

BOOK CATALOGUE – AUGUST 2009

Historical romance fans can relax – Stephanie Laurens’ *Mastered by Love* and Eloisa James’ *A Duke of Her Own* are now available! Other eagerly anticipated books include Sherrilyn Kenyon’s *Bad Moon Rising* (in hardcover) and Lora Leigh’s *Bengal’s Heart*. Plus, this month, we still have Janet Evanovich’s *Finger Lickin’ Fifteen* (in trade paperback) and Nora Roberts’ *Black Hills* (in trade paperback) on special while stocks last. Enjoy!

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
P.C. Cast	Hunted	Patricia Briggs	Hunting Ground
Jeaniene Frost	Destined for an Early Grave	Sandra Brown	Smash Cut*
Linda Howard	Burn	Jayne Castle	Obsidian Prey
Eloisa James	A Duke of Her Own	Christine Feehan	Dark Slayer*
Sherrilyn Kenyon	Bad Moon Rising*	Sophie Kinsella	Twenties Girl
Stephanie Laurens	Mastered by Love	Lora Leigh	Heat Seeker
Lora Leigh	Bengal’s Heart	Debbie Macomber	92 Pacific Boulevard
J.D. Robb	Promises in Death#	Marliss Melton	Show No Fear
Nora Roberts	Black Hills	Karen Marie Moning	Dreamfever*
JoAnn Ross	Breakpoint	Gena Showalter	The Darkest Whisper

Paperback Release

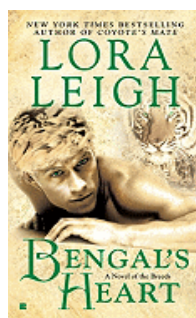
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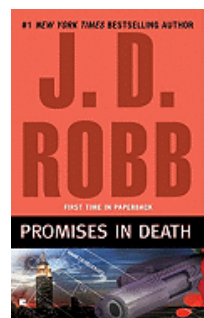
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Title: Mastered by Love
Author: Stephanie Laurens
Classification: Historical
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$22
Annotation: *Bastion Club Series.* As the mysterious leader of the Bastion Club known as “Dalziel,” Royce Varisey, tenth Duke of Wolverstone, served his country for decades, facing dangers untold. But as the holder of one of England’s most august noble titles, he must now take on the gravest duty of all: marriage. Yet the young ladies the grand dames would have him consider are predictably boring. Far more tempting is his castle’s willful and aloof chatelaine, Minerva Chesterton. Beneath her serene facade lies a woman of smoldering sensuality, one who will fill his days with comfort and his nights with sheer pleasure. Determined to claim her, he embarks on a seduction to prove his mastery over every inch of her body ... and every piece of her heart.

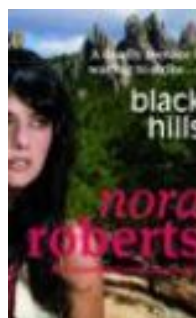


Title: Bengal’s Heart
Author: Lora Leigh
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24
Annotation: *Breeds Series.* Reporter Cassa Hawkins has always supported Breed rights, especially in light of a specimen like Cabal St. Laurents, the epitome of the male animal. But when the Breeds are incriminated in a series of violent murders, it’s left to Cassa and Cabal to discover the truth before they become prey.



Title: Promises in Death
Author: J.D. Robb
Classification: Crime & Mystery
Book Type: Paperback Release
Price: \$24
Annotation: *In Death 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 killed with her own weapon, Eve Dallas faces down

a copy killer.



Title: Black Hills
Author: Nora Roberts
Classification: Contemporary/Suspense
Book Type: Trade Paperback
Price: \$30 Special (RRP \$38.99)
Annotation: After twelve years, Lil and Cooper are reunited, but their reunion is less than ideal as heartless killings begin and a killer of twisted and unnatural instincts singles them out as prey. In the rugged Black Hills of South Dakota shadows keep secrets, hunters stalk

the land, and childhood friendship matures into adult passion.

Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

Cutting Edge by **Alison Brennan** (Paperback – \$24). *FBI Series*. When security specialist Duke Rogan's state-of-the-art computer system fails at a controversial biotech firm, a raging inferno spreads, and a grotesquely charred body is discovered in the aftermath. With an extremist anti-technology group claiming responsibility, the case grows even more complex when the victim's autopsy unexpectedly reveals that he bled to death. Heading the FBI's domestic terrorism unit, Agent Nora English is fiercely determined to track and stop a sadistic assassin.

Hot Pursuit by **Suzanne Brockmann** (Hardcover – \$45). *Troubleshooters Series*. Alyssa Locke is no stranger to dealing with danger. As team leader of the nation's number one personal security company, Troubleshooters, Inc., she's seen more than her share of action, survived plenty of close calls, and holds her own with the best of them – and against the worst of them. Guarding lives is her game, and no one plays it better. But her toughest challenge will be protecting herself from a serial killer she's been after for years – known only as "The Dentist" – who is determined to make her his ultimate trophy.

Otherwise Engaged by **Suzanne Brockmann** (Paperback Reissue – \$22). *Sunrise Key Series*. It was the chance Molly Cassidy was waiting for and she wasn't letting it slip away. She'd unexpectedly inherited the Kirk Estate and was determined to restore the historic house as one of Sunrise Key's finest bed-and-breakfasts. Of all the obstacles she faced, the biggest challenge was the man determined to buy the roof from over her head. Sexy billionaire Preston Seaholm owned the biggest resort in the little Florida community. But Molly knew well that the best things in life couldn't be bought or sold. She had come to Sunrise Key with a dream, her ten-year-old son, and no intention of falling for a thrill-seeking adventurer. But from the moment they met, when he risked his own neck to save hers, Pres Seaholm proved he wasn't the man Molly thought he was. Now, with something even more precious on the line, was she too late to recognize that he was the man she'd given up ever finding?

Smoke Screen by **Sandra Brown** (Paperback Release – \$27). When Britt Shelley wakes up in bed with Jay Burgess, a star detective in the Charleston PD, she remembers nothing of how she got there ... or of how Jay wound up dead. Five years earlier, Jay was a hero of a disastrous fire at police headquarters, which left seven people dead, but would have been worse if not for the bravery of Jay and city officials. Firefighter Raley Gannon, Jay's friend, investigated the fire, but the investigation ended in a scandal that shattered Raley's world, and forced him to surrender the woman he loved and the work to which he'd dedicated his life. For five years his resentment has festered, but he was helpless to set things right. That changes when he learns of Jay's death. As suspicion against Britt mounts, Raley realizes that she might be his only chance to get personal vindication – and justice for the victims of the fire.

Knockout by **Catherine Coulter** (Hardcover – Available by Order – \$45). *FBI Thriller Series*. Seven-year-old Autumn Backman has a gift: She can communicate telepathically with others. Not everyone, mind you, but with a select few with whom she shares a special kinship. When Autumn and her mother, Joanna, take her father's ashes to be buried in the family plot in Brickers Bowl, Georgia, the child witnesses a horrifying sight: her grandmother and two uncles, burying a pile of

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dead bodies in the middle of the night. They head to Titusville, Virginia, to seek the help of an old family friend, but Autumn senses they need assistance on a grand scale. Using her telepathic powers, Autumn calls a man she'd seen only on television: FBI agent Dillon Savich. But before Savich and his wife and partner, Agent Lacey Sherlock, can get on the scene, Autumn and Joanna flee, fearing the retribution of her uncle Blessed. A huge manhunt ensues, with Titusville Sheriff Ethan Merriweather racing to reach the girl before Blessed can get his hands on her. Blessed's got big things planned for Autumn and her gift, and he'll stop at nothing to force her into his growing army of exploited children. Savich, Sherlock, and Merriweather face their most elusive foes to keep Autumn out of harm's way – before it's too late.

Tailspin by **Catherine Coulter** (Paperback Release – \$24). *FBI Thriller Series*. When a fellow agent's plane crashes deep in the Appalachian Mountains, married FBI agents Savich and Sherlock find the pilot and his passenger alive. But that's just the beginning of a case that plummets them into a whirlwind of vicious murder attempts, powerful suspects, political secrets, and escalating terror.

So Into You by **Sandra Hill** (Paperback – \$24). Angel Sabato has been in love with best friend Grace O'Brien for 10 years – but he's only just realized it. Too bad she doesn't take him seriously when he tells her about his feelings. Reeling from the rejection, Angel hightails it out of town. Now Grace is left to wonder if her problems from the past are keeping her from opening herself to love. But she brushes these "useless" musings aside, concentrating instead on the work she's doing as an apprentice to folk healer Tante Lulu and keeping up with the old woman's good deeds. Such as starting a foundation to help families still homeless after Hurricane Katrina. Re-enter Angel, who helps with the construction. Unbeknownst to Grace, Tante Lulu has decided to try her hand at matchmaking again. And Tante Lulu has never failed before!

Burn by **Linda Howard** (Trade Paperback – \$35). Money changes Jenner Redwine's life when she wins a lottery jackpot. But it also costs her plenty: Her father rips her off, her fortune-hunting boyfriend becomes her ex, and friends-turned-freeloaders give her the cold shoulder when she stops paying for everything. Luckily she finds an ally in kind-hearted heiress Sydney Hazlett, who quickly becomes Jenner's confidante and surrogate sister. When Sydney invites Jenner on a charity cruise aboard a luxury liner, Jenner reluctantly agrees. But what she gets is more like a Hitchcock movie than a Love Boat episode. Taken hostage by a menacing stranger, Jenner must cooperate in a mysterious cloak-and-dagger scheme – or else. With nowhere to run, and with Sydney's life as well as her own at risk, Jenner is drawn into a game of intrigue and danger. But as her panic gives way to exhilaration, and fear of her captor turns to fascination, Jenner rediscovers feelings she hasn't had in years – and realizes she's found a life worth living. If she survives.

Chosen to Die by **Lisa Jackson** (Paperback – \$24). *Montana – To Die Series*. Detective Regan Pescoli has worked the "Star Crossed Killer" case for months, never imagining she'd be captured by the madman she's been hunting. Regan knows exactly what he's capable of – and avoiding the same fate will take every drop of her courage and cunning ... Regan Pescoli is unlike any woman Nate Santana has met before. But now she's

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Silent Thunder by **Iris Johansen** (Paperback Release – \$24). Marine architect Hannah Bryson has landed the assignment of a lifetime. The U.S. maritime museum has just acquired the former pride of the Soviet fleet, the legendary nuclear attack sub "Silent Thunder," for public exhibition. It's Hannah's job to inspect every inch of the decommissioned vessel and make sure it's safe for the thousands of expected visitors. Enlisting the aid of her brother, Connor, they delve into its long and lethal history. Then, on a routine check, Connor discovers a cryptic message behind one of the ship's panels. Before he can figure out what it means, there's a deadly assault on "Silent Thunder." Now, although the U.S. government warns her against it, Hannah will stop at nothing to unravel the truth about "Silent Thunder." Even if it means coming face to face with the ruthless mastermind behind the plot – and joining forces with a mysterious and seductive mercenary who is willing to kill to make sure the secrets about "Silent Thunder" stay silent ...

Twisted by **Andrea Kane** (Paperback Release – \$24). Who will be next? Though former FBI Special Agent Sloane Burbank once survived a life-threatening injury in the line of duty, she now uses her specialized skills as an independent consultant. But when one of her closest childhood friends mysteriously disappears, Sloane takes the case – even though her ex-lover Derek Parker is the FBI agent in charge. Derek has no time to spare for a dead-end case – especially since it would mean working with a woman he never expected to see again. But as more women disappear and others turn up brutally

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense continued murdered, he and Sloane come to the sickening realization that these random crimes are linked to the same crazed killer, a fiend with a mind so psychotic, so twisted, that it will take everything Sloane has to capture him – even as she becomes his latest target.

Straight From the Hip by **Susan Mallery** (Paperback – \$24). *Lone Star Sisters Series*. Izzy has always been the fearless Titan sister. But when an oil rig blows up, leaving her barely able to see, her sisters find themselves as concerned by her emotional withdrawal as by the possibility that the explosion was no accident. Are the mind games their long-lost brother Garth has been playing turning physical? Or is someone else out to get them? When her sisters enroll her in a survivor training camp, Izzy is not happy. Nick, her instructor, is determined that she won't be left in the dark. In more ways than one. But if he tells her the terrible truth behind why he's helping her, he'll never see her again. Unless they're both willing to take the biggest risk of all.

Tasting Fear by **Shannon McKenna** (Trade Paperback – \$34). Nancy ... Nell ... Vivi ... Three sisters who know there is no force on earth greater than love ... unless it is the desire for vengeance. When their adored foster mother is murdered, the D'Onofrio women come together to hunt for her murderer – and track down a legacy gone missing: rare art from the Renaissance. The law can only do so much and the three sisters are on their own – until three mysterious men get involved ... Startled to find a brawny stranger at her mother's house, Nancy is even more surprised at the heat of passion that flares between them. Liam is intense and instantly protective. But is it wise to trust him with every secret? Her sister Nell has turned to Duncan, her new boss, for help. He's an expert on the dark underworld of cyberspace, where other clues may lurk. And Duncan is so sexy it's scary. All Nell has to do is say the hardest word of all: yes. But what about the youngest of the D'Onofrios, the wild and willful Vivi? She's on the verge of falling in love with Jack, who's all about fierce vigilance ... The sisters embrace the ultimate in passion as danger stalks them all ...

Georgette Heyer's Birthday (Sunday 16 August) – Celebrate at Chapter

Georgette Heyer (16 August 1902 – 4 July 1974) was a prolific and much-beloved writer who created the Regency England genre of romance novels.

Born in London, Georgette Heyer's first novel was published when she was nineteen years old.

She continued to write novels of many genres for more than fifty years.

During that time she never made a public appearance or granted an interview.

The great majority of her books are historical romances set in Regency England which are admired to this day for the meticulous research and profusion of essential ingredients – arranged marriages, murder, fashion, upper classes, sarcasm and humour.

Indeed, Heyer set the tone for this entire genre.

Georgette Heyer was also one of the first of the female mystery authors – the group that includes Agatha Christie, Dorothy L. Sayers and Ngaio Marsh. When she died in 1974 she had fifty-one titles in print, legal translations of her work in ten languages and pirate editions in several others.

The Georgette Heyer Appreciation Society will celebrate her birthday and discuss her books and her characters over afternoon tea on Sunday 16 August at Chapter from 4pm-6pm.

Please contact Frances Loo at Chapter (phone 09-6232319 or email info@chapter.co.nz) if you have any queries about this event and/or would like to attend.

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Satisfaction Guaranteed by **Lucy Monroe** (Paperback Release – \$22). *Goddard Project Series*. Anytime, anyplace, Ethan Crane's your man. An agent's agent, he's tough, smart, and fearless. Exactly the guy you want when the stuff hits the fan – and the kind Beth Whitney avoids like the plague. It took a fiancé in the business to teach her, but she's learned her lesson: Don't. Date. Agents. It's this rule that's kept her employed at the agency, doing her part for world security from behind a desk. So when a case throws the two together, Beth's determined to keep it strictly professional. So far, so good – except for the steamy kisses, the red-hot phone sex, and ... what was that rule again? ... To Ethan, Beth couldn't be less his type if her father ran the agency, which, oh yeah, he does. Still he can't help but find her work in the field a total turn on. Off the field it's even better. But hot pursuit of a notorious information broker is what they should focus on – not each other. That can wait until they've accomplished a job well done. Or can it?

Tea for Two by **Shelley Munro** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *NZ Author*. Lies and secrets have a way of returning to bite a girl in the butt – Hayley Williams thought she was past the screwing-up stage of her life. These days, she wears her good girl persona well – except when she moonlights as a gypsy tea leaf reader. There's something about Sam Norville, though, that prods her inner imp back to life. A chance meeting, a margarita – okay, two – a stolen kiss, and suddenly she's back in hot water. Sam, a businessman, doesn't believe in love at first sight. Not anymore. For him, involvement with any woman means risking a run-in with the tabloid press. But his mysterious gypsy lover keeps him coming back, keeps him prodding her for more – like the truth. Of course it's not love. No, sir. Sam only does lust. Hayley knows she shouldn't want Sam, especially since she lied to him. The right thing to do? Shove that naughty imp off her shoulder and come clean. But the pesky imp just won't budge.

Breakpoint by **JoAnn Ross** (Paperback – \$24). *High Risk Series*. Air Force Combat Controller Dallas O'Halloran is as tough as he is loyal. So he's not pleased when he's recruited into a new anti-terror unit and teamed up with Academy graduate Julianne Decatur – the icy blond JAG officer who nearly court-martialed his friends ... Assigned to investigate a Navy flyer's apparent suicide, they discover the trail of a ruthless killer – and an attraction between them that can't be denied. And when their prey turns the tables on them, Julianne will have to depend on the one man daring and reckless enough to keep them both alive ...

Crime & Mystery

Dust to Dust by **Beverly Connor** (Paperback – \$24). *Diane Fallon Forensic Series*. A woman dies under suspicious circumstances, supposedly after finding evidence of her incarcerated brother's innocence. Now to prove a possible murder, Diane Fallon must root through the victim's family secrets – and the many skeletons in her closet ...

Finger Lickin' Fifteen by **Janet Evanovich** (Trade Paperback – \$30 Special This Month) (RRP \$38.99). *Stephanie Plum Series*. Celebrity chef Stanley Chipotle comes to Trenton to participate in a barbecue cook-off and loses his head – literally. Bail bonds office worker Lula is witness to the crime, and the only one she'll talk to is Trenton cop, Joe Morelli. Chipotle's sponsor is offering a million-dollar reward to anyone who can provide information leading to the capture of the killers. Lula recruits bounty hunter Stephanie Plum to help her find the killers and collect the moolah.

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Poppy Done to Death by **Charlaine Harris** (Paperback Reissue – \$24). *Aurora Teagarden Series*. Not just any woman in Lawrenceton, Georgia, gets to be a member of the Uppity Women Book Club. But Roe's stepsister-in-law Poppy has climbed her way up the waiting list of the group – only to die on the day she's supposed to be inducted. Sordid stories of infidelity in Poppy's marriage lead to a rash of suspects, and Roe begins to question her own heart. But her passion for the truth will drive her on – into the path of the cold-blooded killer.

Cold Case by **Kate Wilhelm** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Barbara Holloway Series*. Twenty-two years ago, controversial author David Etheridge and ambitious state senator Robert McCrutchin were investigated in the death of a young coed. But a circle of secrecy guaranteed the case was never solved. When Etheridge returns to Eugene, Oregon, McCrutchin is his grudging host – until the senator is found shot dead. Now Etheridge is back where he was two decades ago – suspected of murder. Only this time, with the cold case reopened, he's facing a double charge. Barbara must battle the prosecution and the court of public opinion, which has already tried and convicted Etheridge for both murders. As the pressure mounts, Barbara ties the past and present together, risking her own life to preserve justice.

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Skykeepers by **Jessica Andersen** (Paperback – \$24). *Final Prophecy Series*. In this series based around the Mayan doomsday prophecy, a group of magic-wielding warrior heroes called the Nightkeepers are ready to fight the demon creatures of the underworld to prevent annihilation ... When prominent Mayanist Ambrose Ledbetter goes missing, his daughter Sasha tracks his remains down to an ancient temple. Before she can recover from the shock, she is kidnapped. Slick and charming recruit Michael Stone rescues Sasha from her imprisonment and feels an instant attraction. But he doesn't dare get involved, with the threat of his dark side growing stronger and the powers of sorcery on the rise. Both Michael and Sasha will discover a new passion together and one they have to admit to in order to change their worlds ...

Speak of the Devil by **Jenna Black** (Paperback – \$24). *Morgan Kingsley, Exorcist, Series*. Morgan Kingsley, America's most successful exorcist, is paying the price for an exorcism gone wrong. The victim's family is suing the daylights out of her, the Exorcism Board has suspended her, and now she's living on a diet of ramen noodles and bad coffee. But Morgan has a few good men at her side. One is her current boyfriend, nice-guy legal eagle Brian, who's suddenly starting to reveal his inner bad boy. The other is Philly cop Adam White, who's trying to help Morgan find out who sent her a little present – a severed human hand – and why someone seems determined to destroy her ... As her stalker turns more violent, leaving dead bodies in his wake, Morgan turns to the dark side of her life: a group of demons steeped in secrets, sinful eroticism, and otherworldly family feuds, including one sexy beast who shares Morgan's body – and some X-rated fantasies. Soon Morgan must choose between her friends, her enemies, and her libido: to escape a mad demon determined to destroy her completely.

Hunted by **P.C. Cast** (Paperback – \$22). *House of Night Series*. The good news: Zoey Redbird's friends have her back again and Stevie Rae and the red fledglings aren't Neferet's secrets any longer. The bad news: Ancient evil with the face of an angel has been let loose – that and various other nasties (whose faces aren't so angelic).

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Grandma Redbird is in trouble. Heath is in trouble. The House of Night is in trouble. Okay, let's face it – Zoey's whole world is in trouble! But when the trouble comes from a being who appears to be beauty personified, will the world believe it? Especially when a teenager and a group of misfits are the only ones who really understand the danger he brings. Will Zoey have the strength and wisdom to reveal the truth? Especially when, in the House of Night, the truth is often hard to come by ...

Atlantis Unmasked by **Alyssa Day** (Paperback – \$24). *Warriors of Poseidon Series*. Poseidon's warriors swore an oath eleven thousand years ago to protect humanity from those who stalked the night. Yet when a woman with an ancient Gift dares to claim the heart of one of Poseidon's fiercest warriors, the world teeters on the knife's edge between desire and darkness.

Eve of Destruction by **S.J. Day** (Paperback – \$22). *Marked Series*. Class is in, but Evangeline Hollis is struggling to get through the requisite training to be a full-fledged Mark. When her class goes on a field trip to an abandoned military base, passing the course isn't just a matter of pride ... it's a matter of life and death. There's a demon hidden among them, killing off Eve's classmates one by one. As the body count mounts, a ragtag team of cable TV ghost hunters unwittingly stumbles into the carnage. Now keeping the Mark system secret competes with the need to keep the "paranormal researchers" alive. With Cain on assignment and Abel on an investigation, Eve must fly solo on her hunt to stop a killer before he strikes again.

Eve of Chaos by **S.J. Day** (Paperback – \$22). *Marked Series*. "How do you tell Satan that you ran over his dog?" Evangeline Hollis has no idea, and she doesn't want to find out. She'd rather forget the Infernal that nearly wiped out her training class and killed some of the best demonhunting Marks in the world. Living with the Mark of Cain – and the two sexy brothers who come with it – is trouble enough. Satan has put a bounty on Eve's head, and Hell's denizens are converging on Southern California. The Infernals are complicating Eve's hunts and creating chaos in her once orderly life. They've also brought her to the attention of an overzealous reverend who's certain she's Jezebel reincarnate.

Storm of Visions by **Christina Dodd** (Paperback – \$24). *Chosen Ones Series*. Jacqueline Vargha has always run from her gift. Now Caleb D'Angelo forces his way into her life, demands his place as her lover, and insists she take her place as one of the Chosen. She flees, he pursues, but she can no longer deny her visions, or the dangerous man who is her downfall – and her destiny.

Destined for an Early Grave by **Jeaniene Frost** (Paperback – \$24). *Night Huntress Series*. Since half-vampire Cat Crawfield and her undead lover Bones met six years ago, they've fought against the rogue undead, battled a vengeful Master vampire, and pledged their devotion with a blood bond. Now it's time for a vacation. But their hopes for a perfect holiday are dashed when Cat awakes one night in terror. She's having visions of a vampire named Gregor who's more powerful than Bones and has ties to her past that even Cat herself didn't know about ... Gregor believes Cat is his and he won't stop until he has her. As the battle begins between the vamp who haunts her nightmares and the one who holds her heart, only Cat can break Gregor's hold over her. She'll need all the power she can summon in order to bring down the baddest bloodsucker she's ever faced ... even if getting that power will result in an early grave.

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Breaking Midnight by **Emma Holly** (Paperback – \$24). *Fitz Clare Chronicles*. Edmund is an elder among the "upyr," a shape-changing race of immortals. Kidnapped by rivals, he's now a pawn in a deadly game to control the world, and only the love of the mortal beauty, Estelle, can save him.

Dark Lover by **Brenda Joyce** (Paperback – \$24). *Masters of Time Series*. Ian Maclean's arrogance hides a terrible secret – for decades he was held prisoner by demons. Not a day goes by that he isn't tormented by his darkest fears of powerlessness. Now he is about to sell to the highest bidder a page he's stolen from the Book of Power – if one woman doesn't stop him ... Slayer Samantha Rose's latest mission is to recover the stolen page – and get payback from the only man who's ever rejected her. What she hasn't counted on is the raging attraction between them – or her growing realization of what Maclean has survived. As the powers of the evil from his past gather, Sam will do anything to help him – even if it means following him into time and facing his worst nightmares with him ...

Bad Moon Rising by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Hardcover – \$45). *Dark Hunter Series*. Fang Kattalakis isn't just a wolf. He is the brother of two of the most powerful members of the Omegron: the ruling council that enforces the laws of the Were-Hunters. And when war erupts among the lycanthropes, sides must be chosen. Enemies are forced into shaky alliances. And when the woman Fang loves is accused of betraying her people, her only hope is that Fang believes in her. Yet in order to save her, Fang must break the law of his people and the faith of his brothers. That breach could very well spell the end of both their races and change their world forever. The war is on and time is running out ...

The Fire King by **Marjorie M. Liu** (Paperback – \$24). *Dirk & Steele Series*. Like all agents of Dirk & Steele, Soria has a gift – and hers is communication. When she is chosen to learn the dead language of a shape-shifter resurrected after thousands of years of icy sleep, she discovers a warrior consumed with fury – and a millennia-old price on his head that will threaten both their lives ...

Fae fever by **Karen Marie Moning** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Fever Series*. "He calls me his Queen of the Night. I'd die for him. I'd kill for him, too." When MacKayla Lane receives a torn page from her dead sister's journal, she is stunned by Alina's desperate words. And now MacKayla knows that her sister's killer is close. But evil is closer. And suddenly the sidhe-seer is on the hunt: For answers. For revenge. And for an ancient book of dark magic so evil, it corrupts anyone who touches it. Mac's quest for the Sinsar Dubh takes her into the mean, shape-shifting streets of Dublin, with a suspicious cop on her tail. Forced into a dangerous triangle of alliance with V'lane, an insatiable Fae prince of lethally erotic tastes, and Jericho Barrons, a man of primal desires and untold secrets, Mac is soon locked in a battle for her body, mind, and soul.

Dark Warrior Unbroken by **Alexis Morgan** (Paperback – \$24). *Talions Series*. Sandor Kearn is the Talion Enforcer tasked with policing his people, the Kyth. His latest assignment is the new killer stalking the streets of Seattle. But while Sandor is hunting the Kyth renegade, someone else is hunting him ... When Lena Wilson's mentor died investigating an arson case and the police ran out of leads, she vowed to find justice herself. Lena – who doesn't know she is part Kyth – has the ability to see fragmented flashbacks of the crimes she's

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investigating through her sense of touch. And when she meets Sandor, she feels suspicion – and desire – like she’s never known ... With dark forces closing in, Sandor must keep Lena from digging deeper and exposing the existence of the Kyth. The only way is to convince her of his innocence. But how can he, when he can’t keep his hands off her?

Redemption Alley by **Lilith Saintcrow** (Paperback – \$24). *Jill Kismet Series*. Some cases are unusual – even for Jill Kismet. When her police contact asks her to look into a “suicide,” she suddenly finds herself in a labyrinth of deception, drugs, murder – and all-too-human corruption. The cops are her allies, except for the ones who want her dead. The hellbreed are her targets, except for the ones who might know what’s going on. Her city is in danger, time is running out, and each lead only draws her deeper. How far will a hunter go when her city – and her friends – are on the line? Just far enough. “Step into Redemption Alley ...”

Historical and Regency Romance

Seduction Becomes Her by **Shirlee Busbee** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Becomes Her Series*. As guardian to her two young siblings after her parents’ death, Daphne Beaumont struggles to make ends meet. But when Daphne’s brother suddenly inherits a sizable estate from a distant relative, they are able to leave their hardscrabble existence in London behind and start a prosperous new life in Cornwall. Devoted to her charges, Daphne believes marriage is not in her future despite her newfound wealth and striking beauty – until she meets the intriguing Charles Weston ... A long-buried secret brings Charles to Cornwall, where he encounters the alluring Daphne while walking on the beach. When a sudden rockslide strands the two in a cave, their shared captivity is sure to invite scandal. Charles knows he must act honorably and propose to Daphne – an easy prospect for him considering he has fallen for her. The real challenge now lies in Charles winning Daphne’s heart – and showing her how wonderful love’s spell can be ...

Surrender Becomes Her by **Shirlee Busbee** (Trade Paperback – \$34). *Becomes Her Series*. Isabel Dunham defied Marcus Sherbrook’s guardianship, eloped, and fled to India. Ten years after the widowed Isabel returns to England, she finds herself threatened by the schemes of a blackmailer. Marcus’s actions to protect her kindle the embers of a desire impossible to deny.

The Undoing of a Lady by **Nicola Cornick** (Paperback – \$24). *Brides of Fortune Series*. Courting scandal since girlhood, free-spirited Lady Elizabeth Scarlet vows there is just one way to save her childhood friend from a loveless marriage: to kidnap him! But Nathaniel is furious. So angry that he challenges her to take their assignation to its natural conclusion and seduce him. When her inexperienced attempt flares into intense passion, Lizzie is ruined ... and hopelessly, unexpectedly, in love with Nathaniel, the Earl of Waterhouse. Now the wild and willful Lizzie must convince Nat that they are a perfect match – in every way.

Sleepless in Scotland by **Karen Hawkins** (Paperback – \$24). *MacLean Series*. When sensible Catriona Hurst sets off in pursuit of her wild twin sister, Caitlyn – whose plan to trap the handsome laird of Clan MacLean into marriage will lead her to sure disaster – she never expects the journey to end with her own wedding. First Triona is caught in MacLean’s carriage, then she’s roundly scolded, and then – to her shocked surprise – thoroughly kissed! She is caught, body and soul, by the

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laird’s enigmatic younger brother, Hugh MacLean, who had set a trap for the unprincipled sister and refuses to believe that he’s caught the other. While Hugh is enchanted by Triona’s delightful response to his kiss, he soon realizes that she is not who he thought, but an innocent whom honor demands he wed immediately. And he also discovers that letting the passionate Triona into his bed is far easier than keeping her out of his many concerns – even the ones he’d planned to keep secret!

A Duke of Her Own by **Eloisa James** (Paperback – \$24). *Desperate Duchesses Series*. Leopold Dautry, the notorious Duke of Villiers, must wed quickly and nobly – and his choices, alas, are few. The Duke of Montague’s daughter, Eleanor, is exquisitely beautiful and fiercely intelligent. Villiers betroths himself to her without further ado. After all, no other woman really qualifies. Lisette, the outspoken daughter of the Duke of Gilner, cares nothing for clothing or decorum. She’s engaged to another man, and doesn’t give a fig for status or title. Half the ton believes Lisette mad – and Villiers is inclined to agree ... Torn between logic and passion, between intelligence and imagination, Villiers finds himself drawn to the very edge of impropriety. But it is not until he’s in a duel to the death, fighting for the reputation of the woman he loves, that Villiers finally realizes that the greatest risk may not be in the dueling field ... But in the bedroom. And the heart.

To Ruin the Duke by **Debra Mullins** (Paperback – \$22). All of London is abuzz with the shocking exploits of Thornton Matherton, Duke of Wyldehaven, a man as sinful and wild as his name. He plays fast and loose with money, drink, and women. Or does he? An impostor has tarnished Thornton’s good name, and the real duke will not rest until he has proven his virtue ... Abandoned by her aristocratic father when she was a child, Miranda Fontaine despises the nobility. Despite her distrust, she visits the Duke of Wyldehaven on an urgent mission. Determined to keep a deathbed promise, Miranda will do whatever it takes to pin down the notorious duke ... even if it means seducing him herself ... Desperate to escape the web of deceit and clear his name, Thomas cannot bear the distraction of Miranda’s supple skin and alluring eyes. Her beauty will be his undoing ... and her bed will be the site of his most wicked ruin ...

Beauty and the Duke by **Melody Thomas** (Paperback – \$22). Once, ten years ago, they were young lovers, sharing sinful touches and desperate ecstasy. But he was bound by his promise to wed another. Since that fateful time, Christine Sommers has grown into a headstrong beauty, the kind of woman who thinks nothing of daring travels to the ends of the world. But for all her achievements, Christine has never found anyone who makes her heart race the way Erik Boughton once did ... Since that fateful time, Erik Boughton, the Duke of Sedgwick, has become something of a beast, at least according to the gossips of the ton. They say that he’s cursed, that any woman who shares his bed will meet an untimely end. But when he comes to Christine, desperate for her help to preserve his family and his title, she does not fear the devil duke. Enthralled by his ravenous desire, she would give him anything he wished, even her body ... and her heart.

Hot Romance

Laid Bare by **Lauren Dane** (Trade Paperback – \$35). It’s been 10 years since sexy police officer Todd Keenan’s fling with Erin Brown, the rocker chick next door. Now, life has thrown the pair back together. But picking up where they left off is tougher than they expected.

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Long Hard Ride by **Lorelei James** (Trade Paperback – \$35). *Rough Riders Series*. Channing Kinkaid itches for a change; a wild western adventure with an untamed man. Determined to shed her inhibitions and embrace the steamier side of life, she sets her sights on hooking up with a real chaps-and-spurs-wearing cowboy. Enter Colby McKay – bull rider, saddle bronc buster and calf roper. From the moment he sets lust-filled eyes on the sweet and fiery Channing, he knows he’s found the woman who’s up to the challenge of cutting loose. What rough and rowdy cowboy could resist a no-holds-barred sexual romp with a sassy young thing starring as his personal buckle bunny? Intrigued by Channing’s bold proposition of horsing around on the road, Colby impulsively sweetens the deal; sexual escapades not only in his bed, but in the bedrolls of his rodeo traveling partners, Trevor and Edgard. Although Channing’s secretly longed to be the sole focus of more than one man’s passions, Colby’s demand for complete submission behind closed doors will test her willful nature. Can Channing give up total control? Especially when not all is as it seems with the sexy trio? Or will the cowboys have to break out the bullropes and piggin’ string to break in this headstrong filly?

Rode Hard, Put Up Wet by **Lorelei James** (Trade Paperback – \$35). *Rough Riders Series*. Struggling stock contractor Gemma Jansen swallows her pride and tracks down circuit rider Cash Big Crow to offer him a job managing her ranch. Cash agrees on one condition: theirs won’t be strictly a working relationship. She’s the boss during the day, but once she’s corralled in the bedroom, Cash calls the shots. Despite concerns about their age difference, Gemma consents. Cash suspects the sexy widow hides an untapped wild streak. He intends to loosen her tightly held reins of control – even if he has to break out his horsemanship to do it. But Cash is in for a surprise. Gemma proves a rough and ready participant in any leather-n-lace game Cash dreams up. Between riding herd on his wayward daughter, Macie, and rowdy cowboy Carter McKay doggin’ Macie’s every boot step, Cash struggles to hide his true feelings for Gemma – except this time, Gemma’s grabbed the bull by the horns and she’s playing for keeps. Summer’s going to be a hot one at the Bar 9.

Hot Romance continued

Cowgirl Up and Ride by **Lorelei James** (Trade Paperback – \$35). *Rough Riders Series*. Goody-two boots AJ Foster has waited her entire life for her dream cowboy Cord McKay to see her as more than the neighbor girl in pigtails. Now that she’s old enough to stake her claim, she’s pulling out all the sexual stops and riding hell-bent for leather – straight for his libido. Divorced rancher Cord has sworn off all women ... until innocent AJ suggests he teach her how to ride bareback – and he realizes she doesn’t mean horses or bulls. Between his responsibilities running his massive ranch, missing his young son and dealing with the sexual shenanigans of his brother and cousins, Cord is more than willing to take AJ up on her offer. On a trial basis. The fun and games tie them both up in knots. AJ isn’t willing to settle for less than the whole shootin’ match with her western knight. But for Cord, even though the sexy cowgirl sets his blood ablaze, he’s determined to resist her efforts to lasso his battered heart. Sweet, determined AJ has the power to heal – or heel – the gruff cowboy ... unless Cord’s pride keeps him from admitting their relationship is more than a simple roll in the hay.

Tied Up Tied Down by **Lorelei James** (Trade Paperback – \$35). *Rough Riders Series*. Businesswoman Skylar Ellison is firmly in control of her life. So getting tangled up with a sexy Wyoming cowboy – and conceiving a baby in the parking lot of a honky-tonk – wasn’t in her plan. Since it appears the daddy has taken off for greener pastures, the only thing to do is pull up her bootstraps and carry on alone. Cattle rancher Kade McKay returns home after a year on the range, and is knocked for a loop when he learns he’s the father of a three-month-old baby girl. When Skylar refuses to marry him, Kade grits his teeth, moves in and plays house by her rules to prove he’s a man in for the long haul. Despite Skylar’s insistence they are to remain strictly parenting partners, their old passions flare hot as a brush fire, spurring Kade to demand absolute sexual surrender from the headstrong woman. Skylar willingly submits her body to the hot-blooded cowboy but she’s leery of handing Kade the reins to her heart. Can Kade convince Skylar the wicked sex games aren’t a temporary distraction? Or will he have to bust out the ropes to show her he wants to be tied to her ... forever?

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Author	Title	Classification	Price
Jessica Andersen	Skykeepers	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Jenna Black	Speak of the Devil	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Alison Brennan	Cutting Edge	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Suzanne Brockmann	Hot Pursuit*	Contemporary/Suspense	\$45
Suzanne Brockmann	Otherwise Engaged	Contemporary	\$22
Sandra Brown	Smoke Screen#	Contemporary/Suspense	\$27
Shirlee Busbee	Seduction Becomes Her	Historical	\$34
Shirlee Busbee	Surrender Becomes Her	Historical	\$34
P.C. Cast	Hunted	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$22
Beverly Connor	Dust to Dust	Crime & Mystery	\$24
Nicola Cornick	The Undoing of a Lady	Historical	\$24
Catherine Coulter	Knockout*	Contemporary/Suspense	\$45
Catherine Coulter	Tailspin#	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Lauren Dane	Laid Bare	Hot	\$35
Alyssa Day	Atlantis Unmasked	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
S.J. Day	Eve of Destruction	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$22
S.J. Day	Eve of Chaos	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$22
Christina Dodd	Storm of Visions	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Janet Evanovich	Finger Lickin' Fifteen	Crime & Mystery	\$30
Jeaniene Frost	Destined for an Early Grave	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Charlaine Harris	Poppy Done to Death	Crime & Mystery	\$24
Karen Hawkins	Sleepless in Scotland	Historical	\$24
Sandra Hill	So Into You	Contemporary	\$24
Emma Holly	Breaking Midnight	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Linda Howard	Burn	Contemporary/Suspense	\$35
Lisa Jackson	Chosen to Die	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Eloisa James	A Duke of Her Own	Historical	\$24
Lorelei James	Long Hard Ride	Hot	\$35
Lorelei James	Rode Hard, Put Up Wet	Hot	\$35
Lorelei James	Cowgirl Up and Ride	Hot	\$35
Lorelei James	Tied Up Tied Down	Hot	\$35
Iris Johansen	Silent Thunder#	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Brenda Joyce	Dark Lover	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
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