

BOOK CATALOGUE – NOV/DEC 2021

Just in time for some summer holiday reading or stocking fillers, there are new releases by bestselling authors Mary Balogh (*Someone Perfect*), Christine Feehan (*Dark Tarot*), Diana Gabaldon (*Go Tell the Bees that I'm Gone*), Stephanie Laurens (*The Meaning of Love*), MaryJo Putney (*Once a Laird*), Nora Roberts (*The Becoming*), Nalini Singh (*Archangel's Light*), J.R. Ward (*The Wolf*) and more. Happy holidays and enjoy your reading! N.B. Please see page 3 for the details of our Christmas/New Year closure.

Top Books November		Top Books December	
Jennifer L. Armentrout	A Shadow in the Ember*	Kristen Ashley	Dream Keeper
Tessa Bailey	Window Shopping*	Mary Balogh	Someone Perfect
Jenny Colgan*	The Christmas Bookshop*	Jayne Castle	Guild Boss*
Janet Evanovich	Game On*	Diana Gabaldon	Go Tell the Bees that I'm Gone*
Christine Feehan	Dark Tarot*	Chloe Gong	Our Violent Ends*
Lana Harper	Payback's a Witch*	Jayne Ann Krentz	All the Colors of Night#
Stephanie Laurens	The Meaning of Love*	Julia Quinn	Happily Ever After#
MaryJo Putney	Once a Laird	Nora Roberts	The Becoming*
Nalini Singh	Archangel's Light	Scarlett St. Clair	King of Battle and Blood*
Sherry Thomas	Miss Moriarty, I Presume*	J.R. Ward	The Wolf*

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

	<p>Title: Dark Tarot Author: Christine Feehan Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: UK Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Carpathian Series</i>. An ancient Carpathian, Sandu Berdardi continues to exist only to protect his people. He knows his time has passed, especially since he has not been able to find his lifemate – the anchor to keep him sane. But just as he truly starts to give up hope, a voice reaches out to him and his world explodes into colour ... Adalasia enters Sandu's mind seamlessly, as if she has been a part of him forever. While she can see the shape of things to come in her deck of cards, her gift is a blessing and a curse. She cannot see everything the future holds, but she does know it is a journey they will take together.</p>		<p>Title: Go Tell the Bees that I'm Gone Author: Diana Gabaldon Classification: Historical Book Type: UK Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Outlander Series</i>. 1779. Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her husband, Roger, and their children on Fraser's Ridge. Yet even in the North Carolina back-country, the effects of the American Revolution are being felt. Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot enough to boil Hell's teakettle. Jamie knows loyalties among his tenants are split and it won't be long until the war is on his doorstep. Brianna and Roger wonder whether returning to the past was the wisest plan. Meanwhile, Jamie's son, William Ransom must come to terms with his identity.</p>
	<p>Title: The Becoming Author: Nora Roberts Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: UK Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Dragon Heart Legacy Series</i>. The world of magick and the world of man have long been estranged. But some can walk between the two – including Breen Siobhan Kelly. She has returned to Talamh, with her friend Marco, who's dazzled by this place filled with dragons and faeries and mermaids. Breen is embracing the powers of her identity. Marco is welcomed by her people. Keegan, leader of the Fey, has trained Breen as a warrior, and his yearning and admiration for her have grown. But one member of Breen's bloodline is not there to embrace her. Her grandfather, the outcast god Odran, plots to destroy Talamh – and all must unite to defeat his forces.</p>		<p>Title: Archangel's Light Author: Nalini Singh Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: NZ or USA Paperback Price: \$20 Annotation: <i>Guild Hunter Series</i>. Illium and Aodhan. Aodhan and Illium. For centuries they've been inseparable: the best of friends. But that was before – before darkness befell Aodhan and shattered him, body, mind, and soul. Now, Aodhan is healing, but his new-found strength may come at a devastating cost – his relationship with Illium. As they serve side by side in China, things come to an explosive decision point. Illium and Aodhan must either walk away from the relationship that has defined them – or step forward into a future that promises a bond infinitely precious in the life of an immortal ... but that demands vulnerability from two badly bruised hearts.</p>

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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The Spanish Love Deception by **Elena Armas** (Trade Paperback – \$29). Catalina Martín, finally, not single. Her family is happy to announce that she will bring her American boyfriend to her sister's wedding. Everyone is invited to come and witness the event of the year. That would be the headline in the local newspaper of the small Spanish town I came from. Or the epitaph on my tombstone, seeing the turn my life had taken in the span of a phone call. Four weeks wasn't a lot of time to find someone willing to cross the Atlantic – from NYC and all the way to Spain – for a wedding. Let alone, someone to play along with my charade. But that didn't mean I was desperate enough to bring the 6'4 blue eyed pain in my ass standing before me. Aaron Blackford. The man whose main occupation was making my blood boil had just offered to be my date. Right after inserting his nose in my business, calling me delusional, and calling himself my best option. See? Outrageous. Aggravating. And to my despair, also right. Which left me with a dilemma. Was it worth the suffering to bring the bane of my existence as my fake boyfriend to my sister's wedding? Or was I better off coming clean and facing the consequences of my lie? Like my abuela would say, *que dios nos pille confesados*.

Dream Keeper by **Kristin Ashley** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Dream Team Series*. Pepper Hannigan is determined to keep romance off the table – and out of her bedroom – while her daughter Juno is young. Sure, a certain commando is handsome, thoughtful, funny, and hot, but Pepper's had her heart broken before, and she won't let it happen again. Not to her or her little girl, even if this hero could melt any woman's resolve ... Augustus "Auggie" Hero can't deny his attraction to warm-hearted Pepper or how much he wants to make a home with her and her little girl, but Pepper's mixed signals have kept him away. That is, until Juno decides to play matchmaker. Her efforts finally bring Pepper into his arms, but they expose the danger Pepper is in. To protect Pepper and Juno, Auggie will have to live up to his last name and prove happy endings aren't just for fairy tales.

It Happened One Summer by **Tessa Bailey** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Bellinger Sisters Series*. Piper Bellinger is fashionable, influential, and her wild child reputation means the paparazzi are constantly on her heels. When too much champagne and an out-of-control party lands Piper in the slammer, her stepfather decides enough is enough. He cuts her off, and sends Piper and her sister to learn some responsibility running their late father's dive bar in Washington ... Piper hasn't been in Westport for five minutes when she meets big, bearded sea captain Brendan, who thinks she won't last a week. So what if Piper can't do math, and the idea of sleeping in a shabby apartment with bunk beds gives her hives. She's determined to show her stepfather – and the hot, grumpy local – that she's more than a pretty face ... The fun-loving socialite and the gruff fisherman are polar opposites, but there's an undeniable attraction simmering between them. Piper doesn't want feelings for a man who sails off into the sunset for weeks at a time. Yet as she

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reconnects with her past and begins to feel at home in Westport, Piper starts to wonder if the cold, glamorous life she knew is what she truly wants. LA is calling her name, but Brendan – and this town – may have caught her heart.

Window Shopping by **Tessa Bailey** (Trade Paperback – \$28). Two weeks before Christmas and all through Manhattan, shop windows are decorated in red and green. I'm in front of the famous Vivant department store, when a charming man named Aiden asks my opinion of the décor ... It's a tragedy in tinsel, I say, unable to lie. He asks for a better idea with a twinkle in his eye. Did I know he owned the place? No. He put me on the spot. Now I'm working for that man, trying to ignore that he's hot. But as a down on her luck girl with a difficult past, I know an opportunity when I see one – and I have to make it last ... I'll put my heart and soul into dressing his windows. I'll work without stopping. And when we lose the battle with temptation, I'll try and remember I'm just window shopping.

Written in the Stars by **Alexandria Bellefleur** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *LGBTQ*. After a disastrous blind date, Darcy Lowell is desperate to stop her brother from playing matchmaker again. Love – and the inevitable heartbreak – is the last thing she wants. So she fibs and says her latest set up was a success. Darcy doesn't expect her lie to bite her in the ass ... Elle Jones, one of the astrologers behind the popular Twitter account *Oh My Stars*, dreams of finding her soul mate. But she knows it is not Darcy ... a no-nonsense stick-in-the-mud, who is way too analytical, punctual, and skeptical for someone as free-spirited as Elle. When Darcy's brother – and Elle's new business partner – expresses how happy he is that they hit it off, Elle is baffled. Was Darcy on the same date? Because ... awkward ... Darcy begs Elle to play along and she agrees to pretend they're dating. With a few conditions: Darcy must help Elle navigate her own overbearing family and their arrangement expires on New Year's Eve. The last thing they expect is to develop real feelings during a faux relationship. But maybe opposites can attract when true love is written in the stars?

Thick as Thieves by **Sandra Brown** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). Twenty years ago, four seemingly random individuals pulled the ultimate heist and almost walked away with half a million dollars. But by daybreak, their plan had been shot to hell. One of them was in the hospital. One was in jail. One was dead. And one got away with it ... Arden Maxwell, the daughter of the man who disappeared – presumably with the money, after murdering his accomplice – has never reconciled with her father's abandonment of her. After countless personal setbacks she decides to return to her family home near Caddo Lake, and get answers to the questions that torment her. Little does she know, two of her father's co-conspirators – a war hero and a corrupt district attorney – are watching her every move ... Ledge Burnet, a rebellious teen at the time of the heist, evaded his jail sentence by enlisting in the army. Now he's back to care for his ailing father – and to keep his eye on the corrupt district attorney, whom he suspects was the real

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murderer. Although the two are bound to silence because of the crime they committed together, each has spent years waiting and hoping that the other will make a fatal misstep. But the arrival of their elusive accomplice's daughter, Arden, who may know more about the missing money than she's telling, sets them both on red alert. She ignites Ledge's determination to expose the D.A.'s treachery ... and sparks a desire he wishes to deny.

Just Haven't Met You Yet by **Sophie Cousens** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Hopeless romantic and lifestyle reporter Laura's business trip to the Channel Islands isn't off to a great start. After an embarrassing encounter with the most attractive man she's ever seen, she arrives at her hotel and realizes she's grabbed the wrong suitcase from the airport. Her only consolation is its irresistible contents, each of which intrigues her more and more. The owner of this suitcase is clearly Laura's dream man. Now, all she has to do is find him ... But what are the odds that she'd find *The One* on the same island where her parents first met and fell in love, especially as she sets out to write an article about their romance? Commissioning surly cab driver Ted to ferry her around seems like her best bet in tracking down the mystery suitcase owner and retracing her parents' footsteps. But as Laura's mystery man proves difficult to find – and as she uncovers family secrets – she may have to reimagine the life, and love, she always thought she wanted.

Spoiler Alert by **Olivia Dade** (Trade Paperback – \$25). Marcus Caster-Rupp has a secret. The world may know him as Aeneas, star of the biggest show on television, but fanfiction readers call him Book!AeneasWouldNever. Marcus gets out his frustrations with the show through anonymous stories about the internet's favorite couple, Aeneas and Lavinia. But if anyone discovered his online persona, he'd be finished ... April Whittier has secrets of her own. A hardcore Lavinia fan, she's hidden her fanfic and cosplay hobbies from her real life – but not anymore. When she posts her latest costume creation on Twitter, her plus-size take goes viral. And when Marcus asks her out to spite her critics, truth becomes stranger than fanfiction ... Marcus quickly realizes he wants more from April than a publicity stunt. But when he discovers she's Unapologetic Lavinia Stan, his closest fandom friend, he has a huge secret to keep from her ... With love and Marcus's career on the line, can the two of them stop hiding, or will a match made in fandom end up prematurely cancelled?

Home for a Cowboy Christmas by **Donna Grant** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). 'Tis the season—for everyone except Emmy Garrett. She's on the run after witnessing a crime. But when it becomes clear that trouble will continue following her, the US Marshal in charge takes her somewhere no one will think to look – Montana. Not only is Emmy in a new place for her protection, but now, she's stuck with a

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handsome cowboy as her bodyguard ... Dwight Reynolds left behind his old career, but it's still in his blood. When an old friend calls in a favor, Dwight opens his home to a woman on the run. He tries to keep his distance, but there's something about Emmy he can't resist. She stokes his passion and turns his cold nights into warm ones. When danger shows up looking for Emmy, Dwight risks everything to keep her safe.

People We Meet on Vacation by **Emily Henry** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Poppy and Alex. Alex and Poppy. They have nothing in common. She's a wild child; he wears khakis. She has wanderlust; he prefers to stay home with a book. And somehow, ever since a fateful car share home from college many years ago, they are the very best of friends. For most of the year they live far apart – she's in New York City, and he's in their small hometown – but every summer, for a decade, they have taken one glorious week of vacation together ... Until two years ago, when they ruined everything. They haven't spoken since ... Poppy has everything she should want, but she's stuck in a rut. When someone asks when she was last truly happy, she knows it was on that ill-fated, final trip with Alex. And so, she decides to convince her best friend to take one more vacation together – lay everything on the table, make it all right. Miraculously, he agrees ... Now she has a week to fix everything. If only she can get around the one big truth that has always stood quietly in the middle of their seemingly perfect relationship. What could possibly go wrong?

All the Colors of Night by **Jayne Ann Krentz** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Fogg Lake Series*. North Chastain possesses a paranormal talent that gives him the ability to track down dangerous psychic criminals. When his father falls into a coma-like state, North is convinced it was caused by a deadly artifact that traces back to the days of a secret government program known as the Bluestone Project. North knows his only hope of saving his father is to find the artifact. He is good when it comes to tracking down killers, but to locate the relic he's going to need help from a psychic who knows the shadowy world of obsessive collectors, deceptive dealers and ruthless raiders ... With her reputation in ruins after a false accusation, antiques expert Sierra Raines is looking for a fresh start. She turns to the murky backwaters of the paranormal artifacts trade, finding and transporting valuable objects with a psychic provenance. When North Chastain approaches her, Sierra takes him on as a client, though not without reservations. North represents the mysterious Foundation, the secretive organization established to police the underworld populated by psychic criminals and those, like Sierra, who make a living in the shadows of that world ... North and Sierra soon find themselves at the scene of the Incident, which occurred decades ago in Fogg Lake. The town and its residents were

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forever changed by the disaster in the nearby Bluestone Project labs. The pair unearth shocking truths about what happened that fateful night, but they are playing with fire – someone in town knows what they’ve discovered and will do anything to make sure the secrets stay buried.

One Charmed Christmas by **Sheila Roberts** (Trade Paperback – \$22). Catherine Pine is hoping her Christmas is a bit more jolly than last year’s. That one was her first without her husband, and with her kids absent this year, she’s worried. But things change when her good friend invites her on a Christmas cruise. Every day is an adventure and she’s making a bunch of new friends, including the lovable Sophie Miles ... It’s like a gift from Santa when Sophie and Catherine meet the charming Dr. Rudy Nichols, a perfect match for hypochondriac Sophie. But he comes with a two-legged lump of coal, his guard-dog daughter. And then there’s chocolatier Trevor March, who’s also interested in the scrumptious Sophie. Can he convince her that chocolate is the perfect cure for what ails her? Who knows what Santa has in store for these travelers? Anything could happen this charmed Christmas!

Christmas at Holiday House by **Raeanne Thayne** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Haven Point Series*. This New Year will bring widowed nurse Abigail Powell a fresh start in a different city. Excited about the chance to create an unforgettable Christmas for her young son in picturesque Silver Bells, Colorado, Abby has been hired to take care of her dear friend’s recuperating grandmother. But sprightly senior Winnie insists she doesn’t need looking after. What she does need is help decorating her historic mansion, Holiday House, for a town fundraiser. Abby warms to the festive task, but she’ll have to contend with her own personal Grinch: Winnie’s prickly grandson, Ethan Lancaster ... Ethan is good at a lot of things. Relationships surely aren’t one of them. His ex-fiancée convinced Ethan he was incapable of love, and he believes her ... up until the moment he impulsively kisses Abby. What is it about this vibrant woman and her sweet son that knocks his world off-kilter? He knows they’re leaving after Christmas. He just didn’t expect they’d be taking a little of his heart with them. But as he and Abby work together on the magical Holiday House, visions of a different future dance in his head ... one filled with warmth, love and a new beginning for them both.

Second Chance Christmas by **Lori Wilde** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Twilight, Texas Series*. It’s Christmastime in Twilight, TX. The lights are twinkling, carols are being sung, and the cookies are baking. And this year, best friends Joel and Jana discover a shocking surprise: as they are organizing the living Nativity, they find a sweet little baby in the manger with a note saying the mother will return ... soon ... Jana tucks the infant into her arms, and she and Joel make the impulsive decision to take the baby home. Jana is spontaneous, Joel is a planner, but they agree that it’s better to care for this precious bundle for the holidays, in hopes that the mother really will come back by New Year’s ... As the days pass, the pair begins to fall in love with the child and they’re also forced to face facts: their relationship goes far deeper than friendship. As the spirit of Christmas – and the magic of Twilight, TX – takes

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over, this unlikely couple must open up to the feelings they’ve been hiding from each other all along.

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

Killer Words by **V. M. Burns** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Haunted Library Mystery Series*. Bookstore owner and mystery writer Samantha Washington and Nana Jo are back in North Harbor, Michigan, where Sam is awaiting the publication of her first book. In search of more immediate excitement, Nana Jo hits the casino with her fellow Shady Acres Retirement Village gal pals – but they get more than they bargained for when they witness Detective Bradley Pitt decking mayoral candidate John Cloverton ... As Sam well knows, mystery novels are full of brilliant detectives, genius sleuths, and hero cops. Detective Bradley Pitt – aka “Stinky Pitt” – is another story. In the past, the dull-witted detective has mistakenly accused members of Sam’s family for crimes they didn’t commit. Now, it’s his turn: when Cloverton turns up dead, he’s arrested. With his predilection for polyester, Pitt has been wanted by the fashion police for years, but Nana Jo knows her former elementary school math student would never commit murder – it doesn’t add up. Somebody’s framed the flatfoot to take a fall, and Sam and Nana Jo must step in to restore the good name of Detective Pitt.

The Coloring Crook by **Krista Davis** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Pen and Ink Series*. Life is looking rosy for Florrie Fox, manager of the Color Me Read bookstore in Georgetown, Washington D.C. She’s working on an adult coloring book of gardens, her romance with Sergeant Eric Jonquille has entered a new chapter, and the bookstore’s weekly coloring club is a source of friendship. No member is more vibrant than Dolly Cavanaugh. When Dolly’s love of garage sales results in her showing up at Color Me Read with a rare book in hand, Florrie is astounded. *The Florist*, the earliest known coloring book, was first published in 1760. An original copy would be worth a fortune – and someone else knows it. That same evening, Florrie finds Dolly dead on the floor of her apartment, a corner of a coloring book page in her hand. As Florrie delves into Dolly’s past, she discovers a skeleton in the closet – literally – and a whole lot of suspects. One is an expert in the art of murder, but can Florrie draw the right conclusion?

Game On: Tempting Twenty Eight by **Janet Evanovich** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Stephanie Plum Series*. When Stephanie Plum is woken up in the middle of the night by the sound of footsteps in her apartment, she wishes she didn’t keep her gun in the cookie jar in her kitchen. And when she finds out the intruder is fellow apprehension agent Diesel, six feet of hard muscle and bad attitude who she hasn’t seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy ... Turns out Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her determination, her understanding of human nature, and her willingness to do just about anything to bring a fugitive to justice. Unsure if Diesel is her partner or her competition in this case, she’ll need to watch her back as she sets the stage to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world.

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The Family by **Louise Jensen** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *At Oak Leaf Farm you will find a haven. Welcome to The Family.* Laura is grieving after the sudden death of her husband. Struggling to cope, Laura is grateful when a local community, Oak Leaf Organics, offer her and her 17-year-old daughter Tilly a home. But as Laura and Tilly settle into life with their new “family,” sinister things begin to happen. When one of the community dies in suspicious circumstances Laura wants to leave but Tilly, enthralled by the charismatic leader, Alex, refuses to go. Desperately searching for a way to save her daughter, Laura uncovers a horrifying secret but Alex and his family aren’t the only ones with something to hide. Just as Laura has been digging into their past, they’ve been digging into hers and she discovers the terrifying reason they invited her and Tilly in, and why they’ll never let them leave.

A Murder Like No Author by **Amy Lillard** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Main Street Book Club Mysteries Series.* It’s movie time in Sugar Springs and the whole town is pitching together to get the historical Coliseum Theater ready for the event of the year – the premiere of *Missing Girl*, local author Wally Harrison’s bestselling novel turned film ... Thrilled to bring tourists to Sugar Springs, the town comes together to host the late author’s event. But when a stranger arrives, boasting he has definitive proof that Wally didn’t write *Missing Girl* ... drama leaps from the page into real life. Mishaps start taking place around the theater – and then the stranger is discovered dead in his hotel room right before his press conference ... Can bookstore owner Arlo Stanley and her Friday night book club sleuth out the killer and solve the mystery before the town’s Hollywood dreams go up in smoke?

Pride, Prejudice, and Peril by **Katie Oliver** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Jane Austen Tea Society Mystery Series.* Phaedra Brighton is content with her life of lecturing college students, gossiping with her best friends, and dreaming of Mr. Darcy. As a young, respected (if somewhat peculiar) English professor, her expertise lies in all things Jane Austen – but she knows that the closest she’ll ever get to being a real-life Elizabeth Bennet is in her dreams ... When *Who Wants to Marry Mr. Darcy*, a new reality TV show, starts filming at her best friend Charlene’s estate, Phaedra is intrigued. And when the producer asks her to lend her Austenian knowledge as a consultant, she’s over the moon. But on the first day of filming, when Charlene’s new husband is found electrocuted and Charlene is accused of the crime, Phaedra comes crashing back to reality ... With murder on the syllabus and her best friend in dire straits, there’s no Mr. Darcy around to help Phaedra – she’ll have to get to the bottom of this mystery herself.

Seven-Year Witch by **Angela M. Sanders** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Witch Way Librarian Mysteries Series.* Finding your feet in a new job isn’t always easy. That goes double for Josie Way, who’s settling in as Wilfred, Oregon’s, new librarian – and has just discovered she’s a witch ... While Josie develops her witchcraft with the help of letters left by her grandmother, there are other changes happening in her new hometown. A retreat center is being built at the old mill site, and rumor has it that the location is cursed. That piques Josie’s interest almost as

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much as Sam Wilfred, handsome FBI agent and descendant of the town’s founder ... When Sam’s soon-to-be ex-wife, Fiona, goes missing at the same time that a bloodied weapon is found, Josie enlists her witchy insight, and her cat familiar, to clear Sam’s name. But then the mill project’s architect is found dead. Now Josie will have to divine her way out of mischief, before this deadly trouble turns double.

Miss Moriarty, I Presume by **Sherry Thomas** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Lady Sherlock Series.* A most unexpected client shows up at Charlotte Holmes’s doorstep: Moriarty himself. Moriarty fears that tragedy has befallen his daughter and wants Charlotte to find out the truth ... Charlotte and Mrs. Watson travel to a remote community of occult practitioners where Moriarty’s daughter was last seen, a place full of lies and liars. Meanwhile, Charlotte’s sister Livia tries to make sense of a mysterious message from her beau Mr. Marbleton. And Charlotte’s longtime ally Lord Ingram at last turns his seductive prowess on Charlotte – or is it the other way around? ... But the more secrets Charlotte unravels about Miss Moriarty’s disappearance, the more she wonders why Moriarty has entrusted this delicate matter to her of all people. Is it to test Charlotte’s skills as an investigator, or has the man of shadows trapped her in a nest of vipers?

Murder is a Must by **Marty Wingate** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$18). *First Edition Library Mystery Series.* Hayley Burke, curator of Lady Fowling’s collection of mysteries, is settling into her position at the First Edition Library in Middlebank House. She’s even made progress with Lady Fowling’s former secretary, the ornery Miss Woolgar. The women are busily preparing for an exhibition that will showcase Lady Fowling’s life and letters. Hayley knows the exhibition is a huge undertaking and decides, against her better judgement, to hire Oona Atherton, her former boss from the Jane Austen Centre, to help ... Oona is known for being difficult, but all seems to be going well until she and Hayley uncover a one-page letter that alludes to a priceless edition of *MURDER MUST ADVERTISE* signed by several Golden Age of Mystery authors. Oona feels this book could be the focal point of the exhibition and becomes obsessed with finding it ... When they find clues that appear to point to the book being somewhere in the First Edition Library, Oona is certain she’s unraveled the mystery and texts Hayley the news, but upon arriving back at Middlebank, Hayley finds her old boss dead at the bottom of the stairs. Did her discovery of the rare book get her killed or was it some shadow from her past? Hayley must read between the lines to catch a murderer.

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

A Shadow in the Ember by Jennifer L. Armentrout (Print-on-Demand Paperback – \$45). *Flesh and Fire Series.* Born shrouded in the veil of the Primals, a Maiden as the Fates promised, Seraphena Mierel’s future has never been hers. Chosen before birth to uphold the deal her ancestor struck to save his people, Sera must leave behind her life and offer herself to the Primal of Death as his Consort ... However, Sera’s real destiny is the most closely guarded secret in Lasania – she’s not the well protected Maiden but an assassin with one mission – one target. Make the Primal of Death fall in love,

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become his weakness, and then ... end him. If she fails, she dooms her kingdom to a slow demise at the hands of the Rot ... Sera has always known what she is. Chosen. Consort. Assassin. Weapon. Monster. Until him. Until the Primal of Death's words and deeds chase away the darkness inside her. And his seductive touch ignites a passion she's never allowed herself to feel and cannot feel for him. But Sera has never had a choice. Either way, her life is forfeit – it always has been, as she has been forever touched by Life and Death.

High Jinx by **Kelley Armstrong** (Print-on-Demand Paperback – \$36). *Cursed Luck Series*. Curse weaver Kennedy Bennett has re-settled into her hometown and opened a shop selling previously hexed antiques. When she fails to win an online auction for a notorious cursed painting, Aiden Connolly – the wealthy and swoon-worthy luck worker she is not dating – swoops in to buy it for her ... *Crying Girl* is one of a quartet of haunted legendary paintings. Kennedy knows that the “ghosts” are actually curses – fatal ones. The paintings have been missing for years, and Kennedy is thrilled at the chance to uncurse one ... until *Crying Girl* disappears before they can collect it ... Kennedy and Aiden soon discover that the painting hasn't been randomly whisked out of their reach. Someone used it to lure them in, and now that they've snatched the bait, they've been snared in a trap. Either the thief gets what they want ... or the four paintings are going to find their way back into the world, and Kennedy and Aiden will be responsible for the deadly chaos the cursed portraits wreak.

The Garden of Promises and Lies by **Paula Brackson** (Trade Paperback – \$33). *Found Things Series*. While Xanthe has tried to keep her time-traveling talents a secret from those close to her, she is forced to take responsibility for having inadvertently transported the dangerous Benedict Fairfax to her own time. Xanthe must use her skills as a Spinner if she and her mother Flora are ever to be safe, and she turns to the Spinners book for help ... It is then that a beautiful antique wedding dress sings to her. Realizing the dress and her adversary are connected in some way, she answers the call. She finds herself in Bradford-on-Avon in 1815, as if she has stepped into a Jane Austen story ... Now in Xanthe's time, Fairfax is threatening Xanthe into helping him with his evil doings, and demonstrates all too clearly how much damage he is capable of causing. With Fairfax growing ever more powerful, Xanthe enlists the help of her boyfriend Liam, taking him back in time with her. It is a decision that might ensure she prevails over her foe, but only by putting her life – and his – on the line.

A Ruin of Roses by **K.F. Breene** (Trade Paperback – \$27). *Deliciously Dark Fairytales Series*. I could save him, but he would ruin me. The beast. The creature that stalks the forbidden wood. The dragon prince. He has suffered a fate worse than death. We all have. A curse put upon us by the mad king. We are a kingdom locked in time. Shifters unable to feel our animals. Stuck here by a deal between the late king and a demon who seeks our destruction. The only one keeping this kingdom alive is Nyfain, the golden prince to a stolen throne. The last dragon shifter. He's our hope. He's my nightmare. When he

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catches me trespassing in the forbidden wood, he doesn't punish me with death, as he's entitled. He takes me, instead. Forces me back to the castle as his prisoner. Seeks to use me. Apparently, I can save him and the kingdom. But it would mean taming the monster beneath his skin. It would mean giving myself to him. It would mean my ruin.

Guild Boss by **Jayne Castle** (USA Hardcover – \$47; UK Trade Paperback – \$23). *Harmony Series*. Welcome to Illusion Town ... The settlers love weddings but it's the after-party that turns disastrous for Lucy Bell. Kidnapped on her way out, she manages to escape – only to find herself lost in the mysterious, underground maze beneath town. She's surviving on determination and cold pizza, when help shows up ... Gabriel Jones is the Guild Hunter sent to rescue her, but escaping the underground ruins is only the beginning of her troubles as whispers start circulating that Lucy made the whole thing up. Soon her life unravels until she has nothing left but her pride. The last thing she expects is for Gabriel to come back for her ... The Lucy that Gabriel finds is not the same woman he rescued – this Lucy is angry and cynical. But a killer is still hunting her, and Gabriel is the one person who believes Lucy's tale. He's determined to help clear her reputation, no matter what it takes. And as the new Guild Boss, his word is law, even in the lawlessness of Illusion Town.

Hunter's Hope by **Alyssa Day** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Vampire Motorcycle Club Series*. Hunter Evans risked his life as a firefighter until the night he died saving a child ... only to be reborn as a vampire. Now the man who was the quintessential “nice guy” must find a way to conquer the deadly urges that threaten to turn him feral. When his actions put a beautiful woman in danger, he vows to protect her ... even from himself ... Alice Darlington has a secret of her own: she sees ghosts. She thought she'd done a good job of keeping it under wraps – until now. A terrible threat from her past is hunting her down in order to use her power for dark purposes. Now she's on the run and doesn't know who to trust or where to go ... When Hunter and Alice team up to battle the dangers coming at them from all sides, they're forced to rely on each other. But Hunter doesn't know how long he can keep the beast inside him away from the woman it craves ...

The Undertakers by **Nicole Glover** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Murder and Magic Series*. Nothing bothers Hetty and Benji Rhodes more than a case where the answers, motives, and murder itself feel too neat. Raimond Duval, a victim of one of the many fires that have erupted in Philadelphia, is officially declared dead after the accident, but Hetty and Benji's investigation points to a powerful Fire Company known to let homes in the Black community burn to the ground. Before long, another death breathes new life into the Duval investigation: Raimond's son, Valentine, is also found dead ... Finding themselves with the dubious honor of taking on Valentine Duval as their first major funeral, it becomes clear that his passing was intentional. Valentine and his father's deaths are connected, and the recent fires plaguing the city might be more linked to recent community events than Hetty and Benji originally thought.

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Our Violent Ends by **Chloe Gong** (Trade Paperback – \$25). *Violent Ends Series*. 1927. Shanghai teeters on the edge of revolution ... After sacrificing her relationship with Roma Montagov to protect him from the blood feud, Juliette Cai has been a girl on the warpath. One wrong move, and her cousin will step into usurp her place as the Scarlet Gang's heir. The only way to save the boy she loves from the wrath of the Scarlets is to have him want her dead for murdering his best friend in cold blood. If Juliette were actually guilty of the crime Roma believes she committed, his rejection might sting less ... Roma is still reeling from Marshall's death, and his cousin Benedikt will barely speak to him. Roma knows it's his fault for letting the ruthless Juliette back into his life, and he's determined to set things right – even if that means killing the girl he hates and loves with equal measure ... Then a new danger emerges in the city, and Juliette must secure Roma's cooperation if they are to end this threat once and for all. Shanghai is at a boiling point: The Nationalists are marching in, whispers of civil war brew louder every day, and gangster rule faces complete annihilation. Roma and Juliette must put aside their differences to combat monsters and politics, but they aren't prepared for the biggest threat of all: protecting their hearts from each other.

Payback's a Witch by **Lana Harper** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *LGBTQ. The Witches of Thistle Grove Series*. Emmy Harlow is a witch but not a very powerful one – in part because she hasn't been home to the magical town of Thistle Grove in years. Her self-imposed exile has a lot to do with a complicated family history and a desire to forge her own way, and only the very tiniest bit to do with Gareth Blackmoore, heir to the most powerful magical family in town and casual breaker of hearts and destroyer of dreams ... But when a spellcasting tournament that her family serves as arbiters for approaches, it turns out the pull of tradition (or the truly impressive parental guilt trip) is strong enough to bring Emmy back. She's determined to do her duty; spend some quality time with her best friend, Linden Thorn; and get back to her life in Chicago ... On her first night home, Emmy runs into Talia Avramov – an all-around badass adept in the darker magical arts – who is fresh off a bad breakup ... with Gareth. Talia had let herself be charmed, only to discover that Gareth was also seeing Linden – unbeknownst to either of them. And now she and Linden want revenge. Only one question stands: Is Emmy in? But most concerning of all: Why can't she stop thinking about the terrifyingly competent, devastatingly gorgeous, wickedly charming Talia?

The Ten Thousand Doors of January by **Alix E. Harrow** (UK Paperback – \$25). Early 1900s. In a sprawling mansion filled with peculiar treasures, January Scaller is a curiosity herself. As the ward of the wealthy Mr Locke, she feels little different from the artefacts that decorate the halls: carefully maintained, largely ignored and out of place ... But her quiet existence is shattered when she stumbles across a strange book. A book that carries the scent of other worlds and tells a tale of secret doors, of love, adventure and danger. Each page reveals more impossible truths about the world, and January discovers a story entwined with her own.

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The Once and Future Witches by **Alix E. Harrow** (UK Paperback – \$25). In 1893, there's no such thing as witches. There used to be, in the wild, dark days before the burnings began, but now witching is nothing but tidy charms and nursery rhymes. If the modern woman wants any measure of power, she must find it at the ballot box.. If the modern woman wants any measure of power, she must find it at the ballot box ... But when the three Eastwood sisters join the suffragists of New Salem, they begin to pursue the forgotten ways that might turn the women's movement into the witch's movement. Stalked by shadows and sickness, hunted by forces who will not suffer a witch to vote – and perhaps not even to live – the sisters must delve into the oldest magics, draw new alliances, and heal the bond between them if they want to survive ... There's no such thing as witches. But there will be.

Were-Geeks Save the Middle of Nowhere by **Kathy Lyons** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *LGBTQ. Were-Geeks Save the World Series*. Into every generation is born a really scary relative. In this case, it's Walter Chen's aunt, who puts the spirit of a Chinese chaos god into his body. At first he doesn't notice because he's focused on shooting his indie film in Nowhere, Wisconsin, but pretty soon he's doing amazing kung fu. Cool! ... Bing Zhi Hao was Walter's lead actor and best friend until he disappeared to become a werewolf and save the world. Now he's back and trying to make amends ... except his shy roommate isn't quiet anymore. In fact, he's downright scary ... Bing figures out the demigod is taking over Walter – body, mind, and soul. Soon the man Bing loves will be gone and chaos incarnate will be born on earth. He has to convince Walter to fight off the possession and return to the man he was. But what can he offer a god to convince him to remain a man?

The Rise of Magicks by **Nora Roberts** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Chronicles of the One Series*. After the sickness known as the Doom destroyed civilization, magick has become commonplace, and Fallon Swift has spent her young years learning its ways. Fallon cannot live in peace until she frees those who have been preyed upon by the government or the fanatical Purity Warriors, endlessly hunted or locked up in laboratories, brutalized for years on end. She is determined to save even those who have been complicit with this evil out of fear or weakness – if, indeed, they can be saved ... Strengthened by the bond she shares with her fellow warrior, Duncan, Fallon has already succeeded in rescuing countless shifters and elves and ordinary humans. Now she must help them heal – and rediscover the light and faith within themselves. For although from the time of her birth, she has been The One, she is still only one. And as she faces down an old nemesis, sets her sights on the enemy's stronghold, and pursues her destiny – to finally restore the mystical shield that once protected them – she will need an army behind her.

The Warlord by **Gena Showalter** (Mass Market Paperback – \$22). *Rise of the Warlords Series*. For centuries, Taliyah Skyhawk has prepared to become Harpy General, leader of the deadliest female army in existence. One of the requirements? Remain a virgin. But, for a chance to save her people, she

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must wed the fearless leader of the Astra Planeta, Alaroc Phaethon ... The time has come for Roc to sacrifice another virgin bride to his god. There has never been a woman alluring enough to tempt him from his path. No warrioress powerful enough to overcome his incredible strength. No enchantress desirable enough to make him burn beyond reason. Until now ... With the clock ticking, war between husband and wife ignites. Except Taliyah never expected the merciless king to challenge the future she once envisioned. She certainly never anticipated the thrill of their battles turning into games ... The problem is, only one spouse can survive.

Jingle Bell Wolf by **Terry Spear** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Wolff Brothers Series*. It's almost Christmas, and Florida gray wolf shifter and veterinarian Gabrielle Lowe has grudgingly agreed to go with her friends to a ski resort in Silver Town, Colorado. But when her two jaguar shifter girlfriends are held up on a mission, it not only leaves Gabrielle alone for the holidays, but also out of her element at the snowy resort. Determined to make the best of it, Gabrielle takes a dip in the lodge's heated pool after it's closed, causing all kinds of trouble ... Gray wolf shifter Landon Wolff, co-owner of the ski lodge, has enough on his plate getting ready for the annual influx of Christmas visitors. The last thing he needs is someone indulging in a midnight swim long after the pool is closed. Just as he's about to throw the rule breaker out of the pool he realizes that she is also a wolf. Suddenly, all the rules change ... Maybe Landon will finally find the she-wolf he's always wanted to share the holidays with.

King of Battle and Blood by **Scarlett St. Clair** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Adrian X Isolde Series*. Their union is his revenge ... Isolde de Lara considers her wedding day to be her death day. To end a years-long war, she is to marry vampire king Adrian Aleksandr Vasiliev, and kill him ... But her assassination attempt is thwarted, and Adrian threatens that if Isolde tries kill him again, he will raise her as the undead. Faced with the possibility of becoming the thing she hates most, Isolde seeks other ways to defy him and survive the brutal vampire court ... Except it isn't the court she fears most – it's Adrian. Despite their undeniable chemistry, she wonders why the king – fierce, savage, merciless – chose her as consort ... The answer will shatter her world.

The Wolf by **J.R. Ward** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Black Dagger Brotherhood: Prison Camp Series*. Rio Hernandez-Guerrero has been working undercover to bring down Caldwell's worst drug lord, the elusive and sadistic Mozart. She knows she's finally getting close to him when she's ordered to negotiate a massive deal with a shadowy supplier. But what shows up at the meeting ... is nothing she expects ... Betrayed by his clan, Lucan was locked up decades ago for the crime of being both wolverine and vampire. Forced to engage in drug-dealing by the prison camp's despot, he is not looking for anything more complicated in his cold and isolated life. But then a human woman, with a stare that tames him, crosses his path ... Rio captures a predator's heart, but they both have secrets that threaten not only their fate as soulmates but their very lives. Will they find a way to win at the deadly game they're both playing ... or will their inner natures shatter their love?

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The Scum Villain's Self-Saving System: Vol. 1 by **Mo Xiang Tong Xiu** (Trade Paperback – \$36).

LGBTQ. Half-demon Luo Binghe rose from humble beginnings and a tortured past to become unrivaled in strength and beauty. With his dominion over both the Human and Demon Realms and his hundreds-strong harem, he is the most powerful protagonist ... in a trashy webnovel series! ... At least, that's what Shen Yuan believes as he finishes reading the final chapter in *Proud Immortal Demon Way*. But when a bout of rage leads to his sudden death, Shen Yuan is reborn into the world of the novel in the body of Shen Qingqiu – the beautiful but cruel teacher of a young Luo Binghe. While Shen Qingqiu may have the incredible power of a cultivator, he is destined to be horrifically punished for crimes against the protagonist. The new Shen Qingqiu now has only one course of action: get into Luo Binghe's good graces before the young man's rise to power or suffer the awful fate of a true scum villain!

Grandmaster of Demonic Cultivation Vol. 1 by **Mo Xiang Tong Xiu** (Trade Paperback – \$36). *LGBTQ*.

Wei Wuxian was once one of the most outstanding men of his generation, a talented and clever young cultivator who harnessed martial arts, knowledge, and spirituality into powerful abilities. But when the horrors of war led him to seek a new power through demonic cultivation, the world's respect for his skills turned to fear, and his eventual death was celebrated throughout the land ... Years later, he awakens in the body of an aggrieved young man who sacrifices his soul so that Wei Wuxian can exact revenge on his behalf. Though granted a second life, Wei Wuxian is not free from his first, nor the mysteries that appear before him now. Yet this time, he'll face it all with the righteous and esteemed Lan Wangji at his side, another powerful cultivator whose unwavering dedication and shared memories of their past will help shine a light on the truths that surround them.

Heaven Official's Blessing Vol. 1 by **Mo Xiang Tong Xiu** (Trade Paperback – \$36). *LGBTQ*. Born the crown prince of a prosperous kingdom, Xie Lian was renowned for his beauty, strength, and purity. His years of dedicated study and noble deeds allowed him to ascend to godhood. But those who rise may also fall, and fall he does – cast from the heavens and banished to the world below ... Eight hundred years after his mortal life, Xie Lian has ascended to godhood for the third time, angering most of the gods in the process. To repay his debts, he is sent to the Mortal Realm to hunt down violent ghosts and troublemaking spirits who prey on the living. Along his travels, he meets the fascinating and brilliant San Lang, a young man with whom he feels an instant connection. Yet San Lang is more than he appears ... What mysteries lie behind that carefree smile?

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Someone Perfect by **Mary Balogh** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Westcott Series*. As a young man, Justin Wiley was banished by his father for mysterious reasons, but now his father is dead, and Justin has been Earl of Brandon for six years. A dark, dour man, he nonetheless takes it as his responsibility to care for his half-sister Maria when her mother dies. He travels to her home to fetch her back to the family seat at Everleigh Park ... Although

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she adored him once, Maria now loathes Justin, and her friend Lady Estelle Lamarr can see immediately how his very name upsets her. When Justin arrives and invites Estelle and her brother to accompany Maria to Everleigh Park to help with her distress, she begrudgingly agrees for Maria's sake ... As family secrets unravel in Maria's homecoming, Justin, too, uncovers his desire for a countess. And, while he may believe he's found an obvious candidate in the beautiful 25-year-old Lady Estelle, she is most certain that they could never make a match ...

The Virgin Who Ruined Lord Gray by **Anna Bradley** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *The swooning Virgins Society Series*. Behind the doors of the Clifford Charity School for Wayward Girls there lies a secret society of brilliant, fearless women who are bringing justice to London's most corrupt aristocrats, one nobleman at a time ... Other young ladies might occupy their spare time with drawing or needlework, but Sophia Monmouth spends hers scaling rooftops and shadowing suspicious characters. Her objective: to gain information that will free a friend wrongly accused of murder. She hasn't bargained on being spotted and followed back to the Clifford School by a mysterious earl who holds almost as many secrets as she does ... Tristan Stratford, Lord Gray, earned the nickname the Ghost of Bow Street because no man has ever escaped him. Sophia – all soft curves beneath her disguise – is a unique challenge. Determined to learn the truth about the Clifford School, he joins Sophia in a scheme that leads from Newgate's cells to the pinnacle of power. But when desire is at odds with justice, succumbing to temptation may lead them both into danger.

A Wanton for All Seasons by **Christi Caldwell** (Trade Paperback – \$26). *Wantons of Waverton Series*. Annalee Spencer and Wayland Smith were uninhibited young lovers until the Peterloo Massacre set them on two different paths. Raised to the title of Baron of Darlington in recognition of his courage, Wayland is now a model of propriety and heroism. As for Annalee, the trauma of that tragic day in Manchester is ever present. To dull the pain, she lives only for pleasure. And she derives immense pleasure from co-leading the Mismatch Society, a league of scandalously independent women. Perhaps too scandalous ... because of Annalee. To save the society, she must adopt a veneer of respectability. For that she needs the man who's won the admiration of the ton ... Wayland may be conflicted, but he agrees to Annalee's proposal, if only to atone for having brought his former beloved to Peterloo on that fateful day. Reunited under the pretense of a courtship, Wayland and Annalee find the feelings between them are becoming real. With their own futures at stake, it's finally time to confront the past, to trust in each other again, and against the odds, to reclaim the love they once had.

An Heiress's Guide to Deception and Desire by **Manda Collins** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Lady Guide's Series*. England, 1866: Miss Caroline Hardcastle has finally found purpose in her life, bringing attention to insidious crimes against women. But her parents' unexpected return from the Continent jeopardizes Caro's hard-won freedom. They present her with an ultimatum: marry into a title ... or else. Caro is confident that no gentleman would

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wed an on-the-shelf journalist, no matter how large her dowry is. But when a dear friend goes missing, Caro finds her best ally is also the nobleman she once dreamed of marrying ... Ever since a devastating heartbreak in his younger years, Lord Valentine Thorn has stayed clear of the parson's trap. Only now, with the lineage in danger, does Val agree to find a bride – with the condition his heart remains unattached. But when his cousin becomes entangled in the disappearance of a young actress, Val finds the only one with any answers is also the only woman he ever dreamed of marrying. Despite their complicated history, Caro and Val reluctantly agree to an alliance, vowing to ignore the passion that still burns between them. Yet with danger growing nearer, can they move forward from the past – before death does them part?

Gentleman Seeks Bride by **Megan Frampton** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Hazards of Duke Series*. It's a well-known fact that when a man is in search of a bride, a good dowry is never a hindrance ... Thomas Sharpe is handsome, well-bred, and desperately in need of a wealthy bride. His father has lost their income, his sister needs looking after, and so to save them all from a life of poverty he travels to London in search of an heiress ... Enter Lady Jane Capel. After her fiancé ended their engagement two years ago, Jane boldly left her parents' home and moved in with her half-brother Percy. What does one more scandal matter to a family with such a reputation? Jane is independent, but not as well versed in life – and love – as she wants ... The two of them strike a deal: Thomas will show her all there is to know about the world – and intimacy – and Jane will help him find a bride. But the more time they spend together and the closer they get, the two of them realize that things aren't so simple when it comes to men and women.

Rules for Heiresses by **Amalie Howard** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Daring Dukes Series*. Born to a life of privilege, Lady Ravenna Huntley rues the day that she must marry. She's refused dozens of suitors and cried off multiple betrothals, but running away – even if brash and foolhardy – is the only option left to secure her independence ... Lord Courtland Chase, grandson of the Duke of Ashvale, was driven from England at the behest of his cruel stepmother. Scorned and shunned, he swore never to return to the land of his birth. But when a twist of bad luck throws a rebellious heiress into his arms, at the very moment he finds out he's the new Duke, marriage is the only alternative to massive scandal ... Both are quick to deny it, but a wedding might be the only way out for both of them. And the attraction that burns between them makes Ravenna and Courtland wonder if it'll truly only be a marriage of convenience after all ...

The Meaning of Love by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-on-Demand Paperback – \$38). *Lady Osbaldestone's Christmas Chronicles*. What happens when a love left behind doesn't die? ... Melissa North had assumed that after eight years of not setting eyes on each other, her youthful attraction to – or was it infatuation with? – Julian Delamere, once Viscount Dagenham and now Earl of Carsely, would have faded to nothing. Unfortunately, during the intervening years, she's failed to find any suitable suitor who measures up to her mark and is resigned to ending her days an old maid ... Then she sees

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Julian across a crowded ballroom, and he sees her, and the intensity of their connection shocks her. She seizes the first chance that offers to flee, only to discover she's jumped from the frying pan into the fire ... Within twenty-four hours, she and Julian are the newly engaged toast of the ton ... Julian has never forgotten Melissa. Now, having inherited the earldom, he must marry and is determined to choose his own bride. He'd assumed that by now, Melissa would be married to someone else, but apparently not. Consequently, he's not averse to the path Fate seems to be steering them down ... And, indeed, as they discover, enforced separation has made their hearts grow fonder, and the attraction between them flares more intensely ... However, it's soon apparent that someone is intent on ensuring their married life is cut short in deadly fashion. Through a whirlwind courtship, a massive ton wedding, and finally, blissful country peace, they fend off increasingly dangerous, potentially lethal threats, until, together, they unravel the conspiracy that's dogged their heels and expose the villain behind it all.

After Dark with the Duke by **Julie Anne Long** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Palace of Rogues Series*. She arrives in the dead of night, a mob out for blood at her heels: Mariana Wylde, the "Harlot of Haywood Street," an opera diva brought low by a duel fought for her favors. But the ladies of the Grand Palace on the Thames think they can make a silk purse from scandal: They'll restore her reputation and share in her triumph ... provided they can keep her apart from that other guest ... Coldly brilliant, fiercely honorable, General James Duncan Blackmore, the Duke of Valkirk, is revered, feared, desired ... but nobody truly knows him. Until a clash with a fiery, vulnerable beauty who stands for everything he scorns lays him bare. It's too clear the only cure for consuming desire is conquest, but their only chance at happiness could lead to their destruction ... The legendary duke never dreamed love would be his last battleground. Valkirk would lay down his life for Mariana, but his choice is stark: risk losing her forever, or do the one thing he vowed he never would ... surrender.

Once a Laird by **MaryJo Putney** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Rogues Redeemed Series*. After the death of his fiancée, Kai Ramsay left Scotland to roam distant lands. He has searched ancient ruins, collected priceless antiquities, and escaped certain death after being imprisoned as a spy during the Napoleonic War. Ramsay has lived on the edge of danger for years – but everything changes the day a letter arrives for him from Scotland ... Signy Matheson has dedicated her life to the people of Scotland's remote Thorsay Islands. With a fiery spirit and agile mind, she is a faithful ally to the aging laird. But now their leader is near death, and Signy must summon his successor at once. It's time for Kai Ramsay to come home ... When Ramsay returns to Thorsay, he's shocked to find that Signy has blossomed into an alluring beauty, and a force to be reckoned with. Their complicated past interferes with their unspoken desire as they work together for their people. Until a wild storm sparks first passion, then unexpected danger when a treasure trove left by their ancestors comes to light ...

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The Bridgertons: Happily Ever After by **Julia Quinn** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$22). *Bridgerton Series*. Once upon a time, a historical romance author created a family ... Eight brothers and sisters, assorted in-laws, sons and daughters, nieces and nephews, (not to mention an overweight corgi), plus an irrepressible matriarch who's a match for any of them ... These are the Bridgertons: less a family than a force of nature. Through eight bestselling novels, readers laughed, cried, and fell in love. But they wanted more. And so the readers asked the author ... What happened next? Does Simon ever read his father's letters? Do Francesca and Michael become parents? Who would win in a Pall Mall grudge match? Does "The End" really have to be the end? *The Bridgertons: Happily Ever After*, delivers eight sexy, funny, and heartwarming "2nd epilogues," plus a bonus story about none other than the wise and witty Violet Bridgerton herself.

The Perks of Loving a Wallflower by **Erica Ridley** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *LGBTQ. Wild Wynchesters Series*. As a master of disguise, Thomasina Wynchester can be a polite young lady – or a bawdy old man. She'll do whatever it takes to solve the cases her family takes on. But when Tommy's beautiful new client turns out to be the highborn lady she's secretly smitten with, more than her mission is at stake ... Bluestocking Miss Philippa York doesn't believe in love. Her heart didn't pitter-patter when she was betrothed to a duke, nor did it break when he married someone else. All Philippa desires is to decode a centuries-old manuscript to keep a modern-day villain from claiming credit for work that wasn't his. She hates that she needs a man's help to do it – so she's delighted to discover the clever, charming baron at her side is in fact a woman. But as she and Tommy grow closer and the stakes of their discovery higher, more than just their hearts are at risk.

The Lady Gets Lucky by **Joanna Shupe** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Fifth Avenue Rebels Series*. Shy heiress Alice Lusk is tired of being overlooked by every bachelor. Something has to change, else she'll be forced to marry a man whose only desire is her fortune. She needs to become a siren, a woman who causes a man's blood to run hot ... and she's just met the perfect rogue to help teach her ... Christopher "Kit" Ward plans to open a not-so-reputable supper club in New York City, and he's willing to do whatever it takes to hire the best chef in the city to guarantee its success. Even if it requires giving carnal lessons to a serious-minded spinster who has an in with the chef ... Their bedroom instruction grows passionate, and Alice is a much better pupil than Kit had ever anticipated. When the Society gentlemen start to take notice, Kit has to try to win Alice in other ways ... but is he too late to win her heart?

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The Christmas Bookshop by **Jenny Colgan** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Laid off from her department store job, Carmen has perilously little cash and few options. The prospect of spending Christmas with her perfect sister Sofia, in Sofia's perfect house with her perfect children and her perfectly ordered yuppie life

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does not appeal ... Frankly, Sofia doesn't exactly want her prickly sister Carmen there either. But Sofia has yet another baby on the way, a mother desperate to see her daughters get along, and a client who needs help revitalizing his shabby old bookshop. So Carmen moves in and takes the job ... Thrown rather suddenly into the inner workings of Mr. McCredie's ancient bookshop on the picturesque streets of historic Edinburgh, Carmen is intrigued despite herself. The store is dusty and disorganized but undeniably charming. Can she breathe some new life into it in time for Christmas shopping? What will happen when a famous and charismatic author takes a sudden interest in the bookshop – and Carmen? And will the Christmas spirit be enough to help heal her fractured family?

The Party Crasher by **Sophie Kinsella** (Trade Paperback – \$32). It's been over two years since Effie's beloved parents got divorced, destroying the image of the happy, loving childhood she thought she had. Since then, she's become estranged from her father and embarked on a feud with his hot (and much younger) girlfriend, Krista. And now, more earth-shattering news: Greenoaks, the rambling Victorian country house Effie called home her whole life, has been sold ... When Krista decides

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to throw a grand "house cooling" party, Effie is originally left off the guest list – and then receives a last-minute "anti-invitation" (maybe it's because she called Krista a gold-digger, but Krista totally deserved it, and it was mostly a joke anyway). Effie declines, but then remembers a beloved childhood treasure is still hidden in the house. Her only chance to retrieve it is to break into Greenoaks while everyone is busy celebrating. As Effie sneaks around the house, hiding under tables and peeping through trapdoors, she realizes the secrets Greenoaks holds aren't just in the dusty passageways and hidden attics she grew up exploring. Watching how her sister, brother, and dad behave when they think no one is looking, Effie overhears conversations, makes discoveries, and begins to see her family in a new light. Then she runs into Joe – the love of her life, who long ago broke her heart, and who's still as handsome and funny as ever – and even more truths emerge ... But will Effie act on these revelations? Will she stay hidden or step out into the party and take her place with her family? And truthfully, what did she really come back to Greenoaks for? Over the course of one blowout party, Effie realizes that she must be honest with herself and confront her past before she'll ever be able to face her future.

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