

# Chapter BOOK CATALOGUE - NOV/DEC 2022

Apologies for the delay with this book catalogue. But just in time for some summer holiday reading or stocking fillers, there are new releases by Jennifer L. Armentrout (A Light in the Flame), Olivie Blake (The Atlas Paradox), Janet Evanovich (Going Roque), Christine Feehan (Leopard's Scar), Eloisa James (The Reluctant Countess), Nora Roberts (The Choice), Nalini Singh (Archangel's Resurrection), Mariana Zapata (When Gracie Met the Grump) and more. Happy holidays and enjoy your reading! N.B. Please see page 3 for details of our Christmas/New Year closure. While we are closed, orders will be processed for pickup or shipping.

Top Books November

Olivie Blake The Atlas Paradox\* Kristin Cashore Seasparrow\*

Javne Castle Sweetwater and the Witch\* Laura Childs Twisted Tea Christmas#

Janet Evanovich Going Rogue\* Laura Griffin Vanishing Hour

Jane Harper Exiles\*

Amalie Howard The Duke in Ouestion\* Tamsyn Muir Nona the Ninth\*

Nalini Singh Archangel's Resurrection\* **Top Books December** 

A Light in the Flame\* Jennifer L. Armentrout Tessa Bailey Happenstance\*

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The Choice\* Nora Roberts

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# Paperback Release

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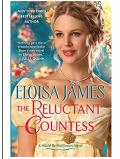
Title: Going Rogue Author: Janet Evanovich

Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: UK Trade Paperback

**Price:** \$33

Annotation: Stephanie Plum Series. Stephanie Plum knows something is amiss when she turns up for work at Vinnie's Bail Bonds to find that long-term office manager Connie Rosolli hasn't shown up. Stephanie's

fears are confirmed when she gets a call from Connie's abductor. He will only release her in exchange for a mysterious coin that a recently murdered man left as collateral for his bail. Unfortunately, this coin is nowhere to be found in the office. Stephanie throws caution to the wind, follows her instincts, and goes rogue. She is more shocked by the results than anyone.



Title: The Reluctant Countess

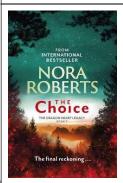
**Author:** Eloisa James Classification: Historical

**Book Type:** Mass Market Paperback

**Price:** \$26

**Annotation:** Would-Be-Wallflowers Series. Giles Renwick, Earl of Lilford, has never made a fool of himself over a woman—until he meets Lady Yasmin Régnier. Yasmin is ineligible for his attentions: not as

a wife, not as a mistress (she is a lady!), nor even as a friend, since they dislike each other. Her gowns are too low and her skirts are dampened. She loves to gossipand giggle. She isn't dignified, or polite, or even truly British. Not to mention the fact that her mother had been one of Napoleon's mistresses. So what possesses him to propose? And what will he do if she says yes?



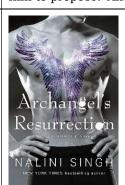
Title: The Choice Author: Nora Roberts

Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal **Book Type:** UK Trade Paperback

**Price:** \$32

**Annotation:** Dragon Heart Legacy Series. With Odran's defeat at the Battle of the Dark Portal, his quest to rule over Talamh and Breen has stalled. But the battle and heartbreaking losses have taken their toll. It's a painful time as Breen

helps to treat the wounded, bring the dead home and support her friends and family in their grief. There is little time to rest. Soon the enemy's witches appear to Breen in her sleep, practicing black magick, sacrificing the innocent, and plotting destruction. It is time for Breen to confront the darkness with every weapon she has. An epic battle is coming. A battle Breen cannot



Title: Archangel's Resurrection

Author: Nalini Singh

Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal **Book:** NZ Trade/USA Mass Market Paperback

Price: \$22/\$24

Annotation: Guild Hunter Series. For thousands of years, the passion between Alexander, Archangel of Persia, and Zanaya, Queen of the Nile, burned bright. But Alexander and Zanaya fought as fiercely as they loved, locked in a cycle of

devotion and heartbreak. It is only Zanaya's decision to Sleep that ends their love story. Eons later, the Cascade of Death wakens them both and Alexander and Zanaya stand together in one last battle. But even a warrior archangel cannot win every war. Alexander's scream shatters the world as Zanaya falls...only to rise again in a miracle that may be a devastating curse. For is it truly the Queen of the Nile who has been resurrected?

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# Other Books Available in This Catalogue

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense A Very Merry Bromance by Lyssa Kay Adams (Trade Paperback—\$26). Bromance Book Club

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

When in Rome by Sarah Adams (Trade

Paperback—\$26). Amelia Rose, known as Rae Rose to her adoring fans, is burned-out from years of maintaining her "princess of pop" image. Inspired by her favorite Audrey Hepburn film, Roman Holiday, she drives off in the middle of the night for a break in Rome...Rome, Kentucky, that is...When Noah Walker finds Amelia on his front lawn in her broken-down car, he makes it clear he doesn't have the time or patience for celebrity problems. He's too busy running the pie shop his grandmother left him and reminding his nosy but lovable neighbors to mind their own damn business. Despite his better judgment, he lets her stay in his guest room—but only until her car is fixed—then she's on her own...Then Noah starts to see a different side of Rae Rose—she's Amelia: kindhearted and goofy, yet lonely from years in the public eye. He can't help but get close to her. Soon she'll have to return to her glamorous life on tour, but until then, Noah will show Amelia all the charming small-town experiences she's been missing, and she'll help him open his heart to more...Amelia can't resist falling for the cozy town and her grumpy tour guide, but even Audrey had to leave Rome eventually.

All Roads Lead to You by Jackie Ashenden (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Small Town Dreams Series. Brightwater Valley, New Zealand is beautiful, rugged, and home to those who seek adventure. Finn Kelly happily takes tourists on hikes across the wilderness he calls home. Hiking doesn't involve much interacting, and that's how he likes it. When sunshiny jewelry designer Bethany Grant moves into town and proceeds to involve herself in every aspect of his life, he starts to find himself thinking maybe he could use a friend. Or, if he dares to risk it—something more...Bethany is drawn to dark, brooding Finn. She's an optimist and a fixer, and now she wants to fix him. But Bethany has her own grief to lay to rest...How will this unlikely pair come to terms with the darkness in their pasts in order to see the bright future that could lie ahead?

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense Smoke and Steel by Kristin Ashley (Print-On-Demand Paperback—Available by Order—\$52). Wild West MC Series. Hellen Moynihan didn't have dreams. She had goals. She knew who she was and what she wanted. She also knew what she didn't. So when her long-term boyfriend didn't make the grade, she moved on. And when her best friend's boyfriend showed signs of being a scam artist, Hellen was on the case...Dustin "Hardcore" Cutler didn't have dreams or goals. A troubled past led Core to do something irredeemable. The only thing he and the men of the Resurrection MC could do was vow to live their lives making up for an unforgiveable act. And they did. This duty leads Core to being a part of a covert protection detail, looking after Hellen Moynihan when trouble is coming to town...At first, Core finds this dynamo of a woman intriguing, but he's decided she's offlimits. Then Hellen and her friend wade into a multi-state swindling scheme. Suddenly, off-limits for Core is out the window.

Happenstance by Tessa Bailey (Trade Paperback— \$28). Elise Brandeis has never won a *Pulitzer*—and she never will. At least not while she's delivering sandwiches at the Gotham Times, instead of working there as an actual reporter. Her only shot at seeing her byline in print is to prove to the no-nonsense managing editor that she has a nose for news. And she's got just the story to grab her elusive attention...Chasing down leads brings Elise to Roosevelt Island, but just when the trail of clues begins to take shape, she gets stuck. Literally. On a cable car with three strangers who couldn't be more different. An uptight rugby coach, a construction worker and a former adult film star she pretends not to recognize a little too well...At first, Elise wants nothing more than to be rescued ASAP. An hour later, everything has changed. By pure happenstance, four separate journeys have collided in a meaningful way. Suddenly, disentangling their lives feels more impossible than winning that *Pulitzer.* Good thing Elise is too busy proving herself at work to consider three boyfriends. Nobody has time for that—even if they make giving in feel oh so right. But three heads are better than one and these loners will work together to win Elise over forever...

Astrid Parker Doesn't Fail by Ashley Herring Blake (Trade Paperback—\$26). LGBTQ+. Bright Falls Series. For Astrid Parker, failure is unacceptable. Ever since she broke up with her fiancé a year ago, she's been focused on her career—her friends might say she's obsessed, but she knows she's just driven. When Pru Everwood asks her to be the designer for the Everwood Inn's renovation, which will be featured on a popular HGTV show, Innside America, Astrid is thrilled. Not only will the project distract her from her failed engagement and help her struggling business, but her perpetually displeased mother might finally give her a nod of approval...However, Astrid never planned on Jordan Everwood, Pru's granddaughter and the lead carpenter for the renovation, who despises every modern design decision Astrid makes. Jordan is determined to preserve the history of her family's inn, particularly as the rest of her life is in shambles. When that determination turns into some

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light sabotage to ruffle Astrid's perfect little feathers, the showrunners ask them to play up the tension. But somewhere along the way, their dislike for each other evolves into something quite different, and Astrid must decide what success truly means. Is she going to pursue the life that she's expected to lead or the one that she wants?

Swear On This Life by Renee Carlino (Trade Paperback—\$32). When a bestselling debut novel from mysterious author J. Colby becomes the literary event of the year, Emiline reads it reluctantly. As an adjunct writing instructor at UC San Diego with her own stalled literary career and a bumpy long-term relationship, Emiline isn't thrilled to celebrate the accomplishments of a young and gifted writer...Yet from the very first page, Emiline is entranced by the story of Emerson and Jackson, two childhood best friends who fall in love and dream of a better life beyond the long dirt road that winds through their impoverished town in rural Ohio...That's because the novel is patterned on Emiline's own dark and desperate childhood, which means that "J. Colby" must be Jase: the best friend and first love she hasn't seen in over a decade. Far from being flattered that he wrote the novel from her perspective, Emiline is furious that he co-opted her past and took some dramatic creative liberties with the ending...The only way she can put her mind at ease is to find and confront "J. Colby," but is she prepared to learn the truth behind the fiction?

Before I Do by Sophie Cousens (Trade Paperback— \$26). Head-in-the-stars Audrey is about to marry down-to-earth Josh. Though they are polar opposites, they have a healthy, stable relationship; Josh is just what Audrey needs. But romance should be unpredictable and full of fireworks, and as the big day approaches, Audrey's found herself wondering if Josh really is "The One"...So, when Josh's sister shows up to the rehearsal dinner with Fred, Audrey's "What If? guy"—the man she met six years ago and had one amazing day with-Audrey finds herself torn. Surely Fred's appearance the night before she is due to get married can't be a coincidence. And when everything that could go wrong with the wedding starts to go wrong, Audrey has to ask herself: Is fate trying to stop her from making a huge mistake? Or does destiny just have a really twisty sense of humor?

Shipwrecked by Olivia Dade (Trade Paperback—\$26). Spoiler Alert Series. Maria's one-night stand—the thick-thighed, sexy Viking of a man she left without a word or a note—just reappeared. Apparently, Peter's her surly Gods of the Gates costar, and they're about to spend the next six years filming on a desolate Irish island together. She still wants him...but he now wants nothing to do with her...Peter knows this role could finally transform him from a forgettable character actor into a leading man. He also knows a failed relationship with Maria could poison the set, and he won't sabotage his career for a woman who's already walked away from

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him once. Given time, maybe they can be cooperative colleagues or friends—possibly even best friends—but not lovers again. No matter how much he aches for her...For years, they don't touch off-camera. But on their last night of filming, their mutual restraint finally shatters, and all their pent-up desire explodes into renewed passion. Too bad they still don't have a future together, since Peter's going back to Hollywood, while Maria's returning to her native Sweden. She thinks she needs more than he can give her, but he's determined to change her mind, and he's spent the last six years waiting. Watching. Wanting...His shipwrecked Swede doesn't stand a chance.

The Summer Job by Lizzie Dent (Trade Paperback—\$25). What if you could be someone else? Just for the summer...Birdy has made a mistake. Everyone imagines running away from their life at some point. But Birdy has actually done it. And the life she's run into is her best friend Heather's. The only problem is, she hasn't told Heather...The summer job at the highland Scottish hotel that her world class wine-expert friend ditched turns out to be a lot more than Birdy bargained for. Can she survive a summer pretending to be her best friend? And can Birdy stop herself from falling for the first man she's ever actually liked, but who thinks she's someone else?...One good friend's very bad decision is at the heart of this laugh-out-loud love story and unexpected tale of a woman finally finding herself in the strangest of places.

Vanishing Hour by Laura Griffin (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). When a cold case in Texas leads to a sinister string of disappearances, a newcomer to the small town helps a detective piece together the clues...Corporate lawyer Ava Burch has had enough of the big city and the daily grind. She grew up with her father, who raised search-and-rescue dogs, in rural Texas and has moved to the small town of Cuervo to spend time in the dry, rugged wilderness near Big Bend National Park. When she and her dog, Huck, discover an abandoned campsite on a volunteer search-and-rescue mission, she's perplexed, but she carefully photographs it all the same...All Grant Wycoff can see when he looks at Ava is a city slicker—with her designer jeans and shiny car-who has no business on a serious team made of seasoned outdoorsmen and retired cops. But when she tells him of her findings on the trail, he sees there's more to her than meets the eye...Ava's discovery reminds Grant of the unsolved case of a young woman who went missing two years ago. As they look into the campsite further, another woman disappears under odd circumstances. With time running out, Ava and Grant must work against the brutal heat from both the Texas sun and their own electric chemistry to solve the case.

**The King of Wrath** by **Ana Huang** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Kings of Sin Series*. She's the wife he never wanted...and the weakness he never saw coming...Ruthless. Meticulous. Arrogant. Dante

We are closed from Sun 25 Dec and we will reopen for retail+drinks (no food) on Tue 17 Jan 2023 with the café reopening fully on Tue 24 Jan 2023.

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

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Russo thrives on control, both personally and professionally...The billionaire CEO never planned to marry—until the threat of blackmail forces him into an engagement with a woman he barely knows: Vivian Lau, jewellery heiress and daughter of his newest enemy...It doesn't matter how beautiful or charming she is. He'll do everything in his power to destroy the evidence and their betrothal...There's only one problem: now that he has her...he can't bring himself to let her go...Elegant. Ambitious. Wellmannered. Vivian Lau is the perfect daughter and her family's ticket into the highest echelons of high society...Marrying a blue-blooded Russo means opening doors that would otherwise remain closed to her new-money family...While the rude, elusive Dante isn't her idea of a dream partner, she agrees to their arranged marriage out of duty...Craving his touch was never part of the plan...Neither was the worst thing she could possibly do: fall in love with her future husband.

Love and Other Disasters by Anita Kelly (Trade Paperback—\$23). LGBTQ+. Every recipe needs a little chemistry...Recently divorced Dahlia Woodson is ready to reinvent herself and she's found the perfect opportunity: the hit cooking competition show Chef's Special. Falling flat on her face on the first day is admittedly not the best start, but Dahlia isn't going to let it mess up her focus...London Parker is also there to win. As the first non-binary contestant on Chef's Special, they have a lot to prove, and they have enough on their mind without being distracted by the pretty contestant who crashed into them on Day One and hasn't really stopped talking since...After filming a few episodes, Dahlia and London grow closer and things get a little steamy as they spend more time together outside of the show...Suddenly winning isn't as important as either of them thought, but when their relationship starts to feel the heat both in and out of the kitchen, Dahlia and London realise that love doesn't always follow a recipe.

Misfit by Elle Kennedy (Trade Paperback—\$26). Prep Series. Welcome to Sandover Prep, where the delinquents roam...and you can't trust a soul...Finding out your mom is marrying some rich guy you've never met is enough to make any eighteen-year-old's head spin. And for RJ Shaw, it gets worse: he's being sent to Sandover Prep for senior year. If there's one place a misfit hacker like RJ doesn't belong, it's an ivy-covered all-boys boarding school for rich delinquents. There's no point trying to get along with anyone. That is, until he meets Sloane Tresscott in the woods on the outskirts of campus. Gorgeous and sharp-tongued, Sloane is pure temptation. Except Sloane is the one girl he's forbidden from touching...The headmaster's daughter...Good thing RJ doesn't believe in rules. Sure, Sloane insists she's swearing off boys this year, but he wants her bad, and he's going to win her over if it kills him—unless her ex-boyfriend, the ruling king of Sandover, kills him first. Luckily, RJ's unwittingly made some friends. His new stepbrother Fenn, a pretty boy with a self-destructive streak. Lawson, self-proclaimed agent of chaos. And Silas, the All-American good guy who can't actually be as nice as he seems...If RJ wants to survive prep school and win Sloane's heart, he'll need to figure out a way to use all the secrets hidden in the walls of Sandover.

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense Lightning in a Mirror by Jayne Ann Krentz (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). Fogg Lake Trilogy. Olivia LeClair's experiment with speed dating is not going well. First there was the nasty encounter with the date from hell who tried to murder her and now the mysterious Harlan Rancourt—long believed dead—sits down at her table and tells her she's the only one who can help him locate the legendary Vortex lab...This is not what Olivia had in mind when she signed up for the Four Event Success Guaranteed package offered by the dating agency. She doesn't have much choice, though, because her psychic investigation firm works for the mysterious Foundation and Victor Arganbright, the director, is adamant that she assist Harlan. There's just one problem—no one knows Harlan's real agenda. His father once ran the Foundation like a mob organization, and Harlan was destined to be his heir. There's a real possibility Harlan has returned to claim his inheritance...For now, however, it's a case of the enemy of my enemy is my friend because others are after the secrets of the long-lost lab. Unfortunately for Olivia, the one thing friend and foe have in common is that everyone is convinced she is the key. Her unique psychic talent is required to defuse the ticking time bomb that is Vortex...Neither trusts the other but Olivia and Harlan soon realize they must work together to survive and unlock the Bluestone Project's most dangerous secrets before more innocent people die.

Flirt by Adriana Locke (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$36). Carmichael Family Series. Wanted: A Situation-Ship...I'm a single female who's tired of relationships ruining my life. However, there are times when a date would be helpful. If you're a single man, preferably mid-twenties to late-thirties, and are in a similar situation, we might be a match... Candidate must be handsome, charming, and willing to pretend to have feelings for me (on a sliding scale, as the event requires). Ability to discuss a wide variety of topics is a plus. Must have your own transportation and a (legal) job...This will be a symbiotic agreement. In exchange for your time, I will give you mine. Need someone to flirt with you at a football party? Go, team! Want a woman to make you look good in front of your boss? Let me find my heels. Would you love for someone to be obsessed with you in front of your ex? I'm applying my red lipstick now...If interested, please email me. Time is of the

The Getaway by Emily March (Trade Paperback— \$38). Lake In The Clouds Series. After years of putting her family first, Genevieve Prentice is making a fresh start—but it's never easy to leave the past behind...Widowed young, Genevieve Prentice dedicated her life to raising her four children. Now, though, they're all grown and scattered to the wind, and Genevieve is ready for a change. In a flash of inspiration, she puts her home on the market and heads to Lake in the Clouds, Colorado, to renovate a rustic waterfront lodge with her sister. But just as they begin, Genevieve gets the shock of a lifetime: the arrival of her son...Jake Prentice built a career out of being dependable, one that left him perennially stressed and overworked. Finally heeding his mother's words of wisdom, he's quit his job and is ready to find out what truly makes him happy. And now, as he stands surrounded by open sky and

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense fresh, pine-scented air, he's got no regrets...until

former colleague Tess Crenshaw appears at the lake, forcing him to reassess what—and who—he really wants...As they work together to renovate the lodge, Genevieve and Jake embark on a heartfelt and inspiring journey to learn about themselves, each other, and the true meaning of family.

**Hooked** by **Emily McIntire** (Trade Paperback—\$28). Never After Series. He wants revenge, but he wants her more...James has always had one agenda: destroy his enemy, Peter Michaels. When Peter's twenty-year-old daughter Wendy shows up in James's bar, he sees his way in. Seduce the girl and use her for his revenge. It's the perfect plan, until things in James's organization begin to crumble. Suddenly, he has to find the traitor in his midst, and his plan for revenge gets murkier as James starts to see Wendy as more than just a pawn in his game...Wendy has been cloistered away most of her life by her wealthy cold father, but a spontaneous night out with friends turns into an intense and addictive love affair with the dark and brooding James. As much as she knows James is dangerous, Wendy can't seem to shake her desire for him. But as their relationship grows more heated and she learns more about the world he moves in, she finds herself unsure if she's falling for the man known as James or the monster known as *Hook*.

Indigo Ridge by Devney Perry (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$39). Eden Series. Winslow Covington believes in life, liberty and the letter of the law. As Quincy, Montana's new chief of police, she's determined to prove herself to the community and show them she didn't earn her position because her grandfather is the mayor...According to her pops, all she has to do is earn favor with the Edens. But winning over the town's founding family might have been easier if not for her one-night stand with their oldest son. In her defense, it was her first night in town and she didn't realize that the rugged and charming man who wooed her into bed was Quincy royalty...Sleeping with Griffin Eden was a huge mistake, one she's trying to forget. He's insufferable, arrogant and keeps reminding everyone that she's an outsider. Winslow does her best to avoid Griffin, but when a woman is found dead on Eden property, the two of them have no choice but to cross paths...As clues to the murderer lead to one of Quincy's own, Griffin realizes Winslow is more than he gave her credit for. Beautiful and intelligent, she proves hard to resist. For him. And the killer.

The Boyfriend Project by Farrah Rochon (Trade Paperback—\$23). Boyfriend Project Series. What happens when three women discover, thanks to the live tweeting of a disastrous date, that they've all been duped by the same man? They become friends of course!...Three friends. One pact. And a temptation to break the rules...Samiah Brooks never thought she would be 'that' girl. But a live tweet of a horrific date reveals the painful truth: she's been catfished by her three-timing jerk of a boyfriend ...Suddenly Samiah—along with the two other 'girlfriends', London and Taylor—have gone viral. Now the besties are making a six-month pact: no men, no dating, just time to focus on themselves... This means Samiah can finally focus on her exciting career in app development—so having the deliciously

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**Priest** by **Sierra Simone** (Trade Paperback—\$28). Priest Series. He's a priest, and here is his confession...There are many rules a priest can't break. A priest cannot marry. A priest cannot abandon his flock. A priest cannot forsake his God. Tyler Bell has had no problem playing by the rules for the last three years after a family tragedy set him on the path to priesthood. That all changes when the delicious, sultry voice of Poppy Danforth sinks its claws in him through the screen of his confessional booth, and he can't get her sins out of his head... It should be easy to put his impure thoughts of her to rest, considering the vows Tyler has taken. It should be nothing to overcome what the sight and sound of her does to him, when his life with the Church means everything. But once he has his first forbidden taste of those red lips, Tyler can't help but break all his rules for Poppy—no matter what it might cost them both.

Cinder-Nanny by Sariah Wilson (Trade Paperback— \$32). What could come between a nanny and an earl in a fairy-tale love story? A reality check...With her sister's medical bills mounting, Diana Parker can't say no to a high-paying opportunity like this: accompany a wealthy couple to Aspen and nanny their precocious five-year-old son for three months. Necessary qualifications? She must know how to ski and teach math, speak fluent French, excel at social graces, and hold a master's degree in childhood development. Who'll be the wiser that Diana's only skill is packing for Colorado?...So far, so good having a con woman for a mother has turned out to be a benefit, even if Diana has complicated feelings about telling lies. But she's doing this for her sister. And the perks—like a ticket to a lavish charity fundraiser, a new gown, and a Prince Charmingadjacent earl named Griffin Windsor—are pretty irresistible. Diana can't deny the Cinderella vibe... Wary of gold diggers and scandal, England's most eligible bachelor is nevertheless falling for Diana, and sweeping the not-quite princess off her feet...The warmer their relationship becomes, the slipperier the slopes are for Diana. Sooner or later, she'll have to come clean. When that happens, does an honest-togoodness happy ending stand a chance?

You Can Hide by Rebecca Zanetti (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Laurel Snow Series. What do you do when a sociopath loves you? Rising star FBI profiler Laurel Snow is about to find out...Calling Laurel Snow's relationship with her newly discovered half-sister challenging is an understatement. Not only does Laurel suspect Abigail is behind the mysterious disappearance of their father, but her erratic behavior also makes life in Laurel's small hometown interesting, to say the least. Still, when Abigail claims someone is now out to kill her, Laurel's instinct to protect her sister goes into overdrive. Then things get even more dicey as dead bodies start turning up in the icy waters of the Sauk River and there's only one connection among them: Abigail...Having Fish and Wildlife Captain Huck Rivers bringing in those bodies with his dive team only complicates matters. Huck is as impulsive and fiery as Laurel is coolly analytical, which makes

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense their alliance risky at best. But standing up to such a demonically brilliant killer is going to take all the help Laurel can get. Because Laurel's attempt to save her troubled sister's life might cost her own...

When Gracie Met the Grump by Mariana Zapata (Trade Paperback—\$28). Of all the things that could have landed in her yard... it had to be him...For most people, finding a half-naked superbeing in their yard might be a dream come true. Unfortunately for Gracie Castro, it's the exact opposite. Especially when he's grouchy, rude, and shows no signs of leaving anytime soon. But when a hero of mankind needs you, you do what you have to. Even if it compromises everything you know. And totally changes your life.

## Crime & Mystery & Thriller

On Spine of Death by Tamara Berry (Mass Market Paperback—\$22). By the Book Mystery Series. Bestselling author Tess Harrow and her teenage daughter Gertrude have decided to make Winthrop their home. Their cabin is fixed up and now they're turning to the family hardware store that Tess inherited from her late grandfather into the town's first independent bookstore...But when renovations unearth bones from a cold case and send them toppling—literally—onto Tess's head, the work comes to a grinding halt. With the whole town convinced that her grandfather was a serial killer, Tess has to call in a fellow horror author for reinforcements. Together, they'll come up with a perfect story to make all the clues fit...and solve a mystery more than thirty years in the making.

Twisted Tea Christmas by Laura Childs (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). Tea Shop Mysteries Series. Tea maven Theodosia Browning and her tea sommelier, Drayton Conneley, are catering a Victorian Christmas party at a mansion in downtown Charleston. Drucilla Heyward, the hostess, is one of the wealthiest women in town...As the champagne flows and the tea steeps, Drucilla is so pleased with the reception by her partygoers that she reveals her secret plan to Theodosia. The Grande Dame has brought the cream of Charleston society together to reveal that she is planning to give her wealth away to various charitable organizations. However, before she can make the announcement, Theodosia finds her crumpled unconscious in the hallway. It looks like the excitement has gotten to the elderly woman—except that there is a syringe sticking out of her neck.

The Heron's Cry by Ann Cleeves (Trade Paperback—\$24). Detective Matthew Venn Series. North Devon is enjoying a rare hot summer with tourists flocking to its coastline. Detective Matthew Venn is called out to a rural crime scene at the home of a group of artists. What he finds is an elaborately staged murder—Dr Nigel Yeo has been fatally stabbed with a shard of one of his glassblower daughter's broken vases...Dr. Yeo seems an unlikely murder victim. He's a good man, a public servant, beloved by his daughter. Matthew is unnerved, though, to find that she is a close friend of Jonathan, his husband...Then another body is found—killed in a similar way. Matthew soon finds himself treading carefully through the lies that fester at the heart of his community and a case that is dangerously close to home.

Crime, Mystery & Thriller contd Death by Spiced Chai by Alex Erickson (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Bookstore Café Mystery Series. Since Krissy Hancock opened her bookstorecafé in the charming small town of Pine Hills, Ohio, she's discovered that murders don't just happen between the pages. This time, she's both suspect and target...In a small town like Pine Hills, reputation counts for a lot. And for reasons that Krissy Hancock can't figure out, someone is trashing hers. Cockroaches in the bookstore's coffee, spiteful reviews, vandalism—Krissy is being framed for every bit of bad news around. Her boyfriend, local cop Paul Dalton, is on the case, but before they can source the saboteur, Krissy is in the frame for murder, too...The murder weapon was a teapot full of Krissy's favorite spiced chai, and all the local gossips are spilling the tea about her supposed involvement. But the real culprit has a grudge that's been simmering for years. And unless Krissy can uncover the truth before the killer's rage boils over again, it won't just be her business in hot water—her life will be on the line too...

Exiles by Jane Harper (Trade Paperback—\$30). Aaron Falk Series. Federal Investigator Aaron Falk is on his way to a small town deep in Southern Australian wine country for the christening of an old friend's baby. But mystery follows him, even on vacation...This weekend marks the one-year anniversary of Kim Gillespie's disappearance. One year ago, at a busy town festival on a warm spring night, Kim safely tucked her sleeping baby into her stroller, then vanished into the crowd. No one has seen her since. When Kim's older daughter makes a plea for anyone with information about her missing mom to come forward, Falk and his old buddy Raco can't leave the case alone...As Falk soaks up life in the lush valley, he is welcomed into the tight-knit circle of Kim's friends and loved ones. But the group may be more fractured than it seems. Between Falk's closest friend, the missing mother, and a woman he's drawn to, dark questions linger as longago truths begin to emerge. What would make a mother abandon her child? What happened to Kim Gillespie?

A Hard Day for a Hangover by Darynda Jones (Trade Paperback—\$24). Sunshine Vicram Series. Some people greet the day with open arms. Sheriff Sunshine Vicram would rather give it a hearty shove and get back into bed, because there's just too much going on right now. There's a series of women going missing, and Sunny feels powerless to stop it. There's her persistent and awesomely-rebellious daughter Auri, who's out to singlehandedly become Del Sol's youngest and fiercest investigator. And then there's drama with Levi Ravinder—the guy she's loved and lusted after for years. The guy who might just be her one and only. The guy who comes from a family of disingenuous vipers looking to oust him—and Sunshine—for good...Like we said, the new day can take a hike.

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A Light in the Flame by Jennifer L. Armentrout
(Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$50). Flesh and Fire
Series. The only one who can save Sera now is the
one she spent her life planning to kill...The truth
about Sera's plan is out, shattering the fragile trust
forged between her and Nyktos. Surrounded by

those distrustful of her, all Sera has is her duty. She will do anything to end Kolis, the false King of Gods, and his tyrannical rule of Iliseeum, thus stopping the threat he poses to the mortal realm...Nyktos has a plan, though, and as they work together, the last thing they need is the undeniable, scorching passion that continues to ignite between them. Sera cannot afford to fall for the tortured Primal, not when a life no longer bound to a destiny she never wanted is more attainable than ever. But memories of their shared pleasure and unrivaled desire are a siren's call impossible to resist...And as Sera begins to realize that she wants to be more than a Consort in name only, the danger surrounding them intensifies. The attacks on the Shadowlands are increasing, and when Kolis summons them to Court, a whole new risk becomes apparent. The Primal power of Life is growing inside her, pushing her closer to the end of her Culling. And without Nyktos's love—an emotion he's incapable of feeling-she won't survive her Ascension. That is if she even makes it to her Ascension and Kolis doesn't get to her first. Because time is running out. For both her and the realms.

A Turn of the Tide by Kelly Armstrong (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). Stitch in Time Series. In Thorne Manor there is one locked door. Behind it lies a portal to the twenty-first century, and nothing is going to stop Miranda Hastings from stepping through. After all, she is a Victorian writer of risqué pirate adventures—traveling to the future would be the greatest adventure of them all...When Miranda goes through, though, she lands in Georgian England...and in the path of Nicolas Dupuis, a privateer accused of piracy. Sheltered by locals, Nico is repaying their kindness by being their "pirate Robin Hood," stealing from a corrupt lord and fencing smuggled goods on the village's behalf...Miranda embraces Nico's cause, only to discover there's more to it than he realizes. Miranda has the second sight, and there are ghosts at play here. The recently deceased former lord is desperate to stop his son from destroying his beloved village. Then there's the ghost of Nico's cabin boy, who he thought safe in a neighboring city. Miranda and Nico must solve the mystery of the boy's death while keeping one step ahead of the hangman...It may not be the escapade Miranda imagined, but it is about to be the adventure of a lifetime.

The Atlas Paradox by Olivie Blake (Trade Paperback—\$30). Atlas Series. Six magicians. Two rivalries. One researcher. And a man who can walk through dreams. All must pick a side: do they wish to preserve the world—or destroy it? In this electric sequel to the sensation, The Atlas Six, the society of Alexandrians is revealed for what it is: a secret society with raw, world-changing power, headed by a man whose plans to change life as we know it are already under way. But the cost of knowledge is steep, and as the price of power demands each character choose a side, which alliances will hold and which will see their enmity deepen?

**Sinister Magic** by **Lindsay Buroker** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$32). *Death Before Dragons Series*. I'm Val Thorvald, and I'm an assassin...When magical bad guys hurt people, I take care of them. Permanently...This doesn't make

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me popular with the rest of the magical community—as you can tell from the numerous break-ins and assassination attempts I've endured over the years. But thanks to my half-elven blood, a powerful sword named *Chopper*, and a telepathic tiger with an attitude, I've always been able to handle my problems with aplomb. Maybe some cursing and swearing, too, but definitely aplomb...That changes when my boss is afflicted with a mysterious disease, a government agent starts investigating me, and a godforsaken dragon shows up in the middle of my latest job...I've taken down vampires, zombies, and ogres, but dragons are way, way more powerful. And it doesn't look like this one is going to like me...Worse than that, he wants to use his magic to compel me to do his bidding, as if I'm some weak-minded minion...That's not going to happen. I'd die before being some dragon's slave...But if I can't figure out a way to avoid him, save my boss, and get rid of the government spook, I'm screwed. Or dead. Or screwed and dead. And that's never comfortable...Pick up Sinister Magic today to see if I make it. Even if you don't care about me, I promise the tiger is cool.

Seasparrow by Kristin Cashore (Trade Paperback— \$33). Graceling Realm Series. Seasparrow is told from the point of view of Hava, Queen Bitterblue's spy...Hava has the Grace of changing what you think you see when you look at her. In other words, hiding; hiding is an integral part not just of Hava's life but of her personality...In Seasparrow, Hava sails across the sea toward Monsea with the queen, the royal entourage, and the world's only copies of the formulas for the zilfium weapon she saved at the end of Winterkeep. During the crossing, Hava makes an unexpected discovery about one of the ship's crew, but before she can unravel that mystery, storms drive their ship off course, wrecking them in the ice far north of the Royal Continent. The survivors must endure a harrowing trek across an unforgiving landscape to make it back to Monsea. And while Queen Bitterblue grapples with how to carry the responsibility of a weapon that will change the world, Hava has a few more mysteries to solve and a decision to make about who she wants to be in the new world Bitterblue will build.

Sweetwater and the Witch by Jayne Castle (Trade Paperback—\$26). Harmony Series. Welcome to the world of Harmony, where—despite its name, things are anything but—danger lurks just beneath the surface...If there's something Ravenna Chastain knows, it's when to end things. And after she almost winds up the victim of a cult that believes she's a witch, it's easy to walk away from her dead-end career, ready for a new start. But where to find a job that would allow her to use her very specialized skill set? The answer is clear: she becomes a matchmaker...But even a successful matchmaker can't find someone for everyone, and Ravenna considers Ethan Sweetwater her first professional failure. After nine failed dates, Ravenna knows it's time to cut Ethan loose. But Ethan refuses to be fired as a client—he needs one final date to a business function. Since Ravenna needs a date herself to a family event, they agree to a deal: she will be his (business) date if he will be her (fake)

date to her grandparents' anniversary celebration...What Ethan fails to mention is that attending the business function is a cover for some industrial espionage that he's doing as a favor to the new Illusion Town Guild boss. Ravenna is happy to help, but their relationship gets even more complicated when things heat up—the chemistry between them is explosive, as explosive as the danger that's stalking Ravenna. Lucky for her, Ethan isn't just an engineer-he's also a Sweetwater, and Sweetwaters are known for hunting down monsters...

A Sense of Danger by Jennifer Estep (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$40). Section 47 Series. A SPY...My name is Charlotte Locke, and I'm an analyst for Section 47, a secret government agency that tracks terrorists, criminals, and other paramortal bad guys who want to unleash their abilities on an unsuspecting mortal world. I have a magical form of synesthesia that senses danger and uncovers lies-making me a stealthy operative...I'm trudging through another day when one of Section's cleaners—assassins—takes an interest in me. I don't need my synesthesia to realize that he is extremely dangerous and that he will do anything to achieve his goals—even if it means putting me in the line of fire...AND AN ASSASSIN...I'm Desmond Percy, one of Section 47's most lethal cleaners. I'm also a man on a mission, and I need Charlotte Locke's skills to help me keep a promise, settle a score, and kill some extremely bad people...Charlotte might not like me, but we're stuck together until my mission is over. Still, the more time we spend together, the more I'm drawn to her. But at Section 47, you never know who you can trust—or who might want you dead.

Leopard's Scar by Christine Feehan (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Leopard Series. The moment Meiling sees Gedeon she knows he's a leopard shifter—just as she knows she can't trust him. Meiling doesn't take chances, life has taught her better than that. So why does she find herself rescuing this deadly, gorgeous man, when she knows she'd be better off leaving him to die?...Gedeon is used to women throwing themselves at him, not throwing his injured body over their beautiful, deceptively strong shoulders and carrying him to safety. He might be embarrassed, if he wasn't so aroused by the very thought of this feisty lotus blossom...As they strike up a working relationship that suits them both, Gedeon starts to rely on Meiling for just about everything. But when her hidden nature rises to the surface, the connection that links them shifts into an all-consuming desire. And neither will escape unmarked...

The Serpent in Heaven by Charlaine Harris (Trade Paperback—\$33). Gunnie Rose Series. Felicia, Lizbeth Rose's half-sister and a student at the Grigori Rasputin school in San Diego—capital of the Holy Russian Empire—is caught between her own secrets and powerful family struggles. As a granddaughter of Rasputin, she provides an essential service to the hemophiliac Tsar Alexei, providing him the blood transfusions that keep him alive. Felicia is treated like a nonentity at the bedside of the tsar, and at the school she's seen as a charity case with no magical ability. But when Felicia is snatched outside the school, the facts of her heritage begin to surface. Felicia turns out to be far more than the Russian-

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becomes under attack from all directions. Only her courage will keep her alive.

Shadow Hunter by B.R. Kingsolver (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$32). Rosie O'Grady's Paranormal Bar and Grill Series. When my magic manifested at puberty, my parents sold me to the Illuminati. The Order of the Illuminati trained me as an assassin, spy, and thief. But when they sent me to steal a magical artifact that reveals Truth in all things, I discovered that I was working for the Dark and not the Light. The Illuminati trained me well, and paid the ultimate price for their deception... Thousands of miles away, I landed a job in a quirky little bar. But the scattered remnants of the Order still strive for world domination, and no one leaves the Illuminati alive.

Promises and Pomegranates by Sav. R. Miller (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$36). Monsters and Muses Series. Elena To most, Kal Anderson is a villain. Harbinger of death, keeper of souls, frequenter of nightmares. Doctor Death. Hades incarnate. They say he stole me. Usurped my fiancé and filled the cracks in my heart with empty promises. Imprinted his crimson fingerprints on my psyche and tried to set me free. They're not wrong, per se. Except it was my choice to stay...Kal To most, Elena Ricci is an innocent. Goddess of springtime, lover of poetry, angel of my nightmares. Little one. Persephone personified. They say I ruined her. Shattered her virtue and devoured her soul like a succulent pomegranate. Embedded my evil as deep as I could possibly get and tried to set her free. They're not wrong, per se. Except it was she who

Highlander's Moon by Lucy Monroe (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$32). Children of the Moon Series. This marriage of convenience is anything but...A Scottish earl, Éamon MacLeod is also a Highlander shifter pack alpha. He has no interest in love, marriage or true mates, but his stepfather's will leaves him little choice. Marry an Englishwoman within the year or forfeit the fortune he needs to improve his estates and help his pack. The wolf shifter attends the Season with a list of requirements for his wife: she must be plain, moderately dowered and above all, practical. He finds the perfect candidate in Lady Catherine, and his wolf approves...Labeled *The Ordinary* in her first season, Lady Catherine is a suffragette who abhors the loss of a woman's few legal rights to marriage. Nevertheless, she finds Éamon intriguing. Irresistible even. Until he makes his insulting proposal...He's determined to have her for his wife and his mate. She's determined to keep her freedom unless he loves her. It's a contest of wills that even an alpha wolf shifter isn't guaranteed to win. NB. Highlander's Moon was previously published as Annabelle's Courtship, but has been rewritten for the Children of the Moon world, with a different ending and other significant changes.

Death and Relaxation by Devon Monk (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). Ordinary Magic Series. Monsters, gods, and mayhem...Police Chief Delaney Reed can handle the Valkyries, werewolves, gill-men

and other paranormal creatures who call the small beach town of Ordinary, Oregon their home. It's the vacationing gods who keep her up at night...With the famous rhubarb festival right around the corner, small-town tensions, tempers, and godly tantrums are at an all-time high. The last thing Delaney needs is her ex-boyfriend reappearing just when she's finally caught the attention of Ryder Bailey, the one man she should never love...No, scratch that. The actual last thing she needs is a dead body washing ashore, especially since the dead body is a god...Catching a murderer, wrestling a god power, and re-scheduling the apocalypse? Just another day on the job in Ordinary. Falling in love with her childhood friend while trying to keep the secrets of her town secret? That's gonna take some work.

Devils and Details by Devon Monk (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$30). Ordinary Magic Series. Caught between the devil and the deep blue sea...Police Chief Delaney Reed is good at keeping secrets for the beach town of Ordinary Oregon—just ask the vacationing gods or supernatural creatures who live there...But with the first annual Cake and Skate fundraiser coming up, the only secret Delaney really wants to know is how to stop the unseasonable rain storms. When all the god powers are stolen, a vampire is murdered, and her childhood crush turns out to be keeping deadly secrets of his own, rainy days are the least of her worries...Hunting a murderer, outsmarting a know-it-all god, and uncovering an ancient vampire's terrifying past isn't how she planned to spend her summer. But then again, neither is falling back in love with the one man she should never trust.

Nona the Ninth by Tamsyn Muir (Trade Paperback—\$38). LGBTQ+. Locked Tomb Series. Her city is under siege. The zombies are coming back. And all Nona wants is a birthday party...In many ways, Nona is like other people. She lives with her family, has a job at her local school, and loves walks on the beach and meeting new dogs. But Nona's not like other people. Six months ago she woke up in a stranger's body, and she's afraid she might have to give it back...The whole city is falling to pieces. A monstrous blue sphere hangs on the horizon, ready to tear the planet apart. Blood of Eden forces have surrounded the last Cohort facility and wait for the Emperor Undying to come calling. Their leaders want Nona to be the weapon that will save them from the Nine Houses. Nona would prefer to live an ordinary life with the people she loves, with Pyrrha and Camilla and Palamedes, but she also knows that nothing lasts forever...And each night, Nona dreams of a woman with a skull-painted face...

**Electric Idol** by **Katee Roberts** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Dark Olympus Series*. He was the most beautiful man in Olympus...and if I wasn't careful, he was going to be my death...In the ultra-modern city of Olympus, there's always a price to pay. Psyche Dimitriou knew she'd have to face Aphrodite's jealous rage eventually, but she never expected her literal heart to be at stake...or for Aphrodite's gorgeous son to be the one ordered to strike the killing blow...Eros has no problem shedding blood. Raised to be his mother's knife in the dark, he's been conditioned to accept that he's more monster than man. But when it comes time to take out his latest target...he can't

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do it. Confused by his reaction to Psyche's unexpected kindness, he does the only thing he can think of to keep her safe: he binds her to him, body and soul...Psyche didn't expect to find herself married to the glittering city's most dangerous killer, but something about Eros wakens a fire inside her she's never felt before. As lines blur and loyalties shift, Psyche realizes Eros might take her heart after all...and she's not sure she can survive the loss.

Cast in Eternity by Michelle Sagara (Trade Paperback—\$38). Chronicles of Elantra Series. Dead men tell no tales...When Corporal Kaylin Neya is assigned front desk duty—a task hated by every Hawk—the only thing she can look forward to besides an endless stream of complaints is visits from a dotty old woman. She always brings baked goods along with information passed on by her friends...who happen to be ghosts no one else can see. But then the old woman's invisible friends have news about Severn Handred: his unusual weapon has caught their attention. Concerned, Kaylin accompanies the woman home because she has a few questions to ask these so-called ghosts...Sadly, Kaylin can also see them. And she can see other spirits in the woman's house as well—four children who've been trapped there for decades. When Kaylin looks into the deaths in the records at the Halls of Law, something doesn't add up. Factor in a building that isn't supposed to exist, and nothing makes sense. But Kaylin is a Hawk, and she's determined to free the trapped ghosts of the children, even if she's suddenly landed in the middle of the bad kind of Barrani history. Someone doesn't want the past to be uncovered, and they're perfectly willing to destroy Kaylin if it preserves the secrets of the dead...

The Raven Song by Luanne G. Smith (Trade Paperback—\$35). Conspiracy of Magic Series. Fleeing Victorian London, a witch finds her newfound independence comes with all-new perils—both mortal and immortal...Forever untangling the branches of her strange family tree, Edwina Blackwood is at a turning point. Her parents' disappearances still strike her as unaccountably odd. Her sister's questionable life and untimely death have left her shaken. Spellfire has transformed her home and livelihood to ash. And now a devious stalker is on her trail. With supernatural detective Ian Cameron by her side, Edwina can't get out of London fast enough...Gaining safe passage, she finds refuge with Sir Henry Elvanfoot, famed wizard of the north, and is promised protection from ill-aimed curses. But in this unfamiliar city of fair folk and witches, where the veil between Earth and the Otherworld is about to be lifted, something is amiss. How else to explain Edwina's sudden prophetic visions? Or the fear that surviving whoever pursues her will require the powers of an ancient bloodline she's only beginning to comprehend?...Whatever destiny awaits, it's Edwina's to finally control. Where will it lead? Only time, cunning, and magic—in this world or the Other-will tell.

Facets of Revolution by T.A. White (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$45). Firebird Chronicles. The line between loyalty and betrayal has never been so fine...Chasing the trail of the woman who was once considered her best friend, Kira Forrest returns to the planet of her birth. When a near deadly incident

jeopardizes her arrival, Kira will find the secrets she's worked so hard to hide bubbling to the surface one by one...Her only hope to control her destiny and protect the ones she loves is to embark on a dangerous rite of passage that may require far more of her than she's willing to pay. For a hidden menace stalks her from the shadows—it's target those closest to her...With the help of her lover and the allies she's made, Kira will have to fight for her future—and her past...A reckoning is coming. The Phoenix will have to rise from her ashes to decide once and for all where she belongs.

Historical & Regency Romance Some Dukes Have all the Luck by Christina Britton (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Synneful Spinsters Series. Ash Hawkins, Duke of Buckley, no more wants to marry than he wants a stick in his eye. As the owner of a gaming hell, he is all too aware the odds of a happy marriage are against him. But raising his three rebellious wards alone is proving more than he can handle. He needs to find someone who stands to benefit from a marriage of convenience as much as he does. Someone logical, clinical, and rational. And in a stroke of luck, he quite literally stumbles over just such a woman...After years of ridicule for being more interested in bugs than boys, Bronwyn has accepted that she'll never marry for love. Her parents, however, are threatening to find her a husband. Bronwyn doesn't need any scientific research to show her Ash has secrets. But his proposal would give her the freedom to continue her entomology research and perhaps finally get published. Just as long as she can keep her mind on her work and off his piercing eyes, broad shoulders, and wicked, wicked tongue.

Blind Tiger by Sandra Brown (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). 1920. Prohibition is the new law of the land, but murder, mayhem, lust, and greed are already institutions in the Moonshine Capitol of Texas...Thatcher Hutton, a war-weary soldier on the way back to his cowboy life, jumps from a moving freight train to avoid trouble...and lands in more than he bargained for. On the day he arrives in Foley, Texas, a local woman goes missing. Thatcher, the only stranger in town, is suspected of her abduction, and worse. Standing between him and exoneration are a corrupt mayor, a crooked sheriff, a notorious cathouse madam, a sly bootlegger, feuding moonshiners...and a young widow whose soft features conceal an iron will...What was supposed to be a fresh start for Laurel Plummer turns to tragedy. Left destitute but determined to dictate her own future, Laurel plunges into the lucrative regional industry, much to the dislike of the good ol' boys, who have ruled supreme. Her success quickly makes her a target for cutthroat competitors, whose only code of law is reprisal. As violence erupts, Laurel and—now deputy—Thatcher find themselves on opposite sides of a moonshine war, where blood flows as freely as whiskey.

Miss Dignified by Grace Burrowes (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$33). Mischief In Mayfair Series. Lydia Lovelace has taken the housekeeper's post in the London home of Captain Dylan Powell. The captain is short on charm, but he's known for his rapport with, and support of, former soldiers trying to make a peacetime life in London. Unbeknownst to

the captain, Lydia is searching for a brother who never came home after Waterloo, a brother whose birthright, along with Lydia's settlements, is being

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frittered away by scheming family members...Dylan has never viewed his home as much more than a place to take meals and sleep out of the wet while he finds paying work and good positions for his former subordinates. The new housekeeper is changing all of that, bringing comfort and tranquility to Dylan's domicile and to his days. When Dylan and Lydia begin to explore pleasures shared in the night, Lydia realizes she will have to choose between loyalty to her long-lost brother and a future with the captain who

has stolen her heart.

Lady Meets Earl by Christy Carlyle (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Love on Holiday Series. After a lifetime of living for her friends, family, even strangers, Lady Lucy Westmont knows something must change or she'll lose herself forever. An invitation to visit her free-spirited and scandalous aunt in the wild Scottish countryside is the perfect opportunity to discover how to live the life she wants...James Pembroke just learned that not only is he the new Earl of Rossbury, he's also inherited his late uncle's debts and a manor house deep in Scotland. Already owing money to an unsavory man because of a business deal that went awry, he has no choice but to travel to Scotland to sell the manor. On his way, he finds himself sharing a train car with a rather pretty but wild young woman...When Lucy manages to make it to her aunt's home, she discovers her aunt is missing and the incredibly rude man who shared her train car is claiming that he owns the house instead. Nevertheless, Lucy is determined to have a true holiday, even if she is accompanied by the man who has upended her plans—and her heart.

The Duke in Question by Amalie Howard (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Daring Dukes Series. Lady Bronwyn Chase is far from the paragon of society that her mother expects her to be. Which is why she's on her brother's passenger liner bound for America with a secret packet of letters that could get her into trouble. Serious trouble—the kind that a duke's sister shouldn't be in; the kind that puts spymaster Valentine Medford, the Duke of Thornbury, on her trail. But as the duke gets closer to Bronwyn and the secrets she's keeping, he'll have to decide between the mysterious woman who calls to him, or his allegiance to the Crown.

The Duke Undone by Joanna Lowell (Trade Paperback—\$28). Duke Undone Series. An artist stumbles upon a naked duke and an unlikely love story begins in this captivating Victorian historical romance...When Royal Academy painting student Lucy Coover trips over a naked man passed out in an East End alley, she does the decent thing. She covers him up and fetches help. Trouble is, she can't banish his muscular form from her dreams as easily. Compelled to capture every detail, she creates a stunning portrait but is forced to sell it when the rent comes due. What could be worse than surrendering the very picture of your desire? Meeting the man himself...Anthony Philby, Duke of Weston, is nobody's muse. Upon discovering the scandalous likeness, he springs into action. His infamous family has been torn apart by shame and secrets, and he can't afford more gossip. Even a whisper may

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jeopardize his inheritance and his chance at independence. His plan is simple: burn the painting, confront the artist. Or rather, it's simple until he meets Lucy and decides to offer the bewitching young artist a devil's bargain. He'll help save her foreclosed home, if she'll help repair his family's brutal legacy...An irresistible passion ignites between them, but when danger strikes, Lucy and Anthony must risk everything... for a love that might destroy them both.

Highland Justice by Heather McCollum (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Sons of Sinclair Series. As the new chief of Clan Mackay, Gideon Sinclair knows the importance of maintaining order at any cost. To keep the conquered clan in line, Gideon must mete out ruthless justice or risk losing their precious new peace. But from the moment he meets Cait Mackay—aye, from the moment the sweetness of her lips captures his—all of Gideon's objectivity is well and thoroughly compromised...Cait knows that kissing the brawny Highlander is a dangerous game. It was bad enough she picked his pocket to feed the children in her care, but sometimes a desperate woman must disguise her crimes any way she can. Only her act of deception has made things worse... Because one kiss with the Highland's most brutal chief leaves her breathless and out of her depth...Now Gideon must choose between his duty and his heart when his lovely thief is accused of treason against the king himself.

**How to Win a Wallflower** by **Samara Parish** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Rebels with a Cause Series*. A wallflower will put everything on the

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line...When John Barnesworth inherits unexpectedly, he abandons his solitude and returns to London to settle his brother's affairs, only to discover his estates are crumbling and he is now betrothed to his brother's unpleasant fiancée. Her dowry might save him from ruin, but at what cost? His only hope lies with the vivacious, charming Lady Charlotte Stirling, whose audacious solution to John's troubles might actually work. If only he can keep his feelings for her out of the equation...Lady Charlotte Stirling knows she can't fall for John. He's her brother's best friend, he's engaged to her mortal enemy, and he wants to return to America. Not to mention he'd never survive in her bustling social life. She can, however, try to solve his money problem. But the closer she gets to ensuring his freedom, the harder it is to let him go...

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