

# BOOK CATALOGUE – SEP/OCT 2022

Many apologies. We are seeing upward price pressure on books from the USA because of the lower NZ\$ and we are seeing shipping delays from the USA due to Hurricane Ian. There has also been a delay in the release of Nalini Singh's ARCHANGEL'S RESURRECTION in New Zealand/Australia because of printing delays (due to paper and ink shortages). However, there are some great recent and forthcoming releases including Ilona Andrews' RUBY FEVER, Elena Armas' THE AMERICAN ROOMMATE EXPERIMENT, Patricia Briggs' SOUL TAKEN, Christine Feehan's DARK WHISPER, Robert Galbraith's THE INK BLACK HEART, Colleen Hoover's IT STARTS WITH US, J.D. Robb's DESPERATION IN DEATH and J.R. Ward's THE VIPER. Enjoy your reading!

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Ilona Andrews	Ruby Fever	Lenora Bell	Duke Most Wicked
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Patricia Briggs	Soul Taken*	Christine Feehan	Dark Whisper*
Robert Galbraith	The Ink Black Heart*	Colleen Hoover	It Starts with Us*
Bonnie Garmus	Lessons in Chemistry*	Elle Kennedy	Bad Girl Reputation*
Ali Hazelwood	Love on the Brain*	Sangu Mandanna	The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches*
Sarah MacLean	Heartbreaker	Kerry Maniscalco	Kingdom of the Feared*
Ashley Poston	The Dead Romantics*	Lynsay Sands	After the Bite
J.D. Robb	Desperation in Death*	Sally Thorne	Angelika Frankenstein Makes Her Match*
A. McCall Smith	A Song of Comfortable Chairs*	J.R. Ward	The Viper*

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

 <p><b>Title:</b> Ruby Fever <b>Author:</b> Ilona Andrews <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal <b>Book Type:</b> US Mass Market Paperback <b>Price:</b> \$26 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Hidden Legacy Series.</i> An escaped spider, the unexpected arrival of an Imperial Russian Prince, the senseless assassination of a powerful figure, a shocking attack on the supposedly invincible Warden of Texas, Catalina Baylor's boss... And it's only Monday...Within hours, the fate of Houston—not to mention the House of Baylor—now rests on Prime magic user Catalina, who will have to harness her powers as never before. But even with her fellow Prime and fiancé Alessandro Sagredo by her side, she may not be able to expose who's responsible before all hell really breaks loose.</p>	 <p><b>Title:</b> Soul Taken <b>Author:</b> Patricia Briggs <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal <b>Book Type:</b> UK Trade Paperback <b>Price:</b> \$33 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Mercy Thompson Series.</i> The vampire Wulfe is missing. Since he's deadly, possibly insane, and his idea of "fun" is stalking me, some may see it as no great loss. But, warned that his disappearance might bring down the alliances that keep our pack safe, my mate and I must find Wulfe—and hope he's still alive...But Wulfe isn't the only one who has disappeared. And now there are bodies. Has the Harvester returned to the Tri-Cities, reaping souls with his cursed sickle? Or is our enemy someone else? The farther I follow Wulfe's trail, the more twisted—and darker—the path becomes. I need to figure out what's going on before the next body is mine.</p>
 <p><b>Title:</b> It Starts With Us <b>Author:</b> Colleen Hoover <b>Classification:</b> Contemporary <b>Book Type:</b> Trade Paperback <b>Price:</b> UK \$30/ US \$40 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>It Ends With Us Series.</i> Lily and her ex-husband, Ryle, have just settled into a civil co-parenting rhythm when she suddenly bumps into her first love, Atlas, again. After nearly two years separated, she is elated that for once, time is on their side, and she immediately says yes when Atlas asks her on a date. But her excitement is quickly hampered by the knowledge that, though they are no longer married, Ryle is still very much a part of her life—and Atlas Corrigan is the one man he will hate being in his ex-wife and daughter's life.</p>	 <p><b>Title:</b> Desperation In Death <b>Author:</b> J.D. Robb <b>Classification:</b> Crime/Mystery/Thriller <b>Book Type:</b> UK Trade Paperback <b>Price:</b> \$33 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Eve Dallas Series.</i> When they made the bargain, they knew they risked death. But living—if you could call existing in <i>The Pleasure Academy</i> living—wasn't much of a bargain...Mina Cabot, age thirteen, disappeared walking home from soccer practice in Devon, Pennsylvania. Eight months later her body is found in Battery Park, New York, speared through the chest by a three-inch piece of wood. Lt. Eve Dallas knows that whoever took Mina is responsible for her death. But who took her and where has Mina been for eight long months?</p>

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## Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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**The American Roommate Experiment** by **Elena Armas** (Trade Paperback—\$23). Rosie Graham has a problem. A few, actually. She just quit her well paid job to focus on her secret career as a romance writer. She hasn't told her family and now has writer's block. Then, the ceiling of her apartment literally crumbles on her. Luckily she has her best friend Lina's spare key while she's out of town. But Rosie doesn't know that Lina has already lent her apartment to her cousin Lucas, who Rosie has been stalking—for lack of a better word—on Instagram. Lucas seems intent on coming to her rescue like a knight in shining armor. Only this one strolls around in a towel, has a distracting grin, and an irresistible accent. Oh, and he cooks...Lucas offers to let Rosie stay with him, at least until she can find affordable temporary housing. And then he proposes an outrageous experiment to bring back her literary muse and meet her deadline: He'll take her on a series of dates meant to jump-start her romantic inspiration. Rosie has nothing to lose. Her silly crush is under control—but Lucas's time in New York has an expiration date, and six weeks may not be enough, for either her or her deadline.

**Overkill** by **Sandra Brown** (Trade Paperback—\$32). Former *Super Bowl MVP* quarterback Zach Bridger hasn't seen his ex-wife, Rebecca Pratt, for some time—not since their volatile marriage imploded—so he's shocked to receive a life-altering call about her. Rebecca has been placed on life support after a violent assault, and he—despite their divorce—has medical power-of-attorney. Zach is asked to make an impossible choice: keep her on life support or take her off it. Buckling under the weight of the responsibility and the glare of public scrutiny, Zach ultimately walks away, letting Rebecca's parents have the final say...Four years later, Rebecca's attacker, Eban—the scion of a wealthy family in Atlanta—gets an early release from prison. The miscarriage of justice reeks of favouritism, and Kate Lennon, a brilliant state prosecutor, is determined to put him back behind bars. Rebecca's parents have kept her alive all these years, but if her condition were to change—if she were to die—Eban could be retried on a new charge: murder...It isn't lost on Zach that in order for Eban to be charged with Rebecca's murder, Zach must actually be the one to kill her. He rejects Kate's legal standpoint but can't resist their ill-timed attraction to each other. Eban, having realized the jeopardy he's in, plots to make certain that neither Zach nor Kate lives to see the death of Rebecca—and the end of his freedom.

**Return to Virgin River** by **Robyn Carr** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Virgin River Series*. Struggling with grief after the death of her

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mother, successful author Kaylee Sloan needs a distraction, to come to terms with life and meet her deadline...With Christmas approaching, Kaylee rents a cabin in Virgin River. She knows the isolation will help her writing and as she drives through the mountains she feels inspired. Until she arrives at a building that has just gone up in flames. Devastated, she heads to Jack's Bar to plan her next steps. The local bar is the heart of the town and once she crosses the threshold, she's surprised to be embraced by people who are more than willing to help a stranger in need...Welcomed by those in Virgin River, Kaylee starts to see her life in a new light. And as she becomes more involved in the town and the people in it, especially local artist and dog trainer Landry Moore, Kaylee realises she may have found her peace. As Christmas approaches, Kaylee's dread turns to wonder. Because there's no better place to mend a broken heart than Virgin River.

**Falls Boys** by **Penelope Douglas** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Hellbent Series*. ARO. Hawken Trent. So polite. So sweet. Such an upstanding young man. A virgin, too, I hear. He never gets naughty with a girl. Probably because Jesus told him not to. And now here he is, trying to be the hero by protecting another girl from me. He calls me a bully. Irrational. Unreasonable. A criminal. He can call me anything he wants, I've heard worse. And he can try to stand between me and my money, but he's never had to fight for food. That rich, clean, school boy doesn't have what it takes...*HAWKE*. I surprised her. You should've seen her face. Just because I don't have a record, honey, doesn't mean I'm clean. It just means I'm better at not getting caught. That is until I realize I might've actually gone too far this time...She's there. I'm there. The scene of the crime. It's dark. The police show up. We have no choice. We run. Down High Street, into Quinn's bake shop, and I pull her through the entrance to the old speakeasy that everyone forgot was here decades ago...The door locks, the cops circle the building, never knowing we're right here, and I'm hidden in plain sight, indefinitely, with someone's who's awful. Mean. Rough. Dirty. A thief. A delinquent. Until one night, lost in all of these rooms together, I don't see any of those things anymore. She's smart. Daring. Soft. Hot...Everything's changing. It's this place. It does something to people...We have a silly urban legend in Shelburne Falls about mirrors. They're a gateway. Don't lean back into them. But we came through front first. I don't care what the county records say. This was never a speakeasy. It's Carnival Tower.

**The Fixer Upper** by **Lauren Forsythe** (Trade Paperback—\$26). Ever since she can remember, Aly

## Book Prices are Continuing to Increase

We are seeing significant upward pressure on book prices, especially those sourced from the US. This is due to a combination of factors, including higher US prices due to inflation and printing industry consolidation (a book priced at US\$7.99 may now be priced at US\$8.99 or US\$9.99), US format changes (some books are being published in the bigger mass market paperback size which is priced at US\$9.99 or, if there is a smaller print run, published as a trade paperback which may be priced at US\$12.95, US\$14.99, US\$15.99, US\$16.99 or more), a lower NZ dollar (currently ~US\$0.56 vs recent levels of around US\$0.70) and higher international shipping rates (currently US\$14.88/kg vs rates a couple of years ago of around US\$6.66/kg). Sometimes, we may proactively source and sell a cheaper non-US version of a book that is in this catalogue.

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has been fixing everything around her: her parents' marriage, her colleagues' work problems, and her friends' love lives are just a few examples. After a chance meeting with an ex who has gone from living in his parents' basement to being a married project manager in three years, she realizes she's been fixing her boyfriends too...So, Aly decides to put her talents to good use and, alongside two work friends, sets up the *Fixer Upper*, an exclusive, underground service for women who are tired of unpaid emotional labour. Using little tricks and tips, Aly and her friends get the men to do the work themselves—to get out of the job they hate, sign up for that growth seminar, do more parenting. Before long, a high-profile Instagram star hires them to fix up her app developer boyfriend. There's just one catch—he's also Aly's childhood best friend and first love. As Aly tackles her biggest "fixer upper" yet, she'll have to come to terms with their complicated history and figure out how much to change someone she'd always thought was perfect as he is.

**Grace Under Fire** by **Julie Garwood** (Hardcover—\$45). *Buchanan-Renard Series*. Grace Isabel MacKenna has a hundred things to do today. Killing someone isn't one of them. It is supposed to be a quick visit to Boston for the Buchanan anniversary party, then on to Scotland to collect an inheritance. She checks into her hotel and then decides to go for a brisk walk. But after getting lost, she ends up with a wounded man stumbling into her arms—and his shooter coming after them both. When she fires back in self-defense, she doesn't expect him to drop dead. After Isabel endures an interrogation by police, she is free to go, thanks to the Buchanans dispatching former Navy SEAL and now lawyer Michael Buchanan to assist her...Isabel knows she should be grateful for Michael's help, but since she's harbored an extreme dislike for him for years, gratitude is difficult to muster. Michael has appointed himself her de facto guardian, and she's stuck with him despite their constant bickering and sizzling attraction. Even when Isabel goes to Scotland to claim her inheritance, Michael follows her—but he isn't the only thing she can't shake. Mysterious threats against Isabel surface, and before they can deal with their growing feelings for each other, Michael and Isabel must first survive.

**Love on the Brain** by **Ali Hazelwood** (Trade Paperback—\$23). Like an avenging, purple-haired Jedi bringing balance to the mansplained universe, Bee Königswasser lives by a simple code: What would Marie Curie do? If NASA offered her the lead on a neuroengineering project—a literal dream come true after years scraping by on the crumbs of academia—Marie would accept without hesitation. Duh. But the mother of modern physics never had to co-lead with Levi Ward...Sure, Levi is attractive in a tall, dark, and piercing-eyes kind of way. And sure, he caught her in his powerfully corded arms like a romance novel hero when she accidentally damseled in distress on her first day in the lab. But Levi made his feelings toward Bee very clear in grad school—archenemies work best employed in their own galaxies far, far away...Now, her equipment is missing, the staff is ignoring her, and Bee finds her floundering career in somewhat of a pickle. Perhaps it's her occipital cortex playing tricks on her, but Bee could swear she can see Levi softening into an

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ally, backing her plays, seconding her ideas...devouring her with those eyes. And the possibilities have all her neurons firing. But when it comes time to actually make a move and put her heart on the line, there's only one question that matters: What will Bee Königswasser do?

**Just Like Magic** by **Sarah Hogle** (Trade Paperback—\$26). The holidays were never her thing, until she accidentally conjures the Holiday Spirit...before her very eyes...Bettie Hughes once knew the comfort of luxury, flaunting a collection of designer purses and an enviable dream home in Hawaii. That was before she lost all her money. Long obsessed with her public image, Bettie boasts an extravagant lifestyle on social media. But the reality is Bettie is broke and squatting in Colorado, and her family has no idea...Christmas, with its pressure to meet familial expectations, is looming when Bettie plays a vinyl record of "All I Want for Christmas Is You" backward and accidentally conjures up Hall, the Holiday Spirit, in the form of a charming and handsome (if offbeat) man. Once the shock wears off, Bettie knows she's stumbled upon the greatest gift: a chance to make all her holiday wishes come true, plus a ready-made fiancé...But as some of Bettie's wishes lose their charm, she finds herself thrown off-kilter by Hall's sweet nature. Suddenly, grumpy Bettie is finding her heart merry and light. But the happier she gets, the shorter Hall's time on earth grows. Can Bettie channel the Christmas spirit and learn to live with goodwill toward all men? Or will her selfish ways return as soon as the holidays are over?

**The Boss Project** by **Vi Keeland** (Trade Paperback—\$39). The first time I met Merrick Crawford was during my job interview. Well, technically, I'd met him twenty minutes earlier when he'd barged into a fitting room a few doors down from my appointment. I yelled. He yelled. After an argument while standing in my bra, I proceeded to smash the door into the gorgeous jerk, trying to yank it shut. As you might imagine, I was freaked out when I discovered that the rude guy was my potential new boss. Yet he didn't seem to recognize me. Or so I thought...Until we wound up bickering again during my interview and he told me to go sniff my armpit. Okay, so maybe I hadn't exactly been changing when he walked in on me. In my defense, I'd been stuck on a hot train for two hours and wanted to make sure I didn't smell...I obviously didn't expect to get the job. But somehow an invitation to a second interview arrived in my inbox. Before I left, I asked to see Merrick. I needed to know why I was even in consideration after our disastrous start. Turned out, Merrick only wanted to hire me because I was the least competent candidate. It seemed his board was making him fill the position, against his wishes. I didn't really want to work in a place where my boss expected me to fail. But I figured maybe I'd enjoy proving him wrong. It was a little thing I dubbed the boss project. What I wasn't prepared for was that there would be other things I'd enjoy doing to Merrick Crawford. Getting involved with the boss wasn't the smartest choice. But you know what they say about choices: Some we regret, some we are proud of. I just had no idea where this one was going to land.

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**Bad Girl Reputation** by **Elle Kennedy** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Avalon Bay Series*. When former bad girl Genevieve West returns home for her mother's funeral, she's prepared to keep her distance from her ex-boyfriend, Evan Hartley. Their history is rife with turbulence. And passion. A heck of a lot of passion...which she's trying to forget...But it's impossible not to run into Evan in the small coastal town where they once ran wild. The moment she sees her gorgeous ex again, it's clear to Gen that Evan is as irresistible as ever. This time, however, she's resolved to walk a new path. No more partying. No more foolish mistakes. Her plan is to temporarily remain in town to help her father run his business, but the second he finds somebody else, she's out of there...Evan has other ideas. He knows they can be good together, but he has to convince Genevieve of that, even if it means turning over a new leaf. But can a bad reputation be shed? Do second chances work? Genevieve and Evan are about to find out.

**Set On You** by **Amy Lea** (Trade Paperback—\$24). *Influencer Series*. Curvy fitness influencer Crystal Chen built her career shattering gym stereotypes. After a recent break-up, she has little time left for men, instead finding joy in the gym—her place of power and positivity...Enter firefighter Scott Ritchie, the smug new guy who routinely steals her favourite squat rack. Soon, sparks start flying...As the ultra-competitive foes battle for gym domination, the last thing they expect is to run into each other at their grandparents' engagement party. And, in the lead-up to the wedding, Crystal discovers there's a soft heart under Scott's muscled exterior. Bonding over family, fitness and cheesy pick-up lines, she just might have found her person...But when a photo of them goes viral, savage internet trolls put their relationship to the test...Are they strong enough to get through it?

**Secrets** by **Fern Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Lost and Found Series*. Every antique tells a story. Cullen and Luna Bodman learned that through their parents' furniture business. Now, with their restoration shop and café, they often find themselves at the center of those stories, unraveling mysteries for their clients. The old steamer chest that Cullen receives from an anonymous source is fascinating in its own right. But inside, Cullen discovers more—a locked diary accompanied by a letter, asking for the diary to be restored to its rightful owner. Also in the trunk is a wooden box containing ticket stubs and an undated carnival flyer...But everyone isn't thrilled with Luna's quest. Her budding relationship with U.S. Marshal Christopher Gaines comes under strain as he tries to talk her out of a wild goose chase. But intuition pushes her on, unveiling a surprising modern-day connection, and leading Cullen and Luna to wonder if the diary's secrets still hold power today...

**Nora Goes Off Script** by **Annabel Monaghan** (Trade Paperback—\$32). Nora Hamilton knows the formula for love better than anyone. As a romance channel screenwriter, it's her job. But when her too-good-to-work husband leaves her and their two kids, Nora turns her marriage's collapse into cash and writes the best script of her life. No one is more surprised than her when it's picked up for the big screen and set to film on location at her 100-year-old-home. When former *Sexiest Man Alive*, Leo Vance, is cast as

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her ne'er do well husband Nora's life will never be the same...The morning after shooting wraps and the crew leaves, Nora finds Leo on her porch with a half-empty bottle of tequila and a proposition. He'll pay a thousand dollars a day to stay for a week. The extra seven grand would give Nora a breathing room, but it's the need in his eyes that makes her say yes. Seven days: it's the blink of an eye or an eternity depending on how you look at it. Enough time to fall in love. Enough time to break your heart...Filled with warmth, wit, and wisdom, *Nora Goes Off Script* is the best kind of love story—the real kind where love is complicated by work, kids, and the emotional baggage that comes with life. For Nora and Leo, this kind of love is bigger than the big screen.

**The Dead Romantics** by **Ashley Poston** (Trade Paperback—\$25). Florence Day is the ghostwriter for one of the most prolific romance authors in the industry, and she has a problem—after a terrible breakup, she no longer believes in love. It's as good as dead...When her new editor, a too-handsome mountain of a man, won't give her an extension on her book deadline, Florence prepares to kiss her career goodbye. But then she gets a phone call she never wanted to receive, and she must return home for the first time in a decade to help her family bury her beloved father...For ten years, she's run from the town that never understood her, and even though she misses the sound of a warm Southern night and her eccentric, loving family and their funeral parlor, she can't bring herself to stay. Even with her father gone, it feels like nothing in this town has changed. And she hates it...Until she finds a ghost standing at the funeral parlor's front door, just as broad and infuriatingly handsome as ever, and he's as confused about why he's there as she is...Romance is most certainly dead...but so is her new editor, and his unfinished business will have her second-guessing everything she's ever known about love stories.

**Surrendering to Hunt** by **Jennifer Ryan** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Wyoming Wilde Series*. The last thing lawman Hunt Wilde ever dreamed he'd do was fall hard for a purple-haired troublemaker like Cyn Wilson. While Hunt believes in law and order, Cyn lives life fast and loose—with fast cars and wild nights. But when Cyn's sister disappears, she surprisingly turns to him for help. Never let it be said that a Wilde man turned down a woman in distress—and on a mission...It takes a lot for Cyn to swallow her pride and ask Hunt for anything. The man never gives her a break and is always staring at her with those perceptive eyes. But beneath Cyn's tough exterior beats a heart as wide and beautiful as Wyoming itself—and soon she finds herself surrendering to the overpowering attraction simmering between them and partnering with him in the search for her missing sister...She won't rest until she learns the truth, even if that means putting herself in harm's way. And when Hunt discovers how much danger Cyn is in because of him, he's even more determined to take down the man who would take her out of Hunt's life—forever.

**The Lost Ticket** by **Freya Sampson** (Trade Paperback—\$39). When Libby Nicholls arrives in London, brokenhearted and with her life in tatters, the first person she meets on the bus is elderly Frank. He tells her about the time in 1962 that he

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met a girl on the number 88 bus with beautiful red hair just like hers. They made plans for a date at the National Gallery art museum, but Frank lost the bus ticket with her number on it. For the past sixty years, he's ridden the same bus trying to find her, but with no luck...Libby is inspired to action and, with the help of an unlikely companion, she papers the bus route with posters advertising their search. Libby begins to open her guarded heart to new friendships and a budding romance, as her world expands. But with Frank's dementia progressing quickly, their chance of finding the girl on the 88 bus is slipping away...More than anything, Libby wants Frank to see his lost love one more time. But their quest also shows Libby just how important it is to embrace her own chances for happiness—before it's too late.

**Maggie Moves On** by **Lucy Score** (Trade Paperback—\$26). House-flipping sensation and YouTube star Maggie Nichols can't wait to dig into her next challenge. Arriving in a tiny American town with only a coffeemaker, Maggie is prepared to restore a crumbling Victorian mansion in four months or less. She has her to-do lists, her blueprints and her team. What she doesn't have is time for sexy, laid-back landscaper Silas Wright...The man takes flirtation to a whole new level. And he does it shirtless...He and his dog are impressively persistent. But she's not interested in putting down roots. Not when fans tune in to watch her travel the country turning dilapidated houses into dream homes. A short-term fling on the other hand could fit nicely into her calendar. After all, Maggie remembers what fun is like. Vaguely...As their summer gets steamy, Silas manages to demolish the emotional walls she's spent years building, sending Maggie into a panic. He's the wrench in her carefully constructed plans. With the end of the project looming, she has a decision to make. But how can she stay when her entire career is built on moving on?

**Love in the Time of Serial Killers** by **Alicia Thompson** (Trade Paperback—\$33). PhD candidate Phoebe Walsh has always been obsessed with true crime. She's even analyzing the genre in her dissertation—if she can manage to finish writing it. It's hard to find the time while she spends the summer in Florida, cleaning out her childhood home, dealing with her obnoxiously good-natured younger brother, and grappling with the complicated feelings of mourning a father she hadn't had a relationship with for years...It doesn't help that she's low-key convinced that her new neighbor, Sam Dennings, is a serial killer (he may dress business casual by day, but at night he's clearly up to something). It's not long before Phoebe realizes that Sam might be something much scarier—a genuinely nice guy who can pierce her armour to reach her vulnerable heart.

### Crime & Mystery & Thriller

**The Long Call** by **Ann Cleeves** (Trade Paperback Release—\$25). *Detective Matthew Vern Series*. In North Devon, where the rivers Taw and Torridge converge and run into the sea, Detective Matthew Venn stands outside the church as his father's funeral takes place. The day Matthew turned his back on the strict evangelical community in which he grew up, he lost his family too...Now he's back, not just to mourn his father at a distance, but to take charge of his first major case in the Two Rivers

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region; a complex place not quite as idyllic as tourists suppose...A body has been found on the beach near Matthew's new home: a man with the tattoo of an albatross on his neck, stabbed to death...Finding the killer is Venn's focus, and his team's investigation will take him straight back into the community he left behind, and the deadly secrets that lurk there.

**The Enigma of Room 622** by **Joel Dicker** (Trade Paperback—\$33). It all starts with an innocuous curiosity: at the Hotel de Verbier, a luxury hotel in the Swiss Alps, there is no Room 622...This anomaly piques the interest of Joel Dicker, Switzerland's most famous literary star, who flees to the Verbier to recover from a bad breakup, mourn the death of his publisher, and begin his next novel...Before he knows it, he's coaxed out of his slump by a fellow guest, who quickly uncovers the reason behind Room 622's erasure: an unsolved murder. The attendant circumstances: a love triangle and a power struggle at the heart of Switzerland's largest private bank, a mysterious counter-intelligence unit known only as P-30, and a shadowy emigre with more money than God...A Russian doll of a mystery crafted with the precision of a Swiss watch, this is Joel Dicker's most diabolically addictive thriller yet.

**The Ink Black Heart** by **Robert Galbraith** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Cormoran Strike Series*. When frantic, dishevelled Edie Ledwell appears in the office begging to speak to her, private detective Robin Ellacott doesn't know quite what to make of the situation. The co-creator of a popular cartoon, *The Ink Black Heart*, Edie is being persecuted by a mysterious online figure who goes by the pseudonym of Anomie. Edie is desperate to uncover Anomie's true identity...Robin decides that the agency can't help with this—and thinks nothing more of it until a few days later, when she reads the shocking news that Edie has been tasered and then murdered in Highgate Cemetery, the location of *The Ink Black Heart*...Robin and her business partner Cormoran Strike become drawn into the quest to uncover Anomie's true identity. But with a complex web of online aliases, business interests and family conflicts to navigate, Strike and Robin find themselves embroiled in a case that stretches their powers of deduction to the limits—and which threatens them in new and horrifying ways...

**The Survivors** by **Jane Harper** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). Kieran Elliott's life changed forever on a single day when a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that haunts him still resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small coastal town he once called home...Kieran's parents are struggling in a community which is bound, for better or worse, to the sea that is both a lifeline and a threat. Between them all is his absent brother Finn...When a body is discovered on the beach, long-held secrets threaten to emerge in the murder investigation that follows. A sunken wreck, a missing girl, and questions that have never washed away...

**A Certain Darkness** by **Anna Lee Huber** (Trade Paperback—\$39). *Verity Kent Series*. March 1920: Life has turned unsettlingly quiet for former British Intelligence agent Verity Kent and her husband, Sidney. But even that false calm is about to end. As threats remain, the French authorities soon request



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Sidney's help with a suspect who claims to have proof of treason—shortly before she is assassinated. And Verity, too, is called to investigate a mystery...The murder of a Belgian lawyer aboard a train seems at first to be a simple case of revenge. But the victim was connected to British Intelligence, and possessed papers detailing the sinking of a gold-laden German ship during the war...As Verity and Sidney dig deeper, they discover their cases are intertwined—and a lethal adversary persists. Officially, the *Great War* may be over, but this is a battle of nerves and wits they cannot afford to lose...

**A Treacherous Tale** by **Elizabeth Penney** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Cambridge Bookshop Series*. Lately, Molly Kimball has been feeling that she might have fallen into a fairy tale: she's reinvigorated the family bookshop *Thomas Marlowe—Manuscripts and Folios*, made friends in her new home of Cambridge, England, and is even developing a bit of a romance with the handsome Kieran—a bike shop owner with a somewhat intimidating family pedigree...Having recently discovered *The Strawberry Girls*, a classic children's tale, Molly is thrilled to learn the author, Iona York, lives nearby. But while visiting the famous author at her lovely cottage in nearby Hazelhurst, an old acquaintance of Iona's tumbles off her roof to his death...Then, when one of Iona's daughters—an inspiration for the original *Strawberry Girls*—goes missing, Molly begins to worry this story might be more Brothers Grimm than happily-ever-after. Especially after Molly learns about the mysterious long-ago death of Iona's husband and co-author of *The Strawberry Girls*...could past and present crimes be linked? Molly must put the clues together before someone turns this sweet tale sour.

**A Song of Comfortable Chairs** by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback—\$30). *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency Series*. Grace Makutsi's husband, Phuti Radiphuti, is in a bind. An international firm is attempting to undercut his prices in the office furniture market. Phuti has always been concerned with quality and comfort, but this firm seems interested only in profits. To make matters worse, they have a slick new advertising campaign that seems hard to beat...Meanwhile, Grace is approached by an old friend who has a troubled son. She and Phuti agree to take Patience and Modise in and lend a hand, but things don't work out quite as intended, and the situation proves difficult for them to handle. It will require not only all of their persistence and dedication but also help from an unexpected quarter to find a solution that will make everyone happy...Faced with more than her fair share of delicate dilemmas, Mma Makutsi deals with it all with her usual graciousness.

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**A Duke at the Door** by **Susanna Allen** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Shapeshifters of the Beau Monde Series*. After being captured and held captive in a traveling menagerie, Alwyn Ap Lewin, Duke of Llewellyn, refuses to shift into his lion form. The longer he denies his inner lion, the sicker he gets, but he'd rather die free than be captive ever again. The denizens of Lowell Close live in fear and suspicion of Alwyn—except for lady apothecary Tabitha Barrington. Tabitha alone can help the shapeshifting duke, and with her by his side, the

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*Wild Lion of Wales* discovers he has something to live for, and to fight for, after all.

**A Twist of Fate** by **Kelley Armstrong** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$39). *Stitch in Time Series*. Three years ago, Rosalind Courtenay stumbled from the nineteenth century to the twenty-first, where she was trapped, leaving her husband and infant son behind. Now she's found her way back...The problem is how to explain her absence to her husband. Does he think she abandoned him? Has he remarried? Rosalind decides to don a disguise in hopes of answering her questions before showing up on his doorstep. Instead, a twist of fate has her mistaken for her son's new governess...Rosalind intends to reveal herself as soon as August returns home from business. Until then, she'll get to know her son, a quiet child who has inexplicably been abandoned by a stream of governesses. That's when the hauntings begin. Rosalind has finally come home and something—or someone—doesn't just want her gone. They want her dead.

**A Curse of Queens** by **Amanda Bouchet** (Trade Paperback—\$38). *Kingmaker Chronicles Series*. After centuries of conflict, the three kingdoms of Thalyria have been reunited. But now the queen has been cursed, the royal lineage has been broken, and no one knows who's behind the plot to threaten the once-fractured realm's fragile new peace...Desperate to help, Jocasta—the king's younger sister and a gifted healer—hatches a daring plan to find *Circe's Garden*, a fabled island where she hopes to discover an antidote. But she can't do it alone. She needs the strong arm and unflinching bravery of the warrior she's loved since childhood—her brother's right-hand-man and captain of the guard, Flynn of Sinta...Flynn has spent years fighting to deny the longing burning between them, but he cannot allow Jocasta to face this danger alone. As they face the ultimate challenge, old feelings blaze brighter than ever. Together, they must overcome the greatest of odds, or lose the kingdom—and their love—forever.

**Phantom Game** by **Christine Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Ghostwalker Series*. Jonas "Smoke" Harper has watched his brothers find their perfect mates, never imagining he'd meet someone who complements every part of him—even the monster that lurks within. But his instant connection with Camellia goes far beyond wanting the intelligent, beautiful, and lethal woman in his bed. They are two parts of a whole, linked to each other and to a larger network that exists everywhere around them...Camellia has lived on her own for a long time, relying on her unique psychic abilities to keep her safe. She knows that Jonas was literally made for her, and that makes their addictive connection more dangerous than a thousand enhanced super soldiers. Once the larger threat looming over them is dealt with she's going to get far away as fast as she can. Life has taught her that the only one she can truly trust is herself...Jonas can sense Camellia is going to run—and the hunter inside doesn't want to let go. Not when he knows how good they'll be together. He'll have to use all of his considerable skills to convince her to stay...

**Dark Tarot** by **Christine Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Carpathian Series*. Sandu Berdardi continues to exist only to protect his people. An ancient Carpathian, his entire long life

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has been dedicated to honour above all else. He knows his time has passed, especially since he has not been able to find his lifemate—the anchor to keep him sane in a world he no longer understands. But just as he truly starts to give up hope, a voice reaches out to him in the night and his world explodes into color...Adalasia enters Sandu's mind seamlessly, as if she has been a part of him forever. While she can see the shape of things to come in her deck of cards, her gift is both a blessing and a curse. The true course of Sandu's quest remains unclear, with danger waiting at every turn. She cannot see everything the future holds, but she does know it is a journey they will take together...By joining him, she will start them down a dangerous, seductive path from which there is no coming back...

**Dark Whisper** by **Christine Feehan** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Carpathian Series*. Vasilisa Sidkorolyavolkva is a Lycan of royal blood. She knows what's expected of her, but all she wants is to be out from under her family's watchful eyes. There is a fire inside her that is building. A restlessness coupled with a sense of growing dread. Every day she feels the weight of the legacy passed down through generations. The prophecy that says a man will come to claim her as his mate and that she will guard his soul. She knows nothing about him, except that he is hers. But nothing seems real until the night she meets him in the flesh...Afanasiy Belan is a Carpathian, and an ancient one. In all the centuries of his existence, no one has ever affected him like Vasilisa. He can see into her mind and feel what's in her heart. They are so alike, warriors bound by honour and plagued by secrets. They both know they must reveal the darkest parts of their souls if they hope to survive and protect the ones they love...But if they claim each other as lifemates it will change them down to the bone. They will become something more—something both of their kinds fear...

**Foul Lady Fortune** by **Chloe Gong** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Foul Lady Fortune Series*. It's 1931 in Shanghai, and the stage is set for a new decade of intrigue...Four years ago, Rosalind Lang was brought back from the brink of death, but the strange experiment that saved her also stopped her from sleeping and aging—and allows her to heal from any wound. In short, Rosalind cannot die. Now, desperate for redemption from her traitorous past, she uses her abilities as an assassin for her country...Code name: *Fortune*...But when the Japanese Imperial Army begins its invasion march, Rosalind's mission pivots. A series of murders is causing unrest in Shanghai, and the Japanese are under suspicion. Rosalind's new orders are to infiltrate foreign society and identify the culprits behind the terror plot before more of her people are killed...To reduce suspicion, however, she must pose as the wife of another Nationalist spy, Orion Hong, and though Rosalind finds Orion's cavalier attitude and playboy demeanor infuriating, she is willing to work with him for the greater good. But Orion has an agenda of his own, and Rosalind has secrets that she wants to keep buried. As they both attempt to unravel the conspiracy, the two spies soon find that there are deeper and more horrifying layers to this mystery than they ever imagined.

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**Belladonna** by **Adalyn Grace** (Trade Paperback — \$26). *Belladonna Series*. Orphaned as a baby, nineteen-year-old Signa has been raised by a string of guardians, each more interested in her wealth than her wellbeing—and each has met an untimely end. Her remaining relatives are the elusive Hawthornes, an eccentric family living at Thorn Grove, an estate both glittering and gloomy. Its patriarch mourns his late wife through wild parties, while his son grapples for control of the family's waning reputation and his daughter suffers from a mysterious illness. But when their mother's restless spirit appears claiming she was poisoned, Signa realizes that the family she depends on could be in grave danger and enlists the help of a surly stable boy to hunt down the killer...However, Signa's best chance of uncovering the murderer is an alliance with Death himself, a fascinating, dangerous shadow who has never been far from her side. Though he's made her life a living hell, Death shows Signa that their growing connection may be more powerful—and irresistible—than she dared imagine.

**Final Heir** by **Faith Hunter** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Jane Yellowrock Series*. Jane Yellowrock is the queen of the vampires, and that makes her a target as she fights to maintain control and keep peace in the city of New Orleans. She has enemies at every turn, because vampires live forever, and they keep their grudges alive with them. That includes the Heir, the vampire sire of the Pellissier bloodline, which gave rise to Leo Pellissier himself—Jane's old boss and the former master of the city...With the Heir and all the forces of darkness he can muster arrayed against her, Jane will need all the help she can get. She'll find it in her city, her friends, her found family, and, of course, the Beast inside of her.

**The Very Secret Society of Irregular Witches** by **Sangu Mandanna** (Trade Paperback—\$33). As one of the few witches in Britain, Mika Moon knows she has to hide her magic, keep her head down, and stay away from other witches so their powers don't mingle and draw attention. And as an orphan who lost her parents at a young age and was raised by strangers, she's used to being alone and she follows the rules...with one exception: an online account, where she posts videos pretending to be a witch. She thinks no one will take it seriously...But someone does. An unexpected message arrives, begging her to travel to the remote and mysterious *Nowhere House* to teach three young witches how to control their magic. It breaks all of the rules, but Mika goes anyway, and is immediately tangled up in the lives and secrets of not only her three charges, but also an absent archaeologist, a retired actor, two long-suffering caretakers, and...Jamie. The handsome and prickly librarian of *Nowhere House* would do anything to protect the children, and as far as he's concerned, a stranger like Mika is a threat. An irritatingly appealing threat...As Mika begins to find her place at *Nowhere House*, the thought of belonging somewhere begins to feel like a real possibility. But magic isn't the only danger in the world, and when peril comes knocking at their door, Mika will need to decide whether to risk everything to protect a found family she didn't know she was looking for...

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**Kingdom of the Feared** by **Kerri Maniscalco** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Kingdom of the Wicked Series*. Two curses. One prophecy. A reckoning all have feared...And a love more powerful than fate. All hail the king and queen of Hell...Emilia is reeling from a shocking discovery about her sister, Vittoria. But before she faces the demons of her past, Emilia yearns to claim her king, the seductive Prince of Wrath, in the flesh. She doesn't just desire his body; she wants his heart and soul—but that's something the enigmatic demon can't promise her...When a high-ranking member of House Greed is assassinated, damning evidence somehow points to Vittoria as the murderer. Now, Emilia will do anything to get to the bottom of these accusations against the sister she thought she knew...Together, Emilia and Wrath play a sin-fueled game of deception to solve the murder and stop the unrest that's brewing between witches, demons, shape-shifters, and the most treacherous foes of all: the Feared. Emilia was warned that when it came to the Wicked, nothing was as it seemed. But have the true villains been much closer all along?

**After the Bite** by **Lynsay Sands** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Argeneau Series*. Immortal Enforcer Valerian just wants to relax. His last assignment had been more grueling than he'd care to admit, and golf has always helped him unwind. If golf course owner Natalie thinks it's a little odd for him to tee off at sunset every evening, she's keeping it to herself. The single mom is sexy as hell, and her little daughter Mia only adds to his delight. He knows Natalie is wary of a relationship of any kind...what will she think when she discovers he's an Immortal? His best course of action is to woo her the old-fashioned way...But the course of true love never did run smooth—especially for a vampire and a mortal. And when danger stalks Natalie, Valerian realizes he's playing a game of life and death and if he loses this round, he risks losing her forever.

**Christmas Wolf Surprise** by **Terry Spear** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Red Wolf Series*. Red wolf shifter Maverick Wilding is preoccupied with managing the Christmas activities that make the reindeer at his ranch so popular during the holidays, until a run-in with werewolf hunters cause the worst sort of trouble for his kind...Gina Hutton is out on a Bigfoot adventure in the forest with her brother James when she is suddenly immersed in an adventure far more dangerous and surprising than she ever could have imagined. When she falls head over heels she is torn between the new world of wolves she is discovering and the world she must leave behind.

**The Kiss Curse** by **Erin Sterling** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Ex Hex Series*. Gwyn Jones is perfectly happy with her life in Graves Glen. She, her mom, and her cousin have formed a new and powerful coven; she's running a successful witchcraft shop, *Something Wicked*; and she's started mentoring some of the younger witches in town. As Halloween approaches, there's only one problem—Llewellyn “Wells” Penhallow...Wells has come to Graves Glen to re-establish his family's connection to the town they founded as well as to make a new life for himself after years of being the dutiful son in Wales. When he opens up a shop of his own, *Penhallow's*, just across

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the street from *Something Wicked*, he quickly learns he's gotten more than he bargained for in going up against Gwyn...When their professional competition leads to a very personal—and very hot—kiss, both Wells and Gwyn are determined to stay away from each other, convinced the kiss was just a magical fluke. But when a mysterious new coven of witches come to town and Gwyn's powers begin fading, she and Wells must work together to figure out just what these new witches want and how to restore Gwyn's magic before it's too late.

**Lover Arisen** by **J.R. Ward** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$26). *Black Dagger Brotherhood Series*. Possessed by the demon Devina, Balthazar is once again on the hunt for the *Book of Spells*—and fighting an undeniable attraction to a woman. As a thief, he has stolen a lot of things...but he never thought his heart would be taken by another. Especially not a human...As a homicide detective, Erika Saunders knows there is something otherworldly going on in Caldwell, New York. Mutilated bodies that cannot be explained are all over her case list—and then there are her nightmares in which she's in which she's hunted by shadows and captivated by a mysterious man who is both a suspect and a saviour...When Devina's wish for true love is finally granted, Balthazar and Erika unwittingly become the gateway for the rebirth of an old enemy of the Brothers. Will the very thing that brings them together lead to the ultimate destruction of the Brotherhood? Or will they have to lose everything in order to save the race's most sacred defenders?

**The Viper** by **J.R. Ward** (Trade Paperback—\$33). *Black Dagger Brotherhood: Prison Camp Series*. Framed for the grisly murder of his shellan, Kane is condemned to the notorious prison camp—unaware of the dark truth behind his arranged mating. Centuries later, when he is horribly burned while attempting to save others, he prays he'll finally be reunited in the Fade with his mate...not knowing what revelations await him...Nadya is a self-taught nurse who does what she can to ease the suffering of the prisoners. When Kane comes under her care, she cannot help but empathize with his condition for very personal reasons—and as the guards take him away one last time, she fears he is facing a terrible death...After a daring rescue, Kane is offered a treatment that will change his very nature. Choosing life, for the time being, he goes back for the female who took such good care of him—but his duty to Nadya sets him on a collision course with his own past. When long-buried secrets are exposed, his self-destruction is inevitable...unless true love can save his soul.

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**Blame It On the Earl** by **Jane Ashford** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *The Duke's Estates Series*. Two strangers marry to avert a scandal, though his parents fight to thwart them. Sarah Moran's attempt to save Kenver Pendrennon—the heir of an earl—as he slips off the Cornwall cliffs sends them both into each other's arms and into the sea. Now, marriage may be the only option to keep a scandal at bay. But what started as a terrible mistake may be exactly what both of them needs...As they fall deeply in love, a young man must come into his own authority and a young woman learn her own worth.



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**Duke Most Wicked** by **Lenora Bell** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Wallflowers vs. Rogues Series*. It is a truth universally acknowledged that a wicked duke who has gambled away his fortune must be in want of an heiress...Scarred by a dark secret, Brandan Delamar, Duke of Westbury, must concede his misdeeds have finally caught up with him. With five younger sisters to support, he must marry for money...Sunny and steadfast, Viola Beaton is no heiress. As music instructor to the duke's sisters, she's developed a genuine affection for the bright young ladies. Unfortunately, she's also developed a forbidden passion for her wildly attractive employer...It must be the way he inspires her to compose sonatas about moonlight and kisses. Or how his gaze smoulders and lingers on her skin. Or because he makes her heart whisper impossible things...When Westbury decrees that he'll choose not only a bride, but grooms for his sisters, Viola can't allow him to curtail their freedom. She strikes a bargain: if he allows his sisters to attend the Season, Viola will chaperone them and keep them safe from scandal...Only...what if Viola and the duke are the ones most likely to cause a scandal?

**An Heiress's Guide to Deception and Desire** by **Manda Collins** (Mass Market Paperback Release—\$24). *Ladies Most Scandalous Series*. England, 1866: Miss Caroline Hardcastle has finally found purpose in her life, bringing attention to insidious crimes against women. But her parents' unexpected return from the Continent jeopardizes Caro's hard-won freedom. They present her with an ultimatum: marry into a title...or else. Caro is confident that no gentleman would wed an on-the-shelf journalist, no matter how large her dowry is. But when a dear friend goes missing, Caro finds her best ally is also the nobleman she once dreamed of marrying...Ever since a devastating heartbreak in his younger years, Lord Valentine Thorn has stayed clear of the parson's trap. Only now, with the lineage in danger, does Val agree to find a bride—with the condition his heart remains unattached. But when his cousin becomes entangled in the disappearance of a young actress, Val finds the only one with any answers is also the only woman he ever dreamed of marrying. Despite their complicated history, Caro and Val reluctantly agree to an alliance, vowing to ignore the passion that still burns between them. Yet with danger growing nearer, can they move forward from the past—before death does them part?

**Much Ado About Dukes** by **Eva Devon** (Mass Market Paperback—\$22). *Never a Wallflower Series*. As far as William Easton—the Duke of Blackheath—is concerned, love can go to the devil. Why would a man need passion when he has wealth, a stately home, and work to occupy his mind? But no one warned him that a fiery and frustratingly strong-willed activist like Lady Beatrice Haven could find a way to get under his skin...and that he might enjoy it...Lady Beatrice is determined to never marry. Ever. She would much rather fight for the rights of women and provoke the darkly handsome Duke of Blackheath, even if he does claim to be forward-thinking. After all, dukes—even gorgeous ones—are the enemy. So why does she feel such enjoyment from their heated exchanges?...But everything changes when Beatrice finds herself suddenly

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without fortune, a husband, or even a home. Now her future depends on the very man who sets her blood boiling. Because in order to protect his esteemed rival, the Duke of Blackheath has asked for Beatrice's hand, inviting his once-enemy into his home...and his bed.

**Something in the Heir** by **Suzanne Enoch** (Trade Paperback—\$39). Smart, capable heiress Emmeline Pershing will do anything to keep her beloved home; and all it takes is an arranged marriage and a teeny white lie to fulfill her family's silly inheritance rules. But now her little fib means that she and her completely unsuspecting husband are going to inherit big—and very messy!—trouble...Emmeline and William Pershing have enjoyed a perfectly convenient marriage for eight years. Their relationship is a seamless blend of their talents and goals. They've settled into separate, well-ordered lives beneath the same roof, and are content to stay that way—or so Emmeline thinks. And if William has secretly longed for a bit more from the woman he adores, he's managed to be content with her supreme skills as a hostess and planner, which has helped him advance his career...Then when Emmeline's grandfather, the reclusive Duke of Welshire, summons them both for his birthday celebration and demands they bring their two little angelic children, William is stunned to discover that his very proper wife invented not one, but two heirs to fulfill the agreement for living at Winnover. But surely if Emmeline and William team up and borrow two cherubs to call their own, what could go wrong? Enter George, age 8, and Rose, 5—the two most unruly orphans in Britain...As the insanity unfolds, their careful, professional arrangement takes some surprisingly intimate turns. Perhaps it takes a bit of madness to create the perfect happily ever after.

**The Duke's Rules of Engagement** by **Jennifer Haymore** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). Joanna Porter loves being one of London's hottest up-and-coming matchmakers. But her heavenly vocation is about to turn into a nuptial nightmare—thanks to the Duke of Crestmont. He's as handsome as he is insufferable and obsessed with all things proper. Matching him would cement Jo's status as England's greatest matchmaker. Except, of course, the impossible-to-please duke refuses all of her most eligible ladies...confirming his status as a complete and utter pain in her petticoats...The Duke of Crestmont can't believe he needs a matchmaker—let alone this spitfire of a woman whose kissable mouth and dancing, impertinent gray eyes tease him ruthlessly. But the people of his estate are counting on him to find a duchess. A proper lady with a flawless pedigree and immaculate deportment. So why can't he stop himself from wanting his pert, lively matchmaker...instead of the perfect duchess?...Now the entire ton is watching as this determined, audacious matchmaker takes on the most powerful man in London. And this show might just be the most outrageous one yet...

**The Scoundrel Falls Hard** by **Sophie Jordan** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Duke Hunt Series*. For years, fiercely independent Gwen Cully has worked as the village blacksmith, keeping her family's business going. But when a local rival threatens her

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livelihood, Gwen has nowhere to turn...until a devastatingly handsome fugitive takes shelter in her shop and sparks fly...Unrepentant rogue Kellan Fox's entire existence has been a dangerous game of deception that leads him into a fight for survival—and straight into the arms of a tall, fiery beauty. When Gwen protects him from an angry mob of villagers, Kellan sees the perfect solution to both their troubles. A marriage—in name only—that will last a single year...Only a marriage of convenience can't hide their searing attraction. It glows hotter than Gwen's forge and reaches deep below the tempting mask Kellan wears for the world. With every sizzling glance and scorching kiss, Gwen surrenders more of herself to the molten passion she finds in Kellan's strong embrace. But can she ever truly trust her heart to a scoundrel?

**The Highlander's Holiday Wife** by **Vanessa Kelly** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Clan Kendrick Series*. It's Christmastime in Edinburgh, but Lady Samantha Penwith's secret mission takes no holiday: the Highlands-born lass vows to find the assailants who murdered her beloved husband, founder of a charitable school for orphaned boys. On her latest undercover excursion, she closes in on a pair of armed attackers and interrupts another assault, then disappears into the darkness, leaving the lone victim mystified—and lucky to be alive...Braden Kendrick may be the sensible brother, yet the dedicated doctor routinely ignores the dangers of his late-night calls to the city's slums. But when a fleet-footed rescuer saves his life, he's determined to uncover the stranger's identity. And once he does, he'll find himself facing his own past loss for the first time—and more than willing to risk his heart again, just in time to make the Clan Kendrick's Christmas celebrations more festive than ever...

**The Time for Love** by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback—\$49). *Cynsters Next Generation Series*. Martin Cynster arrives at Carmichael Steelworks set on acquiring the business as the jewel in his industrialist's crown, only to discover that the lady owner is not at all what he expected...Miss Sophia Carmichael learned about steelmaking at her father's knee and, having inherited the major shareholding, sees no reason not to continue exactly as she is—running the steelworks and steadily becoming an expert in steel alloys. When Martin Cynster tracks her down, she has no option but to listen to his offer—until impending disaster on the steelworks floor interrupts...Consequently, she tries to dismiss Martin, but he's persistent, and as he has now saved her life, gratitude compels her to hear him out. And day by day, as his understanding of her and the works grows, what he offers grows increasingly tempting, until a merger, both business-wise and personal, is very much on their cards...But a series of ever-escalating incidents makes it clear someone else has an eye on the steelworks. The quest to learn who and why leads Martin and Sophy into ever greater danger as, layer by layer, they uncover a diabolical scheme that, ultimately, will drain the lifeblood not just from the steelworks but from the city of Sheffield as well.

**How the Wallflower Was Won** by **Eva Leigh** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Last Chance Scoundrels Series*. Notorious rake Finn Ransome is much

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happier at a gaming table than pandering to society's expectations. However, his father has made it clear he must marry or lose his inheritance...After a disastrous first season, Tabitha Seaton is focusing on books instead of ballrooms. But to be taken seriously in a male-dominated academic world she must marry. Tabitha needs a husband, and an infamous, handsome gambler may be her best bet...Finn and Tabitha are opposites who believe a calculated marriage of convenience will solve all their problems—with no risk to their hearts. Will their gamble pay off? Or have Finn and Tabitha met their match?

**The Duke Not Taken** by **Julia London** (Mass Market Paperback—\$26). *Royal Match Series*. Ever since her sister became queen two years ago, Amelia Ivanosen, Princess of Wesloria, has been flirting and skirting scandal—just barely. Before she does anything too outlandish, she is sent to England and Lila Alexander, illustrious matchmaker to the ton, is recruited. Respectably ensconced at the country estate of a family friend, Amelia is introduced to many eligible bachelors, but...there is no spark. There never seems to be unless the man is completely wrong for her...Next door lives Joshua Parker, Duke of Marley, who is grumpy and reclusive—for good reason. His first wife died in childbirth. When Marley is dragged by a friend to his neighbor's soiree, he and Amelia instantly dislike each other. Their banter is snarky and heated. He's a stuck-up smarty-pants; she's a self-involved, annoying princess...Sparks fly when they're together—fireworks actually—but they loathe each other. Really. So why can't they stop thinking about each other?

**Heartbreaker** by **Sarah MacLean** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *Hell's Belles Series*. A Princess of Thieves—Raised among London's most notorious criminals, a twist of fate landed Adelaide Frampton in the bright ballrooms of Mayfair, where she masquerades as a quiet wallflower—so plain and unassuming that no one realizes she's the Matchbreaker...using her superior skills as a thief to help brides avoid the altar...A King of Reputation—Henry, Duke of Clayborn, has spent a lifetime living in perfection. He has no time for the salacious gossip that arises every time the Matchbreaker ends another groom. His own reputation is impeccable—and the last thing he needs is a frustrating, fascinating woman discovering the truth of his past, or the secrets he holds close...A Royal Match—When the two find themselves on a breakneck journey across Britain to stop a wedding, it's impossible for Clayborn to resist this woman who both frustrates and fascinates him. But late-night carriage rides make for delicious danger...and soon Adelaide is uncovering Clayborn's truths, throwing his well-laid plans into chaos...and threatening to steal his heavily guarded heart.

**One Night with the Duke** by **Jodi Ellen Malpas** (Trade Paperback—\$26). *Belmore Square Series*. It's 1816 and nineteen-year-old Eliza Melrose, daughter of a printing magnate, is about to be launched into London's high society—much to her distaste, the last thing she wants is a husband...But then she meets the youngest son of the late Duke of Chester, a disgraced nobleman who is shrouded in mystery and

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proving quite impossible to resist!...As the season begins, Eliza is shocked to discover that she won't even be given the chance to choose her own husband—and that the Melrose family fortune hangs in the balance...But will she risk everything for just one night with the Duke?

**The Hellion and the Hero** by **Emily Sullivan** (Mass Market Paperback—\$24). *League of Scoundrels Series*. Lady Georgiana Arlington has always done what's best for her family—even when it meant marrying a man she didn't love to save her father. Her husband's death has left her stronger and bolder—a hellion, some would even say. When a mysterious enemy jeopardizes her livelihood and reputation, there's only one person she can trust to help her uncover the threat: the same man she left heartbroken years ago...Captain Henry Harris is no longer the penniless fortune hunter he was when they first met. Now a decorated naval hero, he could have his choice of women, but no other woman has Georgie's allure, nor the tenacity he can't help but admire. Assisting Lady Arlington will put both his body and his heart in danger—and yet, he can't resist a second chance with the one woman he's never been able to forget.

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time, Angelika embarks upon a project that is all her own...When her handsome scientific miracle sits up on the lab table, her hopes for an instant romantic connection are thrown into disarray. Her resurrected beau (named Will for the moment) has total amnesia and is solely focused on uncovering his true identity. Trying to ignore their heart-pounding chemistry, Angelika reluctantly joins the investigation into his past, hoping it will bring them closer. But when a second suitor emerges to aid their quest, Angelika wonders if she was too hasty inventing a solution. Perhaps fate is not something that can be influenced in a laboratory? Or is Will (or whatever his name is!) her dream man, tailored for her in every way? And can he survive what was done to him in the name of science, and love?

**Mainstream**

**Lessons in Chemistry** by **Bonnie Garmus** (Trade Paperback—\$32). Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing...But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans, the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results...Like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show, *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ('combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride') proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.

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