

BOOK CATALOGUE – FEBRUARY 2010

We've got some great new releases to enjoy this month. For historical romance fans, Stephanie Laurens continues her Black Cobra Quartet with *The Elusive Bride* and, for fantasy & paranormal fans, Nalini Singh continues her Guild Hunter series with *Archangel's Kiss*. For beginners to the romance fiction genre, we have also included (on page 7) an indicative listing of books/series that have been both popular as well as well-reviewed. Enjoy!

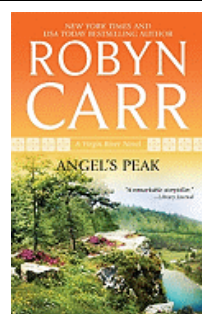
Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Andrea Camilleri	Wings of the Sphinx	Mary Balogh	Dark Angel/Lord Carew's Bride (<i>Reissue</i>)
Robyn Carr	Angel's Peak	Robyn Carr	Moonlight Road
Jennifer Crusie	The Cinderella Deal (<i>Reissue</i>)	Kresley Cole	Pleasure of a Dark Prince
Sabrina Jeffries	The Truth About Lord Stoneville	Alexandra Hawkins	All Night With a Rogue
Lauren Kate	Fallen	Lora Leigh	Black Jack
Stephanie Laurens	The Elusive Bride	J.D. Robb	Big Jack (<i>Reissue</i>)
Lora Leigh	Nauti Deceptions	L.J. Smith	The Vampire Diaries (<i>Reissue</i>)
Nora Roberts	Hot Rocks (<i>Reissue</i>)	Rachel Vincent	Shift
Nalini Singh	Archangel's Kiss	Christine Warren	Born to be Wild
Nicholas Sparks	The Choice#	Susan Wiggs	The Summer Hideaway

Paperback Release

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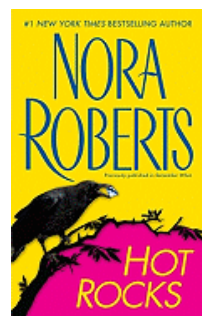
Title: Angel's Peak
Author: Robyn Carr
Classification: Contemporary
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24
Annotation: *Virgin River Series.* Four years ago, Air Force sweethearts Franci Duncan and Sean Riordan reached an impasse. She wanted marriage and a family. He didn't. But a chance meeting proves that the bitter breakup hasn't cooled their sizzling

chemistry. Sean has settled down in spite of himself – he's not the cocky young fighter pilot he was when Franci left, and he wants them to try again. After all, they have a history ... but that's not all they share ...



Title: The Elusive Bride
Author: Stephanie Laurens
Classification: Historical
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24
Annotation: *Black Cobra Quartet.* A second battle-hardened, completely unstoppable, all-male hero, an ex-officer of the Crown, confronts the deadly enemy known only as the Black Cobra. He's focused on his mission, then sees a lady he never dreamed he'd see again – with an

assassin on her heels. She secretly followed him, unaware her path is deadly – or that she'll join him to battle a treacherous foe. Through ever-present peril, through passion, desire, and ecstasy, they race to reach England – and their destiny.



Title: Hot Rocks
Author: Nora Roberts
Classification: Contemporary/Suspense
Book Type: Paperback (*Reissue*)
Price: \$24
Annotation: Originally published in *Remember When*. When her notorious past catches up with Laine Tavish, proprietor of the antique shop Remember When, it's up to her and an enigmatic stranger named Max Gannon to find out who's chasing her – and why. The

answer lies in a hidden fortune that will change Laine's life.



Title: Archangel's Kiss
Author: Nalini Singh
Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal
Book Type: Paperback
Price: \$24
Annotation: *Guild Hunter Series.* Vampire hunter Elena Deveraux wakes from a year-long coma to find that she has become an angel – and that her lover, the stunningly dangerous archangel Raphael, likes having her under his control. But almost immediately, Raphael must

ready Elena for a flight to Beijing, to attend a ball thrown by the archangel Lijuan. Ancient and without conscience, Lijuan's power lies with the dead. And she has organized the most perfect and most vicious of welcomes for Elena ...

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Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

Original Sin by **Allison Brennan** (Paperback – \$24). *Seven Deadly Sins Series*. Haunted by chilling memories of demonic possession and murder, Moira O'Donnell has spent seven years hunting down her mother, Fiona, whose command of black magic has granted her unprecedented control of the underworld. Now Moira's search has led her to a small California town that's about to become hell on earth ... Tormented by his own terrifying past and driven by powers he can't explain, ex-seminarian Rafe Cooper joins Moira's quest. But Fiona is one step ahead. Hungry for greater power, eternal youth, and stunning beauty, the sorceress is unleashing upon the mortal world the living incarnations of the Seven Deadly Sins ... Together with a demonologist, a female sheriff, and a pair of teenagers, Moira and Rafe are humanity's last chance to snatch salvation from the howling jaws of damnation.

Dying Scream by **Mary Burton** (Paperback – \$22). Three women who seem to have nothing in common vanish. But one man had known them all. Wealthy Craig Thornton even claimed to have loved them. But he's dead. When his wife receives an anniversary card from him, she assumes it's a joke – until the phone calls, flowers, and messages come.

The Cinderella Deal by **Jennifer Crusie** (Paperback – \$24). *Reissue*. Daisy Flattery is a free spirit with a soft spot for strays and a weakness for a good story. Why else would she agree to the outrageous charade offered by her buttoned-down workaholic neighbor, Linc Blaise? The history professor needs to have a fiancée in order to capture his dream job, and Daisy is game to play the role. But something funny happens on their way to the altar that changes everything. Now, with the midnight hour approaching, will Daisy lose her prince, or will opposites not only attract but live happily ever after?

Back in Black by **Lori Foster** (Paperback – \$24). *SBC Fighters Series*. SBC president Drew Black is as controversial as they come. But the hot-headed entrepreneur is a perfect match for his popular sports club venture: uncompromising and extreme. Maybe too extreme. With a reputation for saying what he thinks, Drew's been causing a lot of friction. That's why someone's been called in to clean up his image – before he does any permanent damage ... The lucky lady is Gillian Noode, a PR expert who's smoothed out the rough edges on many a man. But Drew is rougher than anyone she's ever met, and he refuses to change for any woman, for any reason. To make matters more complicated, Gillian's starting to like him raw. Now, opposites aren't only attracting, they're igniting. But in the rising heat, which one of them will end up on top?

The Next Best Thing by **Kristan Higgins** (Paperback – \$24). Lucy Lang isn't looking for fireworks ... She's looking for a nice, decent man. Someone who'll mow the lawn, flip chicken on the barbeque, teach their future children to play soccer. But most important ... someone who won't inspire the slightest stirring in her heart ... or anywhere else. A young widow, Lucy can't risk that kind of loss again. But sharing her life with a cat named Fat Mikey and the Black Widows at the family bakery isn't enough either. So it's goodbye to Ethan, her hot but entirely inappropriate "friend with privileges" and hello to a man she can marry ... Too bad Ethan Mirabelli isn't going anywhere. As far as he's concerned, what she needs might be right under her nose. But can he convince her that the next best thing can really be forever?

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense continued

Notorious by **Iris Johansen** (Paperback – \$24). *Reissue*. Beautiful actress Mallory Thane endured the harsh, unforgiving glare of publicity during the trial in which she stood accused of murdering her husband. But even the acquittal that set her free couldn't ease the heartache of her ordeal. Desperate to get back her life, her career, and her sanity, she accepts a new movie deal on an island paradise – only to realize that she has walked into a trap ... Her captor is power player Sabin Wyatt, a dark, enigmatic man who still holds Mallory responsible for his brother Ben's death. But at the root of his scheme is his obsessive need to possess the woman who haunts his dreams, no matter what truth she's hiding.

Just a Taste by **Deirdre Martin** (Paperback – \$24). *Blades Series*. Since his wife's untimely death, Anthony Dante has thrown himself into his cooking, making his restaurant, Dante's, a Brooklyn institution. So far, his biggest problem has been keeping his retired hockey star brother out of the kitchen. But now, a mademoiselle is invading his turf. And you know what they say: too many chefs spoil the neighborhood ... Stunning Vivi Robitaille can't wait to showcase her tastebud-tingling recipes in her brand new bistro, Vivi's. Her only problem is an arrogant Italian chef across the street who actually thinks he's competition. The table is set for a culinary war until things start getting spicy outside of the kitchen ...

With a Twist by **Deirdre Martin** (Paperback – \$24). *Wild Hart Saga*. Natalie Bocese dreams of managing a chic Manhattan restaurant. In the meantime she's waitressing at her sister's French bistro in Brooklyn. Among the regulars is Quinn O'Brien, not only the best reporter in New York but the most handsome. He'll do anything for a story, even break hearts, though Natalie swears hers will stay untouched. When Quinn offers Natalie a waitressing job at his parents' Irish Pub in Manhattan, she can't refuse. She'll be a step closer to her dream and temptingly close to Quinn. But then Quinn's new editor-in-chief steps through the pub's doors and wants to order what's on Natalie's menu. Now Quinn will do anything to stop the presses. Pursuing the greatest story of his life, his own love story, Quinn's going to need his luck of the Irish to win Natalie's heart – or else it's c'est la vie.

Night Magic by **Karen Robards** (Paperback – \$24). *Reissue*. Romance fiction novelist Clara Winston is a woman who creates strong heroes and hopes to meet one someday. But after members of the KGB appear at her door thinking that she knows CIA agent Jack McCain (who has the same nickname as one of her fictional heroes), she finds herself on the run with Jack – and her life really turns into an adventure.

A Different Light by **Mariah Stewart** (Paperback – \$24). *Reissue*. In her New Jersey town, beautiful, vibrant Athena Moran is well known as the young widow of a police officer slain in the line of duty and as the daughter of a beloved former city councilman. But when she meets Quentin Forbes, a tough newspaper reporter, emotions that she believed died along with her husband start to stir again. Then she is asked to run for mayor, and the political contest that follows will test her newfound feelings to the breaking point, teaching her that things are not always as they appear, and much of what she's believed is more smoke than substance. The new direction Athena chooses tests her strength and courage, and ultimately leads her to see herself and everyone she knows in a totally new and different light.

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense continued

Hold on Tight by **Stephanie Tyler** (Paperback – \$24). *Hard to Hold Trilogy*. Chris Waldron, an elite U.S. Navy SEAL, is used to getting out of tight spots. But all his years of training can't prepare him for the crisis he now faces. When a mission to rescue a kidnapped ambassador and his wife goes tragically awry, an FBI hostage negotiator is killed and Chris finds himself at the center of the ensuing investigation. Leading the charge is the blistering hot special agent and onetime lover who has re-ignited their mutual attraction ... Jamie Michaels is determined to keep things professional with Chris Waldron this time. But seeing him bruised and battered in that hospital bed has rekindled all those feelings she thought she'd left behind during their brief, passionate encounter in Africa. Now Jamie must keep her craving for danger at bay as she spearheads a search for the truth that just may blow Chris's career to bits – and put them both in the crosshairs of an unseen enemy.

Crime & Mystery

August Heat by **Andrea Camilleri** (Trade Paperback – \$31). *Inspector Montalbano Mysteries*. When a colleague extends his summer vacation, Sicilian Inspector Salvo Montalbano is forced to stay in Vigàta and endure the August heat. Montalbano's long-suffering girlfriend, Livia, joins him with a friend – husband and young son in tow – to keep her company during these dog days of summer. But when the boy suddenly disappears into a narrow shaft hidden under the family's beach rental, Montalbano, in pursuit of the child, uncovers something terribly sinister. As the inspector spends the summer trying to solve this perplexing case, Livia refuses to answer his calls – and Montalbano is left to take a plunge that will affect the rest of his life.

Wings of the Sphinx by **Andrea Camilleri** (Trade Paperback – \$31). *Inspector Montalbano Mysteries*. Things are not going well for Inspector Salvo Montalbano. His relationship with Livia is once again on the rocks and – acutely aware of his age – he is beginning to grow weary of the endless violence he encounters. Then a young woman is found dead, her face half shot off and only a tattoo of a sphinx moth giving any hint of her identity. The tattoo links her to three similarly marked girls – all victims of the underworld sex trade – who have been rescued from the Mafia night-club circuit by a prominent Catholic charity. The problem is, Montalbano's inquiries elicit an outcry from the Church and the three other girls are all missing.

The Scarecrow by **Michael Connelly** (Paperback Release – \$27). Sequel to *The Poet*. Forced out of the "Los Angeles Times" amid the latest budget cuts, newspaperman Jack McEvoy decides to go out with a bang, using his final days at the paper to write the definitive murder story of his career. He focuses on Alonzo Winslow, a 16-year-old drug dealer in jail after confessing to a brutal murder. But as he delves into the story, Jack realizes that Winslow's so-called confession

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is bogus. The kid might actually be innocent. Jack is soon running with his biggest story since *The Poet* – made his career years ago. He is tracking a killer who operates completely below police radar – and with perfect knowledge of any move against him. Including Jack's.

Whisper to the Blood by **Dana Stabenow** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Kate Shugak Mysteries*. Inside Alaska's biggest national park, around the town of Niniltna, a gold mining company has started buying up land. The residents of the Park are uneasy. "But gold is up to nine hundred dollars an ounce" is the refrain of Talia Macleod, the popular Alaskan skiing champ hired by the company to improve relations with the locals, and pave the way for the mine's expansion ... Then, just as Talia is ready to present her case at town meetings and village breakfasts, there are two brutal murders, including that of a long-standing mine opponent. The investigation falls to Trooper Jim Chopin and, as usual, he could use some help from newly elected Niniltna Native Association chairman and part-time P.I. Kate Shugak. But Kate already has her hands full with a series of attacks on snowmobilers up the Kanuyaq River and the homicide of Park villain Louis Deem. With both cases on the verge of going cold, can Kate take the heat?

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Come Hell or High Water by **Michele Bardsley** (Paperback – \$22). *Broken Heart Series*. When vampire and single mother Phoebe Allen allows lust to override her common sense, she finds herself mated to sexy half-demon Connor Ballard. Now she's helping him search for an ancient talisman, fighting off his evil stepmother and her demon minions, and protecting Broken Heart from an underworld take-over.

Bone Crossed by **Patricia Briggs** (U.S. Paperback Release – \$24). *Mercy Thompson Series*. Marsilia, the local vampire queen, has learned that Mercy crossed her by slaying a member of her clan. Now, she's out for blood. But since Mercy is protected from direct reprisal by the werewolf pack – and her relationship with its sexy Alpha – it's not Mercy's blood Marsilia is after ...

Accidentally Demonic by **Dakota Cassidy** (Trade Paperback – \$31). *Accidental Series*. When mild-mannered Casey Schwartz wakes up in jail, she has no memory of how she got there. But after her sister, Wanda, bails her out, Casey has more to deal with than a foggy memory – like abrupt mood swings and fireballs shooting from her fingertips. But things really head south when a vampire shows up on her doorstep ... Vampire Clayton Gunnarsson is seriously hot. And seriously taken – by a demon. In a ritual gone wrong, Clayton tried to get rid of his unwanted bond, but spilled some demonic blood on Casey, getting her possessed in the process. Now, Casey has to share her body and manage to keep her growing attraction to Clayton in check, because falling for her demon's boyfriend just might get Casey killed – from the inside out.

Nalini Singh (Sunday 14 February)

International bestselling author Nalini Singh talks about how she got started in the world of romance fiction ... right in New Zealand's backyard.

Nalini talks about life as a writer, how she got started and the adventures along the way to being published.

Sunday 14 February 2010 at 1.00pm
Venue: Blockhouse Bay Library.

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance continued

Inked by **Karen Chance, Marjorie M. Liu, Yasmine Galenorn, Eileen Wilks** (Paperback Anthology – \$24). *Skin Deep* – Karen Chance. A war mage in Las Vegas stumbles across an ominous magical ward that appears as a dragon on her skin – and has a mind of its own. *Armor of Roses* – Marjorie M. Liu. Demon hunter Maxine Kiss investigates a grisly murder and she finds herself involved in a conspiracy dating back to World War II – and a secret mission that her grandmother may have carried out for the U.S. government. *Etched in Silver* – Yasmine Galenorn. A supernatural agent is on the trail of a sadistic serial killer when an unexpected – and dangerously seductive – ally comes to her aid, setting in motion a magical ritual that may end up binding them together, body and soul. *Human Nature* – Eileen Wilks. When the magically tattooed body of a man is found in a Northern Californian town, FBI Agent Lily Yu is drawn into the case. Trouble is, the victim wasn't human – and the killer isn't finished.

A Tale of Two Demon Slayers by **Angie Fox** (Paperback – \$24). *Demon Slayer Series*. Last month, I was a single preschool teacher whose greatest thrill consisted of color-coding my lesson plans. That was before I learned I was a slayer. Now, it's up to me to face curse-hurling imps, vengeful demons, and any other supernatural uglies that crop up. And, to top it off, a hunk of a shape-shifting griffin has invited me to Greece to meet his family ... But it's not all sun, sand, and ouzo. Someone has created a dark-magic version of me with my powers and my knowledge – and it wants to kill me and everyone I know. Of course, this evil twin doesn't have Grandma's gang of biker witches, a talking Jack Russell terrier, or an eccentric necromancer on its side. In the ultimate showdown for survival, may the best demon slayer win.

First Drop of Crimson by **Jeaniene Frost** (Paperback – \$24). *Night Huntress Series*. The night is not safe for mortals. Denise MacGregor knows all too well what lurks in the shadows – her best friend is half-vampire Cat Crawfield – and she has already lost more than the average human could bear. But her family's past is wrapped in secrets and shrouded in darkness – and a demon shapeshifter has marked Denise as prey. Now her survival depends on an immortal who lusts for a taste of her ... He is Spade, a powerful, mysterious vampire who has walked the earth for centuries and is now duty – bound to protect this endangered, alluring human – even if it means destroying his own kind. Denise may arouse his deepest hungers, but Spade knows he must fight his urge to have her as they face the nightmare together ... Because once the first crimson drop falls, they will both be lost.

Flirt by **Laurell K. Hamilton** (Hardcover – \$35). *Anita Blake Series*. When Anita Blake meets with prospective client Tony Bennington, who is desperate to have her reanimate his recently deceased wife, she is full of sympathy for his loss. Anita knows something about love, and she knows everything there is to know about loss. But what she also knows, though Tony Bennington seems unwilling to be convinced, is that the thing she can do as a necromancer isn't the miracle he thinks he needs. The creature that Anita could coerce to step out of the late Mrs. Bennington's grave would not be the lovely Mrs. Bennington. Not really. And not for long.

Blood Cross by **Faith Hunter** (Paperback – \$24). *Jane Yellowrock Series*. The vampire council has hired skinwalker Jane Yellowrock to hunt and kill one of their own who has broken sacred ancient rules – but Jane quickly realizes that in a community that is thousands

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of years old, loyalties run deep ...

Ecstasy Unveiled by **Larissa Ione** (Paperback – \$22). *Demonica Series*. Lore is a Seminus half-breed demon who has been forced to act as his dark master's assassin. Now to earn his freedom and save his sister's life, he must complete one last kill. Powerful and ruthless, he'll stop at nothing to carry out this deadly mission ... Idess is an earthbound angel with a wild side, sworn to protect the human Lore is targeting. She's determined to thwart her wickedly handsome adversary by any means necessary – even if that means risking her vow of eternal chastity. But what begins as a simple seduction soon turns into a passion that leaves both angel and demon craving complete surrender ... Torn between duty and desire, Lore and Idess must join forces as they battle their attraction for each other. Because an enemy from the past is rising again – one hellbent on vengeance and unthinkable destruction.

Fallen by **Lauren Kate** (Trade Paperback – \$33). *Fallen Series*. There's something achingly familiar about Daniel Grigori ... Mysterious and aloof, he captures Luce Price's attention from the moment she sees him on her first day at the Sword & Cross boarding school in sultry Savannah, Georgia. He's the one bright spot in a place where cell phones are forbidden, the other students are all screw-ups, and security cameras watch every move ... Even though Daniel wants nothing to do with Luce – and goes out of his way to make that very clear – she can't let it go. Drawn to him like a moth to a flame, she has to find out what Daniel is so desperate to keep secret ... even if it kills her.

Demon Bound by **Caitlin Kittredge** (Paperback – \$24). *Black London Series*. Thirteen years ago, Jack Winter lay dying in a graveyard. Jack called upon a demon and traded his soul for his life ... and now the demon is back to collect its due. But Jack has finally found something to live for. Her name is Pete Caldecott, and because of her, Jack's not going to Hell without a fight ... Pete doesn't know about Jack's bargain, but she does know that something bigger and far more dangerous than Jack's demon is growing in the Black. Old gods are stirring and spirits are rising – and Jack doesn't stand a chance of stopping them without Pete's help.

Moon Craving by **Lucy Monroe** (Paperback – \$24). *Children of the Moon Series*. When Talorc – laird of the Sinclair clan and leader of his werewolf pack – must wed an Englishwoman, he's shocked to find that she is his mate. Deaf since childhood, Abigail hopes to keep her affliction from Talorc as long as possible, just as he has no intention of telling her that he's a werewolf. But when Abigail learns that the husband she's begun to love has deceived her, it will take all his warrior's strength – and his wolf's cunning – to win his wife back.

Mark of the Demon by **Diana Rowland** (Paperback – \$24). *Kara Gillian Series*. Why me? Why now? That's what Beaulac, Louisiana, detective Kara Gillian was asking herself when an angelic creature named Rhyzkahl unexpectedly appeared during a routine summoning. Kara was hoping to use her occult skills to catch a serial killer, but never had she conjured anything like this unearthly beautiful and unspeakably powerful being whose very touch set off exquisite new dimensions of pleasure. But can she enlist his aid in helping her stop a killer who's already claimed the lives – and souls – of thirteen people? And should she? The Symbol Man is a nightmare that the city thought had ended three years ago. Now he's back for an encore and leaving every indication on the flesh of his victims that he, too, is well versed in demonic lore ... Kara may be

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the only cop on Beaulac's small force able to stop the killer, but it is her first homicide case. Yet with Rhyzkahl haunting her dreams, and a handsome yet disapproving FBI agent dogging her waking footsteps, she may be in way over her head ...

Twice as Hot by **Gena Showalter** (Paperback – \$24). *Tales of an Extraordinary Girl Series*. Belle Jamison is finally starting to feel like a normal girl again. Her job as a paranormal investigator is going well, she's learned to control her supernatural abilities (mostly) and she's just gotten engaged to Rome Masters, the ultra-sexy operative who once tried to neutralize her! ... But planning a wedding is never easy, especially when the bride keeps accidentally torching her dress, the groom returns from a dangerous mission with selective memory loss and the man responsible now wants Belle for himself. With Rome's ex determined to win him back and a new band of supervillains on the horizon, it will take all Belle's powers – plus a little help from her trusty empath sidekick – to save the day, salvage the wedding and prove that true love really does conquer all.

Blood Magic by **Eileen Wilks** (Paperback – \$24). *World of Lupi Series*. Lily Yu and Lupi prince Rule Turner have a bigger problem than their families not accepting their impending human/werewolf mixed marriage. A powerful ancient nemesis of Lily's grandmother has come to San Diego to turn the city into a feeding ground.

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The Golden Season by **Connie Brockway** (Paperback – \$24). Wealthy, orphaned Lady Lydia Eastlake reigns over Regency England as the ton's most celebrated beauty. But she must face losing the only life she's ever known when her fortune suddenly disappears – and the only solution is to find a wealthy husband. Enter Captain Ned Lockton, a rich and dashing war hero who sends Lydia's pulse racing. Little does she know that the enigmatic captain's family estate is secretly on the selling block and he's on the hunt for a rich bride who will rescue his family from poverty ...

Viking in Love by **Sandra Hill** (Paperback – \$24). *Viking Series 1*. She said ... Caedmon of Larkspur is the most loathsome lout I have ever encountered! When my sisters and I arrived at his castle, we were greeted by servants and children running wild, while Caedmon lied abed after a night of ale. No doubt there will be another child soon, because I must admit he's as handsome as he is virile. And I must endure him, for we are in desperate need of protection, though I can only imagine what this knight will demand of me in return ... He said ... After nine long months in the king's service, all I wanted was peace ... not five Viking princesses running my keep. And the fiery redhead who burst into my chamber that first morning is the worst of all. Why, I should kick her out ... but I have a much more wickedly delightful plan for Breanne of Stoneheim, one that will leave her a Viking in lust.

Lord of the Far Island by **Victoria Holt** (Trade Paperback – \$31). *Reissue*. The past is never far behind ... Ellen Kellaway, orphaned at age five, was raised by wealthy cousins, but was never allowed to forget that her every advantage was owed to the charity of others. However, when the son of a powerful London family asks for her hand in marriage, her world is opened up to untold wealth and social position. She never imagined that such an unlikely dream would come true ... Despite these wonderful new developments in her life, Ellen continues to be wracked by the bad dreams that have haunted her since childhood. What is the meaning of

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the lifelong nightmare – the image of an unfamiliar room, a door opening and behind it a dreadful presence? Perhaps it is a message urging her to uncover the secrets of her long-lost family – the secrets of the ancient home of the Kellaways on the Far Island, off the wild coast of Cornwall.

Ravishing in Red by **Madeline Hunter** (Paperback – \$24). *The Rarest Blooms Series*. Audrianna Kelmsleigh is unattached, independent and armed. Her adversary is Lord Sebastian Sommerhays. What they have in common is Audrianna's father, who died in a scandalous conspiracy – a deserved death in Sebastian's eyes. Audrianna vows to clear her father's name, never expecting to fall in love with the man devoted to destroying it ...

The Truth About Lord Stoneville by **Sabrina Jeffries** (Paperback – \$24). *Hellions of Halstead Hall Series*. The Hellions of Halstead Hall – they're the scandalous Sharpes, five hell-raising siblings tainted by a shocking family legacy. Now each faces a daunting ultimatum: marry by year's end – or kiss their inheritance goodbye ... In the two decades since a tragic "accident" took the lives of his parents, Oliver Sharpe, the Marquess of Stoneville, has survived the scandal surrounding that fateful night by living as an unrepentant rakehell. And with his grandmother vowing to disinherit him if he doesn't settle down and wed, he plans to fulfill the bargain in true Sharpe style – by bringing home a fake fiancée from a brothel! But his scheme is derailed when he rescues an American beauty in a dire predicament instead. Maria Butterfield came to London to track down her groom-to-be, who's gone missing, but her engagement won't stop Oliver from getting what he wants: her, in his bed. His rebellious masquerade may call his grandmother's bluff, but it's soon made all too real – by a love that tempts him to be a hellion no more.

To Tame a Dangerous Lord by **Nicole Jordan** (Paperback – \$24). *Courtship Wars Series*. Dangerously sexy nobleman and former spymaster Rayne Kenyon, Earl of Haviland, has no interest in love. He merely desires an heir to carry on his title and therefore must have a wife. Rayne makes a surprising choice of brides by settling on the plain spinster daughter of a fellow spy who once saved his life. But the spirited and witty Madeline Ellis proves much more than Rayne bargained for ... Dazed by Rayne's smoldering kisses, Madeline knows that she's at last found love – with a man determined to avoid it. Once wedded, she decides to take fate into her own hands. Maybe, just maybe, she can kindle the fires in Rayne's heart by turning her plain, ordinary self into a dazzling temptress. With a little help from the Loring sisters, the earl's artless new wife becomes a beautiful, bold seductress in their marriage bed. But who could imagine that a simple marriage of convenience can suddenly be flooded with danger, desire, and unexpected love?

Lessons in French by **Laura Kinsale** (Paperback – \$24). Trevelyan and Callie are childhood sweethearts with a taste for adventure, until the fateful day her father discovers them embracing in the carriage house and, in a furious frenzy, drives Trevelyan away in disgrace. Nine long, lonely years later, Trevelyan returns. Callie discovers that he can still make her blood race and fill her life with excitement, but he can't give her the one thing she wants more than anything – himself ... For Trevelyan, Callie is a spark of light in a world of darkness and deceit. Before he can bear to say his last goodbyes, he's determined to sweep her into one last, fateful adventure, just for the two of them.

Historical & Regency Romance continued**Taming the Highland Bride** by **Lynsay Sands**

(Paperback – \$24). Merry Stewart has had enough! Enough of her brothers, whose behavior would make even the most improper lady blush. Enough of their Highland home, which would surely have fallen to ruin were it not for her. She dreams of escaping into the arms of her betrothed, Alexander d'Aumesbery – even though they haven't yet met. But when they do, Merry is devastated. It seems he's no better than the men in her family ... So beautiful, so brazen ... From the moment he meets Merry, Alexander is determined to make her his. Desperate to convince her he's nothing like the members of her roguish clan, he will prove he is every bit the well-mannered gentleman. Yet, beneath it all beats a heart as intense and uncontrollable as hers. And finally, when his life is threatened, Merry realizes he's the husband she's been waiting for ... and their passion becomes the one thing that cannot be tamed.

At the Duke's Pleasure by **Tracy Anne Warren**

(Paperback – \$24). *Byrons of Braeborne Series*. Edward Byron, Duke of Clybourne, has everything a man in Society needs ... except a wife. Duty requires he wed, so he decides that a long-standing arranged marriage will do nicely. He knows his bride is beautiful, biddable, and bright enough to run his household and nursery. He expects his betrothed, Lady Claire Marsden, will be thrilled with his decision – unfortunately, she's not! ... Claire has longed for Edward since she was sixteen, but how can he expect her to agree to his proposal when he barely knows her and doesn't love her? Nothing will convince her to accept a loveless marriage. And so she begins a battle of outrageous resistance, forcing Edward to learn that he must lose his heart in order to win his bride.

Hot Romance

When Alex Was Bad by **Jo Davis** (Trade Paperback – \$32). After fifteen years together, Alexander and Olivia Quinn have become strangers, both in and out of the bedroom – until Olivia suggests a provocative plan to save their marriage. When their handsome neighbor joins the game, all three players will become embroiled in a dangerous and unexpected world of secrets, betrayal, and murder.

Nauti Deceptions by **Lora Leigh** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Nauti Series*. Caitlyn "Rogue" Walker left her life in Boston to become a teacher in a small Kentucky town. But her dream was shattered when she was framed in a sex scandal. Refusing to be run out of town, Caitlyn shed the identity she had and became Rogue. Sheriff Zeke Mayes knows there's more to her than meets the eye, though what meets the eye is pretty smoking. He's prepared for a long struggle getting Rogue to drop her defenses – and give in to desire. But soon Zeke will become embroiled in a deadly game that sweeps Rogue up in its wake. And when everything seems to be a matter of life and death, there is no reason to hold back ...

Caleb by **Sarah McCarty** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Shadow Wranglers Series*. Allie always desired mysterious, sexy rancher Caleb Johnson, but he never seemed to notice her. Until the night she's attacked by a

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vicious animal, and rescued by a shapeshifting vampire that she almost seems to recognize: the baritone growl, the mesmerizing eyes, the inexplicable animal attraction. That's because her savior is Caleb, and now he has no choice but to bring Allie into the shadows with him – to protect her from a rival werewolf pack, and to finally reveal his true feelings for the woman he's been afraid to love.

Mainstream & Chick Lit**When Will There Be Good News?** by **Kate Atkinson**

(Trade Paperback – \$31). On a hot summer day, Joanna Mason's family slowly wanders home along a country lane. A moment later, Joanna's life is changed forever ... On a dark night thirty years later, ex-detective Jackson Brodie finds himself on a train that is both crowded and late. Lost in his thoughts, he suddenly hears a shocking sound ... At the end of a long day, 16-year-old Reggie is looking forward to watching a little TV. Then a terrifying noise shatters her peaceful evening. Luckily, Reggie makes it a point to be prepared for an emergency ... These three lives come together in unexpected and deeply thrilling ways

Vanishing Act by **Fern Michaels** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Sisterhood Series*. It's a hot, sunny afternoon on the mountain top, and the sisters are enjoying sitting around the pool chatting and laughing, frosty glasses of lemonade to keep them cool and relaxed. It's a welcome hiatus after their last harrowing mission, and the only cloud over the happy occasion is that Charles, their mentor, is still mysteriously absent. But amid the friendly bickering about who's going to make dinner and what that might be, the Ladies of Pinewood receive some dreadful news: Harry Wong – Yoko's true love and a staunch supporter of the Sisterhood – has become the victim of a ruthless identity theft ring. Harry's bank accounts have been closed out, his beloved dojo is being foreclosed on, and he's being evicted. Distraught, Yoko is about to rush down the mountain to Harry's aid when the Sisters intercept her. A situation like Harry's requires finesse, careful planning, and their distinctive brand of vigilante justice. It's not enough to make sure that Harry gets back what is rightfully his. The ladies intend to make sure that the miscreants who invaded his life will pay in a way they'll never forget. One for all and all for one – that's the Sisterhood way, and heaven help those who forget it ...

The Choice by **Nicholas Sparks** (Paperback Release – \$24). Travis Parker has everything a man could want: a good job, loyal friends, even a waterfront home in small-town North Carolina. In full pursuit of the good life – boating, swimming, and regular barbecues with his good-natured buddies – he holds the vague conviction that a serious relationship with a woman would only cramp his style. That is, until Gabby Holland moves in next door. Despite his attempts to be neighborly, the appealing redhead seems to have a chip on her shoulder about him ... and the presence of her longtime boyfriend doesn't help. Despite himself, Travis can't stop trying to ingratiate himself with his new neighbor, and his persistent efforts lead them both to the doorstep of a journey that neither could have foreseen.

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A Beginners Guide to Romance Fiction

We are often asked for book recommendations, which can be difficult to do – because of the importance of individual taste. But, that issue aside, there are a number of single-title books or series that have achieved both widespread popularity as well as critical acclaim.

We have put together an indicative listing of such titles below, restricting the list to just one entry per author per genre. In doing so, the listing does not include classic greats such as Jane Austen (*Pride and Prejudice*), Charlotte Bronte (*Jane Eyre*), Emily Bronte (*Wuthering Heights*) and Georgette Heyer (*These Old Shades*) – as we have focussed on books published in the last twenty-five or so years. However, most of the books shown below should be in print.

Author	Title (and Series)	Genre
Diana Gabaldon	Outlander (<i>Outlander Series</i>)	Historical
Jude Deveraux	A Knight in Shining Armor	Historical
Judith McNaught	Whitney, My Love (<i>Westmoreland Series</i>)	Historical
Julie Garwood	Ransom (<i>Highlands Lairds Series</i>)	Historical
Kathleen Woodiwiss	Shanna	Historical
Julia Quinn	The Duke and I (<i>Bridgerton Series</i>)	Historical
Lisa Kleypas	Dreaming of You (<i>Gamblers Series</i>)	Historical
Loretta Chase	Lord of Scoundrels (<i>Scoundrels Series</i>)	Historical
Laura Kinsale	Flowers From The Storm	Historical
Johanna Lindsey	Gentle Rogue (<i>Malory Series</i>)	Historical
Stephanie Laurens	Devil's Bride (<i>Cynster Series</i>)	Historical
Lisa Valdez	Passion (<i>Passion Series</i>)	Historical
Elizabeth Hoyt	The Raven Prince (<i>Princes Trilogy</i>)	Historical
Mary Balogh	Slightly Dangerous (<i>Bedwyn Series</i>)	Historical
Gaelen Foley	The Duke (<i>Knight Series</i>)	Historical
Janet Evanovich	One for the Money (<i>Stephanie Plum Series</i>)	Contemporary/Crime
Linda Howard	Mr. Perfect	Contemporary
Jennifer Crusie	Bet Me	Contemporary
Judith McNaught	Paradise (<i>Second Opportunities Series</i>)	Contemporary
J.D. Robb	Naked In Death (<i>In Death Series</i>)	Contemporary/Crime
Sandra Brown	Envy	Contemporary/Suspense
Susan Elizabeth Phillips	Nobody's Baby But Mine (<i>Chicago Stars Series</i>)	Contemporary
Julie Garwood	Heartbreaker (<i>Buchanan Series</i>)	Contemporary/Suspense
Iris Johansen	The Killing Game (<i>Eve Duncan Series</i>)	Contemporary/Suspense
Suzanne Brockmann	Gone Too Far (<i>Troubleshooter Series</i>)	Contemporary/Suspense
Cherry Adair	Kiss and Tell (<i>T-FLAC Series</i>)	Contemporary/Suspense
Nora Roberts	Seaswept (<i>Chesapeake Bay Series</i>)	Contemporary
Rachel Gibson	Truly Madly Yours	Contemporary
Jayne Ann Krentz	All Night Long	Contemporary
Elizabeth Lowell	Pearl Cove (<i>Donovan Series</i>)	Contemporary/Suspense
Debbie Macomber	The Shop on Blossom St (<i>Blossom St Series</i>)	Contemporary
Stephanie Meyer	Twilight (<i>Twilight Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Charlaine Harris	Dead Until Dark (<i>Sookie Stackhouse Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Laurell K. Hamilton	Guilty Pleasures (<i>Anita Blake Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
J.R. Ward	Dark Lover (<i>Black Dagger Brotherhood Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
P.C. Cast	Marked (<i>House of Night Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Patricia Briggs	Moon Called (<i>Mercy Thompson Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Sherrilyn Kenyon	Fantasy Lover (<i>Dark Hunter Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Kresley Cole	A Hunger Like No Other (<i>Immortals After Dark Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Christine Feehan	Dark Prince (<i>Carpathians Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Karen Marie Moning	Dark Fever (<i>Fever Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Nalini Singh	Slave to Sensation (<i>Psy-Changeling Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Gena Showalter	The Darkest Night (<i>Lords of the Underworld Series</i>)	Fantasy & Paranormal
Helen Fielding	Bridget Jones's Diary (<i>Bridget Jones Series</i>)	Chick Lit
Sophie Kinsella	Confessions of a Shopaholic (<i>Shopaholic Series</i>)	Chick Lit
Emily Giffin	Something Borrowed	Chick Lit
Marian Keyes	The Other Side of the Story	Chick Lit
Jennifer Weiner	Good in Bed	Chick Lit
Lora Leigh	Tempting the Beast (<i>Breeds Series</i>)	Hot
Jaid Black	The Empress New Clothes (<i>Trek Mi Q'An Series</i>)	Hot
Shayla Black	Decadent	Hot
Megan Hart	Broken	Hot

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Summary of This Month's Books

Author	Title	Classification	Price
Kate Atkinson	When Will There Be Good News#	Mainstream	\$31
Michele Bardsley	Come Hell or High Water	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$22
Allison Brennan	Original Sin	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Patricia Briggs	Bone Crossed#	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Connie Brockway	The Golden Season	Historical	\$24
Mary Burton	Dying Scream	Contemporary/Suspense	\$22
Andrea Camilleri	August Heat	Crime & Mystery	\$31
Andrea Camilleri	Wings of the Sphinx	Crime & Mystery	\$31
Robyn Carr	Angel's Peak	Contemporary	\$24
Dakota Cassidy	Accidentally Demonic	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$31
Karen Chance, Marjorie M. Liu, etc	Inked	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Michael Connelly	The Scarecrow#	Crime & Mystery	\$27
Jennifer Crusie	The Cinderella Deal	Contemporary	\$24
Jo Davis	When Alex Was Bad	Hot	\$32
Lori Foster	Back in Black	Contemporary	\$24
Angie Fox	A Tale of Two Demon Slayers	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Jeaniene Frost	First Drop of Crimson	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Laurell K. Hamilton	Flirt*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$35
Kristan Higgins	The Next Best Thing	Contemporary	\$24
Sandra Hill	Viking In Love	Historical	\$24
Victoria Holt	Lord of the Far Island	Historical	\$31
Faith Hunter	Blood Cross	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Madeline Hunter	Ravishing in Red	Historical	\$24
Larissa Ione	Ecstasy Unveiled	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$22
Sabrina Jeffries	The Truth About Lord Stoneville	Historical	\$24
Iris Johansen	Notorious	Contemporary	\$24
Nicole Jordan	To Tame a Dangerous Lord	Historical	\$24
Lauren Kate	Fallen	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$33
Laura Kinsale	Lessons in French	Historical	\$24
Caitlin Kittredge	Demon Bound	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Stephanie Laurens	The Elusive Bride	Historical	\$24
Lora Leigh	Nauti Deceptions	Hot	\$32
Deirdre Martin	Just a Taste	Contemporary	\$24
Deirdre Martin	With a Twist	Contemporary	\$24
Sarah McCarty	Caleb	Hot/Fantasy & Paranormal	\$32
Fern Michaels	Vanishing Act	Mainstream	\$24
Lucy Monroe	Moon Craving	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Karen Robards	Night Magic	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Nora Roberts	Hot Rocks	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Diana Rowland	Mark of the Demon	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Lynsay Sands	Taming the Highland Bride	Historical	\$24
Gena Showalter	Twice as Hot	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Nalini Singh	Archangel's Kiss	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24
Nicholas Sparks	The Choice	Mainstream	\$24
Dana Stabenow	Whisper to the Blood#	Crime & Mystery	\$24
Mariah Stewart	A Different Light	Contemporary	\$24
Stephanie Tyler	Hold on Tight	Contemporary/Suspense	\$24
Tracy Anne Warren	At the Duke's Pleasure	Historical	\$24
Eileen Wilks	Blood Magic	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$24

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