to escape the emptiness of his privileged life. That was the plan. But when Christopher Miles steps into a crowded hostel in Barcelona, reality hits hard. Gone are the luxuries he's used to—his penthouse, his tailored suits, his billion-dollar empire. In their place? A shared dorm room, questionable roommates, and the one woman who might actually make this trip worthwhile... Hayden Whitmore is smart, beautiful, and completely immune to his good-looks and usual charms. She's on her own journey, finally seizing her independence and traveling across Europe to find herself. Hayden doesn't know (or care) who Christopher really is and she's made one thing very clear—he's firmly in the friend zone... Determined to prove he's more than the player she assumes he is, Christopher plays the long game of friendship. But the closer they get, the harder it becomes to ignore the undeniable attraction between them and Christopher realizes one thing for certain. He may have left his old life behind, but when it comes to Hayden, walking away isn't an option.

Outlier by **Susie Tate** (B Paperback—\$27). *Daydreamer Series*. Victoria Harding has always felt like an outsider. In her family, in society, even in the business world, she's the one who doesn't quite fit. Despite her polished appearance, people find her aloof and cold—and for the longest time, she's accepted the loneliness that comes with it. That is, until she sees him... Mike Mayweather is everything she's not: rough, rugged, and unapologetically unrefined. He has no patience for the woman they call the "Ice Princess", and her obvious attraction to him only frustrates him more... But there's more to Vicky than he ever expected—layers of vulnerability, fears she's hidden, and a softness that makes his heart stir... When a confrontation leaves her shaken, Mike realizes he's not as unaffected by her as he thought... For the first time ever, he's determined to uncover the woman beneath the carefully constructed exterior—the one who might just change his life forever...

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

The Masquerades of Spring by **Ben Aaronovitch** (B Paperback—Novella—\$27). *Rivers of London Series*. Meet Augustus Berrycloth-Young—flâneur extraordinaire and Englishman abroad—as he chronicles the Jazz Age from his perch atop the city that never sleeps... 'Gussie' is not one to shun shut-eye himself, however. But his peaceful luxuriation is about to be rudely awakened by the arrival of an unexpected guest... Enter his old friend Thomas Nightingale, who has braved the Atlantic passage pursuing the matter of an intriguing saxophone said to possess a strange power over those who play it... This deeply inconvenient affair will rouse Gussie from his warm bed for the cold shores of Long Island—and down to the jazz clubs of Harlem where music, magic, and madness haunt the shadows...

A Stranger in the Family by **Jane Casey** (B Paperback—\$25). *Maeve Kerrigan Series*. Every mother's worst nightmare... When nine-year-old Rosalie Marshall vanished from her bed one summer night, her disappearance tore her family apart... Now,

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sixteen years later, her mother Helena is found dead, her husband by her side. It looks like a straightforward murder-suicide but DS Maeve Kerrigan and DI Josh Derwent soon discover nothing about this case is straightforward... The Marshalls have been keeping secrets. And someone is prepared to kill to hide the truth. Until Maeve finds out what happened to Rosalie, no one will be safe...

The King's Ransom by **Janet Evanovich** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Recovery Agent Series*. Gabriela Rose, recovery agent extraordinaire, can find just about anything. Too bad she can't seem to lose her gorgeous-but-infuriating ex-husband Rafer Jones. And now he needs her help. His cousin, Harley, is in trouble... big trouble... As the president of a too-big-to-fail bank, he invested an astronomical amount of money in insuring some of the world's most priceless artifacts at the urging of his board. It seemed like a low-risk, high-reward business move, so he jumped in with both feet. But recently, these insured pieces started going missing and worse, there's no paper trail of Harley being directed to make these risky investments. Unless the artwork can be recovered soon, it looks like Harley is going to be heading to jail as the fall guy for an ingenious crime... Gabriela knows what she must do: travel around the world with Rafer to find the missing works of art, keep Harley out of jail, and save both his skin and his bank. Along the way, she'll encounter corruption, threats, murder, mysterious dark forces behind a global conspiracy to destroy the world's wealth, and a nefarious villain who will stop at nothing to bring the world to the brink of ruin.

Bonded in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$29). *In Death/Eve Dallas Series*. His passport read Giovanni Rossi. But decades ago, during the Urban Wars, he was part of a small, secret organization called The Twelve. Responding to an urgent summons from an old compatriot, he landed in New York and eased into the waiting car. And died within minutes... Lieutenant Eve Dallas finds the Rossi case frustrating. She's got an elderly victim who'd just arrived from Rome; a widow who knows nothing about why he'd left; an as-yet unidentifiable weapon; and zero results on facial recognition. But when she finds a connection to the Urban Wars of the 2020s, she thinks Summerset—fiercely loyal, if somewhat grouchy, major-domo and the man who'd rescued her husband from the Dublin streets—may know something from his stint as a medic in Europe back then... When Summerset learns of the crime, his shock and grief are clear—because, as he eventually reveals, he himself was one of The Twelve. It's not a part of his past he likes to revisit. But now he must—not only to assist Eve's investigation, but because a cryptic message from the killer has boasted that others of The Twelve have also died. Summerset is one of those who remain—and the murderous mission is yet to be fully accomplished...

The Blast from the Past by **Lucy Score** (B Paperback—\$26). *Riley Thorn Series*. Riley Thorn and her hot, tattooed, private investigator boyfriend are all moved in to their new fixer-upper. Not only do they finally have their own place, they also haven't found any new dead bodies on the premises... Yep. It looks like summer is over and so is Riley's bad luck.

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Or is it?... While Nick gives up sleeping and showering to obsess over the cold case that still haunts him, his business partner Mrs. Penny is calling the investigative shots. It's every bit as bad as you can imagine... Meanwhile, Riley has her hands full fixing up the crumbling crime scene they call home and setting boundaries with the breaking-and-entering octogenarians next door. You know. Normal stuff... But normal comes to a screeching halt when our favorite psychic is abducted by a stranger with candy, and her powers go on the fritz. To make matters worse, it becomes clear that Riley's new house guests are definitely either in trouble or are trouble after bad guys deliver a warning with a severed finger... Can Nick and Riley solve the case the old-fashioned way before they all end up in pieces? Or will a surprise birthday party, a dog doody bandit, an accidental arson, and a blast from the past be too much for them to handle?

The Woman in Cabin 10 by **Ruth Ware** (B Paperback—\$27). *Lo Blacklock Series*. A passenger is missing... but was she ever on board at all?... This was meant to be the perfect trip. The Northern lights. A luxury press launch on a boutique cruise ship. A chance for travel journalist Lo Blacklock to recover from a traumatic break-in that has left her on the verge of collapse... Except things don't go as planned... Woken in the night by screams, Lo rushes to her window to see a body thrown overboard from the next-door cabin. But the records show that no one ever checked in to that cabin, and no passengers are missing from the boat... Exhausted and emotional, Lo has to face the fact that she may have made a mistake—either that, or she is now trapped on a boat with a murderer...

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The Ever Queen by **L.J. Andrews** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Ever Seas Series*. With his queen missing, the king's wrath knows no boundaries... The Songbird: Captive. Challenger. Queen... Enemies took her from the man who holds her heart. They might see her as weak, as a pawn in wicked games, but they're no match for the first Ever Queen. Let them think they've won. Her heart belongs to a beautiful monster, and she will never stop fighting until she's back in his arms... The Serpent: Captor. Villain. King... They'll die for touching her... His heart belongs to a stunning little bird. He will never stop searching for her light. Not until the blood of his enemies spills at her feet, and his queen wears their bones around her neck.

The Mist Thief by **L.J. Andrews** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Ever Seas Series*. She tried to kill him, so he made her his wife... Skadi first 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 nothing but 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 either to love her enemy or keep him alive by betraying him to another.

Blind Date with a Werewolf by **Patricia Briggs** (Royal Paperback—Anthology—\$35). *Alpha & Omega*

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Series. Asil on one blind date, what could go wrong? Asil on five blind dates? That's a novel told in stories. Will everything come up roses for one of our favourite werewolves as he navigates being single surrounded by "friends" who just can't help but set him up?... The anthology includes two all-new stories as well as the three previous "Asil-verse" date stories.

Winter Lost by **Patricia Briggs** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Mercy Thompson Series.* In the supernatural realms, there are creatures who belong to winter. I am not one of them. But like the coyote I can become at will, I am adaptable... My name is Mercy Thompson Hauptman, and my mate, Adam, is the werewolf who leads the Columbia Basin Pack, the pack charged with keeping the people who live and work in the Tri-Cities of Washington State safe. It's a hard job, and it doesn't leave much room for side quests. Which is why when I needed to travel to Montana to help my brother, I intended to go by myself... But I'm not alone anymore... Together, Adam and I find ourselves trapped with strangers in a lodge in the heart of the wilderness, in the teeth of a storm of legendary power, only to discover my brother's issues are a tiny part of a problem much bigger than we could have imagined. Arcane and ancient magics are at work that could, unless we are very careful, bring about the end of the world...

Daughter of No Worlds by **Carissa Broadbent** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *War of Lost Hearts Series.* A former slave fighting for justice. A reclusive warrior who no longer believes it exists. And a dark magic that will entangle their fates... Ripped from a forgotten homeland as a child, Tisaanah learned how to survive with nothing but a sharp wit and a touch of magic. But the night she tries to buy her freedom, she barely escapes with her life... Desperate to save the best friend she left behind, Tisaanah journeys to the Orders, the most powerful organizations of magic Wielders in the world. But to join their ranks, she must complete an apprenticeship with Maxantarius Farlione, a handsome and reclusive fire wielder who despises the Orders... The Orders' intentions are cryptic, and Tisaanah must prove herself under the threat of looming war. But even more dangerous are her growing feelings for Maxantarius. The bloody past he wants to forget may be the key to her future... or the downfall of them both... But Tisaanah will stop at nothing to save those she abandoned. Even if it means gambling in the Orders' deadly games. Even if it means sacrificing her heart... Even if it means wielding death itself.

In the Veins of the Drowning by **Kalie Cassidy** (B Paperback—\$27). *Siren Mage Series.* The monster is always slain... Imogen Nel is in hiding. Hiding from a cruel kingdom that believes Sirens are monstrous, blood-hungry creatures. Hiding from a king and his captain who viciously hunt her kind. Hiding from her own alluring abilities. By keeping herself from the sea, Imogen's bloodlust is dulled, and her black wings remain hidden beneath her skin... When a neighbouring king comes to visit, Imogen can no longer hide. He knows precisely what she is, and he believes she is a lost Siren heiress who can save both their kingdoms from an even greater monster. But Imogen's magic threatens to violently reveal itself, and the two form a blood bond that protects them both. They flee the kingdom together, traversing

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waters teeming with the undead. As the lines between duty to their people and desire for each other begin to blur, Imogen worries her own ancestral powers may not be enough to kill what hunts her—the only way to defeat a monster may be to become one herself.

A Dark Forgetting by **Kristen Ciccarelli** (Royal Paperback—\$33). Sing us a song of the forest, of the Wood King who rules there, and the tithe he demands... No matter how far Emeline Lark runs, the song of the forest reaches her, luring her away from her dreams of the stage and back to her small town and its superstitions... But every superstition is rooted in truth, and when her grandfather goes missing Emeline will be forced to return to Edgewood and the forest beyond... There, even Hawthorne Fell, a brooding tithe collector, cannot dissuade her from her path—a path that will lead her into the court of the fabled Wood King himself—and into a bargain with the deadliest price... Originally published in North America as *Edgewood*.

The Shadow Weaver by **Ivy Cliffwater** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *NZ Author. Broken Sword Duology.* Steel hides her secrets. Shadows hold her truth. Her fate is forged in fire... Caris Ironside crafts legendary swords and can wield them better than most men. But the shadowy power at her fingertips will be her death sentence if it is exposed... Desperate for a way into the heart of Capita—to avenge her mother's murder - Caris enters a brutal tournament disguised as a man. In a city ruled by those who hunt her kind, Caris relies on the help of two allies: Cillian, a fellow blacksmith, and Torgrin, the army captain who infuriates her—who is as cold and unyielding as Cillian is warm... As danger closes in, Caris finds herself at the centre of a bigger plot, and it will take all her power to get her and her friends out alive. Will love and loyalty be enough when the darkness inside begins to surface ... or will the shadows claim them all?... Welcome to Eritz. May the shadows guide you.

Spark of the Everflame by **Penn Cole** (B Paperback—Sprayed Edges—\$28). *Kindred's Curse Saga.* In a mortal world colonized by the gods and ruled over by their cruel, magical offspring called the Descended, healer Diem Bellator yearns to escape her poor village... Her mother's sudden disappearance—and the discovery of a dangerous secret about her past—offer Diem an unexpected opportunity to enter the dark world of Descended royalty and unlock a web of mysteries left behind by her mother... With the dying King's handsome yet enigmatic heir watching her every move and a ruthless rebel alliance recruiting her to join the growing civil war, Diem must navigate the unwritten rules of love, power, and politics in order to save her family—and all of mortalkind.

Emily Wilde's Compendium of Lost Tales by **Heather Fawcett** (B Paperback—\$27). *Emily Wilde Series.* Emily Wilde has spent her life studying faeries. A renowned dryadologist, she has documented hundreds of species of Folk in her Encyclopaedia of Faeries. Now she is about to embark on her most dangerous academic project yet: studying the inner workings of a faerie realm—as its queen... Along with her former academic rival-now fiancé—the dashing and mercurial Wendell Bumbleby, Emily is immediately thrust into the

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deadly intrigues of Faerie as the two of them seize the throne of Wendell's long-lost kingdom, which Emily finds a beautiful nightmare, filled with scholarly treasures... Emily has been obsessed with faerie stories her entire life, but at first she feels as ill-suited to Faerie as she did to the mortal world—how could an unassuming scholar like herself pass for a queen? Yet there is little time to settle in—Wendell's murderous stepmother has placed a deadly curse upon the land before vanishing without a trace. It will take all of Wendell's magic—and Emily's knowledge of stories—to unravel the mystery before they lose everything they hold dear.

Dark Hope by **Christine Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$29). *Carpathian Series*. Silke Vriese Reinders knows a war is coming. The demon slayer has seen it in the cards—and the battle won't just be for the survival of her remote village, but for all mankind. Silke knows the only way to win will be with the help of the Carpathians. A fact that fills her with trepidation, as she is fated to be the lifemate to one of the ancient supernatural warriors—bound to a complete stranger and responsible for his soul... One of the oldest, most dangerous Carpathians, Benedek Kovak is more beast than man. Locked away for centuries, the only thing that has stopped him from becoming one of the monsters he's sworn to defeat is the thought of his lifemate. When Benedek senses the impending danger, he sets out to find her before it's too late. But their enemy has laid a trap that pushes him closer to turning than ever before... For so long Benedek has felt nothing. Now, some dark art is compelling him to indulge in cravings he thought long buried. He has no hope that anyone can restore what's left of his tainted soul, but Silke is nothing like he imagined. Perhaps she's strong enough to fight back the darkness. Perhaps together they can defeat an adversary hell bent on destroying them all...

Wisteria by **Adalyn Grace** (B Paperback—\$25). *Belladonna Series*. You are a mystery to me. A sweetbrier, full of thorns in my side... Blythe Hawthorne has never let anyone tell her what to do—not society, not her overprotective father, and certainly not the man she's bound herself to, no matter how rude and insufferable he is. In fact, she's determined to be a thorn in his side for the rest of her days, even as he ensures that her life in his palace is anything but a fairytale. But as Blythe discovers a new side of herself linked to his past, she'll have to decide if she's willing to let an unexpected spark ignite... and to discover the truth about who she really is.

Princess of Blood by **Sarah Hawley** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Shards of Magic Series*. Once a servant, now a princess, Kenna Heron is still reeling from her lover's betrayal and the threat of an impending civil war. With only a sentient dagger and her two closest—and most powerless—friends by her side, she must navigate the treacherous politics of Mistei while coming to terms with her new identity as not just Fae, but princess of the reborn Blood House... With the corrupt king dead at last, three candidates are vying for the crown: a princess who claims the throne as her birthright and two rebel princes, both of whom are courting Kenna's support to break the stalemate between them. Old loyalties fray as new,

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volatile alliances form, and Kenna finds herself caught in a web of violence and deceit—and swept up in a forbidden romance as passionate as it is dangerous... Kenna has the power to shape Mistei's future... but someone's willing to kill to make sure she never gets the chance.

Within the Space of a Second by **Elise Helliwell** (B Paperback—Sprayed Edges—\$28). *Mark of the Time Traveler Series*. Every morning, Mariella Adams wakes with a strange electrical energy buzzing beneath her skin. Terrified she has inherited her late mother's mental illness, she tells no one. But when Mariella discovers her mother's lost journals with an entry dated after her death, she's desperate for answers... The mystery only deepens when Mariella is approached by two strangers, Rose and Parker, who claim to be time travelers from the future. They say that interfering with the past—and Mariella—is forbidden, but they need her help to restore Parker's ability to time travel before they're caught in this timeline... Shocked, Mariella agrees to help them. After all, they might hold the answers she's looking for. And the more time she spends with them, the more she finds herself drawn to Parker. As she fights to uncover the mysteries of her past and the secrets of his future, will Mariella discover the truth before time runs out—and Parker disappears forever?

A Scar in the Bone by **Sophie Jordan** (Royal Paperback—\$33). *Fire In the Sky Series*. Magic awakens. Darkness swells. And a hero rises... It's been a year since Tamsyn transformed from the enemy in Fell's bed to the wife he sacrificed himself to save. From an ordinary girl to Penterra's best hope to keep magic from disappearing forever... With Fell torn from her side in the dangerous swirling mists of the Craggs, Tamsyn is alone among the dragon pride. An outsider learning to survive in her new home, she trains until her muscles burn and her blood spills. And slowly, a warrior emerges... But is Fell truly beyond Tamsyn's reach? Their bond pulls at her, as does the fierce drive to protect both humans and dragonkind from a relentless enemy determined to destroy her—and all magic... Magic stirs in the darkness, strengthening all who believe in it. But will it be enough to save the pride, the kingdom, and a love fated to endure for centuries?... The fate of magic rests on one warrior's shoulders—but it could cost her everything...

Eldritch by **Keri Lake** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$55). *Eating Woods Trilogy*. An eldritch magic has awakened, turning the mortal world darker. Colder. Famished. With flesh-eating monsters and a sinister curse spreading like a plague, the last glimmer of humanity in Foxglove Parish has long-since faded... For Maevyth and Zevander, the only chance of escape is through The Eating Woods. But fate has woven a new web, tangling the threads of destiny, and crossing the mystical boundary to Aethyria might not be so simple... As the bones of Maevyth's past are unearthed, and truths unravel with unsettling clarity, the possibility of never leaving Mortasia is becoming more of a reality. Unfortunately for Zevander, time is running out. The longer he stays in the mortal lands, deprived of essential vivicantem, the more he succumbs to the

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encroaching specter of madness... Or maybe those chasing shadows are someone hunting him. A wretched evil closing in, threatening to pull him into the darkest corners of his mind... Only, this time, Maevyth may not have the power to save him.

Bonds of Hercules by **Jasmine Mas** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *Villains of Lore Series*. I'm Hercules, but my powers are not what they seem.... I'm trapped in a marriage with my two enemies and I've accidentally joined a cult. To make matters worse, Augustus and Kharon are trying to seduce me. It doesn't help that my mentors, Achilles and Patro, are acting really strange... Now, a dangerous prisoner has escaped from the Underworld, and things are spiraling out of control... Men are fighting over me... Mysteries are unfolding left and right... And I've had enough... Everybody better beware because I'm fighting in the Gladiator Competition and seizing my power... Things are about to get very messy... For Sparta.

A Curse of Shadows and Ice by **Catharina Maura** (Royal Paperback—\$35; Special Edition Hardcover—\$66). *Shadowbound Series*.

A Cursed Emperor: Princess Arabella of Althea is left no choice when Felix Osiris, the fearsome Shadow Emperor known for his deadly powers and his thirst for conquest, threatens to overthrow her home unless she agrees to marry him...

A Princess with Forbidden Magic: When she learns that he and his empire are plagued by ice and a monstrous darkness and she's been prophesized to set them free, they come to an agreement: help him minimize the curse's effect on his people, and he'll let her go.

A Marriage That Could Save Them All: As Felix teaches Arabella how to control her forbidden and volatile magic, her feelings for him turn from hatred to passion... and she realizes that she must break the curse or she'll forever lose him and everyone they love to the ice and shadows.

To Bleed a Crystal Bloom by **Sarah A. Parker** (Royal Paperback—\$34). *NZ Author. Crystal Bloom Series*. Nineteen years ago, I was plucked from the heart of a bloody massacre that spared nobody else... Small. Fragile. An enigma. Now ward to a powerful High Master who knows too much and says too little, I lead a simple life, never straying from the confines of an imaginary line I've drawn around the castle grounds. Stay within. Never leave... Out there, the monsters lurk. Inside, I'm safe... though at a cost greater than the blood I drip into a goblet daily... Toxic, unreciprocated love for a man who's unavailable. My savior. My protector. My almost executioner. I can't help but be enamored with the arcane man who holds the power to pull my roots from the ground... When voracious beasts spill across the land and threaten to fray the fabric of my tailored existence, the petals of reality will peel back to reveal an ugly truth. But in a castle with secrets, none are greater than the one I've kept from myself... No tower is tall enough to protect me from the horror that tore my life to shreds.

Wild Reverence by **Rebecca Ross** (Royal Paperback—\$32). *Letters of Enchantment Series*. True love is more divine, than any ruthless god... Born in the firelit domain of the under realm, Matilda is the youngest goddess of her clan, blessed with humble

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messenger magic. But in a land where gods often kill each other to steal power and alliances break as quickly as they are forged, Matilda must come of age sooner than most. She may be known to carry words and letters through the realms, but she holds a secret she must hide from even her dearest of allies to ensure her survival. And to complicate matters... there is a mortal boy who dreams of her, despite the fact they have never met in the waking world... Ten years ago, Vincent of Beckett wrote to Matilda on the darkest night of his life—begging the goddess he befriended in dreams to help him. When his request went unanswered, Vincent moved on, becoming the hardened, irreverent lord of the river who has long forgotten Matilda. That is, until she comes tumbling into his bedroom window with a letter for him... As Fate would have it, Matilda and Vincent were destined to find each other beyond dreams. There may be a chance for Matilda to rewrite the blood-soaked ways of the gods, but at immense sacrifice. She will have to face something she fears even more than losing her magic: to be vulnerable, and to allow herself to finally be loved.

Silver and Smoke by **Helen Scheuerer** (Royal Paperback—\$35). *NZ-based Author. The Ashes of Thezmarr Series*. Alchemist. Poisoner. Reluctant queen. Wren Embervale knows her duty demands a crown, even if it means a strategic betrothal to the influential Lord Darian Devereux. Their arranged marriage promises the formidable army she needs to wrestle her kingdom from the clutches of the tyrannical usurper, Silas. Yet Wren's heart still belongs to Torj Elderbrock, her soul-bonded Warsword... Torn between her pragmatic alliance and the visceral pull of her bond with Torj, Wren must navigate a treacherous landscape of courtly intrigue and looming war. As Silas's shadow alchemy tightens its grip on the midrealms and a creeping poison steals Torj's strength, Wren's carefully constructed facade begins to crack... Can Wren play the dutiful fiancée to secure her throne while her body and soul yearns for the warrior who would lay down his life for her? Or will the tangled threads of political necessity leave her kingdom—and her heart—in ashes?

Feathers So Vicious by **Liv Zanders** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$40). *Court of Ravens Duet*. More treacherous than war... are the battles within a heart... Perched between branches and shadows, we watch, we scheme, fighting for a kingdom forgotten and forlorn... Until we rip her away with our claws, our prisoner, our pawn, our plaything. She's innocent and pure, fragile and helpless... but oh so guilty by blood... She calls us beasts, wicked and evil, vicious and cruel. We are all that and worse... One of us offers her shelter beneath his wings, whispering promises of pleasure, seeking redemption... The other longs to shatter her into a million pieces, whispering promises of pain, seeking revenge... Caught between our feathers, she endures our deranged desires, our secrets, our lies, our twisted plans... Will she surrender to our darkness, or fight for a destiny growing ever elusive? Welcome to the Court of Ravens, little white dove.

Shadows So Cruel by **Liv Zanders** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$40). *Court of Ravens Duet*. More painful than love... are the secrets that bind

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and divide us... Adrift in a sky shadowed by war, we seek, we ache, searching for the woman who fled us... We shattered her heart, but she unfurled her feathers, our sweetheart, our little dove, escaping our talons on pure white wings... One of us soars over battlements, haunted by past mistakes, vowing never to repeat them... The other storms through walls of stone and hatred, eager to destroy the shackles of his past, determined to shackle her to him instead. Forever... Loyalties are torn. Friendships are tested... Among the chaos, one claim stands irrefutably: We will get her back. She will be ours... Come home to us, white Raven.

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Lady Violet Finds a Bridegroom by **Grace Burrowes** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$25). *Lady Violet Mystery Series*. Why must a widow newly emerged from mourning be invited to every wedding in the realm? Lady Violet Belmaine ponders that conundrum while traveling from London to Scotland. Escorted by her dashing physician friend, Hugh St. Sevier, Violet prepares to again subject herself to a nuptial celebration, except... the groom fails to appear... Matters become more interesting when Violet discovers that Sebastian MacHeath is laird of the nearest castle, and well acquainted with the bride and her family. Mysterious cousins, surly neighbors, and appearances at variance with the facts all confound Violet's efforts to find the missing groom, and any designs she might have on her handsome escort!

Lady Violet Enjoys a Frolic by **Grace Burrowes** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$25). *Lady Violet Mystery Series*. Having enjoyed her tour of the Scottish countryside, Lady Violet Belmaine is reluctant to return to London. Her escort, Hugh St. Sevier, suggests a detour to the Lakes, where his former army connections have invited him to renew old acquaintances. Violet is happy to enjoy the scenery, but all is not right with St. Sevier's friends... Their host's estate is struggling, several marriages appear to be faltering, and somebody is intent on making a bad situation worse. From slashed portraits to sheep trampling the garden, St. Sevier's former comrades are engaged in some sort of rural war against an unknown foe. Sebastian MacHeath arrives to help solve the mystery, but his presence only makes matters more tense. Violet refuses to leave without putting the puzzle pieces together, no matter how dangerous the process or how shocking the eventual solution.

The Laird's Bride by **Anne Gracie** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$26). A hot-headed vow to marry the first woman he sees, a meeting in a muddy bog, a hasty marriage between strangers, and a bride who demands to be courted—after the wedding... In order to take his place as laird before his trustee uncle bankrupts the clan buying fripperies, Cameron Fraser vows to marry the first woman he meets—and he always keeps his vows. So even though the first woman he meets seems totally unsuitable, he marries her anyway... In the gamble of her life, shepherdess Jeannie McLeay agrees to marry this grim-faced, handsome stranger. She comes to her marriage with nothing but dreams and a heart full of hope. But there's more to Jeannie

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than meets the eye, and Cameron soon learns that the young woman he married so impulsively is no pushover. Confident as he might be about women, Cameron still has a lot to learn... With a marriage made for purely financial reasons, can these two very different strangers ever find love? (The first third of this book appeared in *The Mammoth Book of Scottish Romance* as a short story called *The Laird's Vow*. The story has now been expanded to a full-length novel.)

Wish Upon a Christmas Candle by **Anne Gracie** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—Novella—\$24). It is almost Christmas, 1816, but there will be no feasting and family celebration for Ellie Carmichael, an isolated young widow, previously an heiress, but left destitute when her husband committed suicide to avoid his gambling debts. All she has is her beloved small daughter, four year old Amy, who has never accepted her father's death, and puts a candle in the window "to guide my papa home"... One bitterly cold night, a stranger collapses on Ellie's doorstep, a man with no boots, no memories and no name, a man who swiftly enchants Ellie and her daughter alike... Now Ellie must protect her daughter, her virtue and her heart from the stranger, for who knows what his secrets may be... (Previously published as *The Virtuous Widow*).

Hazardous to a Duke's Heart by **Sabrina Jeffries** (21.3x14.2 Trade Paper-back—\$35). *Lords of Hazard Series*. Napoleon's war has ended, and English captives detained for years in a French fortress are finally released. Returning to a London he no longer recognizes, and facing astonishing changes in his own family, Lord Jonathan Leighton learns he has inherited a dukedom. But the new nobleman carries the guilt of having wronged his late mentor. Now, he vows to fulfill his promise to find a suitable match for the man's daughter, Victoria—even if it takes offering a nonexistent dowry to spark her interest in matrimony... Sharp-witted Victoria would just as soon sculpt the Greek god who has come to take charge of her future. In fact, she has her sights set on founding a school for women artists. As Jonathan matches wits with the talented beauty, revelations from his past—and their connection to her father's demise—threaten to unveil both of their closely held secrets and thrust them into a danger they can only escape together.

The Curse of Ill-Gotten Gains by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$40). *The Casebook of Barnaby Adair Series*. Richard Percival has bowed to familial pressure and agreed to attend a house party at Patchcote Grange, where the aim is to introduce eligible gentlemen to suitable young ladies. Two of Richard's elderly aunts have assured him that Miss Rosalind Hemmings will make him the perfect wife, and after meeting Miss Hemmings over dinner on the first evening of the party, Richard is sufficiently intrigued to be willing to learn—indeed, he's even looking forward to learning—more of the unusually direct young lady... But on coming downstairs the following morning, he hears an anguished scream for help. On racing outside to the orchard, he finds his possibly-intended standing over the dead body of their well-regarded host, Sir Montague Underhill. This is clearly a matter for Scotland Yard, and Richard wastes no time in summoning Barnaby and

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Penelope Adair and Inspector Stokes. For, indeed, very soon, it becomes clear that the murderer is one of those residing in the house... On arriving at the Grange, Penelope, Barnaby, and Stokes are confronted with a large cast of potential suspects. Wading through the throng takes time, but on uncovering Sir Montague's private means of earning a little extra cash, it becomes ever more likely that his murderer is, indeed, one of the guests at the house. All too soon, the questions facing the investigators become whether Sir Montague learned a secret someone was desperate to conceal, and if so, what secret was powerful enough to compel an otherwise reasonable man to murder?

The Marriage Method by Mimi Matthews

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