

BOOK CATALOGUE – NOV/DEC 2019

Just in time for some summer holiday reading or stocking fillers, there are new releases by bestselling authors Mary Balogh (*Someone to Remember*), Grace Burrowes (*Forever and a Duke*), Christine Feehan (*Leopard's Wrath*), Faith Hunter (*Shattered Bonds*), Nora Roberts (*The Rise of Magick*), Nalini Singh (*A Madness of Sunshine*) and more. Happy holidays and enjoy! N.B. Please see page 3 for the details of our Christmas/New Year holiday closure.

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Mary Balogh	Someone to Remember	Kate Bateman	This Earl of Mine
Janet Evanovich	Twisted Twenty-Six*	Grace Burrowes	Forever and a Duke
Christine Feehan	Leopard's Wrath	Miranda James	Six Cats a Slayin'
Lori Foster	All Fired Up	Lyssa Kay	The Bromance Book Club*
Faith Hunter	Shattered Bonds	Nora Roberts	The Rise of Magicks*
Sophie Jordan	The Duke's Stolen Bride	Karen Rose	Into the Dark#
Jayne Ann Krentz	Untouchable#	Jennifer Ryan	Restless Rancher
Stephanie Laurens	Lady Osbaldestone's Plum Puddings*	Nalini Singh	A Madness of Sunshine*
Julie Anne Long	Angel In a Devil's Arms	A. McCall Smith	The Peppermint Tea Chronicles*
Luanne Smith	The Vine Witch*	J.R. Ward	Where Winter Finds You

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

	<p>Title: Leopard's Wrath Author: Christine Feehan Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Leopard Series.</i> Born into a world of crime, Mitya Amurov has had a hard life, and his leopard has developed into a feral beast to protect him. It's constantly trying to claw its way to the surface, until a chance encounter with a stranger instantly calms the predator inside him. While Mitya wants Ania desperately, it's only a matter of time before his past catches up with him, and he'd rather die than put her in danger. But Ania is dealing with dangers of her own ...</p>		<p>Title: Shattered Bonds Author: Faith Hunter Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$17 Annotation: <i>Jane Yellowrock Series.</i> Jane Yellowrock is vampire-killer-for-hire, but her last battle with an ancient arcane enemy has brought her low. She seeks retreat in the Appalachian Mountains to grieve the loss of her friends, and to heal – or to die – from the disease brought on by her magic ... But malevolent elements in the paranormal community still seek to destroy Jane, and a terrifying foe stalks her, even into the safety of the hills. With nowhere to run and her body failing, the rogue vampire hunter and her inner Beast must discover a way to defeat this new threat, and find a form that gives her a chance to fight another day.</p>
	<p>Title: The Rise of Magicks Author: Nora Roberts Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 (RRP \$34.99) Annotation: <i>Chronicles of the One Trilogy.</i> On the shield, one of seven forged in the timeless past to hold back the dark, fell a single drop of blood. So the shield weakened, and the dark, spider-patient, waited as the decades passed, and the wound spread under the grass and ground ... Strengthened by the bond she shares with her fellow warrior, Duncan, Fallon Swift has rescued countless shifters, elves, and ordinary humans. As she faces an old nemesis, she pursues her destiny – to finally restore the mystical shield.</p>		<p>Title: A Madness of Sunshine Author: Nalini Singh Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$25 Special (RRP \$34.99) Annotation: On the rugged West Coast of New Zealand, Golden Cove is more than just a town where people live. The adults are more than neighbors; the children, more than schoolmates ... That is until one fateful summer – and several vanished bodies – what's left are whispers behind closed doors, broken friendships, and a silent agreement to not look back ... Eight years later, a beautiful young woman disappears without a trace, and the residents of Golden Cove wonder if their home shelters something far more dangerous than an unforgiving landscape ...</p>

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Other Books Available This Month

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense

The Giving Heart by **Toni Blake** (Paperback – \$17). *Summer Island Series*. Lila Sloan wonders why she ever thought house-sitting for her sister Meg on the remote Summer Island was a good idea. And to make matters worse, local real estate developer Beck Grainger is trying to cut down the beautiful trees that line the property. Lila can't let this happen; Meg will never forgive her ... Beck can understand Lila's anger – sort of. The trees are actually on the neighboring property, and the land was zoned for development months ago. But he dislikes being at odds with Lila – who is appealing in every way: loyal, quick-witted, and stunning ... Lila hates that she's so attracted to Beck, who seems like a genuinely good man, despite his tree-murdering tendencies. And their chemistry is off the charts. She just wishes he'd let this development go. As Summer Island counts down to Christmas, Lila and Beck will have to strike a compromise – or risk losing the best thing either of them has ever had.

Twin Scandals by **Fiona Brand** (Paperback – \$12). *NZ Author. Pearl House Series*. Despite the media frenzy over their tempestuous breakup, Ben Sabin and Sophie Messena aren't through ... Twice the charismatic tycoon has abandoned Sophie's bed after rapturous lovemaking. And though he knows she's off-limits, he can't stop wanting her, either. Maybe a date with her twin sister will break the fever ... But Sophie switches places with her twin first, starting a chain reaction of scandal ...

Sergeant's Christmas Siege by **Megan Crane** (Paperback – \$17). *Alaska Force Series*. When straight-arrow, by-the-rules Alaskan State Trooper Kate Holiday investigates a local band of secretive commandos in remote Grizzly Harbor over the holidays, her least favorite time of year, her objective is clear: disband Alaska Force and arrest them. But Kate didn't count on the temptation of Templeton Cross. The former Army Ranger exudes charm and has no respect for the rules of law that govern Kate's life – too bad he also makes her mouth water and her knees weak ... Templeton has always been good at keeping his game face on and his emotions hidden, especially in combat. But working with Kate brings back memories of losses he prefers to keep locked up tight. As the pressure mounts – and Christmas draws closer – it's a given that someone's going to get hurt ... Trouble is, the more time he spends convincing his wary trooper that there's more to the holidays than her memories, the more he wants to keep her around. Forever. But forever is the one thing a man like Templeton can't do. Not even at Christmas.

All Fired Up by **Lori Foster** (Paperback – \$17). *Road to Love Series*. Charlotte Parrish has always wanted a certain kind of man: someone responsible, settled, boring. Bad boys need not apply. But when her car leaves her stranded and a mysterious stranger with brooding eyes and a protective streak comes to her rescue, she can't deny how drawn she is to him ... In town searching for family he's never met, Mitch is everything she never thought she wanted – and suddenly everything she craves ... Finding his half-brothers after all these years is more than Mitch Crews has allowed himself to wish

Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense cont'd for. Finding love never crossed his mind ... until he meets Charlotte. She's sweet, warmhearted, sexy – and too damn good for an ex-con like him. But when his past comes back to haunt him, putting Charlotte – and the family he's come to care for – in danger, Mitch isn't playing by the rules. He's surrendered his heart, but now he'll risk his life.

The Bromance Book Club by **Lyssa Kay** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Bromance Book Club Series*. Nashville Legends second baseman Gavin Scott's marriage is in major league trouble. He's recently discovered a humiliating secret: His wife, Thea, has always faked the Big O. When he loses his cool at the revelation, it's the final straw on their strained relationship. Thea asks for a divorce, and Gavin realizes he's let his pride and fear get the better of him ... Welcome to the Bromance Book Club ... Distraught and desperate, Gavin finds help from an unlikely source: a secret romance book club made up of Nashville's top alpha men. With the help of their current read, a steamy Regency titled *Courting the Countess*, the guys coach Gavin on saving his marriage. But it'll take more than flowery words and grand gestures for this hapless Romeo to find his inner hero and win back the trust of his wife.

Untouchable by **Jayne Ann Krentz** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Cutler, Sutter & Salinas Series*. Jack Lancaster spends his nights dreaming of fire. After nearly burning to death in his childhood home, he resolved to hunt down the man responsible – the charismatic cult leader known as Quinton Zane ... Twenty years later, Jack is a renowned FBI consultant, known for his almost preternatural ability to get inside the killer's head. But the more cases he solves, the deeper he slips into the darkness – and the more his still unresolved past begins to torment him ... His only solace is Winter Meadows, a hypnotist who's helping Jack decode his mysterious dreams. But when Winter falls into danger at the hands of an old enemy, they are brought together as more than just therapist and client. Meanwhile, the one man whose dark legacy continues to haunt Jack is nearer than they think – and more powerful than ever.

The Devil in the Saddle by **Julia London** (Paperback – \$17). *Princes of Texas Series*. No one cheats on a Prince and gets away with it. And Hallie – Texas socialite, would-be ballerina, and the only daughter of Cimarron County's renowned Prince family – is ready to give her two-timing fiancé a piece of her mind. But fate plants hot, sexy ranch hand and ex-Army Ranger Rafael Fontana quite literally in her way ... Her childhood friend is all grown up. He's sexy, he's handsome, and, suddenly, after all these years, Hallie is taking notice. Rafe has been in love with Hallie since they were kids, but he was always the help – and she was glamorous and popular, seemingly off-limits to a lowly cowboy ... But now he's back at Three Rivers Ranch to help his family, and Hallie is there, too – and she needs his support. Of course, Rafe agrees, but soon, long-buried feelings boil to the surface, and the desire between them is hot and palpable and undeniable. Rafe realizes he wants Hallie for keeps ... he just has to convince her to give true love another shot.

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Meant to be Yours by **Susan Mallery** (Paperback Release – \$18). *Happily Inc. Series*. Wedding coordinator Renee Grothen isn't meant for marriage. Those who can, do. Those who can't, plan. But she never could have planned on gorgeous, talented thriller writer Jasper Dembenski proposing – a fling, that is. Fun without a future. And the attraction between them is too strong for Renee to resist. Now she can have her no-wedding cake ... and eat it, too ... After years in the military, Jasper is convinced he's too damaged for relationships. So a flirtation – and more – with fiery, determined Renee is way too good to pass up ... until his flame becomes his muse ... Renee is an expert at averting every crisis. But is she finally ready to leap into the one thing that can never be controlled: love?

The Christmas Keeper by **Jenn McKinlay** (Paperback – \$17). *Happily Ever After Series*. All he wants for Christmas ... The second Joaquin Solis saw Savannah Wilson, he knew she was destined to be his wife. Unfortunately, Savannah's sights are set on a happily-ever-after of another kind: skewering the boss who got her fired. Until then, she won't act on the scorching sexual chemistry that is brewing between them, leaving Joaquin scrambling to find a way to capture her heart ... When the opportunity arises to use his ranch to boost Savannah's publicity career, Joaquin doesn't hesitate to invite her into his world at Shadow Pines and woo her with all of his Christmas loving mojo. It's a gamble since the holidays aren't really Savannah's thing and helping her might also mean losing her as she plans to shake the dust off of their quaint town in North Carolina and head back to New York City the first chance she gets ... But Joaquin believes in the magic of Christmas and he knows with a little help from his friends at the *Happily Ever After Bookstore*, he can convince the woman of his dreams that he's a keeper ...

Into the Dark by **Karen Rose** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Cincinnati Series*. When Michael Rowland saves his younger brother Joshua from the clutches of his stepfather, he runs for his life with his brother in his arms. From his hiding place he sees the man who has made their lives a misery taken away in the trunk of a stranger's car, never to be seen again ... Doctor Dani Novak has been keeping soccer coach Diesel Kennedy at arm's length to protect him from her dark secrets. When they are brought together by the two young brothers who desperately need their help, it seems they might finally be able to leave their damaged pasts behind them ... But as the only witness to the man who kidnapped and murdered his stepfather, Michael is in danger. As Diesel and Dani do all that they can to protect him, their own investigation into the murder uncovers a much darker web of secrets than they could have imagined ... As more bodies start to appear it's clear that this killer wants vengeance.

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 And will wipe out anything that gets in his way ...

Restless Rancher by **Jennifer Ryan** (Paperback – \$17). *Wild Rose Series*. One minute down-on-his-luck rancher Austin Hubbard slept soundly, the next, a sassy spitfire dumped a pitcher of water on his head and woke him up – in more ways than one. Hired to help him rebuild his ranch, Sonya Tucker ends up helping him put the tattered pieces of his life back together. The capable accountant is on a mission to get the ranch up and running, but can he convince the temptingly beautiful woman to take a chance on him? Sonya was dismayed that Austin had lost it all: money, family, respectability. Things she – who'd been raised by her mother at Nevada's notorious brothel Wild Rose Ranch – only dreamed about. But working with the cowboy shows her that Austin is honorable to his core. Together they slowly grow to see what the love between them might bring ... But then Austin's powder keg of a family feud explodes, exposing long-buried secrets, and threatening their new-found love ...

The Christmas Dare by **Lori Wilde** (Paperback – \$17). *Twilight, Texas Series*. Kelsey James always played by the rules and look where it got her – dumped and half-drunk in a poofy white dress, her Christmas wedding ruined. Then her best friend talks her into going on her “honeymoon” anyway, daring her to a “Christmas of Yes.” It's about time she lets loose a little, so Kelsey agrees to say “yes” to fun, to romance, and to adventure! And adventure leads her right smack into the arms of sexy Noah MacGregor ... Noah's never one to say no to a risk – from leading his NBA team to victory to making Christmas cookies in Twilight, he's up to the challenge! But he knows he has to take his time to make Kelsey dare to believe that what they feel is more than just the holiday magic that's in the air ...

Christmas at White Pines by **Sherryl Woods** (2-in-1 Paperback Reissue – \$17). *Adams Dynasty Series*. Love often comes in surprising packages. A *Christmas Blessing*. Widowed Jessie Adams was about to give birth, and she needed help – fast! Unfortunately, the closest ranch in her small Texas town belonged to her late husband's brother, Luke, who didn't know a thing about delivering babies. And though this charismatic rancher was her only hope, he was the last person Jessie wanted to be stranded with in her time of need. *Natural Born Daddy*. Jordan Adams proposed a marriage of convenience to single mom Kelly Flint because he thought it was time they each settled down with a perfectly compatible, always dependable partner. After all, they'd both learned the hard way that love only leads to heartache. But to his surprise, Kelly made it clear marriage would be anything but platonic, and her young daughter kindled feelings of fatherhood in his heart. Now he had to convince Kelly that he was not only a natural born daddy ... but also the perfect husband she'd been waiting for.

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Crime & Mystery & Thriller

A Willing Murder by **Jude Deveraux** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Medlar Mystery Series*. Sara Medlar is a household name in romance, with millions of books sold. But lately, retirement has been boring her, and she's found herself back in her hometown of Lachlan, Florida, remodeling the grand, old mansion she'd admired as a child. It's much too big for her alone, but she'd die before letting anyone in town know that ... Then Sara's niece Kate is offered a job in Lachlan – a start in what could be a successful career in real estate. She accepts immediately, but with so little saved up, she'll have to approach her estranged yet famous aunt for a place to stay while she gets herself settled ... But when she arrives at Sara's home, she finds she's not the only long-term houseguest. Jackson Wyatt already has his own room, and though it's impossible to deny his good looks and charm – he's clearly got her aunt wrapped around his finger – she's also never met anyone who irritates her quite like Jack does ... However, when two skeletons are uncovered in the quiet town, this unlikely trio is suddenly thrust together by a common goal: to solve a mystery everyone else seems eager to keep under wraps ... United by a sense of justice and the desire to right old wrongs, Sara, Kate, and Jack will have to dig into Lachlan's murky past to unravel the small town's secrets and bring the awful truth to light.

Twisted Twenty-Six by **Janet Evanovich** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Stephanie Plum Series*. This isn't just another case. This is family. How far will Stephanie Plum go to protect the one person who means the most to her? ... Grandma Mazur has decided to get married again – this time to a local gangster named Jimmy Rosolli. If Stephanie has her doubts about this marriage, she doesn't have to worry for long, because the groom drops dead of a heart attack 45 minutes after saying, "I do" ... A sad day for Grandma Mazur turns into something far more dangerous when Jimmy's former "business partners" are convinced that his new widow is keeping the keys to a financial windfall all to herself. But the one thing these wise guys didn't count on was the widow's bounty hunter granddaughter ... As someone who has spent an entire career finding bad guys, a set of missing keys should be no challenge for Stephanie Plum. Problem is, the facts are as twisted as a pretzel with mustard.

Murders and Metaphors by **Amanda Flower** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Magical Bookshop Mystery Series*. Niagara region booksellers Violet Waverly and Grandma Daisy sleuth the slaying of a sommelier whose book signing turned into her sayonara ... January means ice wine season in the Niagara Falls region, but the festivities leave *Charming Books* owner Violet Waverly cold, still reeling from a past heartbreak. A past heartbreak who will be present at the annual midnight grape-harvest festival, and no magic in the world or incantation powerful enough could get Violet to attend. But Grandma Daisy, an omniscient force all on her own, informs Violet that she's already arranged for the mystical *Charming Books* to host celebrity sommelier Belinda Perkins's book signing at the party. Little do either Waverly women know, the ice wine festival will turn colder still when Violet finds Belinda in the middle of the frozen vineyard – with a grape harvest knife

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protruding from her chest ... Belinda grew up in Cascade Springs, but she left town years ago after a falling-out with her sisters. One of those sisters, Violet's high school friend Lacey Dupont, attends the book signing in the hope of making amends with her sister, but Belinda and Lacey end up disrupting the signing with a public shouting match and Lacey becomes the prime suspect in the sommelier's murder ... Violet is sure Lacey is innocent, and to keep her friend out of prison, Violet asks for guidance from her magical bookshop. The shop's ethereal essence points her to Louisa May Alcott's *Little Women*, but what have the four March sisters to do with the four Perkins sisters? If she can't figure it out, Violet, herself, may turn as cold as ice.

Something Read, Something Dead by **Eva Gates** (Paperback – \$17). *Lighthouse Library Mystery Series*. Dark deeds in the Lighthouse Library threaten to send Lucy Richardson's soon-to-be-wed cousin Josie to an early "till death do us part" ... Winter falls on North Carolina's Outer Banks as Lucy Richardson and her friends joyfully help her favorite cousin, Josie O'Malley, plan her wedding. The owner and head baker of Josie's Cozy Bakery and her fiancé, Chef Jake Greenblatt, want a small, simple wedding ... But to their horror, Josie's imperious grandmother, Gloria, descends with the "Louisiana Mafia", a gaggle of aunts and cousins who intend to take control of the wedding plans. Gloria doesn't do small and simple, and cousin Mirabelle has her own ideas for Josie's wedding, something grand and lavish – and paid for by Josie's parents, of course – that will kick-start her fledgling event-planning business and get her work shown on the covers of wedding magazines. To make matters worse, Mirabelle focuses her full Southern charm on the prospective groom, and Jake doesn't seem entirely adverse to her attentions ... To smooth the waters, Lucy hosts a bridal shower at the Bodie Island Lighthouse Library. But it turns deadly when Mirabelle collapses – soon after eating the gluten-free treats Josie prepared specifically for her. Now, to save her favorite cousin from prison, Lucy will have to bring a crook to book.

Penny For Your Secrets by **Anna Lee Huber** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Verity Kent Series*. England, 1919. Former Secret Service agent Verity Kent is finding that life after wartime offers its own share of danger ... The Great War may be over, but for many, there are still obstacles on the home front. Reconciling with her estranged husband makes Verity sympathetic to her friend Ada's marital difficulties. Bourgeois-bred Ada, recently married to the Marquess of Rockham, is overwhelmed trying to navigate the ways of the aristocracy. When Lord Rockham is discovered shot through the heart with a bullet from Ada's revolver, Verity fears her friend has made a fatal blunder ... While striving to prove Ada's innocence, Verity is called upon for another favor. The sister of a former Secret Service colleague has been killed in what authorities believe was a home invasion gone wrong. The victim's war work – censoring letters sent by soldiers from the front – exposed her to sensitive material. Verity begins to suspect these two unlikely cases may be linked. But as the connections deepen, the consequences – not just for Verity, but for Britain – grow more menacing than she could have imagined.

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Six Cats a Slain' by **Miranda James** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Cat In the Stacks Mystery Series*. December 25 is right around the corner, and librarian Charlie Harris is making his list and checking it twice. He is doing his best to show some peace and goodwill toward his nosy neighbor Gerry Arbitron, a real estate agent who seems to have designs on his house (and maybe on him, as well), while preparing for a very important role, indeed – his first Christmas as a grandfather ... The last thing Charlie expects is to gain several new additions to his family. Charlie finds a box on his doorstep with five kittens inside and a note begging him to keep them safe. With Diesel's help, Charlie welcomes the tiny felines into the Harris household just as Gerry decides it is time to throw a lavish holiday party ... Determined to make her mark on Athena, Gerry instead winds up dead at her very own party. Though attempts to dig into her past come up empty, Charlie and his girlfriend, Helen Louise, witness two heated exchanges involving Gerry before her death: one with a leading citizen and another with the wife of a good friend ... Will one of these ladies wind up on the sheriff's naughty list? Charlie and his Maine coon cat Diesel have to wrap up the case before the special season is ruined by a sinister scrooge.

The Peppermint Tea Chronicles by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *44 Scotland Street Series*. Summer has come to Scotland Street. The long days have prompted its denizens to engage in flights of fancy. Some, like the Duke of Johannesburg's plan to create a microlite seaplane, are literal flights, and some, like the vain Bruce Anderson's idea of settling down with one of his many admirers, are more metaphorical ... With the domineering Irene off pursuing academic challenges, Stuart and Bertie are free to indulge in summer fun. Stuart reconnects with an old acquaintance over refreshing peppermint tea while Bertie takes his friend Ranald Braveheart Macpherson to the circus. But their trip to the big top becomes rather more than the pleasant diversion they were hoping for ... Once again, Scotland Street teems with the daily triumphs and challenges of those who call it home, and provides a warm, wise, and witty chronicle of the affairs in this corner of the world.

The Art of Theft by **Sherry Thomas** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Lady Sherlock Series*. Charlotte Holmes, Lady Sherlock, is back solving new cases in this Victorian-set mystery series ... As "Sherlock Holmes, consulting detective," Charlotte Holmes has solved murders and found missing individuals. But she has never stolen a priceless artwork – or rather, made away with the secrets hidden behind a much-coveted canvas ... But Mrs. Watson is desperate to help her old friend recover those secrets and Charlotte finds herself involved in a fever-paced scheme to infiltrate a glamorous Yuletide ball where the painting is one handshake away from being sold and the secrets a bare breath from exposure ... Her dear friend Lord Ingram, her sister Livia, Livia's admirer Stephen Marbleton – everyone pitches in to help and everyone has a grand time. But nothing about this adventure is what it seems and disaster is biding time on the grounds of a glittering French chateau, waiting only for Charlotte to make a single mistake ...

Fantasy & Paranormal Romance

Reliance by **Kaitlyn Andersen** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Reliance Trilogy*. Finn No Last Name's life is going exactly the way she likes. Sure, she lives on the Mud Pit with some of the worst criminals and cast-offs the Reliance has to offer, but she has a knack for stealing things that has earned her a reputation as the best thief in the Farthers ... Unfortunately for Finn, her life gets turned on its head when a job leaves her stuck in space on a merchant ship run by an eclectic crew. Finn quickly learns that there is more to them than meets the eye. Before she can escape or con her way back home, she finds herself joining them on a mission, one that leads to the Reliance's darkest secret ... a secret that may hit closer to home than she could have ever imagined.

Fever by **Donna Grant** (Paperback – \$17). *Dark Kings Series*. His kiss was fire and passion. She shivered, wondering how he knew just how to touch her, to send her spiraling into an abyss of pleasure ... For centuries, the Dragon Kings have lived among mortals, forsaking their true selves. But for Kelton, hiding in the realm of shadows – and existing only in the world of dreams – is no longer an option. A human woman claims to know that he, like other dark warriors of his kind, is real. That the legends about these powerful, seductive men with hearts ablaze are true. And that, with just one embrace, Kelton could destroy her ... or love her until the end of time ... Bernadette Davies is an anthropologist who knows better than to fall into the arms of a Dragon King. But how can she resist Kelton when he's so willing to share his secrets and bear his soul? He hasn't met a beautiful, trustworthy woman like Bernadette in ... forever. But once they give into their mutual desire, their worlds will never be the same. Soon Bernadette must face her dilemma: Should she expose the truth about Kelton in the name of science? Or join him in his battle with the dark forces – in the name of love?

The Vine Witch by **Luanne Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Vine Witch Series*. A young witch emerges from a curse to find her world upended in this gripping fantasy of betrayal, vengeance, and self-discovery set in turn-of-the-century France ... For centuries, the vineyards at Chateau Renard have depended on the talent of their vine witches, whose spells help create the world-renowned wine of the Chanceaux Valley. Then the skill of divining harvests fell into ruin when sorciere Elena Boureau was blindsided by a curse. Now, after breaking the spell that confined her to the shallows of a marshland and weakened her magic, Elena is struggling to return to her former life. And the vineyard she was destined to inherit is now in the possession of a handsome stranger ... Vigneron Jean-Paul Martel naively favors science over superstition, and he certainly doesn't endorse the locals' belief in witches. But Elena knows a hex when she sees one, and the vineyard is covered in them. To stay on and help the vines recover, she'll have to hide her true identity, along with her plans for revenge against whoever stole seven winters of her life. And she won't rest until she can defy the evil powers that are still a threat to herself, Jean-Paul, and the ancient vine-witch legacy in the rolling hills of the Chanceaux Valley.

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Where Winter Finds You: A Caldwell Christmas by **J.R. Ward** (Paperback – \$18). *The Black Dagger Brotherhood World*. When Trez lost his beloved to a tragic death, his soul was crushed and his destiny seemed relegated to suffering. But when he meets a mysterious female, he becomes convinced his true love has been reincarnated. Is he right? Or has his grief created a disastrous delusion? ... Therese has come to Caldwell to escape a rift with her bloodline. The revelation that she was adopted and not born into her family shakes the foundations of her identity, and she is determined to make it on her own. Her attraction to Trez is not what she's looking for, except the sexy Shadow proves to be undeniable ... Has fate provided a grieving widower with a second chance ... or is Trez too blinded by the past to see the present for what it really is? In this sensual, arresting book full of the themes of redemption and self-discovery, two lost souls find themselves at a crossroads where the heart is the only compass that can be trusted ... but that may require a courage that neither of them possesses.

Historical & Regency Romance

Someone to Remember by **Mary Balogh** (Paperback Novella – \$12). *Westcott Series*. It's never too late to fall in love ... Matilda Westcott has spent her life tending to the needs of her mother, the Dowager Countess of Riverdale, never questioning the web of solitude she has spun herself. To Matilda, who considers herself an aging spinster daughter, marriage is laughable – love is a game for the young, after all. But her quiet, ordered life unravels when a dashing gentleman from her past reappears, threatening to charm his way into her heart yet again ... Charles Sawyer, Viscount Dirkson, does not expect to face Matilda Westcott thirty-six years after their failed romance. Moreover, he does not expect decades-old feelings to emerge at the very sight of her. When encountering Matilda at a dinner hosted by the Earl of Riverdale, he finds himself as fascinated by her as he was the first day they met, and wonders whether, after all these years, they have a chance at happiness together. Charles is determined to crack the hard exterior Matilda has built up for more than three decades, or he will risk losing her once again ...

This Earl of Mine by **Kate Bateman** (Paperback – \$17). *Bow Street Bachelor Series*. Introducing the Bow Street Bachelors – men who work undercover for London's first official police force – and the women they serve to protect ... and wed? *Will A False Marriage* Shipping heiress Georgiana Caversteed is done with men who covet her purse more than her person. Even worse than the ton's lecherous fortune hunters, however, is the cruel cousin determined to force Georgie into marriage. If only she could find a way to be ... widowed? Georgie hatches a madcap scheme to wed a condemned criminal before he's set to be executed. All she has to do is find an eligible bachelor in prison to marry her, and she'll be free. What could possibly go wrong? *Lead to True and Lasting Love?* Benedict William Henry Wylde, scapegrace second son of the late Earl of Morcott and well-known rake, is in Newgate prison undercover, working for Bow Street. Georgie doesn't realize who he is when she marries him – and she most certainly never expects to bump into her very-much-alive, and

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very handsome, husband of convenience at a society gathering weeks later. Soon Wylde finds himself courting his own wife, hoping to win her heart since he already has her hand. But how can this seductive rogue convince brazen, beautiful Georgie that he wants to be together ... until actual death do they part?

Forever and a Duke by **Grace Burrowes** (Paperback – \$17). *Rogues to Riches Series*. Wrexham, Duke of Elsmore, is overrun by family obligations. With three sisters to escort about Town, a legion of cousins to look after, and aunties who insist he dance with every eligible young woman, he barely has time to manage his dukedom. When he finally carves out a moment to evaluate his family's finances, he learns that he – and his sisters – are on the verge of social catastrophe ... Eleanora Hatfield has an uncanny knack for numbers, but she knows from experience that dealing with the peerage can only lead to problems. Though she wants nothing to do with any titled gentleman, she reluctantly agrees to help when Rex seeks aid from her employer. What starts out as an unwanted assignment soon leads to forbidden kisses and impossible longings. But with scandal haunting Ellie's past and looming in Rex's future, how can true love lead to anything but heartbreak?

The Duke's Stolen Bride by **Sophie Jordan**

(Paperback – \$17). *Rogue Files Series*. *An urgent dilemma* ... To save her impoverished family, Marian Langley will become a mistress. But she will not be just any mistress. Marian intends to become so skilled, so coveted, that she can set her own terms, retaining control over her body and her fate. Only one problem remains: finding a tutor ... *A scandalous solution* ... Other men deprive themselves of pleasure for propriety's sake. Nathaniel, Duke of Warrington, would much rather be deprived. He slakes his desires with professionals who ask nothing of him but his coin. Marian's proposal – that he train her without taking her virtue – is an intriguing diversion, until their lessons in seduction spin out of control ... *And a most unlikely duchess* ... When Marian is blackmailed into engagement by a man she despises, Nate impulsively steals her away. Though he never intended to take a wife, he can't tolerate the idea of Marian forfeiting her freedom to another. But can he bear to give her what she demands – a real marriage?

The Highlander's Christmas Bride by **Vanessa Kelly**

(Paperback – \$17). *Clan Kendrick Series*. Being thrown over by the man she expected to marry was humiliating enough. Now that Donella Haddon, grandniece of the Earl of Riddick, has also proven a failure as a nun, she has no choice but to return to her family's estate. The brawny Highlander sent to escort her is brash, handsome, and the only thing standing between Donella and a gang of would-be kidnappers. But the scandal in her past can't be so easily outrun ... Wealthy widower Logan Kendrick was expecting to meet a plain, pious spinster – not a gorgeous, sharp-tongued lass who can hold her own in any ambush. Though she's known as the Flower of Clan Graham, Donella is no shrinking violet. In fact, she might be the perfect woman to bring happiness back to his lonely little son's life, just in time for Christmas. But first he must protect her from ugly gossip and a mysterious threat – and convince her that their wild, unexpected desire is heaven sent.

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Lady Osbaldestone's Plum Puddings by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-on-Demand Paperback – \$29). *Lady Osbaldestone's Christmas Chronicles Series*. Therese, Lady Osbaldestone, and her household again welcome her younger daughter's children, Jamie, George, and Lottie, plus their cousins Melissa and Mandy, all of whom have insisted on spending the three weeks prior to Christmas at Therese's house, Hartington Manor, in the village of Little Moseley ... The children are looking forward to the village's traditional events, and this year, Therese has arranged a new distraction – the plum puddings she and her staff are making for the entire village. But while cleaning the coins donated as the puddings' good-luck tokens, the children discover that three aren't coins of the realm. When consulted, Reverend Colebatch summons a friend, an archeological scholar from Oxford, who confirms the coins are Roman, raising the possibility of a Roman treasure buried somewhere near. Unfortunately, Professor Webster is facing a deadline and cannot assist in the search, but along with his niece Honor, he will stay in the village, writing, remaining available for consultation should the children and their helpers uncover more treasure ... It soon becomes clear that discovering the source of the coins – or even which villager donated them – isn't a straightforward matter. Then the children come across a personable gentleman who knows a great deal about Roman antiquities. He introduces himself as Callum Harris, and they agree to allow him to help, and he gets their search back on track ... But while the manor five, assisted by the gentlemen from Fulsom Hall, scour the village for who had the coins and search the countryside for signs of excavation and Harris combs through the village's country-house libraries, amassing evidence of a Roman compound somewhere near, the site from which the coins actually came remains a frustrating mystery ... Then Therese recognizes Harris, who is more than he's pretending to be. She also notes the romance burgeoning between Harris and Honor Webster, and given the girl doesn't know Harris's full name, let alone his fraught relationship with her uncle, Therese steps in. But while she can engineer a successful resolution to one romance-of-the-season, as well as a reconciliation long overdue, another romance that strikes much closer to home is beyond her ability to manipulate ... Meanwhile, the search for the source of the coins goes on, but time is running out. Will Therese's grandchildren and their Fulsom Hall helpers locate the Roman merchant's villa Harris is sure lies near before they all must leave the village for Christmas with their families?

Angel In a Devil's Arms by **Julie Anne Long** (Paperback – \$17). *Palace of Rogues Series*. He has devil's blood in his veins. At least, that's always been the legend. How else could the Duke of Brexford's notorious bastard son return from the dead? The brutal decade since Lucien Durand, Lord Bolt, allegedly drowned in the Thames forged him into a man who always gets what – and who – he wants. And what he wants is vengeance for his stolen birthright ... and one wild night in Angelique Breedlove's bed ... Angelique recognizes heartbreak when the enigmatic Lord Bolt walks into The Grand

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Palace on the Thames, and not even his devastating charm can tempt her to risk her own ever again. One scorching kiss drives home the danger ... But in the space between them springs a trust that feels anything but safe. And the passion – explosive, consuming – drives Lucien to his knees. Now his whole life depends on proving his love to a woman who doesn't believe in it ... because his true birthright, he now knows, is guardian of Angelique Breedlove's heart.

Reckless in Red by **Rachel Miles** (Paperback – \$17). *Muses' Salon Series*. Lena Frost is a force to be reckoned with. A woman who has made her way in society without family or fortune, she's about to realize her first big success as an artist ... Until her business partner makes off with her money, leaving her with little more than her hopes – and a dead body in her studio. Now Lena is at the mercy of a handsome stranger demanding answers she dare not reveal ... Is it her seductive eyes, or his suspicion that she's up to no good that have Clive Somerville shadowing Lena's every move? Either way, his secret investigation for the Home Office has him determined to uncover Lena's hidden agenda. But the closer he gets to her, the more he longs to be her protector. Is she a victim of circumstance? Or a dark force in a conspiracy that could destroy everything Clive holds dear? Discovering the truth could have dire consequences, not only for Lena, but for his heart ...

The Seduction of Lady Phoebe by **Ella Quinn** (Paperback – \$17). *Marriage Game Series*. Phoebe Stanhope is not a typical Lady. As feisty as she is quick witted, no one can catch her, especially when she is driving her dashing phaeton with its perfectly matched horses. And unlike her peers, experience has guarded her against a growing list of would-be suitors. But when she encounters Marcus Finley, what she fears most burns deep within his blue-eyed gaze ... For Lord Marcus, the spark of recognition is but a moment in the love he has held these many years. Now that he's returned to England, all the happiness he desires rests on Lady Phoebe never finding out that he was the one who turned her heart so cold and distant. He must work fast to gain the advantage – to convince her what she wants is exactly what she denies – but in order to seduce her into his arms, he must be willing to give up more than he can control ...

The Outlaw's Heart by **Amy Sandas** (Paperback – \$17). *Runaway Brides Series*. Desperate to escape an unhappy marriage, Boston socialite Evelyn Perkins flees west in hopes of losing herself to the dusty frontier. But when her train is boarded by outlaws, Evelyn is taken for ransom. Despite her terror, Evelyn fears being returned to her husband more. Refusing to co-operate, she becomes the responsibility of a man whose steady gaze threatens to pierce her brave facade and reach the wounded heart within ... Gabriel Sloan has his orders, but the haunting shadows in the pretty young woman's eyes spark an intense protective instinct he can't deny. Every look, every touch brings them closer together. He would do anything to protect her, but dangerous men are on their trail, and soon the two must face Evelyn's darkest nightmare – or risk losing the unexpected joy they've found forever ...

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Summary of This Month's Books

Author	Title	Classification	Price
Kaitlyn Andersen	Reliance*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$29
Mary Balogh	Someone to Remember	Historical	\$12
Kate Bateman	This Earl of Mine	Historical	\$17
Toni Blake	The Giving Heart	Contemporary	\$17
Fiona Brand	Twin Scandals	Contemporary	\$12
Grace Burrowes	Forever and a Duke	Historical	\$17
Megan Crane	Sergeant's Christmas Siege	Contemporary/Suspense	\$17
Jude Deveraux	A Willing Murder#	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$17
Janet Evanovich	Twisted Twenty-Six*	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$30
Christine Feehan	Leopard's Wrath	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$17
Amanda Flower	Murders and Metaphors#	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$17
Lori Foster	All Fired Up	Contemporary	\$17
Eva Gates	Something Read, Something Dead	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$17
Donna Grant	Fever	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$17
Anna Lee Huber	Penny For Your Secrets*	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$29
Faith Hunter	Shattered Bonds	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$17
Miranda James	Six Cats a Slain'	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$17
Sophie Jordan	The Duke's Stolen Bride	Historical	\$17
Lyssa Kay	The Bromance Book Club*	Contemporary	\$29
Vanessa Kelly	The Highlander's Christmas Bride	Historical	\$17
Jayne Ann Krentz	Untouchable#	Contemporary/Suspense	\$17
Stephanie Laurens	Lady Osbaldestone's Plum Puddings*	Historical	\$29
Julia London	The Devil in the Saddle	Contemporary	\$17
Julie Anne Long	Angel In a Devil's Arms	Historical	\$17
Susan Mallery	Meant to be Yours#	Contemporary	\$18
Jenn McKinlay	The Christmas Keeper	Contemporary	\$17
Rachel Miles	Reckless in Red	Historical	\$17
Ella Quinn	The Seduction of Lady Phoebe	Historical	\$17
Nora Roberts	The Rise of Magicks*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$30
Karen Rose	Into the Dark#	Contemporary/Suspense	\$17
Jennifer Ryan	Restless Rancher	Contemporary/Suspense	\$17
Amy Sandas	The Outlaw's Heart	Historical	\$17
Nalini Singh	A Madness of Sunshine*	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$25
Alexander McCall Smith	The Peppermint Tea Chronicles*	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$28
Luanne Smith	The Vine Witch*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$28
Sherry Thomas	The Art of Theft*	Crime/Mystery/Thriller	\$29
J.R. Ward	Where Winter Finds You	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$18
Lori Wilde	The Christmas Dare	Contemporary	\$17
Sherryl Woods	Christmas at White Pines	Contemporary	\$17

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