

BOOK CATALOGUE – SEP/OCT 2021

At Alert Level 3, we're open for 'order and collect' and for online sales. There are some great new arrivals to get you through lockdown including Anne Gracie's *Scoundrel's Daughter*, J.D. Robb's *Forgotten In Death*, Lynsay Sands *Mile High with a Vampire* and Alexander McCall Smith's *The Joy and Light Bus Company*. Coming up, we have a Virtual Book Release Party for Nalini Singh's *Archangel's Light* on Thu 28 Oct at 7.30pm (details inside) and we are taking pre-orders for personalised signed copies. Enjoy!

Top Books September		Top Books October	
Evie Dunmore*	Portrait of a Scotsman*	Lenora Bell	Devil's Own Duke
Lori Foster	Stronger than You Know	Alison Cochrun	Charm Offensive*
Anne Gracie	Scoundrel's Daughter	Laura Griffin	Last Seen Alone
Faith Hunter	True Dead	Ali Hazelwood	Love Hypothesis*
Shelly Laurenston	Breaking Badger*	Lorraine Heath	The Duchess Hunt
Julie Anne Long	I'm Only Wicked with You	Lora Leigh	Her Renegade Cowboy
Sarah MacLean	Bombshell	Juliet Marillier	A Song of Flight*
Fern Michaels	Hidden#	Seanan McGuire	A Killing Frost#
Karen Marie Moning	Kingdom of Shadow and Light#	J.D. Robb	Forgotten in Death*
A. McCall Smith	Joy and Light Bus Company*	Lynsay Sands	Mile High with a Vampire

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

 <p>Title: Scoundrel's Daughter Author: Anne Gracie Classification: Historical Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$18 Annotation: <i>Brides of Bellaire Gardens Series.</i> Newly widowed Alice, Lady Charlton, is devastated when a scoundrel appears with letters that could ruin her. To prevent their publication he wants Alice to find a noble husband for his daughter, Lucy. Alice agrees but Lucy has no interest in her father's scheme. To retrieve the letters, Alice enlists the aid of her nephew, Gerald, who in turn seeks the help of his former commanding officer, James, Lord Tarrant. James is beguiled by Alice and Gerald and Lucy strike sparks each time they meet. Will the determined male suitors win the reluctant ladies?</p>	 <p>Title: Forgotten in Death Author: J.D. Robb Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>In Death Series.</i> The body was left in a dumpster, the victim a woman of no fixed address, known for offering paper flowers in return for spare change – and for keeping the cops informed of any infractions she witnessed on the street. Then Eve is summoned to a nearby building site owned by her husband Roarke to view more remains – in this case decades old, adorned with gold jewelry and fine clothing – unearthed by recent construction work. Eve must enter a complex world of real estate development, family history, shady deals, and shocking secrets to find justice for the two lives thrown away.</p>
 <p>Title: Mile High with a Vampire Author: Lynsay Sands Classification: Fantasy & Paranormal Book Type: Mass Market Paperback Price: \$20 Annotation: <i>Argeneau Series.</i> Jet Lassiter likes being a pilot, travelling to exotic locations and meeting interesting people, even if they are blood-suckers. But when his plane goes down in the mountains and four of his passengers are gravely injured, they need blood to heal ... and Jet is the only source. Quinn Peters never wanted to be immortal. Once a renowned heart surgeon, she was turned against her will. One of the few survivors of the crash, Quinn is desperate to get the mortal pilot to safety before her fellow immortals drain Jet dry. But hungry vampires are the least of their worries – the crash wasn't an accident, and someone is trying to kill Quinn.</p>	 <p>Title: Joy and Light Bus Company Author: Alexander McCall Smith Classification: Crime/Mystery/Thriller Book Type: Trade Paperback Price: \$30 Annotation: <i>No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency Series.</i> Mma Ramotswe knows she is very lucky indeed. She has a loving family, good friends and a thriving business doing what she enjoys most: helping people. But the latest mystery she is called upon to solve is distinctly trickier than it initially appears and, of course, there's plenty to handle in her personal life between Charlie and his new bride and Mma Makutsi and her talking shoes ... In the end, Mma Ramotswe's patience and common-sense will win out, and, without a doubt, all will be the better for it.</p>

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Other Books Available in This Catalogue

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Maple Leaf Harvest by **Catherine Anderson** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Mystic Creek Series*. Lane Driscoll has been having nightmares where she's chased by a strange man. When she has a threatening run-in with someone who looks just like the man from her dreams, she decides to leave her hometown until she figures out what's going on. Lane seeks refuge in beautiful Mystic Creek, where she gets a job working at the local perfume shop. Soon after she arrives, a handsome customer seems to think he recognizes Lane, but calls her by the wrong name ... When Jonas Sterling, a local psychologist, encounters his ex-girlfriend, Veneta, in town, he can't believe his eyes. He hasn't seen her for years. Jonas is even more baffled when it turns out the woman is a total stranger to him. There's no way two people could look so similar without being related. Jonas discovers Lane was adopted at the age of three and is now twenty-six years old – the same as the woman he dated ... After initial shock at the idea she could have a twin, something clicks inside Lane – and now she needs to locate her missing sister. A romance blossoms as Jonas agrees to help her. But when the man from Lane's nightmares shows up in her dreams again, Jonas and Lane realize Veneta may be in grave danger, and their search for Lane's sister turns into a heart-pounding race.

Blind Tiger by **Sandra Brown** (Trade Paperback – \$30). 1920, Texas. Thatcher Hutton, a war-weary soldier on the way back to his cowboy life, jumps from a moving freight train to avoid trouble ... and lands in more than he bargained for. On the day he arrives in Foley, Texas, a local woman goes missing. Thatcher, the only stranger in town, is suspected of her abduction, and worse. Standing between him and exoneration are a corrupt mayor, a crooked sheriff, a notorious cathouse madam, a sly bootlegger, feuding moonshiners ... and a young widow whose soft features conceal an iron will ... What was supposed to be a fresh start for Laurel Plummer turns to tragedy. Left destitute but determined to dictate her own future, Laurel plunges into the lucrative regional industry, much to the dislike of the good ol' boys, who have ruled supreme. Her success quickly makes her a target for cutthroat competitors, whose only code of law is reprisal. As violence erupts, Laurel and – now deputy – Thatcher find themselves on opposite sides of a moonshine war, where blood flows as freely as whiskey.

Charm Offensive by **Alison Cochrun** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *LGBTQ*. Dev Deshpande has always believed in fairy tales. So it's no wonder then that he's spent his career crafting them on the long-running reality dating show *Ever After*. As the most successful producer in the franchise's history, Dev always scripts the perfect love story for his contestants, even as his own love life crashes and burns. But then the show casts disgraced tech wunderkind Charlie Winshaw as its star ... Charlie is far from the romantic Prince Charming *Ever After* expects. He doesn't believe in true love, and only agreed to the show as a last-ditch effort to rehabilitate his image. In front of the cameras, he's a stiff, anxious mess with no idea how to date

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twenty women on national television. Behind the scenes, he's cold, awkward, and emotionally closed-off ... As Dev fights to get Charlie to connect with the contestants on a whirlwind, worldwide tour, they begin to open up to each other, and Charlie realizes he has better chemistry with Dev than with any of his female co-stars. But even reality TV has a script, and in order to find to happily ever after, they'll have to reconsider whose love story gets told.

All Night Long with a Cowboy by **Caitlin Crews** (Mass Market Paperback – \$18). *Kittredge Ranch Series*. One of the most notorious cowboys in Cold River, Jensen Kittredge always has willing women with sweet smiles vying for a place in his bed. So when the prissy high school librarian sidles up to him in the most disreputable bar in town with a scowl on her face, he has no idea what to make of it. Much less the attraction he feels toward the bespectacled creature who wants something from him... But not that. Yet ... Harriett Barnett doesn't care for dens of iniquity – or the insolent cowboy she certainly shouldn't find attractive. But one of her students needs her help, and if she needs to corral the infamous Jensen to save him, she will. Trouble is, the town's favorite Kittredge brother is a lot more than she bargained for. Harriett's happy little life is orderly and neat, just how she likes it – until Jensen blows it all apart with his particular brand of addictive passion. Can a modern-day schoolmarm really tame the wildest cowboy in town? Or is Harriet headed for a terrible fall?

Stronger than You Know by **Lori Foster** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *McKenzies of Ridge Trail Series*. Kennedy Brooks has spent years learning how to protect herself, and empowering other women to do the same. Still, there are some hazards that can't be predicted. That includes Reyes McKenzie, who owns her local gym. Strong, capable, and watchful, he seems like the one man who might understand her past. For once, Kennedy is tempted to let her guard down – something she's vowed never to do ... The moment petite, fiercely determined Kennedy walked into his gym, Reyes knew that she carried secrets. What he didn't expect was that she could tell the same about him. When trouble tracks her down, she turns to Reyes, unleashing a maelstrom of protective instinct and mutual desire. But will her need for him end when the danger does, or will they take the ultimate risk – on each other?

Last Seen Alone by **Laura Griffin** (Mass Market Paperback – \$18). Up-and-coming attorney Leigh Larson fights for victims of sexual extortion, harassment, and online abuse. She is not afraid to go after the sleaziest targets to get payback for her clients. Leigh is laser-focused on her career – to the exclusion of everything else – until a seemingly routine case and a determined cop turn her world upside down ... Austin homicide detective Brandon Reynolds is no stranger to midnight callouts. But when he gets summoned to an abandoned car on a desolate road, he quickly realizes he's dealing with an unusual crime scene. A pool of blood in the nearby woods suggests a brutal homicide. But where is the victim? The vehicle is registered to

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twenty-six-year-old Vanessa Adams. Searching the car, all Brandon finds is a smear of blood and a business card for Leigh Larson, attorney-at-law ... Vanessa had hired Leigh just before her disappearance, but Leigh has no leads on who could have wanted her dead. Faced with bewildering evidence and shocking twists, Leigh and Brandon must work against the clock to chase down a ruthless criminal who is out for vengeance.

Royal Holiday by **Yasmine Guillory** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Wedding Date Series*.

Vivian Forest has been out of the country a grand total of one time, so when she gets the chance to tag along on her daughter Maddie's work trip to England to style a royal family member, she can't refuse. She's excited to spend the holidays taking in the magnificent British sights, but what she doesn't expect is to become instantly attracted to a certain private secretary, his charming accent, and unyielding formality ... Malcolm Hudson has worked for the Queen for years and has never given a personal, private tour – until now. He is intrigued by Vivian the moment he meets her and finds himself making excuses just to spend time with her. When flirtatious banter turns into a kiss under the mistletoe, things snowball into a full-on fling ... Despite a ticking timer on their holiday romance, they are completely fine with ending their short, steamy affair come New Year's Day ... or are they?

Love Hypothesis by **Ali Hazelwood** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Love Hypothesis Series*. As a third-year Ph.D. candidate, Olive Smith doesn't believe in lasting romantic relationships – but her best friend does, and that's what got her into this situation. Convincing Anh that Olive is dating and well on her way to a happily ever after was always going to take more than hand-wavy Jedi mind tricks: Scientists require proof. So, like any self-respecting biologist, Olive panics and kisses the first man she sees ... That man is none other than Adam Carlsen, a young hotshot professor – and well-known ass. Which is why Olive is positively floored when Stanford's reigning lab tyrant agrees to keep her charade a secret and be her fake boyfriend. But when a big science conference goes haywire, putting Olive's career on the Bunsen burner, Adam surprises her again with his unyielding support and even more unyielding ... six-pack abs ... Suddenly their little experiment feels dangerously close to combustion. And Olive discovers that the only thing more complicated than a hypothesis on love is putting her own heart under the microscope.

Heart Bones by **Colleen Hoover** (Independently Published Paperback – \$34). Life and a dismal last name are the only two things Beyah's parents ever gave her. After carving her path all on her own, Beyah is well on her way to bigger and better things, thanks to no one but herself. With only two short months separating her from the future she's built and the past she desperately wants to leave behind, an unexpected death leaves Beyah with no place to go during the interim ... Forced to reach out to her last resort, Beyah has to spend the remainder of her summer on a peninsula in Texas with a father she barely knows. Beyah's plan is to keep her head down and let the summer slip by seamlessly, but her new neighbor Samson throws a wrench in that

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plan ... Samson and Beyah have nothing in common on the surface ... She comes from a life of poverty and neglect; he comes from a family of wealth and privilege. But one thing they do have in common is that they're both drawn to sad things. Which means they're drawn to each other ... With an almost immediate connection too intense for them to continue denying, Beyah and Samson agree to stay in the shallow end of a summer fling. What Beyah doesn't realize is that a rip current is coming, and it's about to drag her heart out to sea.

Faceless by **Alexandra Ivy** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Pike, Wisconsin Series*. A masked robber, a gunshot, an endless nightmare left in its wake. Wynter Moore was just four years old when she witnessed the murder of her mother. For twenty-five years she's tried to blunt the trauma with ambition. Yet each year, she shuts down her popular Iowa restaurant to return to her small hometown of Pike, Wisconsin, to grieve. Only this time, her visit will be marked by new danger and shocking discoveries about the past – and about her mother ... *Why kill her?* That's what's scrawled on the picture Pike's recently deceased sheriff left behind for Wynter. Pulled from surveillance tape, it shows the fatal hold-up – and raises unnerving questions. Soon, Wynter is opening a Pandora's box of dark revelations and suspects. When frightening incidents and threats start coming, it's clear that Wynter is a target herself. Enemies seem to abound – except for one man ... Game warden Noah Heller has tried to convince himself that Wynter is just a friend ever since they met in grief counseling as teenagers. But now that she's in danger, that denial is over. Traveling to her side, he helps Wynter retrace the treacherous steps of her complex mother's life – before she loses her own. Because someone wants – *needs* – Wynter gone, forever.

Her Renegade Cowboy by **Lora Leigh** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *Moving Violations Series*. The oh-so-proper school teacher, Lily Donovan has learned, the hard way, that men are not to be trusted. Until Levi Roberts, the new cowboy working at her cousin's ranch, tempts her resolve and awakens an all-consuming passion she thought lay dormant. But when she discovers his deadly secret, and her own secrets come to light, Lily unwittingly joins the lethal cat and mouse race between Levi and the man he's been hunting for weeks ... Former Ranger Levi Roberts has seen his fair share of deadly trouble during his years as a tough-as-nails operative. The ultimate expert in undercover investigations, he's been tasked to find a man with a dangerous agenda in town. Routine work has been boring ... until he runs into Lily, the prickly school teacher who tempts him like no other. Getting under her skin has been deliciously satisfying, but when Lily lands in the hands of the very man he's been investigating, Levi will have to fight with every ounce of his heart and soul to save her – and to heal the heart he broke.

One Last Stop by **Casey McQuiston** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *LGBTQ*. For cynical twenty-three-year-old August, moving to New York City is supposed to prove her right: that things like magic and cinematic love stories don't exist, and the only smart way to go through life is alone. She can't

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imagine how waiting tables at a 24-hour pancake diner and moving in with too many weird roommates could possibly change that. And there's certainly no chance of her subway commute being anything more than a daily trudge through boredom and electrical failures ... But then, there's this gorgeous girl on the train ... Jane. Dazzling, charming, mysterious, impossible Jane. Jane with her rough edges and swoopy hair and soft smile, showing up in a leather jacket to save August's day when she needed it most. August's subway crush becomes the best part of her day, but soon, she discovers there's one big problem: Jane doesn't just look like an old school punk rocker. She's literally displaced in time from the 1970s, and August is going to have to use everything she tried to leave in her own past to help her. Maybe it's time to start believing in some things, after all.

Hidden by **Fern Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Lost and Found Series*. A brother and sister are drawn into a treacherous mystery through an antique with a dark past, as they race against time to help a single mother and take down a ruthless couple bent on taking control of their family's legacy ... At first glance, few would guess that Luna and Cullen Bodman are siblings. Cullen is efficient and serious while his younger sister Luna is a free spirit. When the two launch their furniture restoration shop/café – an offshoot of the family's longtime antique business – in an up-and-coming arts center, little do they know their unique talents may be their only defense against a dangerous betrayal ... When Luna gets a strange sense about a piece Cullen just acquired, the two find themselves uniting to solve a mystery that has far-reaching consequences – never knowing there are some who'll stop at nothing to claim what they believe is theirs. No matter what, Luna and Cullen know they can rely on each other – and this time, their lives may depend on it.

Seabreeze Inn by **Jan Moran** (Print-on-Demand Paperback – \$38). *Summer Beach Series*. Ivy Marin's life implodes after discovering that her late husband spent their life savings on a beach house. Strapped for cash as an art teacher and with nowhere to go, Ivy and her recently jilted sister head to Summer Beach to recreate their lives. If only renovating a historical home didn't unveil a host of hidden secrets in the beachside community – and the mayor wasn't her former high school crush ... Bennett Dylan led a campaign against Ivy's late husband to block the rezoning of the beach house land for a high-rise resort. Although it's been ten years since his wife's death, Bennett is avoiding the pain of loving – and possibly losing – another woman. And then the FBI shows up ... Ivy's demands for a zoning variance for a bed-and-breakfast couldn't come at a worse time for him ... Despite distractions, Ivy has one summer to sway the town to salvage her livelihood and the new life in Summer Beach she's come to love.

Aria's Travelling Book Shop by **Rebecca Raisin** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Travelling Shops Series*. Aria Summers knows what she wants. A life on the road with best friend Rosie and her beloved camper-van-cum-book-shop, and definitely, definitely, no romance ... But when Aria finds herself falling – after one too many glasses of wine, from a karaoke stage – into the arms of Jonathan, a part of her comes back

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to life for the first time in years. Since her beloved husband died Aria has sworn off love, unless it's the kind you can find in the pages of a book. One love of her life is quite enough ... And so Aria tries to forget Jonathan and sets off for a summer to remember in France. But could this trip change Aria's life forever?

The Inheritance by **Joann Ross** (Trade Paperback – \$30). When conflict photographer Jackson Swann dies, he leaves behind a conflict of his own making when his three daughters, each born to a different mother, discover that they're now responsible for the family's Oregon vineyard – and for a family they didn't ask for ... After a successful career as a child TV star, Tess is, for the first time, suffering from a serious identity crisis, and grieving for the absent father she's resented all her life ... Charlotte, brought up to be a proper Southern wife, gave up her own career to support her husband's political ambitions. On the worst day of her life, she discovers her beloved father has died, she has two sisters she never knew about and her husband has fallen in love with another woman ... Natalie, daughter of Jack's longtime mistress, has always known about her half sisters, and has dreaded the day when Tess and Charlotte find out she's the daughter their father kept ... As the sisters reluctantly gather at the vineyard, they're soon enchanted by the Swann family matriarch and namesake of Maison de Madeleine wines, whose stories of bravery in WWII France and love for a wounded American soldier will reveal the family legacy they've each inherited and change the course of all their lives.

True Love Cowboy by **Jennifer Ryan** (Mass Market Paperback – \$20). *McGrath Series*. Jon Crawford has returned to Montana, determined to take over his father's ranch and raise his daughter in Big Sky Country, leaving the big-city life behind. He doesn't have time to fall in love, but he doesn't count on stubborn but beautiful Trinity McGrath, who arouses his protective instincts even as she tries to push him away ... Life hasn't always been easy for Trinity, but now she has everything she needs – her family, friends, and a safe and secure life. With a business to build, Trinity doesn't have time for romance ... until Jon comes barging into her life and all her intentions are turned upside down ... Still, an attraction like theirs is too powerful to deny, and sometimes true love comes along when you least expect it. But when someone from Jon's past comes back with a vengeance, Trinity and Jon will have to do everything they can to save themselves and their new love.

Last Chance Library by **Freya Sampson** (Trade Paperback – \$30). Lonely librarian June Jones has never left the sleepy English village where she grew up. Shy and reclusive, the thirty-year-old would rather spend her time buried in books than venture out into the world. But when her library is threatened with closure, June is forced to emerge from behind the shelves to save the heart of her community and the place that holds the dearest memories of her mother ... Joining a band of eccentric yet dedicated locals in a campaign to keep the library, June opens herself up to other people for the first time since her mother died. It just so happens that her old school friend Alex Chen is back in town and willing to lend a helping hand. The kindhearted lawyer's feelings for her are obvious to

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everyone but June, who won't believe that anyone could ever care for her in that way ... To save the place and the books that mean so much, June must make some changes to her life. She's determined not to go down without a fight. And maybe, in fighting for her cherished library, June can save herself, too.

The Summer Deal by **Jill Shalvis** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Wildstone Series*. Brynn Turner desperately wishes she had it together, but her personal life is like a ping-pong match that's left her scared and hurt after so many attempts to get it right. In search of a place to lick her wounds and get a fresh start, she heads back home to Wildstone ... And then there's Kinsey Davis, who, after battling serious health issues her entire twenty-nine years of life, is tired of hoping for ... well, anything. She's fierce, tough, and she's keeping more than one bombshell of a secret from Brynn – her long-time frenemy ... But then Brynn runs into Kinsey's best friend, Eli, renewing her childhood crush. The good news: he's still easygoing and funny and sexy as hell. The bad news: when he gets Brynn to agree to a summertime deal to trust him to do right by her, no matter what, she never dreams it'll result in finding a piece of herself she didn't even know was missing. She could have real connections, possibly love, and a future – if she can only learn to let go of the past ... As the long days of summer wind down, the three of them must discover if forgiveness is enough to grasp the unconditional love that's right in front of them.

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The Glitter End by **Vivian Conroy** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Stationery Shop Mystery Series*. Stationery shop owner Delta Douglas is finally settling into small-town life in Tundish, Montana. But with the tourist season drying up, she must find a way to draw in her stationery shop clientele. Well-known artist Tilly Tay is just the ticket – and her new miniature gold mining display is sure to be a hit attraction in town ... But on the day of the grand reveal, Delta discovers a tiny prospector dead in the exhibit. That's when a body is found at the nearby motel, perfectly mirroring the miniature murder. Soon enough, Delta's artist guest is suspected of the crime and her shop is suddenly cast under a cloud of bad press. With her faithful Paper Posse at her side, Delta must pull no paper punches to crack the case and save Wanted's reputation before more trouble comes into the fold.

Color Me Murder by **Krista Davis** (Trade Paperback – \$32). *Pen and Ink Series*. By day, Florrie Fox manages Color Me Read bookstore in Georgetown, Washington D.C. By night, she creates her own intricately detailed coloring books for adults, filling the pages with objects that catch her eye. There's plenty of inspiration in her new apartment – a beautiful carriage house belonging to Florrie's boss, Professor John Maxwell. He offers the property to Florrie rent-free with one condition – she must move in immediately to prevent his covetous sister and nephew from trying to claim it ... When the professor's nephew, Delbert, arrives, he proves just as sketchy as Florrie feared. But the following morning, Delbert has vanished. It's not until she visits the third floor of the store that Florrie makes a tragic discovery – there's a trap door in the landing,

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and a dead Delbert inside. The esteemed Professor Maxwell is an obvious suspect, but Florrie is certain this case isn't so black and white. Other colorful characters are on the scene, all with a motive for murder. With a killer drawing closer, Florrie will need to think outside the lines ... before death makes his mark again.

Verity by **Colleen Hoover** (Trade Paperback – \$32). Lowen Ashleigh is a struggling writer on the brink of financial ruin when she accepts the job offer of a lifetime. Jeremy Crawford, husband of bestselling author Verity Crawford, has hired Lowen to complete the remaining books in a successful series his injured wife is unable to finish ... Lowen arrives at the Crawford home, ready to sort through years of Verity's notes and outlines, hoping to find enough material to get her started. What Lowen doesn't expect to uncover in the chaotic office is an unfinished autobiography Verity never intended for anyone to read. Page after page of bone-chilling admissions, including Verity's recollection of the night their family was forever altered ... Lowen decides to keep the manuscript hidden from Jeremy, knowing its contents would devastate the already grieving father. But as Lowen's feelings for Jeremy begin to intensify, she recognizes all the ways she could benefit if he were to read his wife's words. After all, no matter how devoted Jeremy is to his injured wife, a truth this horrifying would make it impossible for him to continue to love her.

Murder Most Fair by **Anna Lee Huber** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Verity Kent Series*. November 1919. A relaxing few weeks by the seaside with her husband, Sidney, could almost convince former Secret Service agent Verity Kent that life has returned to the pleasant rhythm of pre-war days. Then Verity's beloved Great-Aunt Ilse lands on their doorstep. After years in war-ravaged Germany, Ilse has returned to England to repair her fragile health – and to escape trouble. Someone has been sending her anonymous threats, and Verity's Secret Service contacts can only provide unsettling answers ... Even deep in the Yorkshire Dales, where she joins Verity's family for the holidays, Ilse encounters difficulties. Normally peaceful neighbors are hostile, seeking someone to blame for the losses they've endured. When Ilse's maid is found dead, Verity must uncover whether this is anti-German sentiment taken to murderous lengths, or whether there is a more personal motive at work. Could Verity's shadowy nemesis, Lord Ardmore, be involved? And if so, how much closer to home will the blow land when he inevitably strikes again?

A Good Day for Chardonnay by **Darynda Jones** (Trade Paperback – \$23). *Sunshine Vicram Series*. Running a small-town police force in the mountains of New Mexico should be a smooth, carefree kind of job. Sadly, full-time Sheriff – and even fuller-time coffee guzzler – Sunshine Vicram, didn't get that memo ... All Sunshine really wants is one easy-going day. You know, the kind that starts with coffee and a donut (or three) and ends with take-out pizza and a glass of chardonnay (or seven). Turns out, that's about as easy as switching to decaf. (What kind of people do that? And who hurt them?) ... Before she can say iced mocha latte, Sunny's got a bar fight gone bad, a teenage daughter hunting a serial killer

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and, oh yes, the still unresolved mystery of her own abduction years prior. All evidence points to a local distiller, a dangerous bad boy named Levi Ravinder, but Sun knows he's not the villain of her story. Still, perhaps beneath it all, he possesses the keys to her disappearance. At the very least, beneath it all, he possesses a serious set of abs. She's seen it. Once. Accidentally ... Between policing a town her hunky chief deputy calls four cents short of a nickel, that pesky crush she has on Levi which seems to grow exponentially every day, and an irascible raccoon that just doesn't know when to quit, Sunny's life is about to rocket to a whole new level of crazy ... Yep, definitely a good day for chardonnay.

Chapter and Curse by **Elizabeth Penny** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Cambridge Bookshop Series*. Librarian Molly Kimball and her mother, Nina, need a change. So when a letter arrives from Nina's Aunt Violet in Cambridge, England requesting their help running the family bookshop, they jump at the chance ... *Thomas Marlowe – Manuscripts and Folios*, is one of the oldest bookshops in Cambridge, and – unfortunately – customers can tell. When Molly and Nina arrive, spring has come to Cambridge and the famed Cambridge Literary Festival is underway. Determined to bring much-needed revenue to the bookstore, Molly invites Aunt Violet's college classmate and famed poet Persephone Brightwell to hold a poetry reading in the shop. But the event ends in disaster when a guest is found dead – with Molly's great-aunt's knitting needle used as the murder weapon. While trying to clear Violet and keep the struggling shop afloat, Molly sifts through secrets past and present, untangling a web of blackmail, deceit, and murder.

Her Mother's Grave by **Lisa Regan** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Detective Josie Quinn Series*. When two young boys discover human bones buried beneath a tree in a trailer park, Detective Josie Quinn races to join her team at the scene. She used to play in those woods as a child, happier outside and away from her abusive mother, Belinda Rose ... Josie's past crashes into her present when a rare dental condition confirms the bones belong to a teenage foster-child who was murdered thirty years ago. A girl named Belinda Rose ... Josie hasn't seen her mother in years but, with an undeniable connection between her mother and the dead girl, does she dare track her down? ... Just as Josie gets closer to uncovering a secret that will shatter her world forever, another body is uncovered. It's suddenly clear that someone very close to Josie will stop at nothing to keep the truth buried forever ... As she battles the demons from her past, can Josie stop this killer before another precious life is taken?

Bait and Witch by **Angela M. Sanders** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Witch Way Librarian Mysteries Series*. Josie Way loved working among the Library of Congress's leather-scented stacks – until she uncovered corruption and made herself a target. As Wilfred, Oregon's new librarian, Josie can stay undercover until the case goes to court. But life in this little town isn't as subdued as she expected. The library, housed in a Victorian mansion, is slated to be bulldozed. Still digesting the news that her safe haven is about to become scrap lumber,

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Josie discovers a body in the woods ... Almost as shocking, Josie learns that she's descended from a long line of witches – and her powers have suddenly sprung to life. With help from a spoiled alley cat who just may be her familiar, Josie's thumbing through a catalog of suspects, hoping she can conjure a way to save her library – and her life ...

How to Raise an Elephant by **Alexander McCall Smith** (Trade Paperback – \$28). *No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency Series*. As the temperature rises in Gaborone, Precious Ramotswe, founder of the No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency, wonders whether the heat could be the reason that business is particularly slow. Luckily, a slower pace in life is her natural preference, unlike her colleague Mma Makutsi, who is alert to every passing observation and inclined to making snap decisions. With fewer cases to handle, Precious has time to contemplate her new neighbours, a couple who, by the sounds of it, have a rather volatile relationship ... But then a distant cousin of Mma Ramotswe's comes to the agency with a plea for help, and the ladies decide to pursue the issue together. Armed with Mma Ramotswe's circumspection and Mma Makutsi's sharp eye, they proceed with confidence and open hearts. What, after all, could be more straightforward than a family matter? ... Meanwhile, their colleague Charlie is behaving oddly, borrowing Mma Ramotswe's van and returning it in an unusual condition. Digging a little deeper, the explanation is both strange and extraordinary, and takes Charlie, along with Mma Ramotswe's husband, Mr J. L. B. Matekoni, on a hair-raising night-time expedition ... In the end, Precious is reminded of the need to view a picture from every angle, to accept the imperfections in people and situations, and then find a solution – preferably over a delicious slice of her friend Mma Potokwani's fruit cake.

Murder with Orange Pekoe Tea by **Karen Rose Smith** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Daisy's Tea Garden Mystery Series*. Daisy Swanson's orange pekoe is flowing at a fundraiser – and she's also made a new friend, Piper, a young woman whose hopes for motherhood were dashed by a foul-up at a fertility clinic. But before they can settle into a long conversation, the event is disrupted by masked protestors who object to building a shelter in Willow Creek. Among the angry crowd is Eli – who left his Amish community some time ago, with help from a lawyer named Hiram ... It just so happens that Hiram is also representing the fertility clinic in a class-action suit – and soon afterward, he turns up dead, felled by an insulin injection. Daisy can't help but get drawn in, especially since Piper's husband had been pretty steamed at the victim and didn't hide it. She'd love to spend some time with the dog she and her boyfriend have just adopted – but first she'll be straining to find a killer ...

The Bodies in the Library by **Marty Wingate** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$18). *First Edition Library Mystery Series*. Hayley Burke has landed a dream job. She is the new curator of Lady Georgiana Fowling's First Edition library. The library is kept at Middlebank House, a lovely Georgian home in Bath, England. Hayley lives on the premises and works with the finicky Glynis

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Woolgar, Lady Fowling's former secretary ... Mrs. Woolgar does not like Hayley's ideas to modernize The First Edition Society and bring in fresh blood. And she is not even aware of the fact that Hayley does not know the first thing about the Golden Age of Mysteries. Hayley is faking it till she makes it, and one of her plans to breathe new life into the Society is actually taking flight – an Agatha Christie fan fiction writers group is paying dues to meet up at Middlebank House ... But when one of the group is found dead in the venerable stacks of the library, Hayley has to catch the killer to save the Society and her new job.

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Witch Please by **Ann Aguirre** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Fix-It Witches Series*. Danica Waterhouse is a fully modern witch – daughter, granddaughter, cousin, and co-owner of the Fix-It Witches, a magical tech repair shop. After a messy breakup that included way too much family “feedback,” Danica made a pact with her cousin: they'll keep their hearts protected and have fun, without involving any of the overly opinionated Waterhouse matriarchs. Danica is more than a little exhausted navigating a long-standing family feud where Gram thinks the only good mundane is a dead one and Danica's mother weaves floral crowns for anyone who crosses her path ... Three blocks down from the Fix-It Witches, Titus Winnaker, owner of Sugar Daddy's bakery, has family trouble of his own. After a tragic loss, all he's got left is his sister, the bakery, and a lifetime of terrible luck in love. Sure, business is sweet, but he can't seem to shake the romantic curse that's left him past thirty and still a virgin. He's decided he's doomed to be forever alone ... Until he meets Danica Waterhouse. The sparks are instant, their attraction irresistible. For him, she's the one. To her, he's a firebomb thrown in the middle of a family war. Can a modern witch find love with an old-fashioned mundane who refuses to settle for anything less than forever?

City of Thorns by **C. N. Crawford** (Trade Paperback – \$27). *Demon Queen Trials Series*. I never thought I'd be singing happy birthday to myself in a dungeon. Yet when a sinfully sexy demon crashes happy hour, that's what happens. He's known as the Lord of Chaos, and he's mistaken me for my succubus doppelgänger ... Happy birthday to me ... When he tastes my blood, he finally understands I'm mortal. And I realize we have something in common: we both crave revenge. So we make a deal: I stay in the forbidden city to hunt for my mom's killer. In return, I'll help him get the vengeance he craves. I just have to pose as a sexy succubus. One problem – he's my number one suspect ... And that's increasingly hard to remember as he teaches me my role: seduction. With each heated touch I drift further into peril. And if I fall under his seductive spell, death awaits me.

Dark Song by **Christine Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Carpathian Series*. Stolen from her home at a young age and tormented for centuries, Elisabeta Trigovise is scared to show herself to anyone. Even though she has been rescued and is now safe within the Carpathian compound, she has lived in fear for so long she has

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no idea how to survive without it. She wants to answer the siren call of her lifemate – but the very thought terrifies her ... Before he found Elisabeta, Ferro Arany was an ancient warrior without emotion. Now that his senses have come alive, he knows it will take more than kind words and soft touches to convince the fractured woman that they are partners, not master and prisoner. For now, he will give her his strength until she finds hers, allowing the steady rhythm of his heart to soothe Elisabeta's fragile soul ... But even as she learns to stand on her own, the vampire who kept her captive is desperate to claim her again, threatening the song Elisabeta and Ferro are writing together.

Lightning Game by **Christine Feehan** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Ghostwalker Series*. GhostWalker Rubin Campo's rough upbringing made him into the man he is today: strong, steadfast and wary of outsiders. When he and his brother return to their family's homestead in the Appalachian Mountains, he can immediately sense that a stranger has taken up residence in their cabin – a woman who just happens to be a GhostWalker too ... Jonquille looks deceptively delicate but is clearly a fighter. She also doesn't seem to care that Rubin could kill her where she stands. She sought him out, wanting to connect on their shared interest in electrical charges. As one of the first failed GhostWalker experiments, Jonquille can produce lightning with her body – but she can't control it ... Their connection is magnetic, their abilities in sync. Rubin knows she's his match, the answer to a lifetime of pain and intense loneliness. But Jonquille came to him with hidden intentions, ones that threaten to destroy their bond before it can truly begin

A Terrible Fall of Angels by **Laurell K. Hamilton** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Zaniel Havelock Series*. Meet Detective Zaniel Havelock, a man with the special ability to communicate directly with angels. A former trained Angel speaker, he devoted his life to serving both the celestial beings and his fellow humans with his gift, but a terrible betrayal compelled him to leave that life behind. Now he's a cop who is still working on the side of angels. But where there are angels, there are also demons. There's no question that there's evil at work when he's called in to examine the murder scene of a college student – but is it just the evil that one human being can do to another, or is it something more? When demonic possession is a possibility, even angelic protection can only go so far. The race is on to stop a killer before he finds his next victim, as Zaniel is forced to confront his own very personal demons, and the past he never truly left behind.

True Dead by **Faith Hunter** (Mass Market Paperback – \$18). *Jane Yellowrock Series*. Jane used to hunt vampires, but now she's their queen. She's holed up in the mountains with the Yellowrock Clan, enjoying a little peace, when a surprise attack on her people proves that trouble is brewing. Someone is using very old magic to launch a bid for power, and it's all tied to the place where Jane was first drawn into the world of Leo Pellissier – the city of New Orleans ... Jane is compelled to return to NOLA because someone is trying to

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destabilize the paranormal world order. And because she now sits near the top of the vampire world, the assault is her problem. She will do what she must to protect what's hers. Her city. Her people. Her power. Her crown.

A Deal with the Elf King by **Elisa Kova** (Print-On-Demand Paperback – \$38). *Married to Magic Series*. The elves come for two things: war and wives. In both cases, they come for death ... Three-thousand years ago, humans were hunted by powerful races with wild magic until the treaty was formed. Now, for centuries, the elves have taken a young woman from Luella's village to be their Human Queen ... To be chosen is seen as a mark of death by the townsfolk. A mark nineteen-year-old Luella is grateful to have escaped as a girl. Instead, she's dedicated her life to studying herbology and becoming the town's only healer ... That is, until the Elf King unexpectedly arrives ... for her ... Everything Luella had thought she'd known about her life, and herself, was a lie. Taken to a land filled with wild magic, Luella is forced to be the new queen to a cold yet blisteringly handsome Elf King. Once there, she learns about a dying world that only she can save ... The magical land of Midscape pulls on one corner of her heart, her home and people tug on another... but what will truly break her is a passion she never wanted.

Breaking Badger by **Shelly Laurenston** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Honey Badger Series*. It's instinct that drives Finn Malone to rescue a bunch of hard battling honey badgers. The Siberian tiger shifter just can't bear to see his fellow shifters harmed. But no way can Finn have a houseful of honey badgers when he also has two brothers with no patience. Things just go from bad to worse when the badgers rudely ejected from his home turn out to be the only ones who can help him solve a family tragedy. He's just not sure he can even get back into the badgers' good graces. Since badgers lack graces of any kind ... Mads knows her teammates aren't about to forgive the cats that were so rude to them, but moody Finn isn't so bad. And he's cute! The badger part of her understands Finn's burning need to avenge his father's death – after all, vengeance is her favorite pastime. So Mads sets about helping Finn settle his family's score, which has its perks, since she gets to avoid her own family drama. Besides, fighting side by side with Finn is her kind of fun – especially when she can get in a hot and heavy snuggle with her very own growling, eye-rolling, and utterly irresistible kitty-cat ...

A Song of Flight by **Juliet Marillier** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Warrior Bards Series*. Bard and fighter Liobhan is always ready for a challenge. So when news arrives at Swan Island that the prince of Dalriada has gone missing after an assault by both masked men and the sinister Crow Folk, she's eager to act ... While Liobhan and her fellow warriors seek answers to the prince's disappearance, the bard Brocc, Liobhan's brother, finds himself in dire trouble. His attempts to communicate with the Crow Folk have led him down a perilous path. When Liobhan and her comrades are sent to the rescue, it becomes clear the two missions are connected – and a great mystery unfolds ... What brought the Crow Folk to Erin? And who seeks to use them in an unscrupulous bid for power? As Liobhan and Brocc

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investigate, it will take all their strength and will to continue pursuing the truth. With the safety of their loved ones in the balance, the risks they must take may cost them everything.

A Killing Frost by **Seanan McGuire** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *October Daye Series*. When October is informed that Simon Torquill – legally her father, due to Faerie's archaic marriage traditions – must be invited to her wedding or risk the ceremony throwing the Kingdom in the Mists into political turmoil, she finds herself setting out on a quest she was not yet prepared to undertake for the sake of her future and the man who represents her family's past.

Kingdom of Shadow and Light by **Karen Marie Moning** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$19). *Fever Series*. From the moment MacKayla Lane arrived in Dublin to hunt her sister's murderer, she's had to fight one dangerous battle after the next: to survive, to secure power, to keep her city safe, to protect the people she loves ... The matter of who's good and who's evil can be decided by the answer to a single question: *Whose side are you on?* ... Now, as High Queen of the Fae, Mac faces her greatest challenge yet: ruling the very race she was born to hunt and kill – a race that wants her dead yesterday, so they can put a pure-blooded Fae queen on the throne ... But challenges with her subjects are the least of her concerns when an ancient, deadly foe resurfaces, changing not only the rules of the game but the very game itself, initiating a catastrophic sequence of events that have devastating consequences and leave Mac questioning everything she's ever learned and everyone she's ever loved. Now begins an epic battle between Mortal and Fae, Seelie and Unseelie, would-be kings and would-be queens, with possession of the Unseelie King's virtually unlimited power and the fate of humanity at stake ... From the exquisite, deadly gardens of the High Queen's court, to long-forgotten truths found in the Sacred Grove of Creation, from the erotic bed of her enigmatic, powerful lover to the darkest, seductive reaches of the Unseelie kingdom, Mac's final journey takes her places no human has been before, and only one human could possibly survive ... One who's willing to sacrifice *everything*.

The Devil You Know by **Kit Rocha** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *Mercenary Librarians Series*. Maya has had a price on her head from the day she escaped the TechCorps. Genetically engineered for genius and trained for revolution, there's only one thing she can't do – forget ... Gray has finally broken free of the Protectorate, but he can't escape the time bomb in his head. His body is rejecting his modifications, and his months are numbered ... When Maya's team uncovers an operation trading in genetically enhanced children, she'll do anything to stop them. Even risk falling back into the hands of the TechCorps ... And Gray has found a purpose for his final days: keeping Maya safe.

Lover Unveiled by **J.R. Ward** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Black Dagger Brotherhood Series*. Sahvage has been living under the radar for centuries – and he has every intention of staying “dead and buried.” But when a civilian female sucks him into her dangerous battle with an evil as ancient as time, his protective side overrides his common

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sense ... Mae has lost everything, and desperation sets her on a collision course with fate. Determined to reverse a tragedy, she goes where mortals should fear to tread – and comes face-to-face with the Brotherhood's new enemy. She also discovers a love she never expected to find with Sahvage, but there can be no future for them ... Knowing they will part, the two band together to fight against what Mae unknowingly unleashed – as the Brotherhood closes in to reclaim one of their damned, and the evil vows to destroy them all ...

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The Duke Who Loved Me by **Jane Ashford** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *The Duke's Estates Series*. James Cantrell, the new Duke of Tereford, has inherited a dukedom in disarray and is overwhelmed by his unaccustomed responsibilities. Then he gets an idea. Cecelia Vainsmede served as liaison between James and her father, and she knows a great deal about business matters, his own in particular. Ever the pragmatist, he suggests a marriage of convenience ... Cecelia has always been good at working with James, but she doesn't understand how he can be so obtuse. He clearly doesn't realize that he's the duke she's always wished for, or that his offer is an insult. But when a German prince arrives in London and sets out to woo Cecelia, James will have to come to terms with what he really feels for her. Is running away worth the cost of losing her, or will the duke dare to win her once and for all?

A Reckless Match by **Kate Bateman** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Ruthless Rivals Series*. Madeline Montgomery grew up despising – and secretly loving – the roguish Gryffud “Gryff” Davies. Their families have been bitter rivals for hundreds of years, but even if her feelings once crossed the line between love and hate, she's certain Gryff never felt the same. Now, she's too busy saving her family from ruin to think about Gryff. Since he's off being scandalous in London, it's not like she'll ever see him again ... As the new Earl of Powys, Gryff planned on spending his post-war life enjoying the pleasures of London. But when an illegal duel forces him to retreat to his family's Welsh castle, he realizes the only exciting thing in the dull countryside will be seeing the fiery Maddie Montgomery. Thoughts of his nemesis sustained Gryff throughout the war; but the girl he loved to tease has grown into a gorgeous, headstrong woman – who loathes him just as much as she ever did. Will secret tunnels, dangerous smugglers, and meddling from their feuding families be enough to make Maddie and Gryff realize that their animosity is really attraction ... and maybe even love?

The Devil's Own Duke by **Lenora Bell** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Wallflowers vs. Rogues Series*. Lady Henrietta Prince is far too busy for romance. She's dedicated her life to turning her family vineyards into a profitable wine venture. But when she shares a kiss at midnight with a handsome stranger, she's captivated ... until he claims to be the distant heir to her father's earldom ... Ash Ellis is a gambler who lives life on the edge. Now he's locked his sights on a glittering prize and nothing will stand in his way ... When Henrietta is forced to marry the seductive scoundrel to keep her beloved vineyards, she vows that Ash will never have her trust, or her

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love. Even if his kisses are more intoxicating than the finest of wines ... His new bride is certainly beautiful, but biddable? Not so much. Ash will settle for nothing less than Henrietta's total surrender ... but is he the one in danger of losing his heart?

A Duke worth Fighting For by **Christina Britton** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Isle of Synne Series*. Daniel Hayle, Duke of Carlisle, returned from Waterloo a hero, and he has the wounds to prove it. But he dreads the coming London season, where his lack of social skills is certain to make it difficult to find a wife. What he needs is someone to help him practice socializing with the ton. Someone who isn't frightened away by his scars ... Margery Kitteridge is still mourning the loss of her husband. So when she receives a blackmail letter accusing him of desertion, she's desperate to protect his reputation. The answer to her troubles appears in the form of a damaged, reclusive – and much-too-desirable – duke in need of a wife. She proposes an alliance: she'll help him find a bride, in return for the money to pay off the blackmailer. But working so closely together awakens passions they never imagined possible, and reveals secrets that might tear them apart.

Along Came a Lady by **Christi Caldwell** (Mass Market Paperback – \$18). *All the Duke's Sins Series*. Rafe Audley lives to thwart his father, the Duke of Bentley. The ne'er do well who abandoned his illegitimate children claims he wants to make up for his failures, but Rafe only cares about protecting the people of his mining community and providing for his three siblings, who've been his responsibility since childhood. So far, Rafe has turned away the duke's man of affairs, solicitor, and other interlopers, until the duke sends the unlikeliest of people to convince Rafe to join English High Society – a bold intriguing woman ... Edwina Dalrymple has never failed a charge. She's adept at successfully transforming young women of the gentry and daughters of newly minted lords to take their place in society. Taming a bastard son of a duke will be child's play, plus this job promises to enhance her reputation. All she has to do is fetch the wayward Rafe and groom him to be presentable to Polite Society ... As the tenacious teacher and her domineering, stubborn, refuses-to-be-taught pupil engage in a fiery battle of wills, their chemistry ignites and the true lesson becomes clear: opposites attract and hearts must be heard.

The Importance of Being Wanton by **Christi Caldwell** (Trade Paperback – \$25). *Wantons of Waverton Series*. Emma Gately and the Earl of Scarsdale were betrothed as children – less a vow of future happiness than an obligation. Seventeen years later, the independent miss severs the contract with the now notorious libertine in an unprecedented act of independence. And Emma cofounds the Mismatch Society, where like-minded ladies are free of the constraints and inevitable broken hearts that men bring. But Emma's rejection sparks in her intended a new consideration of the spirited woman he took for granted – and a determination to win her back ... Despite his wicked reputation, misguided and suddenly lovestruck, Charles Hayden is on a mission to gain Emma's respect, and he has just the idea – one that the daringly unconventional Emma is sure to appreciate. But as Charles takes bold steps and

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sets tongues wagging, he makes himself an accidental opponent of his former betrothed. Soon a rivalry is born that has the whole ton abuzz ... Emma never anticipated that with every fiery test of wills, passion would surge. Passion that's impossible to ignore. In going toe-to-toe with Charles, she risks her heart and pride by falling in love with the one man she vowed to scorn.

A Lady's Guide to Mischief and Mayhem by **Manda Collins** (Trade Paperback – \$29). *Lady's Guide Series*. England, 1865: Notorious newspaper columnist Lady Katherine Bascomb is determined to educate the ladies of London on the nefarious criminals who are preying on the fairer sex. But when her reporting leads to the arrest of an infamous killer, Katherine flees to a country house party to escape her doubts about the case – only to become witness to a murder herself! When the lead detective accuses Katherine of inflaming – rather than informing – the public with her column, she vows to prove him wrong ... Detective Inspector Andrew Eversham's refusal to compromise his investigations nearly cost him his career, and he blames Katherine. When he discovers she's the key witness in a new crime, he's determined to prevent the beautiful widow from once again wreaking havoc on his case. Yet as Katherine proves surprisingly insightful and Andrew impresses Katherine with his competency, both are forced to admit the fire between them is more flirtatious than furious. But to explore the passion between them, they'll need to catch a killer.

Portrait of a Scotsman by **Evie Dunmore** (Trade Paperback – \$30). *League of Extraordinary Women Series*. Going toe-to-toe with a brooding Scotsman is rather bold for a respectable suffragist, but when he happens to be one's unexpected husband, what else is an unwilling bride to do? ... London banking heiress Hattie Greenfield wanted just three things in life: 1. Acclaim as an artist. 2. A noble cause. 3. Marriage to a young lord who puts the gentle in gentleman ... Why then does this Oxford scholar find herself at the altar with the attractive financier Lucian Blackstone, whose murky past and ruthless business practices strike fear in the hearts of Britain's peerage? Trust Hattie to take an invigorating adventure too far. Now she's stuck with a churlish Scot who just might be the end of her ambitions ... When the daughter of his business rival all but falls into his lap, Lucian sees opportunity. As a self-made man, he has vast wealth but holds little power, and Hattie might be the key to setting long-harbored political plans in motion. Driven by an old desire for revenge, he has no room for his new wife's apprehensions or romantic notions, bewitching as he finds her ... But a sudden journey to Scotland paints everything in a different light. Hattie slowly sees the real Lucian and realizes she could win everything – as long as she is prepared to lose her heart.

The Duchess Hunt by **Lorraine Heath** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Once Upon a Dukedom Series*. Hugh Brinsley-Norton, the Duke of Kingsland, is in need of a duchess. However, restoring the dukedom – left in ruins by his father – to its former glory demands all his time, with little room for sentiment. He places an advert encouraging the single ladies of the ton to write why they should be the one chosen, and leaves it to his efficient secretary to select his

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future wife ... If there exists a more unpleasant task in the world than deciding who is to marry the man you love, Penelope Pettypeace certainly can't imagine what it might be. Still, she is determined to find the perfect bride for her clueless, yet ruthlessly charming employer ... But when an anonymous note threatens to reveal truths best hidden, Kingsland has no choice but to confront the danger with Penelope at his side. Beguiled by the strong-willed, courageous beauty, he realizes he's willing to risk everything, including his heart, to keep her safe. Could it be the duchess he's hunting for has been in front of him all along?

I'm Only Wicked with You by **Julie Anne Long** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Palace of Rogues Series*. He's the battle-hardened son of a bastard, raised in the wilds of New York. She's the sheltered, blue-blooded darling of the London broadsheets, destined to marry a duke. Their worlds collide in a boardinghouse by the London docks ... and when they do, the sparks ignite all of England ... Nothing can stop Hugh Cassidy's drive to build an American empire ... unless it's his new nemesis, the arrogant, beautiful, too-clever-by-half Lady Lillias Vaughn. The fascination is mutual. The temptation is merciless. And the inevitable indiscretion? Soul-searing – and the ruination of them both. Hugh's proposal salvages Lillias's honor but kills their dreams for their futures... until they arrive at a plan that could honorably set them free ... But unraveling their entanglement inadvertently uncovers enthralling truths: about Lillias's wounded, tender heart and fierce spirit. About Hugh's stunning gentleness, depth, and courage. Soon Hugh knows that as surely as he'd fight a thousand battles to win her ... the best way to love Lillias means breaking his own heart.

Cheers to the Duke by **Sally Mackenzie** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Widow's Brew Series*. As the founder of Puddledon Manor's Benevolent Home, Jo, the widowed Lady Havenridge, is determined to be there for the women who need her. But when those same women conspire to accept an invitation on her behalf, she finds herself suddenly on the way to the Earl of Darrow's home for the christening party of the son of her longtime friend and former partner, Pen, now the Countess of Darrow. Guests will include her other former partner, Caro – and Edward Russell, the new Duke of Grainger and the Home's generous benefactor. While Jo is determined to resist her friends' matchmaking ways, the duke's handsome looks and charming words are enough to make the lovely widow a little reckless ... Even after a year, the title of "duke" still sits strangely on Edward Russell's shoulders. But the responsibilities of the title are his duty, no matter his less-than-positive opinion of the nobility. When Edward encounters Jo – capable, fun, and irresistible – he's delighted to find someone he truly connects with. A trick of fate has placed them on two different paths ... but Edward is beginning to realize that perhaps he's not the kind of man who does the expected thing after all.

Bombshell by **Sarah MacLean** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Helles Belles Series*. After years of living as London's brightest scandal, Lady Sesily Talbot has embraced the reputation and the freedom that comes with the title. No one looks twice when she lures a gentleman into the dark gardens beyond a Mayfair ballroom ... and no one realizes those

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trysts are not what they seem ... No one, that is, but Caleb Calhoun, who has spent years trying not to notice his best friend's beautiful, brash, brilliant sister. If you ask him, he's been a saint about it, considering the way she looks at him ... and the way she talks to him ... and the way she'd felt in his arms during their one ill-advised kiss ... Except someone has to keep Sesily from tumbling into trouble during her dangerous late-night escapades, and maybe close proximity is exactly what Caleb needs to get this infuriating, outrageous woman out of his system. But now Caleb is the one in trouble, because he's fast realizing that Sesily isn't for forgetting ... she's forever. And forever isn't something he can risk.

When You Wish Upon a Duke by **Charis Michaels** (Mass Market Paperback – \$19). *Awakened by a Kiss Series*. After a childhood spent around Europe with a dangerous crowd, Miss Isobel Tinker has parlayed her experience and language skills into a safe, reliable life. Working as a clerk in Mayfair's Everland Travel Shop, she dreams of someday owning her own travel agency and has vowed never to leave the shores of England ever again. When a handsome duke arrives at her doorstep, she realizes her staid existence is about to take flight ... Jason "North" Beckett, the Duke of Northumberland, desperately needs a travel guide. He's inherited a dukedom but has a final mission for the Foreign Office – rescuing his wayward cousin from Nordic pirates. Isobel Tinker is the ideal translator, discreet and unknown, but she's also uncooperative and beautiful ... In exchange for her help, North promises Miss Tinker her own travel agency upon return and strict professionalism at sea. Isobel agrees but soon realizes "strict" and "professional" are not how she would describe her feelings for the duke. As their adventure sweeps them to the shores of Iceland and beyond, can temptation and growing trust give way to the magic of wild, passionate love?

Mainstream & Chick Lit

What Happens in Paradise by **Elin Hilderbrand** (Mass Market Paperback Release – \$20). *Paradise Series*. A year ago, Irene Steele had the shock of her life: her loving husband, father to their grown sons and successful businessman, was killed in a plane crash. But that wasn't Irene's only shattering news: he'd also been leading a double life on the island of St. John, where another woman loved him, too ... Now Irene and her sons are back on St. John, determined to learn the truth about the mysterious life – and death – of a man they thought they knew. Along the way, they're about to learn some surprising truths about their own lives, and their futures.

Regretting You by **Colleen Hoover** (Trade Paperback – \$29). Morgan Grant and her sixteen-year-old daughter, Clara, would like nothing more than to be nothing alike ... Morgan is determined to prevent her daughter from making the same mistakes she did. By getting pregnant and married too young, Morgan put her dreams on hold. Clara doesn't want to follow in her mother's footsteps. Her mother doesn't have a spontaneous bone in her body ... With warring personalities and conflicting goals, Morgan and Clara find it increasingly difficult to coexist. The only person who can bring peace to the household is Chris – Morgan's husband, Clara's father, and the family anchor. But that peace is shattered when Chris is involved in a tragic and questionable accident. The long-lasting consequences will reach far beyond just Morgan and Clara ... While struggling to rebuild everything that crashed around them, Morgan finds comfort in the last person she expects to, and Clara turns to the one boy she's been forbidden to see. With each passing day, new secrets, resentment, and misunderstandings make mother and daughter fall further apart. So far apart, it might be impossible for them to ever fall back together.

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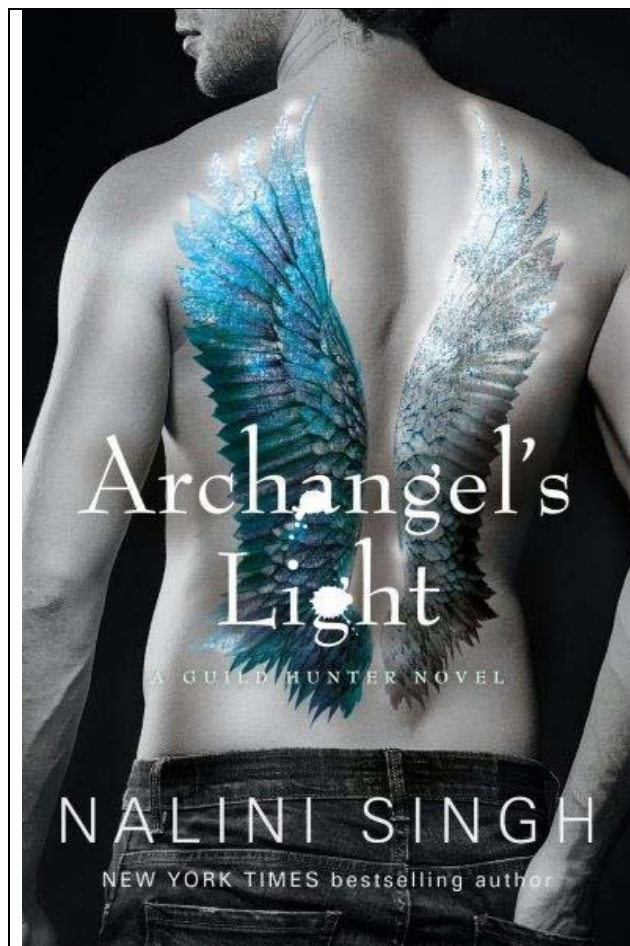
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ARCHANGEL'S LIGHT by Nalini Singh

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With this book, Nalini Singh returns to the world of the Guild Hunters for the most highly anticipated novel of the beloved series – a love story so epic it's been half a millennia in the making ...

Illium and Aodhan. Aodhan and Illium. For centuries they've been inseparable: the best of friends, closer than brothers, companions of the heart. But that was before – before darkness befell Aodhan and shattered him, body, mind, and soul. Now, at long last, Aodhan is healing, but his new-found strength and independence may come at a devastating cost – his relationship with Illium.

As they serve side by side in China, a territory yet marked by the evil of its former archangel, the secret it holds nightmarish beyond imagining, things come to an explosive decision point. Illium and Aodhan must either walk away from the relationship that has defined them – or step forward into a future that promises a bond infinitely precious in the life of an immortal ... but that demands a terrifying vulnerability from two badly bruised hearts.

If you would like to purchase a copy of ARCHANGEL'S LIGHT with a personalised signing (and get it shipped to you), please contact info@chapter.co.nz OR 64-9-6232319 OR 64-21-635027. The Chapter Book and Tea Shop can also organise signings of Nalini Singh's other titles, including the USA versions.

Please note that we are not sure when the book signings will take place – because the timing will depend on what COVID-19 Alert Level conditions are in place for Auckland on release date. However, if required, we do have a backup plan involving contactless dropoff and pickup. So do rest assured that the books will be signed (and shipped) as soon as possible.

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DATE AND TIME: Thursday 28 October at 7.30pm (NZ time).

REGISTRATION AND TICKETING: Free – but required at <https://bit.ly/3BAxri6>. Please register for a ticket to attend the virtual party so we can manage capacity (limit of 500). The Chapter Book and Tea Shop will email you an event reminder as well as the zoom link prior to the event.
www.eventbrite.co.nz/e/archangels-light-virtual-book-release-party-with-nalini-singh-tickets-187327821557

Q&A: Do submit any question(s) for Nalini BEFORE the event to info@chapter.co.nz. We'll try and answer as many as we can on a 'spoiler free' basis. If time allows, we'll also answer some of the questions posted via chat during the party.

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THE AUTHOR: Nalini Singh is the multiple award-winning author of the Guild Hunter series, the Psy-Changeling series and the Psy-Changeling Trinity novels. Nalini's books have appeared on the bestsellers lists of the New York Times, the USA Today, and Publishers Weekly. Born in Fiji and raised in New Zealand, Nalini was first published in 2003. Her books have sold over seven million copies worldwide and have been translated into more than twenty languages. Connect with her online at www.nalinisingh.com and on Twitter @nalinisingh and Instagram at @authornalinisingh.

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