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From New York Times Bestselling Author Karen Ranney comes the first book in a royally romantic and deeply emotional new series about taking risks and allowing the power to love satisfy the questions of the heart . . . Undercover as a majordomo, spy Adam Drummond has infiltrated Marsley House with one purpose only—to plunder its mysteries and gather proof that the late Duke of Marsley was an unforgivable traitor to his country. At the same time, Adam is drawn to a more beguiling puzzle: the young and still-grieving duchess—a beauty with impenetrable secrets of her own. For Drummond, uncovering them without exposing his masquerade will require the most challenging and tender moves of his career. That a servant can arouse such passion in her is too shocking for Suzanne Whitcomb, Duchess of Marsley, to consider. Yet nothing quickens her pulse like Drummond’s touch. It’s been two years since the duke lost his life in a tragic accident—and even longer since she’s been treated like a woman. But when Drummond’s real mission is revealed, and the truth behind Suzanne’s

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grief comes to light, every secret conspired to tear them apart is nothing compared to the love that can hold them together.

Revised edition: This edition of *A Quiet Life In The Country* includes editorial revisions.

Janet Dailey, the New York Times bestselling author who has touched the hearts of millions, shines in this unforgettable novel. Sweeping from the wealth and glamour of a modern Texas city to the rugged majesty of Mexico's High Sierras, this is a magnificent tale of desire and destiny from one of the world's most beloved storytellers. All her life, beautiful Sheila got what she wanted. Now she yearned for the raw passion of a man beyond her reach, a violent, mysterious outlaw whose followers adored him. A lion of a man who held her for ransom—a man who would trade her for a fortune in gold. But Sheila wanted only him—with all the reckless longing of her body and soul.

Maid for MajestyForbidden Fruit

#1 International Best Seller in Historical Erotica! "The King's love is fick? he's gorgeous, intelligent and has power beyond the average man. He doesn't have to be kind. He can give a glance or a smile and women will fall to their knees. Being by his side makes you the most powerful woman in the world. But the moment he tires of you, or you become an inconvenience, you are nothing, no one. I've

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heard of his reputation. He has left a trail of shattered hearts across Europe. If there will ever be a woman to win his heart, they'll need to know his mind first..." When cunning servant Madeline Black helps her mistress throw a party, she meets King Alexander, a seductive royal who can't keep his eyes off her. Then, she is sold by her mistress and whisked away to Buckingham Palace to be a part of the royal servant staff. Though she knows his reputation and tries to focus on her duties, she constantly finds herself in his presence. Unable to resist, she is soon succumbing to her desires in every corner of Windsor and Buckingham. But, as Napoleon moves across Europe, Princess Sofia of Spain takes refuge at Windsor and the pressure for Alex to marry her is high. Nonetheless, they continue to sneak around to enjoy the pleasures of their trysts. Despite their need for each other, can their relationship survive the society they live in?

WARNING: This book contains frequent sex scenes and graphic language. If you would like the Non-Erotic version go here: <https://www.amazon.com/Historical-Romance-Majesty-Forbidden-Victorian-ebook/dp/B01HPH9X0S/>

To Have and to Hold (1899) is a novel by American author Mary Johnston. It was the bestselling novel in the United States in the following year (1900). To Have and to Hold is the story of an English soldier, Ralph Percy, turned Virginian explorer in colonial Jamestown. Ralph buys a wife for himself - a girl named

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Jocelyn Leigh - little knowing that she is the escaping ward of King James I, fleeing a forced marriage to Lord Carnal. Jocelyn hardly loves Ralph - indeed, she seems to abhor him. Carnal, Jocelyn's husband-to-be, eventually comes to Jamestown, unaware that Ralph Percy and Jocelyn Leigh are man and wife. Lord Carnal attempts to kidnap Jocelyn several times and eventually follows Ralph, Jocelyn, and their two companions - Jeremy Sparrow, the Separatist minister, and Diccon, Ralph's servant - as they escape from the King's orders to arrest Ralph and carry Jocelyn back to England. The boat they are in, however, crashes on a desert island, but they are accosted by pirates, who, after a short struggle, agree to take Ralph as their captain, after he pretends to be the pirate "Kirby". The pirates gleefully play on with Ralph's masquerade, until he refuses to allow them to rape and pillage those aboard Spanish ships. The play is up when the pirates see an English ship off the coast of Florida. Ralph refuses to fire upon it, knowing it carries the new Virginian governor, Sir Francis Wyatt, but the pirates open fire, and Jeremy Sparrow, before the English ship can be destroyed, purposefully crashes the ship into a reef. The pirates are all killed, but the Englishmen (and woman) are rescued by the Governor's ship.

In this novel set at the beginning of the twentieth century, a fifteen-year-old Southern girl marries and moves to the unfamiliar world of Brooklyn. It's 1900,

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the dawn of a new century, and fifteen-year-old Rose Frampton is beginning a new life. She's left her family in South Carolina to live with her handsome and wealthy husband in Brooklyn, New York—a move that is both scary and exciting. As mistress of the large Victorian estate on Dorchester Road, she must learn to make decisions, establish her independence, and run an efficient household. These tasks are difficult enough without the added complication of barely knowing her husband. As romance blossoms and Rose begins to find her place, she discovers that strength of character does not come easily—but is essential for happiness. Writing in diary form, Ann Rinaldi paints a sensual picture of time and place—and gives readers an intimate glimpse into the heart of a child as she becomes a woman. “Rinaldi describes the teen’s first year of marriage with grace, tact, and sensitivity.” —School Library Journal “Fans of romance will be swept up in the subtleties of her courtship by Rene, and readers will likely identify with Rose as she balances the natural impulses of a teenager with her new role as mistress of the house.” —Publishers Weekly A New York Public Library Book for the Teen Age

Shakespeare's In Love At the royal command of Queen Elizabeth, Sir Ian Terrance has sought out a popular local playwright named William Shakespeare—only to discover that "he" is a "she." ..and a most desirable and delectable she

indeed! And now that the remarkable Olivia is his prisoner, Sir Ian is the one in chains-bewitched by the singular young woman's irresistible beauty, deliciously sharp wit, and innocent sensuality. Olivia's secret life was well hidden, until Ian burst through her wall of pretense. There is much the devilishly handsome man can teach an imaginative, if inexperienced, maid, with his tender caresses and intoxicating kisses. But how long will the exquisite writer be able to remain aloof from the passionate attentions of her bold kidnapper? And can a breathtaking romance turn Ian from his duty-and ensure a happy ending?

It is 1740 and Louise Fletcher, a young dairymaid on an Essex farm, has been warned of the lure of the sea for as long as she can remember-after all, it stole away her father and brother. But when she is offered work in the bustling naval port of Harwich serving a wealthy captain's daughter, she leaps at the chance to see more of the world. There she meets Rebecca, her haughty yet magnetic mistress. Intertwined with Louise's story is that of fifteen-year-old Luke, who is beaten and press-ganged, sent to sea against his will on the warship Essex in the service of His Majesty's Navy. He must learn fast and choose his friends well if he is to survive the brutal hardships of a sailor's life and its many dangers, both up high in the rigging and in the dark belowdecks. She Rises brings to vivid life both land and sea in Georgian England, but explores a thoroughly modern and

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complex love story. Bold, brilliant, and utterly original, this debut novel is an accomplished and gripping search for identity and survival.

A young Chinese woman falls in love with a Jewish man in nineteenth-century China in this evocative novel by the Nobel Prize–winning author of *The Good Earth*. In 1850s China, a young girl, Peony, is sold to work as a bondmaid for a rich Jewish family in Kaifeng. Jews have lived for centuries in this region of the country, but by the mid-nineteenth century, assimilation has begun taking its toll on their small enclave. When Peony and the family's son, David, grow up and fall in love with one another, they face strong opposition from every side.

Tradition forbids the marriage, and the family already has a rabbi's daughter in mind for David. Long celebrated for its subtle and even-handed treatment of colliding traditions, *Peony* is an engaging coming-of-age story about love, identity, and the tragedy and beauty found at the intersection of two disparate cultures. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Pearl S. Buck including rare images from the author's estate.

Charleston, Modern Day: Adeline Miller, a preservationist, gets a call from a Charleston psychiatrist who wants her to restore his Battery Street mansion to its former glory. Thinking this might be her big break, she relocates to Charleston, moves into the third floor of the mansion, and gets to work. As she begins to

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discover secrets from the past about the family who once lived there, her future begins to get a lot more complicated than she ever expected. Charleston, 1859: Shannon Ravenel, the daughter of wealthy rice planter King Ravenel, is destined to marry into South Carolina's elite planting class. That conclusion is thrown into question when her brother brings home his friend from the Naval Academy, Massachusetts-bred John Thomas Haley. Love aside, can a planter's daughter and an abolitionist's son forge a future in a nation that is ripping apart at the seams, or does fate have other plans for both?

In 1559 England, Meg, an orphaned thief, is pressed into service and trained as a member of the Maids of Honor, Queen Elizabeth I's secret all-female guard, but her loyalty is tested when she falls in love with a Spanish courtier who may be a threat.

Henry is generally well-behaved, but he is occasionally arrogant and vain. Henry is at heart a hard worker, but his frequent bouts of illness hinder his work. This Knight of the Crown is driven by a painful past and a patient fury... and his entire life is a lie. Sir Carlton Morley is famously possessed of extraordinary will, singular focus, and a merciless sense of justice. As a man, he secured his fortune and his preeminence as Scotland Yard's ruthless Chief Inspector. As a decorated soldier, he was legend for his unflinching trigger finger, his precision in

battle, and his imperturbable strength. But as a boy, he was someone else. A twin, a thief, and a murderer, until tragedy reshaped him. Now he stalks the night, in search of redemption and retribution, vowing to never give into temptation, as it's just another form of weakness. Until temptation lands--quite literally--in his lap, taking the form of Prudence Goode. Prim and proper Pru is expected to live a life of drudgery, but before she succumbs to her fate, she craves just one night of desire. On the night she searches for it, she stumbles upon a man made of shadows, muscle and wrath... And decides he is the one. When their firestorm of passion burns out of control, Morley discovers, too late, that he was right. The tempting woman has become his weakness. A weakness his enemies can use against him.

The Grey sisters experience love, triumph, and tragedy in Tudor England in the second novel from Ella March Chase. Sixteen-year-old Jane Grey—the “Nine-Day Queen”—is a quiet and obedient young lady destined to become the shortest reigning English monarch. Her beautiful middle sister, Lady Katherine Grey charms all the right people, until a scandalous love affair causes loyalties to shift. And finally, Lady Mary Grey is a dwarf with a twisted spine whose goal is simply to protect the people she loves—but at a terrible cost. In an age in which begetting sons was all that mattered and queens rose and fell on the sex of their child,

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these three girls with royal Tudor blood lived under the dangerous whims of parents with a passion for gambling. The stakes they would wager: their daughters' lives against rampant ambition.

This fully developed 53,000 word novel is an erotic twist on Jane Eyre.

Young Clara Marsden leaves the orphanage to take a position as governess at a lonely English manor house on the moors, where highwaymen, mysterious standing stones, screams in the night, and handsome Mr. Robertson challenge her beliefs. Upon the destruction of Wereford Hall, her position as governess takes her to the verdant South of England where she encounters a randy Earl and his lusty maids, and finally, she meets the man of her dreams who uncovers her destiny and birthright.

Lovely Nyssa Wyndham, as fair and proud as her mother Blaze, is lady-in-waiting to Henry VIII's fourth wife. Scandalizing all of England, Henry has his marriage annulled, for the queen cannot meet the bawdy desires of the insatiable king. Henry seeks a spirited, lusty new wife-and eyes the beautiful Nyssa. But in a land rife with conspiracy and rebellion, there are those in secret power determined to thwart Henry's intentions. A drugged Nyssa awakens in the arms of the notorious rake Varian de Winter. With her virtue destroyed, the outraged king orders them to wed. Handsome-and soon smitten-Varian de Winter dares to conquer his

spitfire bride. But the intrigues and dark side of the court intrude upon their brief happiness as Nyssa is trapped in a devious plot and witness to the deadly wrath of Henry Tudor. Suddenly, jealousy and revenge grow bloodthirsty, and all that Nyssa holds dear is in dire jeopardy.

A spellbinding novel about Elizabeth I from the internationally bestselling author of the Guenevere and Tristan and Isolde trilogies. Publicly declared a bastard at the age of three, daughter of a disgraced and executed mother, last in the line of succession to the throne of England, Elizabeth I inherited an England ravaged by bloody religious conflict, at war with Spain and France, and badly in debt. When she died in 1603, after a forty-five year reign, her empire spanned two continents and was united under one church, victorious in war, and blessed with an overflowing treasury. What's more, her favorites—William Shakespeare, Sir Francis Drake, and Sir Walter Raleigh—had made the Elizabethan era a cultural Golden Age still remembered today. But for Elizabeth the woman, tragedy went hand in hand with triumph. Politics and scandal forced the passionate queen to reject her true love, Robert Dudley, and to execute his stepson, her much-adored Lord Essex. Now in this spellbinding novel, Rosalind Miles brings to life the woman behind the myth. By turns imperious, brilliant, calculating, vain, and witty, this is the Elizabeth the world never knew. From the days of her brutal father,

Henry VIII, to her final dying moments, Elizabeth tells her story in her own words. Discover the chilling secrets surrounding Maggie O'Brien's disappearance from Chatswood Manor in the third book of an irresistibly entertaining historical fiction mystery series. Elizabeth and Katherine Chatswood are on the verge of turning twelve years old, which means that the grandest birthday ball in all of England is just a few weeks away! Chatswood Manor is bustling with activity, but in the midst of all the excitement, an Irish refugee named Sean O'Brien shows up in search of his long lost wife Maggie, who was employed at Chatswood Manor many years ago. Mr. O'Brien is turned away by Chatswood's stern butler, but not before Elizabeth and Katherine hear his story. Through Mr. O'Brien they also find out about the potato famine in Ireland, and are shocked and saddened to hear that so many people are suffering in a place that's not that far away. The twins vow to not only help Mr. O'Brien find Maggie, but also to somehow help the people of Ireland. But how are two young girls in a manor home in England going to help starving people in Ireland? After their papa tells them it's not their problem to worry about fixing, they have no choice but to come up with a very ambitious—and very top secret—plan. Meanwhile, as they investigate Maggie's disappearance, they uncover some startling clues, which lead them to discover even deeper mysteries hidden within Chatswood Manor.

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"Sexy, unusual, and vastly entertaining. The best historical romance I've read this year." ~ Anna Campbell, author of the Dashing Widows series "A ridiculously wonderful story!" ~ NetGalley reviewer On her 25th birthday, Charlotte Appleby receives an unusual gift: the ability to change shape. Penniless and orphaned, she sets off for London to make her fortune as a man. But a position as secretary to Lord Cosgrove proves unexpectedly challenging. Someone is trying to destroy Cosgrove and his life is increasingly in jeopardy. As Charlotte plunges into London's backstreets at Cosgrove's side, hunting his persecutor, she finds herself fighting for her life—and falling in love... "The best historical romance I have read all year." ~ Rachel @ Heroes & Heartbreakers "THIS IS SO FUN. I want to grab people on the street and make them read it!" ~ Goodreads reviewer Length: Full-length novel of 94,000 words Sensuality level: A hot Regency romance with steamy love scenes Q & A with the author How would you describe this series? It's Regency England with a dash of magic. I hope to take readers on a journey from the glittering ballrooms of the aristocracy to the dark underbelly of Regency England – with passion, danger, adventure, romance, and a little magic thrown into the mix. Why did you write this series? I wanted to get my well-bred

heroines out of the drawing rooms and put them in the way of adventure and romance. But I didn't want to write a series where magic is common; I wanted to write a series where only a few characters have magic, and it's a deep, dark secret, and no one else knows. How would you describe your writing? Several reviewers have likened my writing to Georgette Heyer, which is the hugest compliment ever. I adore Georgette Heyer! She's why I write historical romance, and I reread her books over and over. (If you've not read *The Grand Sophy*, please do so!) I've also had readers compare my writing to Courtney Milan and Mary Balogh, which are also massive compliments. Who would like this series? This series will appeal to readers who enjoy the historical backdrop of Georgette Heyer and Jane Austen, the emotion of Mary Balogh and Courtney Milan, and the magic of Patricia Rice and Mary Robinette Kowal. Quite a broad range, really! What order should I read the series in? Each book, whether a novel or novella, can be read as a standalone, but many readers prefer to read them in order. And although the series is set in Regency England, a quartet of medieval novellas form the prequel. The ideal reading order would be: *The Fey Quartet* (series prequel) *Maythorn's Wish* *Hazel's Promise* *Ivy's Choice* *Larkspur's Quest* *The Baleful Godmother* series *Unmasking Miss Appleby* *Resisting Miss Merryweather* *Trusting Miss Trentham* *Claiming Mister Kemp* *Ruining Miss Wrotham*

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Discovering Miss Dalrymple Plus more interlinked Baleful Godmother series to come. Happy reading! Free Regency romance. Free historical romance. Free first in series. Freebie.

Acclaimed author Wine captures all of the raw, rugged beauty of the Scottish Highlands, where tumultuous times bred a race of warriors who fought for country, keep, and kin, and loved as passionately as they lived. Original. The long-awaited prequel to Koen's beloved *Through a Glass Darkly*, *Dark Angels* is a feast of a novel that sparkles with all the passion, extravagance, danger, and scandal of seventeenth-century England. Alice Verney is a young woman intent on achieving her dreams. Returning to England after a messy scandal forced her to flee to Louis XIV's France, Alice is anxious to re-establish herself by regaining her former position as a maid of honor to Charles II's queen and marrying the most celebrated duke of the Restoration. But all is not as it seems in the rowdy, merry court of Charles II. Since the Restoration, old political alliances have frayed, and there are whispers that the king is moving to divorce his barren queen, who some wouldn't mind seeing dead. Alice, loyal only to a select few, is devoted to the queen, and so sets out to discover who might be making sinister plans—and if her own father is one of them. When a member of the royal family dies unexpectedly, the stakes are raised. As Alice steps up her

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efforts to find out who is—and isn't—true to the queen, she learns of shocking betrayals throughout court, and meets a man who she may fall in love with—and who could spoil all of her plans. With the suspected arrival of a known poison-maker, the atmosphere in the court electrifies, and suddenly the safety of the king himself seems uncertain. Secret plots are at play, and war is on the horizon—but will it be with the Dutch or the French? And has King Charles himself betrayed his country for greed? Unforgettable in its dramatic force, here is a novel of love and politics, of romance and betrayal, of power and succession—and of a resourceful young woman who risks everything for pride and status in an era in which women were afforded little of either.

FOUR exciting and lovingly detailed Regency novellas by experienced erotica authors in one steaming hot and great value volume: perfect for those naughty moments alone! THE DUKE WHO DEMANDED SUBMISSION KITTY'S SECRET SHAME LORD SPANK SYLVIA'S SECRET Adult readers only, please. Some spanking and BDSM involved in these hot, kinky Regency stories.

THE FIRST ROYAL SPYNESS MYSTERY! The New York Times bestselling author of the Molly Murphy and Constable Evan Evans mysteries turns her attentions to “a feisty new heroine to delight a legion of Anglophile readers.”* London, 1932. Lady Victoria Georgiana Charlotte Eugenie, 34th in line for the English throne, is flat broke. She's

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bolting Scotland, her greedy brother, and her fish-faced betrothed. London is a place where she'll experience freedom, learn life lessons aplenty, do a bit of spying for HRH—oh, and find a dead Frenchman in her tub. Now her new job is to clear her long family name...

The USA Today Bestseller From the author of *The Other Einstein* comes the mesmerizing tale of what kind of woman could have inspired an American dynasty. Clara Kelley is not who they think she is. She's not the experienced Irish maid who was hired to work in one of Pittsburgh's grandest households. She's a poor farmer's daughter with nowhere to go and nothing in her pockets. But the other woman with the same name has vanished, and pretending to be her just might get Clara some money to send back home. If she can keep up the ruse, that is. Serving as a lady's maid in the household of Andrew Carnegie requires skills she doesn't have, answering to an icy mistress who rules her sons and her domain with an iron fist. What Clara does have is a resolve as strong as the steel Pittsburgh is becoming famous for, coupled with an uncanny understanding of business, and Andrew begins to rely on her. But Clara can't let her guard down, not even when Andrew becomes something more than an employer. Revealing her past might ruin her future — and her family's. With captivating insight and heart, *Carnegie's Maid* tells the story of one brilliant woman who may have spurred Andrew Carnegie's transformation from ruthless industrialist into the world's first true philanthropist.

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EROTIC VERSION Frustrated with the trappings of being King Alex's lover, Madeline Black ran away from her life as a slave to seek a life where she was in control of her destiny. But despite her newly found freedom, Alex still pervades her thoughts and dreams as much as she does his. When Alex manages to find her and rekindle their relationship, he promises to make her his Queen, though the empire is in favour of a marriage to Princess Sofia of Spain. Although Princess Sofia no longer has feelings for King Alex, she desires Sir Greg Umbridge, the king's best friend and closest confidante. Sofia knows she would be risking her life, Greg's, and the future of her home country Spain if she were to get involved with Greg. But she can't deny her feelings for Greg and is willing to do anything to stay in England, putting on the facade that Alex is courting her. As Alex fights to win Madeline a title so they can marry, Madeline is forced to learn of her mother's brutal murder, and the Duke of Axford, the man believed to be the killer. Can their relationships survive the political pressures surrounding them? Can love truly conquer all? **WARNING:** This book contains frequent sex scenes and graphic language. If you would like the Non-Erotic version go here: [New York Times Bestseller](#) From the critically-acclaimed author of *Under a Painted Sky* and *Outrun the Moon* and founding member of *We Need Diverse Books* comes a powerful novel about identity, betrayal, and the meaning of family. By day, seventeen-year-old Jo Kuan works as a lady's maid for the cruel daughter of one of the wealthiest men in Atlanta. But by night, Jo moonlights as the pseudonymous author of a

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newspaper advice column for the genteel Southern lady, Dear Miss Sweetie. When her column becomes wildly popular, she uses the power of the pen to address some of society's ills, but she's not prepared for the backlash that follows when her column challenges fixed ideas about race and gender. While her opponents clamor to uncover the secret identity of Miss Sweetie, a mysterious letter sets Jo off on a search for her own past and the parents who abandoned her as a baby. But when her efforts put her in the crosshairs of Atlanta's most notorious criminal, Jo must decide whether she, a girl used to living in the shadows, is ready to step into the light. With prose that is witty, insightful, and at times heartbreaking, Stacey Lee masterfully crafts an extraordinary social drama set in the New South. This vividly rendered historic novel will keep readers riveted as witty, observant Jo deals with the dangers of questioning power. --The Washington Post Holds a mirror to our present issues while giving us a detailed and vibrant picture of life in the past. --The New York Times A joyful read . . . The Downstairs Girl, for all its serious and timely content, is a jolly good time. --NPR One of Time's 12 Books for the History Buffs on Your Holiday Gift List The first single-volume history of Istanbul in decades: a biography of the city at the center of civilizations past and present. For more than two millennia Istanbul has stood at the crossroads of the world, perched at the very tip of Europe, gazing across the shores of Asia. The history of this city--known as Byzantium, then Constantinople, now Istanbul--is at once glorious, outsized, and astounding. Founded by the Greeks, its

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location blessed it as a center for trade but also made it a target of every empire in history, from Alexander the Great and his Macedonian Empire to the Romans and later the Ottomans. At its most spectacular Emperor Constantine I re-founded the city as New Rome, the capital of the eastern Roman empire, and dramatically expanded the city, filling it with artistic treasures, and adorning the streets with opulent palaces. Around it all Constantine built new walls, truly impregnable, that preserved power, wealth, and withstood any aggressor--walls that still stand for tourists to visit. From its ancient past to the present, we meet the city through its ordinary citizens--the Jews, Muslims, Italians, Greeks, and Russians who used the famous baths and walked the bazaars--and the rulers who built it up and then destroyed it, including Mustafa Kemal Ataturk, the man who christened the city "Istanbul" in 1930. Thomas F. Madden's entertaining narrative brings to life the city we see today, including the rich splendor of the churches and monasteries that spread throughout the city. Istanbul draws on a lifetime of study and the latest scholarship, transporting readers to a city of unparalleled importance and majesty that holds the key to understanding modern civilization. In the words of Napoleon Bonaparte, "If the Earth were a single state, Istanbul would be its capital."

The day Queen Mary Tudor - or 'Bloody Mary', as she's called, because she has anyone who doesn't go to church burned - came to town was the most terrifying day of young Meg's life. Everyone wants to impress Her Majesty, and what better way to show

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their devotion than by burning a witch themselves. But "the witch", Old Nan is more clever and cunning than the townspeople and in the end, she isn't the one who sparks the ferocious temper of the frightful Queen ... Don't miss www.teary-deary.com - the author's own fantastic website with detailed information about all our books, plus others, about Terry as a writer, as well as extracts, quizzes, games and activities. A thrill ride through time that will make you hold your breath. Sitting by the campfire, Brandy admitted a secret to her friends. She swore she saw a ghost when exiting a cave earlier that day. Was she seeing things? Did they believe her? The next day, breaking a cardinal rule, she snuck back to the cave alone. No one knew where she was. What if she fell or was trapped? There would be no rescue. For ten thousand years Alexander had kept the time streams of this universe safe from an eternal destructive force that continually threatened to tamper and destroy all. Locked in an unremitting battle, the two foes become sidetracked by an unexpected visitor. An entangled journey begins with chilling twists and turns until becoming locked into an inescapable death in a submerged cave. Who will come out of the watery depths alive? "[A] glorious, glittery saga of friendship and loss... I read *The Air You Breathe* in two nights. (One might say I inhaled it.)" --NPR "Echoes of Elena Ferrante resound in this sumptuous saga."--O, *The Oprah Magazine* "Enveloping...Peebles understands the shifting currents of female friendship, and she writes so vividly about samba that you close the book certain its heroine's voices must exist beyond the page." -People *The*

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story of an intense female friendship fueled by affection, envy and pride--and each woman's fear that she would be nothing without the other. Some friendships, like romance, have the feeling of fate. Skinny, nine-year-old orphaned Dores is working in the kitchen of a sugar plantation in 1930s Brazil when in walks a girl who changes everything. Graça, the spoiled daughter of a wealthy sugar baron, is clever, well fed, pretty, and thrillingly ill behaved. Born to wildly different worlds, Dores and Graça quickly bond over shared mischief, and then, on a deeper level, over music. One has a voice like a songbird; the other feels melodies in her soul and composes lyrics to match. Music will become their shared passion, the source of their partnership and their rivalry, and for each, the only way out of the life to which each was born. But only one of the two is destined to be a star. Their intimate, volatile bond will determine each of their fortunes--and haunt their memories. Traveling from Brazil's inland sugar plantations to the rowdy streets of Rio de Janeiro's famous Lapa neighborhood, from Los Angeles during the Golden Age of Hollywood back to the irresistible drumbeat of home, *The Air You Breathe* unfurls a moving portrait of a lifelong friendship--its unparalleled rewards and lasting losses--and considers what we owe to the relationships that shape our lives.

From the bestselling author of *The Lioness of Morocco* and *The Elephant Keeper's Daughter*, the story of an ambitious young woman discovering friendship, love, and her own identity on the eve of World War I. Christmas 1889. A baby is born in the early

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hours at Vienna General Hospital, only to be abandoned by her unwed mother and entrusted to a foundling home and its loving caretaker. Fanny Schindler grows from a precocious girl into a strong-willed young woman. Undeterred by the rules of her station, she's determined to rise above her humble origins and pursue her dreams at all costs, becoming an apprentice to one of the most glamorous fashion houses in Austria-Hungary. All the while, as Fanny searches for a sense of belonging, her path crosses with those of three people who will change her future. To one, she is a cherished friend. To another, a confidant. And to a handsome career soldier, something more. When hostilities in Europe burst into flame as a brutal world war, the future of the dual monarchy is at stake, friendships are strained, loyalties are tested, and everything is at risk. And when long-buried secrets about Fanny's past come to light, she must decide what truly matters--and what is worth fighting for in a new world of infinite possibilities. From the award-winning and bestselling author of *Into the Darkest Corner* comes a delicious Victorian crime novel based on a true story that shocked and fascinated the nation. On 7th November 1843, Harriet Monckton, 23 years old and a woman of respectable parentage and religious habits, is found murdered in the privy behind the chapel she regularly attended in Bromley, Kent. The community is appalled by her death, apparently as a result of swallowing a fatal dose of prussic acid, and even more so when the surgeon reports that Harriet was around six months pregnant. Drawing on the coroner's reports and witness testimonies, Elizabeth Haynes builds a compelling

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picture of Harriet's final hours through the eyes of those closest to her and the last people to see her alive. Her fellow teacher and companion, her would-be fiancé, her seducer, her former lover—all are suspects; each has a reason to want her dead. Brimming with lust, mistrust and guilt, *The Murder of Harriet Monckton* is a masterclass of suspense from one of our greatest crime writers.

With the success of Kinley MacGregor's latest New York Times Expanded and USA Today bestseller *A Dark Champion*, we are in the perfect position to republish her backlist gem *Master of Desire*. A Dream of Desire Awakened . . . Beautiful Lady Emily dreams of the rapture of love and the joys of marriage. The youngest daughter of an English lord at war, she is shaken by the arrival of a mysterious stranger to her father's castle. Could this breathtaking man be Emily's yearned-for lover? Indeed, Draven de Montague, Earl of Ravenswood, has come for Emily . . . but romance has nothing to do with it. In the Tender Embrace of an Enemy . . . Draven would never have entered the home of his most hated adversary had not the King himself ordered him to take in his foe's daughter for a year to forge bonds of peace between their two feuding houses. Worse still, here is a lass whose exquisite loveliness could tempt Draven to betray his sworn vow never to let another close to his heart. Emily knows the searing heat of her passion could burn down the defenses of this proud warrior. But will the surrender of the sweet nectar of his lips and his bold, sensuous caress ignite a blaze so hot it consumes them both?

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Richard Downing may be a viscount of impeccable character, but he's bored beyond belief of dancing at balls, faking smiles, and making dull conversation. So when he stumbles upon a housemaid with defiance in her striking blue eyes and a dagger hidden in her skirts...well, color him intrigued. Raised with a rather...peculiar upbringing, Lady Victoria Daring is full of secrets and surprises. As part of His Majesty's personal homeland spy organization and as a master of disguises, Vic is charged with infiltrating high society to uncover the enemies hiding in plain sight. But Richard is the first man to see through her disguises—and infiltrate deep into her heart. Too bad his family is at the top of her list of suspects...

Told in two voices, Luli and Yun, raised in an orphanage to age sixteen, work together in a factory until Yun, pregnant, disappears and Luli must confront the dangers of the outside world to find her. Includes facts about China's One-Child Policy and its effects. An accident, a beautiful housemaid, a handsome Viscount, an unsuitable affair, an unexpected heritage, a love transformed. A delightful romance in the tradition of Regency Historical Romance at its best! This is the third in the Derbyshire Set series, be sure to read all nine! Find out what happens in the lives of all your favourite characters

As England recovers from its costly involvement in the Great War, Lady Phoebe Renshaw and her lady's maid, Eva Huntford, find the steady comforts of their lives unsettled by a local case of murder . . . Eva is excited for a visit from her sister Alice,

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who lives in Suffolk with her husband and three children. But when Alice arrives alone, desiring a break from her family, Eva becomes concerned. Her dismay deepens as Alice starts spending time with a former beau, Keenan Ripley, who owns the nearby pear orchard. At the same time, Phoebe's sister Julia, now a widow and pregnant, is in a fretful state, and Phoebe struggles to be helpful to her. When Keenan's brother Stephen, the new head gardener at the Renshaw estate, Foxwood Hall, is found impaled by a pair of hedge clippers, the police—including Eva's beau, Constable Miles Brannock—suspect his closest kin. Stephen had been eager to sell their orchard to an American developer, but Keenan had fiercely resisted. A table set with two teacups and scones suggests Keenan had company the morning of the murder—and Eva fears her sister was with him. If Alice were to provide Keenan with an alibi, her reputation and marriage would be ruined. She denies being there but is clearly withholding secrets, much to Eva's consternation. Now, to protect her sister, Eva and Phoebe set off to expose the gardener's real killer, putting their own lives at risk . . .

Inspired by the works of Georgette Heyer and Jane Austen, Garth Nix's *Newt's Emerald* is a Regency romance with a fantasy twist. *New York Times* bestselling author Gail Carriger calls it "charming; quite, quite charming." After *Lady Truthful's* magical *Newington Emerald* is stolen from her she devises a simple plan: go to London to recover the missing jewel. She quickly learns, however, that a woman cannot wander the city streets alone without damaging her reputation, and she disguises herself as a

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mustache-wearing man. During Truthful's dangerous journey she discovers a crook, an unsuspecting ally, and an evil sorceress—but will she find the Emerald?

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