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K. J. Charles turns up the heat in her new *Society of Gentlemen* novel, as two lovers face off in a sensual duel that challenges their deepest beliefs. Silas Mason has no illusions about himself. He's not lovable, or even likable. He's an overbearing idealist, a Radical bookseller and pamphleteer who lives for revolution . . . and for Wednesday nights. Every week he meets anonymously with the same man, in whom Silas has discovered the ideal meld of intellectual companionship and absolute obedience to his sexual commands. But unbeknownst to Silas, his closest friend is also his greatest enemy, with the power to see him hanged—or spare his life. A loyal, well-born gentleman official, Dominic Frey is torn apart by his affair with Silas. By the light of day, he cannot fathom the intoxicating lust that drives him to meet with the Radical week after week. In the bedroom, everything else falls away. Their needs match, and they are united by sympathy for each other's deepest vulnerabilities. But when Silas's politics earn him a death sentence, desire clashes with duty, and Dominic finds himself doing everything he can to save the man who stole his heart. And look for the enticing *Society of Gentlemen* series by KJ Charles: *THE RUIN OF GABRIEL ASHLEIGH* | *A FASHIONABLE INDULGENCE* | *A SEDITIOUS AFFAIR* | *A GENTLEMAN'S POSITION* Don't miss any of the captivating *Sins of the Cities* novels: *AN UNSEEN ATTRACTION* | *AN UNNATURAL VICE* | *AN UNSUITABLE HEIR* Praise for *A Seditious Affair* “This book is so good I read it in one sitting. I just couldn't put it down. K. J. Charles has long been one of my favorite authors, and this book doesn't disappoint. *A Seditious Affair* is a beautiful love story interwoven with the realism of the political unrest of the time—another winner from K. J. Charles!”—USA Today bestselling author Carole Mortimer “Without doubt, *A Seditious Affair* is one of the best books I've read this year.”—All About Romance “I still haven't gotten over how much I loved this book. I so look forward to reading the next novel in K. J. Charles's *Society of Gentlemen* series.”—Unquietly Me “Gah! It's always the books I love the most that leave me flailing and tongue tied. . . . *A Seditious Affair* is not a fluffy read but it is a story you can really sink your teeth into. It's complex, sensual, raw and gosh darn it—super romantic. It's one of my favorite reads of [the year].”—For What It's Worth

From acclaimed author Alyssa Cole comes the tale of a city Cinderella and her Prince Charming in disguise . . . Between grad school and multiple jobs, Naledi Smith doesn't have time for fairy tales...or patience for the constant e-mails claiming she's betrothed to an African prince. Sure. Right. Delete! As a former foster kid, she's learned that the only things she can depend on are herself and the scientific method, and a silly e-mail won't convince her otherwise. Prince Thabiso is the sole heir to the throne of Thesolo, shouldering the hopes of his parents and his people. At the top of their list? His marriage. Ever dutiful, he tracks down his missing betrothed. When Naledi mistakes the prince for a pauper, Thabiso can't resist the chance to experience life—and love—without the burden of his crown. The chemistry between them is instant and irresistible, and flirty friendship quickly evolves into passionate nights. But when the truth is revealed, can a princess in theory become a princess ever after?

Alisha Rai, one of contemporary romance's brightest stars, makes her Avon Books debut with the first novel in the sexy *Forbidden Hearts* series! One night. No one will know. That was the deal. Every year, Livvy Kane and Nicholas Chandler would share one perfect night of illicit pleasure. The forbidden hours let them forget the tragedy that haunted their pasts—and the last names that made them enemies. Until the night she didn't show up. Now Nicholas has an empire to run. He doesn't have time for distractions and Livvy's sudden reappearance in town is a major distraction. She's the one woman he shouldn't want . . . so why can't he forget how right she feels in his bed? Livvy didn't

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come home for Nicholas, but fate seems determined to remind her of his presence—and their past. Although the passion between them might have once run hot and deep, not even love can overcome the scandal that divided their families. Being together might be against all the rules . . . but being apart is impossible. One of Amazon's Best Romances of the Month & Best Romances of 2017!

Danger lurks in the western realms. Though an evil king has been defeated, a sorcerer warlord has risen and nobody is safe. This demon-possessed warlord creates magical terrors, attacking nations with the ultimate goal to weaken and demolish them before the Destroyer's imminent return. When Lizzan leads the Kothan army against these terrors, only to see her soldiers massacred and to emerge as the only survivor, she is called a coward. A disgrace. A failure. Shunned from her home, Lizzan now wanders in solitude through the lands as a mercenary for hire, until she encounters a group of warriors seeking new alliances with the northern kingdoms--a group that includes Aerax, the bastard prince of Koth, and the man who sent her into exile. Though they were former childhood friends, Aerax cannot trust the woman whose failure led to the fall of a kingdom. But when a goddess's demand binds them together, Lizzan and Aerax must find a way to overcome their painful pasts. Or there will be no future for the western realms...

Kirkus Reviews Best Books of the Year ? NPR Best Books of the Year ? Amazon Fall Reading Selection ? Goodreads Best Romances of the Month ? International Dublin Literary Award Longlist A fresh new voice. --Susan Elizabeth Phillips, New York Times bestselling author Ria Parkar is Bollywood's favorite Ice Princess--beautiful, poised, and scandal-proof--until one impulsive act threatens to expose her destructive past. Traveling home to Chicago for her cousin's wedding offers a chance to diffuse the coming media storm and find solace in family, food, and outsized celebrations that are like one of her vibrant movies come to life. But it also means confronting Vikram Jathar. Ria and Vikram spent childhood summers together, a world away from Ria's exclusive boarding school in Mumbai. Their friendship grew seamlessly into love--until Ria made a shattering decision. As far as Vikram is concerned, Ria sold her soul for stardom and it's taken him years to rebuild his life. But beneath his pent-up anger, their bond remains unchanged. And now, among those who know her best, Ria may find the courage to face the secrets she's been guarding for everyone else's benefit--and a chance to stop acting and start living. Rich with details of modern Indian-American life, here is a warm, sexy, and witty story of love, family, and the difficult choices that arise in the name of both.

When you've lived your life as a criminal... When you've done unspeakable things ... When your soul has become dark and stained... The path to redemption begins where you least expect it. Kyle Sommerville is in hiding and doesn't want to be found by anyone. Certainly not by his quirky, free-spirited neighbor who's managed to push her way past the walls he's built around him. But Jane Cresson's indomitable will and insatiable curiosity about her reclusive neighbor makes it impossible for Kyle to stay immersed in his dark world. Little by little, she claws through his shell. Day by day, she gets him to smile a little more. Night by night, they both find pleasure they never knew existed. When Kyle's terrible past is exposed, Jane begins to think she's in over her head. Can her love for this broken man finally clear his path to redemption, or will Kyle's darkness finally extinguish every bit of hope she's put into him?

"I loved the entire Bedroom Games series. They were cute, steamy reads that I didn't want to put down." ~ Burning Impossibly Bright Blog It may be the Winter Classics, but the bedroom games are about to begin... As a set of three Olympic snowboarders head to South Korea to compete, none of them knew that they'd be competing for their hearts. This box set includes: Iced Out (Bedroom Games #0.5) Previously exclusive material available only to Piper Rayne newsletter subscribers. Exactly why do Grady and Mia hate each other in Cold as Ice? Cold as Ice (Bedroom Games #1) An enemies-to-lovers AND best friend's little sister romance between half pipe snowboarders Grady Kale (Rogue) and Mia Salter (Lil' Salty). What happens when you're thrown in to a press tour with your ex-best friend's little sister who you're

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seeing a new light? You realize karma has a sick sense of humor. On Thin Ice (Bedroom Games #2) An enemies-to-lovers... well more enemies-with-benefits involving snowboard cross snowboarder Dax Campbell (Soups) and downhill skier Demi Harrison. What happens when you lose your edge and your superstition is sleeping with the girl who believes you're the devil incarnate? You hope for a divine intervention. Break the Ice (Bedroom Games #3) A friends-to-lovers romance between slopestyle boarder Beckett (Hoff) Myers and slopestyle skier Skylar Walsh. What happens when your best friend agrees to help you rehab from a broken arm? Lines blur, that's what. The Ice Box (Bedroom Games #4) BRAND NEW novella written from Brandon Salter's (Salty) POV.

I. Will. Find. You.

Love in the time of Hamilton... On October 14, 1781, Alexander Hamilton led a daring assault on Yorktown's defenses and won a decisive victory in America's fight for independence. Decades later, when Eliza Hamilton collected his soldiers' stories, she discovered that while the war was won at Yorktown, the battle for love took place on many fronts... PROMISED LAND by Rose Lerner Donning men's clothing, Rachel left her life behind to fight the British as Corporal Ezra Jacobs--but life catches up with a vengeance when she arrests an old love as a Loyalist spy. At first she thinks Nathan Mendelson hasn't changed one bit: he's annoying, he talks too much, he sticks his handsome nose where it doesn't belong, and he's self-righteously indignant just because Rachel might have faked her own death a little. She'll be lucky if he doesn't spill her secret to the entire Continental Army. Then Nathan shares a secret of his own, one that changes everything... THE PURSUIT OF... by Courtney Milan What do a Black American soldier, invalidated out at Yorktown, and a British officer who deserted his post have in common? Quite a bit, actually. * They attempted to kill each other the first time they met. * They're liable to try again at some point in the five-hundred-mile journey that they're inexplicably sharing. * They are not falling in love with each other. * They are not falling in love with each other. * They are.... Oh no. THAT COULD BE ENOUGH by Alyssa Cole Mercy Alston knows the best thing to do with pesky feelings like "love" and "hope": avoid them at all cost. Serving as a maid to Eliza Hamilton, and an assistant in the woman's stubborn desire to preserve her late husband's legacy, has driven that point home for Mercy—as have her own previous heartbreaks. When Andromeda Stiel shows up at Hamilton Grange for an interview in her grandfather's stead, Mercy's resolution to live a quiet, pain-free life is tested by the beautiful, flirtatious, and entirely overwhelming dressmaker. Andromeda has staid Mercy reconsidering her worldview, but neither is prepared for love—or for what happens when it's not enough.

In Alisha Rai's second novel in her Modern Love series, a reclusive investor goes viral, shoving her into the world's spotlight—and into the arms of the bodyguard she's been pining for... OMG! Wouldn't it be adorable if he's her soulmate??? I don't see any wedding rings Breaking: #CafeBae and #CuteCafeGirl went to the bathroom AT THE SAME TIME!!! One minute, Katrina King's enjoying an innocent conversation with a random guy at a coffee shop; the next, a stranger has live-tweeted the entire encounter with a romantic meet-cute spin and #CafeBae has the world swooning. Going viral isn't easy for anyone, but Katrina has painstakingly built a private world for herself, far from her traumatic past. Besides, everyone has it all wrong...that #CafeBae bro? He isn't the man she's hungry for. He's got a to die for. With the internet on the hunt for the identity of #CuteCafeGirl, Jas Singh, bodyguard and possessor of the most beautiful eyebrows Katrina's ever seen, offers his family's farm as a refuge. Alone with her unrequited crush feels like a recipe for hopeless longing, but Katrina craves the escape. She's resigned to being just friends with Jas--until they share a single electrifying kiss. Now she can't help but wonder if her crush may not be so unrequited after all...

They say he's a myth... And Hades prefers it that way. He may do all the work, and Zeus may get all the credit, but at least it allows Hades to

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preserve the one thing he truly cares to have: his solitude. The mere mention of the Wraith of Khaos Falls is enough to keep order, and he is rarely forced to leave the shadows of Casino Asphodel. She belongs in the spotlight... And Persephone clawed her way out of Demeter's shadow to reach it. Now she's lead in Calliope's Cirque production but not without great cost, and there is not enough money in the world to pay off the debt accrued for the simple mistake of trusting Zeus. Though it's easier to ignore the bars when she still has room to fly. Landing a residency at the legendary Casino Asphodel is everything she trained for. Meeting a man she'd been convinced didn't exist? She could never be prepared for that. Hades isn't prepared for her either, but it's soon evident they're a force when together. He gives her a soft place to land, and she makes him want to reach for the stars. But when Zeus ups the stakes, they must be willing to go all in, even if it means coming down from the sky. Or stepping into the light.

“The Right Swipe is everything you want in a Summer read: fun, clever, and so, so sexy.” — Popsugar Alisha Rai returns with a sizzling new novel, in which two rival dating app creators find themselves at odds in the boardroom but in sync in the bedroom. Rhiannon Hunter may have revolutionized romance in the digital world, but in real life she only swipes right on her career—and the occasional hookup. The cynical dating app creator controls her love life with a few key rules: - Nude pics are by invitation only - If someone stands you up, block them with extreme prejudice - Protect your heart Only there aren't any rules to govern her attraction to her newest match, former pro-football player Samson Lima. The sexy and seemingly sweet hunk woos her one magical night... and disappears. Rhi thought she'd buried her hurt over Samson ghosting her, until he suddenly surfaces months later, still big, still beautiful—and in league with a business rival. He says he won't fumble their second chance, but she's wary. A temporary physical partnership is one thing, but a merger of hearts? Surely that's too high a risk...

In Show Yourself to Me: Queer Kink Erotica, Xan West introduces us to pretty boys and nervous boys, vulnerable tops and dominant sadists, good girls and fierce girls and scared little girls, mean Daddies and loving Daddies and Daddies that are terrifying in delicious ways. Submissive queers go to alleys to suck cock, get bent over the bathroom sink by a handsome stranger, choose to face their fears, have their Daddy orchestrate a gang bang in the park, and get their dream gender-play scene-tied to a sling in an accessible dungeon. Dominants find hope and take risks, fall hard and push edges, get fucked and devour the fear and tears that their sadist hearts desire. Within these 24 stories, you will meet queers who build community together, who are careful about how they play with power, who care deeply about consent. You will meet trans and genderqueer folks who are hot for each other, who mentor each other, who do the kind of gender play that is only possible with other trans and genderqueer folks. This is Show Yourself to Me. Get ready for a very wild ride.

ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE ANTHOLOGY A SNOWY LITTLE CHRISTMAS! From the acclaimed author of Love Lettering comes another unforgettable story of modern love, as Mother Nature steps in to help turn two friends into much more . . . It's all work and no play for longtime friends-turned-business-partners Kristen and Jasper—until an unexpected kiss turns things personal. Will it mean the end of something, or the beginning? With a major contract in the balance, Christmas around the corner, and a lot of unspoken feelings, it may take an unpredictable blizzard in New England to seal the deal . . . PRAISE FOR KATE CLAYBORN “I can't wait for the whole world to fall in love with Love Lettering!” —Jasmine Guillory, New York Times bestselling author of The Proposal “Love Lettering is . . . a novel of lush complexity, one bursting with humor, a tender melancholy, and meditations on love, friendship, and life any reader can find solace and inspiration in.” —A+, Entertainment Weekly

They're craving something sweet. She likes it spicy. Devi Malik knows how to heat things up. She does it every night as head chef in her

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family's Indian restaurant. Her love life, though, is stuck in the subzero freezer. Now, with a chance to fulfill a secret fantasy with her long-time crush and his brother, it's time to put her desire on the front two burners. For Marcus Callahan, a love-'em-and-leave-'em attitude isn't only a necessary evil of their kink. It's a protective device. Lately, though, his brother Jace has been making noises about craving something more. Jace's dissatisfaction with their lifestyle grows with every glimpse of sweet little Devi. Yet Marcus is too haunted by the pain of their shared past to give love a chance. Despite their reputation for vanishing with the dawn, they discover one night with Devi isn't nearly enough. And Devi finds herself falling in love with two very different men. It'll take more than explosive sex to light up the shadows surrounding the Callahan brothers' secrets. But Devi's never been afraid of the dark... Warning: This title contains two sizzling men for the price of one, menage a trois, oral sex, anal sex, fun toys, great food, and creative uses for syrup and dressing rooms."

A man controlled by his desires . . . Infamous for his wild, sensual needs, Lazarus Huntington, Lord Caire, is searching for a savage killer in St. Giles, London's most notorious slum. Widowed Temperance Dews knows St. Giles like the back of her hand - she's spent a lifetime caring for its inhabitants at the foundling home her family established. Now that home is at risk . . . A woman haunted by her past . . . Caire makes a simple offer - in return for Temperance's help navigating the perilous alleys of St. Giles, he will introduce her to London's high society so that she can find a benefactor for the home. But Temperance may not be the innocent she seems, and what begins as cold calculation soon falls prey to a passion that neither can control - one that may well destroy them both. A bargain neither could refuse.

After the gasp-inducing cliffhanger ending of *The Frozen Crown*, the exciting conclusion to the epic story of Askia—a warrior, witch, and queen-to-be—as she confronts the monster that stole her throne...and is holding her prisoner to steal her magic. The Empire of Vishir has lost its ruler, and the fight to save Seravesh from the Roven Empire is looking bleak. Moreover, Askia has been captured by power-hungry Emperor Radovan, who plans on making her his wife simply so he can take her magic as his own, killing her in the process. Aware of his ex-wives' fates, Askia must find a means of avoiding this doom, not only for the sake of Seravesh, but now for Vishir as well. She must put both nations first and remember Ozura's advice: you must play the game in order to survive. Askia was born a soldier, but now it's time to become a spy. But it's hard to play a game where the only person who knows the rules wants to kill her. And time is a factor. The jewel Radovan has put around her neck will pull her power from her in thirty days. Worse, Vishir might not even have that long, as the two heirs to the throne are on the verge of civil war. Without any hope for help from the south, without any access to her magic, alone in a hostile land, Askia is no closer to freeing her people than she was when she fled to Vishir. In the clutches of a madman, the only thing she's close to is death. Yet she'd trade her life for a chance to save Seravesh. The problem: she may not have that choice.

I love redheaded men. Yes, redheads. Any shade from strawberry to bright sunset to hot-rod red. I love gingers and they love me. I love the way their freckles stand out. I love the way their necks get red when they get hot, sunburned or turned on. I love the way I can spot one in a room and know they're going to be mine. I love them so much, I've earned a nickname: Pumpkin Pounder. (I'm not going to put that on my resume, but it suits me.) The one thing I love as much as redheads is Halloween night in New York City, so when my friend invites me to a wild costume party aboard an old tug boat, I'm ready for anything...especially meeting the perfect guy. The perfect, redheaded guy...with an Irish accent. Problem is, what if I want him for more than one night? -- PUMPKIN POUNDER is a fairytale remix, a reverse Cinderella story inspired by *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, *An Affair to Remember* and *SATC*. Laura Lovely's Fairytale Remixes promise short hot-n-humorous romances inspired by fairytales, mythology and pop culture.

A *Cosmopolitan* Best Book of 2017! Alisha Rai returns with the second novel in her sizzling *Forbidden Hearts* series! He wasn't supposed to

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fall in love with his brother's widow... Accused of a crime he didn't commit, Jackson Kane fled his home, his name, and his family. Ten years later, he's come back to town: older, wiser, richer, tougher—and still helpless to turn away the one woman he could never stop loving, even after she married his brother. Sadia Ahmed can't deal with the feelings her mysterious former brother-in-law stirs, but she also can't turn down his offer of help with the cafe she's inherited. While he heats up her kitchen, she slowly discovers that the boy she adored has grown into a man she's simply unable to resist. An affair is unthinkable, but their desire is undeniable. As secrets and lies are stripped away, Sadia and Jackson must decide if they're strong enough to face the past...and step into a future together.

When a newly appointed first female Chief of MI6 disappears weeks after two possibly related cases, disgraced former MI6 officer Thomas Kell is offered a chance to redeem his career by conducting a discreet operation that uncovers a shocking conspiracy. By the best-selling author of *The Trinity Six*. 100,000 first printing.

For two years, Dr. Maira Khan has waited for handsome police officer Sasha Karimi to see her as more than a friend. When Sasha is injured in the line of duty, Maira decides to make the first move, but is rebuffed by Sasha who believes she's blinded by hero worship. Realizing too late that her feelings for him are real, Sasha sets out to win her back with a proper courtship.

In the land of Umpar, the Parsatheans and the city-states have come together to ward off the savage Farians, but this newly formed coalition is now in peril. In the thick of battle, formidable Parsathean commander Maddek receives news that his parents have been killed by Thalen, the corrupt ruler of Syssia. To get revenge he must use Thalen's secret daughter as retribution. But Yvenne is nothing like he had imagined. Though the blades of fury and uncertainty dig deep, Maddek and Yvenne are entwined through one common goal: to claim their rightful thrones... or die trying.

When a twist of fate throws university student Crys Murphy into an unexpected job on tour with a wildly successful rock band, her crush on the guitarist turns into powerful temptation. But there's a dark side to the glamour and champagne: Blade has anger and addiction issues, a history of partying with groupies, and a tendency to get naked in public — and Crys is supposed to keep him out of trouble. As she gets to know the talented and lonely man behind the bad boy behavior, the chemistry between them wavers on the edge of something deeper. But he doesn't do relationships, and she grew up expecting a white-picket-fence future. Can he reform and open his heart to love? Will she give up her straitlaced upbringing for her troubled rock star?

Popular romance fiction constitutes the largest segment of the global book market. Bringing together an international group of scholars, *The Routledge Research Companion to Popular Romance Fiction* offers a ground-breaking exploration of this global genre and its remarkable readership. In recognition of the diversity of the form, the Companion provides a history of the genre, an overview of disciplinary approaches to studying romance fiction, and critical analyses of important subgenres, themes, and topics. It also highlights new and understudied avenues of inquiry for future research in this vibrant and still-emerging field. The first systematic, comprehensive resource on romance fiction, this Companion will be invaluable to students and scholars, and accessible to romance readers.

In her witty and breathtakingly sexy novel, Emily Foster introduces a story of lust, friendship, and other unpredictable experiments. . . Data, research, scientific formulae--Annabelle Coffey is completely at ease with all of them. Men, not so much. But that's all going to change after she asks Dr. Charles Douglas, the postdoctoral fellow in her lab, to have sex with her. Charles is not only beautiful, he is also adorably awkward, British, brilliant, and nice. What are the odds he'd turn her down? Very high, as it happens.

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Something to do with that whole student/teacher/ethics thing. But in a few weeks, Annie will graduate. As soon as she does, the unlikely friendship that's developing between them can turn physical--just until Annie leaves for graduate school. Yet nothing could have prepared either Annie or Charles for chemistry like this, or for what happens when a simple exercise in mutual pleasure turns into something as exhilarating and infernally complicated as love.

The author of *The Right Swipe* and *Girl Gone Viral* returns with a story about finding love in all the wrong inboxes... Beauty expert and influencer Jia Ahmed has her eye on the prize: conquering the internet today, the entire makeup industry tomorrow, and finally, finally proving herself to her big opinionated family. She has little time for love, and even less time for the men in her private messages—until the day a certain international superstar slides into her DMs, and she falls hard and fast. There's just one wrinkle: he has no idea who she is. The son of a powerful Bollywood family, soap opera star Dev Dixit is used to drama, but a strange woman who accuses him of wooing her online, well, that's a new one. As much as he'd like to focus on his Hollywood fresh start, he can't get Jia out of his head. Especially once he starts to suspect who might have used his famous name to catfish her... When paparazzi blast their private business into the public eye, Dev is happy to engage in some friendly fake dating to calm the gossips and to dazzle her family. But as the whole world swoons over their relationship, Jia can't help but wonder: Can an online romance-turned-offline-fauxmance ever become love in real life?

ShadowLands, Book 1—James Bennett has spent the years since humankind fell victim to the Illness living underground. His only interaction with the Shadows roaming the Earth is through surveillance technology carried by his search-and-rescue agents.

Scarred by vicious events, he has no desire to leave the safety of his bunker for the dangerous world outside—until he recruits a tough young woman clear across the country. Jules Guerrero learned two things early on: the value of loyalty and never backing down from a fight. Both of these come in handy now that her job description includes protecting humans and kicking Shadow ass. But it's hard to keep her mind strictly on her mission when all she can think about is the man whose voice keeps her sane through each dark night. When Jules is captured by a rogue organization even more bloodthirsty than the Shadows, James must draw on all of his courage to fuel a treacherous cross-country chase...before the Jules he loves is destroyed forever.

This bundle contains *Play With Me*, *Risk & Reward*, and *Bet On Me*, a series of three erotic romance novellas that were previously published separately. The trilogy follows the romance between billionaire casino mogul Wyatt Caine and his high school sweetheart, Tatiana Belikov. *Play With Me* Playing for a night...or for keeps? Jewelry designer Tatiana Belikov may have matured enough to curb her impulsive nature, but wickedness is still her best accessory. When family troubles bring her to Las Vegas and face-to-face with the man who knows all her darkest desires, resisting temptation is futile. A night of no-holds-barred sin? Jackpot. Once billionaire Wyatt Caine had nothing to offer Tatiana except his heart, but time has changed his fortunes. Now he's the king of vice, and the king always gets what he wants. Especially when all he wants is her, all grown up and ready to play every dirty game he can devise. They ignite like fireworks on the Strip, blazing hot enough to melt the best intentions. But their roll in the sheets turns into a roll of the dice, and when morning comes, Wyatt and Tatiana are left wondering whether to walk away...or raise the

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stakes. Risk & Reward The greater the risk... Older. Wiser. Hotter. Months after reuniting with the man who loved her-and left her-a decade ago, Tatiana Belikov is determined not to let their wicked games blind her to the danger of repeating history. If that means biting her tongue, so be it. After all, she does get to bite him. Wyatt Caine never thought Tatiana would be back in his cards, but he's not ready to question his luck. Between the sheets, the alpha male knows exactly how to make her naughty fantasies come true: rough and tumble, with an extra serving of dirty. Communicating outside of the bedroom? Not always so easy. The city's bright lights can't compare to their passion, burning hot enough to singe them both. But when the harsh glare of reality exposes long-inflicted wounds, Wyatt and Tatiana have to decide if they want to play it safe...or risk it all. Bet On Me When love is at stake, all bets are off. Fast and hard. Despite her best intentions, that's the way Tatiana Belikov rolls, and over the past year she's tumbled head over heels for her former ex-lover. Hot, indulgent, and ready to cater to her every dirty whim? There's no way she could resist. Wyatt Caine is the house, and the house always wins-but love is a precious commodity that rarely crosses his table. His game plan? Drown his woman in pleasure before she realizes he's hardly a safe bet. Their happiness burns brighter than the spotlights on the Strip, but when his past rears its ugly head, casting a shadow on their bliss, Wyatt has an important decision to make: time to fold...or go all in.

Shameless. That's what she was. Billionaire businesswoman Akira Mori can get anything and anyone her heart desires. Anyone, that is, except for a certain aloof author who has been dominating her dreams for over a decade. Accustomed to Jacob Campbell's stern disapproval, Akira has turned provocation into an art, using every trick in her arsenal to keep the man from guessing the depth of her filthy fantasies. Shameless. That's what she made him. Since the moment the sexy, sultry socialite sidled up to him years ago, there hasn't been a time when Jacob didn't crave Akira. But as guardian to his younger siblings, responsibility has controlled his life. Confining his darkest desires to secret, stolen moments maintains his carefully disciplined world...but a cold bed is the price he pays. A single touch is all it takes for their simmering need to explode. As secrets and fears are stripped away one by one, shame becomes a thing of the past. They find themselves becoming addicted to each other, in bed and out-a frightening prospect for a man just learning to live...and a woman who thinks she doesn't know how to love.

Encourages one to create an ideal life through hard work, drawing on the author's own story and the experiences of others to prove that this life plan can really work.

Genevieve Boden is a witch. The townspeople's fear of her keeps away those who have hurt her--like the local men of authority. Then she finds a bloody, fatally wounded man slumped on her porch. In an instant, her healing ability reawakens--and that's not all.

If you want to live, you must let go of the past...Twenty-eight-year-old psychologist, Alisha Dimarchi, is abducted by an obsessed client and imprisoned in his Pakistani compound for over two years. Forced to change her name and live as his second wife, her life is filled with trauma and heartbreak. Thrust into a world of violence and oppression, Ally must fight not only to keep herself alive but to protect the lives of the people she now considers family. At night, she retreats into her memories of the only man she has

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ever loved-a man she believes no longer loves her. Thirty-four-year-old handsome surgeon, David Dimarchi, has spent the last two years mourning the disappearance of his wife. After a painful and isolated existence, he begins the process of healing. It is then he is visited by a stranger, who informs him that Ally is very much alive and needs his help. In a desperate attempt to save her, David enlists the help of a mercenary. Together they find themselves in the center of more than just a rescue mission. Will he be able to reach her in time, and if he does, will she still want him?

Faith, Love, Hope and Popular Romance Fiction explores romance novels from a theological perspective and suggests a new definition of the romance novel to complement other definitions which focus on structural elements: "modern popular romances are novels whose authors have assumed pastoral roles, offering hope to their readers through works which propagate faith in the goodness and durability of love." Part one outlines how romance authors offer hope and pastoral care to their readers through works which propagate faith in the goodness and durability of love. Part two explores aspects of faith, hope, love and pastoral care in more detail: words and power; the different "faith" traditions in the precursors to the modern romance; what it means to hope for a "prince" as saviour; damnation as the absence of love, and metaphorical devils and hells; false or damaging forms of love and how to discern them.

Lady Sophia Barnes is on a mission to protect the employees of Madame Hartley's brothel, something much easier done dressed as a man. But she needs the help of Damien Beecham, a man who broke her heart long ago, and who still has feelings for Sophia.

A sparkling debut from a new author we're all going to want more from."--Susan Meissner, bestselling author of *The Nature of Fragile Things*
When an ambitious female artist accepts an unexpected commission at a powerful earl's country estate in 1920s England, she finds his war-torn family crumbling under the weight of long-kept secrets. From debut author Courtney Ellis comes a captivating novel about finding the courage to heal after the ravages of war. Alberta Preston accepts the commission of a lifetime when she receives an invitation from the Earl of Wakeford to spend a summer painting at His Lordship's country home, Castle Braemore. Bertie imagines her residence at the prodigious estate will finally enable her to embark on a professional career and prove her worth as an artist, regardless of her gender. Upon her arrival, however, Bertie finds the opulent Braemore and its inhabitants diminished by the Great War. The earl has been living in isolation since returning from the trenches, locked away in his rooms and hiding battle scars behind a prosthetic mask. While his younger siblings eagerly welcome Bertie into their world, she soon sees chips in that world's gilded facade. As she and the earl develop an unexpected bond, Bertie becomes deeply entangled in the pain and secrets she discovers hidden within Castle Braemore and the hearts of its residents. Threaded with hope, love, and loss, *At Summer's End* delivers a portrait of a noble family--and a world--changed forever by the war to end all wars.

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A transporting and illuminating voyage around the globe, through classic and modern literary works that are in conversation with one another and with the world around them *Featured in the Chicago Tribune's Great 2021 Fall Book Preview* Inspired by Jules Verne's hero Phileas Fogg, David Damrosch, chair of Harvard University's department of comparative literature and founder of Harvard's Institute for World Literature, set out to counter a pandemic's restrictions on travel by exploring eighty exceptional books from around the globe. Following a literary itinerary from London to Venice, Tehran and points beyond, and via authors from Woolf and Dante to Nobel Prize-winners Orhan Pamuk, Wole Soyinka, Mo Yan, and Olga Tokarczuk, he explores how these works have shaped our idea of the world, and the ways in which the world bleeds into literature. To chart the expansive landscape of world literature today, Damrosch explores how writers live in two very

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different worlds: the world of their personal experience and the world of books that have enabled great writers to give shape and meaning to their lives. In his literary cartography, Damrosch includes compelling contemporary works as well as perennial classics, hard-bitten crime fiction as well as haunting works of fantasy, and the formative tales that introduce us as children to the world we're entering. Taken together, these eighty titles offer us fresh perspective on enduring problems, from the social consequences of epidemics to the rising inequality that Thomas More designed Utopia to combat, as well as the patriarchal structures within and against which many of these books' heroines have to struggle—from the work of Murasaki Shikibu a millennium ago to Margaret Atwood today. *Around the World in 80 Books* is a global invitation to look beyond ourselves and our surroundings, and to see our world and its literature in new ways.

When she was bad, she was better. Elizabeth Harding, the perfect, polished daughter of politicians, plays by all the rules. Or so it seems. Tired of a lifetime of denying her passionate nature, she's created an alter ego. As Tess, Elizabeth is able to safely and secretly indulge all of her wild fantasies—even if that fantasy is financing a private club of pleasure. Driven and ambitious, Luca Santos has clawed his way from rags to riches. His boss's daughter has tempted him for what seems like forever, but he's known that the pampered princess probably wouldn't be down with his dirty ways. Elizabeth is sweet, innocent, demure...so what's she doing sneaking around a place that revels in sexual abandon? One night. So many ways to ruin a person.

Hungry for a touch... Rana Malik is over being her family's resident black sheep. She's on a mission: ditch the casual hook-ups, revamp her bad-girl image, and fall in love with a proper Mr. Right even her conservative mama can't find fault with. Not on the menu? The beautiful, brooding Mr. Right Now who lives next door, and all the ways he whets her appetite. Starving for love... Artist Micah Hale had it all—women, success, friends and family—until his world changed in a single act of senseless violence. Now struggling to conceal his scars and get his life and career back on track, he knows he has nothing to offer a woman except his body. He's not looking for love...but he can't control his craving for the sexy bombshell voyeur he's caught looking at him. Just one bite. Their attraction boils over, and their defenses are stripped off along with their clothes. They promise they'll walk away if it gets too hot. But it's hard to do the right thing...when being wrong feels so good. It's not easy being Hades. Constantly guarding his world against other meddling and ambitious deities is stressful work. So when a naked goddess falls directly into his lap, along with the news that he has to shelter her for the indefinite future, he is less than thrilled. The Underworld isn't the first place Persephone would pick for a vacation—who in their right mind would choose a dark palace over sunshine and flowers? Yet from Hades's first touch, the dark, sexy ruler fascinates her and has her thinking a fling might be just the thing to while away her confinement. But trust each other? Not a chance. Until the day comes that Persephone must leave...and they realize that trusting each other is the only way they'll ever meet again. Author's Note: This novella was initially published in 2010, and has been out of print for a few years. I made some changes prior to its 2021 rerelease, though the plot remains essentially the same.

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