

## Reckless The House Of Rohan 2 Anne Stuart

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A long string of tragic loves haunts Viscount Benedick Francis Alistair Rohan. Cool and cynical, he's weary of life's fickle games and wants a prim and proper wife he can ignore while indulging his sensual appetites. Lady Melisande Carstairs is nothing less than a tornado storming into Benedick's measured life. Possessed of boundless energy and the soul of a reformer, Melisande always conquers, whether it's saving the souls of soiled doves or seducing the man she's inconveniently fallen for. When she informs Benedick that his brother's newly revived Heavenly Host has graduated from simple carnal debauchery to sadistic violence, he's compelled to investigate, undercover. Under those covers, however, is Melisande herself, playing a dangerous game in the name of justice. And the Heavenly Host has just seen her hand, and more

TALK ABOUT LOST IN TRANSLATION... In the wake of a failed love affair, brainy beauty Jilly Lovitz takes off for Tokyo. She's expecting to cry on her sister Summer's shoulder, then spend a couple months blowing off steam in Japan. Instead, she's snatched away on the back of a motorcycle, narrowly avoiding a grisly execution attempt meant for her sister and brother-in-law. Her rescuer is Reno, the Committee's most unpredictable agent. They'd met once before and the attraction was odd—tattooed Yakuza punk meets leggy California egghead—but electric. Now Reno and Jilly are pawns in a deadly tangle of assassination attempts, kidnappings and prisoner swaps that could put their steamy partnership on ice.

Kit Adderley is the worst man in England, a bored libertine who'll do anything to entertain himself, including kidnapping the strong-minded, freckled dab of a girl promised to his partner in crime. Bryony Marton is trapped in a quiet life and looking for escape, when her awful fiancé's best friend inadvertently offers it. Everything would be fine if he hadn't kidnapped her pretty young cousin as well. And now there's a handsome young Bow Street Runner chasing them..! On the road, Bryony embraces her freedom, and she's more than willing to embrace her captor, a man who kicks over convention and isn't nearly as bad as he and the rest of the world think he is, but now she has a new problem: how to convince the worst man in England, Scotland and Wales that he's the best man for her?

Miranda meets the Scorpion. Trouble ensues.

Heedless. Stubborn. Disgraced. Small town Illinois, 1870: "My stepfather was not particularly fond of me to begin with, and now that he'd found out about the baby, he was foaming at the mouth" Desperate to avoid marriage, Nell Lillington refuses to divulge the name of her child's father and accepts her stepfather's decision that the baby be born at a Poor Farm and discreetly adopted. Until an unused padded cell is opened and two small bodies fall out. Nell is the only resident of the Poor Farm who is convinced the unwed mother and her baby were murdered, and rethinks her decision to abandon her own child to fate. But even if she manages to escape the Poor Farm with her baby she may have no safe place to run to.

Kenny Blackwood arrives in Tokyo to discover a destiny he had never dreamed of and a hidden war that is about to explode. Ancient monsters bite off more than they can chew in this action-packed fantasy-adventure trilogy set in modern-day Japan. Now a popular Netflix feature film, starring Jennifer Aniston, Danielle Macdonald, and

Dove Cameron, as well as a soundtrack from Dolly Parton! The #1 New York Times bestseller and feel-good YA of the year—about Willowdean Dixon, the fearless, funny, and totally unforgettable heroine who takes on her small town’s beauty pageant. Self-proclaimed fat girl Willowdean Dickson (dubbed “Dumplin’” by her former beauty queen mom) has always been at home in her own skin. Her thoughts on having the ultimate bikini body? Put a bikini on your body. With her all-American beauty best friend, Ellen, by her side, things have always worked . . . until Will takes a job at Harpy’s, the local fast-food joint. There she meets Private School Bo, a hot former jock. Will isn’t surprised to find herself attracted to Bo. But she is surprised when he seems to like her back. Instead of finding new heights of self-assurance in her relationship with Bo, Will starts to doubt herself. So she sets out to take back her confidence by doing the most horrifying thing she can imagine: entering the Miss Clover City beauty pageant—along with several other unlikely candidates—to show the world that she deserves to be up there as much as any girl does. Along the way, she’ll shock the hell out of Clover City—and maybe herself most of all.

“A lively tale of reckless pirates, ruthless bounty hunters, reluctant mages, and romantic adversaries. Fun, fast-paced, and full of action.” --Sharon Shinn, author of *The Thirteenth House*

After he loses his faith, Adrian Alistair Rohan engages in the seduction and debauchery of beautiful women, until he meets Charlotte Spenser, an enchanting woman who turns the tables by seducing him. (romance).

War and Peace by Leo Tolstoy from Coterie Classics All Coterie Classics have been formatted for ereaders and devices and include a bonus link to the free audio book. “If everyone fought for their own convictions there would be no war.” ? Leo Tolstoy, *War and Peace* *War and Peace* is an epic novel by Leo Tolstoy that explores the lives on individuals during the time of international conflict.

#5 in the House of Rohan series

wench \ˈwench\ n. from Middle English “wenschel,” 1 a: a girl, maid, young woman; a female child. Situated in Ohio, a free territory before the Civil War, Tawawa House is an idyllic retreat for Southern white men who vacation there every summer with their enslaved black mistresses. It’s their open secret. Lizzie, Reenie, and Sweet are regulars at the resort, building strong friendships over the years. But when Mawu, as fearless as she is assured, comes along and starts talking of running away, things change. To run is to leave everything behind, and for some it also means escaping from the emotional and psychological bonds that bind them to their masters. When a fire on the resort sets off a string of tragedies, the women of Tawawa House soon learn that triumph and dehumanization are inseparable and that love exists even in the most inhuman, brutal of circumstances— all while they bear witness to the end of an era. An engaging, page-turning, and wholly original novel, *Wench* explores, with an unflinching eye, the moral complexities of slavery.

Few outsiders will ever witness the dark misdeeds of the Heavenly Host. And among this secret society, where exiled Georgian aristocrats gather to indulge their carnal desires, fewer still can match the insatiable appetite of their chief provocateur, the mysterious Viscount Rohan. Pursuit of physical pleasure is both his preferred pastime and his most pressing urge, until he encounters the fascination of a woman who won't be swayed. And while his dark seduction appalls the pure and impoverished Elinor

Harriman, she finds herself intrigued...and secretly drawn to the man behind the desire. Living paycheck to paycheck in Paris, American book translator Chloe Underwood would give anything for some excitement and passion—even a little danger. So when she's offered a lucrative weekend gig translating at a business conference in a remote château, she jumps at the chance to shake things up. Then by chance Chloe discovers her employers are anything but the entrepreneurs they appear, and suddenly she knows far too much. Her clients are illegal arms dealers, and one of them is ordered to kill her. But instead, Bastien Toussaint drags Chloe away, and the next thing she knows she's on the run with the most terrifying and seductive man she's ever met. What were his motives—and would she live long enough to find out?

In the second in Maya Rodale's delightful Wallflower series, London's Least Likely to Cause a Scandal is taking Society by storm . . . Being good has worked out very badly for Lady Olivia Archer. All she has to show for four seasons on the marriage mart is the nickname Prissy Missy. Her prospects are so bleak that her parents have betrothed her to a stranger with a dire reputation. If Phinneas Cole—aka The Mad Baron— wants a biddable bride, perhaps Olivia can frighten him off by breaking every ladylike rule. Phinn has admired Olivia's poise and refinement from afar . . . qualities that appear to have vanished now that they are officially engaged. This Olivia is flirtatious, provocative, and wickedly irresistible. She's not at all the woman he bargained for, yet she's the only one he wants. He's determined to woo her. She's determined to resist. But Olivia is discovering there's nothing so appealing as a fiancé who's mad, bad, and dangerously seductive . . .

First published as two novels, The Demon Count Novels are now available in this collected ebook edition. The Demon Count In a world of grandeur but also nightmarish evils, his dangerous passion drew her to him . . . As soon as she arrives in Venice, golden-haired Charlotte Morrow is pursued by the city's most dashing and celebrated men. Young and reckless, the orphaned English ward of a mysterious guardian expects a life of parties and adventure. Instead she finds herself little better than a bird in a gilded cage at Edentide, her guardian's immense palazzo on the Grand Canal. A "Ghoul of Venice" is terrorizing the city, draining beautiful young women of their blood. To Charlotte's horror, her handsome, brooding guardian, whom she secretly calls the Demon Count, is considered a prime suspect. Every night in his mansion is a spine-tingling battle between passion and fear, as he draws her to him with irresistible desires and dark cravings. Is he protecting her from the Ghoul, or savoring the prospect of her seduction and murder? The Demon Count's Daughter A love for danger is bred in her blood. Her willful passion sends her into the arms of a stranger. It's impossible for a young woman with Luciana's passionate bloodlines to lead a boring, sheltered life in London. With her parents away on holiday, she and a small entourage escape to Venice, where the mystery, danger and romance of her mother and father's early years have always beckoned. Tall and raven-haired, the beauty is on a secret mission and is expecting to meet with compatriots. But the dangers surround her far more than she imagined, and her father's aged palazzo is not the sanctuary she hoped for. Her only protection is an irresistible but mysterious stranger who captures her heart. His secrets tell him to keep his distance. But Luciana will get what she wants. She is, after all, the Demon Count's daughter.

Dillon Gaynor was a bad boy, the epitome of a teenage girl's shy dream. In the case of

seventeen-year-old Jamie Kincaid, the dream ended in a nightmare at someone else's hands, but she'd never gotten over Dillon. Twelve years later, he was back in her life, as arrogant and sexy as he'd been so long ago. But Jaimie has been hurt too badly, and he scares her on every level. She just wants to get away from the only man she ever loved. Too bad Dillon isn't taking no for an answer. Trigger Warning: there's rape in this book (not by the hero) and there are issues of questionable consent. In my mind, the consent is there. Other people's mileage may vary.

SCANDAL AND SEDUCTION AMONG THE TON... James Michael Patrick, Earl of Killoran and notorious scoundrel, is bored. Easy card games, easy women – surely there's more to life as one of London's most infamous rakes? Then he rescues a red-haired siren from the scene of her shocking, desperate crime...

This remarkable and monumental book at last provides a comprehensive answer to the age-old riddle of whether there are only a small number of 'basic stories' in the world. Using a wealth of examples, from ancient myths and folk tales via the plays and novels of great literature to the popular movies and TV soap operas of today, it shows that there are seven archetypal themes which recur throughout every kind of storytelling. But this is only the prelude to an investigation into how and why we are 'programmed' to imagine stories in these ways, and how they relate to the inmost patterns of human psychology. Drawing on a vast array of examples, from Proust to detective stories, from the Marquis de Sade to E.T., Christopher Booker then leads us through the extraordinary changes in the nature of storytelling over the past 200 years, and why so many stories have 'lost the plot' by losing touch with their underlying archetypal purpose. Booker analyses why evolution has given us the need to tell stories and illustrates how storytelling has provided a uniquely revealing mirror to mankind's psychological development over the past 5000 years. This seminal book opens up in an entirely new way our understanding of the real purpose storytelling plays in our lives, and will be a talking point for years to come.

Rachel is finally getting it right. After years of wandering, she's married the perfect man and settled into the ideal life. But as her sleepy little town turns into a killing ground, she realizes that this new life might come at too high a price. Caleb Middleton says he's returned home to set things right. But as her husband's dangerous brother circles like a hungry wolf, poking holes in her perfect world, Rachel draws her young daughter in close. The rain and violence keep coming, and Rachel must decide whether to trust her dream life or her instincts...before the town of Silver Falls becomes her grave.

We all have that one person in our lives in whose absence our existence seems meaningless! Virat and Kavya are like chalk and cheese. While Virat is cautious and reserved, Kavya is outgoing and likes to lead a life full of reckless fun. In spite of their differences, they are best friends, and not even Mahek—the love of Virat's life—can come in the way of that. But, as happens in every relationship, their friendship is put to the test by an unforeseen incident. Can Aditya, along with his cousin, come to their rescue yet again? You're the Password to My Life is a true story that shows how friendship is the only 'ship' that does not sink.

Determined rake Adrian Rohan seduces equally determined spinster while at an orgy that Charlotte has come to observe. Troubles ensue.

'Every day, millions of people -- the rich, the poor and the many foreign visitors -- are hunting for ways to get their business done in modern India. If they search in the right

places and offer the appropriate price, there is always a facilitator who can get the job done. This book is a sneak preview of those searches, the middlemen who do those jobs, and the many opportunities that the fast-growing economy offers.' Josy Joseph draws upon two decades as an investigative journalist to expose a problem so pervasive that we do not have the words to speak of it. The story is big: that of treacherous business rivalries, of how some industrial houses practically own the country, of the shadowy men who run the nation's politics. The story is small: a village needs a road and a hospital, a graveyard needs a wall, people need toilets. *A Feast of Vultures* is an unprecedented, multiple-level inquiry into modern India, and the picture it reveals is both explosive and frightening. Within these covers is unimpeachable evidence against some of the country's biggest business houses and political figures, and the reopening of major scandals that have shaped its political narratives. Through hard-nosed investigations and the meticulous gathering of documentary evidence, Joseph clinically examines and irrefutably documents the non-reportable. It is a troubling narrative, but also a call to action and a cry for change. A tour de force through the wildly beating heart of post-socialist India, the book is a must-read for anyone interested in understanding the large, unwieldy truth about this nation.

Revisit Anne Stuart's fan-favourite House of Rohan series, now in one enthralling box set. Fans of dark historical romance will adore Anne Stuart's House of Rohan series and prequel novella, re-released together for the first time in one collection. A fallen woman and a most wicked plan for redemption. A secret society and a woman who refuses seduction. A man lost in debauchery, until he meets his match. A duplicitous marriage and a shocking passion. A cynical viscount drawn into an undercover quest for justice. This set includes: *THE WICKED HOUSE OF ROHAN RUTHLESS RECKLESS BREATHLESS SHAMELESS* "Witty, inventive, dark and sexy – a wild adventure for the mind...and the heart." – #1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Wiggs on *Ruthless*

A word from her lips can bring him to his knees. The Bourbon Boys Quartet, Book 1 Gaspard Toussaint is known throughout 1820 French society as the "molly comte," a foppish throw pillow of an aristocrat. But his entire life is a twisted mass of secrets and lies as a spy for the Crown. His final covert act will have him fleeing his broken country forever...but before he can escape, he needs the power and safety that only money can provide. And no one has more money than English heiress Claudia Pascale. The only child of a wealthy tradesman, Claudia has continually failed to catch a husband-due in large part to her uncontrollable stutter. Spurned by a dashing French lieutenant and desperate to escape her parents' household, she joins forces with the seemingly harmless Gaspard to learn how to properly ensnare a spouse: through seduction. All too soon, Gaspard's lessons in delicious domination and sinful submission make Claudia suspicious that he is not what everyone believes him to be. And Gaspard realizes his quest to possess her is becoming less about her dowry...and more about the woman herself. Warning: Contains an aggressive Frenchman with extremely loose morals, a determined heiress who can't refuse a dare, and

bedroom games where boundaries were made to be crossed.

A Victorian beauty finds passion...with the man who may have murdered her father. Madeleine Russell, the beautiful daughter of a shipping magnate, counted on marrying a wealthy husband. Then her father's disgrace and death left her with no dowry and no suitor. But Maddy and her sisters fully intend to restore their good name. Their first step: find the villain who framed their family. One of her father's captains, a notorious former pirate, becomes a prime suspect. When Maddy joins the captain's household disguised as his newest servant, her dark-eyed, charismatic employer soon develops his own agenda: seduction... Captain Thomas Morgan spent most of his life amassing vast riches and respectability...and keeping his gypsy roots a secret. Now, he just needs to marry his prim, polished fian'ce...and resist his intriguing new housemaid. A pirate never falls in love, he reminds himself. As mutual deception leads Maddy and the captain into uncharted territory, the truth could anchor them to terrible heartache...or to passion beyond their wildest dreams.

Ella Barron runs her Texas boarding house with the efficiency of a ship's captain and the grace of a gentlewoman. She cooks, cleans, launders, and cares for her ten-year-old son, Solly, a sweet but challenging child whose busy behavior and failure to speak elicits undesired advice from others in town. Ella's plate is full from sunup to sundown. But when a room in her boarding house opens up and the respected town doctor, Dr. Kincaid, brings Ella a new boarder-the handsome and gallant Mr. David Rainwater-Ella is immediately resistant to opening up her home to this mysterious stranger. Even with Dr. Kincaid's assurances that Mr. Rainwater is a man of impeccable character, a former cotton broker and a victim of the Great Depression, Ella stiffens at the thought of taking him in. Dr. Rainwater tells Ella in confidence that Mr. Rainwater won't require the room for long: he is dying. Begrudgingly, Ella accepts Mr. Rainwater's application to board, but she knows that something is happening; she is being swept along by an unusual series of events. Soon, this strong-minded, independent woman will realize that the living that she has eked out for herself in the small bubble of her town is about to change, whether she likes it or not... Racial tensions, the financial strain of livelihoods in cotton drying up into dust, and the threat of political instability swirl together into a tornado on the horizon. One thing is certain: the winds of change are blowing all over Texas-and through the cracks in the life that Ella Barron has painstakingly built. In the beloved tradition of GONE WITH THE WIND comes the story of a woman who takes her life's circumstances in both hands, but who will be forced to reckon with the chaos of her historical circumstances... and with the appearance of her male counterpart.

Princess Una of Parumvir, searching for a proper prince to marry, ignores the warnings and advances of Prince Aethelbald from Farthestshore until the Dragon King himself comes to Parumvir, putting Una in grave danger. Original.

"A sharp fantasy thriller." --People "Swoonworthy." --Time "Sharp, dark, thoughtful and romantic." --Cassandra Clare, #1 New York Times bestselling

author When their worlds collide, X and Zoe are pushed to the edge of everything in this much-buzzed-about tour de force YA fantasy from Entertainment Weekly veteran Jeff Giles. For the perfect love, what would you be willing to lose? It's been a shattering year for seventeen-year-old Zoe, who's still reeling from her father's shocking death in a caving accident and her neighbors' mysterious disappearance from their own home. Then on a terrifying subzero, blizzardy night in Montana, she and her brother are brutally attacked in the woods--only to be rescued by a mysterious bounty hunter they call X. X is no ordinary bounty hunter. He is from a hell called the Lowlands, sent to claim the soul of Zoe's evil attacker and others like him. X is forbidden from revealing himself to anyone other than his prey, but he casts aside the Lowlands' rules for Zoe. As they learn more about their colliding worlds, they begin to question the past, their fate, and their future. But escaping the Lowlands and the ties that bind X might mean the ultimate sacrifice for them both. Gripping and full of heart, this epic start to a new series will bring readers right to the edge of everything.

### Reckless

Five fabulous linked gorgeous, dark, sexy atmospheric historical stories written by a true queen of romance – 4 full-length novels and one prequel novella.

Sir Phillip knew that Eloise Bridgerton was a spinster, and so he'd proposed, figuring that she'd be homely and unassuming, and more than a little desperate for an offer of marriage. Except . . . she wasn't. The beautiful woman on his doorstep was anything but quiet, and when she stopped talking long enough to close her mouth, all he wanted to do was kiss her . . . and more. Did he think she was mad? Eloise Bridgerton couldn't marry a man she had never met! But then she started thinking . . . and wondering . . . and before she knew it, she was in a hired carriage in the middle of the night, on her way to meet the man she hoped might be her perfect match. Except . . . he wasn't. Her perfect husband wouldn't be so moody and ill-mannered, and while Phillip was certainly handsome, he was a large brute of a man, rough and rugged, and totally unlike the London gentlemen vying for her hand. But when he smiled . . . and when he kissed her . . . the rest of the world simply fell away, and she couldn't help but wonder . . . could this imperfect man be perfect for her?

A tale of high waves and high adventure for Jack and Annie when the tree house lands in the sea off the coast of Ireland. Things get dangerous when Viking ships approach!

A Book of Secrets is the story of a woman named Susan Charlewood living in Elizabethan England. Born in what is now Ghana, Susan is enslaved by the Portuguese but later rescued by British sailors, who bring her to England. Once in England, she is raised and educated in an English Catholic household. When Susan comes of age, the family marry her off to an older Catholic man, John Charlewood. Charlewood runs a printing press and uses it to supply the Papist nobility with illegal Catholic texts and foment rebellion amongst the Catholic underclass. When Charlewood dies, Susan takes over the business and uses her new position to find out more about her origins. A look at racial relationships on the eve of the beginning of the transatlantic slave trade, A Book of Secrets is a revealing and compelling glimpse into a fraught time.

The Lord Society Feared Lady Alys de Lancie has been summoned by her halfbrother Richard the Fair, to be given as a bride to his most trusted servant, the dread wizard Simon of Navarre. A man many call 'monster' owing to his infamous and unearthly skills, yet a man she is strangely attracted to... His future wife may fear that his very touch could damn her forever, but, for Simon, Lady Alys is temptation personified... He is determined not to allow her close,

but his fear of being known could destroy them both. For, as Richard the Fair's treacherous scheme to become England's king makes pawns of Simon and Alys, only one power can save them. A force stronger than an army: true love.

From London to Corsica to Paris -- as a young woman pursues the truth about her late mother, two captivating love stories unfurl in this captivating novel from the author of *The Guest List*. Kate Darling's enigmatic mother -- a once-famous ballerina -- has passed away, leaving Kate bereft. When her grandmother falls ill and bequeaths to Kate a small portrait of a woman who bears a striking resemblance to Kate's mother, Kate uncovers a mystery that may upend everything she thought she knew. Kate's journey to find the true identity of the woman in the portrait takes her to some of the world's most iconic and indulgent locales, revealing a love story that began in the wild 1920s and was disrupted by war and could now spark new love for Kate. Alternating between Kate's present-day hunt and voices from the past, *The Book of Lost and Found* casts light on family secrets and love -- both lost and found.

Bryony and her sisters are left alone and destitute after the disgrace and death of their father, so Bryony disguises herself as a servant in the house of the Earl of Kilmartyn in order to find the truth and clear her father's name.

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