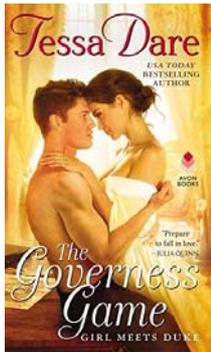
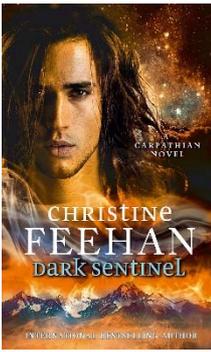
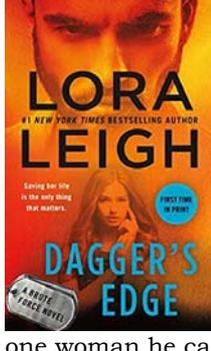
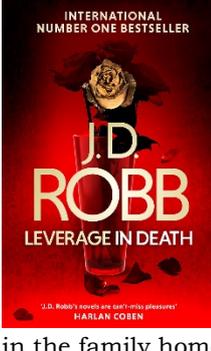


## BOOK CATALOGUE – SEPTEMBER 2018

Eagerly anticipated hardcovers and trade paperbacks this month include Ilona Andrews' *MAGIC TRIUMPHS*, Sandra Brown's *TAILSPIN*, Christine Feehan's *DARK SENTINEL*, Sherrilyn Kenyon's *STYGIAN* and J.D. Robb's *LEVERAGE IN DEATH*. Mass market paperbacks to enjoy include Tessa Dare's *THE GOVERNESS GAME* and Lora Leigh's *DAGGER'S EDGE*. It's time to make a big pot of tea and curl up with a great book. Enjoy!

Top Books This Month		Books Available Soon	
Ilona Andrews	Magic Triumphs*	Robert Galbraith	Lethal White*
Sandra Brown	Tailspin*	Deborah Harkness	Time's Convert*
Kerrigan Byrne	The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo	Lora Leigh	Cross Breed*
Tessa Dare	The Governess Game	Emily March	The Christmas Wishing Tree
Christine Feehan	Dark Sentinel*	Mary Jo Putney	Once a Scoundrel
Lorraine Heath	When a Duke Loves a Woman	Lynsay Sands	Vampires Like it Hot
Sherrilyn Kenyon	Stygian*	Jill Shalvis	Hot Winter Nights
Lora Leigh	Dagger's Edge	Nalini Singh	Rebel Hard*
Seanan McGuire	The Brightest Fell#	A. McCall Smith	The Colours of All the Cattle*
J.D. Robb	Leverage in Death*	J.R. Ward	Consumed*

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

 <p><b>Title:</b> The Governess Game <b>Author:</b> Tessa Dare <b>Classification:</b> Historical <b>Book Type:</b> Mass Market Paperback <b>Price:</b> \$17 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Girl Meets Duke Series.</i> Alexandra Mountbatten has to transform a pair of wild orphans into proper young ladies. However, the girls don't need discipline. They need a loving home. Try telling that to their guardian, Chase Reynaud: duke's heir in the streets and devil in the sheets. The ladies have tried – and failed – to make him settle down. Somehow, Alexandra must reach his heart ... Chase lives by one rule: no attachments. When a governess tries to reform him, he decides to give her an education – in pleasure – to prove he can't be tamed. But Alexandra is more than he bargained for ...</p>	 <p><b>Title:</b> Dark Sentinel <b>Author:</b> Christine Feehan <b>Classification:</b> Fantasy &amp; Paranormal <b>Book Type:</b> Trade Paperback <b>Price:</b> \$30 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Carpathian Series.</i> After the devastating loss of her family, Lorraine Peters heads to the woods searching for peace of mind. Instead, she stumbles upon Andor Katona who has been wounded and is facing three attackers. After centuries of a harsh existence, and unable to find his lifemate, Andor almost welcomes his release from the world. That is, until a whirling ball of fury bursts onto the scene, determined to save him ... In one glimpse, Andor recognizes Lorraine as his lifemate, but it will take more than their telepathic connection to convince her of their immortal bond ...</p>
 <p><b>Title:</b> Dagger's Edge <b>Author:</b> Lora Leigh <b>Classification:</b> Contemporary/Suspense <b>Book Type:</b> Mass Market Paperback <b>Price:</b> \$17 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>Brute Force Series.</i> Ivan Resnova wants nothing more than to escape his brutal past. Starting over is not easy once you've been a powerful crime boss but now, instead of being punished for his alleged crimes, Ivan fears that the one woman he can't forget is in danger of paying the price ... Crimsyn "Syn" Delaney thought the danger she'd faced was over, and that she could resume her life. She never imagined it would return with a vengeance. But when an attempt is made on her life, she needs Ivan more than ever to keep her safe – even if she's in danger of falling deeply and dangerously in love.</p>	 <p><b>Title:</b> Leverage in Death <b>Author:</b> J.D. Robb <b>Classification:</b> Crime/Mystery/Thriller <b>Book Type:</b> Trade Paperback <b>Price:</b> \$30 <b>Annotation:</b> <i>In Death Series.</i> When Paul Rogan sets off a bomb at his office, killing eleven people, no one can understand why. He was a loving husband and father, with everything to live for. Then his wife and daughter are found chained up in the family home, and everything becomes clear. Rogan had been given a horrifying choice – set off the bomb, or see his loved ones suffer and die ... Lieutenant Eve Dallas knows the violence won't end here. The men behind the attack are determined, organised and utterly ruthless. In this shocking and challenging case, both Eve and husband Roarke head into serious danger ...</p>

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## Other Books Available This Month

**Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense**  
**Tailspin** by **Sandra Brown** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Rye Mallett, a fearless “freight dog” pilot charged with flying cargo has a rock-solid reputation: he will fly in the foulest weather, day or night, and deliver goods safely. When Rye is asked to fly into a fogbound northern Georgia town and deliver a mysterious black box to a Dr. Lambert, he doesn’t ask questions ... But as Rye’s plane nears the isolated landing strip, more trouble than inclement weather awaits him. He is greeted first by a sabotage attempt that causes him to crash land, and then by Dr. Brynn O’Neal, who claims she was sent for the box in Dr. Lambert’s stead. Rye finds himself drawn to the intrigue surrounding his cargo ... and to the mysterious and alluring Brynn ... Soon Rye and Brynn are in a treacherous forty-eight-hour race to deliver the box before time runs out. With everyone from law enforcement officials to hired thugs hot on their heels, they must learn to trust each other so they can protect their valuable cargo from those who would kill for it.

**Deep Cover** by **Scarlett Cole** (Paperback – \$17). *Love Over Duty Series*. Even though the death of his fiancée nearly destroyed him, ex-Navy SEAL Cabe Moss won’t let his past interfere with work that has to get done. When his latest task pushes him to team up with FBI operative Amy Murray, a fierce beauty with the undercover skills to match, Cabe must admit that, for the first time in years, he wants to do more than just complete their mission ... Amy was born ready for this assignment, but working side-by-side with the strong, silent, and professional Cabe seems to be the biggest challenge of all. But when the sparks fly – and the stakes rise to dangerous heights – the only thing Amy is left worrying about is how she can resist him.

**Cowboy, Cross My Heart** by **Donna Grant** (Paperback – \$17). *Heart of Texas Series*. Naomi Pierce isn’t the type to let a cowboy sweep her off her feet. But when she returns to her Texas hometown, she can’t help but be swept up again in the rough-and-tumble world of hard-riding good-ol’-boys she loved as a girl. She might be here to photograph her Rodeo Queen best friend. But it’s one fine-looking cowboy who captures her eye ... Brice Harper is all man, all muscle, and all heart. From the moment he rides into the stadium, he can’t help but notice the beautiful stranger with a camera watching him. It doesn’t take a zoom lens to see the sparks of instant attraction. But things really heat up when he meets Naomi – and he discovers that someone is stalking her friend. Brice wouldn’t be any kind of cowboy if he didn’t offer to help the ladies out. But can the rough rider keep this spirited shutterbug out of danger – without risking his heart?

**Claimed** by **Alexa Riley** (Paperback – \$17). *For Her Series*. Jordan Chen is the man behind the screen. As part of the elite security team for Osbourne Corporation, he has an iron grip on protection, all without having to make close connections with people. Until he meets the beautiful Jay, and suddenly his quiet life doesn’t seem so perfect anymore. He needs more. He needs her ... A workaholic to her core, Jay Rose doesn’t have a lot of men in her life. So she’s surprised when the

*Contemporary Romance & Romantic Suspense contd* enigmatic security expert strikes up a friendship with her – surprised but flattered, and maybe a little bit turned on ... A company as powerful as Osbourne Corporation has powerful enemies, and when Jay becomes a target, Jordan realizes there’s nothing he won’t do to bring her home safe.

**Island of Glass** by **Nora Roberts** (Paperback Release – \$18). *Guardians Trilogy*. As the hunt for the Star of Ice leads the six guardians to Ireland, Doyle, the immortal, must face his tragic past. Three centuries ago, he closed off his heart, yet his warrior spirit is still drawn to the wild. And there’s no one more familiar with the wild than Riley – and the wolf within her ... An archaeologist, Riley is no stranger to the coast of Clare, but now she finds herself on unsure footing, targeted by the dark goddess who wants more than the stars, more than the blood of the guardians. While searching through Irish history for clues that will lead them to the final star and the mysterious Island of Glass, Riley must fight her practical nature and admit her sudden attraction to Doyle is more than just a fling. For it is his strength that will sustain her and give her the power to run towards love – and save them all ...

**The Good Luck Sister** by **Jill Shalvis** (Paperback Novella – \$9). *Wildstone Series*. After a difficult few years, Tilly Adams is ready for life to start going right. Though she has a case of first day nerves teaching art at the local community college, she knows it isn’t anything a few snuggles from her rescue puppy won’t cure. Until she sees Dylan Scott again, her one-time BFF and first love sitting in the front row ... Dylan knows he should’ve left well enough alone, but when he sees Tilly living her dream, he can’t help but make contact. Ten years ago, he left Wildstone and everything in it behind, including Tilly. He had his reasons, but now he wants her back in his life, anyway he can get her ... When Tilly agrees to design the logo for Dylan’s new helicopter touring company, it’s business only ... until she finds herself falling into his arms once again. Can she open her heart back up to the man who broke it? Soon they’re both realizing the truth – love always deserves a second chance.

### Crime & Mystery & Thriller

**Sleep Like a Baby** by **Charlaine Harris** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Aurora Teagarden Mystery Series*. Robin and Aurora have finally begun their adventure in parenting. With newborn Sophie proving to be quite a handful, Roe’s mother pays for a partially trained nurse, Virginia Mitchell, to come help the new parents for a few weeks. Virginia proves to be especially helpful when Robin has to leave town for work and Roe is struck with a bad case of the flu ... One particularly stormy night, Roe wakes to hear her daughter crying and Virginia nowhere to be found. Roe’s brother Philip helps her search the house, and they happen upon a body outside. But it isn’t Virginia’s. Now, not only does she have a newborn to care for and a vulnerable new marriage to nurture, but Roe also has to contend with a new puzzle – who is this mystery woman dead in their backyard, and what happened to Virginia?

### **Crime & Mystery & Thriller continued**

**Death in the Stacks** by **Jenn McKinlay** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Library Lover's Mystery Series*.

Lindsey Norris and her staff are gearing up for the Briar Creek Library's annual Dinner in the Stacks fund-raiser. The night of dinner and dancing is not only a booklover's dream – it's the library's biggest moneymaker. But instead of raising funds, the new library board president is busy raising a stink and making the staff miserable ... Although Olive Boyle acts like a storybook villain, Lindsey is determined to work with her and make the event a success. But when Olive publicly threatens the library's newest hire, Paula, Lindsey cracks like an old book spine and throws Olive out of the library ... The night of the fund-raiser, Lindsey dreads another altercation with Olive – but instead finds Paula crouched over Olive's dead body. Paula may have secrets, but Lindsey and the rest of the crafternooners know she's not the one who took Olive out of circulation. As the plot thickens, Lindsey must catch the real killer before the book closes on Paula's future.

**A Distant View of Everything** by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Isabel Dalhousie Series*. Distracted by the arrival of her and Jamie's second son, Magnus, Isabel Dalhousie – philanthropic editor of the Review of Applied Ethics – is anxious. The next issue of the Review is far from ready, her eldest, Charlie, is jealous, and their housekeeper, Grace, has an officious approach to childcare. With some relief, Isabel returns to helping out at her niece Cat's delicatessen, where the most taxing duty is sandwich preparation ... It's not long before Isabel's philosophical nature draws her into customers' problems, specifically that of ambitious matchmaker, Bea Shandon. Bea has staged a potentially dangerous liaison involving enigmatic plastic surgeon, Tony MacUsraig, who may not be quite who he claims to be – and Isabel's help is required in getting to the truth of the matter ... Isabel proceeds with her usual thorough attention to task, and on Bea's advice talks to her friend Rob, a regular on Bea's dinner party circuit, and known to have deep suspicions about MacUsraig. It becomes clear, however, that Rob has an agenda of his own and Isabel is now contending with that, along with a mysterious medical condition of Jamie's and some frustrating dead ends when it comes to Bea's predicament ... When the truth finally reveals itself, Isabel must conclude that along with MacUsraig, Bea, Jamie – and even Cat – she is not immune to misunderstandings, or the neurotic fantasies that arise from keeping secrets ...

### **Fantasy & Paranormal Romance**

**Magic Triumphs** by **Iлона Andrews** (Hardcover – \$42). *Kate Daniels Series*. Mercenary Kate Daniels has come a long way from her origins as a loner taking care of paranormal problems in post-Shift Atlanta. She's made friends and enemies. She's found love and started a family with Curran Lennart, the former Beast Lord. But her magic is too strong for the power players of the world to let her be ... Kate and her father, Roland, currently have an uneasy truce, but when he starts testing her defenses again, she knows that sooner or later, a confrontation is inevitable. The Witch Oracle has begun seeing visions of blood, fire, and human bones. And when a mysterious box is delivered to

### **Fantasy & Paranormal Romance continued**

Kate's doorstep, a threat of war from the ancient enemy who nearly destroyed her family, she knows their time is up ... Kate Daniels sees no other choice but to combine forces with the unlikeliest of allies. She knows betrayal is inevitable. She knows she may not survive the coming battle. But she has to try ... For her child ... For Atlanta ... For the world.

**Maverick** by **Cheryl Brooks** (Paperback – \$17). *Cat Star Legacy Series*. Having the Zetithian feline gene gives Larsanken "Larry" Tshevnoe awesome beauty and sensuality unmatched by any other males in the universe. But it can make the quest for true love complicated ... Enter childhood friend and fellow Zetithian Althea Banadansk. Her empathic powers make her the only one who can show Larry what he truly desires, and Althea would do anything to help her friend ... even if that means hiding her own intense craving for him ... But when a distress call sends them off course – and into danger – they find more than their hearts are at stake. Now it's up to them to become the champions of truth and justice throughout the galaxy ... or risk losing it all.

**Competence** by **Gail Carriger** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$32). *Custard Protocol Series*. Accidentally abandoned! All alone in Singapore, proper Miss Primrose Tunstell must steal helium to save her airship, the Spotted Custard, in a scheme involving a lovesick werecat and a fake fish tail. When she uncovers rumors of a new kind of vampire, Prim and the Custard crew embark on a mission to Peru. There, they encounter airship pirates and strange atmospheric phenomena, and are mistaken for representatives of the Spanish Inquisition. Forced into extreme subterfuge (and some rather ridiculous outfits) Prim must also answer three of life's most challenging questions: Can the perfect book club give a man back his soul? Will her brother ever stop wearing his idiotic velvet fez? And can the amount of lard in Christmas pudding save an entire species?

**Dark Legacy** by **Christine Feehan** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Carpathian Series*. In a compound hidden from the world, Emeline Sanchez tries to blunt the pain that has wracked her body ever since her terrifying ordeal in the labyrinth beneath the city – when she was forced to exchange blood with an evil master vampire ... Now, his voice haunts her ... calls to her in the dark ... never lets her rest. And while the children that she helped to free from his clutches struggle to heal, watched over by their Carpathian protectors, Emeline knows one thing: She must sacrifice herself to keep them all from harm ... For her beauty is irresistible to the vampires, her psychic ability like a drug. Whipped into a frenzy, they'll never stop coming for her. And only the taste of one Carpathian warrior – the rush of his blood – can save her ...

**Stygian** by **Sherrilyn Kenyon** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Dark-Hunter Series*. Born before man recorded time, I lived for thousands of years believing myself to be something I'm not. Someone I'm not ... Lied to and betrayed by gods, Daimons and Dark-Hunters, I've struggled to find my way in a world where I've been cursed since the moment I was prematurely ripped from my mother and planted into the womb of an innocent woman who thought me her son ...

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Trained as a slayer and predator, I learned to fit in and stay low. To become a tool for evil. Until I was sent to kill the one woman I couldn't. My hesitation cost her her life ... Or so I thought. In an act of betrayal that makes all others pale in comparison, I've learned that this world is an illusion and that my Phoebe still lives ... Now I will have to travel into the pits of Hades to try and save her, even as everyone around me attempts to steal what little soul I have left. There's only one person at my back and I'm not sure I can trust her either, for she was born of an enemy race. Yet sometimes the road to redemption is one that singses us to our very core. And if I fail to find the answers I need to save Phoebe, more than just my wife will die ... We will lose the world.

**Memoirs of a Dragon Hunter** by **Katie MacAlister** (Paperback – \$17). *Dragon Hunter Series*. Dragon hunter wanted: sword supplied. No experience necessary ... One moment, I was a normal (if somewhat germaphobic) math teacher getting ready for summer vacation. Then my sister died in a pile of black ash, leaving me with a sword ... and her destiny as dragon hunter. It turns out there's a whole other world out there filled with demons, dragons, and spirits. Now my job is to protect mortals – and I haven't got a clue what I'm doing ... Then there's tattooed hotness Ian Iskander. Part dragon hunter and part demon, Ian's got some seriously creepy business associates and keeps trying to steal my sword. So why do we keep getting lost in hungry, crazy-hot kisses? ... Ian is the only person who can help me figure out who – and what – I am. But trusting a half-demon is dangerous ... because when you play with dragon fire, someone gets burned.

**The Brightest Fell** by **Seanan McGuire** (Paperback Release – \$17). *October Daye Series*. Things are slow, and October "Toby" Daye couldn't be happier. The elf-shot cure has been approved, Arden Windermere is settling into her position as Queen in the Mists, and Toby doesn't have anything demanding her attention except for wedding planning and spending time with her family ... She should have realized that it was too good to last ... When Toby's mother, Amandine, appears demanding help, refusing her seems like the right thing to do ... until Amandine starts taking hostages. Now Toby doesn't have a choice about whether or not she does as her mother asks. Not with Jazz and Tybalt's lives hanging in the balance. But who could possibly help her find a pureblood she's never met, one who's been missing for over a hundred years? Enter Simon Torquill, elf-shot enemy turned uneasy ally. Together, the two of them must try to solve one of the greatest mysteries in the Mists: what happened to Amandine's oldest daughter, August, who disappeared in 1906. This is one missing person case Toby can't afford to get wrong.

**High Voltage** by **Karen Marie Moning** (Paperback Release – \$17). *Fever Series*. Dani O'Malley was nine years old when the delusional, sadistic Rowena transformed her into a ruthless killer. Years later, Dani is tough and hardened, yet vulnerable and compassionate, living alone by her own exacting code. Despite the scars on her body, and the deeper ones carved into her soul, no one is more committed to protecting Dublin. By day she ensures the safety of those she rescues, by night she hunts evil,

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determined to give to those she cares for the peace she has never known ... When the Faerie Queen used the dangerously powerful Song of Making to heal the world from the damage done by the Hoar Frost King, catastrophic magic seeped into the earth, giving rise to horrifying, unforeseen consequences – and now deadly enemies plot to enslave the human race and unleash a reign of Hell on Earth ... With the lethal, immortal Ryodan at her side, armed with the epic Sword of Light, Dani once again battles to save the world, but her past comes back to haunt her with a vengeance, demanding an unspeakable price for the power she needs to save the human race.

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**The Illegitimate Duke** by **Sophie Barnes** (Paperback – \$17). *Diamonds in the Rough Series*. Lady Juliette Matthews longs to be more than just a pretty ornament in society. But using her recently acquired fortune to do good is more complicated than she anticipated. Young ladies are not expected to risk their safety in helping the less fortunate. And the one gentleman who could help in her mission is stubborn, handsome – and too honorable to act on their mutual attraction ... Florian Lowell has suddenly been made heir to the Duke of Redding – a far cry from his status as a dedicated physician. Yet even with his new role as the country's most eligible bachelor, the fearless Juliette is utterly beyond his reach. The scandalous circumstances of his birth would destroy both their reputations if they became known. But when a more urgent danger threatens Juliette's life, Florian must gamble everything ... including the heart only one woman can tame.

**The Duke with the Dragon Tattoo** by **Kerrigan Byrne** (Paperback – \$17). *Victorian Rebels Series*. He is known only as The Rook. A man with no name, no past, no memories. He awakens in a mass grave, a dragon tattoo on his muscled forearm the sole clue to his mysterious origins. His only hope for survival – and salvation – lies in the deep eyes of the beautiful stranger who finds him. Who nurses him back to health. And who calms the restless demons in his soul ... Lorelai Weatherstoke will never forget the night she rescued the broken dark angel in the woods, a devilishly handsome man who haunts her dreams to this day. Crippled as a child, she devoted herself to healing the tortured man. And when he left, he took a piece of her heart with him. Now, after all these years, The Rook has returned. He sweeps back into her life and avenges those who wronged her. But can she trust a man who's been branded a rebel, a thief, and a killer? And can she trust herself to resist him when he takes her in his arms?

**When a Duke Loves a Woman** by **Lorraine Heath** (Paperback – \$17). *Sins for All Seasons Series*. Gillie Trewlove knows what a stranger's kindness can mean, having been abandoned on a doorstep as a baby and raised by the woman who found her there. So, when faced with a soul in need at her door – or the alleyway by her tavern – Gillie doesn't hesitate ... But he's no infant. He's a grievously injured, distractingly handsome gentleman who doesn't belong in Whitechapel, much less recuperating in Gillie's bed ... Being left at the altar is humiliating; being rescued from thugs by a woman – albeit a brave and beautiful one – is the piece de resistance to

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the duke of Thornley's extraordinarily bad day. After nursing him back from the brink, Gillie agrees to help him comb London's darker corners for his wayward bride. But every moment together is edged with desire and has Thorne rethinking his choice of wife. Yet Gillie knows the aristocracy would never accept a duchess born in sin. Thorne, however, is determined to prove to her that no obstacle is insurmountable when a duke loves a woman.

**Wedding the Widow** by **Jenna Jaxon** (Paperback – \$10). *Widows' Club Series*. Of all the widows of Lyttlefield Park, Elizabeth Easton seems least likely to remarry. Though many gentlemen would love to get to know the charming Mrs. Easton better, she is devoted to the memory of her late husband. Which is why she's shocked to be overtaken by passion during a harvest festival, succumbing to an unforgettable interlude with the handsome Lord Brack ... After enduring years of war, Jemmy, Lord Brack, plans to defer matrimony in favor of carefree pleasure. But who could resist a lifetime with Elizabeth, a woman as marvelously sensual as she is sweet? Yet despite their mutual desire, she refuses to consider his proposal. With scandal looming, and their families bitterly opposed to the match, Jemmy must find a way to convince Elizabeth to risk her wary heart on him – and turn one infamous night into forever ...

**The Murder at Mandeville Hall** by **Stephanie Laurens** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$28). *Casebook of Barnaby Adair Series*. Well-born rakehell and head of an ancient family, Alaric, Lord Carradale, has acknowledged reality and is preparing to find a bride. But loyalty to his friend, Percy Mandeville, necessitates attending Percy's annual house party, held at neighboring Mandeville Hall. By the second evening of the week-long event, Alaric is bored and restless ... and Alaric decides that as soon as he's free, he'll hie to London and find the biddable lady he believes will ensure a peaceful life. But the following morning, on walking through the Mandeville Hall shrubbery on his way to join the other guests, he comes upon the corpse of a young lady-guest ... Constance Whittaker accepts that no gentleman will ever offer for her – she's too old, too tall, too buxom, too headstrong ... too much in myriad ways. Now acting as her grandfather's agent, she arrives at Mandeville Hall to extricate her young cousin, Glynis, who unwisely accepted an invitation to the reputedly licentious house party. But Glynis cannot be found ... A search is instituted. Venturing into the shrubbery, Constance discovers a handsome aristocrat crouched beside Glynis's lifeless form. Constance leaps to the obvious conclusion but once the gentleman explains that he'd only just arrived, commonsense reasserts itself. More, as matters unfold and she and Carradale have to battle to get Glynis's death investigated, Constance discovers Alaric to be a worthy ally ... Yet even after Inspector Stokes of Scotland Yard arrives, along with his consultants, the Honorable Barnaby Adair and his wife, Penelope, the murderer's identity remains shrouded in mystery, and learning why Glynis was killed – before the house party's guests insist on leaving – tests the resolve of all concerned. Flung into each other's company, fiercely independent though Constance is, unsusceptible though Alaric is, neither can deny the connection that grows between them.

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Then Constance vanishes ... Can Alaric unearth the murderer before the villain rips from the world the lady Alaric now craves for his own?

**An Earl Like You** by **Caroline Linden** (Paperback – \$17). *Wagers of Sin Series*. When Hugh Deveraux discovers his newly inherited earldom is bankrupt, he sets about rebuilding the family fortune in the gaming hells of London. But the most daring wager he takes isn't at cards. A wealthy tradesman makes a tantalizing offer: marry the man's spinster daughter and Hugh's debts will be paid. The only catch is that she must never know about their agreement ... Heiress Eliza Cross has given up hope of marriage until she meets Earl of Hastings, her father's new business partner. The earl is everything a gentleman should be, and is attentive to her. It doesn't take long for Eliza to lose her heart and marry him ... But when Eliza discovers that there is more to the man she loves – and to her marriage – her trust is shattered. It will take all of Hugh's power to prove that his words of love now are real.

**What Ales the Earl** by **Sally Mackenzie** (Paperback – \$17). *Widow's Brew Series*. When Penelope Barnes arrived at the Puddledon Manor's Benevolent Home with her young daughter, she discovered a knack for horticulture – and for cultivating the hops needed to produce a superlative pint. She put her scandalous affair with Harry Graham in the past, along with the pain she felt when he went off to war. After all, she'd always known a farmer's daughter had no future with an earl's son. Now she has the memory of their passion, and she has little Harriet, for whom she would do anything – even marry a boring country vicar ... Harry went off to fight for the Crown unaware that his interlude with his childhood friend had permanent consequences. Now he's back in England, catapulted into the title by his brother's untimely death. He misses his former life of adventure, so when he has reason to explore Little Puddledon, he jumps at the chance. What he finds there is something – and someone – he never knew he'd lost, and a once forbidden love whose time has come, if only he can persuade Pen he's home to stay.

**Hot Romance**

**Order of Protection** by **Lexi Blake** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *Courting Justice Series*. To high-end defense attorney Henry Garrison, Win Hughes is a woman he met during one of the most trying times of his life. She's soft and warm, and he finds solace in their brief relationship. But Win has a secret. She's actually Taylor Winston-Hughes – born to one of the wealthiest families in the country, orphaned as a child by a tragic accident. Win moves in the wealthiest circles, but her lavish lifestyle hides her pain ... When her best friend is murdered in the midst of a glittering New York gala, Win's charged with the crime, and the only person in the world she wants to see is Henry ... Henry is shocked at the true identity of his lover, but he can't reject the case. This trial could take his new firm into the stratosphere. Still, he's not getting burned by Win again. And yet every turn brings them closer together ... As the case takes a wild turn and Win's entire life is upended, she must look to the people she's closest to in order to find a killer. And Henry must decide between making his case and saving the woman he loves ...

## Book Selection

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

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## Summary of This Month's Books

Author	Title	Classification	Price
Ilona Andrews	Magic Triumphs*	Fantasy & Paranormal	\$42
Sophie Barnes	The Illegitimate Duke	Historical	\$17
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