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The Virtuoso Grace Burrowes

Mr. Windham took her hand and bowed over it, but he also kissed her knuckles...a soft, fleeting contact of his mouth on the back of her hand, accompanied by a slight squeeze of his fingers around hers. And then he was swinging up on a big chestnut, saluting with his crop, and cantering off into the darkness, Mr. Lindsey at his side.

Ellen sat, her left hand closed over the knuckles of her right, and tried to think whether it was a good thing her flowers had left an impression on Mr. Windham.

It was a bad thing, she decided, for Mr. Windham was a scamp, and a scamp as a neighbor was trouble enough, particularly when she liked him, and his every touch and glance had her insides in a compete muddle. And while he might recall her flowers, she recalled quite clearly their one, very thorough and far beyond neighbourly kiss.

Did your heart give an extra pitter-patter seeing *The Virtuoso* is finally due? Ours did! Intense storytelling and wonderful secondary character interaction we highly recommend Grace Burrowes if you are in need of a Mary Baolgh or Liz Carlyle fix. Ellen Markham tells herself she's happy raising flowers and living in near penury in the Oxfordshire countryside, but when Valentine Windham moves in just on the other side of the wood, Ellen's longing for things she can never have threatens to overcome her good sense.

Valentine's artistic soul, tender loving, and ducal determination tempt Ellen to trust and confide in a man who can only be endangered, should he learn of her past. For Valentine, regaining his musical skill becomes far less urgent than winning Ellen's heart. \$12.95

Don't miss these marvellous books:

The Heir Book 1

It's time for something vivid and intense and *The Heir*, while witty and sensual has the added spice of excellent character and plot depth that kept us enthralled until the very end.

The spare has become the heir after the tragic death of Gayle Windham, Earl of Westhaven's older brother. Now the legitimate son and heir of the Duke of Moreland Westhaven's life is no longer his own and he needs to escape his father's relentless pressure to marry. Westhaven decides to spend the summer in his London townhouse where he finds himself intrigued by the secretive ways of his beautiful housekeeper. Anna Seaton is talented, educated and beautiful woman, which is why it is so puzzling to Westhaven that she works as a domestic.

As the two mismatched individuals draw closer and begin to lose their hearts to each other, Anna's secrets threaten to bring Westhaven's orderly life crashing down and he doesn't know how he can protect her from the devastating fallout. \$12.95

The Soldier Book 2

The duke can't force his sons to marry, but he can make their lives miserable until they do. Resisting his pressure, each gentleman holds out for true love. The second book in the series features Devlin St. Just, the duke's oldest, but illegitimate, son.

He arrives at his new estate weary in body and spirit only to find the previous owner's bastard daughter and her beautiful cousin are his responsibility and making his life almost unbearably complicated. \$12.95



Hide from Evil Jami Alden

We've been on a Jami Alden kick lately and if we've managed to corner you in the vicinity of the suspense shelves, then you'd have heard about her from us. An author to discover, we think she's hit her writing stride and so far, everyone has agreed with us! We've been waiting for Sean's story – brother to the heroine from *Beg for Mercy* – it'll be a one night suspense read. Sean Flynn should feel lucky he's alive. But his betrayal by a close friend and two years on death row have left him feeling only numb. When his conviction was overturned, Sean retreated to a quiet woodland cabin, far away from prying eyes. There, he believed the past couldn't come back to haunt him until she showed up.

Overcome with guilt, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney Krista Slater can't forgive herself for convicting an innocent man. But when another brutal murder reveals chilling, new facts about his case, she must turn to Sean for help. She's ready to face his anger, but the desire in his eyes ignites a need she's never felt before. Shadowed by danger, Sean and Krista uncover a twisted maze of deception and betrayal, all under the dangerous gaze of a cunning mastermind who will do whatever it takes to keep his evil secrets safe. \$12.95

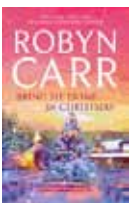
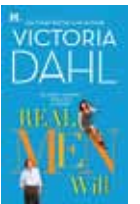
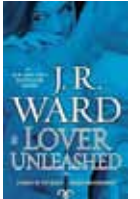
Riveting suspense:

Beg for Mercy

Megan Flynn thought she was falling in love. Cole Williams wasn't just handsome and passionate, he was one of the good guys. Or so she thought, until he arrested her brother—the only family she has left for a murder she knows he couldn't have possibly committed.

Now, with her heart broken and her brother's life hanging in the balance, Megan will risk everything to prove his innocence. Even if that means throwing herself into the path of a sadistic killer with a hauntingly familiar MO.

Seattle Detective Cole Williams had given up on making Megan see reason where her brother is concerned. But when she insinuates herself into the most shockingly brutal case Cole has ever worked, he can't stand idly by. Plunged into a secret world where the city's elite indulge their darkest desires, Cole will do whatever it takes to bring down a madman who has made Megan his most coveted prey. \$12.95



Paranormal, Time Travel, Futuristic & Vampires

Tied With a Bow

Lora Leigh, Eileen Wilks, Kimberly Frost, Virginia Kantra

If you were shallow, you'd buy this book for the cover. We, however, are buying this book because the line of authors is not to be missed. Not because we think the cover is hot! Lora Leigh features the Breeds in her story, while Virginia Kantra brings a haunting tale of a fallen angel. Eileen Wilks returns to the shapeshifting Lupi Kimberly Frost introduces a paranormal world of muses and vampires. An all-new collection of novellas that you can't pass up. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



The Guardian: Dream Hunters Book 4

Sherrilyn Kenyon

Meh. We never thought we'd see the day that had us so unexcited about a Kenyon new release. We haven't enjoyed the Dream Hunters anywhere near as much as their Dark Hunter cohorts and even they haven't been as exciting as they used to be. But of course, we have to read this because we need to know what's happening next and anyway, it just may be a good one. Maybe. Dream-Hunter Lydia has been charged with the most sacred and dangerous of missions: To descend into the Nether Realm and find the missing god of dreams before he betrays the secrets that could kill her and her kind. What she never expects is to be taken prisoner by the Realm's most vicious guardian. Seth's time is running out. If he can't hand over the entrance to Olympus, his own life and those of his people will be forfeit. Then there's the beautiful Dream-Hunter Lydia: She isn't just guarding the gates of Olympus, she's holding back one of the world's darkest powers. If she fails, an ancient curse will haunt the earth once more and no one will be safe. But evil is always seductive. \$12.95

Meet the Dream Hunters in *The Dream Hunter*, *Dream Chaser* and *Dream Warrior*.



Not Your Ordinary Faerie Tale: A Novel of the Others

Christina Warren

We're hoping Christine Warren is on a trail-blazing comeback after *Black Magic Woman*. We love The Others but really, some books are superfluous. After her two best friends marry a blood-sucking vampire and a furry-faced werewolf, Corinne D'Alessandro is making a vow of her own: No interspecies dating. But when her editor asks her to investigate "leprechaun" sightings, the sassy New York reporter finds herself on the trail of the hottest story of the year and the sexiest man alive. \$12.95

The Others are *Wolf at the Door*, *She's no Faerie Princess*, *Demon You Know*, *Howl at the Moon*, *Walk on the Wild Side*, *One Bite with a Stranger*, *You're so Vein*, *Big Bad Wolf* and *Born to be Wild*, *Prince Charming Doesn't Live Here* and *Black Magic Woman*.



Angel Town: Jill Kismet Book 6

Lilith Saintcrow

Lilith Saintcrow knows to go out on a high and we're sure her Jill Kismet will go out with a bang in this final book of her series. She wakes up in her own grave. She doesn't know who put her there, she doesn't know where she is, and she has no friends or family. She only knows two things: She has a job to do: cleansing the night of evil. And she knows her name. Jill Kismet. \$12.95

Start with *Night Shift*, *Hunter's Prayer*, *Redemption Alley*, *Flesh Circus* and *Heaven's Spite*.



Avenger's Angel

Heather Killough- Waldren

This first book of a series features female angels instead of the currently in vogue males. When four female angels were created for the archangels Michael, Gabriel, Uriel and Azrael, a chaos spurred by jealousy erupted, and the archesses were secreted to Earth. The four favoured archangels followed, prompting a search that has lasted millennia.

But for Uriel, the former Archangel of vengeance, the search ends the moment he lays eyes on Eleanor Granger. Can he protect her from the danger lying in wait for her and win her heart? \$12.95



Under Attack : Underworld Detection Agency Book 2

Hannah Jayne

Sophie Lawson is a human immune to magic which comes in handy for helping paranormal beings transition into everyday life. But fallen angel Alex Grace and his search for the Vessel of Souls is one curse she never saw coming. Suddenly an unexplainable string of killings and destruction has even San Francisco's demons fearing for their immortal lives. And Sophie isn't about to trust Alex's all-too-vulnerable charm or his secret agenda. Now their hunt is revealing dangerous secrets about Sophie's past, and a malevolent power hellishly close to turning one irreverent human into the ultimate supernatural weapon. \$12.95

Meet Sophie:

Under Wraps Book 1

As a human immune to magic, Sophie Lawson can help everyone from banshee to zombie transition into normal, everyday San Francisco life. With a handsome werewolf as her UDA boss and a fashionista vampire for a roommate, Sophie knows everything there is to know about the undead, the unseen, and the uncanny.

Then, a rash of gruesome murders has demons and mortals running for cover, and Sophie finds herself playing sidekick to detective Parker Hayes. Dodging raging bloodsuckers, bad-tempered fairies, and love-struck trolls is one thing. But when Sophie discovers Parker isn't what he seems, she's got only one chance to figure out whom to trust. Because an evil hiding in plain sight is closing in and about to make one wisecracking human its means to ultimate power. \$12.95



Magic on the Line: Magic Hound Book 7

Devon Monk

I took a deep breath, set a Disbursement - a headache this time - and drew a Sight spell. I pulled magic into it. The world broke into shades of old magic among vibrant new spells, bright neon dripping down buildings, pastels drifting along the empty street.

By the time we discovered magic hound Allie Beckstrom, book four had just been released. Perfect because we devoured four books in a week and had to wait months for more! Make our oversight yours - start on Allie now and you'll have seven books to read in a row... perfect for a week of nothing else to do! Allison Beckstrom has willingly paid the price of pain to use magic and has obeyed the rules of the Authority, the clandestine organization that makes and enforces all magic policy.

But when the Authority's new boss, Bartholomew Wray, refuses to believe that the sudden rash of deaths in Portland could be caused by magic, Allie must choose whether to follow the Authority's rules or to turn against the very people for whom she's risked her life. To stop the plague of dark magic spreading through the city, Allie must put all that she values on the line: her memories, her life. As dead magic users rise to feed upon the innocent and the people closest to her begin to fall, Allie is about to run out of options. \$12.95

Meet Allie and the super sexy Z in *Magic to the Bones*, *Magic in the Blood*, *Magic in the Shadows*, *Magic in Shadows*, *Magic at the Gate* and *Magic on the Hunt*.

From the beginning:

Magic to the Bone Book 1

"Using magic meant it used you back. Forget the fairy tale hocus-pocus, wave a wand and bling-o sparkles and pixie dust crap. Magic, like booze, sex, and drugs, gave as good as it got."

Everything has a cost. And every act of magic exacts a price from its user - maybe a two-day migraine, or losing the memory of your first kiss. But some people want to use magic without paying, and they offload the cost onto an innocent. When that happens, it falls to a Hound to identify the spell's caster and Allison Beckstrom's the best there is.

Daughter of a prominent Portland businessman, Allie would rather moonlight as a Hound than accept the family fortune and the many strings that come with it. But when she discovers a little boy dying from a magical offload that has her father's signature all over it, Allie is thrown back into the high-stakes world of corporate espionage and black magic. \$12.95



Spotlight on Pamela Palmer - Ecstasy Untamed: Feral Warriors Book 6 *new this month*

From far away, a voice whispered, an echo of another time, another place, tormenting him with memories of what he'd lost. Memories of life, of light, of freedom. Of the Feral brothers he longed to rejoin and knew he'd never see again. His friends. Shape-shifters. Immortals. Though that was a lie, wasn't it? Immortal meant 'unable to die' and he was certainly not that. None of them were. Quick to heal, incapable of aging, yes. But unable to die? No creature was that. And his own death stalked him now.

Pamela Palmer sits in the vicinity of Nalini Singh and JR Ward on the shelves and shamefully, we always overlook her in our excitement to recommend the Changelings and Black Dagger heroes. Take note, dear reader, if you haven't met the Feral Warriors yet, we're on a mission to introduce them this month. Shattered by recent nightmarish events, Hawke feels his bond with his animal spirit weakening and once it breaks, he's finished. The arrival of Faith sends his life spinning even further out of control, for although she delights him and enflames his deepest primal passions, she's promised to Maxim, the newest Feral Warrior.

Faith is drawn to Hawke from the start, but Maxim holds her in his thrall and has secretly bent her to his malevolent will. Though gravely damaged, Hawke is the only one who can end Faith's slavery and protect the Feral Warriors from Maxim's evil designs. But first they both must embrace the wild and surrender body and soul to a forbidden, all-consuming ecstasy. \$12.95

The Feral Warriors from the beginning:

Desire Untamed Book 1

Kara MacAlister's quiet small-town life is transformed forever the night a powerful stranger rips her from her home, claiming she is the chosen one the key to his survival. Spiriting her away into the rain-soaked night, Lyon reveals a truth Kara can barely credit. She's immortal, and the only one who can save his race. And deep within her, he arouses a fierce, primal hunger beyond anything she's ever imagined. But only when their lives are threatened by an ancient evil will Kara and Lyon realize they have found a love they would risk their immortal souls to claim and a powerful desire that could never, ever be tamed. \$12.95

Obsession Untamed Book 2

Every time she closes her eyes, Delaney Randall suffers another nightmare. A brutal serial killer has found his way inside the tough, take-no-prisoners FBI agent's head. Now she lives the murders through his eyes, from his deadly approach, to his victims' screams. Until the night he breaks into her apartment and she fears she's going to be the next to die.

But the man who snatches Delaney from her home isn't the murderer. He's Tighe, a dangerous Feral Warrior who needs her and her visions to stop the rampages of a creature as inhuman as he is evil. Tighe has little use for humans, but as he and Delaney join forces to track the dark fiend, he falls for the intense beauty and becomes wild with an obsession as untamed as his heart. \$12.95

Passion Untamed Book 3

Cold, rough stone dug into the bare flesh of his back as he lay with his arms pulled taut above his head. He flexed his muscles and tried to move, but harsh metal bit into his wrists as the sound of chains clanked against the rock.

Icy disbelief clawed through his mind. His pulse began to race.

He was chained. Naked.

Finally, finally, his vision tore free of the enchantment. His eyes snapped open and he stared around him at the unlikely sight. He was alone. In a cave.

Though the Mage witch Skye has a gentle heart, demonic forces have enslaved her, forcing her to kidnap Paenther, a powerful and dangerous Feral Warrior. Even chained and naked, Paenther is a cunning prisoner who seduces her, body and soul, turning captive into captor. Paenther's pride demands revenge against the enchantress who emerged from the deep woods like a sensual vision and enthralled him, even as she makes his body burn with passion. Despite his fury over her treachery, Skye's gentle beauty calls to his soul, calming the wild chaos within him, and stealing his heart. But when evil threatens, Paenther and Skye's only chance at survival is to trust in one another and the power of love. \$12.95

Rapture Untamed Book 4

The woman was stunning and she turned him on in a way he couldn't pretend to understand. From the moment he first saw her, she'd lit a fire in his blood that showed no signs of going out. Not until he got her into bed and slaked this obsession. Which, considering the way he'd first approached her, was going to be a challenge.

Usually, he didn't much care how women took his peculiar brand of charm. Being a Feral Warrior was enough to get him into plenty of beds despite his piss-poor attitude. Once there, he knew what to do to make certain he got invited back... if he didn't piss them off too much later. Which happened sometimes. His charm was an underappreciated thing.

The most combative and tormented of all the Ferals, Jag is a predator who hunts alone until daemons terrorize the human population. To stop them, he partners with Olivia, a flame-haired Therian temptress as strong as she is beautiful. But Olivia is no ordinary immortal. The survivor of a vicious supernatural attack, she possesses a deadly and forbidden skill, one that must remain hidden, especially from the powerful Feral Warriors. As Jag and Olivia's sensual dance of dominance and seduction gets wilder and hotter, a dark force sets its sights on Olivia, threatening to destroy everything she has vowed to protect. And the only one who can save her soul is the arrogant jaguar shifter she lusts for but dares not love. \$12.95

Hunger Untamed Book 5

For a thousand years she has haunted him, Ariana, Queen of the linas, a beauty of mist and light. His love, his life mate. Kougar believed her lost to him forever, until the truth of her stunning betrayal left him bitter and hungry for revenge. Now she alone holds the power to save two trapped and desperate Feral Warriors. Ariana, caught in a deadly battle of her own, is neither the soulless creature Kougar believes her to be nor the saviour he seeks. And when darkness threatens to annihilate both races, the greatest danger of all becomes the glorious love Kougar and Ariana once shared. A love that must never rise again, one that has never died. \$12.95

Nightshine: Kyndred Book 4

Lynn Viehl

We love these darkly tormented heroes and riveting plots. She's not funny and doesn't try to be, yet Lynn Viehl captures you with her passion and intensity, tortured (literally) heroes and fast paced action about this group of ordinary humans altered by vampire DNA. As a psychic, Samuel Taske can see the future, but he never predicted that he'd fall for San Francisco paramedic Charlotte Marena, the woman he's been charged with protecting. GenHance, the biotech company willing to do anything to acquire superhuman DNA, is after them and when Samuel discovers that his Takyn powers have abandoned him, Charlie and her secret nighttime telepathic ability are their only hope for survival. \$12.95 Meet the Kyndred in *Shadowlight*, *Dreamveil* and *Frostfire*.



Trance: Meta Wars Book 1

Kelly Meding

Set in a futuristic war-ravaged Los Angeles, the only downside to this book is that there isn't a sequel til 2012! Fifteen years ago, Teresa "Trance" West was a skilled telepath and a proud member of the Ranger Corps. But ever since the Rangers were inexplicably rendered powerless at the climax of the devastating Meta War, she's bounced from one dead-end job to another. Now her powers have reappeared just as mysteriously as they vanished only they're completely transformed.

Trance heads to Los Angeles to track down the surviving Rangers and discover who restored her powers and why but a phantom enemy is determined to kill them before they can reassemble. As they dodge his deadly attacks and come to terms with their new role as heroes, Trance and the rest of the team set out to annihilate the sinister madman only to discover their own powers are his greatest weapons. \$12.95



The Shadow Reader Sandy Williams

I don't give myself time to second-guess my decision. I sprint the distance to the plastic fence, scramble over it— "No, wait!"

- and jump, but the rebel grabs my backpack. I slip. I scream.

My fingers tangle in the plastic fence.

I fall. I hit the side of the building and keep screaming.

My throat's raw by the time I realize I'm not dead. I'm hanging between the third and fourth floors, holding on to the plastic fence like my life depends on it because . . . well, it does.

A chuckle draws my attention upward. The damn fae peers over the edge, looking all jolly and relaxed.

"I can't believe you held on," he says.

The moonlight highlights the planes of his face and even though I'm dangling three and a half stories above the ground, I'm suddenly more pissed than afraid. I don't recognize him, but my gut tells me who he is: Aren, son of Jorreb, the false-blood who's determined to overthrow the king. And he's laughing at me.

First thing that strikes us about this heroine is that she isn't wearing skimpy black leather and there's not a tattoo in sight! What a change from the latest batch of female protagonists that we can't get enough of. That's practically reason enough to add this debut to our reading stack. Plus, we love the sound of it! Some humans can see the fae. McKenzie Lewis can track them, reading the shadows they leave behind. But some shadows lead to danger. Others lead to lies.

A Houston college student trying to finish her degree, McKenzie has been working for the fae king for years, tracking vicious rebels who would claim the Realm. Her job isn't her only secret. For just as long, she's been in love with Kyol, the king's sword-master and relationships between humans and fae are forbidden.

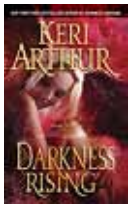
But any hope for a normal life is shattered when she's captured by Aren, the fierce and uncompromising rebel leader. He teaches her the forbidden fae language and tells her dark truths about the Court, all to persuade her to turn against the king. Time is running out, and as the fight starts to claim human lives, McKenzie has no choice but to decide once and for all whom to trust and where she ultimately stands in the face of a cataclysmic civil war. \$12.95



Darkness Rising: Dark Angels Book 2 Keri Arthur

Risa will go to any lengths to avenge her mother's murder, even if it means making a pact with the most evil vampire she's ever met. Lethal and powerful, Madeline Hunter is leader of the vampire council, and will put her resources behind finding the killer - for a price. The venerable vampire requires the assistance of Risa's psychic powers. Quid pro quo.

Someone or something is targeting the elders of the local council, cursing the immortal vampires to rapidly age, sink into madness, and die. Risa must track down the vengeful being responsible. But Risa's father, a rogue Aedh priest, also enlists her in a dangerous mission. And not even the great Madeline Hunter may be able to protect her from the shadowy forces that desire nothing less than Risa's destruction. \$12.95 Start with *Darkness Unbound*, in store now.



Heart of Steel: Novel of the Iron Seas Book 2 Meljean Brook

Barker took his leave after finishing the drink Yasmeeen owed him, but she stayed on, nursing hers until they were warm. Some nights in a tavern were meant for drinking, and others were meant for listening.

My goodness, have you read the first book to this marvellously riveting series? *The Iron Duke* proved a surprise 2010 hit and we've all been salivating for this second instalment. We discovered the series with the authors novella *Blind Spot* in *Must Love Hellhounds* and a new *Rendezvous* star was born! As the mercenary captain of the *Lady Corsair*, Yasmeeen has learned to keep her heart as cold as steel, her only loyalty bound to her ship and her crew. So when a man who once tried to seize her airship returns from the dead, Yasmeeen will be damned if she gives him another opportunity to take control.

Treasure-hunter Archimedes Fox isn't interested in the *Lady Corsair* - he wants her coldhearted captain and the valuable da Vinci sketch she stole from him. To reclaim it, Archimedes is determined to seduce the stubborn woman who once tossed him to a ravenous pack of zombies. When da Vinci's sketch attracts a dangerous amount of attention, Yasmeeen and Archimedes journey to Horde-occupied Morocco and straight into their enemy's hands. But as they fight to save themselves and a city on the brink of rebellion, the greatest peril Yasmeeen faces is from the man who seeks to melt her icy heart. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95 Fall in love with Steampunk:

The Iron Duke Book 1

After the Iron Duke freed England from Horde control, he instantly became a national hero. Now Rhys Trahaearn has built a merchant empire on the power and fear of his name. When a dead body is dropped from an airship onto his doorstep, it brings Detective Inspector Mina Wentworth into his dangerous world, and he intends to keep her.

Mina can't afford his interest, however. Horde blood runs through her veins, and despite the nanotech enhancing her body, she barely scratches out a living in London society. Becoming Rhys's lover would destroy both her career and her family, yet the investigation prevents her from avoiding him.. and the Iron Duke's ruthless pursuit makes him difficult to resist. But when Mina uncovers the victim's identity, she stumbles upon a conspiracy that threatens the lives of everyone in England. To save them, Mina and Rhys must race across zombie-infested wastelands and treacherous oceans and Mina discovers the danger is not only to her countrymen as she finds herself tempted to give up everything to the Iron Duke. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95

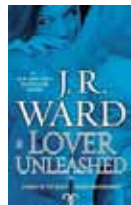


Lover Unleashed: Black Dagger Brotherhood Book 9 JR Ward

Have you practised incredible restraint and not read this in hardcover? Your patience is rewarded this month with the paperback release and you are in for a treat! This is JR Ward back to early Black Dagger days - great romance and dialogue, sizzling sexual tension and the start of what looks like an intriguing new direction for the Black Dagger boys. Payne, twin sister of Vishous, is cut from the same dark, seductive cloth as her brother. Imprisoned for eons by their mother, the Scribe Virgin, she finally frees herself-only to face a devastating injury.

Manuel Manello, M.D., is drafted by the Brotherhood to save her as only he can but when the human surgeon and the vampire warrior meet, their two worlds collide in the face of their undeniable passion. With so much working against them, can love prove stronger than the birthright and the biology that separates them? Please note *Rendezvous* is only stocking the US hardcover edition at the special addicts price of only \$29.95.

Not slavishly addicted to the Black Dagger Brotherhood? Devour them now: *Dark Lover*, *Lover Eternal*, *Lover Awakened*, *Lover Revealed*, *Lover Unbound*, *Lover Enshrined*, *Lover Avenged* and *Lover Mine*.



Drink Deep: Chicagoland Vampires Book 5 Chloe Neil

Clouds are brewing over Cadogan House, and Merit the vampire can't tell if this is the darkness before the dawn, or the calm before the storm. With the city itself in turmoil over paranormals and the state threatening to pass a paranormal registration act, times have never been more precarious for the vampires. If only they could lay low for a bit. Then magic rears its ugly head when Lake Michigan turns black. The mayor insists it's nothing to worry about, but Merit knows a panic is coming. She'll have to turn to friends old and new to find out who's behind this, and stop them before it's too late for both the vampires and humans. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95

Start with *Some Girls Bite*, *Friday Night Bites*, *Twice Bitten* and *Hard Bitten*. And apparently we won't get resolution in *Drink Deep* because we see on Chloe Neil's website the next book, *Biting Cold* due in August 2012.



The Real Werewives of Vampire County

Alexandra Ivy, Angie Fox, Jess Haines, Tami Dane

What a fabulous title! You know we're hooked before we even read the blurb! Featuring all new novellas from these authors, we're certain there won't be a Stepford wife in sight!

Where Darkness Lives by Alexandra Ivy. No one's more surprised than Sophia when she's struck by an unfamiliar maternal urge to move near her daughters. But instead of being greeted by a welcome committee, she's targeted by kidnappers and saddled with a gorgeous bodyguard on a mission to protect and seduce.

Also features *Murder on Mystera Lane* by Angie Fox, *What's Yours is Mine* by Jess Haines and *Werewolves in Chic Clothing* by Tami Dane aka Tawny Taylor. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



Kiss of Snow: Psy/Changeling Novel

Nalini Singh

It was only after she'd gone - the autumn and spice of her scent lingering in the air in a silent rebellion she would've undoubtedly enjoyed had she known about it - that he loosened his hold on the wolf who was his more feral half. It lunged for her scent.

Sucking in a harsh breath, Hawke fought the primal urge to go after her. He'd been battling the instinct for months, ever since the wolf decided that she was now an adult and therefore, fair prey. The human half of him wasn't having much success in changing its mind, not when he had to fight the hunger to claim the most intimate of skin privileges every time she was in his presence.

Has your willpower held out this long? If you've only fondled the hardcover edition of this and waited (im)patiently for the paperback, it's time for reward reading. Well worth the wait, this is one anticipated couple who won't let you down. And if you are yet to discover this magnificent series, then we have been remiss! Ask us about them next time you're in store or on the phone and let your addiction begin.

Since the moment of her defection from the PsyNet and into the SnowDancer wolf pack, Sienna Lauren has had one weakness. Hawke. Alpha and dangerous, he compels her to madness. Hawke is used to walking alone, having lost the woman who would've been his mate long ago. But Sienna fascinates the primal heart of him, even as he tells himself she is far too young to handle the wild fury of the wolf.

Then Sienna changes the rules and suddenly, there is no more distance, only the most intimate of battles between two people who were never meant to meet. Yet as they strip away each other's secrets in a storm of raw emotion, they must also ready themselves for a far more vicious fight. A deadly enemy is out to destroy SnowDancer, striking at everything they hold dear, but it is Sienna's darkest secret that may yet savage the pack that is her home and the alpha who is its heartbeat. Previously available in hardcover and trade paperback. \$12.95

Fall into the addiction with *Slave to Sensation, Visions of Heat, Caressed by Ice, Mine to Possess, Hostage to Pleasure, Branded by Fire, Blaze of Memory, Bonds of Justice* and *Play of Passion*.



Adam: Nightwalkers Book 6

Jacquelyn Frank

Finally, Jacquelyn Frank has gone back to the series that we love, the books that addicted us in the first place! I hope she doesn't massacre it after an absence that included the less than endearing Shadowdwellers! The first chapter online is amazing and what we're especially looking forward to in this book is a catch up with Isabella and Jacob, the first of the Nightwalker couple who've remained our favourites. For fans of Larissa Ione's Demonica novels and Alexandra Ivy's Guardians of Eternity. Hunted by magic, beset by evil, the Nightwalkers face their darkest hour yet. And when the unthinkable happens, only one legendary male has the power, the will, to save them: Adam.

From their first tantalizing touch, Jasmine knows he is different. What other lover could unlock her tight control, flood vampire senses jaded by a lifetime of decadent self indulgence? Centuries ago, when he disappeared without a trace, she had given up hope of ever fulfilling the promise of incomparable passion. But here he is, against the very laws of nature, ready to bring down their most vicious enemy, ready to bring her blood to the boiling point - if she will only let him. \$12.95

Meet the Nightwalkers:

Jacob: The Nightwalkers Book 1

For 600 years Jacob has lived a cold and lonely life as the enforcer for his people, sworn to protect the human race from his demon brethren. That all changes one dark night when a human female falls out of her window and into his arms, and suddenly every rule he holds sacred is wiped out with the intoxicating feel of this woman.

Isabella seems to feel no qualms at his presence and when she is able to destroy a rogue demon with little or no effort, it's obvious that this is no ordinary human. It's just a shame that Jacob can barely keep his hands off her long enough to figure out what this all means. At times humorous, passionate, intense and action packed, this story grabs you from the 1st page and doesn't let go to you've exhausted all emotions 400 pages later. This went straight to the keeper shelf. \$12.95 Start with Jacob and you won't be able to resist *Gideon, Elijah, Damien* and *Noah*.



The Storm that is Sterling:

Legend of Zodiuss (for once, not a spelling error) Bk 2

Lisa Renee Jones

There was an emptiness inside her that shuddered with hope, with a plea that he would drive it away, fill it with something that wasn't icy and cold.

He pulled back and looked at her, his eyes dark, passionate.

Compelling. "No regrets, Becca," he vowed, and she knew he'd found those words in her head. Words she'd sworn to live by when she'd left that German hospital without a cure. Words she'd spoken in her head in the lab earlier with him there.

She rolled them around inside her and let them take root, rewarded herself with a deep inhalation of Sterling's addictive, masculine scent. "No regrets," she said softly.

Adam, the leader of the evil Zodiuss soldiers has developed a street drug from his newborn's DNA that is so addictive that he could easily create a worldwide dependency on him as the only source, as withdrawal kills the user. This drug will give Adam the power to rule the entire population if his plan for mass distribution is achieved. Sterling and a brilliant, cancer stricken scientist, must stop Adam before it's too late. But can Sterling trust this woman when he discovers this drug might be her only way of surviving cancer? Is he in bed, and in love, with the enemy?

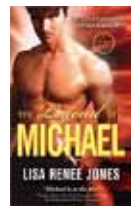
He was created, moulded, formed from life, love, and misery. Lethally daring. Now he is in danger. A volatile storm that will sweep across the calm realms of humanity and shake it to the depths of its core. \$12.95

Meet the first lethal warrior:

The Legend of Michael Book 1

One of an army of human soldiers injected with alien DNA, Michael is a legend within this new race, split between good and evil. Untameable, he has walked on the dark side and returned to the light. Feared and misunderstood, he leaves everything behind, including the one woman destined to be his mate.

Fate leads Michael back to Cassandra Powell, for she holds the key to defending his comrades. With their loyalties divided between duty and the people they love, only together can Cassandra and Michael overcome insurmountable odds to save humanity from the wrath of a madman. But no ordinary woman can control a creature such as Michael, and only one thing is clear, the world will never be the same. \$12.95



Death Magic: A Novel of the Lupi

Eileen Wilks

Have you met werewolf prince Rule Tanner and Lily Yu? If you love Nancy Gideon's Max Savoie and CeeCee, then Lily and Rule will be your new addiction. When Lily sees a ghost at a shooting range, she has no idea who the spectre is or was or what it wants but she feels it is a premonition of things to come. Lily's boss, Ruben, is recovering from an attack that nearly succeeded and they don't know which traitor in the Bureau tried to kill him. But he reveals to Lily and her fiancé, lupi Rule Turner that he's used his recovery period to form a ghost unit that will operate in secret and outside the law.

Lily's conscience won't let her join. Rule has no such reservations. His people's most ancient enemy is active once more. The lupi are at war. But when a Senator is killed by a dagger imbued with death magic and Lily is assigned to the investigation, so much more hangs in the balance than Lily can guess. Her decision becomes a matter of life and death and all the magic in between. \$12.95

Welcome to the addiction:

Tempting Danger Book 1

In this world, werewolves are flamboyant, sexual predators and Lily Yu isn't happy to be investigating a homicide where the victim appears to have been killed by a werewolf, especially since said victim's wife was sleeping with the prince of the werewolves. Talk about your public relations nightmare, not that she cares. Rule's turning into the prime suspect, but one look into his eyes has Lily questioning her sense. How can this arrogant, promiscuous animal possibly attract her? They've been entwined by fate and they'll have to find a way to make it work, even if they're not sure whether they even like each other.

This is definitely not love at first sight and we're intrigued by the forced intimacy of this pair of strangers who have to work together to solve a murder which could endanger both their races, and also learn to accept a bond neither wants. Eileen Wilks has skillfully entwined suspense and romance in an otherworldly setting with tantalizing glimpses of other races and powers. \$12.95

You'll love these in sequence: *Tempting Danger, Mortal Danger, Blood Lines, Night Season, Mortal Sins, Blood Magic* and *Blood Challenge*.



The Hunter

Theresa Meyers

The steampunk genre is off with a bang and leading the way are Devon Monk and Meljean Brook. Here's another author looking to join their keeper ranks. We love the premise, love the cover and love the heroes names – yep, *The Hunter* is on our reading pile this month. They're the Chosen - Winchester, Remington and Colt - brothers trained to hunt down supernatural beings using the latest steam-powered gadgetry. Colt Jackson has gotten his name on many a wanted poster with success in the family business: hunting supernaturals across the frontier. Lately, though, there's a sulfur stink in the wind and the Darkin population is exploding. A rift in the worlds is appearing. To close it, Colt will have to do the unthinkable and work with a demon to pass arcane boundaries no human alone can cross.

Except when he summons his demon, he doesn't get some horned monstrosity: he gets a curvy redheaded succubus named Lilly, who's willing to make a bargain to become human again. He also gets Lilly's secret expertise on the machinations on the dark side of the rift. And her charm and cleverness help to get them out of what his silver-loaded pistol and mechanical horse can't. Of course, when all hell breaks loose, he might have to sacrifice his soul. But what's adventure without a little risk? \$12.95



Courting Darkness: Otherworld Sisters of the Moon

Yasmine Galenorn

We're the D'Artigo sisters: sexy, savvy ex-operatives for the Otherworld Intelligence Agency. But being half-human, half-Fae means our powers go haywire at all the wrong times. I'm Camille, Priestess of the Moon Mother, married to a dragon, a youkai, and a Svartan. But my dragon father-in-law has decided that he doesn't like having me for a member of the family...

It's Winter Solstice, and Aeval welcomes me into her Court of Darkness. With Morio still dangerously weak from his injuries and Vanzir alive only thanks to my silence, the thought of training under Morgaine doesn't seem as daunting as it did. But then, Hyto returns to shatter my life. Captured and swept off to the Dragon Reaches, can I manage to stay alive long enough to escape, even as Smoky's father intends to break my spirit, then my body? \$12.95

If you're a stickler for reading in sequence, the books are: *Witchling*, *Changeling*, *Darkling*, *Dragon Wytch*, *Night Huntress*, *Demon Mistress*, *Bone Magic*, *Harvest Hunting* and *Blood Wyne*.



Lord of the Wolfyn: Royal House of Shadows

Jessica Andersen

Once upon a time the Blood Sorcerer vanquished the kingdom of Elden. To save their children, the queen scattered them to safety and the king filled them with vengeance. Only a magical timepiece connects the four royal heirs and time is running out.

For practical Reda Weston, nothing could explain how reading a sexy version of Little Red Riding Hood catapulted her into another realm, face-to-fang with the legendary wolf-creature who seduced women. A wolf who transformed into a dark, virile man. Dayn cursed the Sorcerer that turned him wolfyn and damned him to a lonely fate. As a beast, he mated with women to gain strength. Strength he needed to save Elden. With little time left, Dayn had to either embrace his wolf to save his kingdom or fight it to save his woman. \$7.95

Start with *Lord of the Vampires* by Gena Showalter and *Lord of Rage* by Jill Monroe and look out for *Lord of the Abyss* by Nalini Singh in December.



Body Thief

CJ Barry

Shapeshifter Camille Solomon has one motto when it comes to dealing with humans: Use, or be used. Luckily, she has the skills to use - fleecing gambling casinos. But when her father falls deathly ill, to save him she must track down her brother, and the last thing she needs is to be captured by sexy XCEL agent Griffin Mercer.

Last year, Griffin Mercer was an exceptional shapeshifter hunter, one of the few agents able to identify shifters in their human form. All that ended when his shifter partner destroyed everything he loved. To find her brother, Cam agrees to help Griffin search out the shifters terrorizing New York City. While danger grows at every turn, Cam learns that having Griffin "handle" her is the riskiest gamble she's ever taken. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



Claimed

Rebecca Zanetti

"What can she do?"

Indeed. Emma pushed to a sitting position, scooting until her back rested on the inside wall and across from the door. "I could kill you with a simple thought." The metal chilled through her jeans and she fought to control her body. Shivering would show fear.

Their purple eyes widened in their inhuman white faces. Devils, Kurjans, the evil vampire race to be sure. One flipped his red, black-tipped hair over a shoulder. "You could not." His tensed shoulders belied his words. Of course she couldn't. Dumbass. "Sure. You already know Franco wants me because of my psychic abilities. They include frying brains." Okay, the frying part may have been too much.

A customer recommendation introduced us to Rebecca Zanetti and we've been anticipating this second book ever since. The vamps are the good guys here, dear reader, and we just want more of them please. Emma Paulsen is a geneticist driven by science. But she's also a psychic, so when a dark, good-hearted vampire frees her from the clutches of the evil Kurjans, she realizes he must be the man who's been haunting her dreams. But with a virus threatening vampires' mates, Emma may discover a whole new meaning of lovesick.

As King of the Realm, Dage Kayrs has learned to practice diplomacy. Still, it's taken three hundred years to find his mate, so he'll stop at nothing to protect her, even if it means turning his back on his own kind. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95

From the beginning:

Fated Book 1

Cara Paulson does not give up easily. A scientist and a single mother, she's used to fighting for whatever she wants, keeping a cool head, and doing whatever it takes to protect her daughter Janie. But whatever it takes has never before included a shotgun wedding to a dangerous looking stranger with an attitude problem.

Sure, the mysterious Talen says he's there to protect Cara and Janie. He also says that he's a three-hundred-year-old vampire. Of course, the way he touches her, Cara might actually believe he's had that long to practice. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



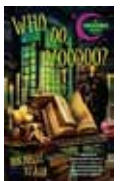
Who Do, Voodoo?

Rochelle Staab

Fans of Heather Webber and Victoria Laurie take note.

There's a new gal on the author blocks and she looks fab. With a bit more crime than romance, she'll appeal to your mystery solving side too. When Liz Cooper's friend Robin Bloom finds an unusual tarot card tacked to her front door, Liz writes it off as a prank. Robin refuses to ignore the omen, her late husband drew the same card, the three of swords, in a reading the night before he was killed in a car accident. As more cards and darker threats appear, Liz realizes someone very dangerous is upping the ante.

Liz turns to her brother's ex-college roommate, occult expert Nick Garfield. As Nick leads her into the voodoo community to locate the origin of the deck, she can't ignore their attraction to each other. Then a woman is found murdered and Robin becomes the prime suspect. Determined to clear her friend, Liz joins forces with Nick to unravel otherworldly secrets and seek help from beyond or risk being outwitted by a cunning killer. \$12.95



Accidental Werewolf

Dakota Cassidy

Uproariously funny and totally insane, Dakota Cassidy will have you snorting with laughter and just when you think things can't possibly get any crazier, they do! Marty Andrews is having a bad week. First, she's bitten by a mutt while walking her poodle. As a result, her salon-perfect blonde hair begins darkening by the day to something that's so not in her colour wheel. Her mood swings have turned her into The Hormonal Hulk. Worse yet, the hair on her legs is growing at a rate even a body slam into an entire vat of wax can't cure. Last, and most important, her dream job as a sales rep for Bobbie-Sue Cosmetics is going to hell in a hand basket. The only high point is Keegan Flaherty, the drool-worthy man who shows up at her door. Keegan claims that he accidentally bit Marty, and since he's a werewolf, she is now, too. Red meat cravings aside, Marty refuses to believe a word, until a kidnapping makes her realize there's more at stake than her highlights. Now she must put her out-of-control life in the hands of man who makes her blood run wild in more ways than one. Previously available in trade paperback. \$12.95



Heart of Darkness

Lauren Dane

Meriel stretched her legs out the open car door, unfolding her body to stand beside the shiny curves of steel. Part of the reason people stared was the car, and she totally got that. Normally, Meriel drove an Audi. Low slung, sporty and temperamental. Sort of like she was on a good day. Heh.

Lauren Dane can do no wrong and her talents aren't bound to any one genre. We've recently devoured *Never Enough* featuring the incredibly hot Adrian Brown by her, love her DeLaVega shifter cats and her hot futuristic Verse novels are irresistible. Now she debuts a new series and the only excerpt has us looking forward to good things! Meriel Owen, next in line to control the largest organization of witches in the country, is asked to investigate the owner of a notorious club reportedly siphoning magic from the font of the Clan. It's a direct violation of the Clan Code of Conduct, but one look at Dominic Bright and Meriel's willing to make a deal. One taste of the sexually feral outlaw witch, and she's eager to go further: he's her bond mate, a legal conduit into the world of Clan witches and their magic.

Playing by the rules isn't Dominic's style, but bonding with Meriel, night after explosive night, is. However, Meriel has unwittingly invited someone else into her world: Dominic's mother, a dangerous and poisonously influential magic addict whose lust for death and power corrupts all she touches. Now her shadow is closing in on Meriel, her Clan, and the man Meriel loves, and it's casting them all into the inescapable heart of darkness. \$12.95



Beauty Dates the Beast

Jessica Sims aka Jill Myles

Wanted. Single human female to join charming, wealthy single male were-cougar for a night of romantic fun and maybe more.

Me: The tall, sensuous, open-minded leader of my clan.

You: A deliciously curvy virgin who's intimately familiar with what goes bump in the night. Must not be afraid of a little tail. Prefer a woman who's open to exploring her animal nature. Interest in nighttime walks through the woods a plus. My turn-ons include protecting you from the worst the supernatural world has to offer.

Ready for an adventure? Give me a call. Vampires and doppelgangers need not apply.

While this is her debut as Jessica Sims, as Jill Myles we love her Succubi heroine and all the trouble she can't get out of it! This looks like equally quirky fun. Bathsheba Ward is human, which means dating supernaturals is strictly forbidden unless the interested party happens to be the powerful head of their Alliance. So when were-cougar Beau Russell insists that she join him for dinner at a fancy French restaurant, she agrees.

Not because the man is so incredibly hot he makes her hormones sing. She's more interested in saving her desk job at an exclusive dating service that caters to a clientele with rather eclectic tastes. Try protecting yourself from a bloodthirsty, home-invading mythological creature with just a bottle of liquid silver and a carving knife... Maybe having an über-sexy supernatural partner isn't such a bad idea after all! \$12.95



Historical

Never Love a Highlander: McCabe's Book 3

Maya Banks *new this month*

So the little warrior was frightened. And to escape him, she'd drunk herself into oblivion. Hardly complimentary to Caelen, but then he supposed he couldn't blame her. He hadn't been... Well, he hadn't been a lot of things.

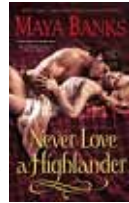
With a shake of his head, he began peeling away her clothing until she was down to her underclothes. His hands shook as he smoothed the thin linen garment over her body.

He could see nothing of her breasts. She was a slight woman and she didn't have much in the way of a bosom. Her body was lean and toned, unlike any other woman he'd ever encountered.

You'll smile from the first page to the last of these marvellous Scottish romances. If you are missing the Julie Garwood and Jude Deveraux of old, then these books are for you – glorious Highland adventure and romance, endearingly clever heroines and irresistible heroes. Caelen McCabe's young, reckless heart nearly destroyed his clan. Now, putting family loyalty above all else, he steps up to marry his older brother's jilted bride and salvage the uneasy alliance between two clans. While beautiful Rionna McDonald is a fit wife for any man, Caelen trusts no woman, especially not this sweet temptress who torments him with white-hot longing.

As the sacrificial lamb in her father's power game, Rionna will do her duty but vows to protect her heart and her pride from humiliation. Despite everything, though, the heat in Caelen's touch melts her defences, and she craves the sensual delights of a husband who guards his emotions as fiercely as his clan. But when the ultimate battle for the McCabe legacy is upon them, Rionna's true warrior spirit emerges. She will risk the wrath of her father, the fury of her enemies, and her life to prove to Caelen that his wife's love is too precious to lose. \$12.95

Meet the McCabe's in *In the Bed of a Highlander* and *Seduction of a Highland Lass*, both in store now.



Embrace the Highland Warrior

Anita Clenney

Cody sighed. Might as well get it over with. He removed the shackles, returned them, and bent over her. "Shay, wake up."

... "Get off me, you oaf."

"I'll get off when you stop beating the snot out of me."

She let out a war cry and lunged for his throat, teeth bared.

Intrigued, he hesitated a second too long, and she sank her teeth into his neck. A jolt of desire shot straight to his groin. He'd never been one for the rough stuff, but damn!

If you love Karen Marie Moning of all and recently devoured Monica McCarty's Highland Guard heroes, then you mustn't miss these! When the powerful demon that left Shay for dead discovers her empty grave, he comes seeking retribution, believing she possesses an ancient book he has sought for centuries.

Knowing she can't fight the demon alone, Shay returns to her clan and the Scottish Warrior who betrayed her, the only man she's ever loved, where she discovers that betrayal isn't always what it seems. Sometimes it's far worse. \$12.95

Meet the first irresistible Warrior in:

Awaken the Highland Warrior:

She counted.

One.

Two.

Three.

She heaved open the chest.

Terror clawed its way to her throat, killing her scream.

The man inhaled one harsh breath and his eyes flew open, locking on Bree. A battle cry worthy of Braveheart echoed off the walls. Bree jumped back as metal flashed and a rush of air kissed her face. Petrified, she watched him crawl out of the burial vault, a wicked-looking dagger in his hand. Her scream tore loose as she turned and fled. Fingers grazed her shoulder, and she glanced back. The last thing she saw before her feet tangled with the shovel was the dead man reaching for her.

Magical Scottish men with tattoos... mmm, yes please! Fans of Karen Marie Moning will see shades of *Kiss of the Highlander* in this tale of Scottish warrior waking up in the present day – we can't wait! Misadventurous historian Bree Kirkland discovers a one hundred fifty year old warrior buried in a crypt behind her house. But Faelan, the warrior, isn't dead.

When this chauvinistic Scottish Warrior awakes, he has no choice but accept the help of this modern-day woman who's rescued him, but she's more fearsome than the demon trying to kill him. If he's not careful, she'll uncover every secret his clan has bled and died to protect. \$12.95



All About Seduction

Katy Madison

Gothic romance has a new name and she's good! Caroline Broadhurst is about to take a lover at her husband's command. For fifteen years, Caroline has done everything her much older husband has desired - except provide an heir. Now he has given her an ultimatum: seduce a suitable gentleman and bear a son. Caroline would never think of bowing to such a shameful order, but then she meets Jack Applegate.

Jack has longed for the beautiful, untouchable Caroline for years, but the chasm between a lady and a labourer was too wide to ever dream of crossing. Now, fate and passion have thrown them together, but the potential scandal threatens to smother their love. \$12.95



The Valcourt Heiress *new in paperback*

Catherine Coulter

Fans have missed Catherine Coulter's absence from historical romance. She's back with a bang, with *Valcourt Heiress* new in paperback and *Prince of Ravenscar* in hardcover. When Garron of Kersey returns home from the king's service to claim his title as Baron Wareham, he's shocked to find Wareham Castle very nearly destroyed by a man called the Black Demon. According to the last starving servants still clinging to life inside the castle walls, the Black Demon was looking for gold belonging to Garron's brother Arthur. Among his remaining servants is the enigmatic Merry, the bastard child of the castle's priest.

Garron quickly realizes that she is much more than a servant: She reads and writes and makes lists, just as he does. Together they bring Wareham back to its former splendour. But this is only the beginning. Did Arthur have a cache of gold? Who is the Black Demon? And the biggest question of all: Who is Merry? Previously available in hardcover. \$12.95

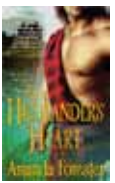


The Highlander's Heart

Amanda Forester

Lady Isabelle escapes her murderous English husband only to be abducted by a Highland warrior and held for ransom. Her determination to break free from captivity is exceeded only by the passion growing between her and the Highland Laird.

David Campbell plans to hold Isabelle for ransom as an easy way to line his pockets and return her back where she belongs, but he is unprepared for a feisty English lass with a penchant for finding trouble. Caught between rival clans bent on claiming the throne of Scotland, Campbell must choose a side, and a bride. Standing on the brink of war, Isabelle may be his only hope to save his clan, and his heart. \$12.95



Prince of Ravenscar *new in hardcover*

Catherine Coulter

Nicholas Monroe, widowed "Prince of Ravenscar," is feeling pressure from his family to remarry. But the mysterious death of his first wife, Lily, still hangs over his head. Her brother, Richard, believes Nicholas is responsible for her death and when Richard finally confronts Nicholas, long-held secrets threaten to resurface despite someone's desperate effort to keep them buried. **HARDCOVER \$29.95**



The Sinner: Return of the Highlanders Book 2

Margaret Mallory

Four fearless warriors return to the Highlands to claim their lands and legacies. But all their trials on the battlefield can't prepare them for their greatest challenge yet: winning the hearts of four willful Scottish beauties. This is book two.

Alex MacDonald is known for his skill as a warrior, his prowess with women, and his vow to never take a wife. But now his chieftain has asked him to make the ultimate sacrifice: wed Glynis MacNeil, a lass famed throughout the Highlands for her exquisite beauty-and defiant ways. Familiar with heartbreak, Glynis refuses to fall for another handsome scoundrel. Yet when Alex's past sins force an unlikely union, Glynis gives in to temptation and becomes his wife. Will their newfound passion be strong enough to fight the enemy that threatens their home, their clan, and their very lives? \$12.95
Start with *The Guardian*.



Tracker's Sin: Hell's Eight Book 4

Sarah McCarty

These fabulously erotic historical Westerns are to die for! Before his trade became his name, Tracker was a scrawny Mestizo runaway. Now as fearsome as he once was frightened, he's joined the notorious Hell's Eight and they have a job for him. He must rescue kidnapped heiress Ari Blake and deliver her safely to the Hell's Eight compound by any means necessary. Turns out that includes marrying her, if he means to escort her and her infant daughter across the Texas Territory. Tracker hadn't bargained on a wife, especially such a fair, blue-eyed beauty. But the erotic pleasures of the marriage bed more than make up for the surprise. Tracker's well-muscled bronze skin and dark, dangerous eyes are far more exciting than any of Ari's former debutante dreams. In the light of day, though, his deep scars and brooding intensity terrify her. With the frontier against them and mercenary bandits at their heels, Ari fears she'll never feel safe again. Though he burns to protect Ari, to keep her for himself always, he knows that money, history and especially the truth can tear them apart. Previously available in trade paperback. \$12.95

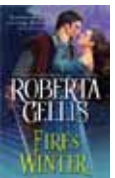
Start with *Caine's Reckoning*, *Sam's Creed* and *Tucker's Claim* and you'll never wonder again how the West was won with these heroes fronting the battles – and steaming up those dusty plains!



Fires of Winter

Roberta Gellis

This is old school romance back in print. A master craftswoman, Roberta Gellis is dearly missed (not because she's dead, but because she isn't writing anymore!) and who's early romances stand the test of time. A sparkling prize, the beautiful Mellusine of Ulle is awarded to the bastard-born Bruno of Jernaevae as a spoil of war. Bruno vows to tame the rebellious spirit of the captive beauty but ultimately surrenders to her charms. Born of different worlds, joined in the flames of passion and intrigue, they find new strength in each other's arms and a burning love that defies all eternity. Ahhh, what an old school blurb to go with it!. REISSUE \$18.95

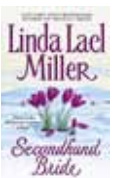


Secondhand Bride

Linda Lael Miller

The youngest McKettrick brother, Jeb, is the wild one who never could stay out of trouble. And trouble is what he gets when he proposes to Chloe Wakefield. No sooner had he and the pretty schoolteacher tied the knot than Jeb discovers she's already married! After a major dustup with Chloe in a Tombstone barroom, an irate Jeb hightails it back to the Triple M Ranch, certain that his chances of winning the spread in a marriage race with his brothers are dashed. Now Chloe has come to Indian Rock, hoping to find her beloved uncle John and a much-needed teaching post. But when she unexpectedly crosses paths with Jeb, her rage - and passion - flare even stronger than back in Tombstone. Chloe never intended to mislead Jeb about her previous marriage to a scoundrel of a man. Learning to trust will be the hardest part of this mixed-up marriage, until a stagecoach robbery and the return of a dangerous stranger prove to Jeb and Chloe that they need each other. REISSUE \$12.95

Start with *High Country Bride* and *Shotgun Bride*.



Reckless

Hannah Howell

First published in 1993 when she was still writing as Anna Jennet, *Reckless* hasn't been available since. Heir to the clan MacFarlane, Ailis was a prize to be bartered by her calculating father, and her wedding to a man she despised seemed inevitable until she is abducted by her clan's worst enemy, Alexander MaDubh. Alexander had come riding into Leargan to claim the three children born of a forbidden love between his brother and Ailis' sister. Now, with Ailis herself as his pawn, he can strike at the enemy whose treachery robbed his clan of so much. But will passion be enough to ease the pain and torment of the past? REISSUE \$12.95



Contemporary & Humour

Wicked Woman Whodunit

MaryJanice Davidson/Amy Garvey/Nancy J Cohen

From MaryJanice Davidson comes a grown version of cluedo... "It was Professor Tanten who did it, in the ballroom, with a martini shaker..." Aspiring mystery writer Caro Swenson can see that: Professor Tanten is standing there, covered in blood. But where's the body - or bodies? Six people are missing from the mystery weekend, and Caro's on the case with a hot-but-possibly-homicidal hunk.

Also features novellas from Amy Garvey, Jennifer Apodaca and Nancy Cohen. Previously available in trade paperback. \$12.95



The Last Cowboy due 18/11/2011

Lindsay McKenna

City girl. It was written all over her like a sign warning him to keep off. Sure, Slade McPherson would train her horse. With his ranch one bad day away from foreclosure, he can't afford to turn away a paying customer. But no way is this cowboy getting involved with a woman like Jordana Lawton, no matter how pretty she looks in a saddle. Yet everything can change in an instant. A terrifying run-in with an angry bull leaves Slade wounded and unable to compete in a race that could change his future. But what happens when this old school cowboy finds himself falling for a modern city girl? \$12.95



Against the Storm: Raines of Wind Canyon Book 4

Kat Martin

"You know that trouble you been having?" Roxy said once they reached the sidewalk.

Maggie paused. "What about it?"

"The cowboy, he's in the security business and he's an investigator. He might be able to help you."

Maggie started to argue, to say she didn't need any help.

Then she thought of the way Trace Rawlins had handled those three men. "I hope it doesn't come to something like that."

But it might and both of them knew it. For more than a month, someone had been following her, phoning her and hanging up, leaving messages on the windshield of her car. So far it hadn't been more than that but it was frightening just the same.

When she got home, she decided, she was going to look up the number for Atlas Security.

And write it down beside Trace Rawlins' name.

What a marvellous series this has been so far! We thought it was going to be a trilogy but we're not complaining that Kat Martin has three more books planned, starting with this one! Redheads like Maggie O'Connell are nothing but trouble. But Trace Rawlins, a former army ranger turned private investigator, takes the case anyway. After all, he knows a thing or two about women.

Trace can sense that something is wrong and Maggie isn't telling him everything. If these menacing calls and messages are real, why won't the police help her? And if they aren't real, what is she hiding? As Trace digs deeper to find the source of Maggie's threats, he discovers a secret that no one was meant to uncover. And the only puzzle left to be solved is whether the danger comes from an unknown stalker or from the woman he's trying his hardest not to fall for. \$12.95

Don't miss the Raines: *Against the Wind*, *Against the Fire* and *Against the Law*.



Until There was You

Kristan Higgins

Posey Osterhagen can't complain. She owns a successful architectural salvaging company, she's surrounded by her lovable, off-beat, family and she has a boyfriend. Sort of. Still, something's missing. Something tall, brooding and criminally good-looking. Something like Liam Murphy.

When Posey was sixteen, the bad boy of Bellsford, New Hampshire, broke her heart. But now he's back, sending Posey's traitorous schoolgirl heart into overdrive once again. She should be giving him a wide berth, but it seems fate has other ideas. \$12.95

If you haven't discovered the charms of Kristan Higgins, now's the time!

Fools Rush In

Dr. Millie Barnes returns to her birthplace, Cape Cod, ready to wow the locals and show them all she wasn't a total loser all her life. Plus, *Joe Carpenter* lives there. Joe, who she's loved and adored and sort of stalked since she was a school kid. Joe, who's totally oblivious of her adoring and unceasing love. Get ready for another excruciatingly honest and very funny book as we follow the perils of Millie.

She has a great job in a clinic, she's all warm and fuzzy with her cop ex-brother-in-law Sam and nephew (wondering why on earth her sister ever cheated on him then divorced him), she's a fun friend, she's a nice person – what is there for Joe not to like? One day he'll notice her! One day he'll ask her out! And then, he does! And he's a great kisser! But... hang on... Sam is very distracting... and he needs her... And then *he* kisses her and – wow! Go with the flow, enjoy Millie's energetic charm and self-deprecating humour, and you'll be Team Millie & Sam before you know it. REISSUE \$12.95



Wyoming Tough

Diana Palmer

This first book of a brand new series promises more trademark Diana Palmer arrogant heroes, innocent heroines and all-consuming passion – all culminating with a fabulous grovel-for-forgiveness scene at the end. We can't wait! A cowboy through and through, ranch owner Mallory Kirk knows what it means to put in a full day's work. But does his new cowgirl? He has his doubts that Morie Brannet will be able to pull her own weight, even if the petite young woman does seem to have a lot of spirit. As they spar over events at the ranch and a past that threatens their hopes for the future, sparks begin to fly, and Mallory can't help but notice Morie in a new light. But is this tough Wyoming man ready to love? \$12.95



Real Men Will: Donovan Family Book 3

Victoria Dahl

"No. Um...Some woman is pissed at Jamie and he asked me to come get you."

"If she's pissed at Jamie, then it's Jamie's problem, not mine."

Henry's face creased with embarrassment, but he just stood there with his fingers wrapped around the door.

"Fine," Eric sighed. "I'll be there in a second."

The workmen stood in the doorway, holding the doors slightly open as they peered out. Their eyes widened when they saw Eric coming, but he ignored that and tipped his head in the direction of the oven. They shifted toward it as if they were only pretending to go back to work, but Eric held his tongue. He didn't want to step on Jamie's toes.

He pushed through the doors. "Jamie," he said when he spotted his brother standing at the end of the bar with his arms crossed.

"What's the problem?"

And then Jamie shifted to the side, and Eric's world split apart as if an earthquake had just torn through the ground beneath his feet.

... This was bad. Worse than bad.

Jamie cocked his head. "Eric, this is Beth Cantrell. There seems to be some confusion about something that happened at the business expo earlier this year."

Something that happened. Okay. Maybe he could still salvage some part of this. If Beth hadn't said anything to Jamie yet... "Beth--" he started, but she stalked toward him like a vengeful goddess.

"Eric?" she sneered. "Eric?"

His eyes darted to Jamie. "I can explain."

One of her elegant fingers poked him in the chest. "You can explain? Explain why you told me your name was Jamie?"

What a delight this series has been, starring the Donovan siblings and their family brewery. Book two was fantastic, with flighty (tarty!) brother Jamie meeting his match with Olivia. Now its time for responsible eldest brother Eric and Beth to finally get it on. Except, they already have! And it didn't end well! Not the first time, anyway! It was meant to be a one-night stand. One night of passion. Then Beth Cantrell and Eric Donovan were supposed to go their separate ways. That's the only reason he lied about his name, telling her he was really his wild younger brother. Hiding his own identity as the conservative Donovan. The good one.

But passion has its own logic, and Eric finds he cannot forget the sable-haired beauty with whom he shared one night of passion. When Beth discovers that Eric has lied, however, she knows he cannot be trusted.

Her mind tells her to forget the blue-eyed charmer. If only every fibre of her being did not burn to call him back. \$12.95

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Baby it's Cold Outside: Alaskan Nights Book 1

Addison Fox

Did you love *Men in Trees* starring Anne Heche and the really cute woodsman guy as much as we did? this has that same wonderful feel and tops our reading stack this month.

After a frantic call, Sloan McKinley travels to the heart of the Alaskan wilderness to be there for her best friend, who's just inherited property in the small town of Indigo. The last thing she expects is to be lured by the town's matriarchs into their annual contest to get their grandsons married off.

But Sloan can't deny the appeal of the rugged local men, Walker Montgomery in particular. Soon she finds herself falling in love with the wild outdoors and with one of Indigo's most beloved residents. There's just one question that remains: is the town's most confirmed bachelor ready to get caught? \$12.95

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The Next Always: Inn Boonsboro Trilogy Book 1

Nora Roberts

Ahh, Nora. How we love you... cue music that emotes blind adoration... then dive right in to this first book of a gloriously romantic new series. The historic hotel in Boonsboro, Maryland, has endured war and peace, changing hands and rumoured hauntings. Now it's getting a major facelift from the Montgomery brothers and their eccentric mother. As the architect of the family, Beckett's social life consists mostly of talking shop over pizza and beer. But there's another project he's got his eye on: the girl he's been waiting to kiss since he was fifteen. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95

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The Comforts of Home

Jodi Thomas

Have you met the residents of Harmony, Texas? We seem to be comparing everyone to Robyn Carr these days, but we can't help it! While Robyn Carr certainly isn't the first author to write fabulous small-town contemporary romance, she is currently the most prolific. Jodi Thomas is exceptional for all the same reasons. In Harmony, Texas, twenty-year-old Reagan Truman has found her place, and found her family. But with her uncle taken ill and her friend Noah lost and disheartened with his life, Reagan is afraid of ending up alone again, and she's not the only one.

When a terrible storm threatens the town, the residents of Harmony are forced to think about what they really want. Because making the connections they so desperately desire means putting their hearts at risk. \$12.95

Start with *Welcome to Harmony* and *Somewhere Along the Way*.

Welcome to Harmony Book 1

Sixteen-year-old runaway Reagan has always wanted a place to belong. She's never had a real home of her own, but perhaps she could borrow someone else's. Under an assumed name and identity, she moves to Harmony, Texas, but keeps her distance from the welcoming townsfolk. Until prairie fires threaten Harmony and Reagan learns the true meaning of family, friends, and home. \$12.95

Somewhere Along the Way Book 2

In the two years since she claimed Harmony, Texas, as her home, eighteen-year-old Reagan Truman has found herself drawn to others who have made their way there, too. Gabe Leary, for instance, whose plan to hide out in Harmony is dashed when he becomes the town hero. Then there's Liz Matheson: Vulnerable and fresh out of law school, Liz has never been needed by anyone until an unsettling encounter with Gabe changes everything. And there's Liz's brother, volunteer fire chief Hank Matheson, who's starting to wonder where the town's sheriff, Alex McAllen, will ever set the date to marry him.

As for Reagan, who's been shaped by the loneliness she's known most of her life, she's finally found a place she belongs and doesn't want anything to get in her way. But when her life is put in jeopardy and the whole town comes together to save her, she'll discover that trusting the love that's come into our hearts is the greatest gift of all. \$12.95



The Spy Who Left Me: Agent Excerpt: Book 1

Gina Robinson

If there's one thing that can ruin a vacation, it's running into your ex. Just ask Treflee Miller. If she'd only known that her husband Ty would be here in Hawaii, muscular, sun-bronzed, and infuriatingly gorgeous, she would have brought the divorce papers for him to sign. But life is full of surprises when you're married to a world-class spy.

Ty Miller can understand why his wife is tired of playing Mrs. James Bond. He's never home, he's always on a mission, and he's usually surrounded by exotic informants. He has to admit that the perfect spy makes a pretty lousy husband. But for the sake of Ty's security and Treflee's safety, they can't blow his cover. Not here. Not now. Not when his longing is so strong, her lips so tempting and his enemies so close. \$12.95

PS. We haven't spelt the heroine's name wrong. It really is Treflee. Google tells us it means 'likely to be reliable and responsible.' Hmmm.



Strangers: Mystery Man & Obsession

Lisa Jackson

Back in print is this early duo from suspense favourite Lisa Jackson. *Mystery Man*. Chelsea Reed is hot on the trail of Devlin McVey, the man who jilted her. Her search for the truth leads her to the balmy Caribbean and a brusque, bearded stranger. Mitch Russell looks nothing like clean-cut Devlin, but he arouses the same frustrating brew of anger and fascination that Devlin always had. There's only one way to find out if Mitch really is her long-lost flame. but can Chelsea live with herself in the morning?

Obsession. Zane Flannery had always been overprotective of his famous wife, Kaylie, he was, after all, her former bodyguard. But in the aftermath of an averted tragedy, his protective instincts proved to be too potent for Kaylie. Feeling more like a prisoner than a wife, she saw no other option than to leave. Now, years later, even with a new threat of danger, Kaylie isn't convinced she should let Zane back into her life. REISSUE \$12.95



Highlander for the Holidays

Janet Chapman

Merissa smiled crookedly. "Actually, it's these poor, unsuspecting shmucks I'm worried about, when they discover there's a backbone of steel hidden inside what only looks like a fragile woman." She shook her head. "The good people of Pine Creek aren't going to know what hit them the first time you get a bee in your bonnet about something. I just wish I was going to be here to see - Ohmigod," she hissed, her eyes widening as she stared past Jessie's shoulder. She grabbed Jessie's arm when she started to turn. "No, don't look! We can't let them think that we're interested."

"Them?" Jessie echoed, grinning. "As in male them?"
Merissa groaned. "Okay, you already know beer isn't my problem. I only need to get a whiff of testosterone to turn into a bar slut," she said, fluffing her short hair with her fingers as she shifted her gaze past Jessie again. "Throw in broad shoulders and a manly swagger and I can be talked out of my clothes faster than a guy can say 'your place or mine?'"

We so love Janet Chapman and hope she had nothing to do with this poxy cover. Seriously, a dog and a Christmas tree? Ok, on to more exciting things – like the book itself and the latest sexy MacKeage hero. After a brutal attack, Jessie Pringle moved to the small mountain town of Pine Creek, Maine, to start over. But she never expected to meet Ian MacKeage, who had seemingly stepped right out of the Scottish Highlands. As drawn to Ian as he is to her, Jessie finds it more and more difficult to deny her own desires.

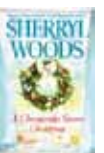
Then, on one of her long walks through the wilderness, she meets a kindly hermit who sells her a walking stick, one imbued with a magic that may allow Jessie to finally be rid of the pain of her past, and build a future with Ian. \$12.95

Meet these very intriguing and utterly irresistible modern day Highlanders in *Charming the Highlander*, *Loving the Highlander*, *Wedding the Highlander*, *Tempting the Highlander*, *Only with a Highlander*, *Secrets of the Highlander* and *A Highlander Christmas*.

A Chesapeake Shores Christmas

Sherryl Woods

Mick and Megan O'Brien finally make plans to walk down the aisle, but not everyone is happy about the upcoming wedding as they are. There's a good chance complications will keep this reunited couple from ever saying 'I do.' \$12.95



Maybe This Time

Jennifer Crusie

Urrmm, maybe this time.. don't bother... and we hardly ever say that about an author and even less so about Jennifer Crusie, but aside from *Wild Ride*, co-written with Bob Mayer, this is our least favourite book from her. Let us know what you think (after that sales pitch!) Andie Miller is ready to move on in life. She wants to marry her fiancé and leave behind everything in her past, especially her ex-husband, North Archer. But he asks one final favour of her before they go their separate ways forever.

A very distant cousin of his has died and left North as the guardian of two orphans who have driven out three nannies already, and things are getting worse. When Andie meets the two children she quickly realizes things are much worse than she feared. If she can just get rid of all the guests and ghosts, she's pretty sure she can save the kids, and herself, from the past. But fate might just have another thing in mind. Previously available in hardcover and trade paperback. \$12.95



The Cinderella Deal

Jennifer Crusie

This fun contemporary romance is cute and fluffy and Crusie will have you cheering all the way for this unlikely couple. Daisy Flattery is a free spirit with a soft spot for strays and a weakness for a good story. Why else would she agree to the outrageous charade offered by her buttoned-down workaholic neighbour, Linc Blaise? The history professor needs a makeshift fiancée to secure his dream job, and Daisy needs a short-term gig to support her painting career. And so the Cinderella Deal is born: Daisy will transform herself into Linc's prim-and-proper fiancée, and at the stroke of midnight they will part ways, no glass slippers attached.

But something funny happens on their way to make-believe bliss, as a fake engagement unexpectedly spirals into an actual wedding. Now, with Linc and Daisy married and under one roof, what started as a game begins to feel real. REISSUE TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



Discover Toni Blake

Holly Lane: Destiny, Ohio Book 4

Here we go again, comparing another author to Robyn Carr! Maybe we need to be comparing Robyn Carr to Toni Blake! Engaging characters and dialogue, great writing and a backdrop you'll fall in love with, these books also remind us of Nora Robert's Chesapeake series featuring *Sea Swept*, *Rising Tides*, *Inner Harbour* and *Chesapeake Blue*. And we promise, the books aren't as small-town American kitsch as they sound!



Sue Ann Simpkins is working hard to rebuild her life and find some holiday spirit. A weekend away from Destiny in a cabin on nearby Bear Lake seems like the perfect Christmas gift to herself until her ex's best friend, Adam Becker, shows up at the door, claiming the cabin is his.

Alone for the holidays, Adam's been feeling rather Scrooge-ish himself. But finding the smart, sexy woman he's admired since elementary school waiting in the house he rented is helping to brighten his humbug mood. And when a sudden snowstorm strands them together in very close quarters, leading to one very hot night together, Adam soon realizes that what he really wants for Christmas is a second chance at love. Now all he has to do is convince Sue Ann. \$12.95

Find your destiny:

One Reckless Summer Book 1

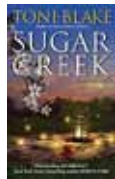
The perfect daughter. The perfect prom queen. The perfect wife. Jenny Tolliver's been the good girl all her life, and it's gotten her nowhere. Now that her marriage has been busted up by her cheating ex, she's decided it's time to regroup and rediscover herself. This summer she's headed back to her hometown of Destiny, Ohio, to the very lakeshore cottage where she grew up, to figure out what life holds in store for her next. She never dreamed the answer would be Mick Brody, Destiny's number one hellraiser.



He comes from the wrong side of the tracks and he's landed in hot water more times than he can count. He's exactly the kind of guy Jenny's always kept her distance from but soon the good girl and the bad boy are caught in a raw heat that's out of control. Too bad Mick's got a secret that threatens to tear them apart and ruin Jenny's perfectly, passionately reckless summer. \$12.95

Sugar Creek Book 2

Rachel Farris returned to her childhood home with one mission in mind: get Mike Romo out of her family's apple orchard business and out of their lives. But hard-nosed and totally hot Mike, who happens to be the law in Destiny, is convinced the Farris clan stole the land from his family fifty years ago and he's not backing down. Even when shapely trouble shows up in a pair of designer blue jeans.



However, neither the hunky cop nor the sexy prodigal hometown girl can anticipate the electricity that heats things up whenever they're together, adding new sizzle to an ongoing feud that's raged for generations, and soon putting both their hearts at risk. \$12.95

Whisper Falls Book 3

That's when he said, "See ya later ... hot stuff."

The last words halted Tessa in place. What had he just called her? Looking over her shoulder, she raised her gaze back to his – to find another tiny hint of amusement there as he said, "Your shirt."



Glancing down, Tessa wanted to die. She'd completely forgotten she wore a snug white tank with the words Hot Stuff written in script across it, actually half of a pyjama set Rachel had given her for her birthday; the matching pants had little smiling hot peppers all over them. But the worst part was – she wasn't wearing a bra, a fact that was scandalously apparent. She even caught a hint of color through the thin cotton. Dear God in heaven.

Tessa Sheridan came crawling back to her quaint hometown of Destiny after her big-city interior design career crumbled. Now not only must she struggle to make ends meet, but she has to contend with a biker next door and the roar of Harleys shattering the serenity of her cabin in the woods by Whisper Falls.

Worse still, her sexy, bad boy neighbor makes her feel breathless and weak and shy, petite Tessa knows what a major mistake it would be to get involved with someone so dangerous. They say that former teen rebel Lucky Romo has a dark, secret past, that he's trouble with a capital T. Still, Tessa feels all tingly when she sees how well he fills out a pair of tight jeans. And when Lucky invites her into his world, she knows the intense heat sparking between them could lead her somewhere wild and wonderful and dangerously irresistible. \$12.95

Holiday in Stone Creek: A Stone Creek Christmas & At Home in Stone Creek

Linda Lael Miller

Back in print are these two shorter novellas featuring the much beloved characters of Stone Creek.

A Stone Creek Christmas. Stone Creek veterinarian Olivia O'Ballivan communicates easily with animals, but men are another story, especially rugged architect-turned-rancher Tanner Quinn. Olivia's uncanny bond with his daughter Sophie's pony has him questioning her sanity, while she wonders if he's not just a drugstore cowboy. Then twelve-year-old Sophie conspires with Olivia to get Tanner into the spirit of Christmas. But will a holiday miracle transform the globe-trotting Tanner into a rancher and family man for all seasons? *At Home In Stone Creek.* Everyone in Ashley O'Ballivan's life is marrying and starting families except her. But why bother dating when no one can compare to Jack McCall, the man who left her heartbroken years ago? Now he's back in town and maybe he isn't who she thinks he is. While recovering from a dangerous mission for the DEA, security expert Jack rents a room in Ashley's bed-and-breakfast.

For both their sakes, he tries to keep his distance, though neither can deny the growing spark between them. But when his past catches up with him, he'll have to leave again just as he realizes where he's always belonged - in Stone Creek. REISSUE \$12.95



A Home by the Sea Christina Skye

"Hey. I'm just about to cut you a slice of that bread my mother's been fussing over for the last hour." His eyes narrowed when Grace didn't answer him. "What's wrong?" "Where do I start? That - the thing that just happened upstairs was wrong," she breathed. "And next time it might not stop. You're worth more than that, Noah. We both are." His eyes never left her face. "Don't run away, Grace. You're smarter and tougher than that."



"Am I?" She rubbed the painful knot burning over her heart. "If I were as smart as you think, things would never have gotten this complicated. You confuse me, Noah. You awe me, too. The way you make me feel... it's too much. I have a lot of okay in my life, not reckless and wonderful." She couldn't back away from what was right. They'd both regret it later. Settle in for some heartbreak, tragedy and beautiful, triumphant romance in Christina Skye's first full length new book since 2008. Grace Lindstrom has followed her fiancé across three continents, starry-eyed and full of dreams. But when he dies in a plane crash, Grace discovers that their life together was the cruellest kind of lie and swears to never lose herself to that kind of love again. Until one night, when a chance encounter leads her to the kind of man she's always dreamed of and the deep family ties she's never known.

Noah McKay knows he can't offer Grace any kind of future, not when he spends every day putting his life on the line. But when Grace's grandfather suddenly falls ill and she's called home to the small island town where she grew up, he realizes he can't live without her. Aided by good knitting, good chocolate and deep friendship, Grace is slowly learning to trust again but can she learn to love a man whose secrets run so deep? \$12.95

The Fall of Lucas Kendrick Kay Hooper

I had to pull out my original copy of this book for a lovely reminiscent read after adding it to the catalogue – it's still as good now as it was in 1987 with a comfortably (tragically) 80s feel that comes from re-reading it now. Kyle Griffon has done more than flirt with danger over the past ten years; she's embraced it with careless abandon.



The rebel daughter of a powerful family, she's walked on the wild side of everything from car racing to hang gliding, anything to fill the emptiness left by the man who loved and left her. Now Lucas Kendrick is back, needing Kyle's help to catch an art thief. Is a woman game for adventure ready to trust the man who left her with so many unanswered questions? Lucas was an undercover cop working a college drug ring when he fell for the beautiful coed.

It was a mistake to leave, but he would have hurt her more if he had stayed. Now she's his best shot at getting close to a man trading illegal guns for stolen artwork. Danger and desire are a reckless mix but this time Lucas is staying close to protect the woman he loves.

REISSUE \$12.95

Bring Me Home for Christmas: Virgin River *new this month*

Robyn Carr

"Since there wasn't time to warn Denny you were coming along, promise me you won't make trouble."

"Rich," she said with a laugh. "Why would I make trouble?"

"Oh I don't know," he said, rolling his eyes. "Because you're his ex girlfriend? Because this is a guys' hunting trip and you're not one and everyone has to take care of you?"

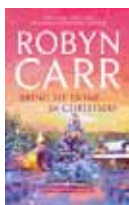
"No one has to take care of me," she said indignantly. Then she smiled very sweetly. "I'm anxious to meet your other friends. And hunt - I'm anxious to hunt."

He scowled. "Right," he said. "You expect me to believe you're going to shoot a duck and pluck it?"

If I have to pluck it with my teeth to be convincing, she thought. "Of course! I'm a little more excited about fly fishing, though. I can't wait to try that."

We're so excited to be heading back to Virgin River! This is the 16th instalment of this glorious series and we're just as hooked as we were when the series began. Don't be daunted by the number of books in the set – while they are all connected through the town and character relationships, you can pick one off the shelf and just start reading. And.. if you love Toni Blake and Jodi Thomas, make sure you read Robyn Carr! This year, Becca Timm knows the number one item on her Christmas wish list: getting over Denny Cutler. Three years ago Denny broke her heart before heading off to war. It's time she got over her silly college relationship and moved on. So she takes matters into her own hands and heads up to Virgin River, the rugged little mountain town that Denny calls home, as an uninvited guest on her brother's men-only hunting weekend. But when an accident turns her impromptu visit into an extended stay, Becca finds herself stranded in Virgin River. With Denny. In very close quarters. As the power of Christmas envelops the little town, Becca discovers that the boy she once loved has become a strong and confident man. And the most delicious Christmas present she can imagine. \$12.95

Look for *Hidden Summit* in January and *Redwood Bend* in March. In sequence these are *Virgin River*, *Shelter Mountain*, *Whispering Rock*, *A Virgin River Christmas*, *Second Chance Pass*, *Temptation Ridge*, *Paradise Valley*, *Forbidden Falls*, *Angel's Peak*, *Moonlight Road*, *Promise Canyon*, *Wild Man Creek* and *Harvest Moon*.



Buckhorn Beginnings: Sawyer & Morgan

Lori Foster

The first two men of Buckhorn County fall hard in this classic reprint of a fabulous series.

Sawyer. Sawyer Hudson is single, he's a doctor, an upstanding pillar of the community, he's raised his son single-handedly, and he's absolutely gorgeous. In short, he's every woman's dream come true - except Honey Malone's. On the run from her family and her fiancé, Honey is mortified when she finds herself an unwilling guest in Sawyer's family home, but he refuses to let her leave while she's ill – watch out for the fireworks! Honey may be slightly incapacitated by her bout of pneumonia, but that doesn't prevent her from clashing wills with Sawyer, who's not exactly meek himself. Determined to find out what Honey's running from and help her deal with it, Sawyer enlists the aid of his brothers, Morgan, Gabe and Jordan, and his son, Casey, to keep Honey from leaving, and to keep whatever she's hiding from away. Meanwhile, he and Honey begin building a relationship based on mutual affection and trust, and a whole lot of lust.

Morgan. When Misty Malone, thoroughly shaken after being convicted of a crime she didn't commit, arrives in Buckhorn County for her sister Honey's wedding, the last thing she needs is to deal with another arrogant cop. Unfortunately, that's the first thing she gets: Honey's future brother-in-law, Sheriff Morgan Hudson. Having been abandoned by her unborn baby's father, Misty isn't ready yet to tell her family about her pregnancy but Morgan guesses almost immediately, and she is forced to tell him the whole story of her now chaotic life. REISSUE \$12.95



A Novel Seduction

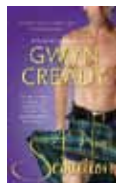
Gwen Cready

When snobbish book critic Ellery Sharpe screws up at Vanity Place magazine, her boss assigns her the ultimate punishment: write an ode to romance novels, a genre she considers the literary equivalent of word search puzzles. To make matters worse, he hires her sexy former party boy ex, Axel Mackenzie, to shoot the photos. Axel really wants the project to succeed. For one, the magazine will double his fee if he convinces strong-willed Ellery to write a story no woman can resist.

Besides, getting Ellery to fall for romance novels might be just the push she needs to believe people can change - even him. At his sister's advice, Axel gives Ellery a copy of *Kiltlander*, a much-adored romance whose warrior hero is utterly irresistible. To her dismay, Ellery finds herself secretly falling in love with the story and with Axel, who's drawing his own lessons from the book's compelling hero. Will Ellery risk it all to make the leap from tight-lipped literati to happily-ever-after heroine? \$12.95

PS. We checked – *Kiltlander* isn't a real book.

Wrangled and Tangled:



Erotica

Blacktop Cowboys Book 3

Lorelei James

It's only going to get hotter if you have Lorelei James on your pile this month! The West was not so wild for Janie Fitzhugh. Living with her rancher husband, Abe Lawson, in rural Wyoming nearly broke her spirit, so she left. But eight years later, she returns to Muddy Gap to take a job at a new resort. When an unexpected danger arises, Abe seizes the chance to protect Janie and prove he's a changed man.

Janie's employer at the Split Rock Ranch and Resort, Renner Jackson, has gotten himself tangled up in a devil's bargain trying to finish the construction. His new partner's daughter, Tierney Pratt, is a spoiled daddy's girl and off-limits no matter how drop-dead gorgeous she is. But Tierney's got her own secret reasons for keeping the rough-and-tumble cowboy at a distance.

When things get down and dirty at the resort, Abe and Renner must saddle up and fight to rope in the women they can't imagine living without. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95

The Blacktop Cowboys from the beginning are *Corralled* and *Saddled and Spurred*.



What Happens After Dark: DeKnight Book 2

Jasmine Haynes

She'd never spent the night. They didn't cuddle afterward. He didn't know precisely where she lived or the name of the company she worked for, only that she was thirty-five, unmarried, no children, made her living as an accountant, and she was promiscuous. He'd gathered that the fact he'd been her only lover over the past six months was unusual. He took it as a testament to how good he was at giving her what she needed.

If you love the dark erotica of Eve Berlin and Shayla Black, you'll adore the sizzle of Jasmine Haynes. Bree Mason longs to be a successful career woman, but secrets keep her chained to the past, afraid to take that next step. And at night, her frustrations are released by the domineering Luke Raven, who gives her what she asks for and more.

But to take control of her life, Bree will have to look within and face the demons of her childhood. Luke knows the ins and outs of Bree's body, knows what makes her gasp and sigh and beg. But now he's willing to push their relationship to the limit, to stand by her side in the light of day and take the greatest risk of all - for love. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95

The first sizzling DeKnight novel:

Past Midnight Book 1

Erin and Dominic had the perfect life until a devastating blow rocked their marriage to the core. Now they only reconnect after dark, when sleepless nights become hours of ecstasy as they soothe the emotional pain with physical pleasure but still wake up feeling distant and alone.

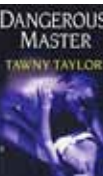
Dominic refuses to give up on the relationship. To save their marriage, he sets up erotic adventures that take them far beyond the boundaries of both their comfort zones. As their love life moves from the privacy of their bedroom to public parties and sex retreats where anything is possible, will Dominic and Erin form a deeper bond or will they lose it all? TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



Dangerous Master

Tawny Taylor

Private Investigator Mandy Thompson knows how to dig beneath the surface and uncover secrets but the tables are turned when she enters the erotic lair of vampire Master Zane and finds herself revealing her most intimate sexual fantasies. Within this world of dark and dangerous passion, she gives in to her desire for extreme pleasure. Her body craves the sensual ecstasy only one man can give her and all she can do is surrender. TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



Sin City: Hot in the City Book 2

Lacey Alexander

Diana Marsh is trying to change her wicked ways. She's even dating a guy everyone agrees is prime husband material - conservative and boring, everything her family could wish for. There's only one secret vice left to eliminate: Marc Davenport, the super-sexy co-worker she's been flirting with online. A business trip to Las Vegas is her opportunity to do just that, to sow the last of her wild oats with Marc before retiring behind the white picket fence. And where better than the ultra-erotic playground of Sin City?

A new job awaits Marc in France, and a casual fling with Diana is the perfect send-off. Together they indulge in every conceivable hot and scintillating fantasy the town has to offer. Even if her resolve to turn off her sensual nature bothers Marc, he reminds himself that their naughty games are only temporary and she's a determined woman with a plan. However, when the two are ripped apart without warning, all bets are off. To Marc, Diana's wild side is too beautiful to be contained. Too beautiful, he suddenly realizes, to let him walk away without playing to win. REISSUE TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95

Start with the super saucy *French Quarter*.



Fire and Rain

Lauren Dane

Rain is a waitress by day, but when not at The Black Cat she's working hard to make her art career take off. Her paintings are the centre of her life until Laurent walks into her café. Suddenly she's dealing with a very alpha male pursuing her and the not-so-very-tiny detail that he happens to be a werewolf.

Laurent Cole has been the Third in command in the Cherchez Wolf Pack for decades. His life is simple, good but he knows he's missing something, and when he claps eyes on Rain, he knows what it is. But their coming together is complicated by the past Rain has worked so hard to keep a secret. Laurent isn't about to let anyone do his mate any harm. But the world becomes more complicated every day.

TRADE PAPERBACK \$24.95



Reckoning for the Dead

Jordan Dane

If you love the heat and suspense of Laura Griffin, then Jordan Dane is for you! The official story is that Garrett Wheeler, the Sentinels' chief, is dead, killed in a covert op gone horribly wrong. But Alexa Marlowe, his ex-lover and most trusted agent, isn't buying it.

Overnight, a new leader has mysteriously assumed control of the elite vigilante organization, a man Alexa Marlowe can't afford to trust. In search of Garrett and the truth, she goes rogue, following a deadly trail that leads to a Mexican drug boss. Alone, Alexa has no one to watch her back, not even her new partner, Jessie. Ex-bounty hunter, Jessie Beckett, has troubles of her own. Her world is turned upside down when her DNA turns up as evidence in a gruesome murder committed when Jessie was only a child, before her life was shattered by an infamous killer. Solving a very cold case may hold the key to who she really is or kill the only memory she has of a woman she believes is her mother. For Alexa and Jessie, the dead must have a reckoning. \$12.95

While these are all stand alone stories, you'll want to be reading more – especially when you meet Jessie Beckett – now there's a woman with a past and we're still guessing. Start with *Evil without a Face*, *The Wrong Side of Dead* and *The Echo of Violence*.



Fatal Heat

Lisa Marie Rice

Way to short, but certainly sweet, this novella from Lisa Marie Rice is not to be missed. Former Navy SEAL Max Wright is out of the SEALs after being almost killed by an Afghani RPG. He retreats to his former XO's beach house to lick his wounds and while he wants to snarl at the world but finds it hard to snarl at his new neighbour, his XO's beautiful goddaughter, Paige Waring, who also comes with a ridiculously likable, totally undisciplined dog.

As a plant geneticist, Paige has always been focused on her work, but when she and her dog run into Max, she recognizes the lonely, shattered man behind the rugged exterior. When Paige's work becomes the target of criminals and she's abducted, Max springs into action. Though still terribly wounded, this tough as nails SEAL goes on his last mission, stopping at nothing to save the woman he loves. \$5.95



Suspense

Death, Taxes and a French Manicure:

Tara Holloway Book 1

Diane Kelly

My jaw clamped tighter than a chastity belt on a pubescent princess. This jerk was going down.

My block had knocked him to the side. Taking advantage of our relative positioning, I threw a roundhouse kick to Battaglia's stomach, my steel-toed cherry-red Doc Martens sinking into his soft paunch. The shoes were the perfect combination of utility and style, another great find at a two-for-one sale at the Galleria. The kick didn't take the beer-bellied bastard out of commission, but at least it sent him backwards a few feet, putting a little more distance between us. A look of surprise flashed across Battaglia's face as he stumbled backward. He clearly hadn't expected a skinny, five-foot-two-inch bookish woman to put up such a fierce fight. Neener-neener.

This sounds like a riot! Watch out tax cheats and move over Stephanie Plum. The Treasury's Criminal Investigations Division has a new special agent on its payroll. CPA Tara Holloway has traded in her adding machine for a shiny new Glock. Now she's kicking ass, taking social security numbers, and keeping the world safe for honest taxpayers. If her career isn't enough to keep her busy, Tara's hooked up with a new boyfriend, Brett Ellington.

On her first undercover mission, Tara's in hot pursuit of an ice cream man selling street drugs along with the frozen treats and failing to report his ill-gotten gains on his tax returns. Latina-debutante-turned DEA Agent Christina Marquez works with Tara to melt the ice cream man's defences. Tara's also set her sights a sleazy con artist defrauding unwary investors through a Bernie Madoff-style investment scam. With her love life in high gear and her career on the fast track, Tara should be ecstatic. But two major problems stand in the way.

First, Tara hasn't been completely honest with Brett about her work. Would he stick around if he knew she spent her days on the wrong side of the tracks trying to bust a dope-dealing scumbag? Second, Tara suspects Brett may be involved in the investment scam she's investigating. Nothing like the possibility of hauling your boyfriend off to the big house to put a damper on a relationship! \$12.95



Razor's Edge: Edge Book 2

Shannon K Butcher

Catching a thief was easy. Catching a thief in the act was more of a challenge, one that made Roxanne Haught's skin sizzle with eager anticipation. The lavish retirement party was her idea, despite the fact she'd never met the guest of honor. It was the perfect trap, complete with juicy bait her target would be unable to resist.

What an awesome cover – very Mr & Mrs Smith! And yep, looks like her gun is bigger than his! For fans of Cherry Adair and Tara Janzen. Roxanne "Razor" Haught is used to being in control. An expert in stealth security for corporate espionage cases, Razor is all about setting traps for the bad guys. But suddenly she is the target. A mysterious man is following her. Someone has trashed her house, searching for something. Then there is the cryptic coded message from her army friend: "Burn everything. They're coming."

Tanner O'Connell has no intentions of leaving Razor's side. Despite her objections to having a babysitter, his orders as the newest member of the Edge are to watch her back. Of course he can't help watching a lot more than that. But with some brainwashed assassins after his partner, Tanner cannot afford to let his desire for Razor interfere with his duty. His special ops skills might be all that stand between saving Razor or losing her forever. \$12.95

Meet the Edge gang in **Living on the Edge**.

After a devastating injury, Lucas Ramsay knows he's finished as a soldier ut when the general who saved his life asks him for a favour, he says yes. All Lucas has to do is keep the general's daughter from getting on a plane to Colombia which is easier said than done.

Independent to the core, Sloane Gideon is a member of the Edge, a group of mercenaries for hire. But she's not on the clock for this mission. Her best friend is being held by a vicious drug lord, and Sloane must rescue her* no matter how many handsome ex-soldiers her father sends to dissuade her. With little choice, Lucas tracks Sloane to Colombia where she reluctantly allows him to aid her in her search. Before the battle is over, both will have to decide just what they are willing to fight for. \$12.95



Dead Run due – due after 18/10/11

Erica Spindler

"I'm in trouble, Liz. I've uncovered something. They're watching. I'm going for help tonight and will contact you as soon as I'm able." That panicked message on her answering machine was the last time Liz Ames heard from her sister Rachel. The police believe Rachel Howard, pastor of Paradise Christian Church in Key West, Florida, suffered an emotional breakdown and ran off. But Liz is convinced her sister's disappearance wasn't self-imposed. Fleeing a shattered marriage and a career on hold, Liz moves to Key West to prove her suspicions, her only clues her sister's cryptic phone message and a page from Rachel's journal bearing the image of a strange, horned flower.

Liz isn't on the island 24 hours when a successful banker, a man with everything to live for, jumps to his death from his bedroom window. Then a teenage girl whom Rachel was counselling is found brutally murdered in the garden of Paradise Christian Church. Everywhere Liz turns, she encounters disbelief and suspicion. Only Rick Wells is willing to listen. Wells once had a promising career as a Miami cop until his life fell apart. Together they struggle to uncover the unspeakable evil at the heart of this seemingly idyllic community. Previously available in hardcover. \$12.95



The Heart of a Killer – due after 18/10/11

Jaci Burton

Anna Pallino's steps faltered when she entered the alley. First, because she was in this godforsaken alley again, a place she hadn't set foot in since that night twelve years ago. Now she was back again, and someone was dead in the alley. Again. Second, Dante Renaldi was back. Those were enough to justify the stutter in her step.

Fans of Maya Banks' KGI series and Lora Leigh's SEALs and Black Ops heroes take note! While she's not a new author, having written across suspense, humour, erotica and paranormal in the past, Jaci Burton has found her niche with *Heart of a Killer*, a fast-paced, super sexy romantic suspense that is sure to have us drooling for more. No one said coming home would be easy. But for Dante Renaldi, it's murder. Before the Special Forces hero has even unpacked his bags from twelve years of active duty, he's embroiled in murder, corpses bearing the brutal trademark he's seen only once before on the worst night of his life.

The last time Detective Anna Pallino saw Dante Renaldi, they were in love. Now, he's part of the connection to a string of fresh homicides and a horrible assault Anna only survived thanks to him. More than anything, Anna wants to trust Dante. But as the bodies and the coincidences stack up, Anna will have to decide, and fast: Is the man she owes her life to the very same one who wants her dead? \$12.95



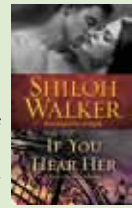
If you Hear Her: Ash, Kentucky Book 1

Shiloh Walker

This is going to be fantastic if we go by Shiloh Walker's previous romantic suspense titles. Dark, evocative, chilling and always romantic, she reminds us a little of Linda Howard's early intensity and well crafted conflict. The scream Lena Riddle hears in the woods behind her house is enough to curdle her blood - she has no doubt that a woman is in real danger. Unfortunately, with no physical evidence, the local law officers in small-town Ash, Kentucky, dismiss her claim. But Lena knows what she heard and it leaves her filled with fear and frustration.

Ezra King is on leave from the state police, but he can't escape the guilty memories that haunt his dreams. When he sees Lena, he is immediately drawn to her. He aches to touch her, to be touched by her, but is he too burdened by his tragic past to get close? When Ezra hears her story of an unknown woman's screams, his instincts tell him that Lena's life is also at risk and his desire to protect her is as fierce as his need to possess her. \$12.95

Look for the chilling sequel, *If You See Her* in January 2012 and *If You Know Her* in February.



In Close: Bulletproof Book 3

Brenda Novak

We've been guessing as to who's the killer and who's the father and is the mother really dead since book one – don't tell us if you've figured it out because we haven't! This is the final book of the trilogy, so you can devour them in sequence and end with resolution! Claire O'Toole's mother, Alana, went missing when her daughters were just teenagers. Then Claire's younger sister was confined to a wheelchair. And more recently her husband, David, died in a freak accident after launching his own investigation into Alana's disappearance. It seems odd that so much could happen to one family, especially in Pineview, Montana, where nothing ever happens to anyone.

Is Alana dead? Claire's determined to find out, even if the culprit is the stepfather who's been so good to her. And her former boyfriend, Isaac Morgan, wants to help but it isn't until he starts to suspect that David's death wasn't an accident that he's drawn back into her life. Together, they dig for answers to the questions that have haunted Pineview for fourteen years. \$12.95

Start with the riveting *Inside* and *In Seconds*.



Regency, Victorian & Georgian Romance

Too Wicked To Wed

Cara Elliott aka Andrea Pickens

"So this is what a brothel looks like. It is not at all what I expected."

... *"Is it profitable?" she asked after a fraction of a pause. "The business?" The question seemed to take him aback, but only for an instant. "I manage to... make ends meet. Sotospeak."* "Now see, here, Wolf—" sputtered Stiles.

"How very clever of you," went on Alexa, ignoring her companion's effort to cut off any more risqué innuendoes. *Smiling sweetly, she shot a long, lingering glance at the Wolfhound's grey-flecked hair. "I do hope the effort isn't too taxing on your stamina."*

"I assure you," he replied softly. "I am quite up to the task."

"Bloody hell." *Stiles added another oath through his gritted teeth. "Need I remind you that the lady is a gently bred female?"*

The quicksilver eyes swung around and fixed him with an unblinking stare.

"Need I remind you that I am not the arse who brought her here?"

Outspoken and independent, Lady Alexa Bingham enjoys the heady freedom of making all her own decisions, even though the challenges of overseeing her family's country estate are daunting. But when a chance encounter with London's most notorious rake awakens a secret longing for adventure, she accepts her aunt's invitation for a Season in Town.

As the owner of a gambling den and brothel, Connor, the Earl of Killingworth, has no time for glittering ballrooms or innocent young ladies. But after a reckless wager leaves him with a new business partner, he is forced to take a risky gamble. Alexa and Connor begin to play a dangerous game of intrigue and deception as they seek to outwit a cunning adversary who wants to put them permanently out of business. But if they are not careful, it is the flames of their own fiery attraction that may destroy them. \$12.95



Fortune's Son

Emery Lee

Georgian England has never been this risky! Seasoned gambler Philip Drake knows every trick and uses most of them. After years of infamy, he's ready to accept the mantle of respectability with his earldom until a devastating racing loss and the threat of debtors' prison force Philip right back into his gaming ways.

Susannah, Lady Messingham, is a woman with a past who refuses to belong to any man again. But Philip's skill catches her eye and she persuades him to teach her how to win at the tables. Their new partnership turns into an exhilarating high-stakes game that entangles them in terrifying risk and unimaginable rewards. \$12.95



The Pleasure of Bedding a Baroness

Tamara Lejeune

Patience Waverly has no time for uppity English aristocrats and no desire to become one. But when Patience and her twin, Prudence, arrive in London from Philadelphia to claim an inheritance, she discovers that she is now a Baroness. Prudence, meanwhile, is determined to marry into a title of her own. She sets her cap at Max Purefoy, the future Duke of Sunderland and, to Patience's dismay, the most seductive scoundrel she has ever met.

Max has little interest in frivolous Prudence, but the outspoken, outrageously attractive Baroness intrigues him. When Prudence's plan to entrap Max almost ruins him, he seeks amends from Patience. She must become his wife. And he will settle for nothing less than making their union one of unrelenting, unending pleasure. \$12.95



Discover the marvellous *Joanna Bourne* The Black Hawk *new this month*

Her bed was so full of Hawker. His body disconcerted her, always, with its fierce energies concentrated inside his skin. He lay on his back, half naked, his head turned toward her, his arm across his chest upon the sheet. She did not think he had broken any ribs, but he was holding pain inside him as he slept. He lay, sunk fathoms deep in exhaustion. All the deadly knowledge of his blood and bone was quiescent. He was like a well-honed sword someone had carefully set down. Sometimes she forgot how beautiful he was when they had been apart for a long time.

It feels like forever since we've had a Joanna Bourne. In truth it's only been a year and just feels like longer because we love her so much. If you adore Mary Balogh and Jo Beverley, you'll love the language, history, style and romance of Joanna Bourne. Shame on us for not raving about her more often. When veteran spy, Justine DeCabrillac, is attacked on a rainy London street, she knows only one man can save her: Adrian Hawkhurst, her oldest friend and her oldest enemy. London's crawling with hidden assassins and someone is out to frame Hawker for her murder. The two spies must work together to find out who wants to destroy them. \$12.95

These are amazing:

The Spymaster's Lady

Ready for a totally kick-ass heroine? Ready for a couple of super plot twists that come from nowhere, but change the *whole story*? People often talk about alpha heroines: cue Anniqve Villiers (code name *Fox Cub*), who just takes your breath away. Imprisoned and tortured in a villain's French basement, cool operator Anniqve plots and plans and even uses dirt as a weapon. She also manages to bust herself and fellow prisoners: the quietly deadly Robert Grey, British spymaster, and his wounded henchman Adrian (and *there's* a smooth operator with a golden tongue) out of the dungeon. And that is just the opening few chapters!

From then on this road trip kicks, fights and lurches towards England. But of course, the problem is that Anniqve is working for the French, and Grey is very British. In fact, he is the Head of the British Secret Service. How can these two ever have a romance that works? Yeah, well, remember those plot twists? Get ready to be surprised. A cleverly intelligent, sly spy book, totally fun with its twists on the British-French conflict. \$12.95

My Lord and Spymaster

After her father is wrongly accused of selling secrets to Napoleon, lovely Jess Whitby infiltrates the London underworld for the real traitor only to end up naked in the bed of a rude merchant captain. Not only is she falling in love with him, but he may be the scoundrel she's looking for. \$12.95

A glittering French aristocrat is on the run, disguised as a British governess. England's top spy has a score to settle with her family. But as they're drawn inexorably into the intrigue and madness of Revolutionary Paris, they gamble on a love to which neither of them will admit. \$12.95

The Forbidden Rose

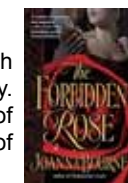
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Winter Scandal: Legend of St Dwynwen Book 1 Candace Camp

Would you like your Christmas romance with a bit of danger? Then Candace Camp will satisfy! Thea is a vicar's daughter, dutiful to a fault even if sometimes she tires of caring for everyone around her. One snowy day in December, Thea goes to church to check on the nativity scene and finds a crying baby nestled in the manger. The babe has no identification other than a signet ring belonging to Gabriel, the local lord. Before Thea can think twice, she snatches up the child and marches off to give the earl a piece of her mind.

Gabriel at first thinks the windblown, furious woman who appears in his hall is accusing him of fathering her child but it soon becomes clear that the baby is not his. Then how did the child come to have Gabriel's ring wrapped in its swaddling? Gabriel, a bachelor, has no notion of how to care for an infant and begs Thea for her continued help.

As the two work together to search for his rightful parents, they are powerfully drawn to one another. But someone is determined to keep them from finding the truth about this wayward baby even if it means silencing one or both of them for good. \$12.95



The Famous Heroine/Plumed Bonnet Mary Balogh

Mary Balogh aficionados are dancing with glee (and grace and elegance, as befits a Mary Balogh Regency) to see these two classics Signet romances back in print. First published in 1996 (hands up if you have a battered Signet copy hidden away!) and not available ever since, these are beautiful romances by an author who has improved with time, but has always been spectacular.

The Famous Heroine. Cora Downes has beauty, spirit, and money but no breeding. Yet when she gains renown for a daring rescue, she finds herself thrust into high society. Innocent and adrift in a world of beautiful banquets, bejeweled gowns, and snobbish standards, Cora is quickly compromised into a marriage to a frivolous lord whose interests seem to lie elsewhere. But could piercingly blue-eyed and well-mannered Francis Kneller turn out to be the most unexpected love of her life?

The Plumed Bonnet. Alistair Munro, the Duke of Bridgwater, is looking for love outside the bounds of polite society. And that's what he expects to receive when he rescues a seemingly disreputable girl in a colourful bonnet off the side of the road. Yet Stephanie Gray, a former governess, has recently come into money and is eager for a proper match with a well-born man. Sure that he's sullied her name, Alistair offers marriage to make amends. And in this unlikely union, Stephanie and Alistair make a welcome discovery - that sometimes it's possible to marry first, then fall in love. REISSUE \$12.95



If you Give a Girl a Viscount: Impossible Bachelors Book 4

Kieran Kramer

"I'm appalled at your avarice. You do nothing to hide it. I've never met a lady as audacious as you."

"Then you've not met my stepmother," Miss Montgomery replied, unfazed.

He nearly choked. "She's worse?"

"Ten-fold. But unlike her, I'm not greedy in the least. Nor would I have accepted your grandmother's charity. It would have been a loan only, I'll have you know, and I'd only have done it because I'm responsible for other people's welfare." Her cheeks were bright red now.

"So you can stop your rude judgments of my character. I could say plenty about your own, by the way, but I won't. Because you look awful. If I were a man and looked as bad as you, I'd be rude, too. But after tonight, when you get a good night's rest, I'll not tolerate such boorish behaviour any more."

How had she done that? How had she turned everything around and made him look bad?

Sassily titled and featuring heroines that match, Kieran Kramer is charming from beginning to end. Her first two books were gorgeous, her third a little less so (though we still enjoyed it) and we can't wait to see how this girl bags her viscount. If life were a fairy tale, Daisy Montgomery's mother and sister would surely be cast in the wicked step-roles. For years, they have made life miserable for Daisy's beautiful stepsister Ella. But when Daisy discovers that Ella has a godmother, she's determined to ask her for help. Little did Daisy expect Ella's godmother to play matchmaker with her very own grandson - who happens to be a viscount. \$12.95

Meet these irrepressible bachelors:

When Harry Met Molly Book 1

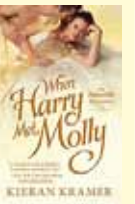
"You shouldn't have a lightskirt," said Molly. "What would your mother say?"

"And you shouldn't be running off to Gretna Green with a spineless fop."

Molly refused to blink. "He wasn't spineless. Simply... sensitive."

Dashing Lord Harry Traemore is perfectly content to live out his days in the pursuit of pleasure. But when he's named by the Prince Regent as one of society's "Impossible Bachelors," Harry is drafted into a ribald romantic wager. The rules of engagement are scandalously simple: The bachelor whose mistress wins the title of "Most Delectable Companion" gets to remain unmarried. Harry is utterly unconcerned about his status until his latest lightskirt abandons him. Enter Lady Molly Fairbanks. Harry's childhood friend, though foe is more like it. She's attractive but hot-headed, and in no mood for games. It's time for Molly to teach him a lesson once and for all but will it lead to happily ever after? \$12.95

Don't miss the next two books, *Dukes to the Left of Me, Princes to the Right* and *Cloudy with a Chance of Marriage*.



To Pleasure a Duke

Sara Bennett

Fellow Sara Bennett addicts will be pleased to know she hasn't dropped off the earth, she's just been super busy in regional Victoria with her latest ducal offering. Eugenie Belmont comes from a ne'er-do-well family, not like her friends at Miss Debenham's Finishing School, and when they ask her who she plans to marry she can only think of one man, Sinclair St John the Duke of Somerton, even though she's only met him once. And in less than flattering circumstances too. But Sinclair seems to be interested in her too, and begins to pursue her. Not to marry her. A duke can never marry a commoner, she knows that. And yet a girl can hope.

Sinclair knows Eugenie is no wife for a duke. Why then does he find her so enchanting? And why does she bring out the rebel in him when he'd long ago chosen the responsible path necessary for an important duke? Try as he might, Sinclair finds himself thinking more of Eugenie and less of his dukedom. But it won't do and he determines to put an end to it. And then Eugenie's rascalion brother runs off with the duke's rebellious sister and Eugenie and Sinclair must combine forces to get them back. \$12.95

Meet the Husband Hunters in *Led Astray by a Rake* and *A Most Sinful Proposal*.



Engaged in Sin

Sharon Page

"Damn...damn. Damn." His breathing was ragged. It was obvious, when she let her gaze slide below his waist, what her suggestions and his imagination were doing to him.

"All right." He bit the words off.

She couldn't quite believe her ears. "You want to do it?"

"Yes. I suspect it's the only way I will get rid of you." His mouth quirked up for an instant, then dropped into a grim line.

Anne steeled herself for the next step. She licked her dry lips and pushed her gown lower to expose her breasts, which sat high, perched on the shelf of her stays. She tugged down her filmy shift to completely uncover them. Feigning bold confidence, she asked, "How would you prefer it, Your Grace? You can have anything you want."

Never frou frou and light, Sharon Page is instead erotic and dark and her Regency romances aren't about balls and soirees and ballgowns. Featuring a blind hero and courtesan heroine, *Engaged in Sin* will make you cry, laugh a little and have you fall utterly in love with this damaged pair. Lovely, poised Anne Beddington is in a desperate situation: on the run for a crime she didn't commit. Anne understands the wicked games she must play to survive, she has perfected her silky voice, practiced her feathery caress, but has she sufficiently mastered the art of seduction to become the mistress of the notorious Duke of March, Devon Audley? War has left him a recluse, but Anne is penniless, alone, and needs a powerful gentleman's protection. Anne has learned how to pleasure a man, yet when this sinfully handsome duke insists that intimate delights must be a two-way street, Anne cannot deny his sensual promise. Anne's delicate hands hold a healing touch, but it's her gentle kindness that opens the duke's eyes to the beauty around him and to a family who need him. Still, Anne is a mystery, and Devon intends to spend endless erotic hours uncovering her secrets. When he finds out the terrible truth about the devious plot to brand her a villainess and endanger her life, saving Anne becomes his salvation. She has shown Devon how to live and love again. Now he will prove the power of his passion. \$12.95



Pride and Passion:

Brethren Guardians Book 2 – due after 18/10/11

Charlotte Featherstone

"I know risk," he said, and she heard the rustle of her gown swishing around his legs as he moved closer. "I've tasted it. Felt its heady call."

"You've never heeded the call," she accused.

"Oh, but I have. I know what it is to take the greatest risk of my life, for the one thing I want most."

He had backed her up against the wall, and the marble pillar that stood on either side of the salon door pressed cool and unyielding against her shoulders.

"The greatest risk of my life, was today, when I made you my wife. When I vowed to love and protect, and stay faithful to you. When I vowed to worship you with my body."

My goodness, we positively swooned reading the online excerpt for *Pride and Passion*. It was so utterly beautifully romantic and hinted of darkness and above all, passion. We defy you to resist the book after you indulge in the sampler. If you love the intrigue and intensity of Anne Stuart and Gaelen Foley, discover Charlotte Featherstone. Lucy Ashton had long ago given up her quest for true love. In the rarefied society of Victorian England, Lucy plays the game, flirting, dancing and dabbling in the newly fashionable spiritualism. Even marrying when and who she's supposed to. If the stuffy Duke of Sussex cannot spark the passion she craves, he can at least give her a family, a home of her own and a place to belong. But when her polite marriage reveals a caring and sensual man, Lucy begins to wonder if she can indeed have it all.

But Lord Sussex is not the man the London ton has come to admire. And Lucy has some ghosts of her own, as well. Thus, when a blackmail scheme turns to threats of danger, the newfound peace of the Sussex marriage is cast upon the rocks. Passion has a price, Lucy learns. And not all ghosts stay buried. \$12.95

Start with the equally magnificent **Scandal and Seduction**:

With the scandalous nature of her birth to live down, Isabella Fairmont dreams of a proper marriage, even if a passionless one. She saves her deepest desires for the novel she dares to pen, wherein a handsome lord with dark powers seduces her. But then her courtship with an appropriate suitor is threatened by the sudden attention of the Earl of Black whose pale blue eyes and brooding sensuality are exactly as she described in her book.

Isabella tries to resist the mysterious Earl of Black. Yet as he pursues her with inexplicable knowledge of her past and kisses that consume her, Isabella fears she will succumb. If only the earl could tell Isabella the truth. With very real and treacherous thieves endangering her life, Black will need to protect Isabella from the very people she trusts the most. \$12.95



Desired: Scandalous Ladies of the Ton Book 5

Nicola Cornick – due after 18/10/11

"I am at your service," he murmured. "Whenever you are ready to acquaint me with this business proposition you have."

Tess's throat dried. "I wanted..." She groped for the words that had scattered like petals in the breeze. "That is, I thought..."

One dark brow rose quizzically as Rothbury surveyed her confusion. "I came here—" Gracious, she had lost all her town bronze. This would never do.

"I came here to ask you to marry me," she finished, with all the finesse of a tongue-tied schoolgirl. "In name only, that is. I wish for a marriage of convenience."

Mortified, she stood pinned to the spot whilst a burning blush seemed to creep up from her toes to engulf her entire body. It was difficult to see how matters could have gone more painfully awry. She had wanted to be so cool, so composed. She had wanted to be herself, Teresa, Dowager Marchioness of Darent, poised and self-assured. Instead, this man had taken all her confidence and turned it inside out.

Thank you Tiffany for the introduction to Nicola Cornick. Not only is she superb, but she has an available backlist, rich in history, adventuring and alluring characters – the heroines well and truly steal the show with Nicola Cornick. Tess Darent's world is unravelling. Danger threatens her stepchildren and she is about to be unmasked as a radical political cartoonist and thrown into gaol. The only thing that can save her is a respectable marriage. But when it comes to tying the knot Tess requires a very special husband, one who has neither the desire nor the ability to consummate their marriage.

Owen Purchase, Viscount Rothbury cannot resist Tess when she asks for the protection of his name. But he has no intention of making a marriage in name only. Will the handsome sea captain be able to persuade the notorious widow to give her heart as well as her reputation into his safekeeping? \$12.95

Start with *Whisper of Scandal*, *One Wicked Sin*, *Mistress by Midnight* and *Notorious*.



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