

BOOK CATALOGUE – JANUARY 2008

A Happy New Year to you and all the best for a bright and successful 2008! We hope you had some great holidays and welcome you back. We appreciated your support and feedback last year. There are some great books this month but, before we get on to that subject, did you miss any of our bestselling titles for last year, shown below?

| Chapter's Bestselling Books of 2007 | | |
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| Author | Title | Genre |
| Mary Balogh | Simply Love (<i>Simply Series</i>) | Historical |
| Mary Balogh | Web of Love (<i>Web Series; Reissue</i>) | Historical |
| Jo Beverley | Lady Beware (<i>Company of Rogues Series</i>) | Historical |
| Patricia Briggs | Blood Bound (<i>Mercy Thompson Series</i>) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| Kresley Cole | Wicked Deeds on a Winter's Night (<i>Immortals After Dark Series</i>) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| Kim Edwards | The Memory Keeper's Daughter | Mainstream |
| Janet Evanovich | Lean Mean Thirteen (<i>Stephanie Plum Series</i>) | Crime & Mystery |
| Christine Feehan | Deadly Game (<i>Ghostwalkers Series</i>) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| Christine Feehan | Safe Harbor (<i>Drake Sisters Series</i>) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| Julie Garwood | Slow Burn (<i>Buchanan Family Series</i>) | Contemporary/Suspense |
| Georgette Heyer | A Civil Contract (<i>Reissue</i>) | Historical |
| Eloisa James | Pleasure for Pleasure (<i>Essex Sisters Series</i>) | Historical |
| Sherrilyn Kenyon | The Dream-Hunter (<i>Dream-Hunter Series</i>) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| Stephanie Laurens | Beyond Seduction (<i>Bastion Club Series</i>) | Historical |
| Stephanie Laurens | What Price Love? (<i>Cynster Series</i>) | Historical |
| Lora Leigh | Forbidden Pleasure (<i>Bound Hearts Series</i>) | Hot |
| Lora Leigh | Hidden Agendas (<i>Tempting SEALs Series</i>) | Contemporary/Hot |
| Jodi Picoult | Nineteen Minutes | Mainstream |
| Julia Quinn | The Secret Diaries of Miss Miranda Cheever | Historical |
| Nora Roberts | High Noon | Contemporary/Suspense |
| Nalini Singh | Caressed by Ice (<i>Psy-Changeling Series</i>) (NZ Author) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| Nalini Singh | Visions of Heat (<i>Psy-Changeling Series</i>) (NZ Author) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| Alexander McCall Smith | Blue Shoes and Happiness (<i>No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency Series</i>) | Crime & Mystery |
| J.R. Ward | Lover Revealed (<i>Black Dagger Brotherhood Series</i>) | Fantasy & Paranormal |
| J.R. Ward | Lover Unbound (<i>Black Dagger Brotherhood Series</i>) | Fantasy & Paranormal |

Highlights for 2007 included further growth in the fantasy & paranormal romance genre and in the hot romance genre, the continued popularity of the historical romance genre and, of course, the ongoing success of New Zealand author Nalini Singh with her critically acclaimed and best selling Psy-Changeling series.

Due to unprecedented shortages in air freight capacity to New Zealand in the weeks prior to Christmas, a number of the book releases we had planned for last month were unfortunately delayed. However, these books are now instore for this month's reading, including Lara Adrian's *Midnight Awakening* (Fantasy & Paranormal), New Zealand author Fiona Brand's *Killer Focus* (Contemporary/Suspense), Carole Nelson Douglas' *Dancing with Werewolves* (Fantasy & Paranormal), Kinley Macgregor's *The Warrior* (Historical) and Nora Roberts' *Blood Brothers* (Contemporary/Suspense). Happy reading!

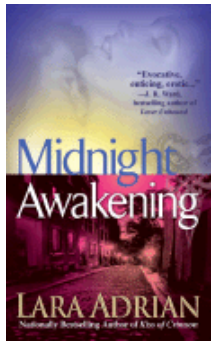
| Top Books This Month | | Books Available Soon | |
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| Lara Adrian | Midnight Awakening | Mary Balogh | The Devil's Web |
| Jenna Black | The Devil Inside | Catherine Coulter | Wizard's Daughter |
| Fiona Brand | Killer Focus | Jacquelyn Frank | Elijah |
| Anna Campbell | Untouched | Julie Garwood | Shadow Dance# |
| Carole Nelson Douglas | Dancing with Werewolves | Julie Garwood | Shadow Music* |
| Gaelen Foley | Her Secret Fantasy | Laura Lee Guhrke | The Wicked Ways of a Duke |
| Kim Harrison | For a Few Demons More# | Sophie Jordan | One Night With You |
| Angela Knight, Lora Leigh | Beyond the Dark& | Susan Mallery | Accidentally Yours |
| Kinley MacGregor | The Warrior | Carly Phillips | Seduce Me |
| Nora Roberts | Blood Brothers | Lynsay Sands | The Accidental Vampire |

Paperback Release

* Hardcover

& Anthology

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Title: Midnight Awakening
Author: Lara Adrian
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$22
Annotation: *Midnight Breeds Series.* With a dagger in her hand and vengeance on her mind, Darkhaven beauty Elise Chase prowls Boston's streets in search of retribution against the Rogue vampires who took from her everything she cherished. Using an extraordinary

psychic gift, she tracks her prey, well aware that the power she possesses is destroying her. She must learn to harness this gift, and for that she can turn to only one man – the deadliest of the Breed warriors, Tegan. No stranger to loss, Tegan knows Elise's pain. He knows fury, but when he slays his enemies it is with ice in his veins. He is perfect in his self-control, until Elise seeks his aid in her personal war. An unholy alliance is forged – a bond that will link them by blood and vow – and plunge them into a tempest of danger, desire, and the darkest passions of the heart ...

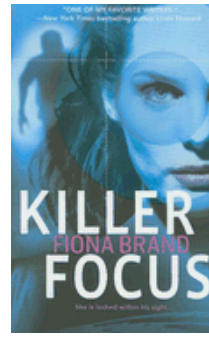


Title: For Her Pleasure
Author: Maya Banks
Classification: Hot
Book Type: Trade Paperback
Price: \$30
Annotation: A delicious twist on erotic romance, and the debut collection from a hot new author. Three novellas. Two interlocking stories. One sizzling read. Nice set up: one spirited woman in Kit Townsend, and two hot buddies, Ryder and Mac, who take turns giving Kit what she needs. It's the perfect no-strings triangle and while it doesn't exactly follow the rules, neither does Kit. But when love unexpectedly throws these three friends for a loop, can they still have a happy ending? And then there's Mia Malone, a sweet Dallas girl who had big dreams for the future when she first met Texas Ranger Logan Kincaid. That fairy tale was a lifetime ago. Today, framed for drug possession, she's forced to work undercover at a strip joint where several working girls have disappeared. Then in walks Logan – her protector, savior, and lover.



Title: The Devil Inside
Author: Jenna Black
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$22
Annotation: *Morgan Kingsley Series.* Exorcism isn't a job, it's a calling – and a curse. Just ask Morgan Kingsley, a woman who has a stronger aura than any Demon. Or so she thought. Now, Morgan is heading back to Philadelphia after a nasty little exorcism – and her life

is turned upside down ... by the Demon that's gotten inside her. Not just any Demon. Six foot five inches of delicious temptation, this one is to die for – that is, if he doesn't get Morgan killed first. Because Morgan's Demon is leading a war of succession no human has ever imagined. For a woman trying to live a life, and hold on to the almost-perfect man, being possessed by a rebel Demon will mean a wild ride of uninhibited thrills, shocking surprises, and pure, unadulterated terror ...



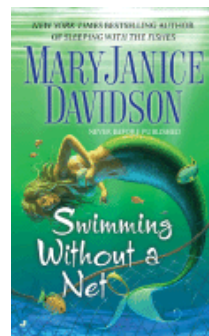
Title: Killer Focus
Author: Fiona Brand
Classification: Contemporary/Suspense
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$22

Annotation: *NZ Author.* Her trust in her protectors shattered, Taylor Jones strikes out on her own to find out why someone powerful enough to circumvent the Witness Security Program wants her dead. She was almost enjoying her quiet new life with a nice guy courtesy of a new identity in WitSec. Then her next-door neighbor turned up dead, a stray bullet barely missed her, and the former FBI agent knew she was right in the crosshairs. She discovers a chilling connection between the South American cocaine trade, terrorism and, amazingly, a secretive cabal that began with the fall of Nazi Germany ... and whose influence reaches all the way to the White House. But even more frightening, she suspects her nice, normal guy may be at the center of it all.



Title: Untouched
Author: Anna Campbell
Classification: Historical
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$22
Annotation: Beautiful Grace Paget is kidnapped, spirited away to a remote country manor, and told she is to grant Lord Sheene his every desire ... or lose her life. But Grace is no common trollop. So she risks everything to save her virtue by planning a daring escape, even

though she finds herself tempted by this handsome man. There is something in his eyes that makes her wonder if he is as dangerous as he would have her believe. Sheene knew nothing of the plan to bring him this woman. Locked up as a prisoner, called mad by the world, he will do anything to reclaim his life, and Grace's sensuous beauty distracts him from his goals. Although he finds her irresistible, he won't hold her against her will. Together, they must revolt against the circumstances that have forced them together – for only then will Grace truly surrender to him ... forever.



Title: Swimming Without a Net
Author: MaryJanice Davidson
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24

Annotation: *Fred the Mermaid Series.* As Fred the Mermaid tries to fit in with her own kind, she finds herself hooked on both Artur, the High Prince of the undersea realm, and Thomas, a hunky marine biologist. She's also caught between two factions of merfolk: those happy with swimming under the radar – and those who want to bring their existence to the surface.

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|  | <p>Title: Dancing With Werewolves Author: Carole Nelson Douglas Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Paperback Price: \$22 Annotation: <i>Delilah Street, Paranormal Investigator Series.</i> It was the revelation of the millennium: witches, werewolves, vampires and other supernaturals are real. Fast-forward 13 years: TV reporter Delilah Street used to cover the small-town bogeyman beat back in Kansas, but now, in high-octane Las Vegas – which is run by a werewolf mob – she finds herself holding back the gates of Hell itself. But at least she has a hot new guy and one big bad wolfhound to help her out ...</p> |  | <p>Title: Her Secret Fantasy Author: Gaelen Foley Classification: Historical Book Type: Paperback Price: \$22 Annotation: <i>Spice Series.</i> Lily Balfour is her family's last hope, and she has come to London with one goal – to marry a rich man. Her plans are balked, however, by Major Derek Knight, a handsome highborn soldier and adventurer newly returned from India. Hardened by battles on India's lawless frontiers, Derek is not just a fighter but a skilled and insatiable lover – a master of the Eastern arts of pleasure. Derek finds no shortage of willing women in London, but it is Lily who haunts him. However he has come to England on a vital mission, and when Lily is pledged to a wealthy man suspected of corruption, Derek must thwart the treachery that ensnares them both – for only then will ecstasy and the sweet promise of her heart be his to claim.</p> |
|  | <p>Title: For a Few Demons More Author: Kim Harrison Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Paperback Release Price: \$24 Annotation: <i>Hollows Series.</i> Despite dating one vampire and living with another, Rachel Morgan has always managed to stay just ahead of trouble ... until now. A fiendish serial killer stalks the Hollows, and no one living in or around Cincinnati – human, inhuman, or undead – is safe. An ancient artifact may be the key to stopping the murderer – a mysterious relic that is now in the hands of Rachel Morgan, fearless independent bounty hunter and reckless witch. But revealing it could ignite a battle to the death among the vast and varied local supernatural races. Rachel's been lucky so far. But even she can't hide from catastrophe forever.</p> |  | <p>Title: Beyond the Dark Author: Angela Knight, Emma Holly, Lora Leigh, Diane Whiteside Classification: Hot/Fantasy Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$29 Annotation: <i>Anthology.</i> A daring collection of never-before-published erotic desire from four of the hottest names in paranormal romance. Four of the most sizzling authors of paranormal romance take readers beyond their wildest fantasies, to a seductive midnight world of erotic suspense, demons, mages, vampires, and knights. A world of queens with devilish secrets, and of demons with secret desires. So dangerous and fun, readers may never want to come back down to earth again ...</p> |
|  | <p>Title: A Taste of Innocence Author: Stephanie Laurens Classification: Historical Book Type: Paperback Release Price: \$24 Annotation: <i>Cynster Series.</i> Charles Morwellan, eighth Earl of Meredith, has seen many happy Cynster unions, but he also watched his father's obsessive love nearly destroy their family. Yet he knows his duty, and so has chosen a bride. Sarah Conningham is beautiful, intelligent, and knows the value of his offer, but she refuses to wed for anything less than love. Now he's determined to win her! Charles courts Sarah with propriety during the day, but each night spirits her away into the moonlit gardens, where he tutors her in the art of passion. Yet, after their wedding, his polite mask returns, leaving Sarah wondering which man she married: the controlled aristocrat, or the lover whose touch leaves her gasping. But then Sarah's life is threatened and Charles discovers just how much he is willing to surrender to protect ... the taste of innocence.</p> |  | <p>Title: Gone, Baby, Gone Author: Dennis Lehane Classification: Crime & Mystery Book Type: Paperback Reissue Price: \$24 Annotation: <i>Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro Series.</i> Boston private detectives Patrick Kenzie and Angela Gennaro are hired to find four-year-old Amanda McCready, abducted from her bed on a warm, Indian summer night. They meet her stoned-out, strangely apathetic mother, her loving aunt and uncle, the mother's dangerous drug-addled friends, and two cops who've found so many abused or dead children they may be too far over the edge to come back. Despite enormous public attention, rabid news coverage, and dogged police work, the investigation repeatedly hits a brick wall. Then a second child disappears. As the two detectives intensify their search, they encounter a media more interested in sensationalizing the abductions than solving them, a midnight ransom drop that explodes into a firestorm, a city seething with secrets and rage, and a faceless power determined to keep the children lost forever.</p> |

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|  | <p>Title: The Warrior Author: Kinley MacGregor Classification: Historical Book Type: Paperback Price: \$22 Annotation: <i>Brotherhood of the Sword Series.</i> Lochlan MacAllister was born to lead and he is groomed to take control of his clan. But when he learns that the brother he thought was dead might still be alive, he embarks on a quest to find the truth. Catarina wants a life of freedom. But Catarina's royal father wants to use her as a pawn to ensure a treaty between conflicting lands, and he's willing to kidnap his daughter to force the issue. But when she escapes, fate throws her into the path of a man she loathes. Lochlan is stunned to find the shrewish Cat being hauled away by unknown men. Unwilling to see even her suffer, he frees her only to learn that she has her own demons to fight. When their fates intertwine, two enemies who have vowed their eternal hatred must find common ground, or see their very lives shattered.</p> |  | <p>Title: Hide and Seek Author: Fern Michaels Classification: Mainstream Book Type: Paperback Release Price: \$22 Annotation: <i>Revenge of the Sisterhood Series.</i> The seven friends known as the Sisterhood have served justice to villains who thought they were above the law. But payback has its price, and the last assignment almost landed them in jail. Now the women are fugitives with a bounty on their heads, but they're not planning on hiding out for long, not when friends need the kind of help only they can give. Mitch Riley, the ruthless assistant director of the FBI, intends to frame Cornelia Nellie Easter, the judge who helped the Sisterhood evade prison, and their lawyer, Lizzie Fox, in order to save his own career. He's created a special task force to hunt the Sisters down. Mitch has the FBI behind him, but he's about to discover that he's no match for seven formidable women with an unbreakable bond and a cunning plan to bring the fight right to his door.</p> |
|  | <p>Title: Midnight Run Author: Lisa Marie Rice Classification: Hot/Suspense Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$28 Annotation: <i>Midnight Series.</i> Claire Parks has been very sick, but she's fine now – and ready to paint the town red. Well, pink. On her first excursion into the world of dating, she nets Bud, a sexy, good-looking lumberjack. She won him fair and square, her prize for not dying. But after a weekend of wild sex, she discovers he's not what she thinks. Undercover police officer Lieutenant Tyler "Bud" Morrison can't believe his eyes. What's a princess doing in a dance club known for its rough trade? She needs rescuing, and rescuing women is what Bud does best. He saw Claire first – finders keepers – and when trouble comes her way, he pulls out all the stops to protect her. Except Claire doesn't want Bud at her back. She wants him in her bed.</p> |  | <p>Title: Blood Brothers Author: Nora Roberts Classification: Contemporary/Suspense Book Type: Paperback Price: \$24 Annotation: <i>Sign of Seven Trilogy.</i> Three best friends who share the same birthday sneak off into the Hawkins Hollow woods for a sleepover before turning 10. But the celebration turns into a night of horror as their blood brother oath unleashes a 300 year curse. Twenty-one years later, Cal Hawkins and his friends have seen their town plagued by a week of evil events two more times – every seven years. With the clock winding down on the third set of seven years, someone else has taken an interest in the town's folklore. Quinn is a well known scholar of local legends, and despite Cal's protests, insists on delving in the mystery. But when the first signs of evil appear months early, it's not only the town Cal tries to protect, but also his heart.</p> |
|  | <p>Title: Demon's Kiss Author: Maggie Shayne Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Paperback Price: \$24 Annotation: <i>Wings in the Night Series.</i> Even by vampire standards, Reaper is a loner, and his current mission to destroy a gang of rogue bloodsuckers is definitely a one-vamp job. Then fate takes a hand, and before he knows it, he's surrounded by a ragtag crew of misfit helpers: the newbie, the princess, the shape-shifter and the human healer. Seth is new to immortality, but he's sharp and strong – and he'll risk anything for the rogues' strange female captive, a secretive creature he doesn't understand but feels compelled to save. Vixen is confused by the emotions that swirl through her at the sight of her impulsive hero. She only hopes the brutal Gregor and his bloodthirsty renegades will leave her alive long enough to explore them. Or will Reaper himself be the one to destroy them all?</p> |  | <p>Title: The Accidental Mistress Author: Tracy Anne Warren Classification: Historical Book Type: Paperback Price: \$22 Annotation: <i>Mistress Series.</i> To escape an arranged marriage, Lily Bainbridge has staged her own death and fled to London. Yet her plans to masquerade as an independent widow are thwarted by a powerful and attractive marquis who wants to make her his mistress. Lily is afraid that if she gives him her innocence, he'll steal her heart. Having agreed to a marriage of convenience to honor his family duty, Ethan Andarton, the Marquis of Vessey, has no intention of abandoning his rakish ways. Then fate intervenes in the guise of an impetuous young woman bold enough to scheme her way to London, who tempts him with her mystery and sensuality. Kiss after kiss, Ethan vows to discover all of Lily's secrets. For beneath her clever ruse lies a burning passion that will ignite a tempestuous love neither of them can deny.</p> |

Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance

An Irresistible Bachelor by **Jessica Bird** (aka J.R. Ward) (Paperback – \$22). For struggling art conservationist Callie Burke, the chance to restore a world-famous painting is the opportunity of a lifetime, but Callie has serious reservations about working with the painting's owner. Warm and sexy, Jack Walker makes no attempt to hide the strong attraction he feels for Callie – even as she tries to keep their relationship professional. Now, cocooned in his studio in Boston, she will either have to learn to ignore the man and concentrate on the masterpiece, or give in to the kind of passion that can never be captured on canvas. Jack Walker is a practical man who runs his life, his empire, and his fortune effortlessly. Yet from the moment he met Callie Burke, he wanted her with all the intensity of a first crush. As he gets to know her, the desire blossoms into something more – and Jack finds that for the first time in his life he is leading with his heart instead of his head.

Manhunting by **Jennifer Crusie** (Paperback Reissue – \$22). Kate Svenson may be a dynamite businesswoman – but after three failed engagements, she's decided she's hopeless at romance. What she needs is a Business Plan to help her find Mr. Right. The Cabins resort is ripe with eligible bachelors, all rich and ambitious – just her type. But they're dropping like flies, and after fishing Kate's latest reject out of the swimming pool Jake Templeton is convinced that Kate is nothing but trouble. Especially for him. A man who's sworn off ambition and a woman hanging from the top of the corporate ladder don't have much in common. But in that unpredictable territory known as the heart, anything can happen ...

The Prince's Forbidden Virgin by **Robyn Donald** (Paperback – \$10). *NZ Author.* Max Fierezza: a prince of the people and the land. But now Niroli's subjects are unsettled and its famous vines are blighted! Rosa Fierezza: she helps Max save the grapes. He's forbidden fruit to her, but Rosa has long been under Max's spell. Both struggle with their desire. But the House of Niroli is built on secrets and the truth about a scandal from the past may set Rosa and Max free ...

The Desert Bride of Al Zayed by **Tessa Radley** (Paperback – \$10). *NZ Author.* The royal wife – after five years Jayne could finally release herself from Sheikh Tariq bin Rashid, the desert prince of Zayed ... and her husband. He'd courted her, captivated her, but he'd never truly trusted her. And treacherous palace lies had sent Jayne running. Now the time for hiding was over – she was back to demand a divorce. And Tariq was willing to comply. If Jayne would pretend to be his happily wedded bride for a few weeks longer. But with passion still burning so intensely between them, would Jayne truly ever be free?

Crime & Mystery

Real Murders by **Charlaine Harris** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). *Aurora Teagarden Series.* Though a small town at heart, Lawrenceton, Georgia, has its dark side – and crime buffs. One of whom is librarian Aurora "Roe" Teagarden, a member of the Real Murders Club, which meets once a month to analyze famous cases. It's a harmless pastime – until the night she finds a member killed in a manner that eerily resembles the crime the club was about to discuss. And as other brutal "copycat" killings follow, Roe will have to uncover the person behind the terrifying game, one that casts all the members of Real Murders, herself included, as prime suspects – or potential victims.

Fantasy, Paranormal & Time Travel Romance

Half Way to the Grave by **Jeaniene Frost** (Paperback – \$22). *Night Huntress Series.* Half-vampire Catherine Crawford is going after the undead with a vengeance, hoping that one of these deadbeats is her father – the one responsible for ruining her mother's life. Then she's captured by Bones, a vampire bounty hunter, and is forced into a partnership. In exchange for finding her father, Cat agrees to train with the sexy night stalker until her battle reflexes are as sharp as his fangs. She's amazed she doesn't end up as his dinner – are there good vampires? Pretty soon Bones has her convinced that being half-dead doesn't have to be all bad. But before she can enjoy her new status as kick-ass demon hunter, Cat and Bones are pursued by a group of killers. Now Cat will have to choose a side ... and Bones is as tempting as any man with a heartbeat.

Redeemed in Darkness by **Alexis Morgan** (Paperback – \$22). *Paladins of Darkness Series.* A fiercely beautiful female leader from the Other world, Lusahn q'Arc can't forget the Paladin warrior she met in battle – his chiseled body and piercing, thoughtful eyes still haunt her dreams. While investigating the smuggling of the mysterious blue stones used to light her shadowy world, Lusahn receives word that her missing brother, Barak, is alive – and working with the Paladins. Although angry at his betrayal, she arranges to meet him. But at the appointed time it is not Barak who arrives, but Cullen Finley – the enemy warrior who torments her memory. Intense attraction immediately burns between Lusahn and Cullen despite their rival loyalties, and they can't help surrendering to passion. Their time together is limited, though, for soon Cullen must return to his own world – with or without Lusahn. But when carefully laid plans go awry, together they must fight to keep their forbidden romance a secret – and keep each other alive.

Historical and Regency Romance

The Pillars of the Earth by **Ken Follett** (Historical Fiction – Paperback Reissue – \$24). The magnificent tale of a twelfth-century monk driven to do the seemingly impossible: build the greatest Gothic cathedral the world has ever known. Against the backdrop of civil war, famine and religious strife, lives entwine: Tom, the master builder, Aliena, the noblewoman, Philip, the prior of Kingsbridge, Jack, the artist in stone and Ellen, the woman from the forest who casts a curse. At once, this is a sensuous and enduring love story and an epic that shines with the fierce spirit of a passionate age.

The Boleyn Inheritance by **Phillippa Gregory** (Trade Paperback Reissue – \$32). Three women who share one fate: the Boleyn Inheritance. *Anne of Cleves:* She runs from her tiny country, her hateful mother, and her abusive brother to a court ruled by the terror of a vengeful king who despises her. *Her Boleyn Inheritance:* accusations and false witness. *Katherine Howard:* She is in love – but not with the diseased old man who made her queen and beds her night after night. *Her Boleyn Inheritance:* the threat of the axe. *Jane Rochford:* She is the Boleyn girl whose testimony sent her husband and sister-in-law to their deaths. Throughout Europe, her name is a byword for malice, jealousy, and twisted lust. *Her Boleyn Inheritance:* a fortune and a title, in exchange for her soul. "The Boleyn Inheritance" is the story of three women whose positions brought them wealth, admiration, and power as well as deceit, betrayal, and terror.

Curse of the Kings by **Victoria Holt** (Paperback – \$24). For centuries the tombs of the Pharaohs were haunted

Historical and Regency Romance continued

by a deadly curse. And when two eminent archaeologists have died mysteriously, Judith Osmond was certain that it was the curse at work. Then, overnight, her life changed. There was an unexpected inheritance. Then Tybalt, a young archaeologist and the man she adored, asked her to marry him. But Tybalt planned a honeymoon amid the tombs of the Pharaohs, and suddenly it looked as if the curse of the kings had come to haunt Judith ...

Masquerading Mistress by **Sophia James** (Paperback – \$18). *NZ Author*. The war-scarred Thornton Lindsay, Duke of Penborne, can scarcely believe the news when a beautiful stranger comes to London proclaiming to be his lover. Caroline Anstretton is on the run and desperate. Her gamble that the reclusive duke won't leave the sanctuary of his home is lost when he coolly confronts her. Courtesan or charlatan, this mysterious, sensual woman intrigues Thorn. There's a vulnerability beneath her smile and easy laughter. Could she be the one to mend a life he'd thought damaged beyond repair?

Naughty by Nature by **Barbara Pierce** (Paperback – \$22). *Carlisle Series*. Patience Rose Farnaly was easily lured away from her wealthy family by the false love of a dangerous man. Rather than face a grim future on the streets, Patience struggled to find honest work as an actress. But when the irresistibly charming Earl of Ramsar offers her legitimate employ in London as a lady's companion to his sister, Patience snaps up the chance ... although her attraction to Ramsar leaves her on shaky ground. Ever since a devastating fire left his sister brutally scarred, Ramsar vowed to protect the little family he has left. Now that Patience has been hired to be his sister's companion, his conscience is clear – even if his imagination won't let him rest. Haunted by fantasies of the beautiful, beguiling Patience, it's only a matter of time before they enter into an illicit affair – one that might threaten Ramsar's status if Patience's dark past comes to light ... and could destroy them both.

Hot Romance

Secrets Volume 20: Surrender to Pleasure by **Amber Green, Charlotte Featherstone, Leigh Wyndfield, Dominique Sinclair** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *The Subject*. One week, Tyler is the hottest game designer in North America, in sight of her first million and ready to sign the deal of her life. The next week, she's on the run for her life. Who can she trust? Certainly not sexy, mysterious Esau, who keeps showing up right after the hoo-hah hits the fan! *A Woman's Pleasure*. In Victorian England, a woman's lot in life is to marry well, to tend to her husband's hearth and to bear his heirs. But what happens after one has done that? What happens when a woman begins to question her lot in life? That woman is Isabella, Lady Langdon, and when she realizes she is suffocating beneath the strictures of the Victorian ideal of womanhood, she escapes into private fantasies about a most unsuitable man – a man who is a social outcast in England for his mixed English and Turkish blood. Julian Gresham is a man who is exotic, mysterious and much younger than her. *Stasis*. Morgann Right has a problem. Her Commanding Officer – cool, calm, always in control Osborn Welty – has been drugged with Stasis, turning him into a living, breathing statue she's forced to take care of for ten long days. As her hands smooth down soft skin over rock hard muscles, she suddenly sees her C.O. in a totally different light. She wants him and, while she can tell he wants her, touching him intimately just might come back to haunt them both when the Stasis drug wears off. *The Surrender*. Undercover Agent Madeline Carter is in too deep. She's

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slipped into Sebastian Maiocco's life for the Department of International Crime to investigate his family, a known Sicilian mafia clan making moves into New York. Dark and dangerous, Sebastian unearths licentious desires Madeline is unable to deny, conflicting the duty that honors her. Madeline must surrender to Sebastian or risk being exposed, leaving her target for a ruthless clan. Only, if she surrenders, Madeline's heart will be in immanent danger.

Cops and Cowboys by **Lora Leigh and Shiloh Walker** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Cowboy and the Captive*. Melina had lived her life in her older, selfish twin's shadow until the final deceit forced her to refocus on her own life. But the past has not been forgotten by Luc Jardin. Now, kidnapped and at the mercy of a man with a grudge, Melina must learn to accept the past as well as her attraction to the arrogant rancher. Just as Luc must learn to accept that, sometimes, things are not always as they seem. *Her Wildest Dreams*. Timid and shy, in her wildest dreams, Allie never imagined Alex would look at her with anything more than friendship and maybe a little pity in his eyes. As if living a nightmare, one horrible night Allie is attacked, and Alex comes rushing to her rescue. He wonders if he is really needed when he finds a little hellcat fighting off her attacker. Much later that night, Alex holds that little hellcat in his arms. Months later, he runs into Allie again, and he barely recognizes her. She's no longer the shy little wallflower she had once been. Problem is ... she doesn't seem to want to have anything to do with him. Allie's about to find out that he's the only man guaranteed to make her wildest dreams come true.

Menage a Magick by **Lora Leigh** (Trade Paperback – \$25). *Wizard Twins Series*. She was to be the filling in a Wizard Sandwich. For a millennia, the Covenani Sorceresses of planet Sentmar have been separated from the Cauldaran Wizards, their natural mates. Deceit and blood have forced a reunion; destiny and passion have forced a bond. Brianna, youngest of the Princesses of Covenani, will be a consort to two handsome, virile Wizards. Will the union be forged in desire and love, or will she deny the union, as well as the two men who are bound to her, hearts and souls?

When Wizards Rule by **Lora Leigh** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Wizard Twins Series*. Desperate to avoid a Joining with the wickedly handsome Sashtain Twins, Marina escapes them at every turn. Relentless, they plague her days, and torment her dreams – wickedly erotic dreams that make her body pulse with the promise of dark desires revealed and a sexual heat that will send her up in flames. But when the hated Seculars gain in strength, and dark magic weaves an insidious, invisible threat to all she holds dear, she discovers there is more to be gained by aligning her magick with the Sashtain Wizards than she thought. Caise and Kai'el Sashtain, focused solely on convincing the innocent young Sorceress to bond with them, get a lot more than they anticipated when Marina unknowingly weaves her magick spell on them – a sensual spell that pulls them into a vortex of churning emotions, forcing them to decisions that could alter all their lives. Dark magick is terrorizing the land, no one is safe, all become suspect, and trusting her Wizards with her heart, body and soul is a lesson Marina has to learn before all is lost.

Midnight Angel by **Lisa Marie Rice** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Midnight Series*. Her nightmares don't stop when she opens her eyes ... In one night, talented musician Allegra Ennis lost her sight, her father and her career in a brutal attack she can't remember. Now she's alone in a world of darkness, her only company the nightmares

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in her head ... and a killer is stalking her every move. Scarred and disfigured by war, tough former SEAL Douglas Kowalski never thought a beauty like Allegra could love someone like him. He doesn't expect more than a one-night stand. But when Allegra's life is threatened, Kowalski realizes he will do anything to keep her safe – and by his side.

Midnight Man by **Lisa Marie Rice** (Trade Paperback – \$27). *Midnight Series*. Interior decorator Suzanne Barron's new tenant is the most dangerously sexy man she's ever met. Navy Commander John Huntington, a former SEAL (aka *Midnight Man*) works best under cover of darkness. Within hours of meeting him, Suzanne has wild, no-holds barred sex with John, then panics at the depth of her passionate response to such a powerful and dangerous warrior. Suzanne doesn't do sex like that. John is definitely someone she needs to avoid for her own peace of mind. But when killers come for her, Suzanne knows she can turn to only one man. John will guard and protect her body. But who will guard and protect her body against John?

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The Sea by **John Banville** (Trade Paperback – \$28). Max Morden, a middle-aged Irishman returns to the seaside town where he spent his summer holidays as a child – a retreat from the grief, anger, and numbness of his life without his recently deceased wife. It is also a return to the place where he experienced the strange suddenness of both love and death for the first time and his memories of the past.

Sisterhood of Traveling Pants by **Ann Brashares** (Paperback Reissue – \$22). *Sisterhood of Traveling Pants Series*. Carmen got the jeans at a thrift shop. They didn't look all that great: they were worn, dirty, and speckled with bleach. On the night before she and her friends part for the summer, Carmen decides to toss them. But Tibby says they're great. She'd love to have them. Lena and Bridget also think they're fabulous. Lena decides that they should all try them on. Whoever they fit best will get them. Nobody knows why, but the pants fit everyone perfectly. Even Carmen (who never thinks she looks good in anything) thinks she looks good in the pants. Over a few bags of cheese puffs, they decide to form a sisterhood and take the vow of the Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants ... the next morning, they say good-bye. And then the journey of the pants – and the most memorable summer of their lives – begins.

The Gathering by **Anne Enright** (Trade Paperback – \$29). The nine surviving children of the Hegarty clan are gathering in Dublin for the wake of their wayward brother, Liam, drowned in the sea. His sister, Veronica, collects the body and keeps the dead man company, guarding the secret she shares with him – something that happened in their grandmother's house in the winter of 1968. This insightful family epic traces the line of betrayal and redemption through three generations.

Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia by **Elizabeth Gilbert** (Trade Paperback – \$30). By the time she turned thirty, Elizabeth Gilbert had everything a modern educated, American woman was supposed to want – a husband, a house in the country, a successful career. But instead of feeling happy and fulfilled, she was consumed with panic, grief and confusion. She went through a divorce, a crushing depression, another failed love and the complete eradication of everything she ever thought she was supposed to be. To recover, Gilbert took a radical step. In order to give herself the time and space to find

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out who she really was and what she really wanted, she got rid of her belongings, quit her job, left her loved ones behind and undertook a year-long journey around the world, all alone. *Eat, Pray, Love* is the chronicle of that year. Gilbert's aim was to visit three places where she could examine one aspect of her own nature, set against the backdrop of a culture that has traditionally done that one thing very well. In Italy, she studied the art of pleasure, learning to speak Italian and gaining the twenty-three happiest pounds of her life. India was for the art of devotion, where, with the help of a native guru and a surprisingly wise Texan, she embarked on four months of austere spiritual exploration. Finally, in Indonesia, she sought her ultimate goal: balance – namely, how to somehow build a life of equilibrium between worldly enjoyment and divine transcendence. Looking for these answers on the island of Bali, she became the pupil of an elderly, ninth-generation medicine man and also fell in love in the very best way – unexpectedly. *Eat, Pray, Love* is an articulate, sensible, moving and funny memoir of self-discovery.

Water for Elephants by **Sara Gruen** (Trade Paperback – \$29). As a young man, Jacob Jankowski was tossed by fate onto a rickety train that was home to the Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. It was the early part of the great Depression, and for Jacob, now ninety, the circus world he remembers was both his salvation and a living hell. A veterinary student just shy of a degree, he was put in charge of caring for the circus menagerie. It was there that he met Marlena, the beautiful equestrian star married to August, the charismatic but twisted animal trainer. And he met Rosie, an untrainable elephant who was the great gray hope for this third-rate traveling show. The bond that grew among this unlikely trio was one of love and trust, and, ultimately, it was their only hope for survival.

The Road by **Cormac McCarthy** (Trade Paperback – \$30). A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food – and each other. *The Road* is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness that keeps two people alive in the face of total devastation.

Atonement by **Ian McEwan** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). On the hottest day of the summer of 1935, thirteen-year-old Briony Tallis sees her older sister Cecilia strip off her clothes and plunge into the fountain in the garden of their country house. Watching Cecilia is their housekeeper's son Robbie Turner, a childhood friend who, along with Briony's sister, has recently graduated from Cambridge. By the end of that day the lives of all three will have been changed forever. Robbie and Cecilia will have crossed a boundary they had never before dared to approach and will have become victims of the younger girl's scheming imagination. And Briony will have committed a dreadful crime, the guilt for which will color her entire life.

Summary of This Month's Books

| Author | Title | Classification | Price |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------|
| Lara Adrian | Midnight Awakening | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$22 |
| Maya Banks | For Her Pleasure | Hot | \$30 |
| John Banville | The Sea | Mainstream | \$28 |
| Jessica Bird | An Irresistible Bachelor | Contemporary | \$22 |
| Jenna Black | The Devil Inside | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$22 |
| Fiona Brand | Killer Focus | Contemporary/Suspense | \$22 |
| Ann Brashares | Sisterhood of Traveling Pants | Mainstream | \$22 |
| Anna Campbell | Untouched | Historical | \$22 |
| Jennifer Crusie | Manhunting | Contemporary | \$22 |
| MaryJanice Davidson | Swimming Without a Net | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$24 |
| Robyn Donald | The Prince's Forbidden Virgin | Contemporary | \$10 |
| Carole Nelson Douglas | Dancing with Werewolves | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$22 |
| Anne Enright | The Gathering | Mainstream | \$29 |
| Gaelen Foley | Her Secret Fantasy | Historical | \$22 |
| Ken Follett | Pillars of the Earth | Historical Fiction | \$24 |
| Jeaniene Frost | Half Way to the Grave | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$22 |
| Elizabeth Gilbert | Eat Pray Love | Mainstream | \$30 |
| Phillippa Gregory | The Boleyn Inheritance | Historical Fiction | \$32 |
| Amber Green, Charlotte Featherstone, Leigh Wyndfield, Dominique Sinclair | Secrets Volume 20: Surrender to Pleasure& | Hot | \$28 |
| Sara Gruen | Water for Elephants | Mainstream | \$29 |
| Charlaine Harris | Real Murders | Crime & Mystery | \$24 |
| Kim Harrison | For a Few Demons More# | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$24 |
| Victoria Holt | Curse of the Kings | Historical | \$24 |
| Sophia James | Masquerading Mistress | Historical | \$18 |
| Angela Knight, Emma Holly, Lora Leigh, Diane Whiteside | Beyond the Dark& | Hot/Fantasy & Paranormal | \$29 |
| Stephanie Laurens | Taste of Innocence# | Historical | \$24 |
| Dennis Lehane | Gone Baby Gone | Crime & Mystery | \$24 |
| Lora Leigh, Shiloh Walker | Cops and Cowboys | Hot | \$30 |
| Lora Leigh | Menage A Magick | Hot | \$25 |
| Lora Leigh | When Wizards Rule | Hot | \$30 |
| Cormac McCarthy | The Road | Mainstream | \$30 |
| Ian McEwan | Atonement# | Mainstream | \$24 |
| Kinley Macgregor | The Warrior | Historical | \$22 |
| Fern Michaels | Hide and Seek# | Mainstream | \$22 |
| Alexis Morgan | Redeemed in Darkness | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$22 |
| Barbara Pierce | Naughty by Nature | Historical | \$22 |
| Tessa Radley | The Desert Bride of Al Zayed | Contemporary | \$10 |
| Lisa Marie Rice | Midnight Angel | Hot/Suspense | \$30 |
| Lisa Marie Rice | Midnight Man | Hot/Suspense | \$27 |
| Lisa Marie Rice | Midnight Run | Hot/Suspense | \$28 |
| Nora Roberts | Blood Brothers | Contemporary/Suspense | \$24 |
| Maggie Shayne | Demon's Kiss | Fantasy & Paranormal | \$24 |
| Tracy Anne Warren | The Accidental Mistress | Historical | \$22 |

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