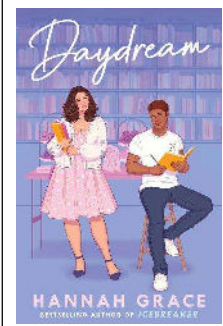
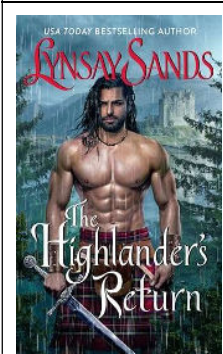
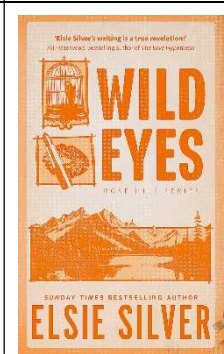


There are some great new arrivals including Carissa Broadbent's *Six Scorched Roses*, Candace Camp's *A Scandal at Stonecliffe*, Penn Cole's *Spark of the Everflame*, Hannah Grace's *Daydream*, Catharina Maura's *The Devious Husband*, Abigail Owen's *The Games Gods Play*, Emily Rath's *Pucking Sweet*, J.D. Robb's *Passions in Death*, Lynsay Sands' *The Highlander's Return*, Elsie Silver's *Wild Eyes* and more. Enjoy!

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Sarah Adams	The Enemy*	Anna Bradley	The Duke's Christmas Bride
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Katee Robert	Dark Restraint*	Elsie Silver	Wild Eyes*

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	<p>Title: Daydream Author: Hannah Grace Classification: Contemporary Book Type: B Paperback Price: \$26 Annotation: <i>Maple Hills Series.</i> Henry Turner knows he's going to have to work extra hard to survive his junior year of college. And now with his new title of captain for the hockey team—which he didn't even want—Henry cannot fail. Enter Halle Jacobs, a fellow junior who Henry befriends when he crashes her book club... Halle is an academic superstar and she offers to help Henry with his class reading material. Being a private tutor isn't ideal given her own studies, job, book club and the novel she's trying to write. But new experiences are key to beating her writer's block, and Henry's promising to give them to her... They just need to stick to their rule book... Oh, and not fall in love.</p>		<p>Title: Passions In Death Author: J.D. Robb Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: Royal Paperback Price: \$35 Annotation: <i>In Death Series.</i> Keep your friends close and your enemies closer... Lt. Eve Dallas is called to a downtown club, where a joint bachelorette party full of love, friendship and laughter has taken a dark turn and ended in a crime scene. One of the brides has been garroted in a private room and lies dead in a pool of blood... The murder scene was close to the packed dance floor but despite the dozens of people present, useful witnesses prove hard to come by. Someone must know something but no one is talking... On the surface, the two brides had a tightknit group of friends but when Eve digs below the surface she discovers that everything may not quite be as it seems...</p>
	<p>Title: The Highlander's Return Author: Lynsay Sands Classification: Historical Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$26 Annotation: <i>Highland Brides Series.</i> Graeme Gunn is a warrior. A second son, he left home to battle his way through Scotland as a mercenary. But with his brother William's death, Graeme returns to his clan—which includes William's widow, Annella Mackay. Graeme is stunned to find that the determined woman at the keep is nothing like the meek lass he remembers... Annella once had hopes for a loving marriage, a dream that shattered when her husband abandoned her. With William's death, she has a chance at a new dream, and she won't let anything deter her plans. Not even Graeme... Passion explodes and wills clash, especially when Graeme decides to stay and claim his title. But, when a hidden enemy rears its head, Graeme and Annella realise that, in fighting for their home, they might also be fighting for their love.</p>		<p>Title: Wild Eyes Author: Elsie Silver Classification: Contemporary Book Type: B Paperback Price: \$27 Annotation: <i>Rose Hill Series.</i> As a chart-topping country singer with a recent streak of bad press, it's hard for Skylar Stone to find peace. But she finds it in Rose Hill. With a little boy and a little girl who steal her heart as thoroughly as their dad, Weston Belmont... The man is a shameless flirt. And in bed? He's addictive. But no one has supported her like West does. And no one has ever made her feel as loved as he does either. So, while Skylar's brain says settling down with a small-town horse trainer is impossible... her heart says she's right where she belongs... Still, her life as a celebrity haunts her. It has the power to pull she and West apart. She can see in his eyes that he wants her to stay. And she wants that too. But she knows better than anyone that you don't always get what you want.</p>

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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The Enemy by **Sarah Adams** (B Paperback—\$27). *It Happened in Charleston Series*. Enemies should never get a second chance. But this one might... It's been twelve years since June Broaden has seen her high school enemy (and secret crush), Ryan Henderson. That's a long time to hold a grudge over some petty feud, but the sharp memory of him dangling a kiss at graduation, then pulling away at the last second, has fuelled many angry fantasies since. Now's her chance to get even... Ryan, along with most of her high school class, is back in town for her best friend's wedding, and June is eager to show the former bully exactly what he missed out on. A lot has changed since their high school days; June is the Southern queen of gourmet donuts now, not to mention one of the most desired bachelorettes in her small town... What's she's not expecting, though, is for Ryan to show up looking like Adonis and touting his own career success as the youngest chef to ever win three Michelin stars. How dare he try to one up her revenge plot? Luckily June never backs down from a challenge...

Highest Bidder by **Sara Cate** (20.9x14.1 Trade Paperback—\$33). *Salacious Players' Club Series*. He's not just rich... he's filthy rich... When Daisy Bennett started working at Salacious Players' Club, she never expected to end up on the auction block ready to grant a date to the highest bidder. She only took the waitressing job to learn more about a mysterious man from her mother's past—Ronan Kade... So when Ronan, the richest man at the club, wins the date, Daisy can't say no. But he's too old. Too rich. Too cocky. And, oh yeah... he once dated Daisy's mother... Ronan knows there's something about Daisy he can't get enough of, but he has no idea who she is or why they seem to have an undeniable connection. All he can say for sure is that he loves the way she calls him Daddy. One date inevitably leads to more, and Ronan is ready to put his heart on the line, but both he and Daisy will have to be honest about the secrets they've been keeping if they want their chance at something real.

Heavy Crown by **Sophie Lark** (B Paperback—\$29). *Brutal Birthright Series*. She was a temptation he couldn't resist... Sebastian Gallo couldn't believe it when he saw her being stuffed into a trunk—Yelena Yenina, the only daughter of the most vicious Bratva boss in Chicago. The Bratva hate Sebastian's family—in fact, they burned his uncle alive... He should have just left Yelena to her fate. But she fought like a Valkyrie—gorgeous, ferocious, and unbreakable. Sebastian had to save her, and after feeling the electricity between them, he knows he has to make her his, too... Yelena is determined to never submit to a man. But she's also growing tired of being used as her father's pawn. And as their families wage a vicious battle across the city, making moves and vowing vengeance, Sebastian decides he'll fight for her heart and freedom, whatever it takes. He knows they're meant to be together. And he'll push her to her limits to prove it.

Kingmakers: Year One by **Sophie Lark** (B Paperback—\$29). *Kingmakers Series*. Bound by Blood, Torn by Love... In the shadowed halls of Kingmakers, a ruthless mafia university, the offspring of the world's most feared families come to

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master the dark arts of influence and intimidation... Leo, unwaveringly loyal to his childhood friend, Anna, follows her into a world where love is a weapon, trust is a casualty, and survival is the only victory that matters... But the greatest danger comes from Dean Yenin, a Bratva heir with a vendetta as cold as his heart. Dean plans to destroy Leo and take everything he holds dear, starting with Anna... Can Leo win back his soulmate? Or is Anna lost forever...

Fall With Me by **Becka Mack** (B Paperback—\$26). *Playing for Keeps Series*. It was supposed to be a one-night stand. But what if they can't leave it in the past?... Jaxon Riley is exceptional at three things: starting fights on the ice, picking up women post-game, and going home to fulfill his role as the world's best cat dad. Relationships, unfortunately, missed the list... Lennon Hayes is supposed to be on her honeymoon. Instead, she's alone and single, vacationing next door to a surly tattooed man who ran his date off the resort. When a run-in at the bar results in a night of bickering and cocktails, she finds herself tumbling into bed with the enemy next door, then sneaking out before the sun comes up... Lennon's plan to start over in a new city is going great, until she starts her new job. The job? The Vancouver Vipers' new photographer. And the defenseman scowling at her from across the room? The one-night stand she wasn't supposed to see again. Good thing neither of them are looking for anything serious... Right? Jaxon may not be used to falling, but if he's going to go, he refuses to go alone. If he falls, he wants Lennon to fall with him.

The Devious Husband by **Catharina Maura** (21.6x14.0 Trade Paperback—\$33). *Windsors Series*. He's the business rival she can't stand. She's the woman he's secretly loved for years... Xavier Kingston's life is turned upside down when his nemesis and business rival, Sierra Windsor, suddenly begins to show interest in a man that isn't him... Certain he's at risk of losing his chance with her forever, Xavier offers the Windsors a deal they cannot refuse: a merger between his company and Windsor Real Estate... On one condition: Sierra must marry him.

The Pairing by **Casey McQuiston** (Demy Paperback—\$29). *LGBTQ+* Theo and Kit have been a lot of things: childhood best friends, crushes, lovers and now estranged exes. After a brutal breakup on a flight to their dream European food and wine tour, they exited each other's lives... Time apart has done them good. Theo is a bartender and aspiring sommelier with a long roster of lovers. Kit graduated as the reigning sex god of his pastry school and now bakes at one of the finest restaurants in Paris... All that remains is the unused voucher for the tour in Europe that never happened. Four years later, it seems like a great idea to finally take the trip. Solo. Separately... It's not until Theo and Kit board the tour bus that they discover they've both had the exact same idea, and now they're trapped with each other for three weeks of the most romantic sights and sensuous flavours of France, Spain, and Italy. But, it'll be fine as long as they agree they're absolutely over each other. So, when Theo suggests a friendly wager to see who can sleep with their hot Italian tour guide first, Kit is game. In fact, why stop

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense there? Why not a full-on European hookup competition? But sometimes a taste of everything only makes you crave what you can't have.

Proof by Fern Michaels (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Lost and Found Series*. Even though Luna and her brother Cullen seem like complete opposites, they're identical in two ways: they'll never let injustice stand and they always have each other's back... Sometimes, two very different pieces of furniture just pair perfectly together. Brother and sister Cullen and Luna Bodman work much the same way. While practical-minded Cullen Bodman focuses on their family's antiques restoration business, his sister Luna's next-door Namaste Café brings in new clientele. As a thank you to his sister, Cullen retrieves Luna's childhood dresser from storage and refinishes it. A delighted Luna rummages through the drawers and discovers a shoebox full of mementos of her friend Brendan, reviving memories of love and a broken heart. But a flurry of emails and texts leads to a very brief death notice: Born. Died. Nothing else... Beyond Luna's sadness is her uncanny intuition that something about the announcement is off, a feeling that intensifies when she later glimpses a person who seems to be Brendan's doppelganger. His laugh, his walk—Luna remembers both so well. Is her old friend really alive? And if so, who faked his death, and why? It's not the first time an item of furniture has spurred Luna to solve a fascinating puzzle. But this time, the mystery is much more personal, and the stakes infinitely higher...

Promises and Pomegranates by Sav R. Miller (B Paperback—\$29). *Monsters & Muses Series*. She's the sweetest sin he's ever committed... Doctor Kal Anderson assumes his heart worked at some point. But at thirty-two years old, the organ in his chest seems to play a mechanical role at best. His cold, emotionless existence gives him an edge as a fixer and in-house physician for the Mafia, while his judgment is impartial and complication-free... Until Elena Ricci, his boss's twenty-year-old daughter... After admiring the heartless doctor from afar most of her life, Elena catches him in a moment of weakness, and the pair shares a night of passion as

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense they attempt to work each other from their systems. Only, the night seems to have the opposite effect. Elena is no longer a simple temptation to Kal, but a necessity. An obsession... One he won't let anyone stand in his way of—even if that means crashing her wedding to another man, forcing her hand in marriage, and stealing her away to the corrupt island he resides on... Alone with the man of her nightmares, Elena starts to chip away at the layers of ice surrounding his hardened heart. But the warmth and depravity from her new husband may not be worth the secrets unveiled, or the lives that will forever be altered.

Rally by Devney Perry (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$42). *Treasure State Wildcats Series*. Pregnant. Homeless. Broke. Not what I'd expected for my senior year in college. Neither was Rush Ramsey... We met the day I went camping and got stranded on the side of a gravel road. I didn't believe in white knights who freed damsels in distress. Life had taught me that if something bad could happen, it probably would. The only person who would save me was me... But Rush Ramsey rescued me that day. He was sweet and kind and charming. He made a dark, starry night a little less lonely... I should have realized it was too good to be true. That an incredible night of passion would come with consequences. That the bad luck rollercoaster I'd been riding for twenty-one years wasn't ready to stop... Because Rush Ramsey, Treasure State University's most eligible bachelor and quarterback extraordinaire, just got me pregnant.

Bridesmaid for Hire by Meghan Quinn (B Paperback—\$27). *Bridesmaid for Hire Series*. Everly Plum is delighted to be heading up the Bridesmaid for Hire program at Magical Moments by Maggie. And when Hardy Hopper, one of their billionaire investors, approaches Everly for help with his friends' wedding, she's more than happy to step in. But Hardy has an extra assignment for her: his ex-girlfriend will be the maid of honor opposite his role as best man, and he wants Everly's help getting her back... There's only one problem: Everly may have a tiny crush on the dashing businessman. But despite the way Hardy makes her stomach flutter,

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

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

Chapter Book and Tea Shop Short Story Competition Success

Our warm congratulations to the winners of the Romance Writers of New Zealand short story competition which is sponsored by Chapter Book and Tea Shop. The winners for 2024 are:

Janie Stewart (1st), Charlotte Jardine (2nd), Pragati Vasisht (3rd), Natalie Carver (4th) and Effie Knight (5th).

The anthology of the top entries (LIAISONS) for 2024 is available at:

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and the anthologies for earlier years are available to read at:

<https://www.romancewriters.co.nz/liaison-magazine>

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense she's determined to prove herself, both as a bridesmaid and as a matchmaker. That is, until she finds her crush turning into real feelings. Not to mention, Hardy can't help but notice how well he clicks with Everly, and before he knows it, he's not looking for his ex's attention anymore... But even after their simmering attraction finally rises to the surface, they will have to contend with meddling friends, poor timing, and professional boundaries—and the risk that no one might get a second chance after all.

Pucking Sweet by **Emily Rath** (B Paperback—\$25). *Jacksonville Rays Series*. My name is Poppy St. James and I've just landed my dream job as the Director of Public Relations for the NHL's hottest new team, the Jacksonville Rays. But if I want to stay beyond my one-year contract, I'll have to prove myself. Easy. PR is in my blood. What's not so easy are the hockey players. They're a real handful—especially party boy defenseman Lukas Novikov... I don't care how well Lucas plays hockey. Off the ice, he's a PR nightmare. Brash and bossy, he's always finding ways to drag his teammates into trouble—especially fellow defenseman Colton Morrow—and I have to find brilliant ways to drag them out of it. The players can all call me PR Barbie all they want, but I'm getting the job done. Because I am poised, powerful, and always professional... until the fateful night my phone rings... With one little phone call from home that leads to one drunken mistake, my carefully balanced life is knocked off-kilter. And now I'm staring down at a little blue plus sign and I have no strategy, no idea what's next. All I know is that nothing will ever be the same.

Sinners Condemned by **Somme Sketcher** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Sinners Anonymous Series*. No good ever comes from a red-head in a stolen dress with her worldly possessions at her feet... I should have known she was trouble when smoke and sin followed her into my bar and she challenged me to a game. She may have won my watch, but she started a war. As she slipped my Breitling off my wrist and onto her own, she gleefully announced she was the luckiest girl in the world... Yeah, lucky to everyone but me. Because the moment her muddy boots stomped down the stairs and up my spine, my empire started to crumble. My cashmere charm is wrinkling. My gentlemanly facade is cracking. My enemies are closing in. Maybe the fortune teller was right: The Queen of Hearts will drag me down to hell... At least it's wonderfully warm among the flames.

Carnage by **Shantel Tessier** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$52). *L.O.R.D.S. Series*. A *puppet*. The men in the secret society known as the Lords think they rule the world. And in a way, they do. Each has sold their soul to the devil at a young age in exchange for power and wealth. Like anything else, they have different levels of success. The more they're willing to serve, the more power they have... Among them are the Spade brothers, who run Carnage. It's where the Lords who have not held up their oath go to live out the rest of their lives in shackles. Tucked away from the world as if they never existed... *I vow. You vow. We vow.* I once belonged to a Lord—Saint Beckham Carter. Although nothing was holy about him, I still kneeled

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense as if he could grant me eternity in a world where only evil existed... At the time, I willingly vowed to be his and allowed him to share me with his “brothers.” But things changed. And what I thought couldn't get any better got exceptionally worse. So I did the only thing I could and ran from him, knowing I could never return... Now he's found me and dragged me back to his hell, where he will make me his pet. The world already thinks I'm dead, so no one will miss me. And I'm just another name on a long list of those who will never know freedom... What he doesn't know is why I ran from him in the first place. A Lord doesn't listen to reason, so it's not like he'd care anyway. Saint was born a Lord, and he will die as one... If life has taught me anything, it's that we all pay for our sins. And Saint will never let me forget that my place is at Carnage, serving him on my knees until death is granted.

The Art of Catching Feelings by **Alicia Thompson** (B Paperback—\$25). Daphne Brink doesn't follow baseball, but watching “America's Snoozefest” certainly beats sitting at home in the days after she signs her divorce papers. After one too many ballpark beers, she heckles Carolina Battery player Chris Kepler, who quickly proves there might actually be a little crying in baseball. Horrified, Daphne reaches out to Chris on social media to apologize... but forgets to identify herself as his heckler in her message... Chris doesn't usually respond to random fans on social media, but he's grieving and fragile after an emotionally turbulent few months. When a DM from “Duckie” catches his eye, he impulsively messages back. Duckie is sweet, funny, and seems to understand him in a way no one else does... Daphne isn't sure how much longer she can keep lying to Chris, especially as she starts working with the team in real life and their feelings for each other deepen. When he finds out the truth, will it be three strikes, she's out?

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

The Woman by the Lake by **Kristen Ashley** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$50). *Misted Pines Series*. Nadia Williams needs somewhere peaceful to sort through her grief after her mother is brutally murdered. She finds a cozy cabin at the side of a tranquil lake in the quaint town of Misted Pines in the Pacific Northwest... The minute she arrives, she knows it's perfect... The very night of her arrival, however, someone—or something—is scratching at her window... The next morning, she meets her one and only neighbor, Doc Riggs. He's a rough, good-time guy who rubs Nadia wrong immediately. They clash, and neither of them are happy to be sharing their lake... But soon, Nadia learns the lore around her cabin, and how the townsfolk are certain it's haunted by the ghost of the man who was murdered there fifteen years before... Riggs and Nadia are suddenly thrown into a tangled web of history, betrayal, grief, secrets, with only one thing certain... Someone—or something—wants them off that lake.

North of Nowhere by **Allison Brennan** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). After five years in hiding from their murderous father, the day Kristen and Ryan McIntyre have been dreading has arrived: Boyd McIntyre, head of a Los Angeles crime family, has at last tracked his kids to a small Montana town and is minutes away from kidnapping them.

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They barely escape in a small plane, but gunfire hits the fuel line. The pilot, a man who has been raising them as his own, manages to crash land in the middle of the Montana wilderness. The siblings hike deep into the woods, searching desperately for safety—unaware of the severity of the approaching storm... Boyd's sister Ruby left Los Angeles for the Army years ago, cutting off contact in order to help keep her niece and nephew safe and free from the horrors of the McIntyre clan. So when she gets an emergency call that the plane has gone down with the kids inside, she drops everything to try save them... As the storm builds, Ruby isn't the only person looking for them. Boyd has hired an expert tracker to find and bring them home. And rancher Nick Lorenzo, who knows these mountains better than anyone and doesn't understand why the kids are running, is on their trail too... But there is a greater threat to Kristen and Ryan out there. More volatile than the incoming blizzard, more dangerous than the family they ran from or the natural predators they could encounter. Who finds them first could determine if they live or die...

No Paw to Stand On by **Laurie Cass** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Bookmobile Cat Mystery Series*. When a heat wave hits northern Michigan, librarian Minnie Hamilton, her rescue cat Eddie, and their bookmobile head to the beach to catch some rays and some customers. But library business is put on hold when Minnie's restaurant-owning best friend, Kristen, calls. The specialty ice cream cone treat she'd been serving to patrons was sabotaged, making some customers horribly sick. Kristen needs Minnie to sniff out the culprit fast, or the restaurant's reputation will be destroyed forever... Minnie and Eddie are hot on the tail of the suspect when an employee from another restaurant is found dead. Could the poisoning and the murder be related? It'll take a feline to catch a felon...

Murder at the Rusty Anchor by **Maddie Day** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Cozy Capers Book Group Mystery Series*. A rainy July weekend in Westham means the beaches are empty and business is dead at Mackenzie "Mac" Almeida's bicycle shop but couldn't be livelier inside the Rusty Anchor Pub. But come Monday morning one patron is not so lively when the chef opens up and finds a body behind the bar. It's last call for Bruce Byrne, an elderly high school teacher who's been around so long it seems like he taught everybody... When Mac's friend Flo, the librarian, makes the list of suspects, Mac gathers the local Cozy Capers Book Group to clear her name. With no end in sight to the rain, the group has plenty of time to study the clues and sort through a roll call of suspects to determine who decided to teach Mr. Byrne a lesson. But with a killer desperate to cover their tracks, Mac and the group will be tested as never before...

Murder in a Cup by **Lauren Elliott** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Crystals & CuriosiTeas Mystery Series*. Self-taught "seer" and intuitive gemologist Shay Myers has much to learn as autumn hits the quaint coastal town of Bray Harbor. Since attempting the art of blending herbs at her popular shop, Crystals & CuriosiTeas, she's set on growing ingredients in the mysterious greenhouse on the second floor—if only she can separate the medicinal

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plants from the deadly ones. Her new skills are put to the test when she meets pub owner and ex-detective Liam Madigan's Gran. A psychic from Ireland known for interpreting tea leaves and people, Gran encourages Shay to build upon her natural talents and hold her own group reading... At first, the evening goes off without a hitch—until a customer goes from chatty to dead in a flash, poisoned after sipping a toxic substance recently grown in the greenhouse. Worse, Shay's assistant is suspected of intentionally serving the lethal brew. Now, aided only by Liam and her dog Spirit, Shay must exonerate her employee and save the future of Crystals & CuriosiTeas. But when clues start lining up like leaves in a teacup, she'll need to understand the signs right in front of her to catch the manipulative murderer before it's too late.

The Girls in the Snow by **Stacy Green** (19.8x12.9 Trade Paperback—\$34). *Nikki Hunt Series*. In the remote forests of Stillwater, Minnesota, you can scream for days and no one will hear you. So when the bodies of two fifteen-year-old girls are discovered frozen in the snow, Special Agent Nikki Hunt is sure the killer is local: someone knew where to hide the girls and thought they would never be found. Though Nikki hasn't been home in twenty years, she knows she must take over the case. The Sheriff's department in Stillwater has already made a mistake by connecting the girls' murders to those of a famous serial killer, refusing to consider the idea that the killer could be someone from town. Then another girl's body is found, a red silk ribbon tied in her hair, and Nikki realizes that the killer has a connection to her own dark past, and the reason she left Stillwater.

The Unravelling by **Vi Keeland** (Royal Paperback—\$35). This isn't a love story. This is obsession... Meredith McCall was once a respected New York City psychiatrist. But the night of the accident she lost everything: her husband, her reputation and almost her mind... When she crosses paths with the man with whom she shares the most tragic connection, Meredith can't help but follow him. How is Gabriel Wright doing so well when her life is in shambles? Watching Gabriel from afar becomes a compulsion she just can't shake—her newest obsession. But when he walks into her office as a patient, seemingly unaware of who she is, she knows it crosses all ethical bounds to treat him. Yet, Meredith can't bring herself to turn him away... Could delving into Gabriel's mind give her the answers that she needs? Or will their relationship set off a chain of events that she can no longer control?

Broken Bayou by **Jennifer Moorhead** (21.6x13.8 Trade Paperback—\$38). Dr. Willa Watters is a prominent child psychologist at the height of her career. But when a viral video of a disastrous television interview puts her reputation on the line, Willa retreats to Broken Bayou, the town where she spent most of her childhood summers. There she visits her aunts' old house and discovers some of her unstable mother's belongings still languishing in the attic—dusty mementos harboring secrets of her harrowing past... Willa's hopes for a respite are quickly crushed, not only by what she finds in that attic but also by what's been found in the bayou... With waters dropping due to drought, mysterious barrels containing human remains have surfaced,

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alongside something else from Willa's past, something she never thought she'd see again. Divers, police, and media flood the area, including a news reporter gunning for Willa and Travis Arceneaux—a local deputy and old flame... Willa's fate seems eerily tied to the murders. And with no one to trust, she must use her wits to stay above water and make it out alive.

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Clean Sweep (Graphic Novel) by **Ilona Andrews** (22.6x15.0 Trade Paperback—\$41). *The Innkeepers Chronicles*. The graphic novel adaptation of Clean Sweep, book 1 of the Innkeeper Chronicles.

The Ever Queen by **L.J. Andrews** (Print-on-Demand Paperback—\$45). *Broken Kingdom: Ever Seas Series*. The Songbird: Captive. Challenger. Queen. Enemies took her from the man who holds her heart. They might see her as weak, as a pawn in wicked games, but they're no match for the first Ever Queen. Let them think they've won. Her heart belongs to a beautiful monster, and she will never stop fighting until she's back in his arms... The Serpent: Captor. Villain. King. His enemies stole the woman who claimed his soul. They betrayed him out of greed and desire for the crown, but they won't die for that betrayal. No. They'll die for touching her... His heart belongs to a stunning little bird. He will never stop searching for her light across the skies. Not until the blood of his enemies spills at her feet, and his queen wears their bones around her neck.

Born of Blood and Ash by **Jennifer L. Armentrout** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$53). *Flesh and Fire Series*. The line between love and obsession has never been wider... While Sera is finally free of Kolis and back with those she loves, not everything is calm. Memories of all she's endured still haunt her, but Sera finally has hope for a future with the other half of her heart and soul. Nyktos desires, loves, and accepts every part of her—even the monstrous bits she still battles... More than ever, Sera and Ash have everything under the realms to fight for, and Nyktos has no doubt Sera is fit to be the Queen of the Gods. But she must find that faith within herself if they hope to convince the other Courts to support them against Kolis and make Iliseum and the mortal realm better, safer places for all... But as Sera begins to piece together the importance of her bloodline and the true meaning behind the foreboding prophecy, it becomes clear that everything that has happened and is yet to come is much bigger than Kolis and his dark obsessions... They cannot help but wonder exactly how much influence the Fates have had and what their ultimate goal is. What Sera does know for sure is that they can trust very few—including her... A battle between the gods is brewing, and heartbreaking losses are imminent with the true Primal of Death strengthening. With a family of the heart willing to battle by their side, can Sera and Nyktos stop Kolis before he destroys the realms, or will it all disappear in a fiery inferno of blood and ash?... And the line between justice and vengeance has never been so thin.

Six Scorched Roses by **Carissa Broadbent** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$32). *Crowns of Nyaxia Series*. Six roses. Six vials of blood. Six visits to a vampire who could be her salvation... or her damnation... Lilith has been dying since the day she was born. But

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while she long ago came to terms with her own imminent death, the deaths of everyone she loves is an entirely different matter. As her town slowly withers in the clutches of a mysterious god-cursed illness, she takes matters into her own hands... Desperate to find a cure, Lilith strikes a bargain with the only thing the gods hate even more than her village: a vampire, Vale. She offers him six roses in exchange for six vials of vampire blood—the one hope for her town's salvation... But when what begins as a simple transaction gradually becomes something more, Lilith is faced with a terrifying realization: It's dangerous to wander into the clutches of a vampire... and in a place already suffering a god's wrath, more dangerous still to fall in love with one.

Spark of the Everflame by **Penn Cole** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Kindred's Curse Saga*. When old secrets catch fire, everything will burn... In a mortal world colonized by the gods and ruled over by the Descended, their cruel offspring, Diem Bellator yearns to escape the insular life of her poor village... Her mother's sudden disappearance—and the discovery of a dangerous secret about her past—offer Diem an unexpected opportunity to enter the dark world of Descended royalty and unlock the web of mysteries her mother left behind... With the dying King's handsome, mysterious heir watching her every move, and a ruthless mortal alliance recruiting her to join the growing civil war, Diem will have to navigate the unwritten rules of love, power, and politics in order to save her family—and all of mortalkind.

Dark Memory by Christine Feehan (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *Dark Carpathian Series*. Safia Meziane has trained since birth to protect her tribe, the family she holds so dear. All along she told herself the legends she was raised with were simply that. But now, she must call upon all of her skills to fight what lies ahead. Evil has come to their small town on the cost of Algeria, evil that Safia can feel but cannot see... She is terrified she will not be able to protect the ones she loves. As her family's 'chosen one', she has always believed she would face this task alone—until her family reveals she has been promised to a warrior who will join her. An outsider. A Carpathian... Petru Cioban is one of the oldest Carpathians in existence, and he has spent all that time without the soothing presence of his lifemate. For two thousand years he has waited for this woman to be reborn, only to find her in the sights of a monster he has fought before, a vampire risen again to finish a battle started centuries ago... Now, Petru must face his greatest enemy and his greatest shame. He has no hope that Safia will forgive his betrayal once the memories of her past life return to her. But he will not make the same mistake again, even if he has to sacrifice everything for the woman who has claimed his immortal soul.

Wisteria by **Adalyn Grace** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$29). *Belladonna Series*. Blythe Hawthorn has never let anyone tell her what to do... and she's not about to start now... Headstrong and passionate, she won't be ruled by society, or by her overprotective father, and certainly not by the man she's bound herself to, no matter how insufferable he is. She's determined to be a thorn in his side for the rest of her days, even as he ensures that her life in his palace is anything but the decadent fairytale she imagined. But as Blythe

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discovers a new side of herself linked to his past, she'll have to decide if she's willing to let an unexpected spark ignite... and discover the real truth about who she is inside.

Rise and Divine by **Lana Harper** (B Paperback—\$27). *LGBTQ+. Witches of Thistle Grove Series*. Even in a family of chaotic necromancers, Daria “Dasha” Avramov has always been an outlier. An event planner at the Arcane Emporium occult megastore, Dasha is also a devil eater: a rare necromantic witch with an affinity for banishing demons and traversing the veil, the boundary between this realm and the next... Still grieving the loss of both beloved parents years ago, and plagued by a dangerous obsession with the world beyond the veil, Dasha is fiery yet guarded, an expert at dodging commitment. Her worst regret is a devastating breakup with the wise, empathetic, and sensual Ivy Thorn, her event-planning counterpart at Honeycake Orchards, and probably the love of Dasha's life. Dasha has managed to break Ivy's heart not once, but twice, so things are more than a little tense between them... When they're thrown together to plan the Cavalcade—a month-long festival celebrating Thistle Grove's ceremonial founding with dazzling spectacles held by the town's witch families—Dasha hopes that the third time might be the charm, while Ivy refuses to let herself be hurt again. As they confront the pain and passion lingering between them, Dasha and Ivy must also stand against an otherworldly threat unlike anything Thistle Grove has faced before.

Demons of Good and Evil by **Kim Harrison** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Hollows Series*. Rachel Morgan, witch-born demon, suspected that protecting the paranormal citizens of Cincinnati as the demon *subrosa* would be trouble. But it's rapidly becoming way more trouble than even she could have imagined... While Rachel and her friends may have vanquished the trickster demon Hodin, his mysterious associate known only as “The Mage” is eager to finish what Hodin started, beginning with taking down Rachel's power structure piece by piece... With her world falling apart, Rachel desperately needs help. But with all of her supporters under attack, her only hope is to make a deal with the unlikeliest of allies...

A Werewolf's Guide to Seducing a Vampire by **Sarah Hawley** (B Paperback—\$27). *Glimmer Falls Series*. Werewolf Ben Rosewood is happy with his life. One hundred percent. Everything is fine. His business, Ben's Plant Emporium, is thriving, and he's even expanding the shop. His anxiety disorder is... well, it's been better, but that comes with the territory of running a business and having beastly urges every full moon, right? As for romance—who has the time? Though his family is desperate to see him settled, Ben is fine approaching forty as a single werewolf. But after drunkenly bidding on and winning a supposedly-possessed crystal on eBay one night, he finds himself face-to-face with a beautiful yet angry vampire... Eleonore Bettencourt-Devereux is a rare breed—a vampire succubus born from two elite European bloodlines during medieval times. Thanks to an evil witch, she's been stuck in a crystal since she was thirty, forced to obey orders from the possessor of the rock. Eleonore's been dreaming of breaking the spell and severing the

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witch's head for centuries. But did this witch really sell her to someone new, and for only ninety-nine cents?... Eleonore would claw this werewolf's heart out and eat it, if only the binding spell would allow her to. But Eleonore and Ben soon realize they can help each other with both vengeful and less hostile needs. And why not have a little fun along the way?

Glow by **Raven Kennedy** (B Paperback—\$25). *Plated Prisoner Series*. I have burned down the court of King Midas and from those flames, I will rise and wield my own power. The problem is, the world won't let me... Because when you turn against a King—everyone turns against you. But with Slade by my side we will fight the monarchs that come for us. And if we need to become the villains, then so be it... Because as long as I live in this world, I won't be used again. I must be strong. I must be undefeatable. I will shine like the sun—and blind my enemies...

Gold by **Raven Kennedy** (B Paperback—\$25). *Plated Prisoner Series*. “Find me in another life. Find me in them all”... Every end is also a beginning. I was going to die. If it weren't for Slade, I would have. But he ripped the world open for me and I went through it. To Annwyn. To home... Annwyn is the realm of the fae, a magical place full of beauty and danger. Here, I am known as Lyäri Ulvêre—the golden one gone. And there are people in this world who want to keep me that way. But I am not that girl in the gilded cage anymore, and no one is going to use me again. Or stop me from finding my way back to Slade. I am my own woman. And I will find him. In this world, or the next.

A Dawn with the Wolf Knight by **Elise Kova** (B Paperback—\$27). *Married to Magic Series*. To enter the woods as a human means death... But I am no mere human. They call me, “witch”... As one of the last surviving witches, Faelyn's sole duty is to keep the protective barriers on the forests where the lykin roam—creatures who can shed flesh for fur—sparing nearby humans from their violent, beastly natures. When she has an unlikely encounter with the rare, primordial spirit of the moon, Faelyn finds herself not only the object of the Wolf King's desire, but essential to his ability to keep his crown... Taken to the magical land of Midscape, the Wolf King claims her as his bride to control the moon spirit's magic that now resides within Faelyn. But Faelyn refuses to resign herself and the spirit Aurora to a life of servitude underneath the king's cruel rule. Faelyn hatches a dangerous plan for them both to escape and help comes from an unlikely ally... Evander is the king's blisteringly handsome, loyal knight, right hand, and Faelyn's sworn protector... on the outside. But appearances are not what they seem. He plots against the king's brutality at every turn and helping Faelyn escape will serve these ends. But altruism for Faelyn and the trapped moon spirit isn't his only motivation... Evander is hiding secrets, and they might change Faelyn's life forever... A desperate plot to escape. A brutal king. Ancient powers. And a sworn protector who can't keep his hands off her... Will she be taken as the Wolf King's bride? Or will she manage an escape that will free her heart and change her fate forever?

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The Wren in the Holly Library by **K.A. Linde** (Special Edition Hardcover—\$55). *Oak and Holly Cycle Series*. Can you love the dark when you know what it hides? Some things aren't supposed to exist outside of our imagination... Thirteen years ago, monsters emerged from the shadows and plunged Kierse's world into a cataclysmic war of near-total destruction. The New York City she knew so well collapsed practically overnight... In the wake of that carnage, the Monster Treaty was created. A truce... of sorts... But tonight, Kierse—a gifted and fearless thief—will break that treaty. She'll enter the Holly Library... not knowing it's the home of a monster... He's charming. Quietly alluring. Terrifying. But he knows talent when he sees it; it's just a matter of finding her price... Now she's locked into a dangerous bargain with a creature unlike any other. She'll sacrifice her freedom. She'll offer her skills. Together, they'll put their own futures at risk... But he's been playing a game across centuries—and once she joins in, there will be no escape...

Throne of the Fallen by **Kerri Maniscalco** (B Paperback—\$27). *Princes of Sin Series*. She didn't want Prince Charming. She wanted the demon... A wicked prince. The Prince of Envy has never claimed to be a saint. But when a cryptic note arrives at his demon court, signalling the beginning of a deadly game, he knows it will take more than a hint of sin to win. Riddles, hexed objects, anonymous players, nothing will stand in his way... A fallen painter. Camilla is an artist with troubles of her own: a desperate mistake has landed her in debt to a notorious rake. Threatened with ruinous scandal, she is forced to enter a devil's bargain with Envy. A bargain that reveals secrets and ignites passions that neither of them expects... Let the games begin. Together, Envy and Camilla must embark on a perilous journey through the underworld—from glittering demon courts to the sultry vampire realm and beyond—while trying to avoid the most dangerous trap of all: falling in love.

The Innocent Sleep by **Sean McGuire** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$28). *October Daye Series*. For one bright, shining moment, Tybalt, King of Cats, had everything he had ever wanted. He was soon to set his crown aside; he had married the woman he loved; he was going to be a father. After centuries of searching for a family of his own, he had finally found a way to construct the life of his dreams, and was looking forward to a period of peace—or at least as much peace as is ever in the offing for the husband of a hero... Alas for Tybalt and his domestic aspirations, fate—and Titania—had other ideas. His perfect world had been complete for only a moment when it was ripped away, to be replaced by hers. Titania, Faerie's Summer Queen, Mother of Illusions and enemy of so many he holds dear, has seized control of the Kingdom, remaking it in her own image. An image which does not include meddlesome shapeshifters getting in her way. Tybalt quickly finds himself banished from her reality, along with the Undersea and the rest of the Court of Cats... To protect his people and his future, Tybalt must find the woman he loves in a world designed to keep her from him, convince her that he's not a stranger trying to ruin her life for no apparent reason, and get her to unmake the illusion she's been firmly enmeshed in.

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And he'll have to do it all while she doesn't know him, and every unrecognizing look is a knife to his heart... For Tybalt, King of Cats, the happily ever after was just the beginning.

Fated to the Wolf Prince by **April L. Moon** (21.6x14.0 Trade Paperback—\$35). *Hunted Omegas Series*. Great Pack Gathering. Three little words, one mandate that ruined my life... I'm a doctor and a researcher. My pack is small, in a quiet part of central Texas. It's a simple existence, and I like it that way. It's just me and my two besties, living our best single lives... That is, until the mandate comes. Every unmated wolf in the entire world, called to one place. I'm a psi, the weakest designation there is. I can barely shift, and there's no chance of me getting matched—only humiliated... It can't get worse, until it does. I've barely made it off the bus when I lock eyes with the hottest wolf I've ever seen, and he reeks of power. There's no way he'll be interested in me, a psi wolf who can barely hold her shift... Until my wolf starts acting crazy, my magic goes on the fritz, and I'm suddenly wielding way more power than a lowly psi. Goddess only knows what's going on, but there isn't much time for me to figure it out... Oh, and there's one more little thing. Mr. Hottie McPowerful? He's the prince of the shifter world, and my fated mate, whether he wants to be, or not.

The Games Gods Play by **Abigail Owen** (Royal Trade Paperback—\$35). *Crucible Series*. The gods love to play with us mere mortals. And every hundred years, we let them... I have never been favored by the gods. Far from it, thanks to Zeus... Living as a cursed office clerk for the Order of Thieves, I just keep my head down and hope the capricious beings who rule from Olympus won't notice me. Not an easy feat, given San Francisco is Zeus' patron city, but I make do. I survive. Until the night I tangle with a different god. The worst god. Hades... For the first time ever, the ruthless, mercurial King of the Underworld has entered the Crucible—the deadly contest the gods hold to determine a new ruler to sit on the throne of Olympus. But instead of fighting their own battles, the gods name mortals to compete in their stead... So why in the Underworld did Hades choose me—a sarcastic nobody with a curse on her shoulders—as his champion? And why does my heart trip every time he says I'm his?... I don't know if I'm a pawn, bait, or something else entirely to this dangerously tempting god. How can I, when he has more secrets than stars in the sky?... Because Hades is playing by his own rules... and Death will win at any cost.

Dark Restraint by **Katee Robert** (20.9x14.1 Trade Paperback—\$33). *Dark Olympus Series*. He was my savior. My monster. My obsession. My destruction... Ariadne Vitalis is in trouble. She's betrayed her father—and his dangerous benefactor—and now she's left to rely on Olympus' questionable mercy. But in this city, mercy comes with a price. For Ariadne, that means a sham marriage to Dionysus. She has no choice but to agree, even if there's only one man she's ever wanted—a man she fears just as much as she desires... The Minotaur never had any illusions about Minos's plans. He was willing to get his hands dirty as long as the old man kept his word—at the end of their bloody work, the Minotaur

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would be given Ariadne as a reward. She's meant for him, and he intends to have her, no matter the cost... Ariadne knows better than to encourage the Minotaur—she's all too aware of how hot a passion like theirs can burn. Besides, she can never forgive him for the terrible things he's done, and he can never change. But when his hands are on her body and his wicked words are whispered in her ear, she might just be willing to let all of Olympus burn...

The Dark One by **Nikki St. Crowe** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$35). *Vicious Lost Boys Series*. I spent most of my life feeling dead inside — until I met Peter Pan and the Lost Boys... It wasn't until Pan and Neverland that I finally felt alive... But things are not all full of magic and sunlight on the island. There's something darker and more sinister haunting the forest... And worse, the fae queen and Captain Hook are ready to fight for control of Neverland and they will stop at nothing to get what they want... War is brewing—can the Never King get his shadow back and assume his rightful throne? And if he does, where will I fit?... Or will all of Neverland be in jeopardy right along with my dark, twisted heart?

A Strange Hymn by **Laura Thalassa** (B Paperback—\$29). *Bargainer Series*. She survived the mad king... but the nightmare isn't over... All your debts must be repaid... Siren Callypso Lillis still wears the physical reminders of her time as Karnon's captive, even after reuniting with soulmate Desmond Flynn, the King of Night. Not only that, but mounting evidence suggests the Thief of Souls, the being responsible for the disappearance of countless fae warriors, is still out there... Invited to an annual Solstice celebration, Callie and Des journey to the Kingdom of Flora to continue their investigation. But under the bright lights and striking blooms of the realm, new complications arise, ones that no amount of bargaining can undo. Soldiers begin to go missing from the gathering, and some of the fae begin to suspect Des is the man behind it all. To Callie, one thing is certain: no one is who they appear to be. Not even her soulmate... Fairies play dangerous games. Some want love, some want vengeance, some want flesh, and some want horrors too unspeakable to name. Something is stirring in the Land of All that Grows, and if Callie isn't careful, it will claim everything she loves—and her along with it.

The Coven by **Harper L. Woods** (Special Edition Hardcover—\$59). *Coven of Bones Duology*. “Your destiny is not to do what is right. Your destiny is to destroy us all”... Willow Madizza never thought she'd accept a place at Hollow's Grove University, the secret and prestigious institution where the best and brightest of her fellow witches learn to wield their magic... But Willow has reasons for being at Hollow's Grove beyond the education it offers. Raised to be a weapon against the Coven that presides over the University, she must find the bones of her ancestors in order to reclaim the magic that is her destiny... Her only obstacle is Alaric Grayson Thorne, the University's beautiful and infuriating Headmaster. Gray is ruthless, manipulative, dangerous—he represents everything Willow has been taught to despise. But despite their mutual loathing, Gray understands Willow better than anyone, and he might just be the key to unlocking her full power...

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The Cursed by **Harper L. Woods** (Special Edition Hardcover—\$59). *Coven of Bones Duology*. “There is no end for you and I, Witchling”... For hundreds of years, the Coven has presided over Hollow's Grove University, their skeletal fingers grasping for control over the witches who pass through the gates... Now, after a bloody and violent coup, Willow Madizza must come to terms with the role she was forced to play in the Coven's demise... And face the demons she has unwittingly unleashed upon the world... Preparing to fight for the future of the Coven, Willow has no choice but to ally with Gray, the man who betrayed her and her fellow witches. Even through her fury at the bargain that binds her to Gray, Willow can't ignore the soul-deep connection between them. And together, their magic could have the power to right centuries of wrongs...

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How to Fall for a Scoundrel by **Kate Bateman** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Her Majesty's Rebels Series*. As a founding member of King & Co., London's most successful private investigation firm, studious Eleanor Law delights in secretly proving that women can solve crimes just as well as men. When a charming con man pretends to be her fictional boss, “Charles King,” Ellie knows he's lying, but accepting the scoundrel's offer of help might just be the key to cracking her new case and recovering a priceless manuscript... “Henri Bonheur”—or “Harry” as he asks to be called—claims his criminal past is behind him, but a man who steals and seduces with such consummate ease can never be trusted. As the investigation draws them deeper into danger and desire, Ellie's infuriated to realize she's developed feelings for her law-breaking accomplice. How can she love the scoundrel when she doesn't even know his real name? And what will happen when Harry's past finally catches up with him?

Good Duke Gone Wild by **Bethany Bennett** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Bluestocking Booksellers Series*. Dorian Whitaker, Duke of Holland, needs an heir after his so-called “fairytale marriage” ended in disaster. When the intriguing bookseller he's hired to liquidate his late wife's library finds love letters revealing an affair, he is drawn into a mystery alongside a lady whose sharp intellect dazzles him and dares him to imagine a new adventure outside the gilded cage of the Ton... If anyone found out Caroline Danvers writes erotic novels under a pen name, she'd face utter ruin. Except her latest hero inspiration is none other than the Duke of Holland—a man with the power to destroy her family's bookshop. And yet the real man proves to be so much more than the character she created. Even as they expose the dark secrets of his past, she knows he can never discover her own. But the more time they spend together, the more tempting it is to rewrite their ending and turn fantasy into reality.

The Duke's Christmas Bride by **Anna Bradley** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Drop Dead Dukes Series*. Alarmed by the sound of an intruder, Rose St. Claire fetches her pistol. She's shocked to discover that the trespasser is a handsome gentleman—one who states that the house, which Rose recently inherited from her late benefactor, was stolen from his father decades ago. He claims it is now his. And it is—but not entirely. As it turns out, Hammond Court

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has been left to them both—and neither can evict the other without forfeiting their right to the property... Wealthy and ruthless, Maxwell Burke, Duke of Grantham, has spent years regaining the many properties his father lost to bad wagers. Only Hammond Court remains. But Rose has no intention of leaving. In fact, as Christmas draws near, circumstances force Max to plan a holiday party, and Rose is all too happy to help. Max despises such merriment—until he sees it as an opportunity... Max will forgive the debt of another young duke's family if the attractive gentleman woos Rose at the party, ultimately marries her—and returns her share of the estate to Max. It's foolproof. Except that Rose's spirited joy is seductive, recalling within Max long ago feelings of happiness—and awakening a deep attraction. Has Max cooked his own Christmas goose—or is there a chance love will prevail?

Making Merry by **Kerrigan Byrne** (17.8x11.1 Trade Paperback—Novella—\$28). *Goode Girls Romance Series*. There's no room at the Inn... Sprightly Victorian spinster, Vanessa Latimer, is stranded for the holidays in the Scottish Highlands by a relentless winter blizzard. She takes refuge at a centuries-old inn where the only available room is haunted by the ghost of a warrior who fell at Culloden Moor... One who refuses to give up his side of the bed... Johnathan de Lohr awakens to find a siren bathing in the chamber of sorrows that keeps his restless spirit imprisoned. Though he's the ghost, John knows that the captivating woman will be the one to haunt him... Unless they can figure out a way to set his tormented soul free.

A Scandal at Stonecliffe by **Candace Camp** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Stonecliffe Series*. After the scandal of his broken engagement, Nathan Dunbridge accepted his fate as a bachelor—so of course that's when the most ineligible woman of all turns up in disguise at a society event: Verity Cole, former spy and Stonecliffe's resident troublemaker... a woman Nathan finds equal parts alluring and irritating... Living in London under an assumed name, Verity runs an investigation agency. So when a stranger shows up claiming to be the rightful Dunbridge heir, Nathan turns to Verity to help him uncover the truth. Verity agrees, always eager to unravel a mystery—especially when it involves the handsome Nathan Dunbridge... As Nathan's family secrets threaten everything he's known, he finds Verity is the only person he wants to confide in. But Verity has secrets too—secrets that make it impossible to be with a proper gentleman like Nathan. And when an enemy from her past appears, will Nathan and Verity be able to hold on to their impossible love, or will they be torn apart?

Never Met a Duke Like You by **Amalie Howard** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Taming of the Dukes Series*. Lady Vesper Lyndhurst is beautiful, clever, and popular. Afforded every luxury as a duke's daughter, she fills her days with friends, intrigues, and a self-professed knack for matchmaking. She may have sworn off love for herself, but she is rather excellent at arranging it... Faced with an insolvent estate, the Duke of Greydon has no choice but to return to England in a final attempt to revive his family's fortunes. He's been gone for years, happy to have escaped his mother and the petty circles of the

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ton. To his dismay, not much has changed, including the beautiful and vexing heiress next door... But when an accident of fate traps the friends-turned-enemies in an attic together, the explosive attraction between them becomes impossible to ignore and even harder to resist. They are total opposites and their lives don't align in the slightest, but fate, the ultimate matchmaker, appears to have other plans...

The Trouble with Inventing a Viscount by **Vivienne Lorret** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Liar's Club Series*. Honoria Hartley enjoys flirting far too much to consider marrying. And besides, she's been betrothed since birth to the long-lost Viscount Vandemere. But no one has actually ever met the viscount and, without an heir, the title will soon become extinct. So she's willing to do anything to keep her viscount alive, even if she has to invent him herself... Oscar Flint is a first-rate gambler. Estranged from his father's side of the family his entire life, he grew up beneath the tutelage of a legendary con artist. There isn't anyone who could pull the wool over his eyes. Not until he crosses paths with Honoria. Losing to her puts him in a bind... Until he remembers her story about a lost heir to a viscountcy. An heir that no one has ever met. Not yet, anyway... When Oscar arrives on Honoria's doorstep, claiming to be Vandemere, she is thrown for a loop. This rogue is not her viscount. The only problem is, he's quite convincing, and when he kisses her, the line between the lie and the truth becomes hazy in all the steam they create. Honoria refuses to gamble with her heart. But Oscar has never played by the rules and he's determined to win, no matter the cost.

The Heiress Masquerade by **Maddison Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Dollar Princess Series*. New York heiress Aimee Thornton-Jones knows her mother's plans precisely—to ship Aimee to England and marry her off to an eligible, titled lord. Only Aimee has no interest in becoming another “dollar princess.” Instead, she concocts a daring plan: to swap places with her fair (but poor) cousin for six weeks as a trainee at her father's company and prove she's just as valuable as any son. There's just the small matter of her father's too-perfect protégé, who she's certain is endangering the entire business... Harrison Stone doesn't know what to make of the determined young woman in his employ. She's vexingly irksome, reckless with her safety, and riles him at every turn. Each day, he's torn between shipping her home... or thoroughly kissing her pert mouth. But Harrison—who loathes a charlatan—is certain she's hiding something. And with the company under threat of sabotage, he's resolved to find out exactly who this young lady truly is... But in this masquerade of secrets, all it will take is one illicit kiss to ignite the spark... and bring them—unknowingly—to the edge of disaster...

To Woo and to Wed by **Martha Waters** (B Paperback—\$29). *Regency Vows Series*. The heir to a dukedom and a young widow, once very much in love, reunite years later to fake an engagement for the benefit of her sister... West, the Marquess of Weston, and Sophie, Lady Fitzwilliam Bridewell, have lately been spending a considerable amount of time together. But West and Sophie are not new acquaintances. In fact, years ago, they had once been nearly engaged

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until West's almost fatal curricule accident and his meddling father threw them off course... Now recently widowed, Sophie has put aside all thoughts of romance. But when her widowed sister, Alexandra, mentions a fondness for an earl, Sophie realizes that she may be holding her sister back. Alexandra won't move forward with an engagement until Sophie, too, settles down again, and so Sophie approaches West with a plan. They will announce their engagement and break things off once Alexandra is happily married. It'll be simple. After all, it's not like she is going to fall for West a second time, not when Sophie has sworn not to risk her heart again.

Grace by **Beverley Watts** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$32). *The Shackleford Sisters Series*. Reverend Augustus Shackleford's mission in life (aside from ensuring the collection box was suitably full every Sunday) was to secure advantageous marriages for each of his eight daughters. A tall order, given the fact that in the Reverend's opinion, they didn't possess a single ladylike bone in the eight bodies they had between them. Quite where he would find a wealthy titled gentleman bottle headed enough to take any of them on remained a mystery and indeed was likely to test even his legendary resourcefulness... Grievously wounded at the Battle of Trafalgar, Nicholas Sinclair was only recently returned to Blackmore after receiving news of his estranged father's unexpected death. After an absence of twenty years, the new Duke was well aware it was his duty to marry and produce an heir as quickly as possible. However, tormented by recurring nightmares after his horrific experiences during the battle, Nicholas had no taste to brave the ton's marriage mart in search of a docile obedient wife... Never in his wildest dreams did Reverend Shackleford envisage receiving an offer for his eldest daughter from the new Duke of Blackmore. Of course, the Reverend was well aware he was fudging

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it a bit in describing Grace as respectful, meek or dutiful, nevertheless, he could never have imagined that his eldest daughter's unruliness might end up ruining them all.

Temperance by **Beverley Watts** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$32). *The Shackleford Sisters Series*. Reverend Shackleford was at a loss. He'd truly believed that in marrying his eldest daughter Grace to an extremely wealthy peer of the realm, his problems would be over. But as the Reverend was now beginning to realise, it wasn't sufficient to have a wealthy Duke in the family, if the daughter he was trying to marry off had the manners of a stable hand. And to Reverend Shackleford's knowledge, his second eldest daughter Temperance's version of modest reserve was making sure to kick a miscreant in the shins rather than his buttocks. Put simply, Temperance was the exact opposite of her name and a harpy to boot. In fact the Reverend very much feared that unless he could find someone to teach her at the very least how to hold her temper, he would be stuck with her forever. But as he was always telling his curate, the Almighty works in mysterious ways. Indeed, Reverend Shackleford believed his prayers were finally answered when he found the very person to take Temperance in hand... Lady Gertrude Fotheringale was genteel, discreet and suitably impoverished. Or so he thought... Adam Colbourne, the eighth Earl of Ravenstone had no intention of taking a wife. As a boy he'd witnessed the cold, impersonal, not to mention loveless, nature of his parents' union. Marriage he concluded, was not anything he wished to experience. And the scheming matchmaking mothers of each Season's crop of debutantes in no way gave him any reason to change his mind. That was until a chance meeting with a foul mouthed raven-haired termagant who, in the space of one night, turned his world entirely upside down...

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