

Bidding For Love Katie Fforde

The Escape to Willow Cottage was originally published as a four-part serial. This is the complete story in one package.

This eOriginal includes a new Ravkan folk tale and the first chapter of Ruin and Rising (Grisha Trilogy, Book 3). In this third Grisha Trilogy folk tale from Leigh Bardugo, a young girl's beauty causes discord in her small town, but her father's solution may prove far more dangerous. "Little Knife" is a companion story to the third book of the Grisha Trilogy, Ruin and Rising, and the stories "The Witch of Duva" and "The Too-Clever Fox." At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

A runaway bestseller in Britain with over 100,000 copies sold, a riveting historical mystery in the tradition of Kate Morton Auction house appraiser Jude leaves London for her dream job at Starbrough Hall, an estate in the countryside, examining and pricing the manuscripts and instruments of an eighteenth-century astronomer. She is welcomed by Chantal Wickham and Jude feels close to the old woman at once: they have both lost their husbands. Hard times have forced the Wickham family to sell the astronomer's work, their land and with it, the timeworn tower that lies nearby. The tower was built as an observatory for astronomer Anthony Wickham and his daughter Esther, and it served as the setting for their most incredible discoveries. Though Jude is far away from her life in London, her arrival at Starbrough Hall brings a host of childhood memories. She meets Euan, a famed writer and naturalist who lives in the gamekeeper's cottage at the foot of the tower, where Jude's grandfather once lived. And a nightmare begins to haunt her six-year-old niece, the same nightmare Jude herself had years ago. Is it possible that the dreams are passed down from one generation to the next? What secrets does the tower hold? And will Jude unearth them before it's too late?

Leaving behind her glamorous London life to join the family antiques business in the country, inexperienced Flora Stanza is initially put off by her cousin's chilly reception and a very pregnant cat, challenges she eventually endeavors to transform in her favor. By the author of Restoring Grace. 20,000 first printing.

With the same wicked humor and delicious charm that have won her millions of devoted fans, Sophie Kinsella, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller Shopaholic & Baby, returns with an irresistible new novel and a fresh new heroine who finds herself in a life-changing and utterly hilarious predicament.... When twenty-eight-year-old Lexi Smart wakes up in a London hospital, she's in for a big surprise. Her teeth are perfect. Her body is toned. Her handbag is Vuitton. Having survived a car accident—in a Mercedes no less—Lexi has lost a big chunk of her memory, three years to be exact, and she's about to find out just how much things have changed. Somehow Lexi went from a twenty-five-year-old working girl to a corporate big shot with a sleek new loft, a personal assistant, a carb-free diet, and a set of glamorous new friends. And who is this gorgeous husband—who also happens to be a multimillionaire? With her mind still stuck three years in reverse, Lexi greets this brave new world determined to be the person she...well, seems to be. That is, until an adorably disheveled architect drops the biggest bombshell of all. Suddenly Lexi is scrambling to catch her balance. Her new life, it turns out, comes complete with secrets, schemes, and intrigue. How on earth did all this

happen? Will she ever remember? And what will happen when she does? BONUS: This edition contains an excerpt from Sophie Kinsella's *Wedding Night*.

When Flora Stanza's uncle dies unexpectedly, leaving her a 51 percent share in the family antiques business, it gives her the perfect chance to leave her glamorous but less than happy London life for the quieter life of the country. Unfortunately, her cousin Charles and his fiancée Annabelle don't seem pleased to find Flora and her very pregnant cat on their doorstep. Flora knows almost nothing about antiques, but with her London apartment rented out, her cat about to burst with kittens, and a mysterious man warning her about Annabelle, Flora has little choice but to accept her cousin's offer to stay in their abandoned holiday cottage, miles from anything remotely like what Flora considers civilization. Soon, though, Flora is fighting off dinner invitations from the devastatingly handsome Henry and hiding her eco-friendly lodger, William. Could it be that country life isn't so dull after all?

Anna, a newly qualified interior designer, purchases a tiny cottage in need of renovation, but as she deals with an escalating series of problems, settles in, and makes new friends, her life is turned upside down by the handsome but impossible Rob Hunter.

A young earl cancels his original wedding plans when he falls in love with the new housemaid, Anna, a penniless Russian countess exiled to England. Reissue.

From the internationally bestselling author of *Sarah* comes the riveting story of the remarkable woman who walked beside Moses. Although she is a Cushite by birth—one of the people of the lands to the south—Zipporah grew up as the beloved daughter of Jethro, high priest and sage of the Midianites. But the color of Zipporah's skin sets her apart, making her an outsider to the men of her adopted tribe, who do not want her as a wife. Then one day while drawing water from a well, she meets a handsome young stranger. Like her, he is an outsider. A Hebrew raised in the house of the Egyptian Pharaoh, Moses is a fugitive, forced to flee his homeland. Zipporah realizes that this man will be the husband and partner she never thought she would have. Moses wants nothing more than a peaceful life with the Midianites, but Zipporah won't let Moses forget his past—or turn away from his true destiny. She refuses to marry him until he returns to Egypt to free his people. When God reveals himself to Moses in a burning bush, his words echo Zipporah's, and Moses returns to Egypt with his passionate and generous wife by his side. A woman ahead of her time, Zipporah leaps from the pages of this remarkable novel. Bold, independent, and a true survivor, she is a captivating heroine, and her world of deserts, temples, and ancient wonders is a fitting backdrop to an epic tale.

Althea Farraday is a thirty-eight-year-old divorced mother of three who's got a teenage son who's a Buddhist, a hypercritical sister who knows how to push all her buttons, a job on the endangered species list, and a love life to match. Just as she's settling in to a comfortable level of chaos, a near-perfect man enters her life. Equipped to steal her heart and help turn her passion for designing gardens into a new career, Patrick Donahugh may be too good to be true. Amid wild roses, California poppies, scarlet flax, sweet rocket, love-in-mist, and, of course,

plenty of dirt, *Wild Designs* is a refreshingly honest and funny read that celebrates the almost-ready-to-bloom aspect of all our lives.

Juggling widowed parenthood with her career and numerous Cotswolds events, Nel Innes struggles to rally the community after the death of an old friend threatens regional lands, a situation that is complicated by a handsome lawyer for the opposition. 10,000 first printing.

Diana Gabaldon meets Ken Follett in this epic story of love, war and redemption. In the Syrian city of Akka, Nathanael, a young Jewish doctor, and a Muslim girl called Zohra are about to fall in love, unaware that Jerusalem has just been taken by Saladin's army and that their city will soon be engulfed by war. Meanwhile in England, John Savage, a foundling boy, runs away from his cruel life in a priory with The Moor, a mysterious man driven by a dream of perfection. John and The Moor become members of a band of conmen travelling through the English countryside faking religious miracles for cash, until they are recruited in Richard the Lionheart's drive to regain the Latin Kingdom from the infidel. Akka awaits. It will be the site of the greatest--and cruellest--siege of its time. But even in the midst of war, lovers find ways to make transactions of beauty. *Pillars of Light* is a powerful and moving novel about the triumph of the human spirit against all the odds. It will delight fans of Philippa Gregory, Ken Follett and Diana Gabaldon.

The third novel in the captivating *Brides Trilogy*, in which three unconventional young women vow they will never marry—only to be overtaken by destiny. One moment Lady Olivia Granville is strolling along a path, her nose buried in a tome of Greek philosophy; the next she is plunging down a rocky cliff. When she regains consciousness, she is naked and unwittingly trapped on a pirate ship. Her captor, though, is no ordinary pirate. Wickedly handsome, disturbingly mysterious, the grey-eyed master of the *Wind Dancer* is both a physician and an artist, and admits to making his living from the sea. Most disconcerting of all, when he turns his glittering eyes on her, he sees not the stammering, hopelessly bookish young girl Olivia has always been, but a passionate, beautiful woman who can, if she chooses, embark on the adventure and the love of a lifetime. Don't miss the other novels in Jane Feather's captivating *Brides Trilogy*: *THE HOSTAGE BRIDE* | *THE ACCIDENTAL BRIDE* | *THE LEAST LIKELY BRIDE*

_____ 'Thank goodness for Katie Fforde, the perfect author to bring comfort in difficult times. She really is the queen of uplifting, feel good romance.' AJ PEARCE _____ Love can grow on you, or can it? A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of *Recipe for Love*, *A French Affair* and *The Perfect Match*. When Perdita Dylan delivers her baby vegetables to a local hotel and finds that her unpredictable ex-husband, Lucas, has taken over the kitchen, she is horrified - particularly when she discovers he's being groomed as the latest celebrity chef and needs her picturesque, if primitive cottage, and her, in supporting roles. Her life is further complicated when Kitty, her 87-year-old friend, has a stroke. Perdita needs someone to lean on - and Lucas seems so keen to help that she starts to wonder

if he's really such a villain. Can she cope with all this alone? Or should she face up to the fact that 'You can't cuddle lettuces'?

Lydia Young has landed her dream assignment! Used to stacking shelves, she's now jetting off to a desert kingdom for a holiday as a media darling's look-alike. All Lydia has to do is enjoy a week of pampered bliss in a luxury oasis—and not blow her cover by falling for her host, dangerously out-of-her-league Sheikh Kalil al-Zaki. Hmm, this might just be trickier than she first thought! Lydia wanted the spotlight... ..Annie wanted anonymity.

'Trisha Ashley writes with remarkable wit and originality - one of the best writers around' KATIE FFORDE, author of *A Springtime Affair* It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man of over forty is in possession of a major defect Cassandra Leigh has woken as if from a bad dream: desperate for a baby, and finally out of patience waiting for her 20 year affair with Max to end happily ever after. Maybe Max is not the only man for her? Perhaps she could find love with her friend Jason - though he's perhaps a little too rugged, and there's something strange about the way his wife disappeared . . . Or there's Dante, the mysterious stranger she meets on a dark night in his haunted manor house . . . Cass must throw caution to the wind and claim the life she's always wanted. Suddenly, it's a choice between Mr Right, Mr Wrong or Mr Right Now . . . Fantastically funny and whimsical, this heart-warming novel will charm fans of Milly Johnson and Jill Mansell. Readers love *A Good Heart is Hard to Find*: ***** 'Another Trisha Ashley treasure' ***** 'Funny and a joy to read. It left me with a smile on my face'

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Flora Stanza has sub-let her London life in a bid to join the family antiques business. Her knowledge of antiques extends only to the relics of information she has crammed from daytime TV watching. She soon discovers that country life is not so dull and sets about rebuilding the crumbling business.

Sian Bishop has moved to an idyllic Oxfordshire village for a better life her herself and her young son Rory. With her roses-round-the-door cottage, the perfect school for Rory just down

the road, and her very own vegetable patch she knows she's made the right decision. When Gus Berresford arrives on the scene, her good intentions are torpedoed.

Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called Junior libraries, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

Joshua Gilfoyle has decided there are two things he wants from life before he dies: to find his lost son and to commission an artist to produce his lasting legacy - a new angel for Foxbarton church. His family can't understand why he's already bidding his life farewell, but Joshua is not a man used to opposition. However Julia, the artist he's employed, doesn't believe in angels - unlike her daughter Hebe. Although she's desperate for the commission, she's frightened her artistic inspiration has run dry and is beginning to wonder whether making the angel is beyond her ability. But as Hebe's extraordinary gift begins to affect everyone around her, including even irascible old Joshua himself, there seems to be more than a touch of magic in the air as the mysteries of the past finally begin to reveal themselves.

Saved from certain death in the unforgiving desert of Ramal Hamrah, Lucy Forrester is transported to a world of luxury by her rescuer, Sheikh Hanif. The tender care he offers her is more than Lucy has ever experienced in her loveless life, and she finds herself drawn to the proud Arabian prince, despite his tortured soul. As Sheikh Hanif helps Lucy recover from her injuries, Lucy wonders if she can heal Hanif's own wounds, and capture this sheikh's guarded heart....

A luxury escape... A chance to reveal her baby bombshell! In this Destination Brides story, a bid at a charity auction wins Eve Bliss a dream holiday on safari! As a penniless single mom, she'd be mad not to go, but she's not expecting Kit Merchant to be there on business. She and Kit once shared a passionate moment. Now, together in beautiful Africa, how long can she keep her four-year-old secret... Kit has a daughter! Destination Brides quartet Book 1 — Summer Romance with the Tycoon Book 2 — Swept Away by the Venetian Millionaire Book 3 — One Night in Provence Book 4 — A Secret, A Safari, A Second Chance “The most important thing I can tell you about this story is that it will grab your heart, squeeze it tightly, and then never let go. From the start, I fell in love.... I read this story in one sitting and it was just the entertainment I wanted....” — Goodreads on The Billionaire's Convenient Bride “I was deeply moved by the sincere characters and thought about them even after I closed the book. What really kept me turning the pages though were the deep emotions the author layered into the story. Overall, this is a wonderful and touching story. It is fast-paced, engaging and the perfect treat....” — Goodreads on Her Pregnancy Bombshell

A broken family, a house of secrets—an entrancing tale of love and courage set during the Second World War. After Rebecca's mother dies, she must sort through her empty flat and come to terms with her loss. As she goes through her mother's mail, she finds a handwritten envelope. In it is a letter that will change her life forever. Olivia, her mother's elderly cousin, needs help to save her beloved home. Rebecca immediately goes to visit Olivia in Cornwall only to find a house full of secrets—treasures in the attic and a mysterious tunnel leading from the cellar to the sea, and Olivia, nowhere to be found. As it turns out, the old woman is stuck in hospital with no hope of being discharged until her house is made habitable again. Rebecca sets to work restoring the home to its former glory, but as she peels back the layers of paint and grime, she uncovers even more buried secrets—secrets from a time when the Second World War was raging, when Olivia was a young woman, and when both romance and danger lurked around every corner... A sweeping and utterly spellbinding tale of a young woman's courage in the face of war and the lengths to which she'll go to protect those she loves against the most unexpected of enemies.

"Katie Fforde's unique spin on romantic comedy is a blend of the sweet, the sad, and the sexy." —Patricia Gaffney Sarah is a wedding planner hiding a rather

inconvenient truth—she doesn't believe in love. But as the confetti flutters away on the June breeze of yet another successful wedding season she finds herself agreeing to organize two more events, on the same day, and only two months away. And while her celebrity bride is all sweetness and light, the other bride, Sarah's own sister, quickly starts driving her crazy with her high expectations and very limited budget. Luckily, Sarah is aided in her seemingly impossible task by two best friends, Elsa, an accomplished dress designer, and Bron, a multitalented hairdresser. All three are very good at their jobs, but romance doesn't feature very prominently in any of their lives. As the big day draws near, every moment is spent preparing for the weddings, and they certainly haven't got any time to even think about love; or have they?

Get the buzz on bugs in this Classic Board Book edition of *Some Bugs* by bestselling author Angela DiTerlizzi! Grab your magnifying glass! Find your field guide! And come hop, hide, swim, and glide through this buggy backyard world! Featuring butterflies and moths, crickets and cicadas, bumblebees and beetles, this zippy rhyming exploration of backyard-bug behavior is sure to have young insect enthusiasts bugging out with excitement!

"You're not doing very much at the moment, darling. I don't suppose you'd care to house-sit for a while?" Thus begins the irresistible story of two fixer-uppers—an old house and a young woman—and their efforts to recapture their true luster. When Hetty Longden, freshly dumped and brokenhearted, agrees to look after her great-uncle's long-abandoned mansion in the British countryside, she's at something of a lifetime low. With no job, no lover, no prospects, and no particular talent for resuscitating crumbling estates, she hopes for nothing more than some good old-fashioned escape. What she finds includes a cast of quirky and ever-present neighbors, a couple of SNAGs (Sensitive New Age Guys), some very humorless bank officials, two disarming little canines, one gracious, dilapidated, romantic old house, and, just maybe, enough elbow grease to polish everything up again. A British bestseller that's as inviting as an elegant old house full of unexplored rooms (after a good scrubbing-down, of course), *Stately Pursuits* is the funniest, smartest, and warmest read of the season.

2019 National Indie Excellence Award winner for Romantic Comedy. Paige has everything she thinks she wants. Nick might be the one thing she really needs. Sometimes the best dreams are the ones you didn't know you had. Dr. Paige Ellis has worked hard to make her dreams come true. But somewhere along the way, she lost something important—herself. Luckily, her dead grandmother is still looking out for her. When Paige returns home to fulfill her Nana's last request, she comes face-to-face with an annoying blast from her past. Not only does Nick Collins know just which buttons to push to make Paige crazy, but he also might be the one thing Paige has convinced herself she doesn't need. Can Nana and Nick persuade an overachieving workaholic that love might be the best medicine after all? If you enjoy enemies-to-lovers RomComs, you'll fall for *TURN THE PAIGE*. Because love hurts. But it's kind of funny. Start

reading now! A 2019 Readers' Favorite Silver Medal winner for Chick Lit Grace Soudley's life is coming apart at the seams. Recently divorced, she is still living in the beautiful yet crumbling old house her godmother left her, but unless she can find a fortune, the house will disintegrate around her. Artist Ellie Summers' life is unraveling too. She's pregnant, but her boyfriend is less than enthusiastic about parenthood, and her parents are not exactly inviting her to move back home. She has to come up with a new plan. Fast. Ellie needs a place to stay; Grace needs a lodger. Each of them needs a friend, and together they begin the work of fixing up the house. But then an unexpected and disconcertingly handsome man arrives on the scene, apparently determined to help. And when Grace discovers some beautiful and potentially valuable paintings hidden behind the tattered dining-room curtains, the whole business of restoration starts to get serious.... This fresh, funny romance from bestselling novelist Katie Fforde offers charm, wit, and restorative new beginnings for all. Series creator Lev Grossman returns to BOOM! Studios for an all-new story in the world of The Magicians with Lilah Sturges and artist Pius Bak that features the first appearance of the next generation of heroes and villains! Long after Quentin Coldwater has graduated from Brakebills, Dean Fogg welcomes the first class in Brakebills history to include hedge magicians, who are known for being dangerous practitioners of unsanctioned magic. As these two student bodies clash to prove their superiority, everyone at Brakebills is forced to take a side – not realizing a new threat has targeted them all! But the reason for this change at Brakebills will rock them to their core – and shock longtime fans of The Magicians!

Warm, witty and wonderful, the new novel from bestseller Julie Houston is perfect for fans of Katie Fforde and Gervaise Phinn.

Julia Fairfax isn't quite herself today. It's not like Julia to quit her job just because she was over for a promotion. Or to call off her engagement just because her fiance is a bore. And it's certainly not like her to pack her bags, sublet her house, board a rattletrap hotel boat, and pass herself off as a gourmet cook. It's just not like Julia to be so recklessly--and delightfully--in control. And she's loving every minute of it... But Julia's new life soon gets anchored with familiar baggage--like an old boyfriend, a meddling mother, and a spurned fiance nipping at her heels--all of them bursting with unsolicited advice. Now, Julia's got a surprise in store for each and every one of them. And somewhere between dry-dock and a bargeful of hot-tempered tourists, between old friends and new lovers, Julia's got to turn survival into a skill if she wants to turn a season adrift into the summer of a lifetime...

A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Recipe for Love, A French Affair and The Perfect Match. Gina and Sally Makepiece have inherited a stall in the French House - an antiques centre nestled in the heart of the English countryside. Gina is determined to drag the French House and its grumpy owner into the twenty-first century. Bearing all the attributes of a modern-day Mr Rochester, Matthew Ballinger is less than happy with the whirlwind that has arrived on his doorstep. The last thing either of them want is to fall

in love. But will a trip to France change their minds?

To attract the attention of a certain wealthy man, Holly enlists the assistance of a stablehand to aid her in her quest, only to find herself falling for the "wrong" man, in a holiday romance by the author of *Wild Orchids*. Reprint. 200,000 first printing.

In his witty first novel for young readers, New York Times best-selling author Jasper Fforde introduces fifteen-year-old Jennifer Strange, who runs an agency for underemployed magicians in a world where magic is fading away. But when visions of the death of the world's last dragon begin, all signs point to Jennifer—and *Big Magic*.

When her bookshop closes its doors, Laura agrees to help organize a literary festival. Her initial excitement is followed by panic when she realizes that an innocent mistake has led the festival committee to believe that she is a personal friend of the reclusive writer Dermot Flynn. Even though Laura has been infatuated with Dermot since her college days, traveling to Ireland to persuade him to come out of hiding is not what she had in mind. Nevertheless, she sets off to charm her literary hero into headlining the festival. Unfortunately, Dermot is maddening, temperamental, and up to his ears in a nasty case of writer's block. But he's also infuriatingly attractive.... With all the warmth and wit that have made Katie Fforde's novels huge bestsellers in the U.K., *Love Letters* is an irresistible tale of love and literature and the quest for a happy ending.

Irresistible tales of love, friendship, passion and betrayal from some of the top names in fiction. A woman planning not just what she wants to wear to a school reunion, but who she wants to be . . . A couple hoping to start a new life in Spain - and completely misunderstanding what they each want . . . A girl who's brother falls in love with a beautiful male impersonator . . . A woman haunted by ghosts from her past . . . A newly divorced mother taking her teenage daughter to Crete for a holiday, longing to be young again, until she remembers how awful it is to be 17 . . . From Maeve Binchy to Jane Fallon, Adriana Trigiani to Alexander McCall Smith, this is the must-have collection of the year.

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_____ Love will find a way. A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of *Recipe for Love*, *A French Affair* and *The Perfect Match*. Polly is in her thirties, lives in a small town, has a cat and a Rayburn oven on which she loves to cook. What more could she need? Certainly not a man. Besides, Polly's life is complicated enough. She has her job at the Whole Nut café and a fledgling pottery career she's trying to get off the ground. And then she meets David, and before she knows it he has turned her life and all her sensible plans upside down. Should she yield to his temptations or resist? After all, and as she has told her mother and friends, love is over-rated. Isn't it?

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Satan has kidnapped an intrepid adventurer! He wants to hire him for a few little... projects... however one must be careful when dealing with Satan for you never know what evil plans he has in store for you or his other minions!

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