

BOOK CATALOGUE – MARCH 2009

We've got some great new releases to enjoy this month. For historical romance fans, Mary Balogh kicks off her Huxtable series with *First Comes Marriage*. We also recommend Janet Evanovich's *The Grand Finale* (a contemporary romance reissue) and Sherrilyn Kenyon's *Dream Warrior*. For movie-goers, there are paperback reissues of *Confessions of a Shopaholic*, *Marley and Me*, *The Reader*, and *Revolutionary Road*. Enjoy!

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Mary Balogh	First Comes Marriage	Ilona Andrews	Magic Strikes
Patricia Briggs	Bone Crossed#	Mary Balogh	Then Comes Seduction
Robyn Carr	Second Chance Pass	Christina Dodd	Danger in a Red Dress
Janet Evanovich	The Grand Finale	Charlaine Harris	From Dead to Worse#
Kim Harrison	White Witch, Black Curse*	Alexandra Ivy	Darkness Revealed
Sherrilyn Kenyon	The Dream Warrior	Lisa Kleypas	Smooth Talking Stranger*
Stephanie Laurens	Temptation and Surrender*	Lora Leigh	Maverick
J.D. Robb	Promises in Death*	Lynsay Sands	Immortal Hunter
Bernhard Schlink	The Reader	Gena Showalter	Vampire's Bride
Alexander McCall Smith	Teatime for the Traditionally Built*	Nalini Singh	Angel's Blood

Paperback Release

* Hardcover

& Anthology

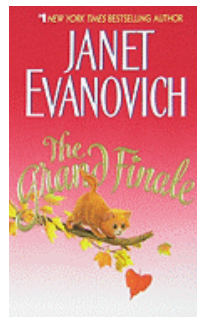
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Title: First Comes Marriage
Author: Mary Balogh
Classification: Historical
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$22

Annotation: *Huxtable Series*. The arrival of Elliott Wallace, the eligible Viscount Lyngate, has thrown the village of Throckbridge into a tizzy. Desperate to rescue her eldest sister from a loveless union, Vanessa Huxtable Dew offers herself instead. In need of a wife, Elliott takes the

audacious young widow up on her proposal while he pursues a mission of his own. But a strange thing happens on the way to the wedding night. Two strangers with nothing in common can't keep their hands off each other. Now, as intrigue swirls around a past secret – one with a connection to the Huxtables – Elliott and Vanessa are uncovering the pleasures of the marriage bed ... and discovering that love isn't far behind.



Title: The Grand Finale
Author: Janet Evanovich
Classification: Contemporary
Book Type: Paperback (*Reissue*)
Price: \$24

Annotation: Berry Knudson had a talent for disaster, but when she climbed a tree to rescue a kitten, she wasn't prepared for the scrumptious hunk undressing in a nearby window, or her dive downward that smashed Jake Sawyer's pizza and won his heart!

But was there room in her chaotic schedule for a risk-taking inventor with dreams? She took classes, delivered pizzas, and cared for three eccentric old ladies she rescued from the train station. But Jake thrived on a challenge, and he could be very inventive. Could he teach her there was time to make butterscotch pudding and let herself be loved?



Title: Dream Warrior
Author: Sherrilyn Kenyon
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24

Annotation: *Dream-Hunter Series*. Delphine Toussaint is a philanthropist with a passion for world peace. When a chance meeting brings her together with Cratus, a Dolophoni, the two develop a striking bond. Cratus is at first baffled by this human and her

open nature, but he soon he realizes that Delphine is the key to completing his mission.



Title: Promises in Death
Author: J.D. Robb
Classification: Crime & Mystery
Book Type: Hardcover
Price: \$45

Annotation: *Eve Dallas Series*. Amarylis Coltraine had recently transferred to the New York City police force from Atlanta, but she's been a cop long enough to know how to defend herself against an assailant. When she's taken down just steps away from her apartment,

disarmed, and killed with her own weapon, for Eve Dallas, the victim isn't just one of us.

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Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

Morning Light by **Catherine Anderson** (Paperback – \$24). *Harrigan Series*. Born with second sight, Loni MacEwen must warn rancher Clint Harrigan that his son is in danger – except he doesn't have a son. Then the drama Loni predicted unfolds: an orphaned boy is lost in the wilderness. As Loni and Clint help in the search, they begin to form a bond of their own.

Star Bright by **Catherine Anderson** (Paperback – \$24). *Harrigan Series*. Faking death to escape her murderous husband, Rainie Hall takes refuge in Crystal Falls, where she finds work as a bookkeeper on a ranch run by Parker Harrigan. But as their attraction blossoms, Rainie fears she can never escape retribution from the man who has sworn to kill her – and that her presence could jeopardize everything the Harrigans hold dear.

Made to Be Broken by **Kelley Armstrong** (Paperback – \$22). *Nadia Stafford Series*. Nadia Stafford isn't your typical nature lodge owner. An ex-cop with a code all her own, her current employer is a New York crime family that pays her handsomely to bump off traitors. But when Nadia discovers that a troubled teenager and her baby have vanished in the Canadian woods, the memory of a past loss comes back with a vengeance and her instincts go into overdrive. With her mentor, Jack, covering her back, Nadia unearths sinister clues that point to an increasingly dark and deadly mystery.

The Kissing Game by **Suzanne Brockmann** (Paperback Reissue – \$22). Sunrise Key native and aspiring private investigator Frankie Paresky has her first case – a client has hired her to find the missing heir to a priceless property. But there's one complication: Simon Hunt, her best friend's brother and a heartbreaker, insists on being Frankie's assistant, and she finds herself falling for the one man she swore she'd never love.

Second Chance Pass by **Robyn Carr** (Paperback – \$22). *Virgin River Series*. Just in the past few months, Vanessa Rutledge has buried her husband and given birth to their son. Matt's best friend Paul Haggerty has been in love with her for years. Now, with some meddling by the good folks of Virgin River, Vanessa and Paul might get a second chance.

Extreme Exposure by **Pamela Clare** (Paperback – \$24). *I-Team Series*. Sparks fly when a hardboiled reporter meets a handsome senator, but a political scandal – and attempts on her life – could drive them apart. Or maybe adversity could draw them into a bond even more intense than their steamy sexual embraces.

Hard Evidence by **Pamela Clare** (Paperback – \$24). *I-Team Series*. Investigative reporter Tessa Novak witnesses the murder of a teenage girl – and believes Julian Darcangelo committed the crime. But Julian is actually an undercover FBI agent on the trail of a human trafficker and killer. Tessa's report has brought them closer than either one of them could have imagined – and put both of their lives in danger.

Unlawful Contact by **Pamela Clare** (Paperback – \$24). *I-Team Series*. After a young woman disappears, journalist Sophie Alton investigates and is led to the woman's brother, a convicted killer on the run from the law. Together, they follow a dangerous path toward the truth and unforgettable passion.

Talk Me Down by **Victoria Dahl** (Paperback – \$22). Girl-next-door Molly Jenkins has a secret – she writes erotic fiction. However, thanks to a creepy ex-boyfriend, her inspiration runs dry. She heads back to her hometown of Tumble Creek, Colorado, where the

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense continued inspiration of her girlhood dreams, Ben Lawson, is now chief of police. What will happen when Ben finds out this girl next door isn't so innocent?

Evil Without a Face by **Jordan Dane** (Paperback – \$24). *Sweet Justice Series*. Jessica Beckett is a bounty hunter who brings lowlifes to justice. But not even she can imagine what she'll face when she tracks an online predator who has abducted a naive teenage girl ... Former NFL quarterback Payton Archer swore to his sister that he'd find her only child. But the police have no leads, and the teen's trail has turned cold ... Joining forces to save the seventeen-year-old girl, Payton and Jessica discover that she's nothing but a pawn in an insidious, terrifying global conspiracy. They're battling a new kind of criminal ... and soon their race for answers will become a dangerous struggle for survival.

No One Heard Her Scream by **Jordan Dane** (Paperback – \$22). *No One Series*. They never found her sister's body, but Detective Rebecca Montgomery knows her murderer is still out there. In the five months since Danielle went missing, there have been two more brutal abductions. A menace stalks the women of San Antonio, and the relentless detective will do anything to find him. But her latest case – the discovery of a young woman's remains inside the wall of a burned-down theater – plunges Rebecca from her grief into a new nightmare. She soon meets handsome, mysterious Diego Galvan at the crime scene, and his shadowy connections will lead to her first break in both cases. But when Rebecca submits to his considerable powers of seduction, she will leave herself vulnerable to a merciless killer ... and when he attacks, no one will hear her scream.

No One Left to Tell by **Jordan Dane** (Paperback – \$22). *No One Series*. The body of a brutally slain man is found on the holy grounds of a chapel, and a cryptic message pinned to his chest unravels the lives of people touched by a dark secret. Detective Raven Mackenzie and her partner uncover the dead man's connection to a powerful female crime boss, leading them to her mysterious head of security, Christian Delacorte, who soon becomes the prime suspect. Yet when Raven sifts through Christian's past, she discovers the man is plagued by deeply rooted nightmares – and a shadowy childhood tragedy linking him to the case. Convinced his past holds the key to finding the real killer, she defies her partner, following her gut instincts and trusting her undeniable bond with Christian. But Raven shares her own date with destiny when she crosses paths with a heartless killer. And when he unleashes his rage, there will be no one left to tell.

No One Lives Forever by **Jordan Dane** (Paperback – \$22). *No One Series*. Born to a childhood pitted by violence, Christian Delacorte is desperate for peace when he embarks on a new life with the woman he loves, Detective Raven Mackenzie. But soon his old life comes calling – in the tempting form of a mysterious woman assassin. Jasmine Lee is determined to collect an old marker from Christian. He owes her – big time – and she needs his help freeing her kidnapped lover, Nicholas Charboneau – a powerful mogul linked to Chicago's underworld. Christian doesn't trust her, but Jasmine entices him to leave Raven behind when she reveals his shocking connection to Charboneau. Christian has seven days to attempt an impossible rescue of the father he never knew. And when a woman assassin with ulterior motives makes a lousy ally, Christian is alone to face the stark reality that no one lives forever ... and he might be the next to die.

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Lost Souls by **Lisa Jackson** (Paperback Release – \$24). Twenty-seven-year-old Kristi Bentz is lucky to be alive. Not many people have nearly died twice at the hands of a serial killer, and lived to tell about it. But Kristi's experiences have made her fascinated by the mind of the serial killer. She dreams of being a true-crime writer – and now she just may get her chance. Four girls have disappeared at All Saints College in less than two years. All four were “lost souls” – troubled, vulnerable girls with no one to care about them. The police think they're runaways, but Kristi senses there's something that links them. She decides to enroll, following their same steps. All Saints has changed a lot since Kristi was an undergraduate. The college has lured edgy new professors to its campus and gained a reputation for envelope-pushing. And there are whispers of a dark cult on campus whose members wear vials of blood around their necks and meet in secret chambers – rituals to which only the elite have access. To find the truth, Kristi will need to become part of the cult's inner circle, to learn their secrets, and play the part of lost soul without losing herself in the process.

Convenient Marriage, Inconvenient Husband by **Yvonne Lindsay** (Paperback – \$10). *NZ Author*. Marry before her 30th birthday or forfeit her inheritance. A sticky choice for heiress Amira Forsythe was a golden opportunity for her ex-fiance, Brent Colby – for payback. Of course, Brent assumed she was a spoiled socialite. And he would never believe what she needed the money for ... Brent intended to make the most of this. Eight years ago, Amira humiliated him in front of hundreds of wedding guests. Now he had the chance to do the same ... seduce her, make love to her – and then leave!

The First Sin by **Cheyenne McCray** (Paperback – \$24). *Lexi Steele Series*. Lexi Steele is driven to protect the innocent. She's a top agent of the NSA's clandestine Recovery Enforcement Division, specializing in human trafficking and sex crimes. Her current mission: To infiltrate the inner circle of Boston's exclusive S&M clubs in order to save thirteen young women who are about to be auctioned off. But Lexi's only way in is under the “control” of her new partner in crime, Nicholas Donovan ... Nick will do whatever it takes to bring down the billionaire sex-ring mastermind who's kidnapped his sister. But the games he must play as Lexi's “dominant” are burning away his icy control, and blurring the lines between partners. Meanwhile, their enemies are closing in ...

Crime & Mystery

The Whole Truth by **David Baldacci** (Paperback Release – \$27). “Dick, I need a war.” Nicolas Creel is a man on a mission. He heads up the world's largest defense contractor, The Ares Corporation. Dick Pender is the man Creel retains to “perception manage” his company to even more riches by manipulating international conflicts. But Creel may have an even grander plan in mind ... Shaw, a man with no first name and a unique past, has a different agenda. Reluctantly doing the bidding of a secret multi-national intelligence agency, he travels the globe to keep it safe and at peace ... Willing to do anything to get back to the top of her profession, Katie James is a journalist who has just gotten the break of a lifetime: the chance to interview the sole survivor of a massacre that has left every nation stunned ... In this global thriller, these characters' lives will collide as a series of events is set in motion that could change the world as we know it.

Killer Heat by **Linda Fairstein** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Alex Cooper Series*. It's August in New York, and the only thing that's hotter than the pavement is

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Manhattan D.A. Alex Cooper's personal and professional life. Just as she's claiming an especially gratifying victory in a rape case, she gets the call: the body of a young woman has been found in an abandoned building. The brutality of the murder is disturbing enough, but when a second body is found in Brooklyn, beaten and disposed of in the exact same manner, the city's top brass want the killer found fast. Relying on razor sharp instincts, a whip-smart partner, and one big break Alex races to find the killer and keep him from killing again, even if it's at her own peril.

A Place of Execution by **Val McDermid** (Paperback – \$22). In December, 1963, 13-year-old Alison Carter vanishes from her small English village. Newly promoted inspector George Bennett believes she's been murdered, and learns a shocking truth from a gruesome discovery in a cave. Decades later, he shares his story with journalist Catherine Heathcote, but pulls the plug on their planned book without explanation. Catherine sets out to uncover what really happened to Alison.

The Distant Echo by **Val McDermid** (Paperback – \$22). In 1978, young students Alex Gibney and his three best friends stumble upon the body of a young woman who has been raped and murdered. When the case is reopened 25 years later, two of the four former students die suspiciously, and Alex must find the real killer before he becomes the next victim.

Silent in the Sanctuary by **Deanna Raybourn** (Paperback Release – \$22). *Lady Julia Grey Series*. Lady Julia returns to celebrate the holidays only to find her father's home crowded with family, friends, and Nicholas Brisbane, the one man she had hoped to forget. The celebrations take a ghastly turn after a guest is found brutally murdered, and one of Lady Julia's cousins confesses to the crime.

Tea Time for the Traditionally Built by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Hardcover – \$36). *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency Series*. Mma Ramotswe's van has developed a disturbing noise. Of course, Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni – her husband and a talented mechanic – is the man to turn to for help. But Precious suspects he might condemn the van and replace it. As usual, her suspicions are well-founded: he sells the van and saddles his wife with a characterless vehicle ... a situation that must be remedied. So she sets out to find the van, unaware that it has already been stolen from the man who bought it, making recovery a complicated process. Meantime, all is not going smoothly for Mma Makutsi in her engagement to Mr Phuti Radiphuti (to make matters worse, Violet Sephotho, who could not have gotten more than fifty percent on her typing final at the Secretarial School, is involved). Finally, the proprietor of a local football team has enlisted the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency to help explain its dreadful losing streak: surely someone is fixing the games, it can't just be a case of unskilled players. As we know, there are few mysteries that can't be solved when Precious Ramotswe puts her mind to it.

The Miracle at Speedy Motors by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency Series*. Mma Ramotswe finds herself assisting a woman looking for her family. The problem is the woman doesn't know her real name or whether any of her family members are still alive. Meanwhile, Mma Makutsi is the recipient of a beautiful new bed that causes more than a few sleepless nights. And, at Tlokweg Road Speedy Motors, Mr. J.L.B. Matekoni has come under the influence of a doctor promising a miracle cure for his daughter's medical condition, which Mma Ramotswe finds hard to accept.

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Magic's Design by **Cat Adams** (Paperback – \$22). Talos is a magic welder, born into the mage guild of firecrafters. As an agent of the Overworld Police, he has come from a secret land to protect Earth from magicians intent on enslaving humanity. Mila has always had the gift of healing. But this very modern woman never realized that her skill was born of an ancient magic that only firecraft can fully unlock. Together, Tal and Mila discover that the source of their powers is in unity.

Deadly Desire by **Keri Arthur** (Paperback – \$22). *Riley Jensen Series*. Guardian Riley Jensen always seems to face the worst villains. And this time's no different. For it's no ordinary sorceress who can raise the dead to do her killing. But that's exactly what Riley expects to find at the end of a trail of female corpses used – and discarded – in a bizarre ritual of evil. With pressure mounting to catch one fiend, another series of brutal slayings shocks the vampire world of her lover, Quinn. So the last thing Riley needs is the heat of the upcoming full moon bringing her werewolf hormones to a boil – or the reappearance of a sexy bounty hunter, the rogue wolf Kye Murphy. Riley has threatened Murphy with arrest if he doesn't back off the investigation, but it's Riley who feels handcuffed by Kye's lupine charm. Torn between her vamp and wolf natures, between her love for Quinn and her hots for Kye, Riley knows she's courting danger and indulging the deadliest desires.

The Thirteenth by **L.A. Banks** (Trade Paperback – \$35). *Vampire Huntress Series*. The entire Neteru Guardian team is on the run, having been labeled as America's most-wanted terrorists following the gruesome demon battle that felled the Washington Monument and crashed the front doors of the White House. Plagues from hell that ravage the country are cited as stemming from bio-terrorism. The nation is under martial law. The Neterus and their team are underground. If things weren't bad enough the Dark Realm breaks the sixth Biblical seal, which plunges the world into darkness ... and irrevocably into the Armageddon.

Into the Mist by **Maya Banks** (Trade Paperback – \$33). *Falcon Mercenary Series*. Hostage recovery specialist Eli Chance has a secret. He was born a shifter. A freak of nature. While on a mission, Eli's men and their mercenary guide are exposed to a powerful chemical agent, and suddenly his secret has become easier to hide. Now he's not the only one with the gift. But for his men, this gift is becoming more and more of a curse. Tyana Berezovsky's brother Damiano was the guide for Eli's team and was the worst affected by the chemical. As he grows increasingly unstable, Tyana fears she's going to lose him to the beast he is becoming. Tyana will do whatever it takes to help him, even if it means using her body to go after the one man she thinks holds all the blame, and possibly the cure, Eli Chance.

Bone Crossed by **Patricia Briggs** (Paperback Release – \$26). *Mercy Thompson Series*. By day, Mercy Thompson is a car mechanic in Eastern Washington. By night, she explores her preternatural side. As a shape-shifter with some unusual talents, Mercy's found herself maintaining a tenuous harmony between the human and the not-so-human on more than one occasion. This time she may get more than she bargained for.

The Accidental Human by **Dakota Cassidy** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Accidental Friends Series*. Wanda Schwartz is raking in the dough selling Bobbie-Sue Cosmetics – and she's a pro at recruiting new saleswomen. So, she's shocked when a man comes to one of her in-home parties – a very hot man – Heath Jefferson. When Wanda is diagnosed with a terminal

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illness, it doesn't have to be a death sentence. With a werewolf and a vampire for best friends, she has options that most ordinary people wouldn't. As Wanda ponders what to do about her mortality, Heath reveals he has secrets, and one of them is that his former bloodlust has turned into old-fashioned lust – for Wanda. And he's given up too much to lose the love of his lifetimes.

The Accidental Demon Slayer by **Angie Fox** (Paperback – \$22). It's never a good day when an ancient demon shows up on your toilet bowl ... For Lizzie Brown, that's just the beginning. Soon her terrier starts talking, and her biker witch Grandma is hurling Smuckers jars filled with magic. Just when she thinks she's seen it all, Lizzie learns she's a demon slayer – and all hell is after her. Of course, that's not the only thing after her. Dimitri Kallinikos, a devastatingly handsome shape-shifting griffin needs Lizzie to slay a demon of his own. But how do you talk a girl you've never met into going straight to the underworld? Lie. And if that doesn't work, how dangerous could a little seduction be ...?

Thief With No Shadow by **Emily Gee** (Paperback – \$24). *NZ Author*. Melke is a wraith, which means she has the ability to walk unseen. After being forced to steal a necklace, she is hunted down by the victim of the crime, Bastian sal Vere. He explains that the necklace was strung with tears, and that without it, Bastian cannot break the curse that is destroying his family. He orders Melke to regain the necklace, in exchange for her brother to be healed. But she had given the necklace to the salamanders, the fire breathing creatures that live underground. She must risk her own life ...

White Witch, Black Curse by **Kim Harrison** (Hardcover – \$45). *Hollows Series*. Some wounds take time to heal ... and some scars never fade. Rachel Morgan, kick-ass witch and bounty hunter, has taken her fair share of hits, and has broken lines she swore she would never cross. But when her lover was murdered, it left a deeper wound than Rachel ever imagined, and now she won't rest until his death is solved ... and avenged. Whatever the cost. Yet the road to hell is paved with good intentions, and when a new predator moves to the apex of the Inderlander food chain, Rachel's past comes back to haunt her. Literally.

Desire Unchained by **Larissa Ione** (Paperback – \$22). *Demonica Series*. Runa Wagner never meant to fall in love with the stranger who seemed to know her every desire. But she couldn't resist the passion between them, a passion that died when she discovered his betrayal and found herself forever changed. Now, determined to make Shade pay for the transformation that haunts her, Runa searches for him, only to be taken prisoner by his darkest enemy ... A Seminus Demon with a love-curse that threatens him with eternal torment, Shade hoped he'd seen the last of Runa and her charm. But when he wakes up in a dungeon chained next to an enraged Runa, he realizes that her effect on him is more dangerous than ever. As their captor casts a spell that bonds them as lifemates, Shade and Runa must fight for their lives and their hearts – or succumb to a madman's evil plans.

Hope's Folly by **Linnea Sinclair** (Paperback – \$22). *Gabriel's Ghost Series*. Admiral Philip Guthrie is on the wrong end of the law, leading a ragtag band of rebels against the Imperial forces. Or he would be if he can get his command ship – the derelict cruiser called Hope's Folly – functioning. Not much can rattle Philip's cool – but the woman who helps him foil an assassination attempt on Kirro Station will. She's the daughter of his best friend and first commander – a man who died while

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under Philip's command and whose death is on Philip's conscience ... Rya Bennton has been in love with Philip since she was a girl. But can her childhood fantasies survive once she learns the truth about her father's death? It's an impossible mission: A man who feels he can't love. A woman who believes she's unlovable. And an enemy who will stop at nothing to crush them both.

Dagger-Star by **Elizabeth Vaughan** (Paperback – \$24). *Epic of Palins Series*. A beautiful mercenary known as Red Gloves, and Josiah, a lone fighter, emerge from the torched fields and razed farms of his homeland. All Josiah knows about the mysterious woman is her dagger-star birthmark, a sign that she is destined to free the people from a ruthless usurper's reign of terror.

Kitty Raises Hell by **Carrie Vaughn** (Paperback – \$22). *Kitty Norville Series*. Sometimes what happens in Vegas doesn't stay in Vegas ... Kitty and Ben flee The City That Never Sleeps, thinking they were finished with the dangers there, but the cult of lycanthropes and their vampire priestess have laid a curse on Kitty. Starting at the next full moon, danger and destruction in the form of fire strikes Kitty and the pack of werewolves she's sworn to protect. She enlists the help of a group of TV paranormal investigators – one of whom has real abilities – to help her get to the bottom of the curse. Rick, the Master vampire of Denver, believes a deeper plot lies behind the curse, and he and Kitty argue about whether or not to accept the help of a professional demon hunter – and vampire – named Roman, who arrives a little too conveniently in the nick of time. Unable to rely on Rick, and unwilling to accept Roman's offer of help, Kitty and her band of allies mount a trap for the supernatural being behind the curse.

Historical and Regency Romance

Tempted All Night by **Liz Carlyle** (Paperback – \$24). Lady Phaedra Northampton is a proper English miss – but burdened by a dark secret. She's buried her shame in running her brother, Lord Nash's, households while hiding behind a sharp wit and dull wardrobe ... until a village maid's disappearance pulls her into London's underworld. A former mercenary and jaded spy-for-hire, Tristan Talbot, Lord Avoncliffe, now does little, and manages to do it scandalously. Though Tristan's an out and out rogue, when his dying father begs him to delve into the secrets behind a brothel – a perfect task for his talents! – Tristan can't refuse. Is the brothel a front for a notorious Russian spy ring? Tristan is on the hunt – until his path collides with the oh-so-tempting Lady Phae. Soon what should be a simple assignment becomes deliciously complicated ... when deception and desire lead to an explosive passion – and deadly foes!

Bride of a Wicked Scotsman by **Samantha James** (Paperback – \$24). Lady Maura O'Donnell swore to her father that she would recover the Circle of Light, a Celtic relic that had brought the family prosperity – until it was stolen two centuries earlier by a pirate. Now the pirate's descendant, the Duke of Gleneden, holds this treasure, and Maura will do anything to get it back ... Alec McBride knows when he's been had. Lady Maura tricked him into marriage, and now she'll pay. He'll tempt her, tame her – until she sorely wishes she'd never heard of the Duke of Gleneden. Caught up in their game of revenge, Alec and Maura never notice what is happening in their hearts – until it's too late.

To Romance a Charming Rogue by **Nicole Jordan** (Paperback – \$22). *Courtship Wars Series*. Two years ago, lively beauty Eleanor Pierce spied her dashing betrothed, Damon Stafford, Viscount Wrexham, with his former mistress and furiously ended their engagement.

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Now the charming rake is back in London, meddling in Eleanor's affairs, thwarting her new suitor. And when Damon's kisses rekindle her longing, Eleanor loses her heart ... again. But as she has no intention of allowing history to repeat itself, she embarks on a plan of seduction, vowing to tame the rogue before she surrenders to his desires ... Determined to stop another man from wooing and winning the woman he loves, Damon knows that claiming Eleanor's heart is all that matters. But she means to beat him at his own game of romance – a game he is ready and willing to lose.

Temptation and Surrender by **Stephanie Laurens** (Hardcover – \$45). *Cynster Series*. Handsome, wealthy, and well-born, Jonas Tallent has everything a gentleman needs to enjoy London society – and he has. He's played cards until dawn, flirted with eligible young ladies, and made love to ineligible ones. But now he's restless and bored with the mindless frivolity, so it's with a sense of relief that he takes up the reins of his family's estate in rural Devon. His most pressing need is to hire a new manager for the inn – the center of village life. Such a small task, yet he discovers few decent applicants. Then genteel but impoverished Miss Emily Beauregard applies for the position. Jonas's initial response is an emphatic “no!” Ladies, especially one as attractive as Emily, belong in the ballroom or the bedroom, not running an inn. But with no alternatives, he allows Em to try, and she rapidly proves herself worthy, resurrecting the inn with skill. But Em has a secret. It's not only the need to provide for herself and her orphaned siblings that has brought her to Devon. She's searching for a family treasure hidden in the village, the only clues to its location a cryptic rhyme handed down through the generations. Em is determined to solve the puzzle, find the treasure, and reinstate her family to its place in society. But Em hasn't bargained on Jonas. His experience is temptation, his attentions irresistible, and he's determined to aid her in her quest. He eventually persuades her to trust him, and together they unravel the clues. But someone else is watching and waiting ...

Highland Outlaw by **Monica McCarty** (Paperback – \$22). *Campbell Series*. Handsome and dangerous, Patrick MacGregor is a wanted man, possessing the tenacious spirit of his outlawed clan. He will stop at nothing to save his people, even if it means marrying Elizabeth Campbell, the daughter of his worst enemy. Yet the beauty disarms him. Her soft sweetness touches the cold depths of his soul – and makes him want much more than revenge. Inside the shy and dutiful Lizzie is a passionate woman longing to emerge, a woman ready for love. So when the piercing emerald eyes and searing kiss of a stranger spark in her a desperate hunger, she surrenders to Patrick's seduction – unaware that his deception has just found its one and only chance for redemption: a love more powerful than hate.

Love With the Perfect Scoundrel by **Sophia Nash** (Paperback – \$22). *Widows Club Series*. Twice jilted, Grace Sheffey has given up on love. No longer capable of maintaining her elegant facade with her circle of friends, she has little choice but to flee ... right into the teeth of a blizzard. But when her wretched carriage ride ends in disaster, a rugged, imposing stranger is waiting to save her life ... and her heart. Michael Ranier is a man of many secrets – secrets that could place the countess in terrible danger. But concealed in the wilds of Yorkshire, he can't help but unleash her hidden reserves of desire and fortitude – and challenge her to blossom into the woman she was destined to become ... a lady willing to sacrifice all to find love with the perfect scoundrel.

Hot Romance

His Perfect Submissive by **Alyssa Aaron** (Trade Paperback – \$35). Kara was the victim of a brutal rape when she was seven. The event destroyed her family and left her fearful of men. When Kara's brother embezzles from Slade's company, Kara goes to Slade's office to talk him out of going to the police. Slade wants an obedient submissive with whom to share his life and in Kara he glimpses what he wants. He seizes the opportunity and makes Kara an offer she can't afford to refuse. The only way she can save her brother from prison is to accept Slade's marriage proposal and become his submissive. Kara faces her wedding with anxiety. She can't tell Slade she can't submit sexually without risking her brother's freedom, yet she doubts she'll be able to keep her promise to be a submissive, obedient wife.

Dominic by **Elizabeth Amber** (Trade Paperback – \$33). *Lords of Satyr Series*. Anthology. *A Night Of Bliss* Emma anxiously awaits her husband's return home to Tuscany on Calling night. She hopes that the night-long copulation will draw them closer together. But when Carlo arrives, injured in battle and unable to perform, she learns she must mate instead with Dominic, a lusty, royal Satyr. It is a night of hedonistic passion that leaves her wanting much more. *A Moment Of Rapture* Like other Satyr lords, Vincent is driven to mate from dusk to dawn every Calling night. But as a bachelor, Vincent must conjure a female from the mist who will satisfy his sexual needs. While his brothers summon a different partner, Vincent calls upon the same one time after time. He wants her to experience the same erotic pleasure he feels and one night she does

The Tin Star by **J.L. Langley** (Trade Paperback – \$35). When James Killian comes out to his father, he finds himself banished from his home and fired from his job. His savior comes in the unlikely form of Ethan Whitehall, his older brother's best friend. Ethan has always had a soft spot where Jamie Killian was concerned, and he will do whatever it takes to keep his new lover safe.

Mainstream & Chick Lit

Marley and Me by **John Grogan** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). John and Jenny were young and in love, with a perfect little house and not a care in the world. Then they brought home Marley, a wiggly yellow furball of a puppy – and their life would never be the same. Marley grew into a barreling, ninety-seven-pound steamroller of a Labrador retriever who crashed through screen doors, flung drool on guests, stole women's undergarments, devoured couches and fine jewelry, and was expelled from obedience school. Yet Marley's heart was pure, and he remained a steadfast model of love and devotion for a growing family through pregnancy, birth, heartbreak, and joy, right to the inevitable goodbye.

Mainstream & Chick Lit continued

Confessions of a Shopaholic by **Sophie Kinsella** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). *Shopaholic Series*. Becky Bloomwood has a fabulous flat in London's trendiest neighbourhood, a troupe of glamorous friends, and a closet brimming with the season's must-haves. The only trouble is that she can't actually afford it. Her job writing at "Successful Savings" not only bores her to tears, it doesn't pay much. And lately Becky's been chased by dismal letters from the bank – letters with large red sums – and they're getting harder to ignore. She tries cutting back. But none of her efforts succeeds. Becky's only consolation is to buy herself something ... just a little something ... Finally a story arises that Becky actually cares about, and her front-page article catalyzes a chain of events that will transform her life – and the lives of those around her – forever.

Landings by **Jenny Pattrick** (Paperback – \$28). *NZ Author*. The Whanganui River at the turn of the twentieth century is a busy thoroughfare. The people who have made it their home are a diverse collection, from Samuel Blencoe, trying to forget his past life as a convict, to the hoteliers at Pipiriki, the nuns at Jerusalem, the Maori families, the Chinese market gardener and the farmers, like Danny and Stella, trying to tame the wild bush. There's also Bridie, the strange, silent girl, who haunts the banks of the river where the accident occurred that robbed her of her mind. Like the tributaries that trickle down the mountains and join the mighty river, so the lives of these people come together in this vivid and moving tale of a unique place.

The Reader by **Bernhard Schlink** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). Hailed for its eroticism and morality, this novel is a story of love and secrets, horror and compassion, set against the landscape of postwar Germany. When he falls ill on his way home from school, fifteen-year-old Michael Berg is rescued by Hanna, a woman twice his age. In time she becomes his lover – then she disappears. When Michael next sees her, he is a young law student, and she is on trial for a hideous crime. As he watches her refuse to defend her innocence, Michael gradually realizes that Hanna may be guarding a secret she considers more shameful than murder.

Revolutionary Road by **Richard Yates** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). In the hopeful 1950s, Frank and April Wheeler appear to be a model couple: bright, beautiful, talented, with two young children and a home in the suburbs. Perhaps they married too young and started a family too early. Maybe Frank's job "is "dull. And April never saw herself as a housewife. Yet they have always lived on the assumption that greatness is just around the corner. But now that certainty is about to crumble, and Frank and April mortgage their spiritual birthright, betraying not only each other, but their best selves.

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Catherine Anderson	Morning Light	Contemporary	\$24
Catherine Anderson	Star Bright	Contemporary	\$24
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Keri Arthur	Deadly Desire	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$22
David Baldacci	The Whole Truth#	Crime & Mystery	\$27
Mary Balogh	First Comes Marriage	Historical	\$22
L.A. Banks	The Thirteenth	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$35
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Suzanne Brockmann	The Kissing Game	Contemporary	\$22
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John Grogan	Marley and Me	Mainstream	\$24
Kim Harrison	White Witch, Black Curse*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$45
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