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BOOK CATALOGUE – APRIL 2009

Nalini Singh has hit the *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestsellers lists again with *Angel's Blood*, the first novel in her new Guild Hunter Series. Other great new releases this month include Mary Balogh's *Then Comes Seduction* (Huxtable Series), Lora Leigh's *Maverick* (Elite Ops Series) as well as the paperback releases of Charlaine Harris's *From Dead to Worse* (Sookie Stackhouse Series) and Sherrilyn Kenyon's *Acheron* (Dark Hunters series). Enjoy!

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| Ilona Andrews | Magic Strikes | Mary Balogh | At Last Comes Love |
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Paperback Release

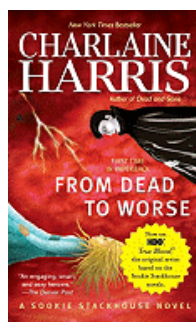
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Title: Then Comes Seduction
Author: Mary Balogh
Classification: Historical
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$22
Annotation: *Huxtable Series*. In a night of drunken revelry, Jasper Finley, Baron Montford, gambles his reputation as London's most notorious lover. His challenge? To seduce Katherine Huxtable within a fortnight. But when his plans go awry, Jasper devises a wager of his own. For Katherine, already wildly attracted to him, Jasper's offer is irresistible: to make London's most dangerous rake fall in love with her. Then Jasper ups the ante. With scandal brewing and her reputation in jeopardy, Katherine agrees to become his wife. Now, as passion ignites, the seduction really begins ...



Title: From Dead to Worse
Author: Charlaine Harris
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback Release
Price: \$24
Annotation: *Sookie Stackhouse Series*. After the natural disaster of Hurricane Katrina, and the man-made horror of the explosion at the vampire summit, Sookie Stackhouse is safe but dazed, yearning for things to get back to normal. But her boyfriend Quinn is among the missing. And things are changing, whether the weres and vamps in her corner of Louisiana like it or not. In the ensuing battles, Sookie faces danger, death – and once more, betrayal by someone she loves. And when the fur has finished flying and the cold blood ceases flowing, her world will be forever altered.



Title: Maverick
Author: Lora Leigh
Classification: Contemporary/Suspense
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24
Annotation: *Elite Ops Series*. Micah Sloane knows almost everything about Risa Clay, including the betrayal she endured years ago. But the only way for the Elite Ops agent to uncover an assassin – and banish the ghosts of his own past – is to use Risa as bait. However, nothing has prepared him for her blend of innocence and sensuality, or for his need to protect her ... Risa has spent six years rebuilding her life. Now, to save it, she must pose as Micah's lover and draw a killer into the open. But, as their charade becomes reality, Risa realizes the greatest danger may lie in losing her heart.



Title: Angel's Blood
Author: Nalini Singh
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24
Annotation: *Guild Hunter Series*. Vampire hunter Elena Deveraux is hired by the dangerously beautiful Archangel Raphael. But this time, it's not a wayward vamp she has to track. It's an archangel gone bad. The job will put Elena in the midst of a killing spree like no other – and pull her to the razor's edge of passion. Even if the hunt doesn't destroy her, succumbing to Raphael's seductive touch just may. For when archangels play, mortals break ...

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Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

A Perfect Match by **Shelley Bradley** (Trade Paperback – \$32). Sports reporter Mitch MacKinnon is annoyed about having to write an expose about a dating service – until he gets a look at the sexy owner. But his priority is to dish the dirt that'll be his ticket to the big time. Juliette Lowell will do anything to prove to him she's not a con artist, even if her foolproof methods tell her Mitch is her perfect match. If she's right, Mitch will have to eat his words – and the story that'll take him to the top.

Sudden Death by **Allison Brennan** (Paperback – \$24). *Sacramento FBI Series*. When a homeless veteran is found dead in a Sacramento alley, FBI special agent Megan Elliott vows to find the killer. Her investigation gets complicated, for the victim, a former Delta Force soldier, is just one link in a nationwide spree of torture and murder ... Soldier-for-hire Jack Kincaid returns to his home base in the Texas town of Hidalgo only to receive the news that one of his colleagues – also ex-military – has been brutally murdered. Faced with an inept local police force, Jack takes matters into his own hands ... Now, as part of a task force to stop the killing, by-the-book Megan and burn-the-book Jack form a tense alliance, sparked with conflict and temptation. But they struggle against more than passion, for a vicious pair of killers has only just begun a rampage ... and the primary target is closer than Megan suspects.

Temptation Ridge by **Robyn Carr** (Paperback – \$22). *Virgin River Series*. At twenty-five, after five years as her mother's caregiver, it's time for Shelby to experience freedom and adventure. But when she visits Virgin River, she runs into Luke Riordan, decidedly "not" whom she has in mind ... A Blackhawk pilot, Luke exited the army after twenty years, four wars and having been shot out of the sky three times. At thirty-eight he's tough and jaded. His major was in one-night stands, with a minor in commitment avoidance ... Technically, these two are all wrong for one another. But sometimes what you want and what you need are two different things.

Secrets by **Jude Deveraux** (Paperback Release – \$24). At age twelve, Cassandra Madden fell in love with Jefferson Ames, a young man she met at one of her mother's business conferences. For years, Cassandra held on to this unrequited love in order to cope with the pain of her mother's coldness; even after meeting a man she thought she might marry... In a decisive moment, Cassandra calls off her engagement and travels to Virginia, to become the nanny to the now-widowed Jeff's daughter. But the object of her desire barely notices her. That is, until the day she hears shots coming from the mansion of an eccentric neighbor, a renowned actress. Stepping into a world of deception, where no one is who they claim to be, Cassandra must unravel the secrets around her – before she and Jeff can find happiness.

Danger In a Red Dress by **Christina Dodd** (Paperback – \$24). Home care nurse Hannah Grey is dedicated to her patient, a widow tainted by the financial scandal her late husband perpetrated. She makes Hannah promise that upon her death, she'll right the family's wrongs, and gives Hannah her offshore account's access codes ... But Carrick Manly will do anything to discover where his family's fortunes lie – including kill his own mother. Fearing for her life, Hannah flees. When Carrick's half-brother, Gabriel, tracks her down, Hannah must trust her own instincts – and her heart – to survive.

Checkered Past by **Abby Gaines** (Paperback – \$14). *NZ Author*. NASCAR team owner Chad Matheson impulsively weds hotel heiress Brianna Hudson, and

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their marriage lasts for just one night. Now, two years later, the last thing Chad needs is for everyone to find out they're still married.

Whisper of Warning by **Laura Griffin** (Paperback Release – \$22). When Courtney Gass finds herself at the heart of a brutal murder plot, she must either run or trust the brooding detective in charge of discovering the truth, in this breathtaking follow-up to "Thread of Fear."

Blue-Eyed Devil by **Lisa Kleypas** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Travis Series*. His name is Hardy Cates. He's a self-made millionaire at the top of Houston's oil industry who comes from the wrong side of the tracks. He's got hot blood in his veins. And vengeance on his mind ... She's Haven Travis. Despite her family's money, she refuses to set out on the path they've chosen for her. But when Haven marries a man her family disapproves of, her life is set on a new and dangerous course ... Two years have gone by. Now Haven has come home. This time, she is determined to guard her heart. And Hardy Cates, a family enemy, is the last person she needs darkening her door – or setting her soul on fire.

Smooth Talking Stranger by **Lisa Kleypas** (Hardcover – Available by Order – \$45). *Travis Series*. Jack Travis leads the uncomplicated life of a millionaire Texas playboy. He makes no commitments, he loves many women, he lives for pleasure. But no one has ever truly touched his heart or soul. Until one day, a woman appears on his doorstep with fury on her face and a baby in her arms. It seems Jack is the father and this woman is the baby's aunt. The real mother has abandoned the child to her more responsible sister. And now, Jack is being called upon to take responsibility for the first time in his life.

Secret Baby, Public Affair by **Yvonne Lindsay** (Paperback – \$10). *NZ Author*. She'd run from a disastrous betrayal straight into the arms of a sexy Italian aristocrat. From the moment their eyes met, Blair Carson had been under Draco Sandrelli's spell. She'd fallen into their affair with total abandon, without thought. Now the time had come to face reality. She was pregnant by a man she barely knew. Draco was demanding she return to Tuscany to have their baby. And never once had he uttered the word "love."

Blue Smoke and Murder by **Elizabeth Lowell** (Paperback Release – \$24). Jill Breck was just doing her job as a river guide when she saved the life of Lane Faroe, son of two of St. Kilda Consulting's operators. But when a string of events – including a mysterious fire that kills her great-aunt and a furor in the Western art world raised by a dozen Breck family paintings – culminates in a threat to her life, Jill calls in a favor. Zach Balfour works as a consultant for St. Kilda. His expertise is gathering and analyzing information from unlikely and dangerous sources. Though he's got the skills to be an effective bodyguard, being a bullet catcher isn't his preferred way to spend time. Protecting Jill will take him into familiar territory – among a savagely competitive bunch of collectors who'll do anything to stay at the top. But Jill is in deeper waters than she's ever known; as she soon discovers, the perils of running wild rivers are tame compared with the dangers in the high-stakes game of art collecting.

Twenty Wishes by **Debbie Macomber** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Blossom Street Series*. Anne Marie Roche wants to find happiness again. At thirty-eight, she's childless, a recent widow, alone. She owns a successful bookstore on Seattle's Blossom Street, but there's a

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feeling of emptiness. On Valentine's Day, Anne Marie and several other widows get together to celebrate ... "hope." They each begin a list of twenty wishes, things they always wanted to do but never did. Anne Marie's list includes learning to knit, falling in love again, doing good for someone else. When she volunteers at a local school, an eight-year-old girl named Ellen enters her life. It's a relationship that becomes far more involving – and far more important – than Anne Marie had ever imagined. As Ellen helps Anne Marie complete her list of twenty wishes, they both learn that wishes "can" come true ... but not necessarily in the way you expect.

Sunset Bay by **Susan Mallery** (Paperback – \$22). L.A. accountant Megan Greene has a successful job, a handsome cardiologist fiancé, and a doting father. Surely they make up for her estranged sister and hypochondriac mother – and a niggling sense that something got lost along the way. But then Megan's life falls spectacularly apart. Faced with the knowledge that neither her father nor her fiancé are the men she thought they were, she is loath to trust Travis – the high school boyfriend who never quite left her heart. But his reappearance forces her to confront her relationship with her sister – a bond that has been strained to the limit but has never quite broken. Amid the turmoil lies the promise of a future Megan never expected – one that may turn out to contain everything she really needs ...

Mischief 24/7 by **Kasey Michaels** (Paperback – \$22). *Sunshine Girls Series*. Jade Sunshine isn't one to back down from a challenge. That spirit is what made billionaire business-whiz Courtland Becket fall in love with the sexy detective. It's also what led to their divorce. Now, with the murder of Jade's father, the exes work together to catch a killer, though the chemistry still crackling between them makes it almost impossible to focus. Jade is as fearless as ever, and Court will move heaven and earth to protect her. He just may have to ...

Guilty by **Karen Robards** (Paperback Release – \$24). One night when Kat White was fifteen years old, she and some friends held up a convenience store. In the heat of the moment, an off-duty cop moonlighting as a security guard was shot and killed. Kat and her pals fled the scene, and no one was caught. Sixteen years later, Kat – now Kate – has built a new life. Now a single mom with a son, she works as a prosecutor in the Philadelphia DA's office. But her past rears its head when she walks into court one day and discovers that she is to prosecute Mario Castellanos, one of her friends from that night. Kate is in a bind: even though Mario was the one who probably did commit the crime, he's counting on Kate to make sure he's not convicted. Otherwise he'll claim that she was the one who killed the off-duty cop. Before despair sets in, Mario is found dead – in her apartment, and with her pistol. When homicide detective Tom Braga shows up to investigate the murder, Kate is not relieved; the two have clashed since she started working for the prosecutor's office. But when another man who knows the secret of Kate's past gets involved in the investigation, she learns that her life – and her son's – are in danger. Frantic, she realizes that she has nowhere to turn. Except, maybe, to Tom ...

Pursuit by **Karen Robards** (Hardcover – Available by Order – \$45). When rookie lawyer Jessica Ford gets the call from her boss, John Davenport, the senior partner at the law firm for which she works, she can tell he is well on his way to being drunk. He needs Jess to meet First Lady Annette Cooper, for whom Davenport is a personal lawyer, at a Washington, D.C., hotel. Jess is thrilled: this assignment must mean that she's on her way to bigger things. But unfortunately, bigger isn't

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always better. Jess doesn't remember much – only that in the course of the late-night meeting with Annette Cooper, she ended up in the backseat of a car, speeding off into the darkness. The car crashed, and the other three passengers were killed, including the First Lady. Badly injured, Jess is the only survivor. Although she has no memory about the events, Jess is still bothered by one question: Was it an accident? The Secret Service agent on the case, Mark Ryan, believes that Jess is hiding something. As his suspicions grow, Jess's world falls apart. She is attacked in the hospital, barely escaping with her life. Then her boss dies under questionable circumstances. In fact, everyone who might know the details about the First Lady's last hours turns up dead. And then Jess understands: If she remembers that night, she'll be dead too. Terrified, Jess has only Mark to turn to ...

Tribute by **Nora Roberts** (Paperback Release – \$24). Virginia's Shenandoah Valley is a long way from Hollywood. And that's how Cilla McGowan wants it. Cilla, a former child star who has found more satisfying work as a restorer of old houses, has come to her grandmother's farmhouse to rescue it from ruin. Sadly, no one was able to save her grandmother, the legendary Janet Hardy. An actress with a tumultuous life, Janet entertained glamorous guests and engaged in decadent affairs – but died of an overdose in the house more than thirty years earlier. Plunging into her project, Cilla's almost too busy to notice her neighbor, graphic novelist Ford Sawyer – but his lanky form, green eyes, and easy humor are hard to ignore. Determined not to perpetuate the family tradition of ill-fated romances, Cilla steels herself against Ford's quirky charm, but she can't help indulging in a little fantasy. However love and a peaceful life may not be in the cards for Cilla. In the attic, she has found a cache of unsigned letters suggesting that Janet Hardy was pregnant when she died – and that the father was a local married man. Cilla can't help but wonder what really happened years ago. The mystery deepens with a series of intimidating acts and a violent assault. If Cilla and Ford are unable to sort out who is targeting her and why, she may – like her world-famous grandmother – be cut down in the prime of her life.

Crime & Mystery

Nothing to Lose by **Lee Child** (Paperback Release – \$27). *Jack Reacher Series*. Two small towns in the middle of nowhere: Hope and Despair. Between them, just twelve miles of empty road. Jack Reacher can't find a ride, so he walks. All he wants is a cup of coffee. What he gets are four hostile locals, a vagrancy charge, and an order to move on. They're picking on the wrong guy ... Reacher is a hard man. No job, no address, no baggage. Nothing except hardheaded curiosity. What are the secrets that Despair is so desperate to hide? With one ally – a mysterious woman cop from Hope – and many enemies, Reacher goes up against a town, hunting the rich man at its core, cracking open his terrifying agenda, asking the question: Who has the edge – a man with everything to gain, or a man with nothing to lose?

Silver Needle Murder by **Laura Childs** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Tea Shop Mystery Series*. When the Charleston Film Festival opens with the real-life murder of a famous director, Indigo Tea Shop owner Theodosia Browning is pulled into an investigation as perilous as any big-screen thriller.

Hold Tight by **Harlan Coben** (Paperback Release – \$27). Mike and Tia Baye decide to spy on their son Adam, who has become moody and withdrawn since his friend's suicide. The software they install on his computer exposes every website visited, every e-mail and instant

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message sent or received. But each keystroke draws them deeper into a maze of mayhem and violence that could destroy them all.

Another Thing to Fall by **Laura Lippman** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Tess Monaghan Series*. When P.I. Tess Monaghan literally runs into the crew of the TV series “Mann of Steel,” she doesn’t expect an assignment. But the company has been plagued by a series of disturbing incidents since its arrival on location in Baltimore: bad press, union threats, and costly on-set “accidents” that have wreaked havoc with its shooting schedule. As a result, “Mann’s” creator, Flip Tumulty, the son of a Hollywood legend, is worried for the safety of his young female lead, Selene Waites, and asks Tess to serve as her bodyguard/babysitter. Tumulty’s concern may be well founded. Not long ago, a Baltimore man was discovered dead in his home, surrounded by photos of the difficult star-in-the-making. Keeping a spoiled movie princess under wraps may be more than Tess can handle – since Selene is not as naive as everyone thinks, and she is far more devious than she appears to be. This is not Tess’s world. But the fish-out-of-water P.I. is abruptly pulled back in by an occurrence she’s all too familiar with – murder. Suddenly the wall of secrets around “Mann of Steel” is in danger of toppling, leaving shattered dreams, careers, and lives ...

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Magic Strikes by **Ilona Andrews** (Paperback – \$24). *Kate Daniels Series*. Drafted into working for the Order of Merciful Aid, Atlanta mercenary Kate Daniels has more paranormal problems than she knows what to do with. But when Kate’s werewolf friend Derek is discovered near death, she must confront her greatest challenge yet.

The Zombie Queen of Newbury High by **Amanda Ashby** (Paperback – \$24). *NZ Author*. Quiet, unpopular Mia is dating hot football god Rob, but when cheerleading goddess Samantha makes a move for him, Mia decides to cast a love spell on Rob. Unfortunately, Mia ends up inflicting a zombie virus onto her whole class, making herself their queen.

Undead on Arrival by **L.A. Banks** (Paperback – \$24). *Crimson Moon Series*. Just one month ago, secret government operative Sasha Trudeau thought she’d tasted victory. Orchestrating detente between the warring factions of the supernatural world had nearly cost her life – but it also opened the door to a future with Max Hunter, her mate and fellow Shadow Wolf. Until now. A poisonous virus is wreaking havoc on Hunter’s immune system. And the passionate man who Sasha loves has become unpredictable, dangerous – and possibly deadly. When Hunter disappears the night a human is found ravaged, Sasha is thrust into a race against the clock to find the cure for her mate ... and the traitor who’s determined to see them both dead.

Edge of Hunger by **Rhyannon Byrd** (Paperback – \$24). *Primal Instinct Series*. Ian Buchanan has always felt the impenetrable darkness that lives within him. Yet he is determined to lead a “normal” life, ignoring the unsettling dreams in which he succumbs to his desires ... Until psychic Molly Stratton tracks him down, claiming to “share” his sensual nightmares. The petite Molly even has the bite marks to prove it. And she’s also received a message from Ian’s deceased mother: an enemy is near. It’s time for the creature inside Ian to finally awaken. A creature with an insatiable hunger that must be controlled before it overtakes them both ...

Any Given Doomsday by **Lori Handeland** (Paperback – \$22). *Phoenix Chronicles*. Elizabeth Phoenix once used

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her skills as a psychic to help in the Milwaukee Police Department’s fight against injustice. But when Liz’s foster mother is found viciously murdered – and Liz is discovered unconscious at the scene – her only memory of the crime comes in the form of terrifying dreams. What do these visions mean? And what in the world do they have to do with her former lover, Jimmy Sanducci? While the police question Jimmy in the murder, Jimmy opens Liz’s eyes to a supernatural war in which innocent people are hunted by malevolent beings disguised as humans. Only a chosen few have the ability to fight their evil, and Jimmy believes Liz is among them. Now, with her senses heightened, new feelings are rising within Liz – ones that re-ignite her attraction to Jimmy. But Jimmy has a secret ...

Passion Unleashed by **Larissa Ione** (Paperback – \$22). *Demonica Series*. Serena Kelley is an archaeologist and treasure hunter – and a woman with a secret. She is the keeper of a powerful charm that grants her health and immortality ... as long as she stays a virgin. But when a stranger brings Serena to the brink of ecstasy, she wonders if she’s met the one man she cannot resist ... Wraith is a Seminus demon with a death wish. But when an enemy poisons him, he must persuade Serena to give him the only known antidote in the universe – her charm. Yet, as she begins to surrender to his seductions and Wraith senses the cure is within his grasp, he realizes a horrible truth: He’s falling for the woman whose life he must take in order to save his own.

Darkness Revealed by **Alexandra Ivy** (Paperback – \$22). *Guardians of Eternity Series*. Two hundred years have passed since Anna Randal gave herself to Conde Cezar in a night of passion. Since then, Anna has become filled with unearthly power she can’t comprehend. And the sexy, charming vampire responsible has eluded all of her efforts to track him down, until now ... Cezar’s encounter with Anna cost him two centuries of penance. But one thing hasn’t changed ... his body’s response to her is as urgent as ever. Now, commanded by the Oracles to keep watch over Anna, Cezar finds himself torn between his need to protect her ... and to possess her ... As an ancient enemy prepares to wage a terrifying battle, Anna must decide whether to succumb to a burning desire ... and accept a destiny that could change the world forever ...

Dark Victory by **Brenda Joyce** (Paperback – \$24). *Rose Trilogy*. A ruthless Highlander, the Black Macleod has refused his destiny. His life is revenge for the massacre of his family. His enemies’ insults – that he is a man of stone – amuse him. But fate is impatient, and when a woman from another time dares to summon him, he cannot resist her powers – or her ... A schoolteacher by day, Tabitha Rose uses her magic to protect others by night. When the vision of a dark Highlander, bloody and burned, appears to Tabby, she knows she has been called to help him, no matter how frightening he might be. But what Tabby doesn’t expect is to be taken against her will to his dark, violent time. When evil begins to stalk her, she realizes she must fight for far more than his destiny – she must fight for her love.

Acheron by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Dark Hunter Series*. Acheron’s human death unleashed an unspeakable horror that almost destroyed the earth. Then, brought back against his will, he became the sole defender of mankind. Only it was never that simple. For centuries, Acheron has fought for our survival and hidden a past he’ll do anything to keep concealed. Until a lone woman who refuses to be intimidated by him threatens his very existence. Now his survival – and ours – hinges on hers, and old

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enemies reawaken and unite to kill them both. War has never been more deadly ... or more fun.

Second Skin by **Caitlin Kittredge** (Paperback – \$22). *Nocturne City Series*. When werewolves from Nocturne City start showing up shot through the head execution-style, police officer Luna Wilder must find out what's killing them and why. Luna traces the killings to a band of shapeshifters made of smoke and shadow who drink the blood of their victims for strength. Believed to exist only in legend, their race is all too real – and now their leader, Lucas Kennuka, is out to wrest Luna's heart from her beloved Dmitri. To make matters worse, Dmitri is suffering from a mysterious illness brought on by a demon bite, and his condition grows more grave each day. Now Luna must rely on Lucas to defeat an invisible enemy – a serial werewalker bringing death and destruction to all who stand in its path.

Immortal Hunter by **Lynsay Sands** (Paperback – \$24). *Rogue Hunter Series*. Decker Argeneau's vacation ends when he's asked to help hunt the group of rogue vampires targeting mortals. He's also got to rescue the latest victim. It's all part of the job, including taking a bullet for a beautiful doctor ... Dr. Danielle McGill doesn't know if she can trust the man who just saved her life. There are too many questions, such as what is the secret organization he says he's part of, and why do his wounds hardly bleed? However, with her sister in the hands of some dangerous men, she doesn't have much choice but to trust him ... Except now Decker's talking about life mates and awakening a passion that's taking Dani beyond anything she's ever known. Being undead may not be half-bad ... especially if it means spending forever with a man who would love her with his mind, body, and immortal soul.

Love Bites by **Lynsay Sands** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). *Argeneau Series*. When the heroine gets in the way of someone trying to kill the hero, he must make her a vampire to save her life. Then he must teach her to love the night ... and him!

Vampire's Bride by **Gena Showalter** (Paperback – \$22). *Atlantis Series*. He is Layel, king of the vampires, a master seducer no woman can deny. But since a rogue horde of dragons killed his beloved over two centuries ago, Layel has existed only for vengeance ... until he meets Delilah. Wary of love, the beautiful Amazon wants nothing to do with the tormented vampire. Yet there's no denying their consuming desire every time he nears her. Neither trusts the other – nor can they survive alone. For in an impossible game of the gods' devising, they've been trapped on an island, about to face the ultimate challenge: surrender to the passion that will bind them forever ... or be doomed to an eternity apart.

Secret Life of a Vampire by **Kerrelyn Sparks** (Paperback – \$24). *Love At Stake Series*. A bachelor party is all about beers and beautiful women. A vampire bachelor party is no different – except the men are drinking Blissky (whiskey-flavored synthetic blood). And no one can throw a party quite like Jack, the illegitimate son of the legendary Casanova. But when the party gets out of hand and the cops show up, Jack has some explaining to do ... if only he wasn't struck speechless by the beauty of Officer Lara Boucher ... Lara is sure there's something more than a bachelor party going on. What is Jack hiding? And why is he so interested in the recent disappearance of young women all over town? Her investigation uncovers more than she wants to know, especially about this modern-day Casanova. But if she's ever to make detective, she'll need to expose all his secrets ... if only her heart wasn't on the line.

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You're So Vein by **Christine Warren** (Paperback – \$22). *The Others Series*. Ava Markham is beautiful, savvy, chic, and more at home with Kate Spade than with the idea of fangs and fur. She can't get quite used to the fact that some of closest friends have crossed over to the Other side. Then one night she is attacked by a rogue vampire, and her deepest fears are realized when her body begins a dangerous transformation from human to immortal – a change she cannot survive without the help of an alluring stranger who comes to her rescue ... Vladimir Rurikovich, an elite member of the European Council of Vampires, is on the prowl for a murderous vampire fugitive on the night he saves Ava from the clutches of death. It takes just one look for Dima to know he cannot live another eight centuries without the stunning and seductive Ava – until he discovers a secret about her bloodline that could change everything.

Historical and Regency Romance

A Husband's Wicked Ways by **Jane Feather** (Paperback – \$24). *Cavendish Square Series*. Aurelia Farnham believes she is happy living in London's stylish Cavendish Square. But with her friends Livia and Cornelia both married, Aurelia is still husbandless, and sometimes she longs for more. Then Colonel Sir Greville Falconer storms into her life, delivering a letter from her late husband, a war hero, which reveals he was a spy – the colonel's spy. Now Greville needs Aurelia to continue the patriotic mission and partner him as he exposes a ring of Spanish spies who have infiltrated London society ... The attentions of the charismatic Greville excite Aurelia as his mock courtship blurs the line between pretense and reality. When the simmering attraction between them ignites into passion and the danger of Aurelia's double life escalates, Greville insists on marriage as the best way to protect her. Now Aurelia realizes she has more than shadowy antagonists to fear, for she's lost her heart to a dashing spymaster who will one day slip away as suddenly as he appeared ...

Sins of a Wicked Duke by **Sophie Jordan** (Paperback – \$22). One would think the last place a beauty like Fallon O'Rourke could keep her virtue was in the Mayfair mansion of London's most licentious duke, the notorious Dominic Hale. Yet Fallon – who's endured nothing but lecherous advances since her father's death – is safe there ... disguised as a footman! Beneath the notice of the dark-haired devil with his smoldering blue eyes and sinful smile, Fallon never imagines her secret will be discovered. But how long can her deception last when she begins to wish she is one of the women traipsing in and out of the sinful rogue's bedchamber?

Some Like It Wild by **Teresa Medeiros** (Paperback – \$24). *Kincaid Highland Series*. Pamela Darby needs a man – preferably a Highland brute with more brawn than brains. Determined to save her sister from selling her virtue, the resourceful beauty requires a strapping specimen to pose as a duke's long-lost heir. Pamela plans to collect the reward, then send him on his way. Lucky for the brazen beauty, the highwayman who just held up their carriage could be her man ... Connor Kincaid has given up on his dream of restoring his clan's honor. And now this Englishwoman is asking him to take part in a charade that could land them both on the gallows. Never a man to resist a challenge or a beautiful woman, Connor strikes the devil's bargain that could seal their fates. The highwayman and the hellion journey to London as both enemies and allies – a woman who has everything to gain and a man who has nothing to lose ... but his heart.

Historical and Regency Romance continued

Wicked Ways of a True Hero by **Barbara Metzger** (Paperback – \$22). Daniel Stamford has become invaluable to the British Army for his ability to detect the truth from the enemy's lies. After years of service, Daniel finally takes a respite. Unfortunately, he didn't bet on the lovely Miss Corisande Abbott and her unsavory reputation to swagger back into his life. But as time passes, Daniel realizes he wants to make an honest woman of Corey – and an honest man of himself.

Her Notorious Viscount by **Jenna Petersen** (Paperback – \$22). Viscount Nicholas Stoneworth is infamous – even being mentioned in the same breath with him is enough to ruin a lady's reputation. The man's spent years in London's underworld pursuing every sort of vice while parlaying his hard body into fame and fortune as a fighter! With his brother's untimely death, Nicholas must assume the title and relearn the ways of the ton ... and proper Jane Fenton is willing to teach him. Circumstances may have forced Jane into the role of ladies' companion, but she knows the danger of associating with a notorious man like Nicholas, a man who could tempt any woman into scandal. But her brother disappeared into the same underworld four long years ago, and if she transforms the libertine into a gentleman, he will use his connections to find him. Still, Jane must ignore the promise of pleasure in his eyes ...

The Third Circle by **Amanda Quick** (Paperback Release – \$27). *Arcane Society Series*. Leona Hewitt, a gifted crystal worker, isn't the only one sneaking into Lord Delbridge's museum to recover a relic. Thaddeus Ware, a mesmerist with psychic gifts, is on a similar mission.

Hot Romance

Paradise Awakening by **Jaci Burton** (Trade Paperback – \$24). *Passion in Paradise Series*. Serena Graham is looking forward to her vacation – a week at Paradise Resort, a Caribbean hideaway where she'll be able to indulge her every sexual fantasy with abandon and anonymity. For the next week, she's Sexy Siren Serena and she'll do whatever she wants – with whomever she wants ... Michael Donovan planned a week at Paradise Resort to research his next erotic crime novel, as well as indulge in some hot sex with his model girlfriend. But when he finds his now ex-girlfriend has other plans, he's resigned to research without recreation. That is, until Serena shows up at his door claiming he's occupying her room! After a little negotiating, Michael and Serena become roommates, and Serena boldly asks Michael to be her lover for the week. How can he pass up the opportunity to mix a little pleasure with business? But despite their vow to keep their relationship strictly physical, they find much more than passion in paradise.

Mainstream & Chick Lit

Once in a Lifetime by **Cathy Kelly** (Trade Paperback – \$33). Kenny's Department Store, with its handsome Edwardian façade, is the jewel in Ardagh town's crown. TV presenter Ingrid Fitzgerald has watched her husband David pour his heart and soul into the family store. She's juggled family life and her glittering career. Now, as their children fly the nest, Ingrid discovers a secret that will shake her world to its very foundations. Natalie Flynn shares a flat with Ingrid's daughter, Molly. As love blossoms in her life, motherless Natalie starts to ask questions she has never dared to before. But will they help her make sense of who she really is? Charlie Fallon is a passionate and motivated Kenny's employee who adores her husband and son, but her eccentric mother seems bent on wrecking her life. Now it's time to fight for her own happiness. Free spirit, Star Bluestone is the woman to help them all. Star knows from experience that the important things in life must be nurtured. She harbours many secrets and understands that the chance for real joy comes only once in a lifetime.

Rumour Has It by **Jill Mansell** (Trade Paperback – \$33). When newly single Tilly Cole quits her London job for a fresh start in the small town of Roxborough she finds she's arrived in a hotbed of gossip, intrigue and rampant rivalry for the most desirable men. Tilly has no intention of joining in – she's just happy with her new Girl Friday job. Then she meets Jack Lucas. Jack is irresistible ... and he's got his eye on Tilly. But there are shocking rumours about his wicked reputation. Tilly doesn't want to be just another notch on anyone's bedpost. But is she being mature and sensible – or is she running away from the love of her life?

Handle With Care by **Jodi Picoult** (Trade Paperback – \$33). When Charlotte and Sean O'Keefe's daughter, Willow, is born with severe osteogenesis imperfecta, they are devastated – she will suffer hundreds of broken bones as she grows, a lifetime of pain. As the family struggles to make ends meet to cover Willow's medical expenses, Charlotte thinks she has found an answer. If she files a wrongful birth lawsuit against her ob/gyn for not telling her in advance that her child would be born severely disabled, the monetary payouts might ensure a lifetime of care for Willow. But it means that Charlotte has to get up in a court of law and say in public that she would have terminated the pregnancy if she'd known about the disability in advance – words that her husband can't abide, that Willow will hear, and that Charlotte cannot reconcile. And the ob/gyn she's suing isn't just her physician – it's her best friend.

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