

We hope you've fared well during the Lockdown – and that you've had the chance to catch up on some reading! We'll reopen for contactless 'order and collect' on 29 April. There are some great new arrivals including Allison Brennan's *Cut and Run*, Patricia Briggs's *Smoke Bitten*, Christine Feehan's *Lethal Game*, Lisa Kleypas's *Chasing Cassandra*, Nalini Singh's *Love Hard* and J.R. Ward's *The Sinner*. Enjoy!

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	<p>Title: Smoke Bitten Author: Patricia Briggs Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$32 Annotation: <i>Mercy Thompson Series.</i> Centuries ago, the fae dwelt in Underhill. When they were cast out, they left behind their great castles, magical artefacts ... and prisoners. Without the fae to mind them, those creatures roamed freely through Underhill wreaking havoc. Only the deadliest survived ... Now one of those prisoners has escaped. It can look like any creature it chooses and if it bites you, it controls you. It lives for chaos and can make you do anything – even kill the person you love the most. Now it is here, in the Tri-Cities. In my territory. It won't – can't – remain. Not if I have anything to say about it.</p>		<p>Title: Chasing Cassandra Author: Lisa Kleypas Classification: Historical Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Ravenels Series.</i> Railway magnate Tom Severin is wealthy enough to satisfy any desire. Anything – or anyone – is his for the asking. It should be simple to find the perfect wife – and from his first glimpse of Lady Cassandra Ravenel, he's determined to have her. But Cassandra is equally determined to marry for love – the one thing he can't give ... When a newfound enemy nearly destroys Cassandra's reputation, Severin seizes the opportunity and he gets what he wants – or does he? There's one lesson Tom Severin has yet to learn from his new bride: Never underestimate a Ravenel.</p>
	<p>Title: Love Hard Author: Nalini Singh Classification: Contemporary Book Type: Print-On-Demand Price: \$32 Annotation: <i>NZ Author. Play Hard Series.</i> Jacob Esera, star rugby player and young single father, has worked hard to create a joyous life for his six-year-old daughter. After the death of his childhood sweetheart, all Jake wants is safety and stability. No risks. No wild chances. And no Juliet Nelisi, former classmate, scandal magnet, and a thorn in his side ... As a lonely teenager, Juliet embraced her bad-girl reputation as a shield against rejection. Years later, having kicked a cheating sports-star ex to the curb, she has a prestigious job and loyal friends. The last thing she expects is the fire that ignites between her and the stuffed-shirt golden boy who once loved her best friend.</p>		<p>Title: The Sinner Author: J.R. Ward Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>Black Dagger Brotherhood Series.</i> Syn has a secret side hustle as a mercenary. When he takes a hit job, he crosses the path of the vampire race's new enemy, and also that of a half-breed during her transition ... Jo Early has no idea what her true nature is, and when a mysterious man appears, she is torn between their connection and the sense that something is very wrong ... Fate anointed Butch O'Neal as the DheDestroyer, the fulfiller of the prophecy that foresees the end of the Omega. As the war comes to a head, Butch gets an ally in Syn – and Jo also gets swept up in the fighting. Will true love prevail ... or was the prophecy wrong?</p>

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense Undercover Bromance by **Lyssa Kay Adams** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Bromance Book Club Series*.

Braden Mack thinks reading romance novels makes him an expert in love, but he'll soon discover that real life is better than fiction ... Liv Papandreas has a dream job as a sous chef at Nashville's hottest restaurant. Too bad the celebrity chef owner is less than charming behind kitchen doors. After she catches him harassing a young hostess, she confronts him and gets fired. Liv vows revenge, but she'll need assistance to take on the powerful chef ... Unfortunately, that means turning to Braden Mack. When Liv's blackballed from the restaurant scene, the charismatic nightclub entrepreneur offers to help expose her ex-boss, but she is suspicious of his motives. He'll need to call in reinforcements: the Bromance Book Club ... Inspired by the romantic suspense novel they're reading, the book club assists Liv in setting up a sting operation to take down the chef. But they're just as eager to help Mack figure out the way to Liv's heart ... even though she's determined to squelch the sparks between them before she gets burned.

Cut and Run by **Allison Brennan** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Lucy Kincaid Series*. FBI Agent Lucy Kincaid is dead-set on solving a cold case – even if the original investigators stonewall her every step of the way. A violent storm has uncovered the remains of a family that authorities assumed fled the country years ago to avoid prosecution. But the body of the youngest Albright son never turned up. If the child is dead, why wasn't his body found with his parents? If he's alive, where has he been ... and what does he know? Now Lucy and her partner Nate must reconstruct an old crime to find a missing child in the present day ... Meanwhile, investigative reporter Maxine Revere is called to San Antonio. A confessed killer of a young woman named Victoria has recanted his statement, which opens the door to a whole new world of secrets and betrayal. Max hires Sean Rogan, Lucy's husband and a seasoned PI, to help. The discovery that Victoria might be connected to the Albright family leads Max, Sean, and Lucy to the darkest corridors of corporate crime. But how can they untangle this complex web to find justice for the victims ... and the killer in their midst?

The Country Guesthouse by **Robyn Carr** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Sullivan's Crossing Series*. Hannah Russell's carefully crafted plans for her life have been upended without warning ... When her best friend died suddenly, Hannah became guardian to a five-year-old named Noah. With no experience at motherhood, she's terrified she's not up to the challenge. She and Noah need time to get to know each other, so she decides to rent a country house with stunning views on a lake in rural Colorado ... When they arrive at the house, they are greeted by the owner, a handsome man who promises to stay out of their way. But his clumsy Great Dane, Romeo, has other ideas and Noah immediately bonds with the loveable dog. As Hannah learns to become a mother, Owen Abrams, who is recovering from his own grief, can't help but be drawn out of his solitude by his guests ... But life throws more

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense *contd* challenges at this unlikely trio and they are tested in ways they never thought possible. All three will discover their strengths and, despite their differences, they will fight to become a family. And the people of Sullivan's Crossing will rally around them to offer all of the support they need.

The View from Alameda Island by **Robyn Carr** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). From the outside looking in, Lauren Delaney has a life to envy – a successful career, a solid marriage to a prominent surgeon and two beautiful daughters who are off to good colleges. But on her twenty-fourth wedding anniversary Lauren makes a decision that will change everything ... Lauren won't pretend things are perfect anymore. She defies the controlling husband who has privately mistreated her throughout their marriage and files for divorce. And as she starts her new life she meets a kindred spirit – a man who is also struggling with the decision to end his unhappy marriage ... But Lauren's husband wants his 'perfect' life back and his actions are shocking. Facing an uncertain future, Lauren discovers an inner strength she didn't know she had as she fights for the love and happiness she deserves.

Love Lettering by **Kate Clayborn** (Trade Paperback – \$25). Meg Mackworth's hand-lettering skill has made her famous as the Planner of Park Slope, designing custom journals for her New York City clientele. She has another skill too: reading signs that other people miss. Knowing the upcoming marriage of Reid Sutherland and his polished fiancée was doomed to fail is one thing, but weaving a secret word of warning into their wedding program is another. Meg may have thought no one would spot it, but she hadn't counted on sharp-eyed, pattern-obsessed Reid ... A year later, Reid has tracked Meg down to find out how she knew that his meticulously planned future was about to implode. But with a looming deadline and a bad case of creative block, Meg doesn't have time for Reid's questions – unless he can help her find her missing inspiration. As they gradually open up to each other, both try to ignore a deepening connection between them. But the signs are there – irresistible, indisputable, urging Meg to heed the messages Reid is sending her, before it's too late ...

The Last Second by **Catherine Coulter** and **J.T. Ellison** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Brit in the FBI Series*. Galactus, France's answer to SpaceX, has launched a communications satellite into orbit, but the payload harbors a frightening weapon: a nuclear bomb that can trigger a massive electromagnetic pulse (EMP) ... When the satellite is in position, Galactus's second-in-command, Dr. Nevaeh Patel, will have the power to lay waste to the world. A former astronaut, Patel believes she is following the directions of the Numen, aliens who saved her life when she space-walked outside the International Space Station. She is convinced that with the Holy Grail – just discovered by the owner of Galactus, eccentric treasure hunter Jean-Pierre Broussard – she can be reunited with the Numen, change the world's destiny, and become immortal with them ... The countdown has begun when

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Special Agents Nicholas Drummond and Michaela Caine are thrown into the pending disaster. They must stop the EMP that would wreak havoc on communication and electronic systems on Earth, resulting in chaos and anarchy.

Now That You Mention It by **Kristan Higgins** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). 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 carefully built 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.

Mermaid Inn by **Jenny Holiday** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Matchmaker Bay Series*. Eve Abbott has a problem – actually, make that a lot of problems. And they're all going to get worse the moment her toes hit the sand in Matchmaker Bay. Once a blissful summer escape, the tiny town now just reminds Eve of loss. Inheriting her aunt's beloved Mermaid Inn is the only reason Eve is coming back. She's definitely not ready to handle nosy neighbours, extensive renovations, or the discovery that a certain heartbreaker still lives down the street ... Police Chief Sawyer Collins always does the right thing, even when it costs him everything ... like Evie. He's spent the past 10 years trying to forget her – to forget how right she felt in his arms, to forget the pain in her eyes the day she left. The last thing he expects is to see her back in town or to find that the spark between them is as strong as ever. Sawyer knows this is his only chance to prove that his feelings have always been real ... before Eve turns tail and leaves for good.

After Sundown by **Linda Howard** and **Linda Jones** (Trade Paperback – \$25). Sela Gordon, the shy owner of a Tennessee general store, finds safety in solitude. But if anyone can pierce her protective shell it's the handsome, mysterious ex-military man living alone in the wilds of Cove Mountain. For two years, he's kept his distance – until the day he appears to warn her that a catastrophic solar storm capable of taking down the power grid is coming. Now, Sela must find the courage to become the leader Wears Valley needs ... Bitter experience has taught Ben Jernigan it's best to look out for number one. For two years the former soldier has lived in a self-imposed exile, using a top-notch security system to keep people away. But he had to let Sela

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know about the impending threat – and now the quiet and undeniably sexy woman is making it too easy for him to lower his guard ... As panic spreads, Sela and Ben discover that in the dark, cut off from the outside world, there's no more playing it safe – in life or in love.

The Billionaire in Boots by **Julia London** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Princes of Texas Series*. As the firstborn son, it's been drilled into Nick that he is the heir apparent to the Prince family empire. But cattle ranching has never been his true passion. Nick wants to be a pilot. However, when his father dies, leaving Nick to clean up the mess, he knows he must do his duty before following his heart ... Charlotte Bailey can't believe that Nick is back to run the ranch. As the office manager, she knows it's her responsibility to help him. If only he wasn't so brooding and cranky – and so hot it's a wonder his chaps don't melt right off him. But when sparks fly between them, she's adamant about staying away from a cowboy on his way out the door ... Nick knows the ranch's pretty, smart, and capable office manager is off-limits, but he needs her. And working in such close proximity to Charlotte every day is making Nick crazy. She smells good, she looks good, she makes him laugh, but, most of all, she makes him want to stay.

Tucker by **Emily March** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Eternity Springs: The McBrides of Texas Series*. Meet Gillian Thacker. Her business: Bliss Bridal Salon. Her passion: weddings. Her own wedding: It's complicated. Life isn't turning out like she'd planned. The last thing she wants is for a real-life hero to ride to her rescue when an unexpected event puts her entire future in Redemption, Texas, at risk. So, what's a broken-hearted bridal expert to do? Maybe a new set of survival skills is exactly what she needs ... Tucker McBride has been proud to call himself a US Army Ranger. But now that his days of service are over, he's decided to put his expertise to use by founding a wilderness skills training school. He sets up shop next to Bliss Bridal, and so begins life: part two. Marriage has been pretty low on his agenda, but as soon as he meets Gillian, Tucker can't help but contemplate the ultimate challenge: convincing the reluctant bride to take his hand and leap into the adventure of a lifetime ... until death do they part.

Pivot by **Kat Martin, Alexandra Ivy** and **Rebecca Zanetti** (Mass Market Paperback – Anthology of 3 novellas – \$17). As girls, they bonded over broken homes and growing up in foster care. As women, they're fighting for their lives, and loves, once more ... *MERI* – When Meriwether Jones takes her young daughter and runs from trouble in LA, that trouble follows. By the time Meri reaches Spokane, she's out of gas, money, and ideas. Luckily, ex-cop Ian Brodie hires her to help him with his father's farmhouse, and they seem like the answer to each other's prayers. But Meri is keeping a dangerous secret – and Ian is in danger of losing his heart ... *MELANIE* – That secret explodes when Melanie Cassidy spots two men trying to kidnap a young boy she tutors and responds by ramming them with her car. The last thing she expects is for the man she

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 once loved, Detective Gray Hawkins, to appear and rescue them both. Now she has no choice but to trust him as they investigate the truth about a conspiracy of dirty, drug trafficking cops – and the truth about their relationship ... **MICHELLE** – After a rough youth, Michelle Peach was finally content in Portland – until two men broke into her home, threatened her, and sent her mentally unstable mom on a blackmail spree that Michelle has to stop. The last person Michelle wants to see is her ex, Evan Boldon, a former marine turned sheriff. But Evan misses the woman who walked away instead of letting him help years ago. This time he's not asking permission; he's going to put a stop to the trouble stalking Michelle and her friends – and win her heart for good.

Shelter in Place by **Nora Roberts** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). It was a typical evening at a mall outside Portland, Maine. Three teenage friends waited for the movie to start. A boy flirted with the girl selling sunglasses. Mothers and children shopped together, and the manager at the video-game store tended to customers. Then the shooters arrived ... The chaos and carnage lasted only eight minutes before the killers were taken down. But for those who lived through it, the effects would last forever. In the years that followed, one would dedicate himself to a law enforcement career. Another would close herself off, trying to bury the memory of huddling in a ladies' room, helplessly clutching her cell phone - until she finally found a way to pour the emotions of that night into her art ... But one person wasn't satisfied with the shockingly high death toll at the DownEast Mall. And as the survivors slowly heal, find shelter, and rebuild, they will discover that another conspirator is lying in wait – and this time, there might be nowhere safe to hide.

Hostile Pursuit by **Juno Rushdan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$12). *Hard Core Justice Series*. Only twenty-four hours remain until marshal Nick McKenna's informant, Lori Carpenter, will testify against a powerful drug cartel. Nick has kept her safe for an entire year, but now all hell is breaking loose. With a team of cold-blooded assassins closing in, the by-the-book lawman decides to go rogue. He'll risk his life for duty ... and put it all on the line for his irresistible witness.

Tough Talking Cowboy by **Jennifer Ryan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Wild Rose Ranch Series*. Ex-Army Ranger Drake McGrath has come home to Montana, locked in a battle with himself, lashing out at those who love him most – driving away his ex-fiancée and alienating his family. But Adria Holloway sees beyond Drake's tough talk to the raw pain beneath ... Raised with her twin sister Juliana by a neglectful mother at the Wild Rose Ranch, Adria also struggles to put the trauma from her past behind her. To help them both, she makes Drake a shocking deal – a no-strings relationship that'll help them both face down their demons. Maybe it's a way for her and Drake to heal each other, one sizzling night at a time ... The heat between them is instant and incredible. But the biggest challenges are yet to come. With Juliana battling her addiction and Drake working on his issues, Adria realises she can't save everyone. But Drake and Adria discover love can survive

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 tragedy and loss – and they can have the life they never thought possible if they just hold on.

Second Sight by **Sharon Sala** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Jigsaw Files Series*. When Charlie Dodge gets a phone call from a frantic woman stating her daughter has been kidnapped by her ex-husband and taken into a cult called Fourth Dimension, he takes the case without hesitation. The cult's rumored purpose is to gather men with psychic abilities with the goal of breeding a race of people who have supernatural powers. Once accepted into the cult, men are given a young girl to marry in exchange for one of their own daughters ... The FBI has been monitoring the cult's activities, but Charlie and his assistant, Wyrick, aren't bound by the same rules as the feds. They head to the mountains of West Virginia to infiltrate the cult's compound. The lives of children are at stake, and Charlie and Wyrick will risk everything to destroy the cult and its leader – no matter the cost – because this case is personal.

The Goodbye Cafe by **Mariah Stewart** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Hudson Sisters Series*. California girl Allie Hudson Monroe can't wait for the day when the renovations on the Sugarhouse Theatre are complete so she can finally collect the inheritance from her father and move on with her life. After all, her life and her fourteen-year-old daughter are in Los Angeles ... Allie's divorce left her teetering on the edge of bankruptcy, so to keep up on payments for her house and her daughter's private school tuition, Allie packed up and flew out east. But fate has a curveball or two to toss in her direction ... She hadn't anticipated how her life would change after reuniting with her estranged sister, Des, or meeting her previously unknown half-sister, Cara. And she'd certainly never expected to find small-town living charming. But the biggest surprise was that her long-forgotten artistry would save the day when the theatre's renovation fund dried up ... With opening day upon the sisters, Allie's free to go. But for the first time in her life, she feels like the woman she was always meant to be. Will she return to the West Coast and resume her previous life, or will the love of this amazing, endearing family of women be enough to draw her back to the place where the Hudson roots grow so deep?

A Highlander in a Pickup by **Laura Trentham** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Highland, Georgia Series*. Iain Connors is the poster boy for the strong and silent type. Growing up a loner at Cairndow Castle in Scotland with only the cliffs and moors for company, it's understood Iain will assume the mantle of Cairndow groundskeeper when his father is ready to relinquish it. But his stint in Her Majesty's Armed Forces has opened up a whole new world – and now, rather than settle down, he accepts an invitation to travel to the States to take charge of the Highland Games. After all, he's led men into battle, how hard can planning a party be? ... Anna Maitland is ready to step up for her best friend Isabel Blackmoor, who can't run the Games in their hometown this year. Surely Anna, a dance instructor with boundless energy, spirit, and charm, is up for the challenge? What she doesn't anticipate is a man in a kilt who turns up claiming *he's* the one in charge. What's worse about this Iain? He's so infuriatingly

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handsome that she can't help but fantasise about him whispering sweet-nothings in her ear in his rumbly, sexy brogue.

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Her Father's Secret by **Sarah Blaedel** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Family Secrets Series*. After suddenly inheriting a funeral home from her father – who she hadn't heard from in decades – Ilka Jensen has impulsively abandoned her quiet life in Denmark to visit the small town in rural Wisconsin where her father lived. There, she's devastated to discover her father's second family: a stepmother and two half sisters she never knew existed. And who aren't the least bit welcoming, despite Ilka's efforts to reach out ... Then a local woman is killed, seemingly the unfortunate victim of a home invasion turned violent. But when Ilka learns that the woman knew her father, it becomes increasingly clear that she may not have been a completely random victim after all ... The more Ilka digs into her father's past, the more deeply entangled she becomes in a family drama that has spanned decades and claimed more than one life – and she may be the next victim.

Death with a Dark Red Rose by **Julia Buckley** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Writer's Apprentice Mystery Series*. Lena is starting to feel like having it all may actually be possible! She and suspense novelist Camilla Graham are busily plotting their next novel and she's got a brand-new diamond ring on her finger thanks to her fiancé, Sam West. The only blot on her Blue Lake life is a strange new corporation that has come to town called Plastisource. They seem to be intent on gobbling up prime real estate and changing the landscape of Lena's lovely adopted home ... When she and Sam get a call from their good friend (and Blue Lake detective) Doug saying that his girlfriend – and Lena's pal Belinda – isn't answering her phone and missed a date with him, they all head out to her home. The trio is shocked to discover that Belinda's purse and phone are at her house, along with a single red rose on her countertop – but Belinda herself is missing. Has she been abducted? Could the strange new corporation play a role in her disappearance? Lena is determined to find out and rescue her friend because she knows that the truth can be stranger and much more deadly than fiction.

The Business of Blood by **Kerrigan Byrne** (Print-on-Demand Paperback – \$26). *Fiona Mahoney Mystery Series*. London, 1890. Blood and death are Fiona Mahoney's trade, and business, as they say, is booming ... Dying is the only thing people do with any regularity, and Fiona makes her indecorous living cleaning up after the corpses are carted away. Her childhood best friend, Mary, was the last known victim of Jack the Ripper. It's been two years since Fiona scrubbed Mary's blood from the floorboards, and London is no longer buzzing about the Ripper, but Fiona hasn't forgotten ... When she's called to a murder in the middle of the night, Fiona finds a victim mutilated in an eerily similar fashion to those of the Ripper, and only a few doors down from Mary's old home. The relentless, overbearing, and irritatingly handsome Inspector Grayson Croft warns her away from the case. She might have listened, if she hadn't found a clue in the blood. A clue that will lead her down a path from which there is no return. As a

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killer cuts a devastating swath through London, a letter written in blood arrives at her door, and Fiona then realises just how perilous her endeavour is. For she has drawn the attention of an obsessive evil, and is no longer the hunter, but the prey.

Gone with the Whisker by **Laurie Cass** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Bookmobile Cat Mystery Series*. It's summer in Chilson, Michigan, and the town is packed with tourists ready for a fabulous Fourth of July fireworks show. Minnie Hamilton and her rescue cat, Eddie, have spent a busy day on the bookmobile, delivering good cheer and great reads to even the library's most far-flung patrons. But Minnie is still up for the nighttime festivities, eager to show off her little town to her visiting niece, Katrina. But then, during the grand finale of the fireworks display, Katrina discovers a body. Minnie recognises the victim as one of the bookmobile's most loyal patrons. And she knows she – and Eddie – will have to get to the bottom of this purr-fect crime.

The Big Kahuna by **Janet Evanovich** and **Peter Evanovich** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Fox and O'Hare Series*. Straight arrow FBI Agent Kate O'Hare always plays by the rules. Charming Con Man Nicholas Fox makes them up as he goes along. She thinks he's nothing but a scoundrel. He thinks she just needs to lighten up. They're working together to tackle the out-of-bounds cases ordinary FBI agents can't touch. And, their relationship? Well, there hasn't been so much explosive chemistry since Nitro was introduced to Glycerin ... Next on the docket: Kate and Nick are investigating the suspicious disappearance of Silicon Valley billionaire Richard Wylde. Known as the Big Kahuna, he's famous for creating an artificial intelligence software some people might kill for. Kate thinks those people might include Wylde's model wife and his shady business partner, who seem more interested in gaining control of his company than in finding the Kahuna himself ... The only lead is Wylde's drop-out son, who's living the dream in Hawaii. To get close to him, Kate and Nick will have to go undercover in the surfer community. It looks like a dream assignment – but things are about to go badly wrong.

Who Speaks for the Damned by **C.S. Harris** (Hardcover – \$40). *Sebastian St. Cyr Mystery Series*. It's June 1814, and the royal families of Austria, Russia, and the German states have gathered in London at the Prince Regent's invitation to celebrate the defeat of Napoléon and the restoration of monarchical control throughout Europe. But the festive atmosphere is marred one warm summer evening by the brutal murder of a disgraced British nobleman long thought dead ... Eighteen years before, Nicholas Hayes, the third son of the late Earl of Seaford, was accused of killing a beautiful young French émigré and transported to Botany Bay for life. Even before his conviction, Hayes had been disowned by his father, and few in London were surprised when they heard the ne'er-do-well had died in disgrace in New South Wales. But those reports were obviously wrong. Recently Hayes returned to London with a mysterious young boy in tow – a child who vanishes shortly after Nicholas's body is discovered ... Sebastian St. Cyr, Viscount Devlin, is drawn into the investigation by his valet, Jules Calhoun, an old friend of the dead man. With Calhoun's help,

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Sebastian begins to piece together the shattered life of the late Earl's ill-fated youngest son. Why did Nicholas risk his life and freedom by returning to England? And why did he bring the now-missing young boy with him? Several nervous Londoners had reason to fear that Nicholas Hayes had returned to kill them. One of them might have decided to kill him first.

A Stroke of Malice by **Anna Lee Huber** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Lady Darby Mystery Series*. January 1832. After enjoying a delightful few weeks with her family, expectant mother Kiera and Sebastian Gage have been invited to the Duchess of Bowmont's Twelfth Night party in Traquair, Scotland. Though she normally avoids such fashionable, rambunctious events, Kiera is ready to join in the festive merrymaking. But upon their arrival at the opulent estate, it becomes obvious that all is not merry in their hostess's home. The family appears to be under a great strain, and someone seems determined to cause mayhem among the guests with a series of forged notes ... Matters swiftly turn from irksome to downright deadly when the partygoers stumble upon a decomposing body in the castle's crypt. The corpse is thought to be the duchess's son-in-law who had purportedly traveled to Paris more than a month earlier. It is evident the man met with foul play, and Kiera and Gage soon realise that a ruthless murderer walks among them – and may well be a member of the duchess's own family. And when the investigation takes a treacherous turn, Kiera discovers just how deep the killer is willing to dig to keep their secrets from ever seeing the light of day.

The Loch Ness Papers by **Shelton Paige** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Scottish Bookshop Mystery Series*. Delaney Nichols is delighted with her life in Edinburgh, working at The Cracked Spine – a shop that specialises in hard-to-find books and artefacts. With a job she loves, and her fast approaching marriage to devastatingly handsome Scottish pub-owner Tom Shannon, Delaney's life could be straight out of a fairy tale – at least it would be, if the pastor meant to perform the wedding ceremony hadn't recently passed away. Outside the church where Delaney is searching for another reverend, she stumbles across Norval Fraser: an elderly man obsessed with the Loch Ness monster. Always attracted to the interesting and unusual, Delaney befriends Norval. But when his nephew is found dead, the police decide Norval's obsession has moved from monsters to murder ... With a wedding to plan, her family arriving soon from Kansas, and the arrival of an over-the-top Texan with a wildly valuable book, Delaney's plate is full to bursting, but she can't abandon her new friend. Determined to help Norval, she sets out to learn the truth. The Loch Ness buries its secrets deeply, but Delaney is determined to dig them up – whether Nessie likes it or not.

The Department of Sensitive Crimes by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Detective Varg Series*. Ulf Varg works in Malmö's Department of Sensitive Crimes. Like all Scandinavian detectives, he has his issues. In this case, these include his unresolved feelings for his

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colleague Anna, his impatience over the seeming incompetence of his irritating colleague Blomquist and his concerns for the health of his hearing-impaired dog Martin, the only dog in Sweden (and possibly all Scandinavia) who can lip-read ... Soon, Ulf and his colleagues find themselves investigating an attack on a market trader, the disappearance of a handsome man who may not exist and the affairs of a variety of young female students whose relationships with one another leave a great deal to be desired ... Ulf and his team come to realise that the world is a puzzling place, lycanthropy (werewolfism) exists and fish might have something to teach us. There is so much to learn if you are a Swedish detective.

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Sweep With Me by **Iiona Andrews** (Print-on-Demand Paperback Novella – \$25). *Innkeeper Chronicles*. Thank you for joining us at Gertrude Hunt, the nicest Bed and Breakfast in Red Deer, Texas, during the Treaty Stay. As you know, we are honour-bound to accept all guests during this oldest of innkeeper holidays and we are expecting a dangerous guest. Or several. But have no fear. Your safety and comfort is our first priority. The inn and your hosts, Dina Demille and Sean Evans, will defend you at all costs. (But we hope we don't have to.) ... Every winter, Innkeepers look forward to celebrating their own special holiday, which commemorates the ancient treaty that united the very first Inns and established the rules that protect them, their intergalactic guests, and the very unaware/oblivious people of (planet) Earth. By tradition, the Innkeepers welcomed three guests: a warrior, a sage, and a pilgrim, but during the holiday, Innkeepers must open their doors to anyone who seeks lodging ... All Dina hopes is that the guests and conduct themselves in a polite manner. But what's a holiday without at least one disaster?

The Queen's Bargain by **Anne Bishop** (Hardcover – Available by Order – \$42). *Black Jewels Series*. After a youthful mistake, Lord Dillon's reputation is in tatters, leaving him vulnerable to aristo girls looking for a bit of fun. To restore his reputation and honour, he needs a handfast – a one-year contract of marriage. He sets his sights on Jillian, a young Eyrien witch from Ebon Rih, who he believes has only a flimsy connection to the noble society that spurned him. Unfortunately for Dillon, he is unaware of Jillian's true connections until he finds himself facing Lucivar Yaslana, the volatile Warlord Prince of Ebon Rih ... Meanwhile, Surreal SaDiablo's marriage is crumbling. Daemon Sadi, the Warlord Prince of Dhemlan, recognises there is something wrong between him and Surreal, but he doesn't realise that his attempt to suppress his own nature in order to spare his wife is causing his mind to splinter. To save Daemon, and the Realm of Kaeleer if he breaks, help must be sought from someone who no longer exists in any of the Realms – the only Queen powerful enough to control Daemon Sadi. The Queen known as Witch ... As Jillian rides the winds of first love with Dillon, Daemon and Surreal struggle to survive the wounds of a marriage turned

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stormy – and Lucivar has to find a way to keep everyone in his family safe ... even from each other.

Bears Behaving Badly by **MaryJanice Davidson** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Beware My Heart Series*. Annette Garsea is the fiercest bear shifter the interspecies foster care system has ever seen. She fights hard for the safety and happiness of the at-risk shifter teens and babies in her charge – and you do not want to get on the wrong side of a mama werebear. Handsome, growly bear shifter PI David Auberon has secretly been in love with Annette since forever but he's too shy to make a move. All he can do is offer her an unlimited supply of Skittles and hope she'll notice him ... She's noticed the appealingly scruffy PI (and his sugar fixation), all right, but solitary bears make her nervous, and the man's barely ever said more than five words to her ... Until the night they risk everything to rescue a werebaby and bring down a hideous bad guy. Dodging unidentified enemies puts them in a tight spot. Very tight. Together. Tonight. Oh ... like that, is it? There's no looking back now.

Lethal Game by **Christine Feehan** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Ghostwalker Series*. When Malichai Fortunes attacks a problem, he does it full force – a habit that earns the GhostWalker a painful injury and a forced vacation in San Diego, California. With nothing but physical therapy on the horizon, Malichai is starting to get restless ... until a striking blue-eyed blonde makes all his senses come alive ... Amaryllis is kind and warm and sees beyond Malichai's rough exterior, but he can tell there's something she's hiding. Her innate healing abilities indicate she might be a GhostWalker – albeit an untrained one. Malichai doesn't think their crossing paths is anything more than coincidence, but he can sense that one wrong word could send Amaryllis running ... When strange events at his temporary retreat put Malichai on high alert, he knows he won't be able to deal with the threat and keep his woman safe in his weakened state. But calling in his brothers means telling Amaryllis what he really is, and revealing that he knows the truth about her too.

The Orchid Throne by **Jeffe Kennedy** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Forgotten Empires Series*. As Queen of the island kingdom of Calanthe, Lia will do anything to keep her people free – and her secrets safe – from the mad tyrant who rules the mainland. Guided by a magic ring of her father's, Lia plays the political game with the cronies the emperor sends to her island. In her heart, she knows that it's up to her to save herself from her fate as the emperor's bride. But in her dreams, she sees a man, one with the power to build a better world – a man whose spirit is as strong, and whose passion is as fierce as her own ... Conri, former Crown Prince of Oriël, has built an army to overthrow the emperor. But he needs the fabled Abiding Ring to succeed. The ring that Lia holds so dear to her heart. When the two banished rulers meet face to face, neither can deny the flames of rebellion that flicker in their eyes – nor the fires of desire that draw them together. But in this broken world of shattered kingdoms, can they really trust each other? Can their alliance defeat the shadows of evil that threaten to engulf their hearts and souls?

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In a Badger Way by **Shelly Laurenston** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$17). *Honey Badger Chronicles*. Petite, kind, brilliant, and young, Stevie is nothing like the usual women bodyguard Shen Li is interested in. Even more surprising, the youngest of the lethal, ball-busting, and beautiful MacKilligan sisters is terrified of bears. But she's not terrified of pandas. She loves pandas ... Which means that whether Shen wants her to or not, she simply won't stop cuddling him. He isn't some stuffed Giant Panda, ya know! He is a Giant Panda *shifter*. He deserves respect and personal space. Something that little hybrid is completely ignoring ... But Stevie has a way of finding trouble. Like going undercover to take down a scientist experimenting on other shifters. For what, Shen doesn't want to know, but they'd better find out. And fast. Stevie might be the least violent of the honey badger sisters, but she's the most dangerous to Shen's peace of mind. Because she has absolutely no idea how much trouble they're in ... or just how damn adorable she is.

Badger to the Bone by **Shelly Laurenston** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Honey Badger Chronicles*. She's the woman he's been hired to kidnap. But ZeZé Vargas has other ideas ... like getting them both out of this nightmare alive. Just one problem. She's crazy. Certifiably. Because while he's plotting their escape, the petite Asian beauty is plotting something much more deadly ... Max "Kill It Again" MacKilligan has no idea what one of her own is doing with all these criminal humans until she realises that Zé has no idea who or what he is. Or exactly how much power he truly has ... But Max is more than happy to bring this handsome jaguar shifter into her world and show him everything he's been missing out on. A move that might be the dumbest thing she's ever done once she realises how far her enemies will go to wipe her out. Too bad for them Zé is willing to do whatever it takes to keep her alive ... and honey badgers are just so damn hard to kill!

The Darkest King by **Gena Showalter** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *Lords of the Underworld Series*. Cursed by a vengeful witch, William of the Dark will die if he ever falls in love – murdered by the woman who steals his heart. His lone shot at redemption is a book filled with indecipherable code. Break the code, break the curse. Now, centuries later, he's condemned to a string of one-night stands ... until he finds the only woman in the worlds able to set him free ... One of the last living unicorn shifters, Sunday 'Sunny' Lane works from the shadows as a cryptanalyst, on the run from assassins and poachers. Then the darkly seductive William abducts her, holding her captive in Hell. The closer they get, the more she hungers for his touch ... and the stronger a mystical desire to kill him becomes ... At war with his brother, Lucifer, and determined to become a king of the underworld at long last, William must resist the irreverent beauty who threatens his future. But every day Sunny tempts him more, his hunger for her unmatched. Will he risk his heart – and his life – or will the curse ensure his end?

Wolf Rain by **Nalini Singh** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$17/Small Trade Paperback \$22). NZ

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Author. Psy-Changeling Trinity Series. Kidnapped as a young girl, her psychic powers harnessed by a madman, Memory lives a caged and isolated existence ... until she comes face-to-face with a wolf. Labelled an empath by her bad-tempered rescuer, Memory knows that her 'gift' is nothing so bright. It is a terrible darkness that means she will always be hunted ... But Memory is free now and she intends to live. A certain growly wolf can just deal with it ... Alexei prefers to keep his packmates at bay, the bleak history of his family a constant reminder that mating, love, hope is not for him. But Memory, this fearless woman who stands toe-to-toe with him awakens the most primal part of his nature. Soon, he must make a choice: risk everything or lose Memory to a murderous darkness that wants to annihilate her from existence.

How to Love Your Elf by **Kerrellyn Sparks** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Embraced by Magic Series.* Sorcha knew the mission was dangerous. Leaving the safe grounds of her brother's kingdom and parlaying with the elves across their border ... treachery seemed at least as likely as true peace. But to support her sister, Sorcha would brave far more than the underhanded ways of the elves. Or so she thought, before she was taken hostage ... Of course, her captors didn't count on her particular abilities – or on the help of the Woodsman, the mysterious thief who made his home in the forest. He saw the battle, saw the soldier attacking against incredible odds to save a comrade – and then saw the valiant fighter revealed as Princess Sorcha of Norveshka. He can't tell if he wants to kidnap her or kiss her. But despite Sorcha's stubbornness, his honour, and a rebellion on the cusp of full war, something burns between them that neither can let go.

Blood Truth by **J.R. Ward** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Black Dagger Legacy Series.* 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 unexpected death, he is taken off rotation against his protests – and finds himself working with a 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 part of the effort – and the last thing he expects to meet is an enticing, mysterious female ... who changes his life forever ... Ever since her sister was murdered at the club, Helaine has been committed to finding her killer, no matter the danger she faces. When she crosses paths with Boone, she doesn't know whether to trust him – and then she has no choice. As she herself becomes a target, and someone close to the Brotherhood is identified as the prime suspect, the two must work together to solve the mystery ... before it's too late. Will a madman come between the lovers, or will true love and goodness triumph over a very mortal evil?

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Engaged to the Earl by **Lisa Berne** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Penhallow Dynasty Series.* Christopher Beck came striding into a glamorous London drawing-room and can't believe his eyes. The last time he'd seen Gwendolyn Penhallow, she was a dreamy, strong-willed girl with a wild imagination,

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and now she's a beautiful and beguiling young lady ... who's engaged to Society's darling, the Earl of Westenbury ... Christopher had fled England to seek adventure elsewhere. Has he found it here, too – the most delightful adventure of his life? ... Gwendolyn is sure she's betrothed to the most wonderful man in the world. But then, shockingly, Christopher Beck shows up. Nobody has heard from him in years – and not only he is very much alive, he's also sinfully attractive, blithely unconventional, and disturbingly fun to be with. Which wouldn't be a problem, except for the fact that she's, well, promised to another. And just what on earth is she going to do about it?

An Inconvenient Duke by **Anna Harrington** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Lords of the Armory Series.* Marcus Braddock, Duke of Hampton and former general, is back from war and mourning the death of his beloved sister, Elise. Marcus believes his sister's death wasn't an accident, and he's determined to learn the truth, starting with investigating Danielle, the beautiful daughter of a baron and his sister's best friend ... Danielle is keeping deadly secrets of her own. She has dedicated her life to a charity that helps abused women – the same charity Elise was working for the night she died. When Danielle's work puts her life in danger, Marcus comes to her rescue. But Danielle may not need rescuing.

The Earl Takes a Fancy by **Lorraine Heath** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Sins for All Seasons Series.* Though born out of wedlock, Fancy Trewlove is determined to fulfil her mother's wish that she marry into nobility. Fancy's keen intellect and finishing school manners make her the perfect wife for any gentleman – if he's willing to overlook her scandalous lineage. But Fancy's plans are thrown into chaos when an intriguing commoner begins visiting her bookshop – and she finds herself unable to stop thinking about him ... Widowed just a year ago, the reclusive Matthew Sommersby, Earl of Rosemont, has been besieged by women hoping to become his next wife. Desperate for anonymity, he sheds Society life to search for peace. Fancy's shop is his refuge, until the night their passion erupts into a kiss that nearly leads to her ruin – and leaves both longing for more ... As Fancy finds herself torn between her family's expectations and her growing feelings for Matthew, secrets are exposed – secrets that force Fancy to question if she can trust her heart's desire.

The Highland Rogue by **Amy Jarecki** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Lords of the Highlands Series.* After a vicious attack on his ship, Sir Kennan Cameron washes ashore on a deserted Scottish island, nearly dead. But he soon finds he's not alone. Kennan knows he can't stay on the island, but neither can he leave the brave and bonny lass who has nursed him back to health – even if she is from a rival clan ... Abandoned by her family, Divana Campbell is both terrified and relieved when a rugged Highlander drags himself from the surf. Trusting Kennan is her only chance for survival – and by the time they arrive at his castle, she can barely imagine life without him. But as the heir to a powerful chieftain, Kennan could never marry the likes of her ... Together, they'll brave tempests, pirates, betrayal, and ruin. But soon Kennan must decide what matters most: his thirst for vengeance or the woman who's won his heart.

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The Bachelor by **Sabrina Jeffries** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Duke Dynasty Series*. Lady Gwyn Drake has long protected her family's reputation by hiding an imprudent affair from her youth. But when her former suitor appears at Armitage Hall, manhandling the heiress and threatening to go public with her secrets, it's Gwyn who needs protecting ... Her twin brother, Thorn, hires Joshua Wolfe, the estate's gamekeeper, to keep her safe in London during her debut. As a war hero, Joshua feels obligated to fulfil the assignment he has accepted. But as a man, it's torment to be so very close to the beauty he's fought to ignore ... With handsome Joshua monitoring her every move, Gwyn would prefer to forget both the past and the parade of money-seeking bachelors at her coming out. But Joshua is unmoved by her attempts at flirtation, and the threat of blackmail still hangs over her. With danger closing in, Gwyn must decide which is the greater risk: deflecting a scoundrel's attempts to sabotage her – or revealing her whole heart to the rugged bodyguard she can't resist.

Royal Bridesmaids by **Stephanie Laurens, Gaelen Foley** and **Loretta Chase** (Mass Market Paperback Reissue – Anthology of 3 novellas – \$17). *A Return Engagement*. Lady Nell Daughtry has her hands full getting her reluctant sister married to the Prince of Lautenberg. Then she learns that, in the wedding party, she's paired with Robert Knightley ... the fiancé who walked away. *The Imposter Bride*. Lady Minerva must ensure her country's princess is wed to handsome Prince Tor. Then the bride bolts, and bridesmaid becomes – bride! *Lord Lovedon's Duel*. When Chloe Sharp hears the handsome Earl of Lovedon say her sister's royal marriage is a match made in money, she challenges him to a duel – for love and honour.

Lord Holt Takes a Bride by **Vivienne Lorret** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *The Mating Habits of Scoundrels Series*. Heiress Winnifred Humphries refuses to marry the odious man her parents have chosen. She'll marry for love or not at all. But how does a woman know a man truly loves her? Needing answers, she sets out to discover the marriage habits of London's aristocrats. Yet when her friends kidnap a lord for research, Winn knows they've gone too far. Now she's facing a handsome scoundrel who wants revenge ... Lord Asher Holt has the perfect plan to free himself of his father's debts. But when a trio of foolish debutantes abducts him, their scheme ruins everything! Fuming and tied to a chair, Holt overhears that one of them is an heiress. Perhaps he isn't above a little kidnapping either ... Yet, when the heiress runs away from her wedding and into his waiting carriage, Holt finds himself on an adventure he'll never forget, falling in love with a woman worth more than any treasure. But will Winn ever believe his heart only desires her ... and not her fortune?

Wild, Wild Rake by **Jenna MacGregor** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Cavensham Heiresses Series*. Her first marriage was an epic fail ... Lady Avalon Warwyk never did love her husband. Arrogant, selfish, and cruel, it's a blessing when she's widowed and left to raise her son all by herself. Finally, Avalon can live freely and do the work she loves: helping

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fallen women become businesswomen. She's lived these past ten years with no desire to remarry – that is, until Mr. Devan Farris comes to town ... Devan Farris – charming vicar, reputed rake, and the brother of Avalon's son's guardian – is reluctantly sent to town to keep tabs on Avalon and her son. Devan wishes he didn't have to meddle in her affairs; he's not one to tread on a woman's independent nature and keen sense of convictions. But she'll have nothing to do with a vicar with a wild reputation – even though he's never given his heart and body to another. If only he could find a way to show Avalon who he really is on the inside – a good, true soul looking for its other half. But how can he prove that he wants to love and care for her ... until death do they part?

His Secret Mistress by **Cathy Maxwell** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Logical Man's Guide to Dangerous Women Series*. Brandon Balfour made the mistake of trusting his heart to the exquisite, strong-willed actress, Kate Addison, with whom he shared one intimate night before fate intervened. Now a decade later, Brandon is a leading member of the Logical Men's Society – for no woman since Kate has managed to captivate him ... To Kate, the memory of that night still burns strongly, because it was followed by a stunning betrayal. A chance encounter may have brought Brandon back into her life, but that doesn't mean Kate will ever forgive him. She's vowed to make him pay – even as she realises the promises of the young love they once shared are still etched upon her heart ... Loving her exiled him. Trusting him ruined her. Now, a clash of passions threatens everything each of them ever desired.

Highland Crown by **May McGoldrick** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Royal Highlander Series*. Inverness, 1820. Perched on the North Sea, this port town – by turns legendary and mythological – is a place where Highland rebels and English authorities clash in a mortal struggle for survival and dominance. Among the fray is a lovely young widow who possesses rare and special gifts ... A true beauty and trained physician, Isabella Drummond has inspired longing and mystery – and fury – in a great many men. Hunted by both the British government and Scottish rebels, she came to the Highlands in search of survival. But a dying ship's captain will steer her fate into even stormier waters ... and her heart into flames ... Cast from his home as a child, Cinaed Mackintosh is a fierce soul whose allegiance is only to himself ... until Isabella saved his life – and added more risk to her own. Now, the only way Cinaed can keep her safe is to seek refuge at Dalmigavie Castle, the Mackintosh family seat. But when the scandalous truth of his past comes out, any chance of Cinaed having a bright future with Isabella is thrown into complete darkness. What will these two ill-fated lovers have to sacrifice to be together ... for eternity?

Highland Jewel by **May McGoldrick** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Royal Highlander Series*. Maisie Murray's sweet, docile exterior masks the courageous spirit of a firebrand determined to champion women's suffrage with like-minded friends. But fighting for her principles has swept her directly into harm's way – and into the arms of a man she cannot resist ... A

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trained officer with the Royal Highland Regiment, Niall Campbell has spent his life serving the Crown. Battle-weary and searching for peace, he nothing to do with trouble – until he meets Maisie. But unless Niall and Maisie can find a way to stand up to the destructive forces that threaten to divide them, long-buried secrets and political schemes are destined to stand in the way of the glorious love they've found.

Tightrope by **Amanda Quick** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$17). *Burning Cove, California Series*. Trapeze artist Amalie Vaughn moved to Burning Cove to reinvent herself, but things are not going well. After spending her inheritance on a mansion with the intention of turning it into a bed-and-breakfast, she learns too late that the property is said to be cursed. And when her first guest, Dr. Norman Pickwell, is found murdered, rumours about the curse grow even louder ... Meanwhile, infamous gangster Matthias Jones is on the trail of a groundbreaking cipher machine. He suspects that Pickwell stole the device and planned to sell it. But now Pickwell is dead and the machine has vanished. When Matthias's investigation leads him to Amalie's front door, the attraction between them is dangerously intense. Amalie and Matthias must decide if they can trust each other and the passion that binds them, because time is running out.

The Most Eligible Lord in London by **Ella Quinn** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Lords of London Series*. Handsome, rakish, incorrigibly flirtatious – Fredrick, Lord Littleton, is notorious. Lady Adeline Wivenly is resolved to keep him at arm's length during her first Season – until she overhears another woman's plot to trick him into marriage. Even a rogue is undeserving of such deception, and Adeline feels obliged to warn him – only to find herself perilously attracted ... In the past, Littleton's charm nearly got him leg-shackled to the wrong woman. Now he's positive he's found the right one, for Adeline is everything he wants and needs in a wife. Her sense of justice is so strong she agrees to help him despite her mistrust. But can the ton's most elusive lord convince the lady he is finally serious about marriage – as long as she will be his bride?

An Heiress to Remember by **Maya Rodale** (Mass Market Paperback – \$17). *Gilded Age Girls Club Series*. Beatrice Goodwin left Manhattan a duchess and has returned a divorcée, ready to seize control of her fate and the family business. Goodwin's Department Store, once the pinnacle of fashion, has fallen from favour thanks to Dalton's, its glamorous competitor across the street. But this rivalry has a distinctly personal edge ... For self-made tycoon Wes Dalton, Beatrice has always been the one – the one who broke his young heart by marrying a duke, and now, the one whose cherished store he plans to buy, just so he can destroy it. It's the perfect revenge against a family who believed he'd never be good enough for their daughter – until Beatrice's return complicates everything ... While Goodwin's and Dalton's duel to be the finest store in Gilded Age

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Manhattan, Beatrice and Wes succumb to a desire that has only deepened with time. Adversaries by day, lovers by night, both will soon have to decide which is sweeter: winning the battle or thoroughly losing their hearts.

The Highlander's Demand by **Mary Wine** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$25). *Highland Rogues Series*. Buchanan Mackenzie is a new laird, and he's about to be tested. When his half-brother is killed, he must seek vengeance or face the rage of his clansmen. Beyond spilling blood, fate offers him another solution. Taking the daughter of his enemy will appease his angry men, but it leaves him struggling to find peace over making a hostage of a woman ... Rhedyn Lindsey has been raised to shoulder her duty. For her kin and clan, she will make the best of a future that will be decided based on alliances. But she never expects it to come in the form of being taken as a hostage ... In an instant, her life is turned inside out. Perhaps for the best, though, for the alternative would have been to see her father's blood spilled. Now she's at the mercy of a man who has every reason to hate her. Regardless of what fate throws her way, she won't crumble. She'll stand up to Buchanan Mackenzie. Just because she's a woman, doesn't mean she lacks courage ... Will Buchanan Mackenzie give in to the demands of his men who seek revenge for the death of his half-brother, or will he rely on the wisdom his beloved father taught him, and take his time in deciding what will happen to his beautiful captive – Rhedyn Lindsey – a woman who has captured his attention, respect, and quite possibly his heart?

Mainstream & Chick Lit

Tiny Pieces of Us by **Nicky Pelligrino** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *NZ Author*. My heart is less than one percent of my body, it weighs hardly anything; it's only a tiny piece of me, yet it's the part Helen finds most interesting ... Once it was inside her body, a tiny piece of the son she gave birth to. Now her boy is gone and his heart is keeping me alive. Born with a heart defect, Vivienne Clark's life was saved by a transplant. Now a journalist, she doesn't allow herself to think about the donor, the boy who died so she could live; she can't bear to ... Then she meets his mother, Helen, who wants something in return for Vivi's second-heart heart: her help to find all the other people who have tiny pieces of her son. She needs to meet them, to speak to them, in order to make sense of her own loss – to be sure that they deserve the precious gifts they were given ... Reluctantly drawn into Helen's mission, Vivi agrees to trace the other recipients. One by one she brings together a small group of strangers, united by a single experience. As their lives begin to intertwine – growing close, becoming friends, enemies, even lovers – Vivi finds herself at the centre of a new kind of family, a tiny little piece of a whole. And through the fresh joys, and deep sadness, which all their stories bring, Vivi discovers that she might just be braver than she ever imagined ...

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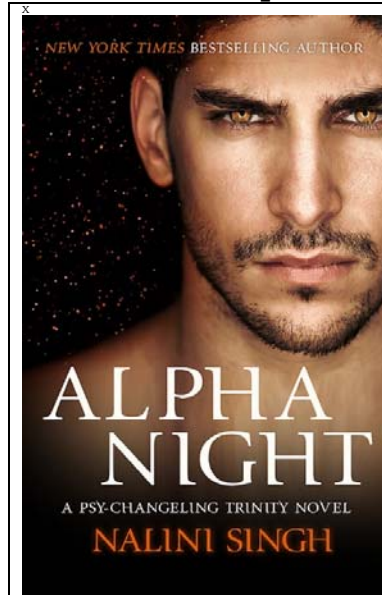
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A Special Offer on Nalini Singh's Upcoming New Release



Alpha Night by **Nalini Singh** (Book 4 in the Psy-Changeling Trinity series) is due to be released on 4 June. Our special price will be \$25 (RRP \$34.99) plus shipping – while stocks last. We hope to organize signed copies – depending on the COVID19 situation at the time.

Selenka Durev's devotion to her pack is equaled only by her anger at anyone who would harm those under her care. That currently includes the empathes who've flowed into her city for a symposium that is a security nightmare, a powder keg just waiting for a match.

Ethan Night is an Arrow who isn't an Arrow. Numb and disengaged from the world, he's loyal only to himself. Assigned as part of the security force at a world-first symposium, he carries a dark agenda tied to the power-hungry and murderous Consortium. Then violence erupts and Ethan finds himself crashing into the heart and soul of an alpha wolf.

Mating at first sight is a myth, a fairytale. Yet Selenka's wolf is resolute: Ethan Night, broken Arrow and a man capable of obsessive devotion, is the mate it has chosen. Even if the mating bond is full of static and not quite as it should be. Because Selenka's new mate has a terrible secret, his mind surging with a power that is a creature of madness and death.

NB. If you haven't got a copy yet, **A Madness of Sunshine** is available at \$25 (RRP \$34.99) as well.

COVID-19 Outbreak – Operating Under Different Alert Levels

During Alert Level 4 Lockdown, the Chapter Book & Tea Shop is closed. However Frances Loo, the owner, lives above the shop and is able to process your tea orders and book orders for delivery (contactless). To order, please contact info@chapter.co.nz or 021-635027.

During Alert Level 3, the shop will be open for contactless takeaway orders of tea and books as from Wednesday 29 April ('order and collect'). We will serve you at the door/window – customers cannot come onto our premises. Our trading hours will be Tuesday – Sunday 10am-4pm (closed on Mondays). To place your orders, please contact info@chapter.co.nz or 623-2319 or 021-635027. We will also provide Contactless Local Home Delivery (free delivery within 2km of the store). After-hours pickups will also be possible, but will need to be pre-arranged.

When NZ moves to Alert Level 2, the shop will be open for customers. However, we will maintain a customer register (the information will be held for 4 weeks for potential contact tracing purposes) or tracking app and our tables will be positioned 1 metre apart. If you are sick, please stay at home.

Romance Writers of New Zealand (RWNZ) Short Story Contest

The Chapter Book & Tea Shop is sponsoring the RWNZ Short Story Contest again. Details can be found on www.romancewriters.co.nz/shop/contests/chapter-short-story. To enter, you must be a RWNZ member and submit a previously unpublished short story of less than 1,800 words between 1–30 Apr. Entry fee is \$20. Chapter is providing \$500 worth of gift vouchers as prizes for the top three entries.

Romance Writers of New Zealand (RWNZ) Annual Conference

21-23 Aug 2020 Romance Writers of New Zealand Conference @ Waipuna Hotel, Auckland
(see www.romancewriters.co.nz/event/2020-rwnz-conference-registration for details)

Due to COVID19 and NZ's border controls and quarantine requirements as well as NZ's public health guidelines with respect to large gatherings, the Annual Conference may be postponed until 2021. Please stay tuned!