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#### HERE ARE THREE BOOKS WE HAVE EAGERLY BEEN AWAITING! GO TELL THE BEES THAT IM GONE - DIANA GABALDON BOOK #9 \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK \$54.95 H/COVER (DUE 23RD NOV)



Start with Outlander. Jamie Fraser and Claire Randall were torn apart by the Jacobite Rising in 1746, and it took them twenty years to find each other again. Now the American Revolution threatens to do the same. It is 1779 and Claire and Jamie are at last reunited with their daughter, Brianna, her husband, Roger, and their children on Fraser's Ridge. Having the family together is a dream the Frasers had thought impossible. Yet even in the North Carolina backcountry, the effects of war are being felt. Tensions in the Colonies are great and local feelings run hot enough to boil Hell's teakettle. Jamie knows lovalties among his tenants are split and it won't be long until the war is on his doorstep. Brianna and Roger have their own worry: that the dangers that provoked their escape from the twentieth century might catch up to them. Sometimes they question whether risking the

perils of the 1700s-among them disease, starvation, and an impending war--was indeed the safer choice for their family. Not so far away, young William Ransom is still coming to terms with the discovery of his true father's identity and Lord John Grey has reconciliations to make, and dangers to meet. Meanwhile, the Revolutionary War creeps ever closer to Fraser's Ridge. And with the family finally together, Jamie and Claire have more at stake than ever before.



#### **GUILD BOSS - JAYNE CASTLE** BOOK #11 \$19.99 TRADE P/BACK \$49.95 H/COVER



Start with Bridal Jitters. Living in this new, alien world doesn't stop the settlers from trying to re-create what they've left behind. Case in pointweddings are still the highlight of any social calendar. But it's the after-party that turns disastrous for Lucy Bell. Kidnapped and drugged as she leaves **RENTZ** the party, she manages to escape-only to find herself lost in the alien underground maze of glowing green tunnels beneath Illusion Town. She's been surviving on determination and cold pizza, scavenged for her by a special dust bunny, when help finally shows up. Gabriel Jones is the Ghost Hunter sent to rescue her, but escaping the underground ruins is only the beginning of her troubles. With no rational reason for her abduction, and her sole witness gone on another assignment for the Guild, whispers start circulating that Lucy made it up. Soon her life unravels until she has nothing left but her pride.

The last thing she expects is for Gabriel Jones to come back to town for her. The Lucy that Gabriel finds is not the same woman he rescued, instead of awe, she treats him with caution. But a killer is still hunting her. Despite her wariness, Gabriel is also the one person who believes Lucy-after all, he was there. He's determined to help clear her reputation, no matter what it takes. And as the new Guild Boss, his word is law, even in the lawlessness of Illusion Town.



#### **BROKEN BONDS – KERI ARTHUR** BOOK #8 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Blood Kissed. Lizzie Grace is doing her utmost to ignore the portents of doom, wanting nothing more than enjoy her life and her time with Aiden O'Connor while she still can. But the song of the wellspring still washes across the distant shores of darkness, and it continues to draw evil to the reservation. The one that arrives this time is different from the others. Not only is it skilled in magic, but its kills are very specific. Very targeted. As the brutal deaths mount up and she, Monty, and Aiden struggle to find answers and stop the killings, Lizzie begins to suspect there's more to this particular evil than meets the eye. Especially when it helps save the life of a child. But the biggest threat to Lizzie comes not in the form of evil, but rather the changes whispered on the wind. Because the werewolf Aiden once asked to be his wife has finally arrived back in the reservation.

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#### HERE IS MORE VIRGIN RIVER FROM ROBYN CARR VIRGIN A VIRGIN RIVER CHRISTMAS BOOK #4 \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* (ORIG 2008)

Start with Virgin River. Last Christmas Marcie Sullivan said a final goodbye to her husband, Bobby. This Christmas she's come to Virgin River to find the man who saved his life and gave her three more years to love him. Fellow marine Ian Buchanan dragged Bobby's shattered body onto a medical transport in Fallujah four years ago, then disappeared as soon as their unit arrived stateside.

Since then, Marcie's letters to Ian have gone unanswered. Marcie tracks Ian to the tiny mountain town of Virgin River and finds a man as wounded emotionally as Bobby was physically. But she is not easily scared off. As Marcie pushes her way into his rugged and reclusive life, she discovers a sweet but damaged soul beneath a rough exterior. Ian doesn't know what to make of the determined young widow who forces him to look into the painful past and, what's worse, the uncertain future. But it is, after all, a season of miracles and maybe, just maybe, it's time to banish the ghosts and open his heart.



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#### RETURN TO VIRGIN RIVER BOOK #19 \$35.00 \*REPACK\* TRADE P/BACK

Kaylee Sloan's home in Southern California is full of wonderful memories of the woman who raised her. But the memories are prolonging her grief over her mother's recent death. A successful author, Kaylee hoped she could pour herself into her work. Instead she has terrible writer's block and a looming deadline. Determined to escape distractions and avoid the

holiday season, Kaylee borrows a cabin in Virgin River. She knows the isolation will help her writing, and as she drives north through the mountains she immediately 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 watering hole 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 friend-or a stranger-in need. Kaylee's world is expanding in ways she never dreamed possible. And when she rescues a kitten followed by a dog with a litter of puppies, she finds her heart opening up to the animals who need her. And then there's the dog trainer who knows exactly how to help her.

#### HERE IS A COUPLE OF CHRISTMAS RELEASES FROM RAEANNE THAYNE SLEIGH BELLS RING \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK \*REPACK\*



Angel's View Ranch has always been special to Annelise McCade. Once upon a time, it was her family's land, until her grandfather sold it to Wallace Sheridan. Now employed as the live-in caretaker, Annie is just trying to make it through the holidays with both her sanity and her niece's and nephew's faith in Christmas intact. The twins recently lost their mother, so Annie tells herself it wouldn't be

a problem to bring them to Angel's View. Why should it be? The Sheridans haven't visited in years, not since Wallace died. They would never know the twins were there until Tate Sheridan shows up out of the blue two weeks before Christmas. Crushed to learn that Tate is there to sell his grandfather's property-and mortified that her secret guests have been discovered-Annie offers her resignation. But Tate asks them to stay and help him get the house ready for one last family Christmas before it's put on the market. Annie and Tate have three days to work their magic before the Sheridan clan arrives-and to work *through* the growing attraction between them. But Annie simply can't fall for the man who will put her out of a job and a home.

CHRISTMAS AT HOLIDAY HOUSE \$24.95 THAYNE Christmas This New Year will bring widowed nurse A this different city. Excited about the chance



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This New Year will bring widowed nurse Abigail Powell a fresh start in a different city. Excited about the chance to create a Christmas for her son in Silver Bells, Abby has been hired to take care of her dear friend's recuperating grandmother. But sprightly senior Winnie insists she doesn't need looking after. What she *does* need is help decorating her historic mansion, Holiday House, for a seasonal town fundraiser.

Abby warms to the festive task, but she'll have to contend with her own personal Grinch: Winnie's grandson, Ethan Lancaster. Ethan Lancaster is good at a lot of things. Relationships surely aren't one of them. His ex-fiancée convinced Ethan he was incapable of love, and he believes her up until the moment he impulsively kisses Abby. What is it about this vibrant woman and her son that knocks his world off-kilter? He knows they're leaving town after Christmas. He just didn't expect they'd be taking a little of his heart with them. But as he and Abby work together on the magical Holiday House through the record cold weather, visions of a different future dance in his head.

#### HOME FOR A COWBOY CHRISTMAS – DONNA GRANT BOOK #7 \$24.95



Book #1 The Christmas Cowboy Hero. Tis the season-for everyone except Emmy Garrett. She's on the run after witnessing a crime. But when it becomes clear that trouble will continue following her, the US Marshal in charge takes her somewhere no one will think to look-Montana. Not only is Emmy in a new place for her protection, but now, she's stuck with a handsome cowboy as her bodyguard and she wants to do more

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



#### RODEO CHRISTMAS AT EVERGREEN RANCH – MAISEY YATES BOOK #13 \$24.95

Start with Smooth Talking Cowboy. Legendary bull rider Jake Daniels has only one plan this Christmas-to ignore the pain the season always brings. Until his best friend, Callie Carson, shows up on his ranch with a marriage proposal. Jake has lived so close to the

on his ranch with a marriage proposal. Jake has lived so close to the edge it's a miracle he's still alive-he knows all about risk. But marrying the woman he craves more than anything feels like the biggest risk of all. Callie Carson may be rodeo royalty, but to fulfill her dreams of riding saddle bronc, she needs her inheritance. And to access that, she needs a husband. But Jake *the husband* is deliciously different from Jake *the friend*, especially after the wild heat of their wedding night. He was only supposed to be her cowboy for Christmas, but Jake's every heart-stopping touch has Callie questioning how she'll ever be able to walk away. Includes "**Her First Christmas Cowboy**."



#### YULETIDE REDEMPTION/PASTORS CHRISTMAS – KEMERER/ KAYE \$24.95

**"Yuletide Redemption**" by Jill Kemerer All Celeste Monroe wants is to give her baby nephew a happy life. She hopes taking a job caring for Sam Sheffield will help fulfill that goal. Sam soon falls for Celeste. Can Celeste convince Sam he's father-and

husband-material in time for Christmas? **"The Pastor's Christmas Courtship**" by Glynna Kaye Jodi Thorpe's childhood vacation cabin seems the perfect place for her to heal her broken heart and avoid Christmas cheer. After twelve years, nothing in Hunter Ridge has changed-except Garrett McCrae. The bad boy who was once her crush is now the town minister.



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#### FIRST KISS AT CHRISTMAS – LEE TOBIN MCCLAIN BOOK #5 \$24.95

Start with Cottage at the Beach. Not many women still have "first kiss" on their Christmas list, but somehow Kayla Harris is permanently in the friend zone with men. So when veteran Tony DeNunzio shows up in her preschool classroom with his nephew, Jax, her focus is solely on helping the troubled little boy adjust.

But as Tony takes on a volunteer role at the school, she can't help noticing his softer side is as appealing as his rugged male presence. Tony will do anything to make Jax's first Christmas without his mom a happy one. And that includes spending more time than is typical with the teacher who's drawn Jax out of his shell. Beautiful and kindhearted, Kayla makes Tony long for family and a happiness he doesn't think he deserves. But with the magic of Christmas in the air, a first kiss might lead them both to a forever love.

#### Holly Jolly HOLLY JOLLY COWBOY – JESSICA CLARE BOOK #8 \$24.95



Book #1 All I Want for Christmas is a Cowboy. Local waitress Holly Dawson needs a better paying job to cover her sister's college tuition. Given that it's Christmas and she's broke as a joke, she's feeling pretty bah-humbug. New jobs are hard to come by in a town as small as Painted Barrel, especially as the town dropout.

When Holly's offered a job at the Flat C Ranch to clean and cook for the cowboys that work there, it seems like a dream come true...except for one thing. Her nemesis, the incredibly handsome (and annoyingly arrogant) Adam Calhoun works there. It doesn't matter that he loves dogs more than people, or that he's a war veteran. No Christmas spirit can save that particular grinch. When the rest of the ranch hands go out of town for the holidays, Holly and Adam will be forced to work closely together. No sweat. Holly can deal with Adam. And if she doesn't kill him first, she just might fall in love.



#### COWBOYS HOLIDAY BLESSING/ASPEN CREEK – MINTON/ RUSTAND \$24.95 \*2 IN 1\*

"The Cowboy's Holiday Blessing" by Brenda Minton. Reformed rebel Jackson Cooper thinks he can handle anything-until a sullen teenage girl appears at his ranch, claiming the impossible. Even though he's not lade's father he can't turn her away. But he's going

though he's not Jade's father, he can't turn her away. But he's going to need the helping hand of schoolteacher Madeline Patton. Jackson and Maddie might just discover the most wonderful Christmas gift of all: family. **"An Aspen Creek Christmas**" by Roxanne Rustand. All Hannah Dorchester wants is to give her orphaned niece and nephew a happy Christmas. She's ready for anything-except their uncle Ethan Williams. Thirteen years ago as she was planning their wedding, he left for the military without a goodbye.



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#### LINDA LAEL MILLER HAS TWO REISSUE THIS MONTH CHRISTMAS IN MUSTANG CREEK \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* (ORIG 09/15)

Growing up in Mustang Creek, Wyoming, Charlotte Morgan couldn't wait to escape to the big city. But with a job she doesn't love and a sense of loneliness she can't shake, life in New York is less fabulous than she'd like to admit-especially now that

veterinarian Jaxon Locke has left town. Jax's move to Idaho to fill in at his dad's practice ended things with Charlotte just as they were getting interesting. But he didn't expect to miss her so much. So when Charlotte returns home to help care for the great-aunt who raised her, Jax is determined to get to Wyoming and do whatever it takes to win her back...and he'll start by giving her the most magical

#### Mustang Creek Christmas of all. Includes a bonus novella By Naima Simone! NO PLACE LIKE HOME – MILLER/MARTIN/ET AL \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* (ORIG 12/13)

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#### "The 24 Days Of Christmas" by Linda Lael Miller. A matchbox advent calendar first brought Frank Raynor and Addie Hutton together. But that was years ago. There's no way the miracles of Christmas could possibly be hidden under one of its tiny flaps. "Christmas Angel" by Kat Martin. When Angel Summers' first love, Josh Coltrane, joined the Army, she vowed to hate him

forever. But now he's back for the holidays-wishing for a miracle that could heal both their hearts. **"The Christmas Carousel**" by Mary Carter. Single mom Georgia Bradley can't afford to fight the developers who want to tear down her Rhode Island auction house-especially Adam Cavalier. But when she receives a mysterious gift, Adam becomes intrigued with its origin-and with Georgia. **"A Rose In Winter"** by Laura Florand. Allegra Caldrone knew the rule never to talk to strangers. But on a cold winter night in Provence, she breaks that ruleand more-with an irresistible man. Raoul Rosier seems thrillingly dangerous, yet why does Allegra feel so safe with him--even when she believes he's a thief?



#### HAPPILY THIS CHRISTMAS – SUSAN MALLERY BOOK #6 \$24.95

Start with You Say it First. Wynn Beauchene has a thriving business, a great kid and a mildly embarrassing crush on the guy next door--local cop Garrick McCabe. She's a strong, independent woman who can't help dreaming what-if about a man she barely knows. Until he needs her help. Garrick's

pregnant daughter will be home for Christmas, and his house needs a woman's touch. Garrick and his little girl were tight once and he's hoping a small-town Christmas will bring her back to him. But thawing his daughter's frosty attitude will take more than a few twinkle lights. Maybe sharing the holiday with Wynn and her son will remind her of the joy of family. As the season works its magic on these wounded souls, Wynn realizes it's time to stop punishing herself for a painful secret, while Garrick remains haunted by the ghosts of past mistakes. Will he allow Wynn to open the only gift she truly wants--his heart?



## CHRISTMAS IN ROSE BEND – NAIMA SIMONE BOOK #2 \$24.95

Book #1 The Road to Rose Bend. Grieving ER nurse Nessa Hunt is on a road trip with her sullen teen half sister, Ivy, and still reeling from her mother's deathbed confession: Nessa's dad wasn't really her dad. Seeking answers, they arrive in Rose Bend to find a small town teeming with the kind of Christmas cheer Nessa usually avoids. But then she meets the innkeeper's

ruggedly sexy son, Wolfgang Dennison. Wolf's big, boisterous family is like a picture-perfect holiday card. Nessa has too much weighing on her to feel like she fits--even though the heat between her and Wolf is undeniable. And the merriment bringing an overdue smile to Ivy's face is almost enough to make Nessa believe in the Christmas spirit. But with all her parental baggage, including lingering questions about her birth father, is there room in Nessa's life for happy holidays and happily-ever-after?



#### YULETIDE HEARTS/REUNITED AT CHRISTMAS – HERNE/CALHOUNE \$24.95

**"Yuletide Hearts"** by Ruth Logan Herne Matt Cavanaugh returns to his hometown a changed man. The former marine is a successful contractor, a man who now believes in hard work. But when he buys a bankrupt subdivision, he discovers he's

stepped on single mother Callie Burdick's dreams for her family. And when Matt learns about Callie's troubled past, he's determined to rebuild her trust in time for Christmas. "**Reunited at Christmas**" by Belle Calhoune Two years after the avalanche that everyone thought had claimed her life, Ruby Prescott returns to her Alaskan hometown and her husband, Liam, and their young son. Amnesia has robbed Ruby of her memories, but she's soon woven back into the fabric of their lives. Yet she can't help feeling that Liam is keeping a secret. Will the return of her memories tear them apart?



#### THE CHRISTMAS ESCAPE – SARAH MORGAN \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

It was supposed to be Christy Sullivan's perfect Christmas getaway --a trip to Lapland with her family and best friend, Alix. But facing a make-or-break marriage crisis, Christy desperately needs time alone with her husband. Her solution? Alix can take Christy's little daughter to Lapland, and they will reunite there for Christmas Day. It's a big ask, but what else are friends for? There's nothing

Alix won't do for Christy. But Christy's request to save Christmas is giving Alix sleepless nights. She *knows* something is wrong, but for the first time ever, Christy isn't talking. And even the Arctic temperatures in Lapland aren't enough to dampen the seriously inconvenient sizzle Alix is developing for Zac, a fellow guest and nemesis from her past. As secrets unravel and unexpected romance shines under the northern lights, can Christy and Alix's Christmas escape give them the courage to fight for the relationships they really want, and save the precious gift of each other's friendship?



#### NICK AND NOELS CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST – CODI HALL

\$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Nick Winter's Christmas at home is going nothing like he planned. What was supposed to be a memorable holiday with his long time.

What was supposed to be a memorable holiday with his long-time girlfriend goes sour when he learns she cheated on him while he was overseas. At least Nick can rely on his usual shift at the family Christmas tree farm with his best friend, Noel Carter, and her endless supply of Christmas tunes to lift his spirits. A night of fun

together is just what he needs to forget about his ex. But then they kiss. And it feels...so right. If Noel can turn Nick's Blue Christmas merry and bright, this might be the last Christmas Nick spends with a broken heart. This year, they'll be Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree as a couple--as long as Nick's ex doesn't go standing under any mistletoe.



#### A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS – JENNIFER SNOW BOOK #2 \$24.95

Book #1 A Lot Like Love. For Jessica Connolly, there is no better place than her hometown of Blue Moon Bay. She has a wonderful family, supportive best friends, and a successful bakery on Main Street. Unfortunately, every time she designs one of her ex-boyfriends' wedding cakes, she's reminded just how y she is with love and that she's a good luck charm for men to

unlucky she is with love and that she's a good luck charm for men to find *their* happily ever after. With someone else. So she's decided to be done with love. Dr. Mitch Jameson is more comfortable traveling the world with Doctors Without Borders than staying in one place. He just needs to survive the holidays in his small hometown before he can leave again. The beautiful, intriguing bakery owner with an aversion to dating might be just who he needs to occupy his restless heart. From sipping hot chocolates at the local festival of lights to early morning dessert deliveries, Jessica and Mitch rediscover the spirit of the holidays. But when the 25 days of Christmas are over, will their romance be over, too?



#### HOLIDAY EVER AFTER - JILL SHALVIS \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* \*3 IN 1\* (ORIG 11/16)

**"One Snowy Night"** It's Christmas Eve and Rory Andrews is desperate to get home to her family. Problem is, her only ride to Lake Tahoe comes in the form of Max Stranton, her long-time crush, and his big, goofy dog. A long road trip in a blizzard might be just what they need to face their past and one snowy

night is all it takes to bring Max and Rory together at last. "Holiday Wishes" When Sean O'Riley shows up for his brother's bachelor weekend, the last person he expects to see is Lotti Hartford, the woman he lost his virginity to a decade ago. As the weekend continues, Sean realizes he wants to leave his hook-up life behind, but can he convince Lotti to open her heart to him again? "Mistletoe in Paradise" Years after their secret fling ended, Hannah isn't eager to see James during their families' annual joint holiday-themed yacht adventure. But when they're the only people who show up, James and Hannah are stuck together on the high seas for days. As the former lovers try to make the best of the Christmas snafu, they soon realize the best things in life can't be planned.

#### SOLDIERS HOLIDAY VOW/HIS HOLIDAY MATCHMAKER – HART/BROOKES \$24.95

**"The Soldier's Holiday Vow**" by Jillian Hart Trapped in a mine shaft with a little girl, September Stevens prays for someone to save them. Help arrives in the form of army ranger Mark Hawkins, the best friend of her late fiancé. As they let the spirit

Hawkins, the best friend of her late fiance. As they let the spirit of the holidays into their hearts, feelings of new love start to take hold. "**His Holiday Matchmaker**" by Kat Brookes Nathan Cooper's daughter wants only one thing for Christmas-a new mommy. Nathan doesn't want to risk more heartache for either of them, yet when interior designer Alyssa McCall comes to town, both he and Katie are charmed. onte Mporary

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#### CHRISTMAS IN VERMONT - ANITA HUGHES

\$24.95 Emma can't believe her luck when she finds an open pawn shop on Christmas Eve in Manhattan. She's there to sell the beautiful bracelet her ex-boyfriend gave her when a familiar looking watch catches her eye. It's the same engraved watch she gave her college boyfriend, Fletcher, years ago. On a whim, she trades the bracelet for the watch and wonders at

the timing. Practical Emma thinks it's just a coincidence, but her best friend Bronwyn believes it's the magic of synchronicity that caused Emma to find the watch. Fletcher was the one that got away, and somehow Emma never quite moved on. When Bronwyn finds out that Fletcher is in snowy Vermont at a romantic inn for the week, she can't help but give synchronicity a push. She signs Emma up to help the inn keeper as the children's activity coordinator. Emma agrees that a week filled with quaint shops and maple syrup would do her good ... and maybe Fate really does have a Christmas gift in store for her. That is, until she sees Fletcher with his daughter and fiancée. Suddenly, the fairytale trip seems doomed to fail... much like the innkeeper's dwindling cashflow. It will take a miracle to save her heart and the inn. And that just might be what Fate has in mind.



#### SECOND CHANCE CHRISTMAS - LORI WILDE BOOK #12 \$24.95

Start with The Sweethearts Knitting Club. It's Christmastime in Twilight, TX. The lights are twinkling, carols are being sung, and the cookies are baking. And this year, best friends Joel and Jana discover a shocking surprise: as they are organizing the living Nativity, they find a sweet little baby in the manger with a note saying the mother will return...soon.

Jana tucks the infant into her arms, and she and Joel make the impulsive decision to take the baby home. Jana is spontaneous, Joel is a planner, but they agree that it's better to care for this precious bundle for the holidays, in hopes that the mother really will come back by New Year's. As the days pass, the pair begins to fall in love with the child and they're also forced to face facts: their relationship goes far deeper than friendship. As the spirit of Christmas--and the magic of Twilight, TX--takes over, this unlikely couple must open up to the feelings they've been hiding from each other all along.



#### MISTLETOE SEASON - MICHELLE MAJOR BOOK #2 \$24.95

Book #1 Wildflower Season. Angi Guilardi needs a man for Christmas--at least, according to her mother. What she really needs is to grow her fledgling catering business. Partnering with Magnolia's Wildflower Inn holds promise, but when her mother falls ill, Angi's pulled back to the responsibility of the family restaurant. While she balances work and her eight-year-old son,

romance is the last thing on her mind...until Angi runs into Gabriel Carlyle. Back in town to help his grandmother at her flower shop, Gabriel has no plans to stick around Magnolia, especially after he bumps into one of his childhood bullies. Sure, Angi's all grown up and gorgeous now, and when they find themselves under the mistletoe, their chemistry is undeniable. But it'll take more than a Christmas miracle for Angi to break through the defenses of Gabriel's well-guarded heart and find a love built to last. Bonus Novella. The magic of Christmas may be what helps a down-to-earth schoolteacher and a good-time firefighter see each other in a new light just in time for the holidays, in Michelle Major's A Carolina Christmas.

#### SABRINA YORK HAS STARTED A CHARMING NEW SERIES ACCIDENTAL HOMECOMING TOF

BOOK #1 \$19.95 Danny Diem's life is upended when he inherits a smalltown ranch. But learning he has a daughter in need of lifesaving surgery is his biggest shock yet. He'd never gotten over telling his ex Lizzie Michaels that he wasn't the marrying kind. But her loving strength for their little girl tugs at his heartstrings--and makes him wonder if he's ready to embrace the role he's always run from: father.



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#### **RECIPE FOR HOMECOMING** BOOK #2 \$19.95

To heal from the wounds of her abusive marriage, Veronica James returns to her grandmother's bookshop in small-town Butterscotch Ridge. The first thing she does is transform the dusty old shop into a cozy bakery/cafae. The second? Steel her heart against the charms of her first love, sexy rancher Mark Stirling. He's never stopped longing for a second chance

with the girl who got away--and he's willing to accept whatever Roni is willing to give. But when their "friends with benefits" deal reveals emotions that run deep, maybe Mark can convince her that together they're the perfect blend



#### THE BRIGHTEST STAR - FERN MICHAELS \$24.95 \*REPACK\*

Christmas is more than just a celebration for Lauren Montgomery. For generations, it's been her family's livelihood. Their Christmas shop, Razzle Dazzle Décor, has seen seasonal fads come and go, but there's one trend they can't escape. Online superstores are swallowing their sales, and this Christmas season will need to be their best ever if the store is to stay in business. To help keep the

shop afloat, Lauren also has a sideline, writing biographies for business figures. She's thrilled when her literary agent contacts her with a new proposal and quickly agrees to the terms--before learning that the subject will be none other than the CEO of Globalgoods.com, the online retailer that has spelled doom for hundreds of small businesses just like Razzle Dazzle Décor. Despite her misgivings, Lauren travels to Seattle to confer with the mogul, and is caught off guard by his son, John Jr. Handsome, intelligent, and deeply kind, he's perfect-apart from the fact that he'll soon be CEO of the company threatening everything Lauren loves. As her deadline, and Christmas, draw closer, Lauren knows that there's more than her family's shop at stake. Her heart is, too. But there's no better time than the holidays to make a secret wish on the brightest star you see--and let the season's magic take hold.



#### AUTUMN NIGHTS – DEBBIE MACOMBER \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* \*2 in 1\* (ORIG 1989)

The Playboy and the Widow Unwilling to let go of the memory of her husband, Diana Collins is struggling to raise her two girls on her own. When confirmed bachelor Cliff Howard swoops in and helps her one day, their connection is immediate. But Diana isn't ready to risk her heart again, and Cliff doesn't think he's ready for family ties. Cliff comes to realize that while he may

seem like he's got everything, he doesn't have what he really wants, and he might find he's trading in his sports car for a station wagon. Almost an Angel. Bethany Stone has been secretly in love with her boss, Joshua Norris, for ages. She's about to give up--on Joshua and her job--when he asks for her help. Outside the office. Joshua's ten-year-old is coming to live with him and he has no idea how to raise a precocious little girl. Bethany is happy to help, hoping Joshua might finally see her as more than an assistant. And Joshua discovers that he needs Bethany, in the best way possible.



#### A HARVEST OF LOVE – MARTA PERRY BOOK #3 \$24.95

Book #1 A Christmas Home, Book #2 A Springtime Heart. When widowed shop owner Dinah Hershberger is unceremoniously charged with safely escorting an infant to his uncle, she finds herself torn. Jacob Miller is everything Dinah could want in a partner--he's kind, handsome, strong--and nothing she can ever have. As much as she yearns to help the new

family adjust, each minute Dinah spends with Jacob and the baby leaves her heart more vulnerable and her head more certain that the secret she hides makes a future with the Miller men impossible. Jacob has long admired Dinah for her strength and independence, but it's her generosity of spirit that tempts him like never before. With Dinah at his side, Jacob opens himself up to the daunting new world of fatherhood, but how can he pursue his feelings for her when his life is in such disarray? After the disappointments of her first marriage, she deserves better than what Jacob can offer. But love has a surprise in store for these two troubled hearts, and happiness is within reach making Promise  $\leq$ Glen their own promised land.



#### DINNER ON PRIMROSE HILL – JODI THOMAS BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Breakfast at Honey Creek, Book #2 Picnic in Someday Valley. Benjamin Monroe is pretty sure how his life will play out. He'll continue teaching chemistry in his small college, and spend his free time biking through the valley. Eventually, he'll retire to putter around in his garden and greenhouse. His colleague, Virginia Clark, is not one for

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routines. She's chatty, spontaneous, and bubbly, and before Benjamin realizes what happened, she's talked him into collaborating on a research project--studying the mating habits of college students. Virginia knows her desire to work with Benjamin is motivated by more than the potential prize money . . . and hopes he might not be quite as indifferent as he seems to be. Ketch Kincaid, one of Benjamin's star students, returned to college after serving in the army. He needs something to get his mind off his recent breakup and collecting research data might do it. And there's another distraction on the horizon--a woman who looks like she, too, knows about heartache. Soon enough, their project, "The Chemistry of Mating," is gaining notoriety. Friends, neighbors . . . the whole town has become involved. But no matter what the data determines, one conclusion seems inescapable: love follows its own rules.



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#### CHRISTMAS EVERLASTING \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK \*REISSUE\* \*2 IN 1\* (ORIG 1988) "Local Hero" Single mother Hester

Wallace hardly has time for the holidays. Between settling in to a new apartment and raising her nine-year-old son, Radley, she's beginning to feel the pressure. So when her neighbor, comic book writer Mitch Dempsey, offers to look after Radley in the afternoons, Hester reluctantly accepts. Mitch is a stranger, after all. Eventually, Hester finds herself relying on Mitch and even worse, admitting that he's found his way into her heart. "All I Want for Christmas" Wanting a change from her fast-paced life in Manhattan, Nell Davis moves to Taylor's Grove, to revamp the local music program. Her sweet students identical six-year-olds Zeke and Zack Taylor, have already stolen her heart-though she can't say the same for their father, Mac. A single parent, Mac firmly believes that any romance will only distract him from raising his sons. Little does he know, a mother like Nell is exactly what the boys are hoping for this Christmas.

#### NORA ROBERTS HAS THREE GREAT REISSUES



ANGEL FALLS \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* (ORIG 07/06) The sole survivor of a brutal crime back East, Reece Gilmore settles in Angel's Fall, Wyoming--temporarily, at least--and takes a job at a local

diner. One day, while hiking in the mountains, she peers through her binoculars and sees a couple arguing on the bank of the churning Snake River. And suddenly, the man is on top of the woman, his hands around her throat. By the time Reece reaches a gruff loner named Brody farther down the trail, the pair is gone. And when authorities comb the area where she saw the attack, they find no trace that anyone was even there. No one in Angel's Fall seems to believe Reece--except Brody, despite his seeming impatience and desire to keep her at arm's length. When a series of menacing events makes it clear that someone wants her out of the way, Reece must put her trust in Brody--and herself--to find out if there is a killer in Angel's Fall, before it's too late.



#### GRACEFUL HEARTS (ORIG 2000) \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* \*2 IN 1\* "Reflections" Lindsay Dunne has

"Reflections" Lindsay Dunne has devoted her whole life to ballet, pushing herself and her students to achieve the perfect beauty the craft requires. She loves her career, helping ballerinas grace the stage, and has never found her lack

of a loving relationship to be a sacrifice. Until she meets Seth Bannion, the guardian of Lindsay's most gifted protégé. An architect with his own ideas of the girl's potential, Seth challenges Lindsay's tutoring, opening her eyes to the possibilities of a future beyond dance-and opening her heart to the possibilities of love. "Dance of Dreams" Five years have passed since prima ballerina Ruth Bannion joined the company founded by Russian choreographer Nikolai Davidov. Five years of intense training that brought her into the spotlight, earning her audience appreciation and Nikolai's admiration. Now they are equals, starring in a sensual ballet that will inspire Ruth to break through Nikolai's reserves so they can finally share their hearts' desires for one another.

# Coming next month... AT THE CROSSROADS – BJ DANIELS BK #3 LAST DANCE WITH A COWBOY – SARAH RICHARDSON BK #3

COWBOY CRAZY – JOANNE KENNEDY
THE SUNSHINE CLUB – CAROLYN BROWN T/P
ONCE UPON A CABIN – PATIENCE GRIFFIN BK #2
LOVE AND LET BARK – ALANNA MARTIN BK #3
FINDING PARADISE – BARABARA DUNLOP BK #2
TO ALL THE DOGS IVE LOVED BEFORE – LIZZIE SHANE BK #3 Preorders...
ROMANCING THE RANCHER – KATE PEARCE BK #6 DUE 28/12
THE TRUE COWBOY OF SUNSET RIDGE – MAISEY YATES BK #14 DUE 28/12
WATCHING OVER YOU – LORI FOSTER BK #3 DUE 28/12
LAST DANCE WITH A COWBOY – SARA RICHARDSON BK #3 DUE 28/12
HOW TO COWBOY – JEANIE MARTS BK #3 DUE 28/12
COWBOY HEATWAVE – KIM REDFORD BK #9 DUE 28/12
Bold Fortune – MM CRANE BK #1 (AKA MEGAN CRANE) DUE 28/12
THE MARINES RELUCTANT RETURN – SABRINA YORK BK #3 DUE 25/1
CALDER BRAND – JANET DAILEY BK #1 DUE 25/1



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#### SANTAS SUBPOENA – REBECCA ZANETTI BOOK #4 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Disorderly Conduct. Anna Albertini has her hands full during the holiday season. Her boyfriend Aiden is back in town after being undercover for the last three months, and he's being a little over-protective. In addition, Nonna's latest matchmaking scheme has been so far thwarted, and Nonna is out of patience and bringing out the big guns. Anna is forced

> HEATHER GRAHAM

to both protect her sister and run interference, when she'd like to jump in and find a happily ever after for everyone instead. To add to her already hectic life, her life-long stalker is about to make a move and doesn't hide that fact, although Anna is more than ready for him. In fact, she's willing to draw him out to finally bring him down-regardless of the consequences. Finally, Santa has been arrested and charged for murder, needing a good lawyer. Who would arrest Santa? Anna can't let this stand. It's a good thing Christmas is a time of magic and miracles, because she's going to need one.



#### CHRISTMAS AT COLTS CREEK - DELORES FOSSEN BOOK #2 \$24.95 Book #1 Spring At Saddle

Book #1 Spring At Saddle Run. Janessa Parkman spent one long-ago summer in Last Ride, Texas, trying

to bond with her estranged father, Abe. Turns out that was plenty of time to fall hard--and crash badly--for Brody Harrell, who managed Abe's ranch. Everyone believed Brody would inherit Colts Creek one day, but now, fifteen years on, Abe's will reveals the shocking truth--Janessa gets everything, and she must agree to stay in town for three months...through Christmas. Brody's attraction to Janessa burns hotter than ever. Though he refuses Janessa's offer to give him the ranch, refusing her is impossible. Misunderstanding drove them apart once before, and secrets and betrayals run through both families. But what starts as a temporary Christmas fling might turn into a love strong enough to last every holiday season vet to come.

#### THE LAST NOEL — HEATHER GRAHAM \$24.95 \*REPACK\*

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"**The Last Noel**" by Heather Graham With a storm paralyzing New England on Christmas Eve, the O'Boyle household becomes prey to a pair of escaped killers desperate to find refuge. Skyler O'Boyle's prope for rescue is that the men are unaware

one hope for rescue is that the men are unaware that her daughter, Kat, has escaped. But as the wind and snow continue to rage, her prayers that Kat can somehow find help seem fragile indeed. When Kat stumbles on a third felon, half-frozen and delirious, she recognizes him immediately. What is Craig Devon, the onetime love of her life, doing in such company? Craig is desperate to unload a crucial secret that could change their destiny...but one false move and everything he's sacrificed will shatter. Includes bonus story "Secret Surrogate" by Delores Fossen The last thing this Texas sheriff wanted was to heed a late-night call from Kylie Monroe -the woman who'd destroyed his life. Old wounds were ripped wide open after Lucas Creed discovered that his former deputy had moved on and was pregnant.

#### ROGUE CHRISTMAS OPERATION – JUNO RUSHDAN BOOK #1 \$19.95

THE KILLER IN THE SNOW – ALEX PINE

local farmer returns home on Christmas Eve to find

Book #1 The Christmas Killer. A year has passed since DI

James Walker cracked his biggest case yet, and he's hoping

footsteps in the fresh snow that lead down to his unused

basement - and no footsteps leading away. Days later, his

for peace and quiet this festive season. But across the fells, a

BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

body is found, alongside those of his wife and daughter. Without a

neighbour for miles, there are no witnesses and little evidence. And the

farmhouse, twenty years earlier. James knows that to catch this killer, he

crime scene has strange echoes of another terrible murder committed at the



After Gage Graham saves her from drowning, Hope Fischer revives, determined to learn the truth about her sister's death. All she has to do is infiltrate a closed Virginia town and discover why the attractive-but

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secretive-Gage feels compelled to help her. Can she trust him? Will he risk being discovered by his former employer, the CIA, for a woman he just met? Neither will matter if a killer succeeds.

#### DEADLY DAYS OF CHRISTMAS – CARLA CASSIDY \$19.95

EADLY DAYS CHRISTMAS CARLA CASSIDY

Sheriff Mac McKnight has his reasons for hating Christmas. But when a serial killer targets Mac's town, the holidays quickly go from dreaded to deadly. Now he's relying on the insight of newly deputized Callie Stevens to track

down the killer. Only, Mac's in danger of falling for his cheery blonde coworker-who just happens to match the profile of the killer's Christmas victims...

needs to solve a case that has long since gone cold... HEATHER ROGUE CHRISTMAS OPERATION

#### **OSPREY REEF – ANNIE SEATON** \$29.99 TRADE P/BACK

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2019: Bethany Kristensen faces her toughest challenge to date, skippering the family charter business. With rivals doing their utmost to undercut her prices and reputation, the Kristensens' operation hangs by a thread. Winning the tender for a new scientific research program headed out to the farthest edge of the reef is her last chance to keep the business going. But when rumour and

vandalism turn to outright sabotage, things take a drastic turn. 1934: Stella Booth flees a future of domestic drudgery in small-town outback Queensland, heading for employment and an independent life in Mackay. But fate has other plans and an accident en route sends her life spinning in a most unexpected direction. Linked by a family mystery, decades apart, Bethany and Stella will  $\square$  both need to dig deeper than ever before to forge their place among the turbulent seas of the reef.

#### **CROSSHAIRS – PATRICIA BRADLEY** BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Stand Off, Book #2 Obsession. Investigative Services Branch (ISB) ranger Ainsley Beaumont arrives in her hometown of Natchez, Mississippi, to investigate the murder of a three-ROSSHAIRS month-pregnant teenager. While she wishes the visit was under better circumstances, she never imagined that she would become the killer's next target -- nor that she'd have to work alongside an

old flame. After he almost killed a child, former FBI sniper Lincoln Steele couldn't bring himself to fire a gun, which had deadly and unforeseen consequences for his best friend. Crushed beneath a load of guilt, Linc is working at Melrose Estate as an interpretive ranger. But as danger closes in on Ainsley during her murder investigation, Linc will have to find the courage to protect her. The only question is, will it be too little, too late?

#### BLINK OF AN EYE – JOHANSEN/ SEAL NEXT DOOR – PAIGE TYLER **IOHANSEN**

BOOK #8 \$24.95 \*REPACK\* Start with Close Your Eyes. Delilah Winter is one of the worlds biggest pop stars, so how in the world was she kidnapped right in the middle of a show at the Hollywood Bowl? If

anyone can figure it out, it's Dr. Kendra Michaels, who works with local and federal authorities on only the most impossible cases. Blind for the first twenty years of her life until a revolutionary surgical procedure allowed her to regain her sight, Kendra uses her powers of observation-honed during her years in the dark-to detect what other investigators don't. She agrees to lead the race to rescue the young singer before time runs out. Joined by Jessie Mercado, the singer's former bodyguard and a military hero, Kendra closes in on the hideout location but not before casualties mount up. Desperate for leads, Kendra must set aside her personal feelings when agent-for-hire Adam Lynch also volunteers his skills to aid in the search. But as the abductor's true purpose becomes clear, the trio uncover a plot they never could have imaginedleading to a showdown they won't soon forget.

#### TRUSTING CASSIDY – SUSAN STOKER



BOOK #4 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Start with Trusting Skylar. What was supposed to be a short trip to Jamaica becomes a years-long nightmare as Cassidy Hewitt and her son fall into the grip of an infamous drug kingpin. Desperate for rescue, Cassidy risks

everything to send secret letters to the FBI, hoping someone, anyone, will answer her call. When secret operative Leo "Gramps" Zanardi sees Cassidy's letters, he knows this isn't just another covert mission. The two had electric chemistry back in high school, and Leo finds himself eager for a reunion--even if the circumstances aren't exactly ideal. After arriving back in Indiana, Leo and Cassidy think they're free to start a new life together. But the kingpin's goons won't let go of Cassidy so easily: they follow her from Jamaica, leaving carnage in their wake. Before the pair can fully embrace the love they've been missing all these years, they'll need the entire Silverstone team's help to be victorious in the showdown of their lives.

## BOOK #9 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Seal For Her Protection. Poppy McCoy wasn't looking for a boyfriend. She'd found out the hard way men don't like smart women. But when her new neighbor turns out to be the hot and the attraction is instantaneous. He's even impressed by her intelligence. She's

never met someone so perfect for her. Good thing he isn't a Navy SEAL or Poppy wouldn't even consider going out with him. Navy SEAL Sam Travers is on the lucky streak of a lifetime. First, he gets a great rent-controlled apartment. Then his new neighbor turns out to be the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. She's funny and smart and, well, perfect-except, she doesn't date SEALs. Sam didn't exactly lie, he told her he was in the Navy. But coming clean two minutes before she meets his family and Teammates isn't the best plan. Finding out Poppy has a few secrets of her own throws their relationship into a tailspin. Things can't get much worse-but they do. When Sam's Team is sent to intercept the sale of a nuclear warhead to terrorists, the CIA sends a physicist with the SEALs. Poppy McCoy, Ph.D.

#### STAY HIDDEN - JULIE ANNE LINDSAY \$19.95



Expectant mother Gina Ricci needs an exit plan-pronto! Her ex is out of control, and private investigator Cruz Winchester insists justice-not hiding-is the only way to keep her baby safe. But even as Cruz and his law enforcement family unite in her defense, Gina's

attraction to her handsome protector grows undeniable. Unstoppable. Then her family is targeted and the stakes couldn't be higher.

#### **TEXAS STALKER – BARB HAN** \$19.95

Surprising Garrett O'Connor with a middle-of-the-night encounter wasn't Brianna Adair's plan. But she's scared and alone and finally reveals she's fleeing a

stalker. The rebel cowboy immediately offers his protection and help to expose the threat. Soon, old sparks ignite new possibilities. And when the stalker closes in, Garrett realizes he lost Brianna once. This time, he's playing for keeps.

#### WE HAVE JUST DISCOVERED ELIZABETH GODDARD'S THRILLING SERIES

#### PRESENT DANGER BOOK #1 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



Former FBI Special Agent Jack Tanner is working as a detective in Montana when he comes across a body in the national forest during a search and rescue mission. He's committed to finding the killer, even if it means working alongside his old flame, US Forest Service Special Agent Terra Connors. When Terra discovers that the murder victim had ties to a powerful and

dangerous trafficker of archaeological artifacts, the investigation takes a deadly turn--one that hits too close to home. As Terra fears she lacks the courage to face what comes next, Jack is more determined than ever to

protect her. But he's failed her before. If he fails this time, it will cost them far more than just their hearts. TABELH RODDARD POOT

## BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



#### Criminal psychologist Erin Larson's dreams of a successful career come to a screeching halt when she nearly loses her own life in a boating accident on Puget Sound and then learns that her mother tried to commit suicide. She leaves her job as a criminal

psychologist to care for her mother in Montana. At least she is able to produce her podcast, which focuses on solving missing persons cold cases. Nathan Campbell's father was investigating such a case

when he was shot, and now Nathan needs to enlist Erin's help to solve the case. She's good at what she does. The only problem? She's his ex. As the two dig deeper, it becomes clear that they, too, are being targeted--and that the answers to their questions are buried deep within the past Erin

struggles to explain and longs to forget.

#### COLD WIND - PAIGE SHELTON BOOK #2 \$24.95



Book #1 Thin Ice. Beth Rivers is still in Alaska. The unidentified man who kidnapped her in St. Louis hasn't been found yet, so she's not ready to go back. But as October comes to a close, Benedict is feeling more and more like her new home. Beth has been working

on herself: She's managed to get back to writing, and she's enjoying the months between summer and winter in Alaska. Then, everything in Benedict changes after a mudslide exposes a world that had been hidden for years. Two mud-covered, silent girls appear, and a secret trapper's house is found in the woods. The biggest surprise, though, is a dead and frozen woman's body in the trapper's shed. No one knows who she is, but the man who runs the mercantile, Randy, seems to be in the middle of all the mysteries. Unable to escape her journalistic roots, Beth is determined to answer the questions that keep arising: Are the mysterious girls and the frozen body connected? Can Randy possibly be involved? And-most importantly-can she solve this mystery before the cold wind sweeping over the town and the townspeople descends for good?



#### 99 LIES – RACHEL VINCENT BOOK #2 \$29.95 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 100 hours. Getting kidnapped over spring break was definitely memorable. But now that the surviving hostages are homie, they want life to feel normal again: high school, dating,

million-dollar galas. But there's no escaping the spotlight-or the truth about the ways they betrayed each other in the jungle. And this time, the real threat isn't kidnappers-it's what the "friends" might do to each other.



#### SMOKY MOUNTAIN AMBUSH - KAREN KIRST \$19.95

An unknown enemy's dead set on killing Lindsey Snow by Christmas-and she doesn't know why. And the only person she can trust to shield her

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is the man she betrayed, mounted police officer Silver Williams. Now there's nowhere to hide...from danger or their feelings. But can they find the killer before this holiday season becomes Lindsey's last?



#### FORTUNE AND GLORY BOOK #27 \$24.95 \*REPACK\*

Start with One for The Money. When Stephanie's beloved Grandma Mazur's new husband died on their wedding night, the only thing he left her was a beat-up old easy chair...and the keys to a life-changing fortune. But as Stephanie and Grandma Mazur search for Jimmy Rosolli's treasure, they discover that they're not the only ones on the hunt. Two dangerous enemies from the

past stand in their way--along with a new adversary who's even more formidable: Gabriela Rose, a dark-eved beauty from Little Havana with a taste for designer clothes. She's also a soldier of fortune, a gourmet cook, an expert in firearms and mixed martial arts--and someone who's about to give Stephanie a real run for her money. Stephanie may be in over her head, but • she's got two things that Gabriela doesn't: an unbreakable bond with her family and a stubborn streak that will never let her quit. She'll need both to survive because this search for "fortune and glory" will turn into a desperate race against time with more on the line than ever before. Because even as she searches for the treasure and fights to protect her Grandma Mazur, her own deepest feelings will be tested--as Stephanie could finally be forced to choose between Joe Morelli and Ranger.

#### JANET EVANOVICH'S STEPHANIE PLUM SERIES CONTINUE GAME ON



BOOK #28 \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK \$49.95 H/COVER When Stephanie Plum is woken up in the middle of the night by the sound of footsteps in her apartment, she wishes she didn't keep her gun in the cookie jar in her kitchen. And when she finds out the intruder is fellow apprehension agent Diesel, six feet of hard muscle and bad attitude whom she hasn't seen in more than two years, she still thinks the gun might come in handy. Turns out Diesel and Stephanie are on the trail of the same fugitive: Oswald

Wednesday, an international computer hacker as brilliant as he is ruthless. Stephanie may not be the most technologically savvy sleuth, but she more than makes up for that with her dogged determination, her understanding of human nature, and her willingness to do just about anything to bring a fugitive to justice. Unsure if Diesel is her partner or her competition in this case, she'll need to watch her back every step of the way as she sets the stage to draw Wednesday out from behind his computer and into the real world.

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#### **DOGGONE DEADLY – DEBORAH BLAKE** BOOK #2 \$24.95

Book #1 Furbidden Fatality. When the woman running the big regional dog show calls out sick, dog groomer Suz Holden is asked to take over. But it's too much for her to handle by herself-- considering the president of the kennel club, Olivia Weiner, criticizes her at every turn--so she calls in her best friend, Kari Stuart, for help. A long, stressful day goes

from bad to worse when a local breeder is found dead, and the murder weapon seems to incriminate Suz. While Kari knows her friend isn't guilty, the police aren't so sure, especially after a second murder points to Suz again. But trying to run a dog show and investigate a murder at the same time is like herding cats, and Kari will have to rely on the rest of the Serenity Sanctuary staff to keep things running smoothly while she--and her beloved and clever kitten, Queenie--sniff out the truth



#### **K9 PATROL – JULIE MILLER** BOOK #1 \$19.95

K-9 officer Aiden Murphy always kept things strictly platonic when it came to KCPD criminalist Lexi Callahan out of respect for her family's having taken him in years ago. Then Lexi is attacked during a crime scene investigation, and Aiden and his dog, Blue, step right in, making their relationship even more complicated. Keeping Lexi safe is his priority. But resisting the

woman who's never been far from his thoughts will be his greatest challenge this holiday season.



#### GETAWAY WITH MURDER – DIANE KELLY BOOK #1 \$24.95

As if hitting the half-century mark wasn't enough, Misty Murphy celebrated her landmark birthday by amicably ending her marriage and investing her settlement in a dilapidated mountain lodge at the top of the Blue Ridge Mountains. With the old inn teetering on both a bluff and bankruptcy, she must have lost her ever-loving mind. Luckily, handyman Rocky Crowder has a

knack for rehabbing virtual ruins and for doing it on a dime, and to Misty's delight, the lodge is fully booked on opening night, every room filled with flexible folks who'd slipped into spandex and ascended the peak for a yoga retreat with plans to namastay for a full week. Misty and her guests are feeling zen--at least until the yoga instructor is found dead. With a killer on the loose and the lodge's reputation hanging in the balance, Misty must put her detectiveskills to the test. Only one thing is as clear as a sunny mountain morning--she must solve the crime before the lodge ends up, once again, on the brink.

#### Coming next month..

□ THE THIRD SISTER - SARA BLAEDEL BK #3 \*REPACK\* □ THICK AS THIEVES – SANDRA BROWN \*REPACK\* DREAM KEEPER - KRISTEN ASHLEY BK #4 □ A MURDER LIKE NO AUTHOR – AMY LILLARD BK #3 DEADLY TARGET – ELIZABETH GODDARD BK #21 T/P □ THE FAMILY - LOUISE JENSEN BK #1 THE HUNTED – LISA CHILDS BK #2 □ ABSENCE OF MALLETS – KATE CARLISLE BK #9 □ TARGETING THE DEPUTY – DELORES FOSSEN BK #3 □ LIGHTS OUT – NATALIE WALTERS BK #1 T/P □ CLIMBING THE RANKS – NICOLE JAMES BK #2 T/P □ STATE OF GRACE – MARIE FORCE BK #2 T/P

#### **BODY AND SOUL FOOD – ABBY COLLETTE** BOOK #1 \$24.95

When Koby Hill and Keaton Rutledge were orphaned at age two, they were separated, but their unbreakable connection lingered. Years later, they reunite and decide to make up for lost time and capitalize on their shared interests by opening up a well-stocked bookstore and cozy soulfood café in the quaint Pacific Northwest town of Timber Lake. But this new chapter of their lives could end on a cliffhanger after Koby's

foster brother is found murdered. The murder, which occurred in public between light-rail stops, seems impossible for the police to solve. But as Keaton and Koby know, two heads are always better than one, especially when it comes to mysteries. With just a week to go before the grand opening of their new café, the twins will use their revitalized connection with each other to make sure this is the killer's final page.

#### FIND ME - CASSIE MILES \$19.95



After infiltrating a powerful Colorado crime family, FBI agent Angie D'Angelo gets a startling assignment: pretend to be lovers with Julian Parisi. But how, she wonders, will working with the attractive mobster help shut down a human trafficking ring and find the missing women? When pretense becomes a hot reality, Angie discovers that Julian has a mind-blowing secret that could jeopardize her undercover mission-and their lives.

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#### **DEATH IN BLOOM – JESS DYLAN** BOOK #1 \$24.95

Sierra Ravenswood is the new part-time employee of the Flower House, a flower shop in Aerieville, Tennessee. It's true she didn't expect to be back in her hometown at twenty-eight-years-old, but after her dream of making it as a singer in Nashville crashed and burned, she's just grateful to have found a soft place to land. Because, after all, Sierra firmly believes in being optimistic and

positive about life, so she's sure she won't have to work at the Flower House forever. But things take a decidedly negative turn when a customer drops dead in the middle of her new bouquet-arranging workshop at the store. When it's discovered he was poisoned by a snack at the event, everyone at the workshop, including Sierra, is on the suspect list. To make matters worse, her boss has gone AWOL and left the store to her for the cost of one dollar, leaving Sierra in charge of both his store and his highenergy Corgi puppy, Gus. The town is on edge, and Sierra knows that murder is something that an upbeat attitude and a bouquet of sweetsmelling roses can't fix. She's determined to figure out whodunit, before anyone else in town meets an untimely reason for needing funeral flowers.

Preorders
□ MOUNTAIN RESCUE – SANDRA OWENS BK #3 DUE 28/12
□ PURSUED BY THE SHERIFF – DELORES FOSSEN BK #4 DUE 28/12
🗆 LIFE FLIGHT – LYNETTE EASON BK #1 T/P DUE 4/1
□ CRASH SITE – RACHEL GRANT BK #2 T/P DUE 4/1
□ LIGHTNING IN THE MIRROR – JAYNE ANN KRENTZ BK #3 H/C &
T/P DUE 25/1
□ THE BULLET – IRIS JOHANSEN BK #27 *REPACK* DUE 25/1
□ VORTEX – CATHERINE COULTER BK #25 *REPACK* DUE 22/2
□ TOUGH JUSTICE – TEE O'FALLON BK #1 DUE 29/3
□ UNSTABLE – ALEXANDRA IVY BK # DUE 26/4
□ THE LAST GOODNIGHT – KAT MARTIN BK #1 DUE 22/6 *REPACK*



#### GRACE BURROWES HAS FOUR WONDERFUL **RELEASES THIS MONTH** STORM AND SHELTER - BURROWES/ LANCASTER/ET AL \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

"A Kiss by the Sea" by Grace Burrowes. Thaddeus Pennrith finds a way to recover from multiple griefs when he accepts the blacksmith's post at Fenwick on Sea. Village life gives him a sense of belonging that Polite Society never could, though he must resume his aristocratic responsibilities soon. Along comes Lady Sarah Weatherby, refugee from an engagement gone badly awry, and Thaddeus is faced with both a compelling reason to reveal his titled antecedents, and a longing to keep them forever hidden. "An Improbable Hero" by Mary Lancaster. When Letty's ship founders in a violent storm, she forges a rare bond with her rescuer. Simon is a troubled man on a final, deadly mission-until Letty makes him question everything. Hiding in plain sight among the refugees at The Queen's Barque, Simon is more than capable of protecting them both. But when the floods recede, can either of them say goodbye? "Lord Stanton's Shocking Seaside Honeymoon" by Cerise DeLand. Josephine is so young. In love with life. His accountant in his work for Whitehall. Her father's heir to his trading companyand his espionage network. Lord Stanton cannot resist marrying her. Far from home, amid a horrific storm, Stanton discovers that his new bride loves him dearly. "The Tender Flood" by Caroline Warfield. Zach knows Patience is far above his touch. But he has been enchanted by her since she raced out of the storm and into the Queen's Barque with a wagon full of small boys, puppies, and a bag of books. When the two of them make their way across the flooded marsh in search of a missing boy, attraction deepens. She risks scandal; he risks his heart. "Wait for Me" by Rue Allyn. Enemies by nature- Esmeralda and Brandon have met and fought before. When a fierce storm creates a chance encounter and forced proximity, Brandon learns the pirate is a woman of serious honor. Esmeralda discovers the naval captain is more than a uniform stuffed with rules. Both love the sea with boundless passion, but can they love each other? Also includes "Before I Found You" by Sherry Ewing. "The Comtesse of Midnight" by Alina K. Field. And "A Dream Come True" by Jude Knight.

### A ROGUE IN WINTER



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#### \$24.95

Vicar Pietr Sorenson is preparing to endure--enjoy, rather-another solitary, frigid holiday season at the edge of the Yorkshire moors, when Miss Joy Danforth's coach lurches to a halt across the village green. Joy and her brother have nowhere to wait out the impending bout of nasty weather, while the vicarage is even emptier than usual. The lady is on her way to

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charm a titled nitwit into offering her marriage, lest her family face financial ruin. Pietr has accepted a prestigious post closer to civilization, though he hasn't quite found a way to tell his congregation he's leaving early in the New Year. Will Pietr and Joy steal some holiday comfort beneath the mistletoe or find the love of a lifetime on a bleak mid-winter night?



#### TOP AMANDA QUICK PICK BOOK #5 \$19.99 \*REPACK\* Start with The Girl Who Knew Too Much. Investigative apprentice Lyra Brazier, the newest resident of Burning Cove, is unsettled when her boss disappears. Lyra knows

THE LADY HAS A PAST -

something has happened to Raina Kirk, and tracks down her last known appearance at an exclusive health spa. The health spa is known for its luxurious offerings and prestigious clientele, and the wealthy, socialite background Lyra desperately wanted to leave behind is perfect for this undercover job. What Lyra lacks in investigative experience she makes up for in gut instinct, and her gut isn't happy that she's saddled with a partner by Luther Pell, Raina's dangerous lover, who wants to bring in someone with more experience to help. Instead of the suave private eye she expected, though, Simon Cage is a mild-mannered antiquarian book dealer with a quiet, academic air, and a cool, remote gaze. Lyra suspects that Simon is much more than what he seems, and her instincts are confirmed when they arrive at the spa and pose as a couple: Simon has a unique gift that allows him to detect secrets, a skill that is crucial in finding Raina. The unlikely duo falls down a rabbit hole discovering that the health spa is a façade for something far darker than they imagined.



#### DUKE THE HALLS - BURROWES/ASHLEY/ CALDWELL/ET AL \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

"The Marquess of Mistletoe" by Grace Burrowes Leo Drake was all set to share his future with the lady of his dreams, when he was told Marielle had changed her mind. Bewildered and heartbroken, he joined the army and sailed for Spain. It's ten years later, and fate has thrown Leo and Marielle together on Christmas night. Will they say

farewell for all time, or let the magic of the holidays rejoin their hearts? "A First-Footer for Lady Jane" by Jennifer Ashley When Grandfather MacDonald predicts Lady Jane will marry this year's First-Footer-the first guest into the house on Hogmanay-she dismisses the notion. Her childhood sweetheart is fighting on the Peninsula, and she can't imagine marrying anyone but the staid Major Barnett. But when the clock strikes midnight, and Hogmanay begins, a knock at the front door changes Jane's life forever. "Then in a Twinkling" by Anna Bradley Oliver Angel will do whatever it takes to win the heart of his chosen lady. The first time he met Dinah Bishop she turned her pistol on him, but instead of his head, Dinah's ball struck the softest part of his heart. Oliver is determined to make Dinah his own, but there's one small problem. Dinah Bishop doesn't believe in love. "Making Merry" by Kerrigan Byrne (Previously titled "The Earl Of Christmas Past", Book #1.5) Printed 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. "A Marquess for Christmas" by Christi Caldwell Lady Patrina Tidemore gave up on the notion of true love after having her heart shattered and her trust destroyed by a black-hearted cad. Used as a pawn in a game of revenge against her brother, Patrina returns to London from a failed elopement with a tattered reputation. The last thing she's interested in is falling in love. But it is Christmas, and after a chance encounter with a vexing, but entrancing widower in Hyde Park, Patrina begins to think anything is possible. Includes "The Art of Kissing Beneath the Mistletoe" by Tanya Anne

#### A LADY WITHOUT PEER \$24.95 TRADE P/BACK \*2 IN 1\*

His Grace for the Win (from The Duke's Bridle Path): Philippe, Duke of Lavelle, has sworn off all things equestrian after his brother's riding accident. Just one tiny problem: The woman who steals Philippe's heart, Harriet Talbot, loves horses, and generally only notices men when they're in the saddle. Will Philippe rise to

the challenge, or come a cropper for the sake of true love? The Will to Love (from How to Find a Duke in Ten Days) The Earl of Ramsdale is convinced that his late uncle's will holds the key to finding at least one portion of a long-lost Renaissance manuscript. The only person skilled enough to translate the will in ten short days is Miss Philomena Peebles, who has no patience with handsome, presumptuous earls. Will Ramsdale find the fabled literary treasure, or lose his heart to the last woman he should propose to?

#### **RULES FOR HEIRESSES** -AMALIE HOWARD \$24.95

Lady Ravenna Huntley rues the day that she must marry. She's refused dozens of suitors but running away is the only option left to secure her independence. Lord Courtland Chase, grandson of the

Duke of Ashvale, was driven from England at the behest of his stepmother. Scorned and shunned, he swore never to return. But when a twist of bad luck throws a rebellious heiress into his arms, at the very moment he finds out he's the new Duke, marriage is the only alternative to massive scandal. Both are quick to deny it, but a wedding might be the only way out for both of them. And the attraction that burns between them makes Ravenna and Courtland wonder if it'll truly only be a marriage of convenience.

#### LORD TRESHAMS TEMPTING RIVAL - BRONWYN SCOTT BOOK #1 \$19.95

Sharing a kiss with Anne Peverett at a Christmas ball is out of character for Dr. Lord Ferris Tresham. He's far too busy treating London's poor to court

anyone. Until Anne is revealed as the herbalist who's been treating his patients with homemade remedies! If they unite forces, will Anne be a bigger threat to his practice or his heart?



#### REGENCY CHRISTMAS LIASONS - MERRILL/ JAMES/KAYE \$19.95

"Unwrapped under the Mistletoe" by Christine Merrill, Charles is hired to catch supposedly light-fingered poor

relation Daphne, but steals a kiss under the mistletoe! "One Night with the Earl" by Sophia James, Widow Elizabeth seeks refuge for herself and her young twins. Brooding Lord Grey might just provide that Christmas miracle! "A Most Scandalous Christmas" by

Marguerite Kaye Will the dashing stranger who Lady Sylvia scandalously joked with about a Christmas liaison make good on his promise?



#### THE EXPLORER BARONESS -JULIA JUSTISS \$19.95

Gregory Lattimer is well aware Charis Dunnfield is not the Society bride this Baron's son needs to restore his family's tarnished reputation. She is scandalizing the ton-living mostly in Constantinople

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and running her father's antiquities business. Gregory must settle for her friendship insteadand her help vetting other potential brides for him-until she voyages east again. But will any debutante match up to Charis?



#### THE WIT AND WISDOM OF BRIDGERTON – JULIA QUINN \$29.99 TRADE P/BACK



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A collection of the most dramatic, romantic, and memorable quotes from the charming characters of the Bridgerton world, The Wit and Wisdom of Bridgerton is the perfect gift for fans of the Bridgerton series and the groundbreaking Shondaland/ Netflix adaptation. With her signature wink and nod, Lady Whistledown herself will act as readers' familiar and trusted guide, introducing each character's most memorable quotes.

Each chapter in the book will highlight a different character from the Bridgerton series and include a new introduction from Lady Whistledown, quotes from the character, and things other characters have said about them over the course of the entire series. Fans will get a 360-degree view of each of their favorite personalities, with new commentary and takeaways from Lady Whistledown. From Daphne, to Simon, to Penelope, to Colin, fans will enter the Bridgerton world in a completely new way with a fresh and intimate perspective of each character. Readers will relive the twists and turns of the books, taking (or not taking) the advice on love, family, etiquette, and fashion from the most beloved and unforgettable voices from Bridgerton. With an introduction from the creator of the Bridgerton world and #1 NYT Bestselling author Julia Quinn, The Wit and Wisdom of Bridgerton is a highly designed keepsake and unique addition to the Regency-set series.

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#### THE VIRGIN WH<mark>O BE</mark>WITCHED LORD LYMINGTON - ANNA BRADLEY BOOK #4 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with the Virgin Who Ruined Lord Gray. In London's lord lymington brothels and bawdy houses, sin and scandal run rampant. Yet as Emma Downing knows, far worse perils often lurk within the INNA BRADLEY lavish homes of high society. Emma has been tasked with

uncovering secrets at the Lymington family's country estate--the scene of a rash of mysterious disappearances. Samuel Fitzroy, Marquess of Lymington, is no easy mark, and Emma fears he may see through both her disguise and her feigned indifference to his seductive charm. Recently returned to England after a long absence, Samuel finds his family in chaos amid disquieting rumors floating about town. His young cousin has become a worthless rake, several housemaids have gone missing, and then there is Emma, who is clearly not the naïve debutante she pretends to be. Yet irresistibly attracted despite his mistrust, he joins her in a daring game of cat and mouse. For Emma will unearth the truth even if it brings ruin to Samuel's family--but the threat is as inescapable as their mutual desire . . .

#### ONCE A LAIRD - MARY JO PUTNEY



BOOK #6 \$24.95 Start with Once a Soldier. After the death of his fiancée, Kai Ramsay left Scotland to roam distant lands. He has searched ancient ruins, collected antiquities, and escaped certain death after being imprisoned as a spy during

the Napoleonic War. Ramsay has lived on the edge of danger for years-but everything changes the day a letter arrives for him from Scotland. Signy Matheson has dedicated her life to the people of Scotland's Thorsay Islands. With a fiery spirit and agile mind, she is a faithful ally to the aging laird. But now their leader is near death, and Signy must summon his successor at once. It's time for Kai Ramsay to come home. When Ramsay returns to Thorsay, he's shocked to find that Signy has blossomed into a beauty, and a force to be reckoned with. Their complicated past interferes with their unspoken desire as they work together for their people. Until a wild storm sparks first passion, then unexpected danger when a treasure trove left by their ancestors comes to light.



#### THE PENNILESS DEBUTANTE - JANICE PRESTON \$19.95

The will that sees Aurelia Croome become wealthy forbids her from marrying the new Lord Tregowan. That wouldn't be a concern if the only man

to catch Aurelia's eye during her first Season wasn't Maximilian Penrose-- Lord Tregowan! Why is it that no one else has Max's honor, wit or tantalizing good looks? The specter of being poor again haunts herbut the thought of sacrificing passion for comfort is just as terrifying!



#### A WANTON FOR ALL SEASON – CHRISTI CALDWELL BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 A Wanton For All Seasons, Book #2 The Importance Of Being Wanton. Annalee Spencer and Wayland Smith were uninhibited young lovers until the Peterloo Massacre set them on two different paths. Raised to the title of Baron of Darlington in recognition of his courage, Wayland is now a model of propriety and heroism. As for Annalee, the trauma of that tragic day in

Manchester is ever present. To dull the pain, she lives only for pleasure. And she derives immense pleasure from co-leading the Mismatch Society, a league of scandalously independent women. Perhaps too scandalous...because of Annalee. To save the society, she must adopt a veneer of respectability. For that she needs the man who's won the admiration of the ton.

Wayland may be conflicted, but he agrees to Annalee's proposal, if only to atone for having brought his former beloved to Peterloo on that fateful day. Reunited under the pretense of a courtship, Wayland and Annalee find the feelings between them are becoming real. With their own futures at stake, it's finally time to confront the past, to trust in each other again, and against the odds, to reclaim the love they once had.



#### AN HEIRESS GUIDE TO DECEPTION AND DESIRE - MANDA COLLINS \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

England, 1867: As half of the writing duo behind England's most infamous crime column, Miss Caroline Hardcastle has quite the scandalous reputation. It may have cost her a fiancé, but she would much rather bring attention to crimes against those ignored by society than worry about what the ton thinks of

her. After Caro's dear friend is kidnapped, however, she has no choice but to work with Lord Valentine Thorn, the same man who broke her heart. Worse, when her actions put her father's business at risk, a marriage of convenience may be her only solution . . . but can she trust Val to stand by her? Or will their past repeat itself? Val--the new Viscount Wrackham--is in an untenable position: His father is demanding he find a respectable bride to secure the succession. Yet the only woman he's ever loved, Miss Caroline Hardcastle, is notorious for behaving improperly. And she's never forgiven him for his youthful transgressions, missteps made in the name of familial duty, but ones he still regrets to this day. As they grow closer to unmasking the culprit, Val sees an opportunity to show Caro he's a changed man. But can he convince her to give their love a second chance--before death does them part?

#### A RAKE AT THE HIGHLAND COURT - CELESTE BARCLAY BOOK #5 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with A Spinster At The Highland Court. Cairstine Grant has spent two nd Court years carefully cultivating a reputation LESTE BARCLAY at court that is sure to drive away any

potential suitor. Traumatized from an attack as a young woman, Cairstine is bound and determined never to marry and never to be subjected to a man's control. She'd rather become a nun than a wife. But one obstacle stands in her way: her younger sister can't marry the man she loves until Cairstine marries first. When Cairstine's father refuses to consider her choice to become a nun, can Cairstine convince an unsuspecting friend to pose as her betrothed? Eoin Grant watched his twin brother, Ewan, fall in love and marry. A romantic at heart, Eoin hopes one day to marry and find true affection with his wife. But in the meantime, he's happy to live the life of a bachelor. When Cairstine Grant blindsides him with a proposition to pretend to be her betrothed, Eoin realizes a real future with Cairstine might be better than pretend. But one obstacle stands in his way: Cairstine will only agree to a marriage in name only, and Eoin's dreams of having a family one day. When Eoin's feelings develop beyond friendship, can he convince Cairstine to trust him enough to see a future together? Can Eoin help Cairstine overcome her fears and prove that his feelings are pure? Stripped of her choices, Cairstine turns to Eoin for help, but she fears making a lasting commitment. Eoin's conscience demands he help Cairstine when she asks for his help, but he's not certain he can live with a lie that might tear apart his heart.

#### ANNA CAMPBELL'S HIGHLANDER SERIES CONTINUES THE HIGHLANDERS CHRISTMAS QUEST BOOK #5 \$22.95



Start with The Lairds Wilful Lass. The HIGHLANDER'S moment she sees Dougal Drummond, Kirsty Macbain tumbles headlong into love. A chance storm a few days before Christmas has blown the Highlander offcourse to her father's isle of Askaval, but once he's repaired his boat, Dougal will

be on his way. Kirsty is convinced that if only she can keep Dougal on Askaval, he'll see how perfect they are together. With his boat out of action, he's trapped in her company. Some surreptitious midnight destr<mark>uction w</mark>ith a drill and a hammer might help true love to win out. On the other hand, if Dougal discovers what she's been up to, there will be the devil to pay.

#### THE HIGHLANDERS ENGLISH BRIDE BOOK #6 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



Hamish Douglas, the Laird of Glen Lyon, has never got along with Emily Baylor. Which wouldn't matter if this Scottish astronomer didn't move in the same scientific circles as Emily and if her father wasn't his mentor. But when Emily looks likely to derail the event that will make Hamish's career, he

D loses his temper with the miss and his recklessness leaves her reputation in ruins. Emily has always thought her father's protégé was far too arrogant for []] his own good. But what is she to do when the only way she can save her good name in society is to wed 50 the laird? Reluctantly she accepts Hamish's proposal, but only on the condition that their union remains chaste. That shouldn't be a problem; they've never been friends, let alone potential lovers - except that after they marry, Hamish reveals that he desires her.

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BOOK #1 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Jed Stone journeys to California to track down Simon Morgan, the man responsible for his best friend's death. Arrested for robbery and murder upon arrival, Jed is shocked to see his face on a wanted poster. He escapes before his hanging, unaware that the man guilty of those crimes is the

twin brother he never knew existed. In a case of mistaken identity, Jed acquires the most famous whorehouse in San Francisco in a rigged card game his twin is meant to win. Lily Frontiere takes over running Lucky Lil's from her dving mother, the house madam who shielded her daughter by sending Lily away to boarding school. Lily's intelligence and astonishing resemblance to her mother help in the successful charade, but she's entered a world she knows little about. She clashes with the stranger who turns up with the deed to Lucky Lil's in hand, yet she is attracted to the charming risk taker. Jed asks Madam Lil to stay on as he learns the business and is fooled by Lily's performance until he stumbles upon the real Madam Lil and learns the truth behind Lily's deception. His admiration for Lily blossoms into love. But Simon Morgan seeks both Lily's hand and ownership of Lucky Lil's-and he will go to any means to possess both.

#### ALEXA ASHTON HAS A FANTASTIC **NEWS SERIES**



WRITTEN IN THE CARDS BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Maggie Rutherford jilts her too-perfect society groom at the altar and flees New York for the American West, where she turns her travels into dime

novels that she writes and illustrates under the pen name Lud Madison. After the Civil War, veteran Ben Morgan marries his childhood sweetheart and takes her to homestead on the Great Plains. Losing her and their unborn child in an Indian attack, Ben detaches from emotion and becomes a roaming gambler. When he kills a cheating opponent in self-defense, the man's gunslinger brother swears revenge upon Ben. Ben hides on a cattle drive and brings in a herd to Abilene, where a waiting Maggie wants to find a rough and tumble cowboy to interview for her next story idea. Sparks fly as the dangerous drover and popular novelist wind up living in the same household, running a general store east of Abilene. But with Black Tex Lonnegan hot on his trail, will Ben run from his growing attraction to Maggie and the gunfighter's promise of death-or will he make a stand for his life-and love?

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#### THE LADY GETS LUCKY -**JOANNA SHUPE** BOOK #2 \$24.95

Book #1 The Heiress Hunt. Shy heiress Alice Lusk is tired of being overlooked by every bachelor. Something has to change, else she'll be forced to marry a man whose only

desire is her fortune. She needs to become a siren, a woman who causes a man's blood to run hot . . . and she's just met the perfect rogue to help teach her. Christopher "Kit" Ward plans to open a not-soreputable supper club in New York City, and he's willing to do whatever it takes to hire the best chef in the city to guarantee its success. Even if it requires giving carnal lessons to a serious-minded spinster who has an in with the chef. Their bedroom instruction grows passionate, and Alice is a much better pupil than Kit had ever anticipated. When the Society gentlemen start to take notice, Kit has to try to win Alice in other ways ... but is he too late to win her heart?

#### Coming next month...

□ SOMEONE PERFECT – MARY BALOGH BK #9 □ GENTLEMAN SEEKS A LADY - GRACE BURROWES \*2IN1\* □ A ROGUE IN WINTER – GRACE BURROWES □ RAKE ID LIKE TO – LEIGH/SHUPE/SIMMONE/ETAL T/P D MY HIGHLAND CAPTOR - MIRIAM MINGER T/P □ AN ENEMY AT THE HIGHLAND COURT – CELESTE BARCLAY BK #5 T/P

□ LEIF – CELESTE BARCLAY BK #1 T/P

□ GENTLEMAN SEEKS BRIDE – MEGAN FRAMPTON BK #4 D AFTER DARK WITH THE DUKE - JULIE ANN LONG BK #4 □ AN EARL TO ENCHANT - AMELIA GREY BK #3

#### Preorders

- □ THE REBEL AND THE RAKE EMILY SULLIVAN BK #2 DUE 28/12 □ LOVE IS ALL AROUND – DARCY BURKE T/P D NEVER CROSS A HIGHLANDER – LISA RAYNE DUE 28/12  $\Box$  THE WIDOW WORE PLAID – JENNA JAXON BK #6 DUE 28/12 □ THE REDEMPTION OF PHILIP THANE – LISA BERNE BK #6 DUE 28/12 □ IN THE ARMS OF A HIGHLANDER – MICHELE SINCLAIR DUE 25/1
- □ HIGHLAND WOLF LYNSAY SANDS BK #2 DUE 25/1
- □ HIS LESSONS ON LOVE CATHY MAXWELL BK #3 DUE 25/1
- □ EARL ON THE RUN JANE ASHFORD BK #2 DUE 22/2
- **HOW TO BE A WALLFLOWER ELOISA JAMES DUE 29/3**



#### SCARLETT - NICOLE JAMES BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Charlotte. What happens when twin sisters exchange places? What if one's a rock star and one's a biker chick? Can what tore them apart ever be fixed? When Rocker Charlotte Justice proposed exchanging places with her estranged twin sister, Scarlett, who owns Badlands, a biker bar outside Vegas, Scarlett

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thought she'd get a chance at the limelight she felt was stolen from her, and perhaps escape the devastating grief she's been living with ever since she lost the love of her life a year ago. So on a whim, they decide to switch places like they did when they were kids. What harm could it do? Scarlett had no idea that taking Charlotte's place would lead her to answers she's sought all her life, not to mention meeting the one man who might be able to heal her broken heart. Flying blind in her new role, Scarlett will have to navigate the cut-throat, and sometimes backstabbing world of concert promotion, recording labels and unscrupulous managers. It's not all signing autographs, choosing pretty costumes and playing with the band. Scarlett will learn more about her rockstar sister than she ever imagined. Will it be enough to heal old wounds and bring them back together, this time closer than ever? And this time will love conquer all?

#### THE BREAK – SHAYLA BLACK/JENNA JACOB B R E A K \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Raine Kendall has everything a woman could want-almost. Liam DEC) O'Neill is her knight in shining armor, but is he too good to be SHAYLA BLACK true or could their growing connection actually last a lifetime? To complicate matters, she can't shake her feelings for her boss, Macen Hammerman, especially after the mind-blowing night he

stopped fighting their attraction, took her to bed, and ravished every inch of her. Now there might be consequences. While Hammer can't stop coveting Raine and counting the days of her cycle with glee, Liam resolves to keep her for his own. But she stubbornly refuses to open the corners of her scarred heart. Determined to win her for good, Liam risks everything. Though once he puts his plan in motion, she proves as elusive as smoke. It's a bitter pill when he needs Hammer's help to bring her home. And Liam can't help but wonder will Raine ever be his again or will he lose her to his ex-best friend for good?

#### **TERESA GABELMAN'S SERIES CONTINUES** THE PROTECTORS NVISIBLE WARRIOR **INVISIBLE WARRIOR** BOOK #11 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Damon. Steve, the self-proclaimed Invisible Warrior, has not had a typical life. Trained by the VC Warriors, he still has to prove his worth, but with humor and sheer will, he refuses to give up. In one afternoon, his life changes, as do the lives of three others. Steve Richardson has a serious choice to make between two women and someone who holds his heart like no other. RONAN

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#### BOOK #12 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Most think that newest VC Warrior, Ronan McDonald, is just a laid-back cowboy. What they don't see is the turmoil that only his small ranch and horses can tame. At least that is until a witch walks into his life. Running has been Kira Grail's life for as long

as she can remember. It isn't until she meets a VC Warrior that she realizes she's grown weary, but the forces chasing her will never bend. Ronan doesn't believe in magic or curses. What he does believe is that only he can keep Kira safe. Together, they fight to bring the once powerful warlock, Orjyll, to his knees, releasing the women of the Dragonfly Coven. During their journey, Kira vows to keep her distance, but the vampire cowboy has other plans.

#### HUNT – JANUARY BAIN BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Howl. Alessandro and Maximus Luceres are dangerous wolves to cross. Members of the powerful House of Luceres, they have spent their lifetimes searching the world over for the Lupus Sanguis Chalice, the fabled wolf blood chalice reputed to save the Beine life of a human bitten by a werewolf during the first full moon.

But never in all their travels did the twins expect to find their possible Forever Mate, much less discover Trinity Wells to be in league with their sworn enemies, the House of Ribelle, who are seeking the chalice by any means necessary and want Trinity to mate with one of their own. Trinity is bitten by a Nomad wolf, starting the countdown to her possibly fatal transformation and making the discovery of the chalice all that more vital. Will Trinity survive the change and unite the pair of brothers rivaling to be her Forever Mates?



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\$35.00 TRADE P/BACK It will take a Yuletide miracle-and love-to break a witch's curse. Anders left the woman he loved to join the king's army. On

the way, a vicious storm forced him to seek shelter with a witch. Don't strike any bargains. He was familiar with the stories. Thought he knew how to keep himself safe-how wrong he was. A curse left him howling at cruel fate. Alva promised to wait for Anders. He'd asked her to be his wife, but before they could marry, he was determined to prove his worth. Years passed with no visit. No word. Hope faded, and realization set in. Anders was not coming back, but could she move on? Guntar would like her to-with him. He'd been courting her since his return, but she was leery of giving her heart. A decision made more complicated when she is forced to deal with the witch of Briar Forest - and possibly ruining her chance for a happily ever after.



#### SNOW DRAGON – BIANCA D'ARC

BOOK #13 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK Start with Maiden Flight. Sent by her king to seek alliance with a reclusive enclave of fair folk living in the snow lands, Lilly is nearly frozen to death in a blizzard before a white presence comes to her rescue. A white snow dragon, Shilayla, drags her heartmate, Luc, out beyond the protections of

their home to rescue the human caught out in the snow. Luc and Shilayla are tasked with returning with Lilly to her homeland with a message for her king, but they are being hindered by an unseen enemy. A magical whirlwind blows them far off course and in strange lands they encounter other dragons and warriors who help them get back on mission, with the addition of an intensely magical black dragon as guide. Returning triumphant to her king is something Lilly desperately wants, but she also desires to spend more time with Luc. He has quickly stolen a large piece of her heart and she fears she will never get it back from the fair warrior who is too handsome for her peace of mind. Luc is also deeply attracted to Lilly, though he knows any romantic relationship between fey and human is likely doomed from the start. Against their better judgements, they fall in love. Will it end as badly as they both fear, or will some kind of unknown magic rescue their tender hearts

# NNA KING OF EON

KING OF EON – ANNA HACKETT BOOK #9 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Start with Edge of Eon. King Gayel HACKETT. Solann-Eon is dedicated to his people

and empire. His father was a hard man and a rigid king, but Gayel is doing things his own way. That includes working with his allies to defeat Kantos. To strengthen the alliance with Earth, he'll take a Terran bride. But as the group of candidates arrive on Eon, he's shocked by an attraction to the Space Corps officer in charge of their security. Captain Alea Rodriguez has worked hard to escape her childhood. Space Corps is her family and her work is her life. Escorting a group of women to an alien planet so a king can pick a bride has left her feeling like she's on a television show. But she takes her job seriously and will keep them safe. What she never expected was her own reaction to the alien warrior king. Stealth attacks by the Kantos make it clear that no one is safe. Alea is sure that the aliens want to assassinate Gayel, and she'll do anything to protect him, even as she fights to safeguard her heart. But Gayel is a king and a warrior, and as the two of them fight side by side, he will also convince Alea to risk everything: for their people, for their hearts, and for a bond that won't be denied.

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#### Coming next month...

□ STARRY WITH A CHANCE OF NIGHTSHADE—MANDY M ROTH BK #4 □ LYING MIRROR – EVE LANGLAIS BK #2 T/P □ HUNTER RAZE – LAURANN DOHNER BK #6 T/P



#### TRIPLE BEAT— ANN GRECH

BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK \*AUTOGRAPHED\* Book #1 Three Hearts (Originally titled Delectable), Book #1.5 Yes Captain (Originally titled Dance With Me) Single dad Mike must make a choice. A second chance with a holiday lover torn away before either man admitted they wanted more? Or the woman who'd become his best friend and stolen his heart? Different from him in so many ways, both are the loves of his

life. But Mike's got secrets. One could destroy a relationship. The other, his life.



#### **AMY LANE CONTINUES TWO SERIES** PENTACLES AND PELTING PLANTS BOOK #3 \$25.95

Book #1 Shortbread and Shadows, Book #2 Portals and Puppy Dogs. A month ago, Jordan Bryne and his coven of hedge witches cast a spell that went wrong and captured two of their number in a pocket of space and time. The magic is beyond their capabilities to

unravel so, in desperation, they send up a beacon for supernatural aid. They don't mean to yank someone to their doorstep from hundreds of miles away. Once Macklin Quintero gets past his irritation, he accepts the challenge. The tiny coven in the Sierra foothills is a group of the sweetest people he's ever met, and he's worried-the forces they've awakened won't go back in their bottle without a fight. But he also wants to get closer to Jordan. Mack's been playing the field for years. Jordan might quietly yearn for love, but right now he's got other priorities. The magic in the cul-de-sac doesn't care about Jordan's priorities, though. Apparently the only way for the hedge witches to fix what

they broke is to confront their hearts' desires head-on. THE MUSCLE



#### BOOK #2 \$25.95 \*REPACK\*

Book #1 The Mastermind. Hunter Rutledge saw one too many people die in his life as mercenary muscle to go back to the job, so he was conveniently at loose ends when Josh Salinger offered him a place in his den of thieves. Hunter is almost content having found a home with a group of people who want justice

badly enough to steal it. If only one of them didn't keep stealing his attention from the task at hand. Superlative dancer and transcendent thief Dylan "Grace" Li lives in the moment. But when mobsters blackmail the people who gave him dance-and the means to save his own soul-Grace turns to Josh for help. Unfortunately, working with Josh's crew means working with Hunter Rutledge, and for Grace, that's more dangerous than any heist. Grace's childhood left him thinking he was too difficult to love--o he's better off not risking his love on anyone else. Avoiding commitment keeps him safe. But somehow Hunter's solid, grounding presence makes him feel safer.

Coming next month... □ THE GILDED MIRROR – LM SOMERTON BK #2 T/P □ NEW LEAF—ANDREW GREY \*REPACK\*

Forthcoming... □ IRON EAGLE – EVE LANGLAIS BK #8 DUE 19/12 □ BROKEN SPARROW – MICHELLE BLISS T/P DUE 19/12 □ STEFAN—EVE LANGLAIS BK #2 T/P DUE 19/1

#### THE LUCKY CAT – LM SOMERTON BOOK #1 \$25.95 TRADE P/BACK

The antique trade is not known for its life or death excitement and Landry Carran is happy that he has to contend only with furniture polish, woodworm and his irascible boss. He gets all the thrills he needs at his favorite BDSM club, Scorch. Detective Gage Roskam is hunting stolen jewels taken from a Tokyo exhibition then shipped to Seattle. Mired in a deadly race involving the Yakuza, an enigmatic

Englishman and too many indecipherable clues, he doesn't have time to indulge in Dominant fantasies. When their worlds collide, neither Landry nor Gage expects things to get quite as complicated--or dangerous--as they do. When Landry steps into the path of some powerful, ruthless people, it's up to Gage to protect him. Along the way they might just discover what they both need.



#### TOMMY CABOT WAS HERE – CAT SEBASTIAN BOOK #1 \$27.95 TRADE P/BACK

Massachusetts, 1959: Some people might accuse mathematician Everett Sloane of being stuffy, but really he just prefers things a certain way: predictable, quiet, and far away from Tommy Cabothis former best friend, chaos incarnate, and the man who broke his heart. The youngest son of a prominent political family, Tommy threw away his future by coming out to his powerful brothers.

When he runs into Everett, who fifteen years ago walked away from Tommy without an explanation or a backward glance, his old friend's chilliness is just another reminder of what a thoroughgoing mess Tommy has made of his life. When Everett realizes that his polite formality is hurting Tommy, he needs to decide whether he can unbend enough to let Tommy get close but without letting himself get hurt the way he was all those years ago.

#### THE PERKS OF LOVING A WALLFLOWER – ERICA RIDLEY BOOK #2 \$24.95



Book #1 The Duke Heist. As a master of disguise, Thomasina Wynchester can be a polite young lady-or a bawdy old man. She'll do whatever it takes to solve the cases her family takes on. But when Tommy's new client turns out to be the highborn lady she's secretly smitten with, more than her mission is at stake. Bluestocking Miss Philippa York doesn't believe in love. Her heart didn't pitter-patter when she was betrothed to a duke, nor did it break when he married

someone else. All Philippa desires is to decode a centuries-old manuscript to keep a modern-day villain from claiming credit for work that wasn't his. She hates that she needs a man's help to do it-so she's delighted to discover the baron at her side is in fact a woman. But as she and Tommy grow closer and the stakes of their discovery higher, more than just their hearts are at risk.

Preorders... □ WARM HEARTS – AMY LANE BK #1 DUE 19/12 □ SINK OR SWIM – ANNABETH ALBERT BK #2 T/P DUE 22/2



#### ARCHANGELS LIGHT - NALINI SINGH BOOK #14 \$24.95

Start with Angels Blood. Illium and Aodhan. Aodhan and Illium. For centuries they've been inseparable: the best of friends, closer than brothers, companions of the heart. But that was beforebefore darkness befell Aodhan and shattered him-body, mind, and soul. Now, at long last, Aodhan is healing, but his newfound strength and independence may come at a devastating cost: his

relationship with Illium. As they serve side by side in China, a territory yet marked by the evil of its former archangel, the secret it holds nightmarish  $\bigcirc$ beyond imagining, things come to an explosive decision point.



#### PRETTY LITTLE LION - SULEIKHA SNYDER BOOK #2 \$24.95

THEN Book #1 Big Bad Wolf. Lion shifter and Third Shift co-founder Elijah Richter is on a mission: seduce arms dealer Mirko Aston's girlfriend, use her as an entry point to the organization, and discover what the global terrorist is planning. It should be simple. Then he meets Meghna Saxena-Saunders-celebutante, ex-wife to a

Hollywood hotshot, and a highly trained apsara assassin-and all his plans are blown out of the water. Meghna immediately clocks the stranger watching her at a VIP party and decides to play along. She and Elijah fall headfirst into their lusty bed of lies, but when their morning-after is interrupted by one of Aston's goons, both of their missions are thrown into jeopardy. Now Meghna must team up with Third Shift to cover her tracks, discover the truth, and resist falling for a man who thrills her to her core before it's too late.



#### **IINGLE BELL WOLF – TERRY SPEAR** BOOK #2 \$24.95

Book #1 You Had me at Wolf. It's almost Christmas, and Florida gray wolf shifter and veterinarian Gabrielle Lowe has agreed to go with her friends to a ski resort in Silver Town. But when her two jaguar shifter girlfriends are held up on a mission, it not only leaves Gabrielle alone for the holidays, but also out of her element at the snowy resort.

Determined to make the best of it, Gabrielle takes a dip in the lodge's heated pool after it's closed, causing all kinds of trouble. Gray wolf shifter Landon Wolff, co-owner of the ski lodge, has enough on his plate getting ready for the annual influx of Christmas visitors. The last thing he needs is someone indulging in a midnight swim long after the pool is closed. Just as he's about to throw the rule breaker out of the pool he realizes that she is also a wolf. Maybe Landon will finally find the she-wolf to share the holidays with



#### CONSTANTINE – DONNA GRANT BOOK #11.5(1-3) \$22.95 (PREVIOUSLY EBOOKS)

Start with Darkest Flame. Who is Constantine, King of Dragon Kings? It's a question asked by many. Con is an enigma. Extremely private, he keeps the details of his past secret. Now is your chance to get a glimpse into certain times of his life - and the people he encounters that change him. This is three short stories involving

Constantine from the Dark Kings series from Donna Grant.



#### THE WOLF - JR WARD BOOK #2 \$49.95 H/COVER \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 The Jackal. Rio Hernandez-Guerrero has been working undercover to bring down Caldwell's worst drug lord, Mozart. She knows she's finally getting close to him when she's ordered to negotiate a massive deal with a shadowy supplier. But what shows up at the meeting is nothing she expects. Betrayed by his clan,

Lucan was locked up decades ago for the crime of being both wolven and vampire. Forced to engage in drug-dealing by the prison camp's despot, he is not looking for anything more complicated in his life. But then a human woman, with a stare that tames him, crosses his path. Rio captures a predator's heart, but they both have secrets that threaten not only their fate as soulmates but their very lives. Will they find a way to win at the deadly game they're both playing or will their inner natures shatter their love?



#### **BEWITCH THE DARKNESS – ALEXANDRA IVY** BOOK #18 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with When Darkness Comes. Only one mission can tempt Kyi away from the woodland where the dryads raised her: killing her mother. Xuria's beauty masks a bone-deep evil that has enslaved fey for centuries with the help of a powerful stone. A hundred years ago, Kyi almost succeeded-until one vampire

destroyed her chance. With rumors that Xuria has emerged from her secre realm, Kyi's determined to try again-despite the vampire who is now focused on destroying her. Locke has been waiting over a century to avenge what he believes was Xuria's death. Discovering the sorceress's fey daughter was the assassin is a surprise-until her story of Xuria's treachery begins to ring true. Working with Kyi is one solution-and the heat simmering between them is a hint that they may be fated as mates. But even a destined love will have to wait as they now struggle to defeat Kyi's twin sister, who has a plan of her own.



#### PACK CHALLENGE – SHELLY LAURENSTON BOOK #1 \$23.95 TRADE P/BACK \*REISSUE/ REPUBLISH\* (ORIG 10/06)

All Zach Sheridan ever wanted was to become Alpha Male of his Pack and to be left alone. What he definitely didn't need in his life was some needy female demanding his attention. What he never saw coming was the vicious, scarred female who not only demanded his attention but knew exactly how to get it. Sara

Morrighan knew this was the best she could expect from her life. Good friends. A nice place to live. And a safe job. But when Zach rode into her small Texas town with his motorcycle club, Sara knew she wanted more. She knew she wanted him. But after one sexy encounter with her dream biker, everything is starting to change. Her body. Her strength. That new thing she's doing with the snarling. Even her best friends are starting to wonder what's going on with her. But this is only the beginning. Sara's about to find out her life was meant for so much more. And Zach's about to find true love with the one woman who makes him absolutely insane.



#### KINGDOM OF SHADOW AND LIGHT – KAREN MARIE MONING BOOK #6 \$24.95 \*REPACK\*

Book #6 (Book #12 in Mac's series) Book #1 Iced, Book #2 Burned, Book #3 Feverborn, Book #4 Feversong, Book #5 High Voltage. From the moment MacKayla Lane arrived in Dublin to hunt her sister's murderer, she's had to fight one dangerous battle

after the next: to survive, to secure power, to keep her city safe, to protect the people she loves. Now, as High Queen of the Fae, Mac faces her greatest challenge yet: ruling the very race she was born to hunt and kill-a race that wants her dead yesterday, so they can put a pure-blooded Fae queen on the throne. But challenges with her subjects are the least of her concerns when an ancient, deadly foe resurfaces, changing not only the rules of the game but the very game itself, initiating a catastrophic sequence of events that have devastating consequences and leave Mac questioning everything she's ever learned and everyone she's ever loved. Now begins an epic battle between Mortal and Fae, Seelie and Unseelie, would-be kings and would-be queens, with possession of the Unseelie King's virtually unlimited power and the fate of humanity at stake.



#### THE COLOR OF DRAGONS – RA SALVATORE \$19.99 TRADE P/BACK \$39.95 H/COVER

Magic needs a spark. And Maggie's powers are especially fickle. With no one to help her learn to control her magic, the life debt that she owes stretches eternally over her head, with no way to repay it. Until she meets Griffin, the king's champion, infamous for hunting down the draignochs that plague their kingdom. Neither has any idea of the destiny that they both carry, or that

their meeting will set off a chain of events that will alter every aspect of the life they know--and all of history thereafter. This epic, romantic tale will enchant readers and draw them into a thrilling world of star-crossed lovers, magic, destiny, and the paths we choose.

DARK TAROT – CRISTINE FEEHAN BOOK #31 \$49.95 H/C \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK Start with Dark Prince. Sandu Berdardi continues to exist



only to protect his people. An ancient Carpathian, his entire long life has been dedicated to honor 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. Adalasia 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 turning back.

#### AN UNCOMMON TRUTH OF DYING – MARIE ANDREAS BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



Book #1 The Girl With The Iron Wing. Aisling helped stop the drug war that would have destroyed all fey in Los Angeles. But now the threat is global. When the fey fled the world on the other side of the veil, they thought they left the danger behind. Unfortunately, the veil is growing thinner and no longer blocks creatures from the other side. Deadly beings left behind are coming through to this

world with catastrophic results for both fey and human alike. Fighting against beings never seen before, and the possible duplication of people in all levels of government, Aisling and her companions find themselves on the run with no safe place to hide. There is also a small group of fey, elves in particular, who are willing to risk the destruction of this world to get the power they want. One was a thug thought dead, another is Aisling's mother.

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#### A GHOST OF A CHANCE – H P MALLORY BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Ghouls Rush In. In an attempt to cleanse whatever entity Trina and I let into my house things have only gotten I have to do something. While Drake does definitely drive me A CHANCE crazy the idea of coming home to an empty house leaves me feeling empty. Yes, it's true-I'm fond of my ghostly Casanova.

Meanwhile, whatever this entity is, it's getting stronger. It appears to be mimicking the attacks of the Axeman, a murderer who terrorized New Orleans a hundred years ago. And there's only so much Ryan can do to help me, considering he's corporeal. When forced to make a decision to protect Drake, I'll face a consequence that could put my relationship with Ryan on hold. MOONSHINE MAGIC AND MURDER - JANUARY BAIN

#### BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

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Book #1 Magic and Mayhem, Book #2 Movies, Moonlight and Magic. Charm McCall is trying to figure out who the ghost is that her cat sees, why she's being shown an ancient treasure map by a dead guy and why her Auntie T.J. has disappeared. That would be more than enough, but with the upcoming Sadie Hawkins dance and its accompanying Promise Bags to create

NUARY BAIN and spell, she's run off her feet. Not to mention that now it's legal to sell marijuana in Canada, orders for pot brownies are threatening to crash her online store. Charm needs all the help she can get to deal with the arrival of her mother and the beyond painful host of problems that creates for her family, save Auntie T.J.'s hiney and discover who the real murderer is.



#### AMBUSH OR ADORE – GAIL CARRIGER BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Poison or Protect, Book #2 Defy or Defend. Agatha Woosmoss, the Wallflower, is the greatest intelligencer of her generation. And no one knows she exists. She has been invisible, capable, and cunning for well over four decades. Her greatest skill is in her ability to go forever unnoticed. Except by one man. Pillover Plumleigh-Teignmott is a professor of

ancient languages at Oxford University. He's tried to ignore his training as an Evil Genius and live a quiet life away from politics and intrigue. When an assignment goes horribly wrong, Agatha must hide and heal. So she goes to ground with the only person who's always kept her safe, Pillover. Can Pillover hold onto the deadly woman who specializes in getting away?



#### ASH KICKERS – SEAN GRIGSBY BOOK #2 \$24.95

Book #1 Smoke Eaters. With ex-firefighter Cole Brannigan in command of the Smoke Eaters, the dragon menace is under control. Thanks to non-lethal Canadian tech, the beasts are tranquilized and locked up, rather than killed. But for Tamerica Williams, this job filled with action and danger, has become routine. When a new threat emerges, a legendary bird of fire - the

Phoenix - it's the perfect task for Williams. But killing the Phoenix just brings it back stronger, spreading fire like a plague and whipping dragons into a frenzy. Will it prove to be too much excitement, even for adrenalin-junkie Williams?



#### LYNN CAHOON KITCHEN WITCH MYSTERY SERIES **ONE POISON PIE** BOOK #1 \$24.95

What's a kitchen witch to do when her almost-fiancé leaves her suddenly single and unemployed? For Mia Malone, the answer's simple: move to her grandmother's hometown, where magic is an open secret and witches and warlocks are (mostly) welcome. With a

new gourmet dinner delivery business-and a touch of magic in her recipes-Mia's hopes are high. Even when her ex's little sister, Christina, arrives looking for a place to stay, Mia takes it in stride. But her first catering job takes a distasteful turn when her client's body is found, stabbed and stuffed under the head table. Mia's shocked to learn that she's a suspect-and even more so when she realizes she's next on a killer's list.

#### TWO WICKED DESSERTS BOOK #2 \$24.95

wicked Magic Springs, Idaho, may be a small town, but Mia Malone is living an enchanted life running her own catering business and cooking school. And while she's teaching the locals culinary craft, her grandmother is teaching her witchcraft for the day she inherits the family magical spells that have been passed down for generations. Unfortunately, all that knowledge is not helping Mia or her

grandmother in removing the spirit of warlock Dorian Alexander from Mia's cat Mr. Darcy. But even though Dorian hasn't yet left this earthly plane, his spells have already been transferred to his daughter Cindy's grimoire. An actress looking for her big Hollywood break, Cindy is hoping there's something in her father's bag of tricks to make her a star. But playing with magic has only resulted in a trip to Idaho where Cindy finds herself the number one suspect in the murder of a hitman whose body was found in the garden of Mia's Morsels.



#### SAVING THE WORLD AND OTHER BAD IDEAS JAYCE CARTER BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Grave Robbing and Other Hobbies, Book #2 Hell Raising worse. When the entity begins to sap Drake's strength, I realize BAD IDEAS and other Pastimes. I finally get four hot men and the world's going to end. Typical. I've gone to hell, I've faced off against the devil and I've lost someone who meant the world to me. That's usually the end of the story, but it seems the universe isn't done with me yet. Lilith is

still out there, the end of the world is getting closer and only I can hope to stop it. The deeper I dig into the mystery of Lilith's past and my own powers, the less sure I am that I can actually defeat her. Still by my side are the four men I've fallen hopelessly in love with-leave it to me to get my romantic life in order just as the world falls apart. With all the questions, there are only two things I know for certain-I will face Lilith, and only one of us will walk away from it.



#### MIDNIGHT WEB – YASMINE GALENORN BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Starlight Web. January Jaxson's settling into her life in Moonshadow Bay, and her new relationship with wolf shifter Killian O'Connell. Her job with Conjure Ink is proving both fascinating as well as dangerous. But little does January realize that she's about to let the actual genie out of the bottle. When she bought an old bottle in a thrift shop, January didn't expect to be

purchasing a guest for her home. Now, with a djinn on her hands, she finds herself promising to track down something for her unexpected houseguest so he can finally gain his freedom. At the same time, she's thrown into one of the spookiest hauntings she's ever experienced when a local restaurant suddenly falls prey to ghosts seeking revenge. Will she be able to get rid of her houseguest and keep the ghosts from killing their latest target.



#### SPELL ON FIRE - RENEE GEORGE BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Book #1 Earth Spells are Easy. Being a forty-something, newly

divorced, single mom comes with its challenges. Finding out I'm a witch is just another one of them. As a new practitioner of tru-craft, I've been told that every witch is called to a single element, and they are sent down one of two paths, the Fade or the Bright. Of course, every rule has an exception, and in this case, it's me. My grimoire has

revealed a new element I have to learn, and I am walking the ditch between the two paths. I'm going to need the help of a gnome, an imp, an ifrit, and a hottie druid to keep me from burning down my life and everything around it.



#### AS SHE ASCENDS – JODI MEADOWS BOOK #2 \$16.99 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Before She Ignites. Mira the Dragonhearted is on the run with her friends following a fiery escape from the prison where she'd been condemned for speaking out against dragon trafficking. And she wants answers. Has the treaty she's been defending her whole life truly sold out the Fallen Isles to their enemies? Did her own parents lie to her? Will she lose control of her power and hurt

the ones she loves? The only way to find the truth is to go home again, to face the people who betrayed her and the parents she's not sure she can trust. Home, where she must learn to rise above her fears. Or be consumed.



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#### DARK RISE – CS PACAT BOOK #1 \$19.99

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Sixteen-year-old dock boy Will is on the run, pursued by the men who killed his mother. Then an old servant tells him of his destiny to fight beside the Stewards, who have sworn to protect humanity if the Dark King ever returns. Will is thrust into a world of magic, where he starts training for a vital role in the oncoming battle against the Dark. As London is threatened and old enmities are

awakened, Will must stand with the last heroes of the Light to prevent the fate that destroyed their world from returning to destroy his own.

#### STORMTIDE – DEN PATRICK BOOK #2 \$22.99

Book #1 Nightfall. Steiner, blacksmith, hero, has taken a hammer to the Empire, freeing the dead and children with withcsign alike from their fiery prison. Now he plans to finish what he started. Kimi, dragon-speaker, princess, must seek her father's court and win the support of his armies before news of her escape dooms her people. Silverdust, ancient, dead, journeys

to the heart of the empire as a prisoner - to meet the Emperor for what he hopes will be the final time. Kjellrun, witch, killer, still reeling from the loss of her uncle when she is ripped from her family, fears this power within her. But she must harness that force - and soon - if she hopes to survive. Scattered by fortune, plagued by danger, Steiner's crew rise against the dark rule that has cost them so much. The old gods are waking. The dragons are free. May gods help those who bear the sign of the witch.





#### MICHAEL GRANT'S THRILLING SERIES CONTINUES LIES BOOK #3 \$19.99 TRADE P/BACK \*REPACK\*

Book #1 Gone, Book #2 Hunger. It's been seven months since all the adults disappeared. Gone. It happens in one night: a girl who died now walks among the living; Zil and the Human Crew

**MODALL GRANT** set fire to Perdido Beach, and amid the flames and smoke, Sam sees the figure of the boy he fears the most: Drake. But Drake is dead-or so they thought. Perdido Beach burns and battles rage: Astrid against the Town Council; the Human Crew versus the mutants; and Sam against Drake, who is

back from the dead and ready to finish where he and Sam left off. **PLAGUE** 



#### BOOK #4 \$19.99 TRADE P/BACK \*REPACK\*

It's been eight months since all the adults disappeared. But the stakes keep rising, and the dystopian horror keeps building. Yet despite the unrest left behind by so many battles, power struggles, and angry divides, there is a momentary calm in Perdido Beach. But enemies in the FAYZ don't just fade away, and in the quiet, deadly things are stirring, mutating, and finding their way free.

The Darkness has found its way into the mind of its Nemesis at last and is controlling it through a haze of delirium and confusion. A highly contagious, fatal illness spreads at an alarming rate. SinisterAnd Sam, Astrid, Diana, and Caine are plagued by a growing doubt that they'll escape or even survive.

Coming next month...

HARVEST WEB – YASMINE GALENORN BK #3 T/P
MISCHIEF BREWING – HP MALLORY BK #3 T/P
CUJOS RAMPAGE – KHLOE WREN BK #1 T/P
THE BECOMING – NORA ROBERTS BK #2 H/C & T/P
WILD COWBOY WOLF BK #5 – KAIT BALLENGER
RISE OF MAGICKS – NORA ROBERTS BK #3 \*REPACK\*
HUNTERS HOPE – ALYSSA DAY BK #2
THE KING OF KARAHA – MARIA V SNYDER BK #3
QUEEN OF THE DEAD – MICHELLE SAGARA BK #1 T/P
THE SIXTH SPELL – MANDY M ROTH BK #6 T/P

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□ A VIRGIN RIVER CHRISTMAS BOOK #4 \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* (ORIG 2008) □ Start with Virgin River.

□ RETURN TO VIRGIN RIVER BOOK #19 \$35.00 \*REPACK\* T/P

□ HOLLY JOLLY COWBOY – JESSICA CLARE BOOK #8 \$24.95 □ Book #1 All I Want for Christmas is a Cowboy.

□ HOME FOR A COWBOY CHRISTMAS – DONNA GRANT BOOK #7 \$24.95 □ Book #1 The Christmas Cowboy Hero

□ NICK AND NOELS CHRISTMAS PLAYLIST – CODI HALL \$35.00 T/P

□ SOLDIERS HOLIDAY VOW/HIS HOLIDAY MATCHMAKER – HART/BROOKES \$24.95 "The Soldier's Holiday Vow" by Jillian Hart. "His Holiday Matchmaker" by Kat Brookes

□ YULETIDE HEARTS/REUNITED AT CHRISTMAS – HERNE/ CALHOUNE \$24.95 "Yuletide Hearts" by Ruth Logan Herne "Reunited at Christmas" by Belle Calhoune

□ CHRISTMAS IN VERMONT – ANITA HUGHES \$24.95

□ YULETIDE REDEMPTION/PASTORS CHRISTMAS – KEMERER/ KAYE \$24.95 "Yuletide Redemption" by Jill Kemerer "The Pastor's Christmas Courtship" by Glynna Kaye

□ AUTUMN NIGHTS – DEBBIE MACOMBER \$24.95 \*REISSUE\* \*2 IN 1\* (ORIG 1989) "The Playboy and the Widow" "Almost an Angel".

In MISTLETOE SEASON – MICHELLE MAJOR BOOK #2 \$24.95 Book #1 Wildflower Season. Includes "A Carolina Christmas"

□ HAPPILY THIS CHRISTMAS – SUSAN MALLERY BOOK #6 \$24.95 Start with You Say it First.

□ FIRST KISS AT CHRISTMAS – LEE TOBIN MCCLAIN BOOK #5 \$24.95 Start with Cottage at the Beach.

□ THE BRIGHTEST STAR – FERN MICHAELS \$24.95 \*REPACK\*

□ COWBOYS HOLIDAY BLESSING/ASPEN CREEK – MINTON/ RUSTAND \$24.95 \*2 IN 1\* "The Cowboy's Holiday Blessing" by Brenda Minton. "An Aspen Creek Christmas" by Roxanne Rustand.

#### Coming next month.

AT THE CROSSROADS - BJ DANIELS BK #3
 LAST DANCE WITH A COWBOY - SARAH RICHARDSON BK #3
 COWBOY CRAZY - JOANNE KENNEDY
 THE SUNSHINE CLUB - CAROLYN BROWN T/P
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