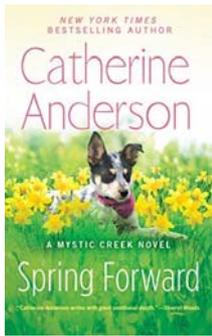
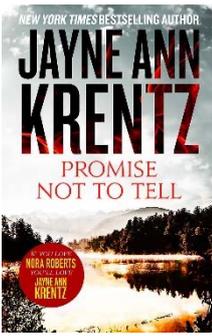
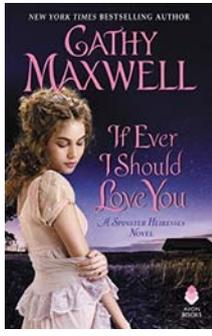
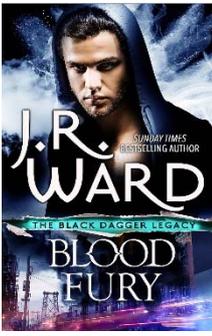


BOOK CATALOGUE – JAN/FEB 2018

Welcome back! Happy New Year and best wishes to you for 2018! Many apologies for this month's catalogue delay – which is due to moving house. New releases include Catherine Anderson's *Spring Forward*, Amanda Bouchet's *Heart on Fire*, Jayne Ann Krentz's *Promise Not to Tell*, Cathy Maxwell's *If Ever I Should Love You*, J.D. Robb's *Secrets in Death* and J.R. Ward's *Blood Fury*. Enjoy!

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Catherine Anderson	Spring Forward	Suzanne Enoch	A Devil in Scotland
Amanda Bouchet	Heart on Fire	Christine Feehan	Judgement Road
Andrea Camilleri	The Pyramid of Mud*	Lorraine Heath	Beyond Scandal and Desire
Rachel Gibson	The Art of Running In Heels	Sophie Kinsella	Surprise Me*
Hannah Howell	When You Love a Scotsman	J.D. Robb	Dark in Death*
Jayne Ann Krentz	Promise Not to Tell*	Michelle Sagara	Cast In Deception*
Cathy Maxwell	If Ever I Should Love You	Lynsay Sands	Surrender to the Highlander
J.D. Robb	Secrets in Death#	Jill Shalvis	About that Kiss
A. McCall Smith	My Italian Bulldozer*	A. McCall Smith	A Time of Love and Tartan*
J.R. Ward	Blood Fury*	Christine Warren	Baby I'm Howling For You

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

 <p>Title: Spring Forward Author: Catherine Anderson Classification: Contemporary Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Mystic Creek Series.</i> When a favorite customer on his delivery route needs a favor, Tanner Richards helps without a second thought. The last thing he expects is to face off against the man's spitfire granddaughter. Crystal Malloy is near her breaking point. Her beloved grandfather skirts the rules at the retirement center where he's recovering from surgery. She's caring for his escape artist dog and she has no time for a romantic attraction to the handsome stranger. Crystal has known too much sorrow to easily open her heart, but Tanner and his children could gift her happiness – if only she can forgive herself for the past and accept that she's deserving of such a love.</p>	 <p>Title: Promise Not to Tell Author: Jayne Ann Krentz Classification: Contemporary/Suspense Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: Seattle gallery owner Virginia Troy has spent years battling the demons that stem from her childhood time in a cult and the night a fire burned through the compound, killing her mother. And now one of her artists has taken her own life, but not before sending Virginia a last picture: a painting that makes Virginia doubt everything about the so-called suicide – and her own past. Like Virginia, private investigator Cabot Sutter was one of the children in the cult who survived that fire ... and only he can help her now. Thrown into an inferno of desire and deception, Virginia and Cabot draw ever closer to the mystery of their shared memories.</p>
 <p>Title: If Ever I Should Love You Author: Cathy Maxwell Classification: Historical Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Spinster Heiresses Series.</i> He's inherited a title, but not a penny to speak of, so the Earl of Rochdale knows he must find a wealthy wife. His choice: Leonie Charnock, one of the season's "Spinster Heiresses." Years before, the earl saved the dark-eyed beauty's reputation. However, Leonie doesn't want to be anyone's wife. Nearly destroyed by the secrets in her past, Leonie agrees to their union with one condition: there will be a wedding but no bedding. But it's a condition the new Countess Rochdale isn't sure even she can keep.</p>	 <p>Title: Blood Fury Author: J.R. Ward Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Black Dagger Legacy Series.</i> A vampire aristocrat, Peyton is well aware of his duty to his bloodline: mate with an appropriate female of his class and carry on his family's traditions. And he thought he'd found his perfect match – until she fell in love with someone else. Yet when his split-second decision in a battle with the enemy endangers the life of another trainee, Peyton has to face the idea that his future, and his heart, actually lie with another. Novo in turn, is forced to confront the tragedy that has broken her soul and closed her off from love.</p>

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Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

The Art of Running In Heels by **Rachel Gibson** (Paperback – \$17). *Chinooks Hockey Team Series*. Leaving your fiancé at the altar on live television is a disaster. Lexie Kowalsky thought she was ready to get married in front of millions of people, but at the last minute she fled the set of television's hottest reality show, *Gettin' Hitched*. Wearing a poofy white dress and a pair of five-inch sparkly shoes, Lexie hopped a float plane for Sandspit, Canada. She figured no one would find her there. But she was wrong ... Sharing her flight was the Seattle Chinooks biggest star, Sean Knox. Lexie wasn't just a reality-show runaway, she was his pain-in-the-butt coach's daughter. She was chaos and temptation and definitely off limits, but getting her luscious body out of that wedding gown, he couldn't resist getting her in his bed for one amazing night ... Then a photo of Sean and Lexi breaks the internet - and suddenly they're both swept up in a crazy plan to spin the whole story. But you can't run from love.

Now That You Mention It by **Kristan Higgins** (Trade Paperback – \$29). One step forward. Two steps back. The Tufts scholarship that put Nora Stuart on the path to becoming a Boston medical specialist was a step forward. Being hit by a car and then overhearing her boyfriend hit on another doctor when she thought she was dying? Two major steps back. Injured in more ways than one, Nora feels her life cracking at the edges. There's only one place to land: home. But the tiny Maine community she left fifteen years ago doesn't necessarily want her. At every turn, someone holds the prodigal daughter of Scupper Island responsible for small-town drama and big-time disappointments. With a tough islander mother who's always been distant, a wild-child sister in jail and a withdrawn teenage niece as eager to ditch the island as Nora once was, Nora has her work cut out for her if she's going to take what might be her last chance to mend the family. Balancing loss and opportunity, dark events from her past with hope for the future, Nora will discover that tackling old pain makes room for promise ... and the chance to begin again.

Beautiful Lawman by **Sophie Jordan** (Paperback – \$17). *Devil's Rock Series*. From the wrong side of the tracks and with most of her family in jail or dead, Piper Walsh is used to everyone in town thinking the worst about her. It doesn't seem to matter that she's worked hard to build a good life for herself. So she isn't surprised that when she comes into contact with Sweet Hill's wildly irresistible, arrogant sheriff, Hale Walters, they're instant adversaries. Piper has nothing in common with the town golden-boy-turned-lawman – and she refuses to be a notch on his bedpost ... Despite rumors, Hale avoids fooling around with the women of Sweet Hill, many of whom are hoping to get him to the altar. But staying out of Piper's path is proving near impossible. The infuriating troublemaker clearly has no respect for his badge. As she continues to push his buttons, it becomes clear to Hale that he must either arrest Piper – or claim her as his own.

A Million Little Things by **Susan Mallery** (Paperback Release – \$18). *Mischief Bay Series*. Zoe Saldivar is more than just single – she's alone. She

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense cont'd recently broke up with her longtime boyfriend, she works from home and her best friend Jen is so obsessed with her baby that she has practically abandoned their friendship. The day Zoe accidentally traps herself in her attic with her hungry-looking cat, she realizes that it's up to her to stop living in isolation ... Her seemingly empty life takes a sudden turn for the complicated – her first new friend is Jen's widowed mom, Pam. The only guy to give her butterflies in a very long time is Jen's brother. And meanwhile, Pam is being very deliberately seduced by Zoe's own smooth-as-tequila father. Pam's flustered, Jen's annoyed and Zoe is beginning to think "alone" doesn't sound so bad, after all ... Friendship isn't just one thing - it's a million little things!

An Uncommon Honeymoon by **Susan Mann** (Paperback – \$10). *Librarian/Spy Escapade Series*. Librarian and rookie CIA covert operative Quinn Ellington revises her honeymoon plans when she and her brand-new spy husband uncover a drug trafficking ring stretching from the Caribbean to St. Petersburg. Turquoise waters, white sand, and intra-agency relations provide a lush backdrop for raiding enemy strongholds, tailing movie stars, and dodging more than a few bullets. Meanwhile, Quinn's unique skills prove indispensable in luring a dangerous villain into the proper trap.

The Ultimatum by **Karen Robards** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *Guardian Series*. Growing up, Bianca St. Ives was different. Instead of playing hopscotch or combing her dolls' hair, she studied martial arts with sensei masters and dismantled explosives with special-ops retirees. Her father prepped her to carry on the family business. Now a striking beauty with fierce skills, the prodigy has surpassed the master ... She's known as the Guardian. Running a multinational firm with her father, she makes a living swindling con men out of money they stole – and she's damn good at it. She does things on her own terms. But her latest gig had a hiccup – if you count two hundred million dollars and top secret government documents going missing as a hiccup. Her father also died on the mission. The thing is, the US government doesn't believe he's really dead. They'll stop at nothing to capture Richard St. Ives, a high-value target and someone who has been on most-wanted lists all over the world for over two decades, and they mean to use Bianca as bait. With only a fellow criminal for backup and her life on the line, it's up to Bianca to uncover the terrifying truth behind what really happened ... and set it right, before it's too late.

Crime & Mystery & Thriller

A Darkness Absolute by **Kelley Armstrong** (Trade Paperback – \$27). *Casey Duncan Series*. When experienced homicide detective Casey Duncan (now Casey Butler) first moved to the secret town of Rockton, she expected a safe haven for people like her, people running from their past misdeeds and past lives. She knew living in Rockton meant living off-the-grid: no cell phones, no Internet, no mail, very little electricity, and no way of getting in or out without the town council's approval. What she didn't expect is that Rockton comes with its own set

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of secrets and dangers ... Now, in *A Darkness Absolute*, Casey and her fellow Rockton sheriff's deputy Will chase a cabin-fevered resident into the woods, where they are stranded in a blizzard.

Taking shelter in a cave, they discover a former resident who's been held captive for over a year. When the bodies of two other women turn up, Casey must find out if it's an outsider behind the killings or if the answer is more complicated than that ... before another victim goes missing.

Death Below Stairs by **Jennifer Ashley** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Below Stairs Mystery Series*. Highly sought-after cook Kat Holloway takes a position in a Mayfair mansion and soon finds herself immersed in the odd household of Lord Rankin. Kat is fine with the family's eccentricities as long as they stay away from her kitchen, but trouble finds its way below stairs when her assistant is murdered. Afraid for her life, Kat turns to the mysterious Daniel McAdam for help. Daniel takes a position in the house as a footman and stand-in valet so that he can investigate covertly, but Kat cooks up a suspect list of her own. Together, they uncover crime in places low and high – including a plot that may threaten even Queen Victoria herself.

The Plot is Murder by **V.M. Burns** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Mystery Bookshop Series*. The small town of North Harbor on the shores of Lake Michigan is about to have a new mystery bookstore. But before the first customer can browse its shelves, the store's owner is suspected of her own murder plot ... 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 the police suspect her – after all, the owner of a mystery bookstore might know a thing or two about murder. Aided by her feisty grandmother and an ensemble of colorful retirees, 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?

The Pyramid of Mud by **Andrea Camilleri** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Inspector Montalbano Mystery Series*. On a gloomy morning in Vigata, a call from Fazio rouses Inspector Montalbano from a nightmare. A man called Giugiu Nicotra has been found dead in the skeletal workings of a construction site, a place now entombed by a sea of mud from recent days of rain and floods. Shot in the back, he had fled into a water supply system tunnel. The investigation gets off to a slow start, but all the evidence points to the world of construction and public contracts, a world just as slimy and impenetrable as mud ... As he wades through a

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world in which construction firms and public officials thrive, Montalbano is obsessed by one thought: that by going to die in the tunnel, Nicotra had been trying to communicate something.

Twelve Angry Librarians by **Miranda James** (Paperback – \$17). *Cat in the Stacks Mystery Series*. Widowed librarian Charlie Harris is stressed out. The Southern Academic Libraries Association is holding this year's annual meeting at Athena College. Since Charlie is the interim library director, he must deliver the welcome speech to all the visiting librarians. And as if that weren't bad enough, the keynote address will be delivered by Charlie's old nemesis from library school ... It's been thirty years since Charlie has seen Gavin Fong, and he's still an insufferable know-it-all capable of getting under everyone's skin. In his keynote, Gavin puts forth a most unpopular opinion: that degreed librarians will be obsolete in the academic libraries of the future. So when Gavin drops dead, no one seems too upset ... But Charlie, who was seen having a heated argument with Gavin the day before, has jumped to the top of the suspect list. Now Charlie and his Maine Coon cat, Diesel, must check out every clue to refine their search for the real killer among them before the next book Charlie reads comes from a prison library ...

Secrets in Death by **J.D. Robb** (Paperback Release – \$18). *In Death Series*. The chic Manhattan nightspot *Du Vin* is not the kind of place Eve Dallas would usually patronize, and it's not the kind of bar where a lot of blood gets spilled. But that's what happens one cold February evening ... The mortally wounded woman is Larinda Mars, a self-described "social information reporter," or as most people would call it, a professional gossip. As it turns out, she was keeping the most shocking stories quiet, for profitable use in her side business as a blackmailer. Setting her sights on rich, prominent marks, she'd find out what they most wanted to keep hidden and then bleed them dry. Now someone's done the same to her, literally – with a knife to the brachial artery ... Eve didn't like Larinda Mars. But she likes murder even less. To find justice for this victim, she'll have to plunge into the dirty little secrets of all the people Larinda Mars victimized herself. But along the way, she may be exposed to some information she really didn't want to know ...

Of Books and Bagpipes by **Paige Shelton** (Paperback – \$17). *Scottish Bookshop Mystery Series*. Delaney Nichols has settled so comfortably into her new life in Edinburgh that she truly feels it's become more home than her once beloved Kansas. Her job at the Cracked Spine, a bookshop that specializes in rare manuscripts as well as other sundry valuable historical objects, is everything she had dreamed, with her new boss, Edwin MacAlister, entrusting her more and more with bigger jobs. Her latest task includes a trip to Castle Doune, a castle not far out of Edinburgh, to retrieve a hard-to-find edition of an old Scottish comic, an "Oor Wullie," in a cloak and dagger transaction that Edwin has orchestrated ... While taking in the sights of the distant Highlands from the castle's ramparts, Delaney is startled when she spots a sandal-clad foot at the other end of the roof. Unfortunately, the foot's owner is very much dead and, based on the

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William Wallace costume he's wearing, perfectly matches the description of the man who was supposed to bring the Oor Wullie. As Delaney rushes to call off some approaching tourists and find the police, she comes across the Oor Wullie, its pages torn and fluttering around a side wall of the castle. Instinct tells her to take the pages and hide them under her jacket. It's not until she returns to the Cracked Spine that she realizes just how complicated this story is and endeavors to untangle the tricky plot of why someone wanted this man dead, all before getting herself booked for murder.

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Sweep In Peace by **Ilona Andrews** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$27). *Innkeeper Chronicles*. Dina DeMille isn't your typical Bed and Breakfast owner. Her inn defies laws of physics, her dog is secretly a monster, and the only permanent guest of the inn is a former Galactic tyrant with a price on her head. The inn needs guests to thrive and guests have been scarce, so when an Arbitrator shows up at Dina's door and asks her to host a peace summit between three warring species, she jumps on the chance. Unfortunately, for Dina, bridging the gap between space vampires, the Hope-Crushing Horde, and the merchants of Baha-char is much easier said than done. To make the summit a success, she must find a chef, remodel the inn, keep her guests from murdering each other, and risk everything, even her life, to save the man she might fall in love with. But then it's all in the day's work for an Innkeeper.

Heart on Fire by **Amanda Bouchet** (Paperback – \$17). *Kingmaker Chronicles*. Who is Catalia Fisa? With the help of pivotal figures from her past, Cat begins to understand the root of her exceptional magic, her fated union with Griffin Sinta, and Griffin's role in shaping her destiny ... Only Cat holds the key to unlocking her own power, and that means finally accepting herself, her past, and her future in order to protect her loved ones, confront her murderous mother, and take a final, terrifying step – reuniting all three realms and taking her place as the Queen of Thalyria ... What doesn't kill her will only make her stronger ... We hope.

Born of Vengeance by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Paperback Release – \$18). *League: Nemesis Rising Series*. Bastien Cabarro survived the brutal slaughter of his family only to have his wife pin their murders on him. Made Ravin by The League, he is now a target for their assassins-in-training to hunt and kill. The average life expectancy for such beings is six weeks. But defying the odds is what this Gyron Force officer does best – and Bastien won't rest until he lays his betrayers in their graves ... Ten years later, Bastien has a chance to strike back, provided he relies on his former wingman – the sister of the woman who testified against him. Major Ember Wyldestarrin joined the outlaw Tavali the day Kirovar fell to a tyrant, and she and her team were left to die under the barrage of enemy fire. Today, Ember vows revenge on those who murdered her parents and forced her and her sisters into exile. But joining forces with Bastien comes with a cost – and a dangerous attraction. Is it worth the fight if losing means a fate worse than death?

Aliens Abroad by **Gini Koch** (Paperback – \$17). *Katherine "Kitty" Katt Series*. With the human

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population growing and alien refugees pouring in from around the galaxy, Earth is becoming too overcrowded to sustain itself – and the solar system is filling up with the alien overflow. Advanced technology from the Alpha Centauri and Vatusan systems offers one possible solution. It's time to explore new planets and see if any uninhabited ones can be claimed ... The President and First Lady, aka Jeff and Kitty Katt-Martini, aren't supposed to be on this mission, but what looks like a snafu during a political photo op on the newly christened Distant Voyager spaceship turns out to be a call for help from a planet that might be Earth's salvation ... or its destruction ... The discovery of a world at the opposite end of the galaxy that seems like it could be a twin to Earth creates the usual issues for Kitty & Company. It also raises questions of Z'porrah and Ancient influence – not to mention cloning, the multiverse, and, scariest of all, whether or not the Black Hole Universe Police are starting to take too much of an interest in this particular universe.

Dragon Blood by **Eileen Wilks** (Paperback – \$17). *World of the Lupi Series*. When a mission to rescue five children stolen by an Old One falls apart under the assault of a demon prince, Lily wakes up in a strange reality – and is immediately taken captive by the dragon spawn who rule there. Jumping worlds has fractured her party, and Cynna is her only companion ... Although the clock is ticking, time works differently, and Lily has miraculously gained a week. That means seven days to free herself, find Rule and the others, rescue the children, and make it home alive. All before the dragon spawn holding her hostage trade her to the Old One. It would almost be doable if this weren't Long Jia – also known as Dragonhome: the birthplace of dragons.

Historical & Regency Romance

The Duke of Her Desire by **Sophie Barnes** (Paperback – \$17). *Diamonds in the Rough Series*. When Thomas Heathmore, Duke of Coventry, agrees to steer his friend's inexperienced younger sister through society, he doesn't expect the lady in question to be so infernally stubborn. Amelia Matthews seems to have little interest in balls or suitors at all. Instead, she intends to open a school, and against his better instincts, Thomas offers to help. Yet somewhere along the line, Amelia ceases to be a simple responsibility ... and becomes an undeniable temptation ... Since her brother inherited a dukedom, Amelia's prospects have transformed. But though she's long been secretly infatuated with Thomas, she refuses to heed the arrogant aristocrat's advice. If only it were as easy to ignore his heated touch. And as Amelia soon learns, the ton is a minefield, where one moment's indiscretion can unleash a scandal – or entice her to surrender everything to the duke of her desire.

The Rogue Is Back in Town by **Anna Bennett** (Paperback – \$17). *Wayward Wallflowers Series*. "Hide your daughters and your maiden aunts ... Lord Samuel Travis is back." – The London Hearsay, special society edition ... Equal parts scoundrel and seducer, he's returned to London determined to mend the rift with his older brother. All Sam must do is take possession of a tumbledown town house. A seemingly simple task, except the house is occupied

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– by an infuriating, whip-smart beauty who refuses to do his bidding ... Miss Juliette Lacey's wallflower days are over. She has a plan to turn her eccentric family into the toast of the ton – but the devilishly handsome rake trying to oust them from their home thwarts her at every turn. How can one man be so vexing and make her simmer with desire? ... As her attraction to Sam deepens, Julie's problems grow – she may have, once upon a time, secretly shared a kiss with his honorable older brother. Suddenly, Julie's caught between a rogue and a marquess, between passion and respectability. Torn between two brothers, what's a girl to do?

Mesmerized by **Candace Camp** (Paperback Reissue – \$12). *Mad Morelands Series*. All her life, Olivia Moreland has denied her clairvoyant abilities, working instead to disprove the mediums that flock to London. But when Stephen, Lord St. Leger, requests her help in investigating an alleged psychic, she can't ignore the ominous presence she feels within the walls of his ancient estate. Nor can she ignore the intimate connection she feels with Stephen, as if she has somehow known him before ... The last time he'd lived in Blackhope Hall, Stephen had watched as his elder brother claimed both the family title and the woman he loved. Now, following his brother's death, Stephen reluctantly returns home and finds his family ensconced in scandal. Who is behind his brother's murder – a dark spirit or the psychic who claims to have channeled it? And what is it about psychic investigator Olivia Moreland that awakens his long-dormant passion? As they search for answers, Stephen and Olivia discover that the only way to fight a powerful evil is with a powerful love ...

How to Woo a Wallflower by **Christy Carlyle** (Paperback – \$15). *Romancing the Rules Series*. Clarissa Ruthven was born to be a proper lady, but she's never wanted to live up to the expectations her late father set. Determined to use her inheritance to help the less fortunate women of London, she's devastated to learn that she won't be inheriting anything until she marries, a fate she has no interest in. Unwilling to let go of her plans, Clary works at Ruthven Publishing for Gabriel Adamson, a man who's always hated her. She's always returned the feeling, but as she begins to turn her family's publishing company upside down, she finds herself unable to forget her handsome boss ... Gabriel believes in order. He certainly doesn't believe Clary should be sticking her nose in the publishing company, and she definitely has no business invading his every thought. But Gabe soon finds he can't resist Clary's sense of freedom or her passionate kisses and he starts to crave everything she's willing to give him ... When Gabe's dark past comes back to haunt him, he'll do anything to make sure that Clary isn't hurt ... even if it means giving up the only woman he's ever loved.

Earl Interrupted by **Amanda Forester** (Paperback – \$17). *Daring Marriages Series*. Orphaned at young ages, Lady Katherine Ashton and her brother have spent most of their lives on the high seas, seeking to restore their family fortune through somewhat dubious means. After that kind of adventure, Kate knows, she won't ever be accepted as a proper society

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lady ... To the annoyingly clever, temptingly handsome, and altogether troublesome Earl of Wynbrook, society ladies are a dead bore. Kate, on the other hand, is scandalous, alluring, and altogether fascinating. And Kate can't decide which she relishes more, the thrill of chasing fearsome pirates or having Wynbrook chase after her.

When You Love a Scotsman by **Hannah Howell** (Paperback – \$17). *Seven Brides for Seven Scotsmen Series*. With danger closing in from all sides, Abigail Jenson works tirelessly to protect her small Missouri farm. She doesn't require saving – but a handsome officer appears on horseback just as ruthless marauders set her cabin ablaze. With nowhere else to turn, Abigail allows the soldier with the seductive Highlander's gaze to escort her to shelter in a nearby town ... Matthew MacEnroy was reluctant to join his adopted nation's conflict – until an enemy attack wounded two of his brothers. Bravely doing battle has its price when a proud, independent beauty comes under his watch – no military man can risk the powerful emotions their attraction has unleashed. But when Matthew himself is caught in the crossfire, Abigail leads their long journey home to MacEnroy valley ... and her caring touch sparks the promise of a bold future together.

The Highland Guardian by **Amy Jarecki** (Paperback – \$17). *Lords of the Highlands Series*. Captain Reid MacKenzie, Earl of Seaforth, is a man of his word. During a harrowing battle at sea, the heroic Highlander makes a vow to a dying friend to watch over the man's daughter. His plan: send the child to boarding school as quickly as possible so he can continue his mission. But Reid's new ward is no wee lass. She's a ravishing, fully grown woman, and it's all he can do to remember his duty and not seduce her himself ... Miss Audrey Kennet is stunned by the news. First this kilted brute tells Audrey her father is dead, and next he insists she marry. But as Reid scours England for the most suitable husband, Audrey soon realizes the brave, brawny Scot is the only man she wants--though loving him means risking her lands, her freedom, and even her life.

Mainstream & Chick Lit

My Italian Bulldozer by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$23). Paul Stuart, a renowned food writer, finds himself at loose ends after his longtime girlfriend leaves him for her personal trainer. To cheer him up, Paul's editor, Gloria, encourages him to finish his latest cookbook on-site in Tuscany, hoping that a change of scenery (plus the occasional truffled pasta and glass of red wine) will offer a cure for both heartache and writer's block. But upon Paul's arrival, things don't quite go as planned. A mishap with his rental-car reservation leaves him stranded, until a newfound friend leads him to an intriguing alternative: a bulldozer ... With little choice in the matter, Paul accepts the offer, and as he journeys (well, slowly trundles) into the idyllic hillside town of Montalcino, he discovers that the bulldozer may be the least of the surprises that await him. What follows is a delightful romp through the lush sights and flavors of the Tuscan countryside, as Paul encounters a rich cast of characters, including a young American woman who awakens in him something unexpected.

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.

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