

BOOK CATALOGUE – AUGUST 2019

Congratulations to the Romance Writers of NZ whose annual conference (LOVE AND OTHER JOURNEYS) in Christchurch has sold out! It's also a great month for readers with new titles including Ilona Andrews' SWEEP OF THE BLADE, Karen Chance's BRAVE THE TEMPEST, Tessa Dare's THE WALLFLOWER WAGER, Anne Gracie's MARRY IN SECRET, Sarah MacLean's BRAZEN AND THE BEAST and J.R. Ward's BLOOD TRUTH. Enjoy!

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Ilona Andrews	Sweep of the Blade*	Victoria Alexander	Happily Ever After
Sandra Brown	Outfox*	Ilona Andrews	Sapphire Flames
Karen Chance	Brave the Tempest	Kerrigan Byrne	How to Love a Duke in Ten Days
Tessa Dare	The Wallflower Wager	Jude Deveraux	As You Wish#
Anne Gracie	Marry in Secret	Janet Evanovich	Look Alive Twenty Five#
Sarah MacLean	Brazen and the Beast	Christine Feehan	Dark Illusion*
Susan Mallery	Sisters Like Us#	Lorraine Heath	The Duchess in His Bed
Jenn McKinlay	Hitting the Books#	Sherrilyn Kenyon	At Death's Door*
J.D. Robb	Connections in Death#	J.D. Robb	Vendetta in Death*
J.R. Ward	Blood Truth*	Nalini Singh	Archangel's War*

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

	<p>Title: Brave the Tempest Author: Karen Chance Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Cassie Palmer Series.</i> Cassie Palmer has been chief seer of the supernatural world for a little over four months. In that time, she's battled two gods, fallen in love with two men, and confronted the two sides of her own nature, both god and human. So it's not surprising that she now finds herself facing two adversaries, although they have a single purpose: to wipe out the supernatural community's new fighting force ... To prevent this, vamps, mages, and demons have come together as allies. Cassie has the task of keeping the coalition intact and persuading opposing forces to fight at her side.</p>		<p>Title: The Wallflower Wager Author: Tessa Dare Classification: Historical Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Girl Meets Duke Series.</i> Wealthy and ruthless, Gabriel Duke clawed his way from the slums to high society – and now he wants to get even ... Loyal and passionate, Lady Penelope Campion never met a lost or wounded creature she wouldn't take into her home and her heart ... When her new neighbour demands she clear out the animals, Penny sets him a challenge. She'll part with her charges, if he can find them loving homes ... Gabriel, who wouldn't know a loving home from a workhouse, is bewitched by the pretty spinster who defies him. Now she's set on saving him ... Not if he ruins her first.</p>
	<p>Title: Marry in Secret Author: Anne Gracie Classification: Historical Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Marriage of Convenience Series.</i> Lady Rose Rutherford has a plan to gain the freedom she desires: She will enter into a marriage of convenience. There's just one problem: the fierce-looking man who crashes her wedding – Thomas Beresford, the young naval officer she fell in love with and secretly married when she was still a schoolgirl. Thought to have died four years ago he's returned, a cold, hard stranger with one driving purpose – revenge ... But Rose never did follow the rules, and as she takes matters into her own hands, Thomas finds himself falling in love with his wife ...</p>		<p>Title: Blood Truth Author: J.R. Ward Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Black Dagger Legacy Series.</i> As a trainee in the Black Dagger Brotherhood's program, Boone has triumphed as a soldier and now fights side by side with the Brothers. Following his sire's death, he is taken off rotation against his protests – and he finds himself working with Butch O'Neal, former homicide cop, to catch a serial killer: Someone is targeting females of the species at a live-action role-play club. When the Brotherhood is called in to help, Boone insists on being a part of the effort – and the last thing he expects is to meet an enticing, mysterious female ... who changes his life forever ...</p>

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Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

The One Who Stays by **Toni Blake** (Paperback – \$17). *Summer Island Series*. Summer Island has always been home to Meg Sloan. She runs the Summerbrook Inn, like her grandmother did, and she loves the laid-back pace of life and the close-knit community the island offers. Meg also loves Zack Sheppard, but what she doesn't love is Zack's refusal to commit to an exclusive relationship ... Seth Darden arrives on Summer Island in search of summer work, but also in search of something else – his past. There are secrets buried at the Summerbrook Inn, secrets that forged the path of Seth's life. But he wasn't counting on falling for the lovely innkeeper, Meg ... When Meg meets Seth, she can't ignore the sparks that fly between them, even though she feels like her heart has been torn in half. But if Zack won't commit, should she take the leap with Seth? And can she even have a future with him if he can't reckon with his past?

Outfox by **Sandra Brown** (Trade Paperback – \$30). One man with multiple identities. Eight women who vanished without a trace. The next likely victim ... his wife ... FBI agent Drex Easton is driven by a single goal: to outmaneuver the conman once known as Weston Graham ... Over the years, Weston has assumed countless names and disguises, luring eight wealthy women out of their fortunes before they disappeared without a trace. The only common trait among the victims: a new man in their life who also vanished... Drex is convinced that these women have been murdered, and that the man he knows as Weston Graham is responsible. But each time Drex gets close to catching him, Weston trades one persona for another. Now, for the first time in their long game of cat and mouse, Drex has a suspect in sight ... Attractive and charming, Jasper Ford is recently married to a successful businesswoman, Talia Shafer. Posing as a new neighbor, Drex attempts to get close to the couple ... This is Drex's one chance to outfox his cunning nemesis before he murders again. But first he must determine if the desirable Talia is a heartless accomplice ... or the next victim.

Paradox by **Catherine Coulter** (Paperback Release – \$20). *FBI Thriller Series*. When an escaped mental patient fails to kidnap five-year-old Sean Savich, agents Sherlock and Savich know they're in his crosshairs and must find him before he continues with his kill list ... Chief Ty Christie of Willicott, Maryland, witnesses a murder at dawn from the deck of her lake cottage. When dragging the lake, the divers find not only find the murder victim but also dozens of bones. Working together with Chief Christie, Savich and Sherlock soon discover a frightening connection between the bones and the escaped psychopath ... Paradox is a chilling mix of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde, old secrets that refuse to stay buried, and ruthless greed that keep Savich and Sherlock and Chief Christie working at high speed to uncover the truth before their own bones end up at the bottom of the lake.

Cottage by the Sea by **Debbie Macomber** (Paperback Release – \$17). Annie Marlow has been through the worst. Rocked by tragedy, she heads to

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense contd the one place that makes her happy: Oceanside in the Pacific Northwest, the destination of many family vacations when Annie was a teenager ... Once there, Annie begins to restore her broken spirit, thanks in part to the folks she meets: a local painter, Keaton, whose large frame is equal to his big heart – and who helps Annie fix up her rental cottage by the sea; Mellie, the reclusive, prickly landlord Annie is determined to befriend; and Britt, a teenager with a terrible secret. But it is Keaton to whom Annie feels most drawn. His quiet, peaceful nature offers her both comfort and reprieve from her grief, and the two begin to grow closer ... Then events threaten to undo the idyll Annie has come to enjoy. And when the opportunity of a lifetime lands in her lap, she is torn between the excitement of a new journey toward success and the safe and secure arms of the haven – and the man – she's come to call home ...

Sisters Like Us by **Susan Mallery** (Paperback Release – \$18). *Mischief Bay Series*. The grass is always greener on your sister's side of the fence ... Divorce left Harper Szymanski with a name no one can spell, a house she can't afford and a teenage daughter who's pulling away. With her fledgling virtual-assistant business, she's scrambling to maintain her overbearing mother's ridiculous Susie Homemaker standards and still pay the bills, thanks to clients like Lucas, the annoying playboy cop who claims he hangs around for Harper's fresh-baked cookies ... Spending half her life in school hasn't prepared Dr. Stacey Bloom for her most daunting challenge – motherhood. She didn't inherit the nurturing gene like Harper and is in deep denial that a baby is coming. Worse, her mother will be horrified to learn that Stacey's husband plans to be a stay-at-home dad ... assuming Stacey can first find the courage to tell Mom she's already six months pregnant ... Separately they may be a mess, but together Harper and Stacey are about to discover that they can survive anything – their indomitable mother, overwhelming maternity stores and ex's weddings.

All Roads Lead to You by **Jennifer Probst** (Trade Paperback – \$24). *Stay Series*. Happily single, Harper Bishop trusts in only one passion – her rescue farm and healing her thoroughbred, Phoenix. Her dream is to lead him to the Triple Crown. But how unreachable is it without experience or help? A handsome new guest at her family's B&B has what it takes to make it come true. And with his irresistible brogue, warm smile, and soothing touch, he's a major distraction ... After a bitter betrayal, horse trainer Aidan O'Connor has fled Ireland for a vacation in New York's Hudson Valley. When he sees the horse with the fighting spirit, he's inspired with a new goal: to train Phoenix to win. He's also facing an unexpected new challenge: his feelings for Harper ... How can she dare to open her heart to a man who'll be there only long enough to break it? ... So Harper and Aidan agree: keep it professional, and focus only on Phoenix and the finish line. But along the way, they could also learn a few lessons in love, trust, and taking chances. And, as painful as it promises to be, saying goodbye.

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Say You're Sorry by **Karen Rose** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Sacramento Series*. There is a serial killer on the loose, preying on vulnerable women. The only identifiable mark the killer leaves are letters – sometimes one, sometimes two – all carved into the torsos of his victims. Together they spell “Sydney” ... When he grabs Daisy Dawson, he believes he has found his next victim. But despite her small stature, she fights back with an expertise that quickly frees her. Before fleeing the scene, Daisy also manages to grab what proves to be crucial evidence: a necklace from around the killer's neck ... The necklace is more than a trivial item – it is a link to a cold case that Special Agent Gideon Reynolds has been tracking for seventeen years. With Daisy's help, Gideon finally has the opportunity to get closer to the truth than ever before ... But they might not get the chance, as the serial killer has a new target: Gideon and Daisy.

Lost and Found Sisters by **Jill Shalvis** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Wildstone Series*. They say life can change in an instant ... After losing her sister in a devastating car accident, chef Quinn Weller is finally getting her life back on track. She appears to have it all: a loving family, a dream job in one of L.A.'s hottest eateries, and a gorgeous boyfriend dying to slip an engagement ring on her finger. So why does she feel so empty, like she's looking for a missing piece she can't find? ... The answer comes when a lawyer tracks down Quinn and reveals a bombshell secret and a mysterious inheritance that only she can claim. This shocking revelation washes over Quinn like a tidal wave. Her whole life has been a lie ... On impulse, Quinn gives up her job, home, and boyfriend. She heads up the coast to the small hometown of Wildstone, California, which is just a few hours north, but feels worlds apart from Los Angeles. Though she doesn't quite fit in right away, she can't help but be drawn to the town's simple pleasures ... and the handsome, dark-haired stranger who offers friendship with no questions asked ... As Quinn settles into Wildstone, she discovers there's another surprise in store for her. The inheritance isn't a house or money, but rather something earthshattering, something that will make her question everything she thought she knew

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 about herself, about her family. Now with a world of possibilities opening up to Quinn, she must decide if this new life is the one she was always meant to have – and the one that could finally give her the fulfillment she's searched so long for.

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A Secret Life by **Christobel Kent** (Trade Paperback – \$30). A girls' night out. A bad decision. A life, unravelling ... When Georgie is persuaded to join two old friends for Ladies' Night, she intends to have fun, to behave like the Georgie she was before marriage and motherhood changed her life ... But one drink too many and Georgie's not sure what happened the night before. Now she's starting to wonder just what she's invited in to her life . .

Hitting the Books by **Jenn McKinlay** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Library Lover's Mystery Series*. When a stack of library materials is found at the scene of a hit-and-run, library director Lindsey Norris finds herself dragged into the investigation as the police try to link the driver of the stolen car to the person who borrowed the books. Before Lindsey can delve into the library's records, the victim of the hit-and-run, Theresa Houston, suffers another accident, and the investigation shifts from driver negligence to attempted homicide ... A clue surfaces in the confiscated library materials that could crack open the case, and it's up to Lindsey to piece it all together. But things are not as they seem in the sleepy town of Briar Creek. When the driver of the stolen car turns up dead, Lindsey, her staff, and her library friends have to hit the books before the murderer gets the last word ...

Connections in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Paperback Release – \$18). *In Death Series*. Homicide cop Eve Dallas and her billionaire husband, Roarke, are building a brand-new school and youth shelter. They know that the hard life can lead kids toward dangerous crossroads – and with this new project, they hope to nudge a few more of them onto the right path. For expert help, they hire child psychologist Dr. Rochelle Pickering – whose own brother pulled himself out of a spiral of addiction and crime with Rochelle's support ... Lyle is living with Rochelle while he gets his life together,

Nalini Singh's Personalised Book Signings and Book Launch

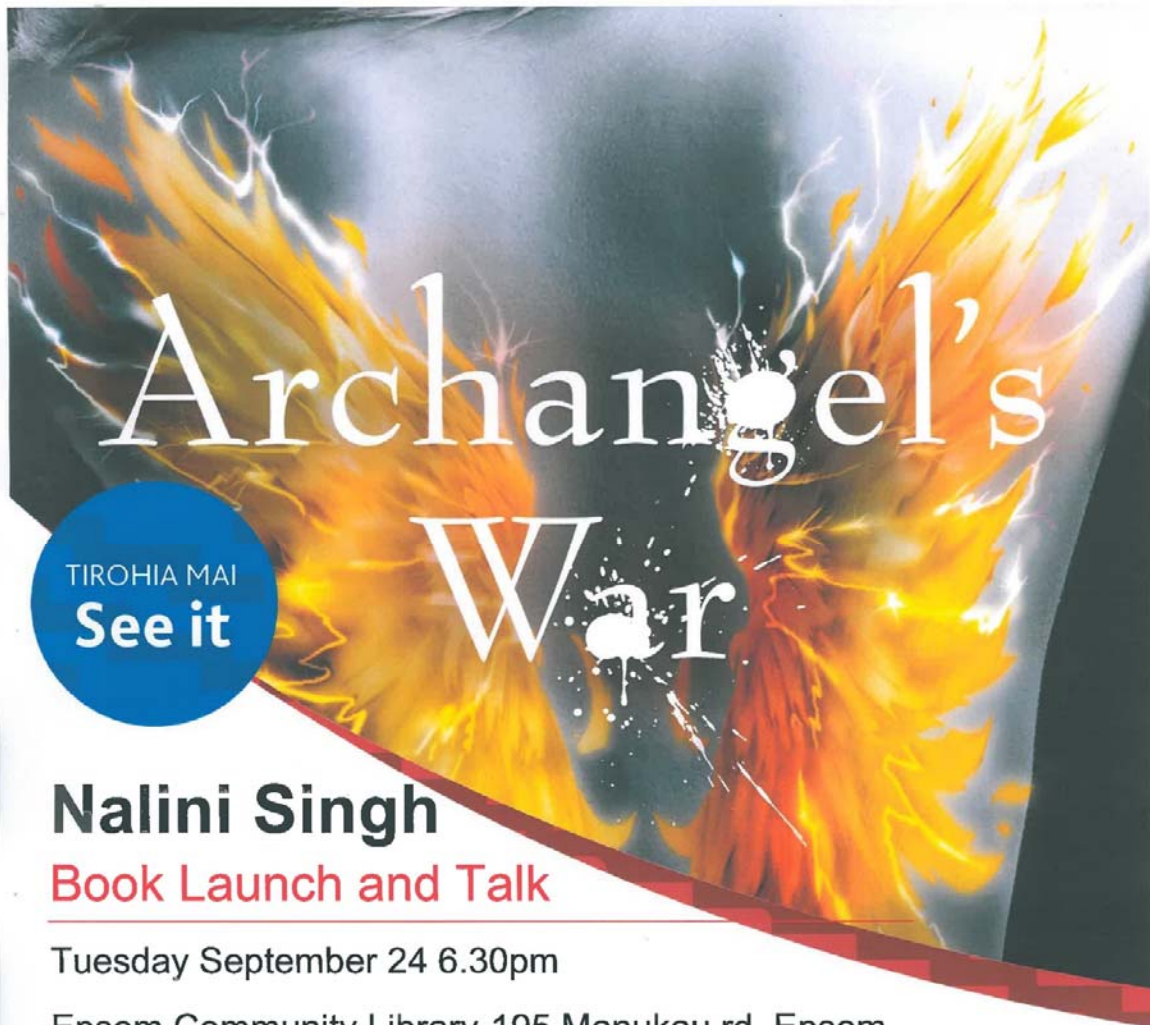
We are able to offer personalised signings of Nalini Singh's books, including her latest release WOLF RAIN and her upcoming release ARCHANGEL'S WAR. The timing depends on Nalini's work & travel commitments; we normally expect signings to take around 1-5 working days. Please email info@chapter.co.nz to arrange. Also, we will be hosting an ARCHANGEL'S WAR BOOK LAUNCH & SIGNING EVENT (International Edition only) at the Epsom Library, 195 Manukau Rd on Tuesday 24 Sep at 6.30pm. Poster follows.

Romance Writers of New Zealand (RWNZ) Annual Conference – Love and Other Journeys

23-25 Aug 2019 Romance Writers of New Zealand Conference @ Chateau on the Park, Christchurch
 (see www.romancewriters.co.nz/event/rwnz-2019-conference for details). SOLD OUT!

Chapter Short Story Competition Success

Our warm congratulations to the winners of the Romance Writers of New Zealand short story competition which is sponsored by Chapter. The winners for 2019 are: Pamela Swain (1st), Stephanie Ruth (2nd) and Kris Pearson (3rd). Finalists are: Yvonne Walus and Stephanie Ruth. An anthology of the top entries (LIAISONS) is available on request to info@chapter.co.nz.



Nalini Singh

Book Launch and Talk

Tuesday September 24 6.30pm

Epsom Community Library-195 Manukau rd, Epsom

New York Times Best-selling Local Author and Former Librarian Nalini Singh is returning to Epsom Community Library! Join us to celebrate the release of *Archangel's War*, the next book in the *Guild Hunter series*.

Books will be available to buy on the night for a discounted price.

Gold coin donation appreciated, with proceeds going to Rotary literacy programmes.

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There will be limited quantities of the rest of the Guild Hunter series, the Psy/Changeling series, and the Psy/Changeling Trinity series (including "Wolf Rain") available for purchase on the night. International editions only. Please contact us (info@chapter.co.nz; 09-6232319) if you wish to reserve a copy of any of these titles for purchase and signing at the event.

To purchase signed copies of any of Nalini Singh's other titles, which we will organize outside of the event, likewise please contact us (info@chapter.co.nz; 09-6232319).

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and he's thrilled to hear about his sister's new job offer. But within hours, triumph is followed by tragedy. Returning from a celebratory dinner with her boyfriend, she finds Lyle dead with a syringe in his lap, and Eve's investigation confirms that this wasn't just another OD. After all his work to get clean, Lyle's been pumped full of poison – and a neighbor with a peephole reports seeing a scruffy, pink-haired girl fleeing the scene. Lyle has been murdered, and the evidence points directly to his old street gang ... As Eve and husband Roarke track the killer through the city's dive bars, drug dens and strip joints, another body is discovered. With connections growing between the living and the dead, and the body count on the rise, Eve knows she needs to close this case fast, before the killer's lust for power turns the city's streets into a bloodbath.

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Sweep of the Blade by **Iiona Andrews** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$34). *Innkeeper Chronicles*. Maud Demille is a daughter of Innkeepers – a special group who provide 'lodging' to other-planetary visitors – so she knows that a simple life isn't in the cards. But even Maud could never have anticipated what Fate would throw at her ... Once a wife to a powerful vampire knight, Maud and her young daughter, Helen, were exiled with him for his treachery to the desolate, savage planet of Karhari. Karhari killed her husband, and Maud – completely abandoned by his family – has spent over a year avenging his debts. Rescued by her sister Dina, she's sworn off all things vampire ... Except ... In helping Dina save the world, she met Arland, the Marshal of House Krahr, one of the most powerful vampire houses. One thing led to another and he asked for her hand in marriage. She declined. Arland is not used to hearing the word 'no;' and try as she might, Maud can't just walk away from Arland. It doesn't help that being human is a lot harder for Maud than being a vampire ... To sort it all out, she accepts his invitation to visit his home planet. House Krahr is extremely influential and Maud knows that a woman – a human, with a very questionable past – who's turned down a proposal from its most beloved son won't get a warm reception. Maybe she's not sure about marrying Arland, but House Krahr isn't going to decide for her. Maud Demille has never run from a fight, and House Krahr will soon discover that there's a lot more to Maud than they're expecting.

The Omega Objection by **G.L. Carriger** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$29). *San Andreas Shifters Series*. Every night Isaac wonders if the next shifter in his bar will be the werewolf sent to kill him ... The supernatural creatures of San Francisco love to visit Isaac the bartender. They never ask why they're drawn to him or why he has no scent. Until Tank ... Tank is always subservient to his pack and its needs, so when asked to take a side job as a bouncer, he's there. Then he meets Isaac. The man is an enigma – odorless, ridiculously sexy, and terrified ... Can Tank prove to Isaac that sometimes there are monsters worth running toward?

Dark Sentinel by **Christine Feehan** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Carpathian Series*. After the devastating loss of her entire family, Lorraine Peters heads to the woods searching for peace of mind and

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anything to quell the anger in her soul. Instead, she stumbles upon a scene of horrific violence, as one man lies helpless in the face of three attackers ... Andor Katona's existence has been a harsh one, living for centuries as a monk in the Carpathian Mountains. Unable to find his lifemate, he almost welcomes his release from a colourless and unfeeling world at the hands of the vampire hunters who have mistaken him for their prey. That is, until a whirling ball of fury bursts onto the scene, determined to save him ... In one glimpse, in one breath, Andor recognizes Lorraine as his lifemate, but it will take more than their telepathic connection to convince her of their immortal bond. Lorraine is a lethal combination of cunning and courage. So much so that she captures the attention of a master vampire, one who has already lost what was once irreplaceable to him. One who will strike with deadly precision at Andor and his ancient Carpathian comrades in a war to end all wars.

An Easy Death by **Charlaine Harris** (Paperback Release – \$20). *Gunnie Rose Series*. Set in a fractured United States, in the southwestern country now known as Texoma. A world where magic is acknowledged but mistrusted, especially by a young gunslinger named Lizbeth Rose. Battered by a run across the border to Mexico Lizbeth Rose takes a job offer from a pair of Russian wizards to be their local guide and gunnie. For the wizards, Gunnie Rose has already acquired a fearsome reputation and they're at a desperate crossroad, even if they won't admit it. They're searching through the small border towns near Mexico, trying to locate a low-level magic practitioner, Oleg Karkarov. The wizards believe Oleg is a direct descendant of Grigori Rasputin, and that Oleg's blood can save the young tsar's life ... As the trio journey through an altered America, shattered into several countries by the assassination of Franklin Roosevelt and the Great Depression, they're set on by enemies. It's clear that a powerful force does not want them to succeed in their mission. Lizbeth Rose is a gunnie who has never failed a client, but her oath will test all of her skills and resolve to get them all out alive.

Stygian by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Paperback Release – \$18). *Dark-Hunter Series*. Born before man recorded time, I lived for thousands of years believing myself to be something I'm not ... Someone I'm not ... Lied to and betrayed by gods, Daimons and Dark-Hunters, I've struggled to find my way in a world where I've been cursed since the moment I was prematurely ripped from my mother and planted into the womb of an innocent woman who thought me her son ... Trained as a slayer and predator, I learned to fit in and stay low. To become a tool for evil. Until I was sent to kill the one woman I couldn't. My hesitation cost her her life ... Or so I thought. In an act of betrayal that makes all the others pale in comparison, I've learned that this world is an illusion and that my Phoebe still lives ... Now I will have to travel into the very pits of Hades to try and save her, even as everyone around me attempts to steal what little soul I have left. There's only one person at my back and I'm not sure I can trust her either, for she was born of an enemy race. Yet sometimes the road to redemption is one that sings us to our very core.

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And if I fail to find the answers I need to save Phoebe, more than just my wife will die ... We will lose the world. Both human and Daimon.

Historical & Regency Romance

One Fine Duke by **Lenora Bell** (Paperback – \$17). *School for Dukes Series*. Raised in the countryside by her overprotective uncle, Miss Mina Penny's dream of a triumphant London season is finally here. She determined her perfect match long ago: Rafe Bentley, the wickedest rake of them all. There's only one very large, very unyielding obstacle: Rafe's brother Drew, the reclusive Duke of Thorndon ... This was supposed to be simple. Duke goes to London. Duke selects suitable bride. Love match? Not a chance. But when Drew meets Mina, she complicates everything. How can a lady armed with such beauty and brains fall for his irresponsible degenerate of a brother? Drew vows to save her from heartbreak and ruin, no matter the cost ... But Mina is no damsel in distress. She's daring, intuitive, passionate... and halfway to melting Drew's cold heart. And although Mina thought she knew exactly what she wanted, one breathtakingly seductive kiss from Drew changes everything. Now Mina must decide between long-held dreams and dangerous new desires. Could her true destiny lie in the arms of a duke?

The Duke is But a Dream by **Anna Bennett** (Paperback – \$17). *Debutante Diaries Series*. Miss Lily Hartley is the anonymous mastermind behind the ton's latest obsession: The Debutante's Revenge, a tell-all advice column for young ladies. To keep her identity hidden, Lily delivers her columns disguised as a boy – which is well and good, until she lands in the middle of tavern brawl. As luck would have it, a devastatingly handsome duke sweeps in to rescue her ... Eric Nash, Duke of Stonebridge, discovers there's a beautiful woman hiding beneath a lad's cap, and, before long, he's falling for the delightfully clever stranger recuperating in his house. He vows to help her find her home, even though he's reluctant to part with her. There's only one problem ... Lily has no idea who she is. She could be a duchess or maid. Betrothed or married. There's only one thing she does know – that her attraction to Nash is more than skin-deep, and it grows stronger every day. While Lily and Nash search to find her true identity, they just might lose their hearts to each other ...

The Highland Earl by **Amy Jarecki** (Paperback – \$17). *Lords of the Highlands Series*. With two young sons to care for and a large estate to run, John Erskine, the widowed Earl of Mar, needs to remarry as quickly as possible. And beautiful Lady Evelyn Pierrepont would be the perfect match. But there's more behind the English lass's calm demeanor than she's letting on, including a smoldering allure not even John can ignore ... Evelyn has no desire to wed the rugged Scottish earl, but at least she'll be able to continue her work as a spy – as long as her husband never finds out. Yet the more time Evelyn spends with John and his boys, the fonder she grows of their little family, and the last thing she wants to do is put them in danger. As alliances shift and enemies draw closer, soon everything they hold dear is at risk: their lands, their love, and their very lives.

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The Beguilement of Lady Eustacia Cavanaugh by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-on-Demand Paperback – \$36). *Cavanaugh Series*. Stacie – Lady Eustacia Cavanaugh – is adamant marriage is not for her. Wealthy and well-born, she needs for nothing, and with marriage off the table, to give her life purpose, she embarks on a plan to further the careers of emerging local musicians by introducing them to the ton via a series of musical evenings. Yet despite her noble status, Stacie requires a musical lure to tempt the haut ton to her events, and only one musician commands sufficient cachet – the reclusive and notoriously reluctant Marquess of Albury ... Frederick, Marquess of Albury, has fashioned a life for himself as a musical scholar, one he pursues largely out of sight of the ton. He might be renowned as a virtuoso on the pianoforte, yet he sees no reason to endure the smothering overattentiveness of society. Then his mother inveigles him into meeting Stacie, and the challenge she lays before him is ... tempting. Enough for him not to immediately refuse her ... A dance of subtle persuasion ensues, and step by step, Frederick finds himself convinced that Stacie's plan has real merit and that it behooves him to support her. At least for one event ... Stacie's first musical evening, featuring Frederick as the principal performer, is a massive success – until Fate takes a hand and lands them in a situation that forces them both to reassess. Does Frederick want more than the sterile, academic life he'd thought was for him? Can Stacie overcome her deepest fears and own to and reach for her girlhood dreams? ... Impulsive, arrogant, and used to getting his own way, Frederick finds his answer easily enough, but his new direction puts him on a collision course with Stacie's fears. Luckily, he thrives on challenges – which is just as well, because in addition to convincing Stacie that love can, indeed, conquer all, he and she must unravel the mystery of who is behind a spate of murderous attacks before the villain succeeds in eliminating all hope of a happy ending.

The Rogue to Ruin by **Vivienne Lorret** (Paperback – \$17). *Misadventures in Matchmaking Series*. The Bourne Matrimonial Agency has one rule: Never fall in love with a client, which shouldn't be a problem when one's faking an engagement to the rogue across the street ... Ainsley Bourne needs the family business to succeed. But one obstacle stands in her way – Reed Sterling, the huge, handsome, former prize fighter and owner of the gaming hell across the street. His scandalous customers scare off all her marriage-minded patrons and since the devilish brute has no intention of relocating, she sets out to ruin his unsavory establishment. Yet when a vile suitor from her past reappears, Ainsley hastily claims an attachment to the first man who comes to mind ... Mr. Sterling, to be exact ... Reed doesn't know who is more surprised by Miss Bourne's declaration. She clearly hates him, and he'd never admit their arguments simmer with unrequited attraction. Something about the pleading look in her eyes calls to Reed, and against his better judgment, he quickly plays the part of the besotted fiancé ... Pretending to be in love requires a convincing charade. But with each tantalizing touch and scandalous kiss, Ainsley starts to wonder if Reed was ever the enemy at all.

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(Paperback – \$17). *Bareknuckle Bastards Series*. When Lady Henrietta Sedley declares her twenty-ninth year her own, she has plans to inherit her father's business, to make her own fortune, and to live her own life. But first, she intends to experience a taste of the pleasure she'll forgo as a confirmed spinster. Everything is going perfectly ... until she discovers the most beautiful man she's ever seen tied up in her carriage and threatening to ruin the Year of Hattie before it's even begun ... When he wakes in a carriage at Hattie's feet, Whit, a king of Covent Garden known to all the world as Beast, can't help but wonder about the strange woman who frees him – especially when he discovers she's headed for a night of pleasure ... on his turf. He is more than happy to offer Hattie all she desires ... for a price ... Soon, Hattie and Whit find themselves rivals in business and pleasure. She won't give up her plans; he won't give up his power ... and neither of them sees that if they're not careful, they'll have no choice but to give up everything ... including their hearts.

The Viscount Can Wait by Marie Tremayne

(Paperback – \$17). *Reluctant Brides Series*. After five years away, Lady Eliza Cartwick isn't relishing returning to the whirl of the London season. But the young widow knows to ensure the best future for herself and her young daughter, Rosa, she must remarry. If only Lord Evanston, the dashing rogue who has haunted her dreams since she was sixteen, didn't insist on distracting her with his searing looks and lingering touches at the most inconvenient times ... Thomas, Lord Evanston, has wanted Eliza since her engagement ball all those years ago. His best friend's sister has constantly been out of reach ... until now. The forbidden has always tempted him, but when Thomas realizes he wants the object of his fantasies for far more than a dalliance, he must convince her that he's not just a rake; he's a viscount who's worth the wait.

Escaping His Grace by Kristin Vayden (Paperback – \$12). *Gentlemen of Temptation Series*. Miss Miranda is not really a Miss, exactly. Nor is her name Miranda, exactly. But to escape her tyrannical Duke of a father, changes were required. Now in the Scottish countryside, employed by her new brother-in-law's unsuspecting friend, Heathcliff Marston, Viscount Kilpatrick, Miranda feels safe – except for the danger of falling in love. And the Viscount's broad shoulders and seductive brogue are no help at all. Certainly, a peer of the realm would never entertain a dalliance with the help – and definitely not kiss the help – except this Viscount isn't a typical peer of the realm ... Between managing Temptations and his newly acquired ward, the last thing Heathcliff needs is investigators hounding him about the whereabouts of some duke's runaway daughter. At least he's secured a governess – no doubt a sour woman. Or so he expects until he meets intriguing Miranda. Now he is the one faced with temptation. But there's more to lovely Miranda than meets the eye – a truth that could change the course of all their futures.

Mainstream & Chick Lit**The House on Olive Street** by Robyn Carr

(Paperback Reissue – \$17). When a group of writers loses a member, a summer spent sorting through her things offers the perfect escape for the friends who loved and miss her ... Sable has everything and her bestselling novels have made her a star. But she has a past she is desperate to hide ... Elly is an intellectual who has hidden herself within the walls of academia, afraid to admit she is tired of being alone ... Barbara Ann is the talent behind twenty-six romance novels, but she's lost control of her career and her family ... Beth's popular mysteries have become the only way she can fight against the secret tyranny of an abusive husband ... Gathering in Gabby's house on Olive Street, away from their troubles, the four women discover something wonderful: themselves. And together they realize a dream. For, in telling the story of a remarkable woman, their own stories begin to change.

The Book Charmer by Karen Hawkins

(Trade Paperback – \$29). *Dove Pond Series*. Sometimes all you need is a good book ... Sarah Dove is no ordinary bookworm. The seventh Dove daughter of Dove Pond, Sarah believes that books are magical. To her, books have always been more than just objects: they live, they breathe, and sometimes they even speak. When Sarah grows up to become the librarian in her quaint Southern town of Dove Pond, her gift helps place every book in the hands of the perfect reader. Recently, however, the books have been whispering about something out of the ordinary: the arrival of a displaced city girl named Grace Wheeler ... After her sister's tragic death Grace has moved to Dove Pond with her grieving young niece and ailing foster mother to focus on her family. If the books are right, Grace could be the savior that Dove Pond desperately needs. The problem is, Grace wants little to do with the town or its quirky residents – Sarah chief among them. It takes a bit of urging, and the help of an especially wise book, but Grace ultimately embraces the challenge to rescue her charmed new community. In her quest, she discovers the tantalizing promise of new love, the deep strength that comes from having a true friend, and the power of finding just the right book.

The Perfect Couple by Elin Hildebrand

(Paperback Release – \$20). *Nantucket Series*. It's Nantucket wedding season, also known as summer – the sight of a bride racing down Main Street is as common as the sun setting at Madaket Beach ... The Otis-Winbury wedding promises to be an event to remember: the groom's wealthy parents have spared no expense to host a lavish ceremony at their oceanfront estate ... But it's going to be memorable for all the wrong reasons after tragedy strikes: a body is discovered in Nantucket Harbor just hours before the ceremony and everyone in the wedding party is suddenly a suspect. As Chief of Police Ed Kapenash interviews the bride, the groom, the groom's famous mystery-novelist mother, and even a member of his own family, he discovers that every wedding is a minefield – and no couple is perfect.

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Summary of This Month's Books

Author	Title	Classification	Price
Ilona Andrews	Sweep of the Blade*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$34
Lenora Bell	One Fine Duke	Historical	\$17
Anna Bennett	The Duke is But a Dream	Historical	\$17
Toni Blake	The One Who Stays	Contemporary	\$17
Sandra Brown	Outfox*	Contemporary/R. Suspense	\$30
Robyn Carr	The House on Olive Street	Mainstream	\$17
G.L. Carriger	The Omega Objection*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$29
Karen Chance	Brave the Tempest	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$17
Catherine Coulter	Paradox#	Contemporary/R. Suspense	\$20
Tessa Dare	The Wallflower Wager	Historical	\$17
Christine Feehan	Dark Sentinel#	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$17
Anne Gracie	Marry in Secret	Historical	\$17
Charlaine Harris	An Easy Death#	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$20
Karen Hawkins	The Book Charmer*	Mainstream	\$29
Elin Hildebrand	The Perfect Couple#	Mainstream	\$20
Amy Jarecki	The Highland Earl	Historical	\$17
Christobel Kent	A Secret Life*	Crime & Mystery & Thriller	\$30
Sherrilyn Kenyon	Stygian#	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$18
Stephanie Laurens	Beguilement of Lady Eustacia Cavanaugh*	Historical	\$36
Vivienne Lorret	The Rogue to Ruin	Historical	\$17
Sarah MacLean	Brazen and the Beast	Historical	\$17
Debbie Macomber	Cottage by the Sea#	Contemporary	\$17
Susan Mallery	Sisters Like Us#	Contemporary	\$18
Jenn McKinlay	Hitting the Books#	Crime & Mystery & Thriller	\$17
Jennifer Probst	All Roads Lead to You*	Contemporary	\$24
J.D. Robb	Connections in Death#	Crime & Mystery & Thriller	\$18
Karen Rose	Say You're Sorry#	Contemporary/R. Suspense	\$17
Jill Shalvis	Lost and Found Sisters#	Contemporary	\$17
Marie Tremayne	The Viscount Can Wait	Historical	\$17
Kristin Vayden	Escaping His Grace	Historical	\$12
J.R. Ward	Blood Truth*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$30

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