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She's running for her life. He's the safe haven she never expected to find. The holiday season is about to get HOT. Hiding out for the holiday season in the heart of the South? Not something that Haley Quick ever expected to have on her to-do list but then...she never expected her ex to want her dead, either. Turns out, life is full of surprises. Time to deal. Haley has ditched New York for a crazy little dot on the map known as Point Hope, Alabama. It's a town gone extra crazy for the holidays, and Haley is sticking out like a sore thumb with her very much Grinch-self. But enter sexy sheriff Spencer Lane...Tall, muscled, and made with an extra dose of sex appeal, he is exactly the kind of man that Haley should be avoiding. He's charming, he looks way too good in a Santa hat, and, oh, yes, he's her new landlord. The hits just keep coming. She can't afford to let Spencer learn all of her secrets, a tough job since she is living with the man. No sex, though. It's purely a business relationship. Except...the holidays in the South sure do get HOT. Or maybe that's just sexy Spencer. Usually, Haley falls for the bad guy. It's the whole reason she's running for her life. She can't help but wonder...What would it be like to fall for a man like Spencer? He just got his Christmas wish. Sheriff Spencer Lane can't believe his luck. The most beautiful, fascinating woman he's ever seen has just dropped into his life like a gift from, well, the big guy in red. Only the problem is that Haley seems to think Spencer is some by-the-book, nice guy. Probably because of the badge. And if she wants him to be the hero, that's a role that he's happy to play for her. But the truth is, Spencer has plenty of darkness inside, too. An ex Navy SEAL, he knows how to get sh—um, stuff done. He also knows how to be very, very naughty. When danger threatens his Haley, all bets are off. No one is going to hurt her. No one is going to threaten her. Not in his town. Not on his watch. The nice guy will show Haley just how bad he can be. Fake snow, a parade of wild elves, and a stalker ex don't make for the merriest of times, but in Point Hope, anything can happen—and it usually does. Ready for a steamy story that will get you in the ho-ho-ho spirit? Settle back, curl up with Spencer, and have yourself a jolly old time.

How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days meets *Accidentally on Purpose* by Jill Shalvis in this head-over-heels romantic comedy.

'Blew my mind... so magically written and most of all that it is based on true events... a hard-hitting, soul-crushing book... I loved every moment of it... immersive, heart-wrenching, I feel emotional writing this review.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars  
*Wanted: Company Daughters*. Virtuous young ladies to become the brides of industrious settlers in a foreign land. The Company will pay the cost of the lady's dowry and travel. Returns not permitted, orphans preferred. Amsterdam, 1620. Jana Beil has learned that life rarely provides moments of joy. Having run away from a violent father, her days are spent searching for work in an effort to stay out of the city brothels, where desperate women trade their bodies for a mouthful of bread. But when Jana is hired as a servant for the wealthy and kind Master Reynst and his beautiful daughter Sontje, Jana's future begins to look brighter. Then Master Reynst loses his fortune on a bad investment, and everything changes. The house is sold to creditors, leaving Jana back on the street and Sontje without a future. With no other choice, Jana and Sontje are forced to sign with the East India Company as Company Daughters: sailing to a colonial Dutch outpost to become the brides of male settlers they know nothing about. With fear in their hearts, the girls begin their journey – but what awaits them on the other side of the world is nothing like what they've been promised... Based on true history, this is a gripping and unputdownable historical novel, perfect for fans of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Miniaturist* and *The Indigo Girl*. WINNER OF THE 2021 GOLDEN CROWN LITERARY SOCIETY AWARD FOR DEBUT FICTION. FINALIST FOR THE 2021 BISEXUAL BOOK AWARDS. LONGLISTED FOR THE 2021 HWA DEBUT CROWN AWARD. What readers are saying about *The Company Daughters*: 'Blew my mind... a book I've told so many people about purely because I'm still in disbelief that it exists, that it's so magically written and most of all that it is based on true events... a hard-hitting, soul-crushing book of a woman's struggle to survive... I loved every moment of it. Breathlessly, and in a way that took up my entire brain... immersive, heart-wrenching, and I feel emotional writing this review.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'From the moment I started reading *The Company Daughters*, I was captivated by this historical tale. Although it does contain a love story, it's not a romance... This was a gripping read.' Goodreads reviewer 'This book is so stunningly tender and beautiful, all mixed in with some seriously tragic and heart-wrenching events... Rajaram is an extremely skilled writer, and I love her writing style... The themes of sisterhood and female love were so present in this book and I found it very moving.' Goodreads reviewer 'I was enchanted by this book! It's a delightful read that will have your emotions all over the place.' Goodreads reviewer 'I love historical fiction, and this book touched on a topic and time I knew nearly nothing about... There's love, there's loss, there's surviving, there's thriving... It was a very beautiful book.' Goodreads reviewer 'The Company Daughters is a beautifully written love story... a perfect example of the power of human will and the endurance and hope that love can give a person.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This book has a beauty and grace to it. The author's writing just flows off the page, and although there are struggles and upsets by the time you close the book over you are filled with a warm glow.' Goodreads reviewer 'A powerful and insightful read. I look forward to reading more historical work by Samantha Rajaram!' Goodreads reviewer 'Heartbreaking... a moving book... vivid, with amazing characters... This is a great read.' Goodreads reviewer

Part human comedy and part mystery, *Lies the Mushroom Pickers Told* is an enthralling, masterful story about what holds a village together and what keeps people apart. When journalist Patrick Bracken returns to Gohen, the Irish village where he was born, he knows the eyes of the townspeople are on him. He has come home to investigate two deaths that happened decades earlier when he was a child, deaths that were ruled accidental. But Patrick knows—and believes the whole town knows—they were murders. He knows because he and his best friend, Mikey Lamb, were witnesses. And so Patrick goes to see eighty-year-old Sam Howard, the lawyer who conducted the inquest into the death of missionary priest Jarlath Coughlin. As he questions Sam and Sam's vibrant, loving, gossipy wife, Elsie, he seeks acknowledgment of a cover-up and an explanation of why the Protestant establishment would help conceal a crime among Catholics. During their give-and-take—about this and the nearly simultaneous shotgun death of Lawrence Gorman (aka Douk Yank)—what emerges from their collective memories are a pungent, wry portrait of village life in Ireland and a tangle of human relationships, some twisted and some that show our better side. Skyhorse Publishing, as well as our Arcade, Yucca, and Good Books imprints, are proud to publish a broad range of books for readers interested in fiction—novels, novellas, political and medical thrillers, comedy, satire, historical fiction, romance, erotic and love stories, mystery, classic literature, folklore and mythology, literary classics including Shakespeare, Dumas, Wilde, Cather, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

Eighteen-year-old Astrid Bjorklund has always dreamed of becoming a doctor. She had intended to study medicine in Chicago or Grand Forks, but when a disaster wiped out a major portion of her family's income, Astrid stayed home instead, receiving hands-on training from Dr. Elizabeth. Joshua Landsverk left Blessing two years ago, but he's never forgotten Astrid. Returning to town, he seeks to court her. Astrid is attracted to him, and when the opportunity unexpectedly opens for her to go to Chicago for medical training, she finds it difficult to leave. Love blossoms through their letters, but upon arriving back home, she makes a heartbreaking discovery. Will she have to give up love to pursue her dream?

'Riveting, moving and utterly feel-good' Daily Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Paradise has been home to generations of Trevannions: Paradise, the house at the head of a sheltered Cornish valley where Mrs Trevannion lives, surrounded by her family. Frail and elderly Honor Trevannion, bedridden following a nasty fall, is inexplicably anxious and distressed by the arrival of a young American bearing an old black and white photograph of a double wedding and looking for a long-lost relation. Her children Bruno and Emma, granddaughter Joss and faithful cousin Mousie try to nurse Honor back to health, unaware of the secrets which she keeps from those closest to her. Increasingly troubled and confused, she begs Joss to find a cache of letters which have been hidden for fifty years. Too late to hear the story from Honor herself, the family are faced with revelations which could destroy the tranquillity of life in their beloved valley. Will they be torn apart or can they unite in admiration for one woman's courage in standing by the life-changing decision she made so many years ago? \_\_\_\_\_ Praise for Marcia Willett: 'A genuine voice of our time' The Times 'Riveting, moving and utterly feel-good' Daily Mail

'I loved, loved, loved this so much!!!!' Blue Moon Blogger, ????? 'Stunning! Impossible to put down!' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Oh my!... Just Wow!' Red Headed Book Lady, ????? 'UNPUTDOWNABLE.' Book Reviews by Shalini, ????? They find her just as the sun is beginning to rise in the early morning mist. They had begun at dawn, the group of searchers keen to get going. A missing child spurred everyone on. In the end, it was a flash of colour, a bright neon pink that caught her eye. They had been looking for pink. Nothing tests your faith like being a mother. The first time your children walk to school alone, their first sleepover, when they finally fly the nest. As a parent, you have to believe that everything will be OK. It's why, when Lydia's sixteen-year-old daughter Zoe goes on a school camping trip, she has no idea of the horrors that will unfold. It's why, when Lydia gets a call saying that her daughter has disappeared, she refuses to give up. As she searches the mountains, her voice hoarse from calling Zoe's name, she imagines finding her. She envisions being flooded with relief as she throws her arms around her child, saying, 'you gave us such a scare'. She pictures her precious girl safely tucked in bed that evening. It's why, when they find Zoe's body, Lydia can barely believe it. It is unthinkable. Her little girl has gone. Something terrible happened, she is sure of it. Something made Zoe get out of her sleeping bag in the middle of the night, walk out of the warmth and safety of the cabin, into the darkness of the mountains. Driven by the memory of her youngest child, Lydia needs to find out the truth. What kind of mother would she be if she didn't? A heartbreaking, redemptive and beautifully crafted novel which brings to life a mother's worst nightmare, questioning how well we ever really know the people we love the most. Fans of Jodi Picoult, Kerry Fisher and Liane Moriarty will be blown away by this stirring, unforgettable tale. Readers absolutely love The Girl Who Never Come Home: 'Just like wow! So powerful and sad! I have never read a story quite like this one... I am truly blown away... Lots of twists and turns that I never saw coming... So very emotional that I had to have a box of tissues by my side. I stayed up until 5am so that I could finish this book.' Red Headed Book Lady, ????? 'Wow, what a heartbreaking book... A real page-turner.' NetGalley Reviewer, ????? 'Brilliant... UNPUTDOWNABLE... So powerful that I had to take a few breaths to calm my heart down... A heart-wrenching tale... to read in one go. How could I stop myself? Like the mother Lydia, I needed to know what happened to Zoé. I had to take a few minutes hugging myself before I could write this review... Left me awed. And the emotions... Oh the feelings, they left me overwhelmed. My heart just overflowed.' Book Reviews by Shalini, ????? 'I've read many of Nicole Trope's books and this one was by far the best. I'm telling you this woman does not disappoint... I'm a big fan of Nicole Trope and all her books. I don't eat or sleep until it is finished. This one was no exception. I couldn't put this down for the life of me. I had to find out what happened to poor Zoe and why. I can't say enough good things... Definitely going to be in my top reads of the year.' Blue Moon Blogger, ????? 'Will shock you to your very core! 5+ stars! Another stunning MUST-READ from the mastermind... Masterpiece! It is an emotionally charged, thrilling, and suspenseful rollercoaster read that is impossible to put down!... An unforgettable, mind-blowing experience! Keep the tissues nearby, but every tear shed will be well worth it!... Will fill you with a ferocious and intense need to hug your loved ones and never let go!' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Her heartbreak is shattering. I have lost a son and I can honestly say that the writer hits the emotions perfectly.' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Shockingly good!... You just don't know when it is going to hit you.' Goodreads Reviewer, ????? 'Make sure to clear some time in your schedule when you start this. I had to read it all at once.' Book Worm Down Under, ????? 'Breathtaking. Your worst nightmare come to life and I could not put it down... Full of suspense and begged to be read in one sitting. You cannot put this down until you read the final chapter.' Goodreads Reviewer, ?????

Una volta eri l'uomo che odiavo, ma ti ho perdonato per quello che hai fatto. Ora tocca a te perdonarmi. No, non ti ho tradito, nemmeno lontanamente. Ma ho commesso un errore enorme, di quelli che fanno sopravvivere poche relazioni. E adesso? Dove andremo? È stata la cosa più stupida che abbia mai fatto, e ha cambiato tutto. Troverai nel tuo cuore la forza per perdonarmi? O è la nostra fine? \*\* ANCORA NON MI FIDO DI TE è il secondo libro della COPPIA dei nemici - amanti dell'autrice bestseller Charlotte Byrd che ti farà girare la testa. Cosa dicono i lettori di Charlotte Byrd: "Questo libro / serie crea dipendenza! Estremamente scottante e infuocato, intenso con colpi di scena che proprio non ti aspetterai... "????? "Lo inizi e non lo posi più!" ????? "Come diavolo ho fatto a sopravvivere? La mia mente è sconvolta, il cuore mi esplode nel petto e sono sul baratro, tremando come una foglia in una tempesta, in attesa di rifare tutto da capo, con la conclusione che sia uno dei migliori motivi per uscire dal lavoro e perdersi per un po'. " ????? "Questa serie è così intensa e deliziosa. I colpi di scena mozzafiato, le emozioni selvagge e la tensione snervante continuano ad aumentare man mano che si prosegue ogni libro di questa affascinante serie. Sono così coinvolto nella storia di Nicholas e Olivia. Questi personaggi si insinuano davvero nel tuo cuore, consumando totalmente anche la tua mente. La avvincente storia ti cattura rapidamente e ti immerge nel mondo di questa coppia. Cerca di essere preparato per il colpo di scena e per l'attesa per il sesto e ultimo libro di questa fantastica serie. " ?????

Here is the dramatic story of Scandinavia - from its earliest Germanic origins and Viking sea raids to its battles for independence and its involvement in World War II. Denmark, Finland, Norway, and Sweden, writes award-winning historian Ewan Butler writes, struggled through unions and separations, with both outsiders and each other, developing their own personalities and languages yet retaining their ancient

connections.

"You will not sleep until you are finished with AGENT ZERO. A superb job creating a set of characters who are fully developed and very much enjoyable. The description of the action scenes transport us into a reality that is almost like sitting in a movie theater with surround sound and 3D (it would make an incredible Hollywood movie). I can hardly wait for the sequel." --Roberto Mattos, Books and Movie Reviews CHASING ZERO is book #9 in the #1 bestselling AGENT ZERO series, which begins with AGENT ZERO (Book #1), a free download with nearly 300 five-star reviews. The Palestinians decide they want to make peace with Israel—and they want the U.S. President to broker the historic treaty on their territory. Agent Zero advises the President against the dangerous trip, but he insists on going. After a series of dramatic and shocking twists, the most dangerous 48 hours of Zero's life ensue, forcing him into an impossible mission: save the President at all costs. CHASING ZERO (Book #9) is an un-putdownable espionage thriller that will keep you turning pages late into the night. Books #10-#11 are also available! "Thriller writing at its best." --Midwest Book Review (re Any Means Necessary) "One of the best thrillers I have read this year." --Books and Movie Reviews (re Any Means Necessary) Also available is Jack Mars' #1 bestselling LUKE STONE THRILLER series (7 books), which begins with Any Means Necessary (Book #1), a free download with over 800 five star reviews!

Zavir est un gardien. Il est ce que Krinar a de meilleur. Il est chargé de démasquer les mouvements de la Résistance qui émergent tout autour du globe, et de les éliminer. De nouvelles informations sur une cellule grandissante de la Résistance l'envoient au Costa Rica, le refuge du plus vaste centre krinar. Son informatrice est une humaine. Elle veut passer un marché : il laisse la vie sauve à sa famille de traîtres, en échange d'informations. Mais Zavir ne passe pas de marché, et il ne prend pas de prisonniers. Quand viendra le moment d'éliminer l'organisation secrète, son innocente petite taupe connaîtra la vérité. Elle a passé un marché avec le diable, et le prix à payer est beaucoup plus tentant que des informations.

Come home to 59 Memory Lane with a new novel from the Kindle Top Ten bestselling author Celia Anderson! 'A brilliantly original and enchanting tale' Sun 'Wonderful characters make this a great read' Good Housekeeping

Stone Barrington must track down an enemy intent on disturbing law and order in the latest action-packed thriller from the #1 New York Times bestselling author. Upon returning from a dangerous coastal adventure, Stone Barrington is looking forward to some normalcy with the leading lady in his life. But when a grisly crime arrives on his doorstep, along with some suspicious new clients eager for his help, Stone realizes peace and quiet are no longer an option. As it turns out, the mastermind behind the malfeasance rocking New York City and the nation's capital wields a heavy hand of influence. And when Stone is unable to recruit those closest to the case to his side, he is left with few leads and a handful of dead-ends. But with the help of important people in high places--and the expertise of alluring new friends--Stone is more than ready to rise to the occasion.

It took all of thirty seconds for two shots to bring the world of Margaret Tabaaha crashing down around her. After losing her husband in Afghanistan during the first year of Operation Enduring Freedom, her two sons were all she had left. Now they had been taken from her violently, deliberately, plunging her into a whiskey bottle and stripping away her reason for living. When Arthur Nakai receives a call from his first love, Margaret, her voice pleading for his help, it comes as he is attending a wake for one of the men he considered a brother from his days in the Marines 6th LAR Wolf Pack Battalion. Feeling a deep and responsible obligation to help her, Arthur soon finds himself involved in the multi-billion-dollar world of the oil and gas industry and coming face-to-face with an old adversary, Elias Dayton. Their paths had crossed when Arthur was a member of the Shadow Wolves, an elite tactical unit within US Customs and Border Protection. Now Dayton runs Patriot Security, a Blackwater-type firm that keeps the oil rigs, gas wells, and man camps secure from the Water Protectors, protesters pushing to stop the fracking and poisoning of Native lands. As Arthur works through the case from his end, Navajo police chief Jake Bilagody tackles it from another angle, looking into the strained relationship between the oil company and the Navajo people, all while searching for a missing Navajo man that may have become an unwilling piece on the reservation checkerboard. But when Arthur learns the identity of the boys' killer, he struggles to make sense of it. Because if the clues are right, he will be forced to make a decision that will haunt him for the rest of his life.

One cowboy, one bar, one hell of a holiday! Praise for Carolyn Brown's country music romances: "You won't want to miss this boot scootin' contemporary full of sexy cowboys and sassy women."-The Romance Studio (My Give a Damn's Busted) She means business... Sharlene Waverly is determined to have the "new and improved" Honky Tonk up and running before the holiday. For that, she'll need Holt Jackson, the best darn carpenter in the state. But his warm, whisky-colored eyes make her insides melt, and before she knows it, she's sharing her darkest secrets and talking about the nightmares... He's determined to keep things professional... Holt Jackson needs the job at the Honky Tonk, but is completely unprepared to handle the beautiful new bar owner he's working for. Sharlene and Holt try like crazy to deny the sparks flying between them, but their love may just be the best Christmas present either one of them ever got. Praise for I Love This Bar: "Heart...sass...a lot of sparks and romance...country music. What more can I say? I really had fun with this book."-Red-Headed Book Child "Guaranteed to leave you countrified and satisfied!"-Love Romance Passion

The war is over and blackouts are a thing of the past, except in the village of Melchester, where the local council has refused to sully its streets with unsightly lamps. The night is pitch black, but hardly quiet. Young lovers are rendezvousing, a police constable is helping himself to a few of his neighbor's partridges, and a poet is going to visit his beloved, a new verse on his lips. She will never hear it, sadly, for the young man is stopped along his way – stopped forever, by the tight grip of the garrote. The local constabulary wastes no time reaching out to Scotland Yard, which sends its best man: the easygoing detective-inspector Littlejohn. In Melchester he will find unspeakable secrets – and one citizen whose soul is as dark as the village night.

YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT HER. BUT SHE KNOWS EVERYTHING ABOUT YOU. A gripping psychological thriller about a ghostwriter tasked with writing the autobiography of a woman who is trying to bury the secrets of her past - from the author of WHERE THE MISSING GO. Olivia is the domestic goddess-turned-internet sensation who has won millions of followers by sharing her picture-perfect life online. And now she's releasing her tell-all autobiography. Nicky is the ghostwriter tasked with coaxing out the full story - including details of the tragic accident that blighted Olivia's golden childhood. But, as she delves into Olivia's life, Nicky discovers cracks appearing in the glamorous façade. From money worries to Olivia's strained relationship with her handsome husband, the truth belies her perfect image. As Olivia becomes increasingly hostile to the woman she's let into her life, Nicky becomes ever more relentless in her hunt for the truth. Has Olivia really escaped the ghosts of her past - or will Nicky find there are more sinister reasons she wants to leave an old tragedy well alone?

"Very entertaining. I highly recommend this book to the permanent library of any reader that appreciates a very well written mystery, with some twists and an intelligent plot. You will not be disappointed. Excellent way to spend a cold weekend!" --Books and Movie Reviews, Roberto Mattos (regarding Murder in the Manor) PERISHED BY A PAINTING (A LACEY DOYLE COZY MYSTERY—BOOK 6) is book six in a charming new cozy mystery series which begins with MURDER IN THE MANOR (Book #1), a #1 Bestseller with over 100 five-star reviews—and a free download! Lacey Doyle, 39 years old and freshly divorced, has made a drastic change: she has walked away from the fast life of New York City and settled down in the quaint English seaside

town of Wilfordshire. Fall has arrived in Wilfordshire, bringing with it Fall festivals of food, charming holidays and refreshing return to simple normalcy. To celebrate their new proposal, Lacey and Tom finally get a romantic countryside trip together, and Lacey is thrilled to stumble upon a rare painting in the most unexpected place—a shack on the side of the road. But Lacey has no idea how rare and valuable his painting actually is. When she finds out the shocking news, she grapples with whether she should return it—when a shocking twist and a dead body put her right in the middle of a crime that she must, with her beloved dog at her side, solve—or else lose all that she has worked for. *SILENCED BY A SPELL* (Book #7), *FRAMED BY A FORGERY* (Book #8), and *CATASTROPHE IN A CLOISTER* (Book #9) are also available!

“This book underscores what we have long known—Gurganus stands among the best writers of our time.” —Ann Patchett Through memorable language and bawdy humor, Gurganus returns to his mythological Falls, North Carolina, home of *Widow*. This first work in a decade offers three novellas mirroring today’s face-lifted South, a zone revolutionized around freer sexuality, looser family ties, and superior telecommunications, yet it celebrates those locals who have chosen to stay local. In doing so, *Local Souls* uncovers certain old habits—adultery, incest, obsession—still very much alive in our New South, a “Winesburg, Ohio” with high-speed Internet. Wells Tower says of Gurganus, “No living writer knows more about how humans matter to each other.” Such ties of love produce hilarious, if wrenching, complications: “Fear Not” gives us a banker’s daughter seeking the child she was forced to surrender when barely fifteen, only to find an adult rescuer she might have invented. In “Saints Have Mothers,” a beloved high school valedictorian disappears during a trip to Africa, granting her ambitious mother a postponed fame that turns against her. And in a dramatic “Decoy,” the doctor-patient friendship between two married men breaks toward desire just as a biblical flood shatters their neighborhood and rearranges their fates. Gurganus finds fresh pathos in ancient tensions: between marriage and Eros, parenthood and personal fulfillment. He writes about erotic hunger and social embarrassment with Twain’s knife-edged glee. By loving Falls, Gurganus dramatizes the passing of Hawthorne’s small-town nation into those Twitter-nourished lives we now expect and relish. Four decades ago, John Cheever pronounced Allan Gurganus “the most technically gifted and morally responsive writer of his generation.” *Local Souls* confirms Cheever’s prescient faith. It deepens the luster of Gurganus’s reputation for compassion and laughter. His black comedy leaves us with lasting affection for his characters and the aching aftermath of human consequences. Here is a universal work about a village.

I may be a shy, lowly letter carrier, but when my beloved apartment building is threatened by a mysterious and reclusive billionaire, I’m willing to push the envelope. I’m going to march right up to Malcolm Blackberg’s fortress of fierceness and deliver a cease-and-desist notice he can’t refuse. Except as soon as I get inside his gilded doors, things go sideways—I’m mistaken for Malcolm’s court-ordered emotional intelligence coach—they think I’m acting out a wacky postal carrier cosplay. They drag me in, a sacrificial lamb for the big bad. Make that big, smolderingly sexy bad. So I make up a lesson involving a story about our building. He doesn’t seem happy. Can he tell that I have no idea what I’m doing? Before I know it I’m flying around the country, up close and personality testing the most devilishly exasperating man I’ve ever met. He’s scary for sure...but the way he sometimes looks at me turns my knees to jelly, and has me writing love letters to his gorgeous eyes, his mouthwatering smile, his impressive...package. Our coaching sessions are getting hot-hot-hot, but I can’t let my guard down. If he ever finds out I’m a first-class fake, I’ll lose everything I’ve ever loved in this world! \*\*\* \*\*The stand-alone romcoms in this series can be read in any order!\*\* Book 1. Most Eligible Billionaire (Henry & Vicky) Book 2. The Billionaire’s Wake-up Call Girl (Lizzie & Theo) Book 3. Breaking the Billionaire’s Rules (Max & Mia) Book 4. The Billionaire’s Fake Fiancée (Rex and Tabitha) Book 5. Return Billionaire to Sender (Noelle & Malcolm) enemies to lovers romantic comedy, laugh out loud romcom, humorous romance, funny sexy book, funny books, funny romance novels, hilarious romance, laugh-out-loud, romantic comedy bestsellers, best romantic comedy, top romcom, bestselling romantic comedy, top romantic comedy, top romcom, bestselling romcom 2020, best romantic comedy 2020, highest rated romantic comedy, funny books, funny romance novel, light reads, fun reads, funny reads, funny romance books.

When their relationship is revealed, Chief Inspector Michael Sinclair and detective Kathleen Doyle must deal with office politics while trying to solve a series of murders linked to both the Russian mafia and an Irish terrorist group.

Learning that Hazel Marie is pregnant with twins and that the father, private investigator J. D. Pickens, has left town, Miss Julia summons the wayward man to solve a local theft in the hopes of reuniting the couple. By the author of *Miss Julia Paints the Town*.

*Darkness Never Prevails*. While staying home was a vital safety measure in 2020, the freedom of the TARDIS remained a dream that drew many - allowing them to roam the cosmos in search of distraction, reassurance and adventure. Now some of the finest TV Doctor Who writers come together with gifted illustrators in this very special short story collection in support of BBC Children in Need. Current and former showrunners - Chris Chibnall Russell T Davies and Steven Moffat - present exciting adventures for the Doctor conceived in confinement, alongside brand new fiction from Neil Gaiman, Mark Gatiss and Vinay Patel. Also featuring work from Chris Riddell, Joy Wilkinson, Paul Cornell, Sonia Leong, Sophie Cowdrey, Mike Collins and many more, *Adventures in Lockdown* is a book for any Doctor Who fan in your life, stories that will send your heart spinning wildly through time and space... £2.25 from every copy sold in the UK of Doctor Who: *Adventures in Lockdown* will benefit Children in Need (registered charity number 802052 in England & Wales and SC039557 in Scotland)

An essential guide to cooking all things poultry from the master of American cuisine James Beard’s culinary relationship with fowl has a most fascinating history. On Christmas Eve, 1942, Beard, along with eleven other air force recruits, was chosen to carve four thousand pounds of turkey overnight—an experience that put him off turkey for years. When he finally returned to the nation’s favorite bird, it was with remarkable vigor and creativity. *Beard on Birds* reflects this passion with expertly crafted dishes that will appeal to a modern twenty-first-century palate. The definitive classic equips home cooks with the skills and techniques they need to artfully prepare chicken, turkey, duck, goose, and more. With more than two hundred recipes ranging from squab to stuffing and from quiche to quail, *Beard on Birds* will banish boring and bland poultry dishes forever. Whether you’re cooking an intimate dinner or a Thanksgiving feast, Beard’s good humor and simple-yet-elegant recipes are sure to stand the test of time.

“This heartfelt, witty addition to women’s fiction will appeal to fans of Elizabeth Berg and Anna Quindlen.” (Booklist) Georgia Waltz has things many people only dream of: a plush Manhattan apartment overlooking Central Park, a Hamptons beach house, valuable jewels and art, two bright daughters, and a husband she adores, even after decades of

marriage. It's only when Ben suddenly drops dead from a massive coronary while training for the New York City Marathon that Georgia discovers her husband—a successful lawyer—has left them nearly penniless. Their wonderland was built on lies. As the family attorney scours emptied bank accounts, Georgia must not only look for a way to support her family, she needs to face the revelation that Ben was not the perfect husband he appeared to be, just as her daughters—now ensconced back at home with secrets of their own—have to accept that they may not be returning to their lives in Paris and at Stanford subsidized by the Bank of Mom and Dad. As she uncovers hidden resilience, Georgia's sudden midlife shift forces her to consider who she is and what she truly values. That Georgia may also find new love in the land of Spanx and stretch marks surprises everyone—most of all, her. Sally Koslow's fourth novel is deftly told through the alternating viewpoints of her remarkable female protagonists as they plumb for the grit required to reinvent their lives. Inspiring, funny, and deeply satisfying, *The Widow Waltz* explores in a profound way the bonds between mothers and daughters, belligerent siblings, skittish lovers, and bitter rivals as they discover the power of forgiveness, and healing, all while asking, "What is family, really?"

I am not a liar or a thief or a criminal. At least, not anymore. But here I am doing the things that I promised myself I would never do again. Nicholas Crawford made me an offer I couldn't refuse. He is dangerous and damaged but so am I. Our relationship is an addiction that we have to feed. Now, things are about to get even more complicated.

Allegiances will be tested. Lies will be told. Truths will be revealed. We have both made promises that we can't keep. The secrets we have uncovered only scratch the surface, and I'm afraid to find out what lies below. All is not what it seems but I have to figure out the truth before it's too late. Dive into the decadent and delicious 3rd book of the new and addictive *Tell Me* series by bestselling author Charlotte Byrd.

What readers are saying about Charlotte Byrd: "Extremely captivating, sexy, steamy, intriguing, and intense!" "Addictive and impossible to put down." "I can't get enough of the turmoil, lust, love, drama and secrets!" "Fast-paced romantic suspense filled twists and turns, danger, betrayal and so much more." "Decadent, delicious, & dangerously addictive!"

\*Beware of spoilers in the reviews below that are without spoiler alerts.\*

To Mr. Tate Howard, You are quite possibly the most infuriating, annoying and grumpy man I've ever met in my life. I know you think that you're God's gift to women, but I have a secret to let you in on: you're not. You're God's gift to yourself. Get over your wanna-be cool surfer self and grow up. I thought it was time that someone addressed your big head and told you straight to your face that you're not all that. Just because you have an Ivy league education doesn't mean you're the smartest man in the world. In fact, I'm not even sure if you would have gotten in if you didn't have rich parents. Yes, I went there. Every woman doesn't want to sleep with you and I'm sure you're not even good in bed. And I'm someone that would know. From, *Your Secret Not Admirer*

love comes in many colors. this is a story of breaking and healing, of forgiving but not forgetting, of understanding and balance. it is not only something to enjoy, but something to learn from. here are the things i did right, and the many things i did wrong. i give them to you, so that when love comes knocking, you will have a sense of what to do when you open the door. Explore the experience of six different relationships in this moving collection that dives into the highs and lows of love.

Scott Sebastian is a liar. Fitting, since I'm a liar too. Yet there's no place for me in his glittering world of half-truths. With all our secrets in the open, I should stop trying. What I've learned should send me running far away. I can't keep pining for a man in love if I'm not the woman he's in love with. But it's not that easy to escape the Sebastians. I already knew they owned this city. Now I'll find out if they also own their son.

The *Bad Boy Series Collection* I've been in love with Hunter Saint my entire life. He was my first love and the one I could never forget. Then Fate intervened and we became enemies. Now, I must go to Hunter on my hands and knees to beg him to save my brother's life. I'll pay any price to save him. I'll do anything Hunter wants. Anything... The *Bad Boy Series* by S. E. Lund's is a sexy new novella series, featuring a bad boy with a heart of gold and a heroine who can't get him out of her life or her heart. When Fate forces them back together again, can they deny what has long simmered between them?

ÜBER 700 SEITEN „ABSOLUT FESSELNDE“ UND „UNGLAUBLICH BERÜHRENDE“ DARK ROMANCE – ABGESCHLOSSENER ROMAN »Eine epische Dark Romance mit herzerreißender Tiefe und knisternder Sinnlichkeit!« – Anna Zaires, Bestsellerautorin der New York Times Vor sechs Jahren hat Harold Dalton mich mit einem fingierten Diebstahl reingelegt und mich ins Gefängnis gebracht, um meinen Diamantenfund zu stehlen. Im Austausch für die Grabungsrechte gab er seine Tochter Jack Clarke. Heute bin ich ein freier Mann, und will meine Rache. Sechs Jahre voller Grausamkeiten machen aus Menschen Bestien. Ich werde mir das zurückholen, was er mir gestohlen hat, und noch mehr. Ich bin nicht an seinen Immobilien oder Aktien interessiert. Ich will sein Kleingeld nicht. Ich will seinen größten Schatz, die schöne, mental instabile Angelina Dalton-Clarke. Mit ihren Milliarden ist sie die reichste Witwe des Landes, und auch die verrückteste. Ihre selbstverletzenden Tendenzen hatten Jack dazu veranlasst, sie für unzurechnungsfähig erklären zu lassen, bevor er sich eine Waffe an den Kopf hielt und sich das Gehirn rausblies. Lina darf keinen Cent ihres Reichtums anfassen. Ihr Vater verwaltet ihre Finanzen und hat alle Unterschriftsvollmachten. Als ihr Mann werden mir diese Aufgaben zufallen, aber wenn sie denkt, dass ich sie nur wegen ihres Geldes will, irrt sie sich gewaltig.

*Goodnight Mysteries: Book 1 - 3* The *Goodnight Mysteries* series is the small-town mystery romance spinoff of the *Matchmaker Mysteries*. *Goodnight...* Sometimes sweet dreams end in murder. \* *Die Noon* \* Matilda Dare can't sleep. Her insomnia is one more reason to move to the quirky small town of Goodnight, New Mexico after she inherits a house, a small newspaper, and two old dogs there. But despite the *Goodnight* name, Matilda still spends her nights wide awake, and she has good reason after a reporter is murdered.

With a mystery to solve, she begins to investigate the town and uncovers more suspects than she knows what to do with. Meanwhile, the hottie cowboy sheriff is doing his own investigation into Matilda, and the mysterious, handsome stranger, who just happens to live with her, is showing up in all the wrong places. As her investigation continues, danger increases, and it might end up spelling lights out for Matilda. \* A Doom with a View \* Matilda Dare still can't sleep. Since she's arrived in Goodnight, New Mexico, she's solved one murder and had more than one conversation with a dead woman. Obsessed with finding the woman's killer, she has to put that on hold when her newspaper receives a mysterious, coded letter. When the author of the letter winds up dead, Matilda is thrust into a mystery that puts her new friends into danger. The hunky Sheriff Goodnight and Matilda's hunky roommate Boone are along for the ride in this funny action adventure that might end up spelling lights out for Matilda. \* Jurassic Dark \* Matilda Dare might be in a new relationship, but she's not sure. Ever since Boone kissed her, it's been up in the air if they're an item or not. Either way, she can't focus on romance for very long because one of her best friends has been accused of murder, and Matilda is bound and determined to prove her innocence. Matilda and Boone find themselves on the trail of the real killer out in the wilds of New Mexico. But as they're pursuing the killer, they're being pursued as well. \* "Elise Sax will win your heart."—New York Times bestselling author Jill Shalvis \* "Sax will make you laugh. Her larger-than-life characters jump off the page and make crazy seem like a fun place to hang out."—New York Times bestselling author Christie Craig \* "With quirky characters reminiscent of Janet Evanovich's Stephanie Plum series and a small-town heroine redolent of Charlaine Harris' Sookie Stackhouse" --RT Book Reviews "Fans of laugh-out-loud romantic suspense will enjoy this new author as she joins the ranks of Janet Evanovich, Katie MacAllister, and Jennifer Crusie."—Booklist, on An Affair to Dismember "A lighthearted and amusing caper with a sexy side order of romance . . . Gladie is an endearing mess of a character, and the book is fast-paced and amusing, with a large cast of quirky, small-town characters."—Kirkus Reviews, on Matchpoint \* "There's plenty for fans to enjoy in Sax's third Matchmaker installment, complete with energetic narration, zany humor and a mystery that's as engaging as the details of Gladie's love life."—RT Book Reviews, on Love Game In New York Times bestseller Allison Brennan's Cold as Ice, FBI Agent Lucy Kincaid must get into the head of a psychopath to save her family, and herself Two years ago, FBI Agent Lucy Kincaid put psychopath Elise Hansen Hunt in juvenile detention for her role in an organized crime syndicate. Now eighteen, Elise has been released with a clean slate, and plans to take her revenge by making Lucy's life hell. The plot begins with Lucy's husband Sean Rogan, who has been arrested for a murder he most certainly did not commit. Lucy is determined to prove Sean's innocence, but is warned off the case by her boss. As she calls in reinforcements, she learns that Sean's brother Kane is missing in Mexico, her partner Nate Dunning has been arrested for possession of cocaine, and her friend Brad Donnelly has been kidnapped outside DEA headquarters. Lucy realizes that Elise doesn't have the resources or patience to execute such a devious plan. Did Elise's father orchestrate everything from prison? Or is there someone even more calculating seeking revenge on Lucy by hurting the people she loves? One thing is certain: if Lucy doesn't find the answers fast, Sean will die.

He knows things about her that no one could know; he makes her feel things she never knew she could feel ... and he's come back to warn her that a killer is watching her. Although Katie grew up in Possum Holler, Georgia, she feels isolated and disconnected from the town's residents—aside from her loving but oppressive husband. And while her job as his vet assistant is fulfilling, her growing discontent becomes uneasiness when local girls start disappearing. Then, the boy who helped her through a horrible time in her childhood, and who was sent away because of that help, has come back to town. Spooky Silas, as he was known then, helps open her eyes to the emotional manipulation of the man she married, encouraging the return of her feisty self. But that's not the reason Silas has returned. He knows something about the missing girls. And he knows Katie is next. He has always loved Katie but stayed away to keep her safe from the shadowy abilities he possesses. Those abilities may help, or they might ultimately plunge her into more danger as he grows closer to the killer ... whose face is terrifyingly familiar. ????? "Tina has unforgettable female protagonists and action-packed, almost haunting plotlines." – Janet Evanovich New York Times bestselling author ????? "What a breathless suspense! From the first page of this book to the last ... it's totally riveting and you cannot put your book down at all!" – Vine Voice ????? "Grabbed me from the start kept me on the edge of my seat." – Goodreads Reviewer ????? "I was on the edge of my seat, and at times I was yelling at the book. Tina had me from the beginning til the very end." – Goodreads Reviewer

Jason is a cynical rich playboy. He doesn't take life seriously, He doesn't believe in settling down. Eileen's thirtieth birthday is almost here. But as always she's her parent's afterthought. Her family is too busy planning a shotgun wedding for her older sister—and she has to help. It's just another year where she's overlooked. But the best man is smoking hot and actually notices her and makes her feel special. Jason doesn't believe in commitment, but Eileen intrigues him. She's not the kind of girl he usually hooks up with. She doesn't even fall for his charm. He's made it his task to convince her that he's not the shallow man she thinks he is. But can Jason give up his playboy lifestyle to become what Eileen needs?

"Enchanting and mesmerizing!" —PATTI CALLAHAN, New York Times bestselling author of Becoming Mrs. Lewis A storied castle. A band of rebels. A nation chasing a centuries-old dream of freedom. And three women who rise above it all . . . When Laine Forrester travels overseas to attend her best friend's vineyard wedding, she expects to find the bride on the brink of a fairy-tale life. But after a series of unforeseen setbacks, it seems the storybook lives they'd imagined are suddenly ripping apart. With hopes of resurrecting a happy ending, Laine agrees to accompany the newlyweds to the groom's home in Ireland—never expecting she'd be the one drawn in by its wide-open moors, backroads bordering the Irish Sea, and a mysterious castle that dares to keep its secrets hidden. From the storied streets of Dublin to the shores of the Emerald Isle, Laine is drawn in to the land and its rich history. The castle ruins whisper stories of Issy—a photojournalist battling through the 1916 Easter Rising, and Maeve—the castle's lady of legend, fighting for survival through the 1798 rebellion that started it all. Spanning more than two centuries, Castle on the Rise unites the legacy of three women who must risk mending the broken places within for life, love, and the belief that even through the depths of our pain, a masterpiece of a story can emerge. "Castle on the Rise perfectly showcases rising star Kristy Cambron's amazing talent! Perfect pacing, lovely prose, and an intricate plot blend together in a delightful novel I couldn't put down. Highly recommended!" —Colleen Coble, USA TODAY bestselling author of Secrets at Cedar Cabin and the Rock Harbor series "Cambron's latest is one of her best. Gripping and epic, this intricately woven tale of three generations seeking truth and justice will stay with you long after the last page." —Rachel Hauck, New York Times bestselling

author

\*\*\*The sparkling new Christmas novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author Heidi Swain!\*\*\* Freya Fuller is estranged from her parents and has been following her childhood dream of becoming a gardener ever since. When an opportunity to design a winter garden opens up at a Victorian property in Nightingale Square, Freya jumps at the chance to make a fresh start. But while the majority of the residents are welcoming, local artist Finn seems determined to shut her out, and when Freya's family make a surprise appearance, it seems that her new life is about to come crashing down . . . The Winter Garden is the perfect read this Christmas, promising snowfall, warm fires and breath-taking seasonal romance. Perfect for fans of Carole Matthews, Cathy Bramley and Sarah Morgan. Praise for HEIDI SWAIN: 'The queen of feel-good' Woman & Home 'Full of Heidi's trademark gentle charm. Lock the door, pour some mulled wine and settle into this wonderful Christmas treat!' Milly Johnson 'More Christmassy than a week in Lapland - we loved it!' heat 'Sprinkled with Christmas sparkle' Trisha Ashley 'Give yourself a Christmas treat and curl up with this magical book!' Sue Moorcroft, author of The Little Village Christmas 'A real Christmas cracker of a read!' Penny Parkes, author of Practice Makes Perfect 'Cosy, Christmassy and deeply satisfying! Another wonderful read!' Mandy Baggot, author of One Christmas Kiss in Notting Hill

It's a summer internship. Never mind that the owners are hot. Never mind that there are three of them. Never mind that they are twice her age. Never mind that they have a secret "play" room in the basement. Never mind that she's never been more intrigued in her life. She only has three months. No matter how deeply she gets involved, she can't stay...

I don't know who to believe, but I know that this place is full of lies and secrets. Easton Bay has risked everything to protect me, but that doesn't mean that he didn't do what they had accused him of. I am in love with him. I am supposed to be his wife, but this changes everything. The King has turned on him. I'm Easton's only hope. But it's only a matter of time before they turn on me, too. Is my fate sealed? \*Previously published as Throne of York Praise for Charlotte Byrd "Decadent, delicious, & dangerously addictive!" - Amazon Review ????? "Titillation so masterfully woven, no reader can resist its pull. A MUST-BUY!" - Bobbi Koe, Amazon Review ????? "Captivating!" - Crystal Jones, Amazon Review ????? "Exciting, intense, sensual" - Rock, Amazon Reviewer ????? "Sexy, secretive, pulsating chemistry..." - Mrs. K, Amazon Reviewer ????? "Charlotte Byrd is a brilliant writer. I've read loads and I've laughed and cried. She writes a balanced book with brilliant characters. Well done!" -Amazon Review ????? "Fast-paced, dark, addictive, and compelling" - Amazon Reviewer ????? "Hot, steamy, and a great storyline." - Christine Reese ????? "My oh my....Charlotte has made me a fan for life." - JJ, Amazon Reviewer ????? "The tension and chemistry is at five alarm level." - Sharon, Amazon reviewer ????? "Hot, sexy, intriguing journey of Elli and Mr. Aiden Black. - Robin Langelier ????? "Wow. Just wow. Charlotte Byrd leaves me speechless and humble... It definitely kept me on the edge of my seat. Once you pick it up, you won't put it down." - Amazon Review ????? "Sexy, steamy and captivating!" - Charmaine, Amazon Reviewer ????? "Intrigue, lust, and great characters...what more could you ask for?!" - Dragonfly Lady ????? "An awesome book. Extremely entertaining, captivating and interesting sexy read. I could not put it down." - Kim F, Amazon Reviewer ????? "Just the absolute best story. Everything I like to read about and more. Such a great story I will read again and again. A keeper!!" - Wendy Ballard ????? "It had the perfect amount of twists and turns. I instantaneously bonded with the heroine and of course Mr. Black. YUM. It's sexy, it's sassy, it's steamy. It's everything." - Khardine Gray, Bestselling Romance Author ?????

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