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stronger together than apart. But are they willing to risk their lives-and their hearts-to save an empire?



KILLERS KISS – KERI ARTHUR BOOK #11 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Blood Kissed. An ancient vampire has returned to Castle Rock, and with her comes an even older evil intent on revenge. After tumultuous events in Canberra forced Lizzie Grace to confront her demons-literal and figurative-she returns to Castle Rock, hoping the stalemate with Aiden O'Connor can finally be resolved. Of course, for that to happen, she first has to talk to the man, and Lizzie is fighting a major case of cowardice. But cowardice holds no weight against the force of evil, and this one has a specific target in mind-Maelle Defour, the vampire Lizzie has an uneasy relationship with. As Aiden steps up to fight for everything he wants-including Lizzie-

darkness is unleashed on the reservation. One that can turn those who look at it into stone. But the greatest threat to Lizzie might not be the demon or the vampires creating bloody chaos, but the wild magic itself. Because the wellspring is out of control, and the only way to stop it is to invoke an ancient ritual. One that might kill the precious child she carries.



DAYS OF OUR ZOMBIES – IMOGENE NIX BOOK #5 \$29.95

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Start with Reset. Tom and Kelly were always meant to be together, until he left for the police academy, and something occurred. Something so big, that she broke off their budding relationship without any explanation. Kelly has a secret. One so big and destructive that it changed the whole path of her life and made it impossible to be with Tom, the one man she's always loved. And still does. Tom is learning a lot about the things that changed his life. About his father, and Kelly. What he now knows would have destroyed him in the past, but now he knows the truth, he's desperate to find a way to breach the distance between them. Except zombies aren't going to give them the time Tom needs to fix the shattered trust between them. When they learn about the zombie evolution, and their ever more dangerous, he's working right alongside her, and trying to show Kelly that she can both trust him, and that his love is steadfast. All they

have to do is survive.

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THE CHRISTMAS BRIDES OF TWILIGHT – LORI WILDE BOOK #14 \$29.95

Start with The Sweethearts Knitting Club. Noelle Curry has returned to Twilight to plan the most spectacular double wedding the town has ever seen--*and* do it on national television. But the woman known as "The Wedding Whisperer" is knocked speechless when she

notices her teenage crush, Gil Thomas, is about to plunge into icy cold water wearing nothing more than a pair of Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer swim trunks. He is the sexiest guy participating in the annual polar bear plunge and seeing him pushes all thoughts of white lace and rose blossoms right out of her mind. Single dad Gil doesn't regret giving up his dreams of big-city singing stardom for small-town life. But seeing Noelle--who's blossomed from the once-gawky teenager to West Coast beauty--has him thinking of days--and nights--a whole lot hotter than his plunge in the lake. And even though he knows she'll be heading out as soon as her work is finished, he can't help hoping the magic of Christmas in Twilight will get her to change her mind and stay in town-and by his side--forever.

THE CORNER OF HOLLY AND IVY – DEBBIE MASON BOOK #7 \$27.95 *REISSUE*



Start with Mistletoe Cottage. With her dreams of being a wedding dress designer suddenly over, Arianna Bell isn't expecting a holly jolly Christmas. Instead, her heart feels about three sizes too small. That is until her high school sweetheart Connor Gallagher returns to town and she finds his mere presence still makes her pulse race. But just when she starts dreaming of kissing under the mistletoe, he

announces that he will be her opponent in the upcoming mayoral race, Hot -shot attorney Connor Gallagher has something to prove. He's tired of playing runner-up to his high-achieving brothers. So when the opportunity to enter the campaign comes up, he takes it. Even if it means running against the only woman he's ever loved. But with a little help from Harmony Harbor's local matchmakers and a lot of holiday cheer, Connor and Arianna may just get the happy ever after they both deserve.



TRIPLETS UNDER THE TREE – MELISSA SENATE \$25.95

Rancher Hutch Dawson is desperate for a nanny for his sixmonth-old triplets. Then, Savannah Walsh comes knocking-with a proposal! His longtime rival, Savannah has secretly always loved Hutch, and offers to be his nanny in exchange for the chance to experience life with a family. It's a

Christmas miracle Hutch can't refuse. Juggling diapers, feedings and story time, Hutch and Savannah prove they're better partners than rivals. And maybe, the five of them can be a forever family for Christmas.

THE RANCHERS CHRISTMAS STAR – STELLA BAGWELL



Rancher Quint Hollister urgently needs a sheepherder! Despite first impressions, it's a job perfectly suited to Clementine Starr. Her natural beauty and quiet ways belie her toughness and ability--and hide her pain from past betrayal. Quint is quickly drawn to her unlike any woman he's ever known. Clementine feels it too, but when the snow falls, she's moving on. Unless Quint can find some Christmas magic and er to stow. forever

convince her to stay...forever.

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THE CHRISTMAS CABIN – MICHELLE MAJOR BOOK #6 \$29.95

Start with Wildflower Season. As a girl, single mom Lauren Maxwell hated Magnolia, North Carolina. And she thought she'd left her hometown in the rearview mirror years ago, but a message from her beloved baby brother, Brody, changes all that. He's getting married on Christmas Eve. So a holiday at Camp Blossom, the rustic sleepaway camp that had been a

haven during her growing-up years, it is. Lauren won't even have to see her dictatorial father. Or her ex-husband, Ben. When Ben greets her at the surprisingly decrepit cabin, he's just as stubborn and as irresistible as ever. And when she discovers he's working with her estranged father to buy the campgrounds and rebuild them as luxury housing, Lauren is furious. She won't let the man who broke her heart win. So she and her daughter stay in town to block the sale. But the magic of the Christmas season brings back memories Lauren tried so hard to forget: his crooked smile, their daughter's laughter at the breakfast table, the feel of her hand in his. As the spark between them rekindles, Lauren realizes that second chances are real. And they're worth fighting for.

THE COWBOYS CHRISTMAS GIFT – DONNA ALWARD BOOK #1 29.95 *REISSUE* (ORIG 2014)



CHRISTMAS

Three siblings. One ranch. And they all must agree to abide by the terms of their grandfather's will or Crooked Valley's future is at risk. Ex-soldier Duke Duggan isn't looking forward to returning to Crooked Valley Ranch...or being forced into taking control of the operation now that his grandfather's passed on. He's a soldier, not a cowboy, and he's feeling mighty out of place until he sees ranch foreman Carrie

Coulter, a face from the past. Carrie's both relieved and annoyed to see Duke, but when he threatens to sell the ranch, she soon realizes that her livelihood is at stake. Still, nothing will be decided until after Christmas, which means there's ample time for them to find a solution and explore their sizzling chemistry. Until a fierce winter storm threatens everything.

THE ROAD TO CHRISTMAS – SHEILA ROBERTS \$29.95

Michelle and Max are not planning on a happy holiday. Their marriage is in shambles and the *D* word has entered their vocabulary. But now their youngest daughter, Julia, wants everyone to come to her new house in Idaho for Christmas, and she's got the guest room all ready for Mom and Dad. Oh, joy. Their other daughters, Audrey and Shyla, are driving up from

California and hoping to meet a sexy rancher for Audrey along the way. What they don't plan on is getting stranded on a ranch when the car breaks down. The ones with the shortest drive are Grandma and Grandpa--also known as Hazel and Warren. It's still a bit of a trek, and Hazel doesn't like the idea of driving all that way in the snow, but Warren knows they'll have no problem. They have a reliable car--and snow tires and chains if they need them. They'll be fine. Surprises lie in store for all three sets of intrepid travelers as they set out on three very different adventures, all leading to one memorable family Christmas.

BRING ME HOME FOR CHRISTMAS – ROBYN CARR BOOK #14 \$29.95 *REISSUE* (ORIG 2015)



Start with Virgin River. Becca Timm's number one item on her Christmas wish list is getting over Denny Cutler. Three years ago Denny broke her heart before heading off to war. It's time she got over her silly college relationship and moved on. So she takes matters into her own hands and heads up to Virgin River, the rugged little mountain town that Denny

calls home, as an uninvited guest on her brother's men-only hunting weekend. But when an accident turns her impromptu visit into an extended stay, Becca finds herself stranded in Virgin River with Denny. In very close quarters.

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"Silver Bells" by Debbie Macomber. A single dad's rambunctious teenage daughter hatches a plot to find her father a wife, and she has just the woman in mind. He may claim he's not interested in remarriage, but perhaps the magic of the holiday season will help

him change his mind. "**On a Snowy Christmas**" by Brenda Novak. When their private plane crashes in the Sierra Nevada shortly before Christmas, two political enemies discover that survival means more than just staying alive. In their case, it also means falling in love. "**The Perfect Holiday**" by Sherryl Woods. What's a holiday without a handsome husband? To a matchmaking aunt, it isn't very festive at all! So she sends the perfect man to her single niece. But will he become the perfect groom-to-be by Christmastime?



FOREVER UNDER THE MISTLETOE \$29.95 *REISSUE* (ORIG 2004) "When Christmas Comes" Emily Serieser to

"When Christmas Comes" Emily Springer trades her Leavenworth, Washington, home for Charles Brewster's Boston condo. Then Emily's friend Faith comes to visit her in Washington--and instead finds Charles, a complete stranger and a curmudgeon, to boot. His brother, Ray, meanwhile, shows up at Charles's place, only to discover Emily living there. But through

all the mix-ups and misunderstandings, among the chaos and confusion, romance begins to emerge. "Christmas Letters" Katherine O'Connor spends her days at a cozy café writing Christmas letters for other people. She's good at making their everyday lives sound more interesting. But for renowned child psychologist Dr. Wynn Jeffries, who also frequents the café, Christmas means deception. Katherine argues with Wynn about his theories while he argues that her letters are nothing but lies. They disagree about practically everything--but as the days move closer to Christmas, Katherine and Wynn may find that love means accepting your differences while discovering what you share.



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ALL IS BRIGHT – RAEANNE THAYNE \$29.95 *REPACK*

Sage McKnight is an ambitious young architect working at her father's firm who takes on her most challenging client in Mason Tucker. The former pro baseball player is still healing from the physical and emotional scars after a plane crash left him a wheelchair-using single dad, and he's determined not to let anyone breach his emotional defenses. Sage knows her work on Mason's new

home in Hope's Crossing is her best work yet, and she won't let her grumpy client prevent her from showcasing her work personally. With Sage's gift for taking broken things and making them better, the matchmaking talent of the quirky locals and a generous sprinkling of Christmas cheer, Mason doesn't stand a chance against the power of this magical holiday season.

THE COWBOYS CHRISTMAS COMPROMISE - JILL KEMERER \$25.95



Getting back in the saddle...Means opening his heart.Recently divorced Dalton Cambridge can't afford to turn down a ranch manager position--even if the boss is his ex-wife's new husband's ex-wife. After all, providing for his son is what's important. And working for Erica Black is strictly business. But when the cowboy finds himself caring for the cattle and the single mother, will he risk everything for a holiday family he could never imagine?

A COUNTRY CHRISTMAS - LISA CARTER

\$25.95 their differences...and find their own happily-ever-after?

Eager to prove herself to her family, Kelsey Summerfield is on board to plan her grandfather's upcoming wedding. But the bride's grandson, rancher Clay McKendry, is equally determined to keep the city girl's big ideas in check. When a series of disasters threaten to derail their grandparents' big day, will these two opposites put aside



FALLING STARS - FERN MICHAELS \$29.95 *REPACK*

Emily Ammerman has always felt at home amid the ski runs and slopes of Snowdrift Summit, the Colorado resort her family has operated for decades. Snow is her element, and she doesn't hesitate when a new client asks her to train him to ski The Plunge, one of Colorado's most treacherous runs. But Zach Ryder is no regular FALLING STARS client. On screen, he's famous for starring as a daring CIA officer

who always saves the day. In real life, he's just as handsome and charming as his alter ego, though not everyone is impressed. Some are concerned about what kind of impact these slick showbiz types will have on their town. As for Emily--she's got a secret, and it's one she can't reveal to anyone, especially not to Zach: she's his biggest fan. But she's also a professional. She'll train him till he's ready to tackle any slope, but she won't fall in love with him, the way so many others have. Still, not everything in life can be planned, and sometimes, no matter how hard you try, you just can't help but fall.



WYOMING PROUD - DIANA PALMER BOOK #12 \$29.95 *REPACK*

Start with Wyoming Tough. It takes one night for Erianne Mitchell to fall heart-first for dashing architect Ty Mosby. They work together and have friends in common--and a searing attraction that seems far too good to last. But when a devastating mistake tears them apart, Erianne flees to Wyoming with a secret, one she hopes Ty never

discovers. She did nothing wrong, and she'll never ask Ty to forgive her. She'll support herself...and the baby growing inside her. How can she be with a man who doesn't trust her? Ty knows exactly what he's lost and he'll do anything to beg for her forgiveness and win back her trust. When he finds her, she's just as proud as he remembers. Is it too late for him to make amends...or is destiny about to test them in an even bigger way?



HAPPILY EVER AFTER ON HUCKLEBERRY HILL -JENNIFER BECKSTRAND \$27.95

Sensible and cautious, Naomi Coblenz lives to help everyone else be happy--particularly when it comes to her twin sister, Ruth. So Omi certainly can't admit she's always loved handsome Bo Helmuth, since he and Ruth have begun courting. To look out for her sometimes-

thoughtless sister, Omi even poses as Ruth on a ride home alone with Bo. But it doesn't take Bo long to see the truth--and really notice Omi for the first surprising, hopelessly-wonderful time... Bo thought he was in love with the vivacious Ruth. But he can't stop thinking about Omi's kindness and understanding, especially since she refuses to hurt her sister. And he can't figure out a way to tell Ruth they aren't really suited for each other. His only hope is that his ever-resourceful Dawdi and Mammi can help faith guide the way--and at last claim a happy ending for all.

AN AUGATHELLA SURPRISE – ANNIE SEATON BOOK #1 \$27.95



When Jenna Wilson heads out to Augathella to start a new business venture with her friend, Alana, the last person she expects to meet is a long-lost relative, who appears to be the local town drunk. Old Reg wants nothing to do with the newcomer who's bought his house. Silly girl is going to start up a business doomed to fail. Will family relationships mend as Reg and Jenna

get to know each other?



CRASHED – SHILOH WALKER BOOK #5 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK



Start with Wrecked. Travis Barnes isn't looking for a happy ever after. Unlike his brothers, he doesn't think he deserves one. As a teenager, he broke the heart of the girl he'd fallen in love with and he's never forgiven himself. He sure as hell doesn't expect her forgiveness. Since then, he fell into a double life, one nobody, not

even his twin, could begin to guess at. He accepts the risks, hoping to atone for his sins and save others like he couldn't save his former love. When an assignment lands him in the hospital with a near fatal injury, his handler gives him a choice, take a break...or he's out. The last thing Travis expects is for his handler to put him up in a house next to her, the woman he's never been able to forget. Bella Franklin was once known as Isabel Steele, daughter of a highpowered, corrupt U.S. District Attorney. Meeting Travis Barnes had been the one good thing in her life-then he'd abandoned her. Years later, living in witness protection, she takes care of foster kids and pretends she's forgotten him...until the day she finds herself face to face with an unforgettable gaze the color of the ocean. Travis Barnes, the boy who nearly broke her, is now a man who carries shadows in his eyes and holds far too many secrets. The fire still burns between them. But can she forgive his betraval, forgive his abandonment? And can she trust the secretive man he's become?



HERES TWO RELEASES FROM PATRICIA JOHNS A BOYS AMISH CHRISTMAS

Brett Rockwell is looking forward to a peaceful Christmas retreat with his young nephew-until they're snowed in at an Amish bedand-breakfast with tenacious journalist Emaline Piper. Though Brett is determined to avoid publicity, Emaline's charm melts his

reservations. And Brett lets slip a shocking truth--a story that could make Emaline's career. Will professional ambition divide them, or can Brett and Emaline give their love story a happy ending?



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AN AMISH CHRISTMAS BABY – BALE/JOHNS \$27.95

"The Midwife's Christmas Wish" by Leigh Bale. When Amish midwife Lovina Albrecht finds an abandoned baby, she's determined to give the child a home for the holidays--even if doing so brings up difficult memories. But she's not prepared for her bishop to assign standoffish Jonah Lapp to help care for the little girl. As their temporary arrangement begins to feel like

family, can they overcome old hurts to build a future? "A Precious Christmas Gift" by Patricia Johns. Unwed and pregnant, Eve Shrock faces a difficult Christmas-soon her baby will arrive and be adopted by another Amish family. Though Eve finds a friend in Noah Wiebe, the baby's uncle-to-be, she can't afford to fall for him. He might just make her wish for a future that seems impossible...one with her baby in her arms and Noah at her side.

AN AMISH MATCH FOR CHRISTMAS – DAVIDS/MILLER



"An Amish Wife for Christmas" by Patricia Davids. Bethany Martin has until Christmas to prove to the Amish community that she can raise her siblings -- including her mischievous brother--without a husband. Then handsome newcomer Michael Shetler arrives, winning over Bethany's siblings. He might be the answer to their prayers, but Michael has a troubled past. Can Bethany love a man with secrets...even if it's the only thing keeping her

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family together? "Her Surprise Christmas Courtship" by Emma Miller. Handsome Amish men like Elden Yoder don't fall for big girls like Millie Koffman, so she's sure he bid on her charity-auction cake by mistake. Only it's all part of Elden's plan to woo his pretty neighbor--and put his failed engagement behind him. But as the past threatens their new courtship, can they overcome their own insecurities...and find love for Christmas?



HER SECRET HOPE - SHELLEY SHEPARD GRAY \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

For Lilly, the Amish town of Pinecraft is a chance to start again. But then she meets Eddie, a man with no plans to stay--a man she can't stop thinking about. She must decide whether to give him up or face her past and hope that their love will endure.



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MARIE SOMEONE TO LOVE - MARIE FORCE BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Someone To Hold, Book #2 Someone Like You. Adrian In the year since I lost my wife in childbirth, I've been all about survival as I adapt to life as a single dad to our son. That's especially true after my mother-in-law also died suddenly. Life has been way more than I can handle, but somehow I'm getting by, thanks mostly to the Wild Widows, a group of fellow

travelers who make me feel less alone with my grief. They encourage me to hire fellow Wild Widow Wynter as my nanny, and that's been working out great, until two things happen-she and my son go missing, and when they're found safe, I realize my feelings for her are anything but platonic. Wynter I cannot be feeling this way about my employer. He's entrusted me to take care of the most important person in his life, and I nearly screwed that up epically. After the big scare we had, I should be giving Xavier my undivided attention, which I do until his daddy is in the room. All I see is him. Then I catch Adrian having sex, and now all I can think about what it would be like to be with him that way. He's my boss, my close friend and we share many mutual friends. A mess between us would be devastating, and not just to us, so I need to avoid that at all costs. I've got enough on my plate managing my grief for my late husband. I don't need the complication that could come with Adrian. If only I hadn't seen him naked.

NNEWRIGHI THE PACT – SUZANNE WRIGHT \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

She should say no. Addison Davenport figures that most people likely would. But after having her life plans repeatedly derailed, she's come to wonder if her chance at marriage and kids ended with the death of her college boyfriend. So when business powerhouse Daxton "Dax" Mercier-a man who's suffered a similar loss, a man who's her first in every way-asks her to honor the fallback marriage pact they made years ago, she doesn't reject it out of hand. Their partnership would be no more than a business transaction, but what's the point in holding out for love when it had granted her no guarantees in the past? Maybe they could make a marriage work. Maybe . One thing is for with the wounds of loss heavy on their souls and the fact that he's given up on

finding the big L again, friendship would be all they'd have. Love would never enter their picture. Ever. Not even for a moment. Right?



THEIR CONVENIENT CHRISTMAS ENGAGEMENT – CATH<mark>ERIN</mark>E MANN \$25.95

A burst pipe has made widow Gwen Bishop and her young triplets Ian Greer's unexpected houseguests. The handsome tree farmer asked for just one favor in return: to help give his mother a holiday to remember. A father figure for the boys, warm memories, a cheerfully decorated home -- the arrangement

was convenient to them all. Yet for a woman who didn't trust her heart, it was a wake-up call to what Gwen really wanted for Christmas: Ian.



PRIDE AND PUPPIES - LIZZIE SHANE BOOK #4 \$27.95 *REPACK*

Start with The Twelve Dogs of Christmas. Dr. Charlotte Rodriguez is single--again--and she blames Jane Austen. She made brooding, aloof men sound oh so dreamy. But after years of failing to find her own Mr. Darcy, Charlotte decides it's time to swear off dating. She's going to lavish all her love and affection on someone who actually deserves it: her new

puppy, Bingley. And there's no one better to give her pet advice than her neighbor and coworker George Leneghan. He's quiet and patient and, best of all, way too sweet to ever be her type. But as their friendly banter turns flirty, the unimaginable happens--Charlotte starts catching feelings. Just as Charlotte is trying to untangle what it is she truly wants, George announces he's contemplating a cross-country move. Suddenly, Charlotte wonders if she's kept her soulmate in the friend zone so long that she's entirely missed her chance at a happily ever after. Dear Reader, could it be possible she's had it wrong all this time?

THE WHOLE TIME – CATHERINE BYBEE Whole

BOOK #4 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK Start with When it Falls Apart. Salena Barone has broken free of BYBEE her family and moved into an apartment above the D'Angelos' restaurant, where she works as a manager--without a husband, thank you very much. But even on a restaurant salary, she soon finds herself strapped for cash. Salena's never been afraid of living on the wild side, though, so she takes on a side hustle

that'll raise big bucks...and eyebrows, if anyone finds out Tattooed biker Ryan is the youngest of the wealthy Rutledge wine family and has never dreamed of rings, forever, or continuing the family business. He's perfectly happy living his own life and helping out hardworking folks in his own way. When these two independent singles spot each other at a Rutledge-D'Angelo wedding, the attraction is instant. But as their friendship with benefits evolves into something more, the secrets Salena's keeping--from family, friends, and Ryan--threaten the happily ever after she never knew she wanted.

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CONFESSIONS OF A CANINE DRAMA QUEEN -STEFANIE LONDON BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 The Dachshund Wears Prada, Book #2 Pets of Park Avenue. August Merriweather has always been good with animals. In fact, she's known as Manhattan's Dog Whisperer. Men, on the other hand? Not so much. She's been falling for the wrong guys ever since her regrettable crush on Keaton Sax, older brother of her best friend, Leah, and the biggest jerkface this

side of the Hudson. Now an emotionally closed off widower, Keaton has become one of the most formidable men on Wall Street, but August knows his secret. He's not driven by sales targets and bonus checks--Keaton just wants to give his family the security they never had. So when Leah asks Keaton to wrangle her over-the-top, dramatic husky at a weekend talent competition, Keaton says yes...and begs August to help him win the event for Leah. Between obstacle courses, Molly's husky temper tantrums and a cabin with just one bed, August is having a blast. Away from the pressure to have a "perfect life" with the "right guy," she finds herself relaxing and getting to see the softer side of the man she once loved. Is this just a temporary truce? Or could Keaton finally be the right guy at the right time?

THREE COWBOYS AND A PUPPY - KATE PEARCE TOP BOOK #2 \$27.95



Book #1 Three Cowboys and a Baby. With a thriving cattle ranch and good friends all around, there's not much Luke Nilsen would change about his life. But when his buddy Noah's sister comes to visit, Luke begins to wonder if it's time to change himself--and become the kind of man a sophisticated city woman like her would want. Maybe his female bestie, Bernie Cooper, who runs the local coffee shop, can use her womanly expertise and give him a man makeover. Bernie thinks Luke is just fine the way he is--more than fine, even--aside from being blind to the fact that Bernie is perfect for him. But what's a BFF to do? Perhaps it's time for her

to finally get over Luke and move on. Yet as Luke helps organize their small town's Adopt a Shelter Dog auction event, one sweet little puppy seems to be on a mission to help Luke realize that the right woman has been right by his side all along.

Coming next month...

□ THE TROUBLEMAKER – MAISEY YATES BK #6 DI HEART LIKE A COWBOY-DELORES FOSSEN BK #1 □ THE TALK OF COYOTE CANYON – BRENDA NOVAK BK #2 D MARRIED BY MISTAKE – SHANNON STACEY BK #6 □ A COWBOY CHRISTMAS CAROL – MELINDA CURTIS BK #3 SNOWED IN AT THE RANCH – RAEANNE THAYNE AN AUGATHELLA BABY – ANNIE SEATON BK #2 □ A COWBOY CHRISTMAS CAROL – MELINDA CURTIS BK #3 □ HOUSEBROKE – JACI BURTON T/P

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THE MESSY LIFE OF JANE TANNER – BRENDA NOVAK BK #3 DUE 20/2

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YES TO LOVE \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK *REISSUE* (ORIG 1990) "Taming Natasha" Composer Spencer Kimball

and his young daughter are new to town. It's a small community, and in such

close quarters beauty is hard to miss--and when he sets eyes on Natasha Stanislaski, he's thunderstruck by the intensity of his attraction. The former ballet dancer has a fiery temperament that draws Spencer like a moth to the flame. However, he isn't sure if Natasha would be interested in a single father. Spencer and his little girl join forces to find a way into Natasha's closely guarded heart. He'll do whatever it takes to tame Natasha's fears...and show her how to love. "Luring a Lady" Nothing in Sydney Hayward's background of wealth and privilege had prepared her to take the helm of her grandfather's business. Her new responsibilities leave no time for complications. Sydney has learned the hard way с С that she could never trust anyone, but her tenant, Mikhail, is hard to resist. Down-to-earth vet stubborn, he comes from a world utterly different from her own. She doesn't have room in her life for romance, but Mikhail seems to know exactly how to win her over-one smoldering kiss at a time.



ROYAL SECRETS \$29.95 *REISSUE* *2 IN 1* (ORIG 1993)

"Affaire Royale" Princess Gabriella reappeared as suddenly as she had vanished. Taken against her will, she managed to escape her abductors and return home. Suffering from memory loss, she doesn't know who kidnapped her or where she was held. Aware the princess

is still in danger, her family hires American excop Reeve MacGee as a bodyguard. He possesses the perfect set of skills to shield and defend her against any threat. But when it came to helping Gabriella recover her mind and spirit, Reeve found himself even more determined to heal her heart-and protect their growing love. "Command Performance" When Eve Hamilton first met Prince Alexander de Cordina, he received her youthful exuberance and attentions with disdain. So she doesn't understand why he has requested her theatre company to entertain guests at a palace reception after they parted with such finality. In his mind, when Prince Alex extended his invitation to Eve, he never expected to find that the girl whose affections he once easily dismissed has become an alluring, confident woman. Now, he wants nothing more than to prove that her initial feelings for him were not misplaced and that love can be nurtured between such distinct hearts. But as heir to the throne, Alex has many enemies, and loving Eve may put her in grave danger.



THE WITNESS \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK *REISSUE* (ORIG 2012) Daughter of a cold, controlling

mother and an anonymous donor, studious, obedient Elizabeth Fitch finally let loose one night, drinking too much at a nightclub and allowing Ð

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a strange man's seductive Russian accent to lure her to a house on Lake Shore Drive. Twelve years later, the woman now known as Abigail Lowery lives alone on the outskirts of a small town in the Ozarks. A freelance security systems designer, her own protection is supplemented by a fierce dog and an assortment of firearms. She keeps to herself, saying little, revealing nothing. Unfortunately, that seems to be the quickest way to get attention in a tiny southern town. The mystery of Abigail Lowery and her sharp mind, secretive nature and unromantic viewpoint intrigues local police chief Brooks Gleason, on both a personal and professional level. And while he suspects that Abigail needs protection from something, Gleason is accustomed to two-bit troublemakers, not the powerful and dangerous men who are about to have him in their sights. And Abigail Lowery, who has built a life based on security and self-control, is at risk of losing both.

DEAD MANS HAND - B J DANIELS



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BOOK #6 \$29.95 Book #1 Murder Gone Cold. DJ Diamond's partnership with Sadie Montclair is purely professional. But when a high-stakes poker game DJ organized turns violent, Sadie refuses to leave his side. Hiding out in a snowbound cabin gives them a chance to explore the feelings they've kept from each other. And it makes them an easy target for the gangsters who want them dead.

"Deliverance at Cardwell Ranch" When deputy sheriff Austin Cardwell rescues a woman in a blizzard, he is stunned to learn the dark-haired beauty has no memory of who she is and who--or what--she was fleeing. But she's terrified of the stranger who shows up at the hospital, claiming to be her

husband. From Cardwell Ranch to the wilds of Idaho, Austin vows to uncover her identity...before her past destroys any hope of a future. Ľ



TROUBLE IN TEXAS – BARB HAN \$25.95

Rancher Darren Pierce never imagined he'd see Reese Hayes again after all their years apart...especially not bound, gagged and bleeding on his Texas land. Busy raising his daughters, the widowed rancher knows he should just let the law protect Reese. Though her abandonment had devastated him, her memory loss is now putting her life in danger. How can he turn away this

wounded woman from his past when so much is riding on her remembering the present?



OPEN SEASON – CJ BOX



BOOK #1 \$29.95 GREAT NEW SERIES ON PARAMOUNT Joe Pickett is the new game warden in Twelve Sleep, Wyoming, a town where nearly everyone hunts and the game warden--especially one like Joe who won't take bribes or look the other way--is far from popular. When he finds a local hunting outfitter dead, splayed out on the woodpile behind his state-owned home, he takes it personally.

There had to be a reason that the outfitter, with whom he's had run-

ins before, chose his backyard, his woodpile to die in. Even after the "outfitter murders," as they have been dubbed by the local press after the discovery of the two more bodies, are solved, Joe continues to investigate, uneasy with the easy explanation offered by the local police. As Joe digs deeper into the murders, he soon discovers that the outfitter brought more than death to his backdoor: he brought Joe an endangered species, thought to be extinct, which is now living in his woodpile. But if word of the existence of this endangered species gets out, it will destroy any chance of InterWest, a multinational natural gas company, building an oil pipeline that would bring the company billions of dollars across Wyoming, through the mountains and forests of Twelve Sleep. The closer Joe comes to the truth behind the outfitter murders, the endangered species and InterWest, the closer he comes to losing everything he holds dear.

SHADOWS IN THE NIGHT- HEATHER GRAHAM \$29.95 *REISSUE* (ORIG 2017)



A year after the chilling death of her mentor, criminologist Harley Frasier is still rattled. Secretly she's suspected murder all along. Now the unveiling of the Amenmose exhibit is triggering a series of unexplained attacks, and there's only one man she can trust. FBI special agent Micah Fox is used to charging into dangerous

territory to solve a case. Working with a civilian is new ground, especially when she's as irresistible as Harley. He can't say no to her sharp instincts and sexy smile. And with a threat closing in, there's no way in hell he'll leave her unprotected. "Fatal Reunion by Jessica R. Patch. When her beloved grandmother is almost killed during a home invasion, Piper Kennedy isn't surprised that she's a suspect, especially since Luke Ransom--the handsome detective she once loved-is on the case. Given her crooked past and the heartbreaking way she'd been forced to betray Luke years ago, Piper understands why he doesn't trust her. But when attempts are made on her life, Luke insists on keeping her safe and finding out who wants her dead.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS KILLER – BARRI R FLOWERS \$25.95

After his missing niece turns up dead, state trooper Hamilton McCade joins the hunt for her murderer. Working the case with Detective Annette Lynley, they quickly discover there's a serial killer in their town. With Christmas just around the corner, and the attraction between them heating up, Annette becomes a target. But Hamilton won't let this monster hurt another woman he loves.

SCRUBLANDS - CHRIST HAMMER \$22.99 *REPACK* **RELEASING ON STAN NOVEMBER 16TH**

In an isolated country town brought to its knees by endless drought, a charismatic and dedicated young priest calmly opens fire on his congregation, killing five parishioners before being shot \mathbf{U} dead himself. A year later, troubled journalist Martin Scarsden

arrives in Riversend to write a feature on the anniversary of the tragedy. But the stories he hears from the locals about the priest and incidents leading up to the shooting don't fit with the accepted version of events his own \Box newspaper reported in an award-winning investigation. Martin can't ignore his doubts, nor the urgings of some locals to unearth the real reason behind the priest's deadly rampage. Just as Martin believes he is making headway, a shocking new development rocks the town, which becomes the biggest story in Australia. The media descends on Riversend and Martin is now the one in the spotlight. His reasons for investigating the shooting have suddenly become S very personal. Wrestling with his own demons, Martin finds himself risking everything to discover a truth that becomes darker and more complex with D every twist. But there are powerful forces determined to stop him, and he has no idea how far they will go to make sure the town's secrets stay buried. S







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SLEEP NO MORE - JAYNE ANN KRENTZ BOOK #1 \$22.99 *REPACK*

Seven months ago, Pallas Llewellyn, Talia March, and Amelia Rivers were strangers, until their stay at the Lucent Springs Hotel. An earthquake and a fire partially destroyed the hotel, but the women have no memory of their time there. Now close friends, the three women co-host a podcast called the Lost Night Files, where they investigate cold cases and hope to connect with

others who may have had a similar experience to theirs-an experience that has somehow enhanced the psychic abilities already present in each woman. After receiving a tip for their podcast, Pallas travels to the small college town of Carnelian, to explore an abandoned asylum. Shaken by the dark energy she feels in the building, she is rushing out when she's stopped by a dark figurewho turns out to be the women's mysterious tipster. Ambrose Drake is certain he's a witness to a murder, but without a body, everyone thinks he's having delusions. But Ambrose is positive something terrible happened at the Carnelian Sleep Institute the night he was there. Unable to find proof on his own, he approaches Pallas for help, only for her to realize that Ambrose, too, has a lost night that he can't remember-one that may be connected to Pallas. Pallas and Ambrose conduct their investigation using the podcast as a cover, and while the townsfolk are eager to share what they know, it turns out there are others who are not so happy about their questions.

SNOWBOUND ESCAPE - DANA MENTINK

\$25.95 After months tracking a colleague falsely accused of a double

homicide, officer Tanner Ford and his K-9 partner finally locate crime tech Mara G<mark>ilmo</mark>re-but the real murderer is closing in. Now they must run into a frozen wilderness to survive. Evading the killer is the only way for Mara to clear her name. But will the harsh winter conditions cover their tracks or bury them forever?



KILLER ON KRESTREL TRAIL – CINDI MYERS \$25.95

Twenty years after her sister's murder, Kelsey Chapman's determined to discover the truth behind what really happened on Kestrel Trail. When she arrives in Eagle Mountain, Colorado, she quickly joins forces with search-and-rescue expert Tony Meisner, who found Liz's body and has been haunted ever since. Kelsey needs Tony to solve the mystery and dodge a murderer who may be hiding in plain sight.



MARKED TO DIE - KATHLEEN TAILER \$25.95

When Eleni Townsend's daughter is poisoned, the investigative reporter turns to FBI agent Chris Springfield for answers. But after another attack, it becomes clear that someone wants Eleni dead. The key to solving the case lies in Eleni's past and unraveling the mystery from her childhood is the only way to survive the diabolical plan.

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BLACKHEARTED - JULIE ANN WALKER BOOK #2 \$45.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Back in Black. Samuel Harwood has spent his entire career working in the black and gray areas of international intrigue. Living in the shadows for so long has made him forget who he was and where he came from. Then a blast from the past, in the form of his ex-girlfriend's kid sister, arrives on the front steps of Black

Knights Inc, reminding him of everything he left behind. Except, she's no longer a kid. And she's in serious trouble. Hannah Blue has been in love with Sam Harwood since she was in braces. When someone sabotages her entire life, he's the first person she turns to. She has critical information about a potential cyber-attack on the U.S. power grid that could end in catastrophic financial damage and loss of life. But the FBI thinks she's a traitor. And now she's on the run to save herself and the fate of the entire nation. Who does Samuel trust? The smart, sexy woman he's known since he was a teenager? Or the government authorities who give him his orders and cut his paychecks? He'll make one desperate play to find out. A play that could cost him everything...including his heart.



COLD LIGHT OF DAY - ELIZABETH GODDARD BOOK #1 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Police Chief Autumn Long is fighting to keep her job in the quiet Alaska town of Shadow Gap when an unexpected string of criminal activity leaves her with a wounded officer, unexplained murders, and an attack on her own father. Despite her mistrust of outsiders she turns to Grier Brenner, a newcomer who seems to have the

skills and training Autumn needs to face this threat to her community. Grier is in Alaska for the same reason many others are--to disappear--when Chief Long enlists his help. He emerges from the shadows and proves his mettle, but his presence in her life could be a deadly trap for them both. If his secret is exposed, all will be lost. And he's not sure even Autumn could save him. _____



THE LAST CLOSE CALL – LAURA GRIFFIN

\$29.95 Forensic genealogist Rowan Healy has made a name for herself by



helping investigators trace the family trees of violent criminals who have eluded justice for years. But the pressure of police cases left her burned out, and she's shifted her focus to helping adoptees find their biological parents. Austin detective Jack Bruner has spent his career successfully tracking down vicious criminals-with the notable exception of the West Campus Rapist, a meticulous offender in Texas who has never been identified. When the latest two victims come to light, Jack sees his target

is escalating his violent behavior-and only with Rowan's help does he stand a chance of cracking this case. Moved by Jack's dedication and the brutal details of the attacks he lays out, Rowan agrees to help. When her ground-breaking DNA research sheds new light on the criminal's background and helps them zero in on a search radius, Rowan and Jack must race against the clock to find a ruthless killer who's growing bolder the longer he evades the law.

COLTONS MONTANA HIDEAWAY - JUSTINE DAVIS \$25.95



ATAL FOLIO

A serial killer's threats drive FBI tech expert Ashlynn Colton undercover at a dude ranch. Investigating her prime suspect's half brother, cowboy Kyle Slater, the city girl is unprepared for how displaced she feels on a ranch and for her attraction to Kyle. When Kyle's murderous father threatens Ashlynn, she and Kyle take refuge at a remote cabin. Now Ashlynn's greatest danger

comes from her own heart.

THE FATAL FOLIO – ELIZABETH PENNEY BOOK #3 \$29.95

Book #1 Chapter and Curse, Book #2 A Treacherous Tale. After moving to Cambridge, England, Molly Kimball has found a lot to love, including--of course--her family's ancestral bookshop, Thomas Marlowe--Manuscripts and Folios. And though she's not quite ready to use the "L" word when it comes to her boyfriend Kieran, she's definitely fallen for his intimidating family's library.

His family is paying her handsomely for an updated catalog when Molly discovers the original manuscript of a Gothic novel, A Fatal Folio by the pseudonymous Selwyn Scott. Kieran's cousin Oliver, a professor specializing in Gothic literature, is eager to publish a paper on the mystery--especially because a troublesome student, Thad, is threatening to file a complaint against him and prevent his long-awaited promotion. On Guy Fawkes Night, Molly, Kieran, and her friends set out to enjoy the costumes, fireworks, and fun--at least until a stray firework starts a panic, and the group stumbles upon a prone body, their face covered by a mask. It's Thad, and he's been stabbed to death. It soon becomes clear Oliver isn't the only one with a motive, and Molly must once again put on a few masks of her own to sleuth out Thad's killer, prove Oliver's innocence, and discover what Selwyn's novel might have to do with this most atmospheric mystery.



DIRTY THIRTY – JANET EVANOVICH BOOK #30 \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK

Start with One For the Money. Stephanie Plum, Trenton's most underappreciated bounty hunter, is on the trail of a stolen cache of dirty diamonds. Stephanie's new assignment seems simple enough. A local jeweller wants her to locate his former security guard, who he is convinced has stolen a fortune in diamonds. Stephanie is also looking for another man arrested for robbing the same jewellery

store on the same day. With her boyfriend Morelli away on police business, Stephanie is taking care of Morelli's giant orange dog, who will devour anything, including the upholstery in Stephanie's car. Morelli's absence means the inscrutable, irresistible security expert Ranger is front and centre in Stephanie's life when things go sideways. And he seems determined to stay there. An overnight stakeout with Stephanie's mother and Grandma Mazur reveals three generations of women with nerves of steel and driving skills worthy of the most daring stock-car champions. As the body count rises and witnesses disappear, it's not easy for Stephanie to keep herself clean when everyone else is playing dirty. It's a good thing Stephanie isn't afraid of getting a little dirty, too.



INTO THE FIRE – IRENE HANNON BOOK #1 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK



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As a former smokejumper, arson investigator Bri Tucker knows her way around fires. But after a mysterious blaze takes the life of a former colleague, Bri inherits a curious puzzle from him that raises questions about several fiery deaths. Someone, however, doesn't want her picking up where he left off in search of answers. When she teams up with ATF Special Agent Marc Davis to solve the puzzle, the case heats up--as does the attraction between them.

Sparks fly as the danger escalates, but will they manage to track down the person behind the mysterious deaths before their budding romance--and maybe even their lives--go up in flames?



OVERKILL – SANDRA BROWN \$30.95 *REPACK*

Former Super Bowl MVP quarterback Zach Bridger hasn't seen his ex-wife, Rebecca Pratt, for some time--not since their volatile marriage imploded--so he's shocked to receive a life-altering call about her. Rebecca has been placed on life support after a violent assault, and he--despite their divorce--has medical power-of-attorney. Zach is asked to make an

impossible choice: keep her on life support or take her off of it. Buckling under the weight of the responsibility and the glare of public scrutiny, Zach ultimately walks away, letting Rebecca's parents have the final say. S Four years later, Rebecca's attacker, Eban--the scion of a wealthy family in Atlanta--gets an early release from prison. The ludicrous miscarriage of J justice reeks of favoritism, and Kate Lennon, a brilliant state prosecutor, is determined to put him back behind bars. Rebecca's parents have kept her alive all these years, but if her condition were to change--if she were to die--Eban could be retried on a new charge: murder. It isn't lost on Zach that in order for Eban to be charged with Rebecca's murder, Zach must actually be the one to kill her. He rejects Kate's legal standpoint but can't resist their ill-timed attraction to each other. Eban, having realized the jeopardy he's in, plots to make certain that neither Zach nor Kate lives to see the death of Rebecca-and the end of his freedom.



LAST CHANCE INVESTIGATION – TARA TAYLOR OUINN \$25.95

When a message in a bottle points to the possible copycat case of a just-solved crime, Detective Levi Griggs is determined to find closure and the potential new victim. Even if at the case's center lies Kelly Chase--the woman who shattered his heart. Renowned psychiatrist Kelly certainly

doesn't expect to find herself pursuing a mystery with the high school love she left behind. But as she and Levi untangle the past, they're running out of time in the present.



ALL THE LITTLE **TRUTHS**-DEBRA WEBB BOOK #3 \$40.00 TRADE P/ BACK Book #1 The Last Lie



Told, Book #2 The Nature

of Secrets. Legal investigator Finley O'Sullivan has dealt with her share of shady characters, but the firm's latest client has an even darker past than most. In fact, Nashville Metro Police seems to think he's a murderer. Finley isn't so sure. Her investigation into Ray Johnson's history focuses on the unsolved • murder of a teenager who died thirteen years earlier. • The case went cold, but questions remain. After the girl's death, people close to her started disappearing Ray's brother first, then the girl's mother. But why? As Finley races to solve a decade-old murder, she uncovers new clues and long-buried secrets that could blow the case wide open. But whoever killed the girl all those years ago may still be a threatand now the chase is on.



Start with Frozen in Ice. Dr. Antonia "Tony" Rossi has a reputation-she finds the dead. She's an expert when it comes to discovering remains and identifying the deceased. Someone has to give justice for the missing, and she's made it her life's work to be the voice for those who can't speak. Tony's a loner by nature, uncomfortable with attention, and definitely not a woman who seeks the spotlight. Aiden is used to getting what he wants, and what he wants now? Antonia. He figures he can pay her to do the job, and the case will be closed but he's wrong. About her. About himself. From the minute he meets her, Aiden is obsessed. He expected Antonia to be brilliant, but he doesn't expect the desire he feels for her. But now Aiden's attention has a killer focused on Antonia, too. Someone who will not allow her to uncover any of his secrets. And if he has to, he will bury Antonia so deeply that no one will ever find her again. When Antonia is threatened, Aiden realizes that nothing matters but protecting her. For years, his heart has been locked away, but she's brought him to life again. Will he fight for her? With everything he has. Would he kill to protect her? In a heartbeat.

CLOSING IN ON CLUES - JULIE ANNE LINDSEY \$25.95

When her newly sober sister goes missing, Nicole Homes turns to former lover PI Dean Beaumont. Though she left him when he needed her most, she knows he'll help and protect her from forces determined to keep her quiet. As she joins Dean's search, clues lead them straight to lifethreatening attacks. But even if they find the missing single mom, can they also find their way back to one another?



THE SECRET SHE KEEPS – LENA DIAZ \$25.95

Raine Ouintero is so desperate she's willing to kidnap PI Callum Wright, the one person who can help stay her brother's execution. Raine raises the stakes by offering a lead on a killer Callum's pursuing--without revealing the secret she's actually keeping. Racing against time, they must find the answers before one man dies--and another kills again.

HER SECRET PROTECTOR – BONNIE VANAK \$25.95 Assigned to protect sea turtle biologist Peyton Bradley from a dangerous

stalker, former SEAL Gray Wallace is determined to save his headstrong U charg-e--even if she doesn't want to be saved. Their attraction is powerful. But damning rumors around the handsome bodyguard's past get him fired. Only when Peyton is kidnapped and loses her memory does Gray reveal his startling--possibly deadly-secret.



BODYGUARD MOST WANTED – KATHERINE GARBERA \$25.95

When Nicholas DeVere's bodyguard is murdered, Luna Urban takes on the task of protecting the tabloid-famous billionaire. Her task is complicated by the fact that, having already survived countless attempts on his life, Nick feels invulnerable. And, after one electric kiss, the attraction between them becomes a dangerous distraction. Will his recklessness be his undoing--or will her feelings leave her fatally compromised?



EXCHANGE OF FIRE – PA DEPAUL

BOOK #1 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

As a lethal sniper for SweetBriar Group, a covert agency with assassins for hire, Sandra Walsh has no room for error. Accidentally killing a young girl she's supposed to save, Sandra knows she has

to retire. Unable to leave without consequences, she fakes her death and establishes a new identity in North Carolina. Her vows to never pull another trigger or have contact with her former life again have been no problem...until her past threatens Casper Grady. Grady has retired from the Marines. He's gone from protecting the nation to establishing a safe haven for local children and families. With his pained past, he has a debt to settle and his entertainment center is where he can find redemption. When Sandra Walsh applies for a position, his instincts say she's not what she seems. Drawn to the mysterious woman, he can't deny her qualifications and hires her for the position. As time goes by, he doesn't regret the decision, then her past brings trouble through his front doors. Determined to help Sandra, he refuses to back down even when her secrets become dark and dangerous.

Coming next month...

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- □ ROCK BOTTOM FERN MICHAELS BK #35 *REPACK*
- □ SEARCHING FOR HEATHER SUSAN STOKER BK#6 TP DUE 2/1
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A PRINCESS IN PLAID - AMY JARECKI BOOK #5 \$29.95 TRADE P/BACK

Start with A Duke by Scot. Lady Grace MacGalloway is the most accomplished of her sisters. She attended the Northbourne Seminary for Young Ladies which elated her English mother, the Dowager Duchess of Dunscaby. Grace sings beautifully, plays the pianoforte, her embroidery is flawless, and she speaks four



languages. Whenever she enters a room, all heads turn her way, which is exactly why the most eligible bachelor in all of Christendom, Prince Isidor, chose her as his bride. From birth, Grace knew she was destined to become a princess. And at last her dreams were coming true. Except the expectations of young ladies are often nothing but fantasies. Even highborn women, born into powerful families often discover their arranged marriages do not measure up to their expectations. When Grace's world shatters, she is mortified, never wanting

to show her face in public again, never wanting to look into the eyes of a man again. But when she retreats to her family's hunting lodge in the Highlands of Scotland and awakes from a fall, it's the eyes of a social outcast that make her wonder if she's spent her life following the wrong dream.



HIGHLAND WRATH - MADELINE MARTIN BOOK #3 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Highland Spy, Book #2 Highland Ruse. Sylvi's life was changed forever when a man, distinguishable only by the fact that he's missing half an ear, murdered her entire family.

Then it was changed again when a mysterious woman, known only as My Lady, took her in and gave her the tools of retribution through intensive training as an

assassin. Now that she's joined My Lady's team of spies, her missions may change, but she never stops searching for the man who stole everything from her, though her current mark, Ian, is doing a good job at distracting her. His skills are nearly as disarming as that striking profile of his and she can't help but be

more intrigued than angry. Plus, she can't shake the thought there's a chance that he might know where to find the men who killed her family. Will forming an unlikely truce with Ian give her everything she's yearned and more, or will she risk losing not just her heart, but her life and the very thing that saved her.



HIGHLAND SURRENDER – HEATHER MCCOLLUM BOOK #5 \$27.95

Start with Highland Conquest. With his family's honor on the line, Norse warrior Erik Halverson has no choice but to follow the orders of the royal house of Denmark. Now he must follow his destiny-and royal command-to sail to Scotland, find his enemy's weakest link, and *abduct* her. Their mistake, of course, was thinking the Sinclair lass wouldn't fight back. From the

moment her four brothers took control of their clan, Hannah Sinclair has learned to defend herself. So when a big, brawny, and admittedly handsome warrior tries to abduct her, she isn't about to give in. And the more he tries, the more she's determined to make it as hard as possible and enjoy it all the while. Now Norway's greatest warrior has a Highland hellcat on his hands, and Odin help him, he can't resist her. But with the brutal Sinclair brothers coming after them, Erik is out of options. War is inevitable. And when a man is forced to choose between duty and passion, only one will win.

HER WARRIORS SURPRISE RETURN - ELLA MATTHEWS BOOK #1 \$25.95



It's been years since Ruaidhri abandoned Sorcha, and she's no longer the woman she once was. Now leader of the Suibhne Clan, she must unite her people against invading forces. When rumors of Ruaidhri's return to Ireland prove true, she's unsettled at seeing him again. He offers to help her, but his past betrayal still burns, even if desire is as strong as ever. Should Sorcha trust her head or her heart?



ENTICING MISS EUGENIE VILLARET - ELLA QUINN BOOK #5 \$27.95

Start with The Marquis Shes Been Waiting For. William, Viscount Wivenly, plans to remain the most eligible of bachelors. He refuses to surrender to the schemes of husband-hunting ladies and matchmaking mamas. Fleeing the pressure of the ton, he's bent or finding refuge in the West Indies. What he finds instead is a

fascinating stranger, a woman so unlike those of his society that he can't resist such a beguiling distraction. Determined to let nothing complicate her mission to protect her family's livelihood while covertly rescuing orphaned slave children, Miss Eugâenie Villaret does her best to evade suitors. But when dashing William lures her down a path of forbidden adventure and delicious danger, she may be convinced that business can indeed be mixed with pleasure.

HERES A GREAT SERIES FROM NZ AUTHOR TANIA ROBERTS WINGS OF GRACE

BOOK #1 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



World War II has left New Zealand farms bereft of young men. Whipsnade Farm, home of the McKnight family becomes a training farm for the young women who leave the city to volunteer as land girls. After farewelling her brothers off to war, Grace encourages her friend Betsy to join her in the Women's Land Army. Betsy comes with the hope farming will keep her busy and without time to ponder the whereabouts of her fiancé, Roland. They are joined at Whipsnade, by Alice who sees no option but to sign up, and the Moira who manages to glam up her overalls and gumboots and maintain her manicure despite the rigours of rural life. Together they learn all the facets of farming, exposed to the weather, the animals and the men that come into their lives. What they learn and what they sacrifice in three months will set the course for their future. Can Grace keep everyone safe under her wings?

ALLY FOR LIFE BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



As the solitary Land Girl on a farm in 1940s New Zealand, Alice fights her own battles to prove her farming abilities while working alongside stern, heartless men. Being trampled by an escaped sheep only seems to confirm what her new boss presumed; she's useless. And being caught naked in the freezing pond was the last thing Alice needed. But every war, big or small, has its victims, and despite an alcoholic mother and troubled past, Alice is determined not to be the victim again. Can she trust the conscientious objector, Fergus? Are his feelings for her genuine, or is she part of a plan to escape the soldier ballots? Will a winter storm be Alice's downfall or will she find her inner strength?

WHAT THE RIVER KNOWS – ISABEL IBANEZ BOOK #1 \$52.95 H/COVER

Bolivian-Argentinian Inez Olivera belongs to the upper society of nineteenth century Buenos Aires, and like the rest of the world, the town is steeped in old world magic that's been left behind or forgotten. Inez has everything most girls might want, except for the one thing: her globetrotting parents-who left her behind. When she receives word of their deaths, Inez inherits their fortune and a mysterious guardian, an archeologist in partnership with his Egyptian brotherin-law. Yearning for answers, Inez sails to Cairo, bringing her a golden ring her father sent to her for safekeeping. But upon her arrival, the old world magic tethered to the ring pulls her down a path where she soon discovers there's more to her parent's disappearance than what she was led to believe. With her guardian's handsome assistant thwarting her at every turn, Inez must rely on ancient magic to uncover the truth about her parent's disappearance.

TWAS THE NIGHT AFTER CHRISTMAS – SABRINA JEFFRIES BOOK #6 \$29.95



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Start with The Truth About Lord Stoneville. Pierce Waverly, the Earl of Devonmont, has never forgiven his parents for abandoning him to distant relatives as a child. Nevertheless, when he receives word that his "Mother" is gravely ill, the unabashed rogue makes a rare return to Montcliff, his country estate. There he finds that the woman is perfectly healthy-and that he has fallen for a cunning ruse crafted by her lady's companion, Mrs. Camilla Stuart. The lively vicar's widow, too

bright and beautiful not to arouse the scoundrel in Pierce, is determined to reconcile the Earl and Lady Devonmont. None of them can predict the secrets, both heartening and shocking, divulged between a mother and son, or between two lovers, each haunted by their pasts, that will make this Christmas night at Montcliff one to remember-and the glorious night after, one to treasure.

YULE BE MY DUKE – DARCY BURKE BOOK #1 \$29.95

It was loathe at first sight when Cecilia Bromwell met John Rowley, the Earl of Cosford five years ago at a party where his ill-conceived prank and temper ruined two of her new gowns. Now, at a Yuletide house party, Cecilia learns their parents plan for them to wed. ARCY BURKE However, she has no interest in even speaking with the Menace,

especially after he spills wine down her bodice, ruining another gown. John has no desire to be paired with the Shrew for the Yule log hunt. But if they can suffer each other's company, perhaps they can convince their parents that they do not suit. When they're separated from everyone else and a snowstorm drives them to seek shelter in a cottage, it may not matter what they want. With marriage imminent, can these enemies become lovers by morning?

A GILDED AGE CHRISTMAS - MCCABE/ROBINSON \$25.95



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"A Convenient Winter Wedding" by Amanda McCabe Marrying Connor O'Neill is about survival for penniless heiress May Van Der Berg. The distant self-made millionaire is far from the passionate husband she'd once dreamed of except for that kiss! "The Railroad Baron's Mistletoe Bride" by Lauri Robinson After years of estrangement, romance blooms when Kurt invites

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store clerk Harper and their shared niece to spend Christmas at his mansion. But are they just a family for the holidays?



THE DUKE STARTS A SCANDAL—SOPHIE JORDAN BOOK #4 \$29.95

Start with The Duke Goes Down. Lucian, the newly minted Duke of Penning, has much to prove-- to himself, his family and the *ton*. Craving spotless respectability, he must find an aristocratic wife. Unfortunately, he can't keep his eyes--and thoughts-off his deliciously distracting

housekeeper. Such a dalliance can only mar the facade he's constructed to protect his sisters' future from the demons of his past...but this fiery passion is a temptation he cannot resist. While Susanna may not the bride he needs, she is everything he desires. As the housekeeper to one of the grandest estates in England, Susanna Lockhart has worked determinedly to become all that is proper and efficient, and she never steps over the line. Romance is an

indulgence for the upper class, not for her--and most especially not with her employer. But every smoldering glance from the surly, handsome duke calls to the long-buried reckless wanton inside Susanna. A love between them can never be but will Lucian and Susanna risk being together. Even if it starts a scandal.



THE BRIDE WORE WHITE—AMANDA QUICK BOOK #7 \$22.99 *REPACK*

Start with The Girl who Knew too Much. Prudence Ryland has been making a reluctant living as psychic dream consultant Madame Ariadne, a job she inherited from her grandmother, but after a client tries to kill her, she hightails it out of San Francisco to Los Angeles. Content to start anew as a librarian in the newly formed paranormal department of the local college, Prudence is forced on the

run again after escaping a kidnapping attempt. Since she's already acquainted with Luther Pell, who runs the local nightclub in the paranormal hub of Burning Cove, she turns to him for help. Luther connects her to the remarkably intuitive Jack Wingate, who's intrigued by her close calls and wants to use her experiences to inform the book he's writing on psychically interpreting crime scenes. Together, they hatch a plan to lure Prudence's enemy into the open.



MUST LOVE SCOUNDRELS – SHANA GALEN BOOK #4 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Beauty and the Thief. Lucy Galloway is the daughter of the two most famous spies no one has ever heard of. As a woman, it hasn't been easy to build a career as an agent. She fought against all odds to rise to the top and earn a spot among the Royal Saboteurs. Imagine her annoyance when too-good-to-be-true Duncan Slorach continually bests her at training camp. The man

isn't just good at codes and hand-to-hand combat, he never accidentally blows anything up. So when Lucy is partnered with Duncan on her first mission, protecting the eldest son of the prime minister, it's the second worst part of the assignment. The first is that she must act as a nanny to the prime minister's young son. What is she supposed to do with a six-year-old all day? For eighteen months, Duncan Slorach trained to be a Royal Saboteur. He's one of the best, and when he's finally offered a mission, he jumps at the chance. The only problem? His partner. For eighteen months, Duncan has been in love with Lucy Galloway. Unrequited love. The woman barely seems to know he's alive. Duncan is ready to put his feelings aside and concentrate on the assignment, but that proves impossible when Lucy and Duncan are forced to spend long hours alone together and begin to build a friendship. Surely, if he could just kiss her, she'd realize she has feelings for him too. As Lucy and Duncan draw closer to discovering the traitor in their midst, they realize nothing is as it seems with this mission or their relationship. In fact, Duncan isn't the villain Lucy has made him out to be. In fact, he might just be the scoundrel she's been looking for all along.



THE DUKES PROTECTOR – CH ADMIRAND BOOK #2 \$27.95 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 The Dukes Sword. Sean O'Malley, head of The Duke's Guard at Lippincott Manor in Sussex, is sent to London to investigate the latest attack on the Duke of Wyndmere's family. Accustomed to putting himself in between danger and those he vowed to protect, O'Malley has been shot at, earned cracked and

broken ribs, cuts, and bruises. It is part of the job. When he rescues the modiste's petite seamstress, a beauty with blue-black hair and eyes the color of melted chocolate, he is awed by her bravery and spirit and unable to forget her smile. Mignonette de Chauret loves working for Madame and is temporarily living in the back room of her shop. Her nightmare returns when the shop is broken into-again, forcing her to hide in the false bottom of an old wardrobe. A blond-haired, green-eyed giant of a man dressed in black from head to toe pulls her free. Mignonette is drawn to the Irishman and feels safe in the shelter of his arms. As O'Malley lays the groundwork to expose the culprit bent on destroying Earl Lippincott and Lady Aurelia, he is attacked outside the duke's town house. His arm flayed open to the bone, the threat of infection and the reality he may lose his arm changes everything. His vow to protect and provide for the lass who has stolen his heart has him asking the duke for a favour. Mignonette must make a choice: Follow her heart and the Irishman who holds it in his hands or help him heal and return to her life working for Madame.



THE BARONS HALO – JENNA JAXON BOOK #2 \$27.95

Book #1 Until Im Safe in your Arms. For reasons of her own, Isabelle Devereaux isn't looking for a husband. Yet thanks to her mother here she is, in the middle of the social whirl of the Little Season. Thinking to refuse any gentleman who offers for her, Isabelle endures the lavish entertainments, saddened that she'll remain a spinster. Enter Baron

MacKay, Sandy to his friends, in search of a wife to win a family wager. Dazzled by Isabelle's beauty, he's drawn to the young lady. From the moment they meet, he charms her with his kind and generous nature until, against her will, Isabelle falls in love with him. Even though she knows marriage to him may end in disaster, she can't resist his kisses or where they lead. Desperate to marry Sandy, Isabelle puts her misgivings aside, but circumstances spiral out of control as their wedding approaches. Isabelle must confront the demons that haunt her and make an agonizing decision: can she marry Sandy without telling him the one impediment that may shatter their happiness forever?

A ROGUE TO FORGET – HILDIE MCQUEEN BOOK #2 \$27.95

Book #1 A Rogue to Reform. After squandering a fortune on the gambling tables, Henry Campbell agrees to join a challenge with three friends to come up with capitol for a venture that will make them rich. With a looming deadline to come up with investment money, Henry Campbell decides to marry a debutante with a large dowry.

However, after stumbling upon a murder, he becomes protector to a young woman left alone as a result. Will he follow his heart and in the process lose the only way to repay his debts? When Hannah Kerr's father is murdered her mother flees to a convent, leaving her alone and unprotected. Not only is a grieving Hannah hit by losing her parents, but the murderer may be stalking her household. At realizing she is becoming overly dependent on Henry Campbell's constant presence, Hannah decides to push him away. Facing danger, grief and a broken heart, the only thing left is to take matters in hand alone.



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THE CUTTHROAT COUNTESS—MINERVA SPENCER BOOK#3 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 The Boxing Baroness, Book #2 The Duelling Duchess. Before Josephine Brown began working as a blade expert for Farnham's Fantastical Female Fayre, she'd never stayed put for long. She'd never had friends, either. Nor had she allowed herself to open her heart to a man. Yet now, as part owner of the circus,

she's suddenly forming real friendships. And then there is her attraction to clever, handsome Honorable Elliot Wingate--whose life she happened to save. After forever fleeing her past, the last man she should choose is one who ferrets out secrets on behalf of King and Country. Elliot was fascinated by Jo "Blade" Brown even before he witnessed her lethal gifts, firsthand. He's never met a woman who is such an intoxicating combination of self-sufficiency, beauty, and mystery. He's never been in love before, but there is no denying he's fallen hard. Yet each time Elliot tries to get closer to Jo, she slips farther away. If he reveals what's in his heart, will he risk driving her away for good? As their investigation--and her feelings for Elliot--stir up Jo's deeply buried, extremely dangerous secrets, she'll have to decide whether to run once again, or trust somebody at last.



NEVER WAGER WITH A WALLFLOWER—VIRGINIA HEATH BOOK #3 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Never Fall for Your Fiancee, Book #2 Never Rescue a Rogue. Miss Venus Merriwell has been waiting for her prince to come since the tender age of fourteen. She wants a man who is a selfless academic like her, and free from all the wretched vices her gambler father enjoyed far too much before he left the Merriwell sisters practically destitute. Unfortunately, after a slew of

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romantic disappointments, there is still no sign of that prince at twenty-three and the only one true love of her life is the bursting-at-the-seams orphanage in Covent Garden that she works tirelessly for. An orphanage that desperately needs to expand into the empty building next door. For Galahad Sinclair, gambling isn't just his life, it's in his blood. He grew up and learned the trade at his grandfather's knee in a tavern on the far away banks of the Hudson in New York. But when fate took all that away and dragged him across the sea to London, it made sense to set up shop here. He's spent five years making a success out of his gaming hell in the sleazy docks of the East End. Enough that he can finally afford to buy the pleasure palace of his dreams-and where better than in the capital's sinful heart, Covent Garden? The only fly in his ointment is the perfect building he's just bought to put it in also happens to be right next door to the orphanage run by his cousin's wife's youngest sister. A pious, disapproving and unsettling siren he has avoided like the plague since she flattened him five years ago... While Venus and Galahad lock horns over practically everything, and while her malevolent orphans do their darndest to sabotage his lifelong dream, can either of them take the ultimate gamble-and learn to love thy neighbor?



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TRAINING THE DUKE – ALEXA ASTON BOOK #7 \$29.95

Start with Portrait of the Duke. Lieutenant-General Cyrus Cressley's head wound leaves him blind in one eye and unsuited to lead men into battle. Selling his commission, Cy returns to Melrose to find his father long dead and his distant brother, who is in poor health, the new Duke of Margate. Cy is given use of

the hunting lodge on the estate, where he seeks to find his purpose in life after being forced from the military. Lady Finola Honeyfield's come-out was ruined when a trick was played upon her, leaving her to trust no one but her dogs. 50 She retreats to the country and becomes one of England's premier trainers of English springer spaniels, having found a way to earn her keep, even as she is lost in loneliness. Thanks to her Honeyfield spaniels, Finola has a chance meeting with Cy. Soon, a friendship springs up between them, with Cy even helping Finola train her current litter of pups. But these two keep secrets from one another and when Cy suddenly finds himself the Duke of Margate, Finola washes her hands of him. Can Cy convince Finola they are meant to be

together and forge a path as the Duke and Duchess of Margate?



BECOMING THE EARLS CONVENIENT WIFE – LOUSE ALLEN \$25.95

Lady Isobel may be the daughter of the late Lord Martyn, but she's treated by her family as a maid. So when her childhood best friend, Leo Havelock, reveals that he will inherit his fortune only if he marries immediately, she agrees to be his convenient countess. Their union offers Isobel the chance to escape her home, but can she escape the feelings that she has long had for her husband?



MISS ROSE AND THE VEXING VISCOUNT -**CATHERINE TINLEY** BOOK #1 \$25.95

Bookworm Rose Lennox has no interest in making her debut. She's only in London to discover the truth of her parentage. Her sponsor's nephew, James, the Viscount Ashbourne, is equally cynical about the marriage mart, yet they still rile each other every time they speak! But the sparks of animosity soon become flames of attraction. Still, Rose's unknown past means she can never be a

viscount's wife.



A DUKE FOR THE WALLFLOWERS REVENGE - CASEY **DUBOSE \$25.95**

Miss Eliza Hawkins's plan: Step 1: Beg the disreputable Gabriel, Duke of Vane, to help her gain entry to a house party so she can destroy the lecherous aristocrat who ruined her marriage prospects. Step 2: While en route, do not get sidetracked by all the ways she could enjoy being thoroughly ruined with the devilishly handsome Vane. Step 3: At the party, work with Vane to execute a fitting

revenge while not in any way falling for her commitment-shy accomplice!

Coming next month...

□ SILVER LADY—MARY JO PUTNEY BK #1 T/P DUE 28/11

□ IT HAD TO BE A DUKE – VIVIENNE LORRET BK#1 □ THE DUKES SHEILD – CH ADMIRAND BK #3 T/P □ MISS DRAMATIC - GRACE BURROWES BK #9 T/P □ A WEDDING TO STOP A SCANDAL – VIRGINIA HEATH

□ TALES OF A SOCIETY NOTHING—SHANA GALEN BK #5 TP



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HERES A WONDERFUL NEW SERIES FROM CHRISTINA BRITTON SOME DUKES HAVE ALL THE LUCK BOOK #1 \$29.95

Ash Hawkins, Duke of Buckley, no more wants to marry than he wants a stick in his eye. As the owner of a gaming hell, he is all too aware the odds of a happy marriage are against him. But raising his

three rebellious wards alone is proving more than he can handle. He needs to find someone who stands to benefit from a marriage of convenience as much as he does. And in a stroke of luck, he quite literally stumbles over just such a woman. After years of ridicule for being more interested in bugs than boys, Bronwyn has accepted that she'll never marry for love. Her parents, however, are threatening to find her a husband. Bronwyn doesn't need any scientific research to show her Ash has secrets. But his proposal would give her the freedom to continue her entomology research and perhaps finally get published. Just as long as she can keep her mind on her work and her new husband.



WHATS A DUKE GOT TO DO WITH IT BOOK #2 \$29.95

The last thing Katrina Denby expected to find in her garden is the body of the man who ruined her three seasons ago. No matter that his death is a tragic accident, the rumors are enough to kill any woman's prospects. With two scandals now hounding her, the best she can hope for is a hasty marriage of convenience-until her first love shows up in her drawing room, reminding her of all the reasons

why she wanted a love match. If only he weren't already engaged. Sebastian Thorne, Duke of Ramsleigh, knows what he has to do to save the dukedom from the crushing debts and scandal his father left: marry and marry well. He's picked the lady, too-a baron's daughter who is pleasant, if a little boring. But seeing Katrina again makes him want to throw all those perfectly laid plans out the window. The first chance he had with her, he chose his duty over his heart. Doing so again might prove utterly impossible.



NOT THE DUKE YOU MARRY - JESS MICHAELS BOOK #3 \$29.95

Book #1 No Dukes Allowed, Book #2 Not Another Duke. Theo, Duke of Lightmorrow and Bernadette, Dowager Duchess of Tunbridge, grew up together and both experienced families who didn't appreciate them. Now that their mutual friends are married, they've rekindled a friendship that is also flirtatious. When one tipsy night Bernadette admits she wishes she could

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take a lover, Theo is shocked. At first he tries to put Etta off the idea, but he soon realizes she's too tenacious and decides there's only one way to keep her safe: volunteer as the man in her bed. Bernadette's feelings for Theo are complicated, but so are the ways she views herself. The men in her life made her feel unworthy, so it's hard to believe that someone like Theo could actually want her. And if he does, that he could desire more than just a few powerfully passionate nights together. But she's having trouble separating her body from her heart, even if she knows it can only lead to sorrow. Can a near tragedy and pleasure like no other lead to happiness for these two?



THE LADYS SCANDALOUS PROPOSITION – PAULA BELGADO \$25.95

Lady Persephone MacGregor is a genius with machines but hopeless as a debutante! After a lackluster first season, this one will be her last-and her best chance to experience sensual pleasure if she's going to be a spinster for the rest of her life. So when she meets Ransom, the charismatic vet elusive owner of a gambling den, she decides to shock him with a daring proposition!

Preorders...

 □ AN INCONVENIENT EARL – JULIA LONDON BK #4
 □ WINNING MAURAS HEART – LINDA BRODAY BK #1 T/P □ ALWAYS REMEMBER – MARY BALOGH BK #3 H/C DUE 16/1 □ THE KING AND VI – SHANA GALEN BK #1 T/P DUE 24/1 □ A FAMILY OF HIS OWN – STEPHANIE LAURENS BK #15 TP DUE 12/3



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MAN SPLAIN BOOK #4 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Man Hunt. I'm a billionaire CEO. An expert fixer. I just found my next fix. It's literally my job to make sure everything goes to plan. I'm really f-ing good at it. But when the beautiful coffee shop owner refuses a corporate loan to keep her business afloat solely because we had a slightly-drunk

quickie, it makes me crazy. Insane. Frustrated. Turned on Especially when I discover the stubborn woman chooses instead to be a cam girl to pay her bills. Of course, I step in, because: 1. I need to make this right. 2. There's no way another man is going to glimpse one gorgeous inch of her. 3. It's my fault. I buy up all her cam time. Problem solved. Except this is a plan I didn't think through. Eve doesn't know she's falling for the same guy on and off the screen. What happens when she learns the truth?

HERE ARE TWO MORE FANTASTIC RELEASES FROM VANESSA VALE

MAN SCAPE BOOK #5 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



Don't date your son's ex. Especially when she's supposedly the town's good girl. But the sweet, shy librarian isn't a good girl at all. She can't be, because she wants me--the local lumberjack, and my...wood. I'm her ex's dad but she says she doesn't want guys her age. Or a relationship. She wants a fling. And since I'm

leaving Hunter Valley in a few days, I'll definitely indulge her. We'll have fun while it lasts and then she'll go back to fooling the town and I'll just go. Right?



IGNITION – LAUREN DANE BOOK #2 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Reckless. Alexander Copeland Keenan aka Xander is a second-generation tattoo artist. He's got a great reputation and a six-month waitlist. He's been focused on work and family, not looking for anyone or anything serious, but suddenly there's more. Suddenly there's everything when he meets Pippa Hall. Neither is ready for the bolt of instant attraction, or for the

intensity of the days and weeks to follow as their chance meeting develops into a very intense relationship. To most of the world, Hamish Wilson is a talented, hard living, hard loving singer-songwriter. Most people don't know the real person behind the mask. From their first meeting a year prior, Pippa saw right to the heart of him and hadn't judged. Even better, she'd been his safe harbor, and a true friend. He tells himself he's not worthy of a committed romantic relationship with her, but fate-and Xander-intervened. Pippa wasn't the only one either man had history with, and after an unplanned beginning, the three embark on an exclusive triad. Pippa Hall grew up in a family whose idea of discipline sent her and two of her sisters fleeing to start a new life in Seattle. She's got an excellent job as a mechanic at Twisted Steel, a custom car and motorcycle shop, a close relationship with her sisters and several dear friends, and then. She wasn't prepared to fall head over heels with two very bossy men whose focus was her well-being and pleasure. Pippa is loved. Deeply. In the midst of their happily ever after, the shadow of Pippa's past casts a threat on the happiness and security of their lives. It will take more than love to overcome the fear. The three must stand, united to defend what is theirs.



SLAY - LAURELL K HAMILTON BOOK #30 \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK \$52.95 H/COVER

Start with Guilty Pleasures. Evil continues to rain down on a vampire hunter and those she most cherishes. Anita Blake is finally ready to marry Jean-Claude, the vampire king of America. But first, they must tackle a new, daunting challenge: her family. And with the ancient evil that cast a shadow on St. Louis still lurking and threatening to destroy them all, wedding bells may not come for the vampire hunter after all.



METATRON – EVE LANGLAIS BOOK #4 \$29.95 TRADE P/BACK

Start with Aziel. Metatron has been by God's side for eons. A leader in battle. A loyal and unflinching servant until he finally sees the cruelty in some of his commander's orders. When he discovers a lost colony planet, his only thought is to help save its inhabitants from the threat Hell poses. Only, demons aren't the only thing he must guard against. His heart becomes involved when a vexing

Templar Knight questions everything he's ever stood for. Francesca isn't about to let God-or anyone for that matter-dictate how she should live, or who should die. She's ready to fight in the coming battle, not just against Hell but Heaven too, and the angels must choose a side. Metatron can only hope humanity is right when it claims love conquers all.

Coming next month...

□ WEREWOLF NOEL—EVE LANGLAIS BK #6 □ FRENCH QUARTER CHRISTMAS – NICOLE JAMES T/P

DANES MARK – LORA LEIGH H/C DUE 6/2

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Forthcoming...

□ BARBARIANS TOUCH – RUBY DIXON BK #7 T/P DUE 3/1



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ONLY THE BRIGHTEST STARS ANDREW GREY \$35.00 *REPACK* The problem with being an actor on top of the world is that you have a long way to fall. Logan



Steele is miserable. Hollywood life is dragging him down. Drugs, men, and booze are all too easy. Pulling himself out of his self-destructive spiral, not so much. Brit Stimple does whatever he can to pay the bills. Right now that means editing porn. But Brit knows he has the talent to make it big, and he gets his break one night when Logan sees him perform on stage. When Logan arranges for an opportunity for Brit to prove his talent, Brit's whole life turns around. Brit's talent shines brightly for all to see, and he brings joy and love to Logan's life and stability to his out-of-control lifestyle. Unfortunately, not everyone is happy for Logan, and as Brit's star rises, Logan's demons marshal forces to try to tear the new lovers apart.

THE DESERT BRIDE -SAMANTH<mark>A C</mark>AYTO

BOOK #8 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Start with Boi Bride. Sir Geoffrey Arbuthnott is leading the expedition for the king of Moorcondia to chart the vast, unknown lands to the west of the kingdom. His duty is to escort the

king's cartographer and keep him safe. It is a boring and uneventful task until they come upon a beautiful boy trapped in quicksand. Mica is used to wandering around the land his people have claimed for generations and is enjoying the last of his freedom before his manhood ceremony replaces it with duty. He longs to travel to faraway places and is confident he can take care of himself-that is, until his dreamy ways land him in trouble and right into the powerful arms of a tempting stranger. What should have been a brief crossing of paths turns into a deadly encounter when Mica's people capture Geoff and sentence him to death. Only Mica can save the man of his fantasies, but there are hidden dangers threatening to keep them apart forever. They must depend on each other to stay alive and accept the love they are afraid to trust.

ALEXIS HALL 10 THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED -ALEXIS HALL 10 THINGS

BOOK #1 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Sam Becker loves-or, okay, likes-his job. Sure, managing a bed and bath retailer isn't exactly glamorous, but it's good work and he gets on well with the band of misfits who keep the store running. He could see himself being content here for the long haul. Too bad, then, that the owner is an infuriating git. Jonathan Forest should never have hired Sam. It was a sentimental decision, and Jonathan didn't get where he is by following his heart. Determined to set things right, Jonathan orders Sam down to London for a difficult talk...only for a panicking Sam to trip, bump his head, and maybe accidentally imply he doesn't remember anything? Faking amnesia seemed like a good idea when Sam was afraid he was getting sacked, but now he has to deal with the reality of Jonathan's guilt-as well as the unsettling fact that his surly boss might have a softer side to him. There's an unexpected freedom in getting a second shot at a first impression...but as Sam and Jonathan grow closer, can Sam really bring himself to tell the truth, or will their future be built entirely on one impulsive lie?

Coming next month... □ HOSTAGE TO FORTUNE – L M SOMERTON T/P DOME 6 - GAIL CARRIGER BK #3 T/P

HERES TWO MORE FROM NORA ROBERTS THIS MONTH THE CHOICE BOOK #3 \$22.99 *REPACK*

Book #1 The Awakening, Book #2 The Becoming. Talamh is a land where magicks thrive. But portals allow for passage in and out-and ultimately, each must choose their place. Breen Siobhan Kelly grew up in the world of Man unaware of her true nature. Now she is in Talamh, trying to heal after a terrible battle and heartbreaking losses. Her grandfather, the dark god Odran, has been defeated in his attempt to rule over Talamh, and over Breen-for now. With the enemy cast out and the portal sealed, this is a time to rest and to prepare. Breen spreads her wings and realizes a power she's never experienced before. It's also a time for celebrations-of her first Christmas in both Talamh and Ireland, of solstice, weddings and daring to find joy again in the wake of sorrow. She rededicates herself to writing her stories, and when his duties as taoiseach permit, she is together with Keegan, who has trained her as a warrior and whom she has grown to love. It's Keegan who's at her side when the enemy's witches appear to her in her sleep, practicing black magick, sacrificing the innocent, and plotting Breen's demise. And soon, united with Keegan and all of Talamh, she will seek out those in need of rescue, and confront the darkness with every weapon she has: her sword, her magicks and her courage.

Preorders... □ THE SEIGE BRIDE – SAMANTHA CAYTO BK #9 T/P DRAGGED TO THE WEDDING – ANDREW GREY T/P

INHERITANCE



Collin Poole, has left her almost everything he owned, including a majestic Victorian house on the Maine coast, which the will stipulates she must live in it for at least three years. Her engagement recently broken, she sets off to find out why the boys were separated at birth--and why it was all kept secret until a genealogy website brought it to light. Trey, the young lawyer who greets her at the sprawling clifftop manor, notes Sonya's unease--and acknowledges that yes, the place is haunted...but just a little. Sure enough, Sonya finds objects moved and music playing out of nowhere. She sees a painting by her father inexplicably hanging in her deceased uncle's office, and a portrait of a woman named Astrid, whom the lawyer refers to as "the first lost bride." It's becoming clear that Sonya has inherited far more than a house. She has inherited a centuries-old curse, and a puzzle to be solved if there is any hope of breaking





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HERES ONE OF ROSEMARY'S SERIES OF THE YEAR FOURTH WING -REBECCA YARROS BOOK #1 \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK

Twenty-year-old Violet Sorrengail was supposed to enter the Scribe Quadrant, living a quiet life among books and history. Now, the commanding general, also known as her tough-astalons mother, has ordered Violet to join the candidates striving to become the elite of Navarre: dragon riders. But when you're smaller than everyone else and your body is brittle, death is only a heartbeat away because dragons don't bond to 'fragile' humans. They incinerate them. With fewer dragons willing to bond than cadets, most would kill Violet to better their own chances of success. The rest would kill her just

for being her mother's daughter - like Xaden Riorson, the most powerful and ruthless wingleader in the Riders Quadrant. She'll need every edge her wits can give her just to see the next sunrise. Yet, with every day that passes, the war outside grows more deadly, the kingdom's wards are failing, and the death toll continues to rise. Even worse, Violet begins to suspect leadership is hiding a terrible secret. Alliances will be forged. Lives will be lost. Traitors will become allies or even lovers. But sleep with one eve open because once you enter, there are only two ways out: graduate or die.



IRON FLAME—REBECCA YARROS BOOK #2 \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK

Everyone expected Violet Sorrengail to die during her first year at Basgiath War College. But Threshing was only the first test meant to weed out the weak-willed, the unworthy, and the unlucky. Now the real training begins, and Violet's already wondering how she'll get through. It's not just that it's grueling and brutal, or even that it's designed to stretch the riders' capacity for pain beyond

endurance. It's the new vice commandant, who's made it his personal mission to teach Violet exactly how powerless she is-unless she betrays the man she loves. Although Violet's body might be weaker and frailer than everyone else's, she still has her wits-and a will of iron. And leadership is forgetting the most important lesson Basgiath has taught her: Dragon riders make their own rules. But a determination to survive won't be enough this year. Because Violet knows the secret hidden for centuries at Basgiath War College-and not even dragon fire, may be enough to save them in the end.



KISS OF ENCHANTMENT - DEBORAH COOKE BOOK #1 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

Cast through time with his fellow Dragon Legion Warriors, Orion follows the spark of his firestorm. Only when he's left behind, alone in a different time, does he discover the darkfire's deception. His firestorm might be a feint, but the woman touched by its golden radiance is one who could capture Orion's heart forever.

When Slayers attack, Orion is determined to defend her, no matter the price to himself. Grad student Francesca is more interested in her career and research than in getting married. But then, she's never met a man like Orion, a fierce protector whose presence ignites an undeniable desire within her-although the seductive power of his kiss isn't the only thing Francesca can't explain. Orion also creates a glow inside the vase said to contain the voice of the Cumaean Sibyl. When that light is released, Francesca hears the voice of the past and is revealed as Orion's destined mate-making her the Slavers' target. On the run, Orion and Francesca join forces to solve the Sibyl's last riddle. Will success provide the key to their shared future? Or will the darkfire snatch Orion away as abruptly as he arrived-along with Francesca's memories of the dragon shifter who has claimed her heart? How much will either of them sacrifice to save their their unborn son and defend their future together?



ANCIENT SENTINEL – KATIE REUS BOOK #7 \$29.95

Start with Ancient Protector. Jaguar shifter Ren never expected to fall for anyone again-not after the last woman he opened his heart to tried to cut it out. Literally. But the moment he met Grace, he fell fast and hard for the sweet human. Except she's made it clear she's only looking for friendship, and he wants it

all. Grace officially has a crush on her friend-a quiet jaguar shifter with kind eyes and deadly skills. However, he hasn't given any indication he wants more than friendship. So she vows to move on-until they're given an assignment by their Alpha. When they're stuck together under the same roof, sharing one bed, it becomes impossible to hide her attraction. But then an unknown threat surfaces, putting Grace's life in danger, and Ren will stop at nothing to protect the woman he knows is his mate.



CRAVE - TRACY WOLFF BOOK #1 \$19.99 TRADE P/BACK

Grace's world changed when she joined the academy. At the academy she is a mere mortal among gods or monsters. She can't decide which faction she should join, or if she should join any of them. The one thing that unites them is their hatred of her. Then there's Jaxon Vega, a vampire with deadly secrets who hasn't felt anything for a hundred years. Jaxon has walled himself off for a





MURTAGH – CHRISTOPHER PAOLINI BOOK #5 \$32.99 TRADE P/BACK



of brittle ground and a faint scent of brimstone in the air - and Murtagh senses that something wicked lurks in the shadows of Alagaesia. So begins an epic journey into lands both familiar and untravelled, where Murtagh and Thorn must use every weapon in their arsenal, from brains to brawn, to find and outwit a mysterious witch. A witch who is much more than she seems.



BIANCA D'ARC SPYMASTER - BIANCA D'ARC BOOK #15 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK



Start with Maiden Flight. It's a turbulent time in the Kingdom of Valdis. There is a new face at the King's court - a hardened warrior looking to settle down in one place after a lifetime of wandering. He has earned the respect of the King and is asked to liaise with the spymaster. What he doesn't expect is that the spymaster is a woman.

A very intriguing, very beautiful woman. Something about her speaks to him on a very basic level. He wants her. But, more importantly, he wants her in his life forever. Isolde is a very good spy, but she has never found one man who can make her weak in the knees and also earn her respect. When she meets the general, she suspects he might just be the one. It will take two wild dragons and multiple assassination attempts on their liege lord to throw them into danger and prove their attraction isn't just a fleeting thing. They might just have a shot at a real, life-long bond. If they both survive the trials ahead.

WHEN A DRAGON FALLS – KERRELYN SPARKS BOOK #5 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with How to Tame a Beast in Seven Days. Princess Lenushka of Norveshka prides herself on her courage. She's faced down the doubters who think a woman dragon shifter is worth less than a man. She will marry to secure the support of her nobles-and ensure she'll hold the Norveshki throne. A battle-hardened soldier, she's

prepared to destroy the Brotherhood of the Sun, who threaten all Aerthlan. But she can barely look at Bran Morris, the Raven. His dark beauty is off-limits for a princess who must wed for advantage. And he has far too many secrets of his own for Lennie to trust him with hers. Bran's quest is for vengeance, against the Brotherhood monsters who killed his brother and abused his sisters. He can't dream about the sharp-eyed woman warrior whose memory haunts him, not even when she appears to rescue him from an unknown dragon shifter. But when Lennie and Bran discover they're Aerthlan's last defense against a murderous mastermind, they can no longer afford to deceive each other-or themselves. And when a dragon's passion is freed, anything is possible.



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COLD CURSES – CHLOE NEILL BOOK #5 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK *SERIES FINAL*

Start with Wild Hunger. Elisa, the only vampire ever born, is hoping all can remain quiet in the City of Chicago in the wake of a destructive attack by an ancient supernatural being. Still, she and her friends, including shifter Connor Keene, know they need to be ready for anything. They're working as hard as they can to repair the city's

defenses, but they soon find themselves caught in the middle of a magical turf war with roots that go back generations. They know they have to take a stand, but retaliating threatens to reveal Elisa's deepest secret.



THE BITE BEFORE CHRISTMAS – SANDS/FROST \$29.95 *REISSUE* (ORIG 10/11)

"The Gift" by Lynsay Sands Katricia Argeneau knows grey-eyed cop Teddy Brunswick is her life mate. She just needs to convince him they belong together, and being snowbound in a secluded cabin will make this a Christmas neither will forget. "Home for the Holidays" by Jeaniene Frost Cat and Bones may long to wrap presents and set up a tree, but this Christmas, an evil vampire and long-buried family

secrets will threaten to take a bite out of their holiday cheer.

LASSITER-JR WARD BOOK #21 \$30.95 *REPACK* *BBD spinoff*

Start with Dark Lover. Lassiter, the fallen angel, is a little too good at the savior business. In his new role overseeing the fates of all vampires, he's influenced outcomes he shouldn't have, so the Creator is calling him home. But Lassiter has a reason to stay in Caldwell. He's bonded with a female named Rahvyn who seemed to appear

from out of nowhere and has powers that defy all reason. Rahvyn understands she doesn't belong in the present-her true place is in the past. Lassiter proves to be undeniable, however, and she lets herself fall for him-until a secret he's been keeping comes to light. As the Omega's son reestablishes the Lessening Society and the Brotherhood must resume the deadly war, an unfathomable tragedy occurs. In the aftermath, Rahvyn must decide whether to stay or save herself.





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THE VIPERS NEST ROADHOUSE – SEANA KELLY BOOK #6 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Start with The Slaughtered Lamb Bookstore and Bar. I'm Sam, the

werewolf book nerd owner of The

Slaughtered Lamb Bookstore & Bar. Clive, Fergus, and I are moving into our new home, the business is going well, and our folly is taking shape. The problem? Clive's maker Garyn is coming to San Francisco for a visit, and this reunion has been a thousand years in the making. Back then, Garyn was rather put out when Clive accepted the dark kiss and then took off to avenge his sister's murder. She was looking for a new family. He was looking for lethal skills. And so, Garyn has had plenty of time to align her forces. When her allies begin stepping out of the shadows, Clive's foundation will be shaken. Stheno and her sisters are adding to their rather impressive portfolio of businesses around the world by acquiring The Viper's Nest Roadhouse & Café. Medusa found the place when she was visiting San Francisco. A dive bar filled with hot tattooed bikers? Yes, please! Clive and I will need neutral territory for our meeting with Garyn, and a biker bar should fit the bill. I'd assumed my necromancy would give us an advantage. I hadn't anticipated just how powerful Garyn and her allies were. When the fangs descend and the heads start rolling, it's going to take every friend we have and a nocturne full of

DUSTBORN – ELIZABETH HUNTER BOOK #4 TRADE P/BACK

vamps at our backs to even the playing field.



Start with Shifting Dreams. Sean Quinn returned to Cambio Springs to help his shifter clan find their way out of trouble, but before he can hit the road again, a new threat emerges on the border of his hometown. A threat that could leave Sean stuck in Cambio

Springs. And one unsuspecting human might be stuck there with him. Ever since Juniper Hawkins came to Cambio Springs to visit her brother, strange things keep happening. Not the least was running into the man who'd almost made her change her wandering ways. Juni wasn't the kind of woman who settled down, even when the object of her affection was a handsome photographer who kissed her senseless then abandoned her in Southeast Asia. Not that she was still irritated about that.



SWORD CATCHER – CASSANDRA CLARE BOOK #1 \$34.99 TRADE P/BACK In Castellane, the richest of nobles and the most debauched of criminals have

one thing in common: the constant search for wealth, power, and the next thrill. Kel is an orphan, stolen from the life he knew to become the Sword Catcher-the body double of a royal heir, Prince Conor Aurelian. He and Conor are as close as brothers, but Kel knows that his destiny is to die for Conor. No other future is possible. Lin Caster is one of the Ashkar, a small community whose members still possess magical abilities. By law, they must live behind walls within the city, but Lin, a physician, ventures out to tend to the sick and dying of Castellane. Despite her skills, she cannot heal her best friend without access to forbidden knowledge. After a failed assassination attempt brings Lin and Kel together, they are drawn into the web of the Ragpicker King, the criminal ruler of Castellane's underworld. He offers them each what they want most; but as they descend into his world of intrigue and shadow, they discover a conspiracy of corruption that reaches from the darkest gutters of Castellane to the highest tower of its palaces. As long-kept secrets begin to unravel, they must ask

long-kept secrets begin to unravel, they must ask themselves: Is knowledge worth the price of betrayal? Can forbidden love bring down a kingdom? And will their discoveries plunge their nation into war-and the world into chaos?

BLIGHTED THE BLIGHTED STARS – MEGAN O'KEEFE BOOK #1 \$24.99 TRADE P/BACK Humanity is running out of options. Habitable planets are being destroyed as quickly as they're found, and Naira

as quickly as they're found, and Naira Sharp thinks the reason may have something to do with the all-powerful Mercator family. Bookish and quiet, Tarquin Mercator never

ramily. Bookish and quiet, Tarquin Mercator never wanted to get involved with his family's galaxyspanning business empire. But Tarquin's father needs him to monitor an expedition to a new planet, and the Mercator family reputation hangs on the success of this mission. Disguised as Tarquin's new bodyguard, Naira plans to destroy the expedition ship before they make land. But neither of them expects to end up stranded on a dead planet. To survive, Naira will have to join forces with the heir she's sworn to hate. Together they will uncover a plot that's bigger than both of them.



MONSTERS – K N BANET BOOK #3 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Book #1 Bounty, Book #2 Snared. My life is out of control. Raphael is now my lover, Mygi is trying

everything they can to kill me to get him back, and I'm still a ruler of a dying people with enemies lurking in every shadow. And for all of that, I only have a single lead that could unravel the mysteries of Raphael's past. His mysteries, which are also the secrets of Mygi, a company very much willing to kill to keep those secrets. All I can do is focus on one problem at a time, follow the threads, and connect the dots. I need to take the fight to them and I won't be stopped. The threads are coming together, the pieces are falling into place. For him, I'm going to expose them as the monsters they are. I'm going to bring every secret into the light. For him, I'll do anything, even though he doesn't know what he really is to me. I'm Kaliya Sahni, a Tribunal Executioner, a ruler of the nagas, and the secret mate of Raphael Alvarez.



DARK MOON SHALLOW SEA – DAVID R SLAYTON BOOK #1 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK

When Phoebe, goddess of the moon, is killed by the knights of the sun god, Hyperion, all who follow her are branded heretics. With Phoebe gone, the souls of the dead are no longer

ferried to the underworld, and instead linger on as shades who feast on the blood of the living. Raef is a child of the night. He lives in the shadows, on scraps, eking out a meager existence as a thief. But when an ornate box is sequestered in the Temple of Hyperion, the chance of a big score proves too great to resist. What he finds within propels him on an odyssey across the sea and back again, altering the course of his life forever. Seth is a knight of the sun. But unlike the others of his order, the fire of Hyperion only brings him pain. He believes he deserves this penance, exacted for his unknown origins. Tasked with recovering the contents of the box, Seth must also venture beyond the horizon if he's to learn the truth about himself. In a dying world divided by the greed of those in power, Raef and Seth find their destinies intertwined--and learn they might have more in common than they ever imagined.

HOW TO FALL IN LOVE – DALMA HEYN \$20.99



Can Great Love be coaxed into existence? Is true romance a matter of happenstance, or does it derive from some kind of magic? These are the questions at the heart of this enchanting, endearing, and life-affirming novel. Cupid is on notice. His boss, Jove, has just announced

that he's downsizing the heavens and has deemed Cupid's job expendable. After all, in these wired days, a love god seems quaint and pointless. Cupid manages to buy a little bit of time by asking for one more chance to show that he can orchestrate a love for the ages... but the clock is ticking. Down on Earth, former ballerina Eve Golyakovsky is living a quiet life in Vermont, tending to her maple sugar business. She dearly loved her late husband, a famed choreographer, but more as a mentor than as a spouse. She's never been truly touched by romance, and she's okay with that. Evan Cameron is a well-known anthologist with a penchant for fine automobiles and commitment-free affairs. Love has threatened to visit him on occasion, but he's always managed to keep it from taking up residence. When Eve and Evan meet, there's something almost otherworldly about their connection, and they reach each other as none ever has before. But Great Love is about more than attraction, compatibility, and fascination. And when their budding romance is tested, old habits and new fears seem likely to choke this flower off at

the roots. A love this intense might be more than either of them can

handle - and more than even Cupid can nurture.

THE GRAVE ROBBER – DARYNDA JONES BOOK #13.5 (4) \$29.95



Start with One Foot In The Grave. Eric Vause is done. Done with ghosts. Done with hellhounds. And definitely done with asshole demons, mostly because he'd been possessed by one. Even now, five years later, the rage he absorbed from the creature has yet to wane, so he decides a road trip is in order. Surely some cool air, great scenery, and a case of Dos Equis will shake things loose. Unfortunately, supernatural events

happen everywhere. When he meets up with a friend whose partner's daughter needs help with a ghost, Eric takes that as his cue to leave. Until he sees her. He can tell Halle's house isn't the only thing that is haunted. The hopelessness behind her eyes tugs at something deep inside him. Something all too familiar. The fact that she's the most beautiful woman he's ever seen has nothing to do with his change of heart. And he vows to leave her in his rearview the minute he takes care of the poltergeist. Then again, vows were never his strong suit.

EMILY WILDES ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FAERIES – HEATHER FAWCETT BOOK #1 \$22.99 *REPACK*



Emily Wilde is good at many things: she is the foremost expert on the study of facries; she is a genius scholar and a meticulous researcher who is writing the world's first encylopaedia of facrie lore. But Emily Wilde is not good at *people*. So when she arrives in Hrafnsvik, Emily has no intention of befriending the townsfolk. Nor does she care to spend time with another new arrival: her academic rival Wendell Bambleby But as Emily gets closer to uncovering the secrets of the Hidden Ones - the most elusive of all facries - she also finds herself on the trail of another mystery: who is Wendell Bambleby, and what does he really want? To find the answer,

she'll have to unlock the greatest mystery of all - her own heart.

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TONIGHT I BURN – KATHARINE J ADAMS BOOK #1 \$22.99 TRADE P/BACK

Thorns, Tides, Embers, Storms and Ores. All five covens are bound in servitude to the tyrant High Warden of Halstett. Penny Albright is a daughter of the thorn coven, forced to patrol the veil between the realms of Life and Death, keeping it safe and whole. Each night, one thorn witch must cross the veil by burning at the stake. Each morning, that witch returns with the help of their

magical lifeline. Failure to follow the rules of Death risks them all. When Penny's favourite sister doesn't return from Death, Penny breaks the rules. She burns in secret. Determined to find her sister, Penny makes a deal with Lord Malin who she meets in Death. Someone who shouldn't be there at all. This bargain leads her to Alice, a captive prophet, and to a rebellion against the High Warden brewing in the shadows of their city. Penny soon learns all is not as it seems in Life or Death. And as her world splits between her growing love for the ethereal Alice in Life and her attraction to the seductive Malin in Death she'll face a devastating choice. Because it's not just her sister's life that hangs in the balance. It's the fate of all magic



KATEE ROBERT HUNT ON DARK WATERS - KATEE ROBERT BOOK #1 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Evelyn is a witch with a perfect storm of impulses: terrible taste in bed partners, sticky fingers, and a lust for danger. After she steals from her vampire ex and falls through a portal to another realm, she's fished out of the waters by a band of seafarers and their telekinetic captain. She's immediately given a choice--join their group or die. Bowen has no memory of his life before he became

one of the Cãwn Annwn. He and his pirate crew are bound by vow to patrol through Threshold, the magical sea in between realms, keeping the portals to other worlds safe. When he rescues Evelyn, he doesn't expect to be attracted to the unflappably brassy pickpocket. The longer he spends in her presence, the more he begins to question if his heart is the next thing she'll steal. But as tension heats up between Bowen and Evelyn, danger escalates as well. Because Evelyn has no intention of keeping her vows to the Cawn Annwn, and if she betrays the crew, both she and Bowen will pay the ultimate price.



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A CASTLE IN THE AIR - KELLEY ARMSTRONG BOOK #4 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK

Start with A Stitch in Time. Portia Hastings has spent her life rescuing her younger sister from one scrape or another. Now, she has to step through time to do it, following Miranda from the nineteenth century to the eighteenth. Almost immediately, Portia is beset by highwaymen, which might be the most exciting thing to happen to her in a long time, even if she'd never admit it. When

one of the highwaymen is injured, Portia makes the inexcusable mistake of helping him-she is trained as a doctor after all. Her travel companions abandon her, and she's left at the mercy of a highwayman who demands she continue tending to his compatriot's wounds. Portia soon finds herself at a crumbling castle inhabited by the destitute Earl of Ravensford. Benedict Sterling is in desperate need of money, and his solution is a ball, where a wealthy bride will win the title of countess, even if it does come with one thunderously illtempered earl. Portia agrees to a scheme to help Benedict look like a slightly more appealing bridegroom, while she continues to search for Miranda. Then there's the small matter of the castle, complete with a ghost intent on driving

her out. But once Portia sets her mind on something, she's not going anywhere. Preorders.. □ VALDEMAR – MERCEDES LACKEY BK #3 H/C □ GHOSTLY GAME – CHRISTINE FEEHAN BK #19 *REPACK* RESONANCE SURGE—NALINI SINGH BK #7 *REPACK* □ CONSORT OF FIRE – KIT ROCHA BK #1 T/P □ THE QUEENS PRICE – ANNE BISHOP *REPACK* 23/1 □ THE WRATH – GENA SHOWALTER BK #4 DUE 6/2 □ ANCIENT GUARDIAN - KATIE REUS BK #9 T/P □ WILD MAGIC – ALEXANDRA IVY T/P DUE 26/12 □ ONLY HARD PROBLEMS – JENNIFER ESTEP BK #3 T/P □ A FEAST FOR STARVING STONE – BETH CATO BK #2 T/P THE LADY IN GLASS AND OTHER STORIES - ANNE BISHOP H/C □ THREE KINDS OF LUCKY – KIM HARRISON BK #1 H/C □ THE FRACTURED DARK – MEGAN O'KEEFE BK #2 DUE 9/1 C □IGNITION – LAUREN DANE BK #2 \$40.00 TP□Book #1 Reckless. Coming next month... □ SLAY – LAURELL K HAMILTON BK #30 \$32.99 T/P \$52.95 H/C □ WEREWOLF NOEL—EVE LANGLAIS BK #6 □ Start with Guilty Pleasures. □ FRENCH QUARTER CHRISTMAS – NICOLE JAMES T/P □ METATRON – EVE LANGLAIS BOOK #4 \$29.95 T/P Forthcoming... С \Box Start with Aziel. D BARBARIANS TOUCH - RUBY DIXON BK #7 T/P DUE 3/1 VANESSA VALE MAN SPLAIN BK #4 \$35.00 T/P Start with Man DANES MARK – LORA LEIGH H/C DUE 6/2 Hunt. MAN SCAPE BK #5 \$35.00 T/P Э Coming next month... **THE DESERT BRIDE – SAMANTHA CAYTO** □ HOSTAGE TO FORTUNE – L M SOMERTON T/P BOOK #8 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Start with Boi Bride. DOME 6 – GAIL CARRIGER BK #3 T/P ONLY THE BRIGHTEST STARS – ANDREW GREY \$35.00 *REPACK* Forthcoming... □ THE SEIGE BRIDE – SAMANTHA CAYTO BK #9 T/P □ 10 THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPENED – ALEXIS HALL DRAGGED TO THE WEDDING – ANDREW GREY T/P BOOK #1 \$40.00 TRADE P/BACK



BOOK #1 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK Aviva Fleischer has a secret life. To all appearances she's a paragon of the magic community. She's from a respected family and has become a top supernatural operative policing crimes committed by magic humans. In fact, Aviva is about to be promoted to head up her own unit, all by the age of thirty. Exactly as planned. But

should anyone ever learn that she's a half-demon-an infernal-her entire life will go scorched earth. In her world, vampires are celebrated like rock stars, but demons, their kissing cousins, are reviled and hunted. Talk about a double standard. Then a rash of bizarre murders break out and the Powers That Be opt to make her co-leader of a special new squad. One that mixes humans with their vampire counterparts-investigators who hunt down rogue vamps and demons. Co-leader? Seriously? That major wrench in her leadership plans is bad enough, but even worse? She's being partnered with Ezra Cardoso, jet set vamp and playboy extraordinaire. Aviva should know-he broke her heart six years ago. Ezra is also the only one other than her mom who she's trusted with her secret. Will he betray her to get ahead? Try it: she's got a wooden stake with his name on it.

Milea Golden WITH A GOLDEN SWORD - RACHEL AARON BOOK #2 \$35.00 TRADE P/BACK



Coming next month...

Book #1 By a Silver Thread. Three weeks ago, Lola put her soul on the line to save her sister and stop an abusive blood mage from making himself a god. But while she managed to derail the worst of Victor's plans, the rest of the world still sees her old master as the hero. To make matters worse, the Nightmare King Alberich has entirely escaped his prison and is now leading the Wild Hunt

on a rampage of fear and chaos across the skies of Europe. With Alberich playing the villain, it's only a matter of time before Victor convinces all of humanity that his abusive magic is their only hope. Lola's not about to let him get his dirty hands on that kind of power. But while she's free to fight him, Simon and the Black Rider are still trapped under the blood mage's boot. Lola will have to break them both out before she can take Victor down, but her former master's plans are far from finished. He's playing a game none of them can predict for a prize no one yet understands, and once all of his pieces are in place, the future of the world will hang on the edge of a golden sword.

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