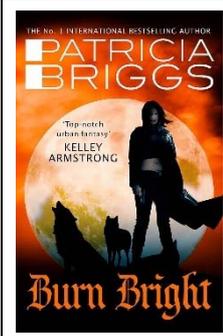
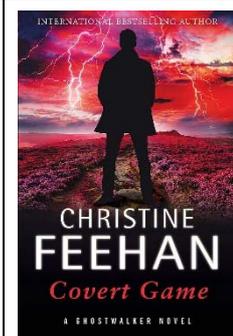


## BOOK CATALOGUE – APRIL 2018

Bestselling authors Patricia Briggs (*Burn Bright*), Christine Feehan (*Covert Game*), Linda Howard (*The Woman Left Behind*), Shelly Laurenston (*Hot and Badgered*) and J.R. Ward (*The Thief*) have released new trade paperbacks. Popular mass market paperback releases include Candace Camp's *His Wicked Charm*, Lori Foster's *Fast Burn*, Anne Gracie's *Marry in Scandal* and Lynsay Sands' *Twice Bitten*. Enjoy your reading!

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Patricia Briggs	Burn Bright*	Ellery Adams	Murder in the Locked Library
Candace Camp	His Wicked Charm	Jennifer Ashley	Midnight Wolf
Christine Feehan	Covert Game*	Mary Balogh	Someone to Care
Lori Foster	Fast Burn	Maya Banks	Wherever You Are
Anne Gracie	Marry in Scandal	Robyn Carr	The Family Gathering*
Linda Howard	The Woman Left Behind*	Faith Hunter	Dark Queen
Sabrina Jeffries	The Secret of Flirting	Madeline Hunter	A Devil of a Duke
Shelly Laurenston	Hot and Badgered*	Stephanie Laurens	The Designs of Lord Randolph Cavanaugh
Lynsay Sands	Twice Bitten	Donna Leon	Temptation of Forgiveness*
J.R. Ward	The Thief*	Amanda Quick	The Other Lady Vanishes*

# Paperback Release \* Hardcover/TPB & Anthology Please contact us if you would like to reserve a book

	<p><b>Title:</b> Burn Bright  <b>Author:</b> Patricia Briggs  <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal  <b>Book Type:</b> Small Trade Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$23  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Alpha and Omega Series.</i> Charles Cornick is the son of the leader of the North American werewolves – and his father's enforcer. Anna Latham, a rare Omega wolf with a calming presence, is his mate. They go where they are needed, handling problems in werewolf packs throughout the country. But this time the danger is closer to home, as an enemy armed with witchcraft threatens Charles and Anna's own pack.</p>		<p><b>Title:</b> Covert Game  <b>Author:</b> Christine Feehan  <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal  <b>Book Type:</b> Trade Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$30  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>GhostWalker Series.</i> Rescuing a spy from the hands of a criminal mastermind is a suicide mission for the GhostWalkers. And there's no one more up to the task than Gino Mazza. He's the perfect killing machine – a man driven by demons. His mission – to save Zara Hightower, one of the world's leading experts on artificial intelligence who is being held captive by a Chinese crime lord – or kill her if it turns out she's led them into a trap. Either way, heaven or hell won't stop him.</p>
	<p><b>Title:</b> Marry in Scandal  <b>Author:</b> Anne Gracie  <b>Classification:</b> Historical  <b>Book Type:</b> Mass Market Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$17  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Marriage of Convenience Series.</i> Shy young heiress, Lady Lily Rutherford dreams of true love and a real courtship. But when disaster strikes, she finds herself facing a scandal-forced marriage to her rescuer, Edward Galbraith, a well known rake. She agrees to marry him, hoping to turn a convenient marriage into a love match. There is a darkness, however, in Galbraith's past, and secrets he refuses to share with his bride. Must Lily reconcile herself to a marriage without love? Or will Galbraith realize that this warm-hearted, loving girl is the key to healing the wounds of his past – and his heart?</p>		<p><b>Title:</b> The Thief  <b>Author:</b> J.R. Ward  <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal  <b>Book Type:</b> Trade Paperback  <b>Price:</b> \$30  <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Black Dagger Brotherhood Series.</i> Sola Morte, former cat burglar and safecracker, has given up her old life on the wrong side of the law. On the run from a drug lord's family, she is lying low, keeping her nose clean and her beloved grandmother safe. Her heart, though, is back up north, with the only man who has ever gotten through her defenses: Assail, who never meant to fall in love – and certainly not with a human. They have no future, and not just because she doesn't know he is a vampire, but because he is not about to stop dealing arms to the Black Dagger Brotherhood. Fate, however, has other plans ...</p>

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## Other Books Available This Month

### Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

**The Undercover Billionaire** by Jackie Ashenden (Paperback – \$17). *Tate Brothers Series*. Navy SEAL Wolf Tate is on a mission of vengeance. He's willing to do whatever it takes to infiltrate the lair of his arms-dealing enemy – and rescue the mother he never knew. To do this, he'll need more than his father's fortunes or his brothers-in-arms. He must find a way to kidnap his enemy's daughter for leverage. There's just one problem: She is also one of Wolf's closest friends – and the only woman he's ever loved ... For years, Olivia de Santis has been waiting for Wolf to take her in his arms and make her dreams come true. But she never imagined that he'd sneak into her bedroom one night ... and take her as his hostage. Olivia knows she should resist him – and stay loyal to her own family. But how can she deny the burning justice of Wolf's mission?

**As You Wish** by Jude Deveraux (Hardcover – \$40). *Summerhouse Series*. Sixty-year-old Olivia's first marriage was long and unhappy, but now she is a newlywed, thrilled to be starting her life with the man she's always loved, even if they are getting a late start. Kathy is in her forties and married to a handsome, successful businessman. Theirs would be a fairy-tale romance if it weren't for one problem: he's passionately in love with someone else. Twenty-something Elise is also in a troubled marriage, stuck with the man her wealthy parents chose for her. Now that he has a pregnant mistress, he seems willing to go to drastic lengths to take Elise out of the picture. Though each of the three women wound up at the Summerhouse for separate reasons, it's not long before they begin to open up about their regrets and their dreams. And when they're presented with a chance to right the wrongs of their past, all three discover what can happen when dreams really do come true.

**Fast Burn** by Lori Foster (Paperback – \$17). *Body Armor Series*. The moment Brand Berry meets beautiful, driven Sahara Silver, the connection between them is electric. It's also something he can't pursue. Sahara wants him, sure – to join Body Armor, where his MMA skills, size and cocky attitude make him perfect for her elite crew of bodyguards. For Sahara, the agency always comes first, and Brand needs more. Yet when she's kidnapped by men searching for her missing brother, he doesn't hesitate.

**Wait for Dark** by Kay Hooper (Paperback Release – \$20). *Bishop: Special Crimes Unit Series*. In Clarity, North Carolina, the residents have fallen victim to an unfortunate series of events. Seemingly random accidents have taken the lives of several citizens in the small mountain town. But these are anything but deadly coincidences. Something is on the hunt, and the only clue as to what is a cryptic note given to the victims 24 hours before they meet their ends: "Wait for dark" ... Hollis Templeton and her team from the Special Crimes Unit, including her partner and lover, telepath Reese DeMarco, are called in to investigate ... But while the SCU has prepared them for the unknown, the evil stalking Clarity shakes the team to its core when one of their own is targeted. Hollis finds herself facing death again ... And this time, not even her partner can protect her.

### Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense cont'd

**The Woman Left Behind** by Linda Howard (Trade Paperback – \$30). Jina Modell works in communications for a paramilitary organization. But when Jina displays a high aptitude for spatial awareness and action, she's reassigned to work as an on-site drone operator in the field with one of the GO-teams, an elite paramilitary unit. Jina has to learn how to run and swim for miles, jump out of a plane, and shoot a gun ... or else be out of a job ... Team leader Levi doesn't have much confidence in Jina making it through the rigors of training and no one is more surprised than he when Jina begins to thrive, displaying a grit and courage that wins her the admiration of her battle-hardened teammates. What's even more surprising is that the GO-team leader can't stop thinking about her ... or the chemistry and tension between them ... Meanwhile, a congresswoman plans to destroy the GO-teams, and a trap is set to ambush Levi's squad in Syria. While the rest of the operatives set off on their mission, Jina is at the base controlling the surveillance drone when the base is attacked with explosives. Thought dead by her comrades, Jina escapes to the desert where, tested beyond measure, she has to stay undetected by the enemy and make it to her crew before they're exfiltrated out of the country ... But Levi never leaves a soldier behind, especially the woman he's fallen for. He's bringing her back, dead or alive.

### How the Cowboy Was Won

by Lori Wilde (Paperback – \$17). *Cupid, Texas Series*. Ember Alzate is a fantastic matchmaker with one big problem: she can't find the perfect mate for herself! Alzate family legend says that when she kisses "the One" she'll hear a mysterious humming in her head. Well, Ember's kissed a lot of guys and she's never heard a thing. Now, instead of searching for herself, she vows to find her best friend, Ranger Lockhart, a bride. It's clear this smart, sexy man just needs to meet the right gal ... Ranger's returned home to Cupid with marriage on his mind, but he's not interested in the parade of women Ember pushes under his nose. His thoughts keep returning to his best friend – with her combustible combination of curves and sass. No one compares to Ember, but what's it going to take to convince her she's the woman for him?

### Crime & Mystery & Thriller

**The Plot is Murder** by V.M. Burns (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Mystery Bookshop Series*. Samantha Washington has dreamed of owning her own mystery bookstore for as long as she can remember. And as she prepares for the store's grand opening, she's also realizing another dream – penning a cozy mystery set in England between the wars. While Samantha hires employees and fills the shelves with the latest mysteries, quick-witted Lady Penelope Marsh, long-overshadowed by her beautiful sister Daphne, refuses to lose the besotted Victor Carlston to her sibling's charms. When one of Daphne's suitors is murdered in a maze, Penelope steps in to solve the labyrinthine puzzle and win Victor ... But as Samantha indulges her imagination, the unimaginable happens in real life. A shady realtor turns up dead in her backyard, and

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the police suspect her – after all, the owner of a mystery bookstore might know a thing or two about murder. Samantha is determined to close the case before she opens her store. But will she live to conclude her own story when the killer has a revised ending in mind for her?

**Dead Cold Brew** by **Cleo Coyle** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Coffeehouse Mystery Series*. After everything coffeehouse manager Clare Cosi and her NYPD detective boyfriend Mike have been through, they deserve a bit of happy ever after. But while their engagement is steeped in perfection, the celebration is not long lived ... A grim-faced attorney interrupts their party with a mysterious letter bequeathing a strange hidden treasure to Clare's daughter. Then the renowned jeweler who designed Clare's ring is found poisoned in his shop. Both events appear to be connected to a cold-case murder involving a sunken ship, an Italian curse, a charming jewel thief, and a shocking family secret. With deadly trouble brewing, Clare must track down clues in some of New York's most secret places before an old vendetta starts producing fresh corpses.

**Why Kill the Innocent?** by **C.S. Harris** (Hardcover – \$40). *Sebastian St. Cyr Mystery Series*. London, 1814. As a cruel winter holds the city in its icy grip, the bloody body of a beautiful young musician is found half-buried in a snowdrift. Jane Ambrose's ties to Princess Charlotte, the only child of the Prince Regent and heir presumptive to the throne, panic the palace, which moves quickly to shut down any investigation into the death of the talented pianist. But Sebastian St. Cyr, Viscount Devlin, and his wife Hero refuse to allow Jane's murderer to escape justice ... Untangling the secrets of Jane's world leads Sebastian into a maze of dangerous treachery where each player has his or her own agenda and no one can be trusted. As the Thames freezes over and the people of London pour onto the ice for a Frost Fair, Sebastian and Hero find their investigation circling back to the palace and building to a chilling crescendo of deceit and death.

**Fantasy & Paranormal Romance**

**Lake Silence** by **Anne Bishop** (Hardcover – \$42). *World of the Others Series*. After her divorce, Vicki DeVine took over a rustic resort near Lake Silence, in a human town that is not human controlled. Towns such as Vicki's don't have any distance from the Others, the dominant predators who rule most of the land and all of the water throughout the world. And when a place has no boundaries, you never know what is out there watching you ... Vicki was hoping to find a new career and a new life. But when her lodger, Aggie Crowe – one of the shape-shifting Others – discovers a murdered man, Vicki finds trouble instead. The detectives want to pin the death on her, despite the evidence that nothing human could have killed the victim. As Vicki and her friends search for answers, ancient forces are roused by the disturbance in their domain. They have rules that must not be broken – and all the destructive powers of nature at their command.

**Deadmen Walking** by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Paperback Release – \$18). *Dark-Hunter: Deadman's Cross Trilogy*. To catch evil, it takes evil. Enter Devyl Bane – an ancient dark warlord returned to the

**Fantasy & Paranormal Romance continued**

human realm as one of the most notorious pirates in the New World. A man of many secrets, Bane makes a pact with Thorn – an immortal charged with securing the worst creations the ancient gods ever released into our world. Those powers have been imprisoned for eons behind enchanted gates ... gates that are beginning to buckle. At Thorn's behest, Bane takes command of a crew of Deadmen and, together, they are humanity's last hope to restore the gates and return the damned to their hell realms ... But things are never so simple. And one of Bane's biggest problems is the ship they sail upon. For the Sea Witch isn't just a vessel, she's also a woman born of an ancient people he wronged and who in turn wronged him during a centuries long war between their two races – a woman who is also sister to their primary target. Now Marcelina, the Sea Witch, must choose. Either she remains loyal to her evil sister and almost extinct race against Bane and his cause, and watches humanity fall, or she puts faith in an enemy who has already betrayed her. Her people over the totality of humanity – let's hope Bane can sway her favor.

**Hot and Badgered** by **Shelly Laurenston** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Honey Badgers Series*. It's not every day that a beautiful naked woman falls out of the sky and lands face-first on grizzly shifter Berg Dunn's hotel balcony. Definitely they don't usually hop up and demand his best gun. Berg gives the lady a grizzly-sized t-shirt and his cell phone, too, just on style points. And then she's gone, taking his XXXL heart with her. By the time he figures out she's a honey badger shifter, it's too late ... Honey badgers are survivors. Brutal, vicious, ill-tempered survivors. Or maybe Charlie Taylor-MacKilligan is just pissed that her useless father is trying to get them all killed again. Protecting her little sisters has always been her job, and she's not about to let some pesky giant grizzly protection specialist with a network of every shifter in Manhattan get in her way. Wait. He's trying to help? Why would he want to do that? He's cute enough that she just might let him tag along – that is, if he can keep up.

**Tricks for Free** by **Seanan McGuire** (Paperback – \$17). *Incryptid Series*. Antimony Price is on the run. With the Covenant on her tail and her family in danger, she needs to get far, far away from anyone who might recognize her – including her own mice. For the first time in a long time, a Price is flying without a safety net. Where do you go when you need to disappear into a crowd without worrying about attracting attention? An amusement park, of course ... Some people would call Lowryland the amusement park. It's one of the largest in Florida, the keystone of the Lowry entertainment empire ... but for Annie, it's a place to hide. She's just trying to keep her head down long enough to come up with a plan that will get her home without getting anyone killed. No small order when she's rooming with gorgons and sylphs, trying to placate frustrated ghosts, and rushing to get to work on time ... Then the accidents begin. The discovery of a dead man brings Annie to the attention of the secret cabal of magic users running Lowryland behind the scenes. They want the fire that sleeps in her fingers. They want her on their side. They want to help her – although their help comes with a price ... No plan.

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Minimal backup. No way out. Annie's about to get a crash course in the reality behind the pretty facade. If she's lucky, she'll survive the experience.

**High Voltage** by **Karen Marie Moning** (Hardcover – \$43). *Fever Series*. Dani O'Malley was nine years old when the delusional, sadistic Rowena transformed her into a ruthless killer. Years later, Dani is tough and hardened, yet vulnerable and compassionate, living alone by her own exacting code. Despite the scars on her body, and the deeper ones carved into her soul, no one is more committed to protecting Dublin. By day she ensures the safety of those she rescues, by night she hunts evil, determined to give to those she cares for the peace she has never known ... When the Faerie Queen used the dangerously powerful Song of Making to heal the world from the damage done by the Hoar Frost King, catastrophic magic seeped into the earth, giving rise to horrifying, unforeseen consequences – and now deadly enemies plot to enslave the human race and unleash a reign of Hell on Earth ... With the lethal, immortal Ryodan at her side, armed with the epic Sword of Light, Dani once again battles to save the world, but her past comes back to haunt her with a vengeance, demanding an unspeakable price for the power she needs to save the human race.

**Twice Bitten** by **Lynsay Sands** (Paperback – \$17). *Argeneau Series*. For someone who's been around for over 140 years, immortal Elspeth Argeneau hasn't done a lot of living. Now that she's moved away from her controlling mother, she's tracking down rogue vampires and enjoying some overdue freedom. A fling would be fun. A life mate can wait. Yet to Elspeth's surprise, her land-lady's hot grandson checks both boxes ... Wyatt fell in love with Elspeth years ago, but she has no memory of him. However, with mysterious "accidents" besieging Elspeth, the ex-Special Forces soldier appoints himself her bodyguard and sets out to uncover the truth about her enemies.

**Eight Simple Rules for Dating a Dragon** by **Kerrelyn Sparks** (Paperback – \$17). *Embraced Series*. Gwennore is an Elf able to track down the cause of an illness and heal it – a valuable asset to her people. But when she is thrust into the realm of the dragons, she discovers a haunted place of power and magic, plagued by an ancient curse. And then she meets the smoldering General Silas Dravenko. She's been raised never to trust a dragon, but never did making a deal with the devil feel so good ... Silas has no way of saving the royal family he's served for years. But when a beautiful elf comes bursting into his world, Silas is awakened to desire in a way he's never felt before. But can he trust a sworn enemy?

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**What a Difference a Duke Makes** by **Lenora Bell** (Paperback – \$17). *School for Dukes Series*. Edgar Rochester, Duke of Banksford, is one of the most powerful men in England, but when it comes to raising twins alone, he needs help. The problem is the children have chased away half the governesses in London. Until clever, bold and enticing Miss Mari Perkins arrives ... Mari knows how to wrap rebellious children around her finger. But their demanding handsome father? He won't be so easy to control. And there's something else she can't command. Her heart. The foolish thing beats wildly every time the

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duke is near ... As his employee, Mari is strictly off-limits. But what if she's the one breaking the rules?

**A Rogue of Her Own** by **Grace Burrowes** (Paperback – \$17). *Windham Brides Series*. For Miss Charlotte Windham, the best way to maintain her spinsterhood – and independence – is a tiny brush with scandal. She chooses wealthy upstart Lucas Sherbourne as her unwitting accomplice. He's intelligent and ambitious. What Charlotte doesn't count on is that one kiss will lead them to the altar ... Sherbourne has no love for polite society, nor is he keen on being anybody's husband of last resort. He is attracted to Charlotte though – and her family's influence. Without a title, he knows he'll never truly be part of their world, even as he and Charlotte inch closer to a marriage that means more than convenience. But a scheming business partner is about to force Sherbourne to make a choice: his wealth or his wife.

**His Wicked Charm** by **Candace Camp** (Paperback – \$17). *Mad Morelands Series*. Lilah Holcutt dislikes Constantine Moreland from the moment she meets him. He may be handsome, but he's frivolous and a flirt. Now that Con's twin brother has married Lilah's best friend, she's seeing way more of Con than she'd like ... When Con's sisters are kidnapped, Lilah finds herself swept into Con's investigation ... Con knows that Lilah hates him – he just wishes she weren't so beautiful, and that he weren't so attracted to her. Especially since they're working closely together to solve the kidnapping, an adventure that leads them to Lilah's peculiar childhood home, Barrow House, which sits atop an ancient fen and features an eerie maze on its grounds ... The more Con and Lilah uncover, the more they're convinced that the answers lie within Barrow House – answers to a mystery darker than either of them could have realized.

**Earl Interrupted** by **Amanda Forester** (Paperback – \$17). *Daring Marriages Series*. Captain Robert Ashton, Earl of Darington, knows finding a bride in London will not be easy – not since he has been notoriously dubbed as the "Pirate Earl". What he didn't expect was to get abducted - and to have his escape go horribly awry when an innocent lady gets caught in the crossfire ... Amateur physician Emma St. James is on her way to meet her betrothed when she is rescued by an injured gentleman. Despite her shock after discovering he is the Pirate Earl, Emma feels drawn to the man who saved her life. Duty forces them apart, but when they meet again on the high seas, Darington will risk all – his fortune, his name, and even his life to keep her safe.

**Lady Be Reckless** by **Megan Frampton** (Paperback – \$17). *Duke's Daughters Series*. Lady Olivia refuses to repeat her siblings' scandalous mistakes. Instead, she will marry the lord rejected by her sister and help with his good works. When he resists, Olivia forms another plan: win his lordship's admiration by helping his best friend find a bride. How difficult can it be to transform the rakish Edward Wolcott into a gentleman? To ignore his virile good looks? To not kiss him in a moment of impulsive madness? Apparently, very difficult ... Edward Wolcott promised his ailing father he would marry well, and it appears Lady Olivia wishes to assist him. The sparkling firebrand intends to smooth his way through London's ballrooms and eligible ladies, while all

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Edward's thoughts revolve around bedrooms ... and Lady Olivia herself. Only a scoundrel would seduce the duke's dutiful daughter. And only a reckless lady would risk everything to be in his arms ...

**No Earls Allowed** by **Shana Galen** (Paperback – \$17). *Survivors Series*. Lady Juliana, daughter of the Earl of St. Maur, needs all the help she can get. She's running a ramshackle orphanage, London's worst slumlord has illicit designs on her, and her father has become determined to marry her off ... Enter Major Neil Wraxall, bastard son of the Marquess of Kensington, sent to assist Lady Juliana in any way he can. Lucky for her, he's handy with repairs, knows how to keep her and the orphans safe, and is a natural leader of men ... Unfortunately for both of them, the scandal that ensues from their mutual attraction is going to lead them a merry dance.

**A Brush with Shadows** by **Anna Lee Huber** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Lady Darby Mystery Series*. July 1831. It's been fifteen years since Sebastian Gage set foot in Langstone Manor. Though he has shared little about his past with his wife, Lady Kiera Darby, she knows that he planned never to return to the place of unhappy childhood memories. But when an urgent letter from his grandfather begs Gage to visit, Kiera convinces him to go. All is not well at Langstone Manor. Gage's grandfather, the Viscount Tavistock, is ill, and Gage's cousin Alfred has vanished. The Viscount is convinced someone or something other than the natural hazards of the moors is to blame for Alfred's disappearance. And when Alfred's brother Rory goes missing, Kiera and Gage concede he may be right. Now, they must face the ghosts of Gage's past, discover the truth behind the local superstitions, and see beyond the tricks being played to expose what has happened to Gage's family before the moors claim yet another victim ...

**The Secret of Flirting** by **Sabrina Jeffries** (Paperback – \$17). *Sinful Suitors Series*. The moment spymaster Baron Fulham meets Princess Aurore of Chanay, he's positive her royal persona is a ruse and that she's actually Monique Servais, the mysterious actress he met three years before in Dieppe. But as he pursues his suspicions, he uncovers a plot of attempted assassination and betrayal that could destroy his career, expose his own secrets ... and ruin the woman he's rapidly coming to love.

**1750: Jacqueline** by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$28). *The Legend of Nimway Hall Series*. Jacqueline Tregarth, lady of Nimway Hall, is devoted to protecting her people and the estate. She yearns for a husband to help her, but all those seeking her hand are interested only in controlling her lands. With the estate's stream running dry, she sets men digging to reopen an old spring. Her workers discover a dirt-encrusted ornament buried at the spot; once removed, water flows and fills the old lake – and Jacqueline realizes the ornament is an ancient orb ... Meanwhile, Lord Richard Devries, overly-eligible darling of the ton, fights free of kidnappers seeking to force him to offer for some lady's hand. But on escaping into the countryside, he gets lost in Balesboro Wood and stumbles on a covert scheme to divert a stream. Later, he finds his way to Nimway Hall, where the household is celebrating a spring running again ...

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Richard is welcomed and meets the fascinating Miss Tregarth. Richard makes the connection between what he saw in the wood and the Hall's recent water shortage and leads Jacqueline to the diversion in the wood. He then learns of the men pursuing Jacqueline, and recognizes the danger to her and to the Hall. Although self-protective instinct presses him to travel on, Richard feels compelled to step into the role of protector ... Aided and abetted by the household, propinquity works its magic, seducing Richard with a role in which he and his talents fit perfectly, and tempting Jacqueline to hope that her champion has found his way to her side ... Yet true love never runs smoothly, and both Richard and Jacqueline must find the courage to seize their heart's one true desire – in time to foil a plan that would wreck all they and the Hall's people hold dear.

**Counting on a Countess** by **Eva Leigh** (Paperback – \$17). *London Underground Series*. Christopher "Kit" Ellingsworth, war veteran and newly minted Earl of Blakemere, buries his demons under every sort of pleasure and vice. His scandalous ways have emptied his coffers ... until a mentor leaves him a sizeable fortune. The stipulation? He must marry within one month to inherit. Kit needs a bride and the mysterious Miss Tamsyn Pearce seems perfect ... Husband hunting isn't Tamsyn's top priority – she's in London to sell her shipment of illicit goods – but she's desperate for funds to keep her smuggling operation afloat. When an earl offers to wed her and send her back to Cornwall with a hefty allowance, Tamsyn agrees. But when an unexpected proviso in the will grants Tamsyn control of the inheritance, their arrangement becomes anything but convenient.

**My Once and Future Duke** by **Caroline Linden** (Paperback – \$17). *Wagers of Sin Series*. Sophie Campbell is determined to be mistress of her own fate. Surviving on her skill at cards, she never risks what she can't afford to lose. Yet when the Duke of Ware proposes a scandalous wager, she can't resist. If she wins, she'll get five thousand pounds, and secure her independence ... Jack Lindeville, Duke of Ware, tells himself he's at the Vega Club merely to save his reckless brother, but he knows it's a lie. He can't keep his eyes off Sophie, and to get her he breaks his ironclad rule against gambling. If he wins, he wants her – for a week. A week with Jack could ruin what's left of Sophie's reputation and break her heart. But when it comes to love, all bets are off ...

**The Marquis and I** by **Ella Quinn** (Paperback – \$17). *Worthingtons Series*. Lady Charlotte Carpenter's brother-in-law has put an infamous brothel owner out of business – yet it is Charlotte who suffers the consequences. Abducted and held at an inn, she is plotting her escape when she's rescued by a dashing gentleman. Only afterward does she realize she's seen him before – with two courtesans! Unwilling to tarry with such a man, Charlotte makes her second escape. But it is too late to repair her reputation. Soon, everyone knows that Charlotte spent the night with Constantine, Marquis of Kenilworth. And everyone agrees the answer is marriage – including Constantine himself, his overjoyed mother – and his mistress! But Charlotte's abductors aren't finished with her. Now Constantine will do anything to protect the spirited woman he loves and win her heart.

## Book Selection

Chapter specialises in romance fiction. We also stock selections of crime & mystery & thrillers and mainstream fiction and we may be able to fulfill special orders. Most of the books are imported from the USA. Please note: effective October 2017, we discontinued our book loyalty card scheme and we replaced it with lower average retail prices. Any existing stamped book cards are being cashed up.

## Mail Order Service

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## Summary of This Month's Books

Author	Title	Classification	Price
Jackie Ashenden	The Undercover Billionaire	Contemporary/Suspense	\$17
Lenora Bell	What a Difference a Duke Makes	Historical	\$17
Anne Bishop	Lake Silence*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$42
Patricia Briggs	Burn Bright*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$23
V M Burns	The Plot is Murder*	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$28
Grace Burrowes	A Rogue of Her Own	Historical	\$17
Candace Camp	His Wicked Charm	Historical	\$17
Cleo Coyle	Dead Cold Brew#	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$17
Jude Deveraux	As You Wish*	Contemporary	\$40
Christine Feehan	Covert Game*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$30
Amanda Forester	Earl Interrupted	Historical	\$17
Lori Foster	Fast Burn	Contemporary/Suspense	\$17
Megan Frampton	Lady Be Reckless	Historical	\$17
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