

BOOK CATALOGUE – APRIL 2010

Fans of Patricia Briggs' Mercy Thompson series will enjoy her latest book, *Silver Borne*, which is available this month – as well as new releases by Sara Donati (*Endless Forest*), Lora Leigh (*Lion's Heat*) and Jenny Patrick (*The Inheritance*). There are also paperback releases by Lee Child (*Gone Tomorrow*), Charlaine Harris (*Dead and Gone*), Sherrilyn Kenyon (*Bad Moon Rising*), Amanda Quick (*The Perfect Poison*), and J.D. Robb (*Kindred in Death*). Enjoy!

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Victoria Alexander	Desires of a Perfect Lady	Mary Balogh	Seducing an Angel#
Jo Beverley	The Secret Duke	Maya Banks	Sweet Temptation
Patricia Briggs	Silver Borne	Suzanne Enoch	A Lady's Guide to Improper Behaviour
Janet Evanovich	Hero at Large (<i>Reissue</i>)	Christine Feehan	Wild Fire
Charlaine Harris	Dead and Gone#	Rachel Gibson	Nothing But Trouble
Victoria Laurie	Ghouls Gone Wild	Susan Mallery	Chasing Perfect
Lora Leigh	Lion's Heat	Nora Roberts	Savour the Moment
Jenny Patrick	The Inheritance	Lisa Valdez	Patience
Jodi Picoult	House Rules	J.R. Ward	Lover Mine*
Kerrellyn Sparks	The Vampire and the Virgin	Sherryl Woods	Sweet Tea at Sunrise

Paperback Release

* Hardcover

& Anthology

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 <p>Title: Silver Borne Author: Patricia Briggs Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Paperback Price: \$26 Annotation: <i>Mercy Thompson Series.</i> Being a mechanic is hard work. Mercy Thompson, for instance, just spent the last couple of months trying to evade the murderous queen of the local vampire seethe, and now the leader of the werewolf pack – who's maybe-more-than-just-a-friend – has asked for her help. A book of fae secrets has come to light and they're all about to find out how implacable – and dangerous – the fae can be. OK, so maybe her troubles have nothing to do with the job. But she sure could use a holiday ...</p>	 <p>Title: Hero At Large Author: Janet Evanovich Classification: Contemporary Book Type: Paperback – Reissue Price: \$24 Annotation: He cooks a pot holder in the spaghetti sauce and needs lessons on making Jell-O. Still, single mom and ice skating coach Chris Nelson is committed to keeping her sexy, scruffy, new “house husband” around. After all, she did break his arm ... and his toe ... and she can't just turn him out into the cold ... It seemed like luck when this gorgeous stranger first stopped to help Chris with her car, but suddenly her peaceful life turns topsy-turvy as tender, long-suffering Ken Callahan enlists the sympathies of her 7-year-old daughter and her meddlesome Aunt Edna. And even Chris can't deny the excitement his magnetic blue-black eyes spark deep within her ... But who is he?</p>
 <p>Title: Dead and Gone Author: Charlaine Harris Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Paperback Release Price: \$24 Annotation: <i>Sookie Stackhouse Series.</i> When the weres and shifters finally come out, the residents of Bon Temps, Louisiana, must deal with the violent aftermath. But a far greater danger threatens. A race of unhuman beings – older, more powerful, and more secretive than vampires or werewolves – is preparing for war. And Sookie will find herself an all-too human pawn in their battle ...</p>	 <p>Title: Lion's Heat Author: Lora Leigh Classification: Contemporary/Hot Book Type: Paperback Price: \$24 Annotation: <i>Breeds Series.</i> The mating urge cannot be ignored ... Bad boy Jonas Wyatt knows it is fate that Rachel becomes his mate. He can sense it. He can also sense her reluctance. But she has little power over the mating heat of the Breeds. It is Jonas's destiny to claim her. And nothing will stop him from having his way.</p>

Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

Wild Ride by **Jennifer Crusie & Bob Mayer** (Hardcover – Available by Order – \$45). Mary Alice Brannigan doesn't believe in the supernatural. Nor does she expect to find that Dreamland, the decaying amusement park she's been hired to restore, is a prison for five Untouchables, the most powerful demons in the history of the world. Plus, there's a guy she's falling for, and there's something about him that's not quite right. But rocky romances and demented demons aren't the only problems: Mab's also coping with a crooked politician, a supernatural raven, a secret government agency, an inexperienced sorceress, an unsettling inheritance, and some mind-boggling revelations from her past. As her personal demons wreck her new relationship and real demons wreck the park, Mab faces down immortal evil and discovers what everybody who's been to an amusement park knows: The end of the ride is the wildest.

On Shadow Beach by **Barbara Freethy** (Paperback – \$24). *Angel's Bay Series*. Lauren Jamison hasn't been back to Angel's Bay since she was a teenager ... when her sister Abby was murdered and Lauren's boyfriend, Shane Murray, was accused of the crime. When Lauren returns home to assist her ailing father, the attraction again flares between Lauren and Shane. But the terrible days after Abby's murder still stand between them, as well as the secrets Shane has yet to unveil. Finding the truth could bring closure ... but at a cost. For there are people who don't want old mysteries brought to light – people whose fear makes them very dangerous.

Lois Lane Tells All by **Karen Hawkins** (Paperback – \$24). *Sequel to "Talk of the Town"*. Susan Collins always wanted to be a hard-hitting reporter, but there's not much call for her talents in Glory, North Carolina. Then the Murder Mystery Club – a trio of octogenarians – decides to open their own CSI lab at the assisted-living center. And when strange "accidents" begin to happen, Susan senses she could be on to the news story of her dreams ... Mark Tremayne has returned to Glory to take over as CFO of "The Glory Examiner." His job is to keep the newspaper profitable, which means covering the annual Baptist Church Bake-Off and selling ads for the county fair – not allowing his too-sexy-for-her-own-good reporter to hare off after a wild story that could alienate some of the townspeople ... Mark's and Susan's viewpoints could be from different planets, but their mutual attraction is in total alignment. Despite their arguments, the indomitable redhead and the hot accountant are a sexual explosion waiting to happen. And when it does, Glory had better watch out!

Just the Sexiest Man Alive by **Julie James** (Paperback – \$24). Nothing fazes Taylor Donovan – not in the courtroom and not in her personal life. So when she's assigned to coach People's "Sexiest Man Alive" for his role in the next big legal drama, she refuses to fall for the Hollywood heartthrob's charms ...

Practice Makes Perfect by **Julie James** (Paperback – \$24). Opposites collide when two lawyers try to make partner at the same firm. Payton Kendall is a feminist to the bone. Cocky J.D. Jameson was born privileged. But when they are asked to join forces on a major case, they gain a newfound awareness of each other's personal assets. The partnership spot will be offered to only one of them, though. The competition heats up. Sparks fly. Let the games begin.

Breakfast In Bed by **Robin Kaye** (Paperback – \$22). Rich, the epitome of anti-domestic, can't cook to save his life, and his idea of cleaning his apartment is to

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invite his mother over. But he's ready to settle down, and he can't stop thinking about the ex-girlfriend who got away. When he notices that his friends cooked and cleaned their way into their women's hearts, he asks his friend Becca to help transform him into a nurturing man to win back his ex ... Rich is the only guy who's taken the time to know Becca for herself. She decides she'll give him the makeover he's asking for, though she'll be damned if she's going to turn him into a domestic god for another woman. She wants Rich for herself, but how can she convince him that her kitchen and her bedroom are the domestic locales he desires?

Too Hot To Handle by **Robin Kaye** (Paperback – \$22). Dr. Mike Flynn's single mom taught him early how to cook and clean, and there's nothing like vacuuming or doing dishes to help a guy relax. Annabelle Ronaldi is an artist without a domestic bone in her body. Since her fiancé's death, she can't paint, and life looks hopeless ... Until the day after her sister's wedding, when she wakes up with Mike next to her in bed, and then she's really beside herself – because the handsome stranger is a dead ringer for her dead fiancé ... After their mind-blowing one night stand, Mike is sure this is the woman he wants to take care of forever, but she acts like she's seen a ghost. While Mike sets to work wooing Annabelle, she sets to work sniffing out the truth of the convoluted family secret that turns everybody's lives upside down.

Second Chance by **Christy Reece** (Paperback – \$24). *Last Chance Rescue Series*. Working for Last Chance Rescue, Cole Mathison has been to hell and back. But being responsible for the death of an innocent man is a hell like no other. Longing for redemption, Cole finds himself embroiled in the mysterious disappearance of Keeley Fairchild's young children. Rescuing the children is his mission – but falling in love with the widow of the man he inadvertently killed was never in the plans. When Keeley's life is threatened, Cole's demons must take a backseat to the most important mission of his life. He might never know the heaven of Keeley's arms, but he'll never survive the hell of failing to save her.

Shattered by **Karen Robards** (Hardcover – Available by Order – \$45). Lisa Shewmaker was a rising star in a prestigious law firm in Lexington, Kentucky; that is, until the firm went bankrupt and she lost her job. With an ailing mother to care for, Lisa takes the first position she can find: research assistant to District Attorney Scott Buchanan. Scott is as disagreeable as he is sexy, and Lisa suspects the only reason she got the job is because of her privileged upbringing as the daughter of a wealthy federal judge ... While reviewing cold cases in the Fayette County courthouse, a thick manila envelope draws Lisa's attention. The details of the case are engrossing: A entire family – father, mother, and two children – disappeared more than twenty-eight years ago. Except that's not all: The mother in the photo could have been Lisa's twin, and the toddler in the picture bears an uncanny resemblance to Lisa herself. Before Lisa can learn more about her past, a series of catastrophes strike close to home. Lisa confides in Scott, and their relationship develops into something completely different. Together Lisa and Scott unravel a terrifying web of criminal connections that could destroy the fabric of Lisa's life – if she lives long enough, that is.

Coming Home by **Mariah Stewart** (Paperback – \$24). *Chesapeake Diaries Series*. In the wake of his wife's murder, agent Grady Shields turned his back on the FBI – and everything else – to retreat into the vast solitude of Montana, grieve for his lost love, and forget the world.

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But after years in seclusion, his sister's wedding draws him to St. Dennis, a peaceful town on the Chesapeake Bay. Though he swears he isn't interested in finding love again, Grady can't ignore the mutual sparks that fly when he meets Vanessa Keaton ... Although her past was marked by bad choices, Vanessa has found that coming to St. Dennis is the best decision she's ever made. Bling, her trendy boutique, is a success with tourists as well as with the townspeople. She's made friends, has a home she loves, and has established a life for herself far from the nightmare she left behind. The last thing she's looking for is romance, but the new man in town is hard to resist. And when Vanessa's past catches up with her, Grady finds that he's unwilling to let her become a victim again. As they fight her demons, Grady and Vanessa discover that life still holds some surprises and that love doesn't always have to hurt.

Crime & Mystery

Gone Tomorrow by **Lee Child** (Paperback Release – \$27). *Jack Reacher Series*. New York City. Two in the morning. A subway car heading uptown. Jack Reacher, plus five other passengers. Four are okay. The fifth ... Susan Mark ... isn't. She had a lonely heart, an estranged son, and a big secret. Because a race has begun through the streets of Manhattan in a maze crowded with violent, skilled soldiers on all sides of a shadow war. Susan Mark's plain little life was critical to dozens of others in Washington, California, Afghanistan ... from a former Delta Force operator now running for the U.S. Senate, to a beautiful young woman with a fantastic story to tell – and to a host of others who have just one thing in common: They're all lying to Reacher. A little. A lot. Just enough to get him killed.

Oolong Dead by **Laura Childs** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Tea Shop Mystery Series*. While hosting a lavish luncheon to benefit the Charleston Opera, Theodosia Browning finds her arch nemesis, Abby Davis, dead. What's more, the victim's brother is Theodosia's old flame. Who'd have guessed they'd be reunited through cold-blooded murder?

Ghouls Gone Wild by **Victoria Laurie** (Paperback – \$22). *Ghost Hunter Mystery Series*. When psychic M.J. Holliday and her friends travel to a small town near Edinburgh, Scotland, to film the first installment of their new cable TV show "Ghoul Getters," they find plenty of spooky action in a series of supposedly haunted caverns. But when they discover the body of a maintenance worker, the cause of death is reminiscent of an old legend involving a witch's wrath ...

Kindred in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Paperback Release – \$24). *In Death Series*. When the newly promoted captain of the NYPSD and his wife return a day early from their vacation, they were looking forward to spending time with their sixteen-year-old daughter who had stayed behind. Not even their worst nightmares could have prepared them for the crime scene that awaited them instead. Brutally murdered in her bedroom, Deena's body showed signs of trauma that horrified even the toughest of cops; including Lieutenant Eve Dallas, who was requested by the captain to investigate. When the evidence starts to pile up, Dallas and her team think they are about to arrest their perpetrator; little do they know that someone has gone to great lengths to tease them by using a variety of identities. Overconfidence can lead to careless mistakes. But for Dallas, one mistake might be all she needs to bring justice.

Lover's Tiff by **Rowen Saker** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *NZ Author*. Murder and deceit at the heart of the nation's capital ... On the table was a girl, or rather a

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young woman, around 18 or 19 years of age. Her skin was the faded ivory he remembered, of the dead, but there were also patches of dull mauve, multiple bruises, blues and purples around her face, neck and chest. Her hair was a total mess. Plenty there for a talented undertaker. Bits of leaf and twig were strewn through it. It was matted and bloodied. If she had been pretty, she was no longer. This was no sleep-filled repose, no Rest in Peace. The same mauve, turning to light green could be seen around her shoulder blade and breasts, as if she had been struck repeatedly, in the same region ...

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Never Cry Werewolf by **L.A. Banks** (Paperback – \$24). *Crimson Moon Series*. The last fight between the werewolf clans spilled onto the streets of New Orleans – and now the whole city's on red alert. Martial law has gone into effect. Mediums, ghost hunters, and other supernatural pundits have taken over the media, swarming the Big Easy to expose the hard truth about lycanthropes. And to make matters worse, a beastly killer is clawing up humans ... Secret government operative Sasha Trudeau doesn't like what she's seeing – a series of brutal and bloody slayings that appear to be wolf-like attacks. It might be the work of a copy cat killer – vampire or Unseelie or some other enemy of the Seelie clan. But while Sasha races to find suspects and motives, the panic level is rising – and the city's human population is clamoring for an all-out wolf hunt ...

The Devil's Playground by **Jenna Black** (Paperback – \$24). *Morgan Kingsley Series*. Morgan Kingsley, a kick-ass exorcist, can deal with Lugh, the supersexy demon living inside her, but does he have to moan softly during her intimate moments with her mortal lover? Understandably, Brian is reluctant to share the pleasures of Morgan's flesh with a gorgeous rogue from the Demon Realm ... But personal matters will have to wait when the opportunistic owner of the Seven Deadlies demon club in Philadelphia enlists Morgan's help in heading off a crisis: It seems that demons have started showing up at the hot spot in alarming numbers and in the unwilling bodies of rough trade club-goers. Morgan is sure that Dougal, Lugh's sworn enemy, is behind this, but why? To find out, Morgan must summon every ounce of power at her command – or risk becoming another casualty in an all-out demon war.

Touch of Seduction by **Rhyannon Byrd** (Paperback – \$24). *Primal Instinct Series*. Sold into slavery as a child to a cruel taskmaster, tiger-shifter Aiden Shrader trusts no one. Not even his own kind. Yet as a member of the Watchmen – the organization of shape-shifters who keep watch over the ancient nonhuman races – Aiden is fiercely protective of the helpless. Never more so than when he's asked to guard a little girl with witches' blood – and her beautiful human aunt. A woman who arouses all of Aiden's primal urges ... urges he must resist ... To small-town schoolteacher Olivia Harcourt, the massive tiger-shifter with the glowing amber eyes is as much a dark mystery as the enemy stalking her. Yet Aiden is her only hope of surviving. Until their intense passion unleashes her own inner tigress with a ferocity that will make the evil Casus rue the day they messed with her family ... and will take Aiden by seductive surprise.

Out of Body by **Stella Cameron** (Paperback – \$24). *Court of Angels Series*. Born of an ancient family of clairvoyants, Marley Millet finds that her psychic gift is both unsettling and incredibly dangerous. She never wants to travel again – but the choice is not hers to make. After glimpsing the fates of two missing New Orleans jazz singers, Marley knows she has no choice

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and must speak up before more women disappear. Flinty cop-turned-writer Gray Fisher, who interviewed both chanteuses before they vanished, takes a special interest in Marley's incredible story – and in Marley. Scouring the wild clubs of the French Quarter, Marley and Gray make an unlikely and uneasy team. But their determination is matched only by the heat between them ... and the evil they have uncovered.

Unclean Spirits by **M.L.N. Hanover** (Paperback – \$24). *Black Sun's Daughter Series*. Jayne Heller thinks of herself as a realist, until she discovers reality isn't quite what she thought it was. When her uncle Eric is murdered, Jayne travels to Denver to settle his estate, only to learn that it's all hers – and vaster than she ever imagined. And along with properties across the world and an inexhaustible fortune, Eric left her a legacy of a different kind: his unfinished business with a cabal of wizards known as the Invisible College. Led by the ruthless Randolph Coin, the Invisible College harnesses demon spirits for their own ends of power and domination. Jayne finds it difficult to believe magic and demons can exist, let alone be responsible for the death of her uncle. But Coin sees Eric's heir as a threat to be eliminated by any means – magical or mundane – so Jayne had better start believing in something to save her life ... Aided in her mission by a group of unlikely companions – Aubrey, Eric's attractive assistant; Ex, a former Jesuit with a lethal agenda; Midian, a two-hundred-year-old man who claims to be under a curse from Randolph Coin himself; and Chogyi Jake, a self-styled Buddhist with mystical abilities – Jayne finds that her new reality is not only unexpected, but often unexplainable. And if she hopes to survive, she'll have to learn the new rules fast – or break them completely ...

Deadtown by **Nancy Holzner** (Paperback – \$24). They call it Deadtown: the city's quarantined section for its inhuman and undead residents. Most humans stay far from its borders – but Victory Vaughn, Boston's only professional demon slayer, isn't exactly human ... Vicky's demanding job keeping the city safe from all manner of monsters is one reason her relationship with workaholic lawyer (and werewolf) Alexander Kane is in constant limbo. Throw in a foolhardy zombie apprentice, a mysterious demon-plagued client, and a suspicious research facility that's taken an unwelcome interest in her family, and Vicky's love life has as much of a pulse as Deadtown's citizens. But now Vicky's got bigger things to worry about. The Hellion who murdered her father ten years ago has somehow broken through Boston's magical protections. The Hellion is a ruthless force of destruction with a personal grudge against Vicky, and she's the only one who can stop the demon before it destroys the city and everyone in it.

Beyond the Darkness by **Alexandra Ivy** (Paperback – \$22). *Guardians of Eternity Series*. Salvatore Giuliani is not a happy werewolf. It's his duty as leader to track down the pureblood females who can keep his people from extinction. But the moment he catches scent of Harley, a pureblood held by a pack of mangy curs, his savage need for her obliterates all other instincts. And the only thing worse than being captured is finding that beautiful, independent Harley defiantly refuses to become his mate ... Harley has been taught to distrust all Weres, especially their arrogant king. She won't be used for breeding or bonded against her will, not even to a man who makes every nerve tingle with awareness. Yet Salvatore is her key to saving the family she never knew she had – if she dares to succumb to his dark, predatory desire, and face a vicious enemy sworn to destroy them both ...

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Bad Moon Rising by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Dark Hunter Series*. Fang Kattalakis isn't just a wolf. He is the brother of two of the most powerful members of the Omegion: the ruling council that enforces the laws of the Were-Hunters. When war erupts among the lycanthropes, sides must be chosen. Enemies must become allies. And Fang's one true passion is strictly forbidden ... When Aimee, the Arcadian huntress he loves, is accused of betraying her people, Fang is her last hope. But in order to save her, he must break the laws of his people and the trust of his brothers – a breach that could destroy both their races and change their world forever ...

Three Days to Dead by **Kelly Meding** (Paperback – \$24). *Dreg City Series*. When Evangeline Stone wakes up naked and bruised on a cold slab at the morgue – in a stranger's body, with no memory of who she is and how she got there – her troubles are only just beginning. Before that night she and the two other members of her Triad were the city's star bounty hunters, mercilessly cleansing the city of the murderous creatures living in the shadows, from vampires to shape-shifters to trolls. Then something terrible happened that not only cost all three of them their lives but also convinced the city's other Hunters that Evy was a traitor – and she can't even remember what it was. Now she's a fugitive, piecing together her memory, trying to deal some serious justice – and discovering that she has only three days to solve her own murder before the reincarnation spell wears off. Because in three days Evy will die again – but this time there's no second chance ...

Rebels and Lovers by **Linnea Sinclair** (Paperback – \$24). *Dock Five Universe*. It's been two years since Devin Guthrie last saw Captain Makaiden Griggs. But time has done little to dampen his ardor for the beautiful take-charge pilot who used to fly yachts for his wealthy family. While Devin's soul still burns for Kaidee, she isn't the kind of woman a Guthrie is allowed to marry – especially in a time of intergalactic upheaval, with the family's political position made precarious by Devin's brother Philip, now in open revolt against the Empire. And when Devin's nineteen-year-old nephew, Trip, inexplicably goes missing after his bodyguard is murdered, this most dutiful of Guthrie sons finds every ounce of family loyalty put to the test. Only by joining forces with Kaidee can Devin complete the mission to bring Trip back alive. Only by breaking every rule can these two renegades redeem the promise of a passion they were never permitted to explore. At risk? A political empire, a personal fortune, and their hearts and lives.

Nightfall by **L.J. Smith** (Paperback – \$24). *Vampire Diaries: The Return Series*. To save the two vampire brothers who love her, Elena Gilbert sacrificed her life. Now that a supernatural force has brought Elena back from the dead, all handsome, brooding Stefan wants is to keep her safe. But when he is lured away from Fell's Church, sleek, powerful Damon seizes his chance to win Elena over, unaware of the danger they're both in. A malevolent being has infiltrated the town and is growing stronger. Able to possess Damon at will, the creature is also drawn to Elena and the new power she has acquired. But it's after more than Elena's power: It thirsts for her death.

The Vampire and the Virgin by **Kerrellyn Sparks** (Paperback – \$24). *Love at Stake Series*. FBI psychologist Olivia Sotiris was looking for a cool ocean breeze, sand between her toes, and a break from her crazy, chaotic, and sometimes-dangerous life. But when she escaped to the small Greek island of Patmos, all she got were meddling grandmothers trying to marry her off.

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Can't they see that none of the men around interests her – except Robby MacKay? ... Robby needs to cool off, too, since all he can think about is revenge on the Malcontent bloodsuckers who once held him captive – but then he meets Olivia, the beauty with wild curls and a tempting smile. When a deadly criminal from a case back home tracks her down, Robby will have to save her life – along with giving her a first time she'll never forget.

Abandon the Night by **Joss Ware** (Paperback – \$24). *Awakening Heroes Series*. Quentin Fielding had everything. Money. Power. Women. But now that civilization is all but annihilated, Quent wants only one thing: revenge. Harnessing a strange new gift, he embarks on a deadly mission to find the man responsible for the chaos and destruction, the man he should have killed years ago: his father. Only one thing stands in his way – a mysterious, arrow-wielding beauty ... Zoe Kapoor is on her own quest for vengeance, searching for the monstrous fiends who murdered her family. Soon she and Quent join together, journeying through the ruins of the world they once knew as a desperate desire builds between them. Drawing closer to an enemy they never imagined, Zoe and Quent must abandon all fear, abandon all regret, abandon the night.

Historical & Regency Romance

Desires of a Perfect Lady by **Victoria Alexander** (Paperback – \$24). A secret list of the desires of Lady Olivia Rathbourne: Disregard convention. Follow my heart. Bed the Earl of Wyldewood ... A decade ago, Olivia had expected to marry the Earl of Wyldewood, only to have happiness stolen from her before his ring could be placed upon her finger. Now he stands before her, as proud and arrogant and handsome as ever, vowing to rescue her. Well, he's got some nerve turning up after all these years. Where was he when she needed him? ... As for the earl, scandal has never touched him nor has impropriety ever besmirched his name. But his penchant for doing the expected does have his family calling him, well, dull. Isn't it time to flaunt society's conventions and do what he's always wanted? And first on his list: Olivia in his bed – with or without a wedding.

The Secret Duke by **Jo Beverley** (Paperback – \$24). *Malloren Series*. The Duke of Ithorne might be a rake in some respects, but he is every inch a duke. He takes his immense responsibilities seriously, and also his place at the heart of political and court power – a place already taken by the Marquess of Rothgar. He values his escape, however, his alter-ego Captain Rose of the Black Swan, sailing out of Dover on coastal trading voyages, and occasionally on missions for the Crown. It's as Captain Rose that he meets an unusual young woman – one who threatens all his plans.

Rogue In My Arms by **Celeste Bradley** (Paperback – \$24). *Runaway Brides Series*. When Sir Colin Lambert learns that the little girl left on the steps of his gentleman's club belongs to one of its members, he's filled with hope. Could Melody be the daughter of the beautiful, impulsive actress who broke his heart? Colin is determined to find out with the help of his lost love's former seamstress, Miss Prudence Filby. But soon, Pru's disarming manner and seductive voice are stirring all manner of doubts in his mind – as well as some delicious fantasies ... Pru's only motivation in helping Colin is to reclaim the wages she's owed. Or at least, it was, before days and nights traveling together draw them into a thrilling intimacy. But as soon as Pru discovers his noble status, she suspects she's been a fool. To a man of his standing, she can hardly be more than a dalliance, even if their passion makes her long to take center stage in his life – and in his arms.

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The Endless Forest by **Sara Donati** (Trade Paperback – \$30 Special This Month). *Wilderness Series*. The spring of 1824 is a challenging one for the inhabitants of Paradise N.Y. when a flood devastates the village. But for Nathaniel and Elizabeth Bonner, it's also a time of reunion as their children return from far-off places: Lily and her husband from Italy, and Martha Kirby, the Bonners' ward, from Manhattan. Although Lily is nursing her own grief, it is Martha, fleeing a crushing humiliation, who brings with her trouble that will reverberate in all their lives ... In the peace that follows the storm, as families struggle to rebuild, childhood friends Martha and Daniel, Lily's twin brother, suddenly begin to see each other in a new light. But their growing bond is threatened when Martha's mother arrives back in Paradise a decade after abandoning her daughter. Jemima Southern is a dangerous schemer who has destroyed more than one family, and her anger touches everyone, as do her secrets. Has Jemima come to claim her daughter – or does she have something else in mind? Whatever happens, Martha and Daniel and all the Bonners must stand united against the threats to both heart and home ... Painful secrets and hidden sorrows, joy, heartbreak, and passion follow the Bonners through a season of change and renewal.

A Touch of Scandal by **Jennifer Haymore** (Paperback – \$22). *Sequel to "A Hint of Wicked"*. The last thing Garrett, Duke of Calton, expects to find while tracking his sworn enemy is the delectable Kate. This beautiful servant girl rouses a longing the battle-scarred ex-soldier had never hoped to feel again. But when she turns out to be the sister of the man he seeks, he's convinced he's been betrayed ... Kate knows her duty to her family, yet how can she ignore Garrett's powerful pull on her heart? Or the heady temptation of his stolen – and sizzling – kisses? Scandal has followed the duke since the war. Now the greatest shock of all is on its way – the one that can separate Garrett and Kate forever.

On the Night of the Seventh Moon by **Victoria Holt** (Trade Paperback – Reissue – \$32). According to ancient Black Forest legend, on the Night of the Seventh Moon, Loke, the God of Mischief, is at large in the world. It is a night for festivity and joyful celebration. It is a night for singing and dancing. And it is a night for love ... Helena Trant was enchanted by everything she found in the Black Forest – especially its legends. But then, on the Night of the Seventh Moon, she started to live one of them, and the enchantment turned suddenly into a terrifying nightmare ...

Broken Wing by **Judith James** (Paperback – \$24). Set during the chaotic beginnings of Napoleon's rule, this saga tells the story of Gabriel St. Croix, a street survivor searching for a place to belong. Abandoned as a child and raised in a brothel, he has never known friendship or affection. Hiding physical and emotional scars behind an icy facade, his only relationship is with a young boy he has spent the last five years protecting from the brutal reality of their environment. But all that is about to change. The boy's family has found him, and they are coming to take him home. Sarah Munroe blames herself for her brother's disappearance. When he's located, safe and unharmed despite where he has been living, Sarah vows to help the man who rescued and protected him in any way she can. With loving patience she helps Gabriel face his demons and teaches him to trust in friendship and love. But when the past catches up with him, Gabriel must face it on his own. Becoming a mercenary, pirate, and professional gambler, he travels to London, France, and the Barbary Coast in a desperate attempt to find Sarah again. On the way, however, he will discover

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the most dangerous journey and the greatest gamble of all is within the darkest reaches of his own heart.

In Scandal They Wed by **Sophie Jordan** (Paperback – \$24). *Penwich School for Virtuous Girls Series*. Long ago, Evelyn Cross sacrificed her good name, her freedom, and any hope for love. Now, in the remote English countryside, she struggles to survive and avoid the scandal threatening to destroy all she holds dear ... until a sinfully handsome viscount arrives on her doorstep, offering marriage, salvation, and tempting her with so much more ... Fresh from war, Spencer Lockhart returns home to claim his title and right the wrong his cousin perpetrated upon Evelyn Cross. In need of a wife, his marrying her is a small price to pay for duty. But when he meets her, the fiery chit is not what he expects to find in a ruined lady. As desire flares hotly between them, honor is the last thing on his mind.

Pure Temptation by **Connie Mason** (Paperback – Reissue – \$24). A rogue without peer, Jackson Graystoke wanted to make gaming and carousing in London society his life's work. Fresh off the boat from Ireland, Moira O'Toole wasn't fool enough to believe in legends or naive enough to trust a rake. Yet after an accident landed her at Graystoke Manor, she found herself hopelessly charmed by Black Jack Graystoke and his promise of pure temptation.

The Chief by **Monica McCarty** (Paperback – \$24). *Highland Guard Series*. Scouring the corners of the Highlands and Western Isles, Robert the Bruce handpicks ten warriors to help him in his quest to free Scotland from English rule. They are the best of the best, chosen for their superior skills in each discipline of warfare. And to lead his secret Highland Guard, Bruce chooses the greatest warrior of all ... The ultimate Highland warlord and a swordsman without equal, Tor MacLeod has no intention of being drawn into Scotland's war against the English. Dedicated to his clan, the independent chief answers to no one – especially not to his alluring new bride, bartered to him in a bid to secure his command of the deadliest fighting force the world has ever seen. The treacherous chit who made her way to Tor's bed may have won his hand, but she will never claim his heart ... Although her husband's reputation is as fierce as his manner, Christina Fraser believes that something softer hides beneath his brutal shell. But the only warmth she feels is in their bed, in glorious moments of white-hot desire that disappear with the dawn. When Christina's reckless bid to win her husband's love goes awry and thrusts them into danger on the eve of war, Tor will face his ultimate battle: to save his wife and to open his heart – before it's too late.

The Perfect Poison by **Amanda Quick** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Arcane Society Series*. Plagued by rumors that she poisoned her fiancé, Lucinda Bromley manages to live on the fringes of polite society, tending her beloved plants – and occasionally consulting on a murder investigation. For the notorious botanist possesses a unique talent: she can detect almost any type of poison, especially ones that have their origins in the botanical kingdom. But the death of a lord has shaken Lucinda to her core. At the murder scene, she picks up traces of a poison containing a very rare species of fern. So rare, in fact, that only one specimen exists in all of England – and it was stolen from her conservatory just last month. To keep her name out of the investigation and to find the murderer, Lucinda hires a fellow Arcane Society member. Caleb Jones runs a psychical investigation agency. A descendant of the founder of the Society, he is very good at protecting its

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secrets – and frighteningly good getting at the truth. Immediately, Lucinda senses both a raw power and undeniable intensity in the imposing man. But as a nearly overwhelming desire blooms between Caleb and Lucinda, they are drawn into the dark heart of a deadly conspiracy that can be traced to the early days of the Arcane Society – and to a legacy of madness that could plunge Caleb into the depths of his own tortured soul ...

Wicked Little Game by **Christine Wells** (Paperback – \$24). The Marquis of Vane hungers for Lady Sarah from afar as she braves a disastrous marriage. That is, until Sarah's husband makes him an indecent offer: one night with Sarah for ten thousand pounds. Passions explode and lead to a deadly twist of fate that could spell a lifetime of regret – or love.

Hot Romance

Delicious by **Shayla Black** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Wicked Lovers Series*. Luc's entire future is planned out – but there is one very sexy obstacle in his path: Alyssa, a strip club owner with whom Luc recently shared one night of wild abandon. It left Luc terrified by his loss of self-control – and Alyssa desperate for more. But Luc is not the only man desperate to have Alyssa ... and that's just one of her secrets – secrets as dark and mysterious and delicious as her fantasies.

Bound, Branded and Brazen by **Jaci Burton** (Trade Paperback – Anthology – \$32). In the wilds of Oklahoma, three sisters have a date with destiny ... *Bound*: When Valerie left for the big city, she kissed her foreman husband goodbye – along with the best sex she ever had. Now, seeing him brings back sizzling memories. *Branded*: Watching Gage wrangle untamed horses leaves Brea hot and bothered. But can she live out her fantasy with a man who may ask for more than she's willing to give? *Brazen*: Ranch hand Walker Morgan can't afford to get too close to his new boss, Jolene, no matter how she tempts him. But Jolene's prepared to take the first step.

Mark of the Vampire Queen by **Joey W. Hill** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Vampire Queen Series*. Full servant. With his new title, Jacob must attend to Lady Lyssa's every need, venturing into a world of passion darker than he's ever known. As a vampire hunter he wasn't prepared to embrace a world where humans are sexual commodities, but he has adapted. Now he finds his soul challenged as he serves his Mistress's needs as fully as he services her desires. He loves her, though other servants warn against giving her his soul. Everyone knows that Vampires have no regard for humans, so why would a Vampire bother treating a mere sex toy with respect? But Jacob knows a human servant is far more than that. His Mistress needs a warrior, a friend and a lover. A man who will serve her in all ways, even if he has to betray the priceless treasure of her love.

A Vampire's Claim by **Joey W. Hill** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Vampire Queen Series*. The daughter of two vampires, Lady Daniela is considered aristocracy in the vampire world. Still, she has to fight for what she wants – especially since what she wants is to depose a brutal territory overlord. For that she'll need the help of Devlin, a handsome, brave human who inflames her desire far more than any man or beast ... Even though she could easily lay her claim and take Dev on as a fully marked servant, she resists the urge – especially since Dev is still tormented by something in his past. But when her enemy makes an unexpected appearance, Dev surprises them both by yielding completely to his feelings for Danny and showing her the devotion of a true servant – until she decides to take his freedom without asking ...

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Alien Overnight by **Robin L. Rotham** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Commander Kellen is on Earth recruiting women for his planet's sex-starved males. Not particularly excited by human anatomy, he seeks nothing more for himself than the occasional slaking of his needs with some anonymous female – which shouldn't be a problem, since she'll have to face the other way to accommodate his special anatomical needs ... Dr. Monica Teague is thrilled with her assignment caring for Garathan's sexual recruits. Her quirky looks and childish excuse for a body guarantee she'll never be expected to put out – which is kind of a bummer, now that she's up to her armpits in horny alien beefcake ... But, when an overdose of alien pheromones makes Monica drunk off her ass, Kellen quickly claims the odd little doctor before another Garathani realizes what she is. The overdose sparks a violent chain reaction in her, and when Monica wakes, she's got the body of a porn star – and two sexy alien mates who are determined to tame her. If only she were as determined not to let them.

Big Temptation by **Robin L. Rotham** (Trade Paperback – \$32). When the Mahoney Tower Tulsa's general manager disappears, Jillian Fox calls headquarters for help. What she gets is a hotshot corporate investigator – and an inexplicable craving for things that are very bad for her. Something besides his monogram and size sixteen shoes tells her Barrett George could be BIG trouble, but resisting his aggressive pursuit turns out to be harder than keeping her fingers out of the candy bowl ... Barrett knows the skittish little accountant is probably smart not to trust him, especially if she's looking for crappily ever after. But it's been months since he got laid and her avoidance tactics only inflame his inner predator. Barrett's sexual domination sparks Jillian's complete sensual surrender and a primal attraction that puts both their hearts at risk. But even as he tests the limits of her trust, the investigation heats up, exposing a conspiracy that places Jillian in harm's way – and forces Barrett to face his greatest fear.

Mainstream & Chick Lit

The Girl She Used To Be by **David Cristofano** (Paperback Release – \$31). When Melody Grace McCartney was six years old, she and her parents witnessed an act of violence so brutal that it changed their lives forever. The federal government lured them into the Witness Protection Program with the promise of safety, and they went gratefully. But the program took Melody's name, her home, her innocence, and, ultimately, her family. She's been May Adams, Karen Smith, Anne Johnson, and countless others – everyone but the one person she longs to be: herself. So when the feds spirit her off to begin yet another new life in another town, she's stunned when a man confronts her and calls her by her real name. Jonathan Bovaro, the mafioso sent to hunt her down, knows her, the real her, and it's a dangerous thrill that Melody can't resist. He's insistent that she's just a pawn in the government's war against the Bovaro family. But can she trust her life and her identity to this vicious stranger whose acts of violence are legendary?

Mainstream & Chick Lit continued

The Girl Who Played With Fire by **Stieg Larsson** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Millennium Series*. Mikael Blomkvist, crusading publisher of the magazine *Millennium*, has decided to run a story that will expose an extensive sex trafficking operation. On the eve of its publication, the two reporters responsible for the article are murdered, and the fingerprints found on the murder weapon belong to his friend, the troubled genius hacker Lisbeth Salander. Blomkvist, convinced of Salander's innocence, plunges into an investigation. Meanwhile, Salander herself is drawn into a murderous game of cat and mouse, which forces her to face her dark past.

Deadly Deals by **Fern Michaels** (Paperback Release – \$24). *Sisterhood Series*. After years of trying to become pregnant without success, Rachel Dawson and her husband Thomas felt their dreams had finally come true the day they brought home their newly adopted twin babies. Though the lawyer Baron Bell who arranged for the surrogate mother charged a hefty six-figure fee, one glance into the eyes of their precious children told them it was all worth it. Until the birth mother reappeared, first demanding more money, then the twins themselves. Suddenly Baron Bell was nowhere to be found, and the Dawsons were once again childless, heartbroken and nearly destitute ... When the case finds its way to the offices of high-profile attorney Lizzie Fox, she can't wait to take down the so-called "Mr. Wonderful." And she knows she'll have all the help she needs as it's just the kind of crime that really gets the Sisterhood's adrenaline flowing. Once they get their hands on the perpetrators there will be hell to pay, and it will cost a lot more than cold, hard cash.

The Inheritance by **Jenny Patrick** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *NZ Author*. Elena catches a glimpse of her friend Jeanie Roper in a New Zealand art gallery. It is twenty-three years since Jeanie suddenly disappeared. They had been close when Jeanie lived in Samoa with her bullying husband and gentle father. But why is Jeanie hiding her identity? Elena is intrigued to discover Jeanie has a daughter who is unaware of her Samoan ancestry. There are family secrets here – possibly dangerous ones – that Elena is determined to uncover.

House Rules by **Jodi Picoult** (Trade Paperback – \$30 Special This Month). Jacob Hunt is a teenage boy with Asperger's Syndrome. He's hopeless at reading social cues or expressing himself well to others, and like many kids with AS, Jacob has a special focus on one subject – in his case, forensic analysis. He's always showing up at crime scenes, thanks to the police scanner he keeps in his room, and telling the cops what they need to do ... and he's usually right. But then one day his tutor is found dead, and the police come to question him. All of the hallmark behaviors of AS – not looking someone in the eye, stimulatory tics and twitches, inappropriate affect – can look a heck of a lot like guilt to law enforcement personnel – and JACOB finds himself accused of murder. HOUSE RULES looks at what it means to be different, how autism affects a family, and how the legal system works well for people who communicate a certain way, but not for those who don't.

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Jaci Burton	Bound, Branded and Brazen	Hot	\$32
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Connie Mason	Pure Temptation	Historical	\$24
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Fern Michaels	Deadly Deals#	Mainstream & Chick Lit	\$24
Jenny Patrick	The Inheritance	Mainstream & Chick Lit	\$30
Jodi Picoult	House Rules	Mainstream & Chick Lit	\$30
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