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Come back to a time when manners are everything and rules are made to never be broken. Come back to a time when men are in charge and women do what they are told... Yeah, that never happened. Welcome to Megan Bryce's Regencyland, where ladies with backbone get what they want. Where a woman can thumb her nose at rules and care little for convention, and yet somehow, unexpectedly and most reluctantly, find love. To Catch A Spinster Olivia Blakesley, self-proclaimed spinster extraordinaire, is quite happy with her life. She has her studies and her duties, what need does she have of a husband? With five sisters married she knows the reality does not live up to the promise, and does not need to personally experiment with the state to know she would be ill-suited to it. However, she finds herself envious of at least one aspect of marriage. But to experience the physical side of marriage, one doesn't need a husband, all one needs is the right man... Nathaniel Jenkins knows his duty. Marry a young girl from a respectable family and father an heir, no matter how cold the endless parade of suitable girls leaves him. But a shocking proposal from a scholarly spinster leaves him wondering if

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unsuitable is just what he's looking for. Can he convince his spinster that marriage is the greatest experiment of all? ~The Reluctant Bride Collection~ (books can be read in any order) To Catch A Spinster To Tame A Lady To Wed The Widow To Tempt The Saint regency romance, victorian romance, funny, witty, lighthearted, historical romance, spinster

My father's dying wish was for me to marry a monster. Axe Adler. A brutal killer. An emotionless mafia enforcer. A man who chooses silence over the sounds of life. When I look at him, I don't see my future husband. I see a criminal. A murderer. A man with no soul. With a callousness I've never known, he exposes my reality. It should be frightening. Instead, the truth is alluring. Everything changes. So what happens when you finally realize that everything you believed in, is a lie? When the man who shows you the truth is an irresistible killer? Suddenly, I can't tell right from wrong, pain from pleasure, hatred from desire. His dark gaze leaves no doubt: Axe would rather kill me than love me. But he'll never let me out of his cage. Author's Note: Dangerous Silence is the second book in the dark mafia series, The Adler Brothers. It is Axe and Demi's story. It contains dark and disturbing content. Reader discretion is advised.

The story of two Revolutionary–era teenagers who defy their Loyalist families to marry radical patriots,

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Henry Knox and Benedict Arnold, and are forever changed When Peggy Shippen, the celebrated blonde belle of Philadelphia, married American military hero Benedict Arnold in 1779, she anticipated a life of fame and fortune, but financial debts and political intrigues prompted her to conspire with her treasonous husband against George Washington and the American Revolution. In spite of her commendable efforts to rehabilitate her husband's name, Peggy Shippen continues to be remembered as a traitor bride. Peggy's patriotic counterpart was Lucy Flucker, the spirited and voluptuous brunette, who in 1774 defied her wealthy Tory parents by marrying a poor Boston bookbinder simply for love. When her husband, Henry Knox, later became a famous general in the American Revolutionary War, Lucy faithfully followed him through Washington's army camps where she birthed and lost babies, befriended Martha Washington, was praised for her social skills, and secured her legacy as an admired patriot wife. And yet, as esteemed biographer Nancy Rubin Stuart reveals, a closer look at the lives of both spirited women reveals that neither was simply a "traitor" or "patriot." In *Defiant Brides*, the first dual biography of both Peggy Shippen Arnold and Lucy Flucker Knox, Stuart has crafted a rich portrait of two rebellious women who defied expectations and struggled—publicly and privately—in a volatile political

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moment in early America. Drawing from never-before-published correspondence, Stuart traces the evolution of these women from passionate teenage brides to mature matrons, bringing both women from the sidelines of history to its vital center. Readers will be enthralled by Stuart's dramatic account of the epic lives of these defiant brides, which begin with romance, are complicated by politics, and involve spies, disappointments, heroic deeds, tragedies, and personal triumphs.

She never wanted to marry. He hopes to make amends for past wrongs. Can love find a way to heal both of their hearts? Sadie Schrock swore she would never marry. All of her other Amish friends could court and marry—she was content to manage the family business and eventually take it over when her parents are ready to retire. But all of that changes when a reckless driver kills both of her parents and seriously injures her younger sister. With mounting hospital bills adding to the pile of debt her parents left behind, Sadie is left with no choice: she must marry. And not just any man—the man who saw her at her weakest and walked away. Aden knows what his brother did to Sadie years ago was inexcusable. And every day since that incident, Aden has lived with the guilt for not intervening sooner. When he is faced with the chance to protect Sadie once again, he can't let her down—even if it means living with the scorn of the woman he loves for the rest of his life.

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Working alongside Aden at the store, Sadie realizes he isn't the same boy who once betrayed her. Just when Sadie starts to let her guard down and perhaps develop feelings for her new husband, dangerous secrets are revealed. Now everything Sadie has worked so hard to protect is threatened, and she must find a way to save her family—and herself. A Greek tycoon's unmarried daughter Althea attracts the tabloids' attention with her beauty. However, she holds a secret deep inside her heart that she can't tell anyone. One day at a party, she meets Demos, a powerfully strong man brimming with self-confidence. And as always, she leaves before he's able to see anything more than the facade she puts up. Demos pressures her into getting to know him, and with the help of her father, he comes to arrange a marriage with her. She thought a loveless marriage was the best choice, but when Demos touches her, passions flare. Will she be able to protect herself, or will her heart be laid bare?

In Colonial Virginia, Chance Walker still blames his cousin Jonathan for his own wife's untimely death. So when Jonathan returns from England with the widowed Lady Fancy Merrivale, Chance sees an opportunity to strike back: he'll woo the beautiful Lady. But revenge turns bittersweet as Chance falls hopelessly in love with Fancy, and she with him, while a shadowy enemy intent on claiming Chance's

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family inheritance puts Fancy in his sights.

REVIEWS: "One of the best romance writers of our time." ~Affaire de Coeur THE RELUCTANT BRIDES, in series order A Heart for the Taking Swear by Moonlight While Passion Sleeps THE SOUTHERN WOMEN, in series order The Tiger Lily Each Time We Love At Long Last Love a Dark Rider THE LOUISIANA LADIES, in series order Deceive Not My Heart Midnight Masquerade Love Be Mine Come back to a time when manners are everything and rules are made to never be broken. Come back to a time when men are in charge and women do what they are told... Yeah, that never happened. Welcome to Megan Bryce's Regencyland, where ladies with backbone get what they want. Where a woman can thumb her nose at rules and care little for convention, and yet somehow, unexpectedly and most reluctantly, find love. To Tempt The Saint Many years ago, George St. Clair loved and lost-- his heart, his faith, his future. Now, he is content to watch not-so-silently as life happens to his friends, secure in the knowledge that no woman could tempt him again. Absolutely certain that no woman is worth the risk. Confident that he is protected from the pain... Honora Kempe lost everything after her fall from grace-- her family, her life, a future. Now, Hell hath no fury like a disgraced vicar's daughter and she is determined to get back what was hers. By hook or by crook. Man by man. Lie by lie. Until one

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man makes her wonder if love really can heal all pain. And if too late really is too late... ~The Reluctant Bride Collection~ (books can be read in any order) To Catch A Spinster To Tame A Lady To Wed The Widow To Tempt The Saint regency romance, historical romance, victorian romance, funny, witty

A tiny American town's plans for radical self-government overlooked one hairy detail: no one told the bears. Once upon a time, a group of libertarians got together and hatched the Free Town Project, a plan to take over an American town and completely eliminate its government. In 2004, they set their sights on Grafton, NH, a barely populated settlement with one paved road. When they descended on Grafton, public funding for pretty much everything shrank: the fire department, the library, the schoolhouse. State and federal laws became meek suggestions, scarcely heard in the town's thick wilderness. The anything-goes atmosphere soon caught the attention of Grafton's neighbors: the bears. Freedom-loving citizens ignored hunting laws and regulations on food disposal. They built a tent city in an effort to get off the grid. The bears smelled food and opportunity. A Libertarian Walks Into a Bear is the sometimes funny, sometimes terrifying tale of what happens when a government disappears into the woods. Complete with gunplay, adventure, and backstabbing politicians, this is the ultimate

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story of a quintessential American experiment -- to live free or die, perhaps from a bear.

A young bride shuts herself up in a bedroom on her wedding day, refusing to get married. In this moving and humorous look at contemporary Israel and the chaotic ups and downs of love everywhere, her family gathers outside the locked door, not knowing what to do. The bride's mother has lost a younger daughter in unclear circumstances. Her grandmother is hard of hearing, yet seems to understand her better than anyone. A male cousin who likes to wear women's clothes and jewelry clings to his grandmother like a little boy. The family tries an array of unusual tactics to ensure the wedding goes ahead, including calling in a psychologist specializing in brides who change their mind and a ladder truck from the Palestinian Authority electrical company. The only communication they receive from behind the door are scribbled notes, one of them a cryptic poem about a prodigal daughter returning home. The harder they try to reach the defiant woman, the more the despairing groom is convinced that her refusal should be respected. But what, exactly, ought to be respected? Is this merely a case of cold feet? A feminist statement? Or a mourning ritual for a lost sister? This provocative and highly entertaining novel lingers long after its final page. Matrimony meets mayhem in a modern British romcom about a young woman charged with pulling off the

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biggest aristocratic wedding of the year—and the misadventures that ensue. Sophie Breeze is a brilliant bridesmaid. So brilliant, in fact, that she's made it her full-time job. As a professional bridesmaid, Sophie is hired by London brides to be their right-hand woman, posing as a friend but working behind the scenes to help plan the perfect wedding and ensure their big day goes off without a hitch. When she's hired by Lady Victoria Swann—a former model and “It Girl” of 1970's London; now the Marchioness of Meade—for the society wedding of the year, it should be a chance for Sophie to prove just how talented she is. Of course, it's not ideal that the bride, Lady Victoria's daughter, Cordelia, is an absolute diva and determined to make Sophie's life a nightmare. It's also a bit inconvenient that Sophie finds herself drawn to Cordelia's posh older brother, who is absolutely off limits. But when a rival society wedding is announced for the very same day, things start to get...well, complicated. Can Sophie pull off the biggest challenge of her career—execute a high-profile gala for four hundred and fifty guests in record time, win over a reluctant bride, and catch the eye of handsome Lord Swann—all while keeping her true identity a secret, and her dignity intact? Heartwarming and hilarious, Katy Birchall's *The Secret Bridesmaid* celebrates the joys (and foibles) of weddings, the nuances of female friendship, and the redeeming power of love in its many unexpected forms.

In this spectacular new romance from acclaimed New York Times bestselling author Jane Feather, fate deals one stubbornly single young woman and one deceptively

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heartless man a shocking hand in a high-stakes bet. But is love in the cards? Jack Fortescu gambles to win, and this time his prize is not only his rival's lavish mansion but everything in it— including the man's beautiful sister! But when it comes to games, Jack has met his match. . . . Left homeless by her brother's escapade, Arabella Lacey has two appalling choices: pack her bags—or agree to marry the lunatic who's taken over her house. Why would such a handsome—and outrageously wealthy—man want such an unromantic arrangement? Arabella intends to find out, and have a little fun in the process at Jack's expense . . . literally. As Jack discovers that his reluctant bride is no ordinary beauty, he feels a stir of admiration, among other emotions, that wasn't part of the bargain. Now he's the one with everything to lose. . . .

Unemployed mill worker Zoe Hart jumps at the opportunity to emigrate to British Columbia in 1863 to find a better life and be reunited with her brother, who fled from home after being accused of a crime. Pastor to miners in the mountains, Abe Merivale discovers an abandoned baby during a routine visit to Victoria and joins efforts with Zoe, one of the newly arrived bride-ship women, to care for the infant. While there, he's devastated by the news from his fiancée in England that she's marrying another man. With mounting pressure to find the baby a home, Zoe accepts a proposal from a miner of questionable character after he promises to help her locate her brother. Intent on protecting Zoe and frustrated by his failed engagement, Abe offers his own hand as groom. After a hasty wedding, they soon realize

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their marriage of convenience is not so convenient after all.

She wants to escape her present . . . When Clara Mayfield helps her sister elope, she's prepared for the scandal to seal her fate as a spinster. What she doesn't expect is to find herself engaged to the vile Baron Rutherford as a means of salvaging her family's reputation. Determined not to be chained to a man she loathes, Clara slips out of Essex and sheds her identity: she becomes Helen, maid at the Earl of Ashworth's country estate. After all, below stairs is the last place anyone would think to look for an heiress . . . He wants to forget his past . . . William, Lord Ashworth, is attempting to rebuild his life after the devastating accident that claimed the lives of his entire family, save his beloved sister and niece. Haunted by memories of what was and determined to live up to the title he never expected to inherit, William doesn't have time for love. What he needs is a noble and accomplished wife, one who can further the Ashworth line and keep the family name untarnished . . . Together, can they find the perfect future? From their first encounter, the attraction between them is undeniable. But Clara knows William is falling for Helen, a woman who doesn't even exist. The question is, if she reveals the truth about her identity, can she trust the broken William to forgive her lie and stand by her side when scandal—and the baron—inevitably follow her to his door?

Lady Caroline Rowe is determined never to marry. After the disastrous end to her last Season, she wants nothing more than to live quietly with her aunt in the country. But

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her resistance starts to slip when an exasperating new neighbor, The American, begins to invade not just her land, but her life. And, of course, he is the last man who should ever tempt her... Inheriting an estate across the Atlantic has proven more difficult than Jonathan Cartwick ever expected. Avoiding his infuriating neighbor is tougher still, especially once he finds himself drawn to the ravishing beauty. Living a life he never wanted has been hard enough, but soon he fears losing his sanity, and his heart, to Lady Caroline... When Caroline's parents threaten to marry her off to the first lord who will take her, she is devastated. And against all odds, Jonathan finds himself wanting to prove to the troublesome minx that he might just be the man she has been waiting for.

I had a plan. My life and career were starting to take off and head in the direction I always dreamed of. I wasn't looking for a relationship or love. Then she stumbled into my hotel room and into my life. Literally falling at my feet. She was drunk. It was an innocent mistake. That would have been the end of it. Except she's the President's daughter. I'm a young congressman and we got caught together. Did I mention I was almost naked in the photos that were splashed around the country? Now we need to play the game of politics by getting married to get the press off our backs. You also don't say no to the President when he asks you to protect his daughter. My reluctant bride is unhappy and making my life hell. She insists sex is off the table. Little does she know I'm not one to walk away from a challenge.

Will Lucy make it down the aisle? It's going to be an

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uphill struggle . . . The bride: A late starter in life, Lucy always swore she'd never get married. But now she has to find a caterer who doesn't charge a fortune for a cupcake, a dressmaker who doesn't make her cry and a way to bring Great-Auntie Betty down from Dundee for the sixpence she is willing to spend - isn't it meant to be HER special day? The groom: Christopher has spent twenty minutes compiling his guest list and checking his suit fits before returning to his newspaper - this wedding business isn't so hard after all. The mother of the bride: Armed with colour-coded wedding planning folders she is all set. However, twice-daily conversations with her daughter don't seem to be shortening the 'to-do' list she's drawn up. The father of the bride: A wedding? My daughter? Who's she marrying? The best friend: Gillian has stood by Lucy through thick and thin, but she is refusing to be a bridesmaid and wear a daft dress.

A *Pride and Prejudice* variation featuring a forced marriage of convenience between Darcy and Elizabeth! When Elizabeth Bennet is the victim of a cruel trick at the Netherfield ball, she is hopelessly compromised and forced to accept a proposal of marriage from Mr Fitzwilliam Darcy. As she starts a new life as the mistress of Pemberley, she finds herself drawn to her handsome, noble husband. But with malicious lies and hurt pride coming between them, will Darcy and Elizabeth be forced apart or will they be able to turn their marriage of convenience into one of love? Fans of sweet, clean romance will enjoy this Regency romance with a new twist on the story of Jane Austen's most beloved couple.

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'Hi Dad.' 'Who's calling, please?' 'It's Lucy ... Your daughter.' 'Ah, yes. Which one are you again? The one that reads or the one that shops?' For Lucy Mangan family life has never exactly been a bed of roses. With parents so parsimonious that if they had soup for a meal they would decline an accompanying drink (soup IS a drink), and a grandmother who refused to sit down for 82 years so that she wouldn't wear out the sofa, Lucy spent most of her childhood oscillating between extreme states of anxiety. Fortunately, this hasn't affected her ability to write, and in this, her first collection of Guardian columns, she shares her hilarious take on everything from family relations to the credit crunch and why organised sport should be abolished.

". . . what distinguishes Beverley's writing is the depth of compassion and human understanding." ~Kim E Power

The Duchess of Belcraven committed a folly, and bore her husband another man's child. But Lucien was a third son, so all was patched over. Then the two older boys drowned, leaving disaster. Now, over twenty years later, the duke learns he has a legitimate daughter—Beth Armitage, a child of his blood—and he compels Lucien and Beth to marry. Lucien, now the arrogant ducal heir, is devastated to learn he is not his father's child and that the only way to his fortune is through his unwilling bride: an independent schoolteacher raised in the principles of the Rights of Women. Can there be any common ground? From The Publisher: Author Jo Beverley is known for her consummate attention to historical detail that wisks the reader back in time to a near first-hand experience. Fans of Regency romance and historical

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British fiction set in the 19th century, as well as readers of Jess Michaels, Mary Balogh, Christi Caldwell, Stephanie Laurens, Madeline Hunter and Mary Jo Putney will want to read every book by Jo Beverley. Romance Writers of America RITA Award, Winner Best Regency Romance, Romantic Times "...vivid and mesmerizing characters . Top notch Regency reading pleasure." ~Romantic Times "...reading about these two intelligent, strong people was such a treat." ~All About Romance

The brand new series from 10-Time USA Today Bestselling author Jess Michaels! When the Jasper Kincaid, the Earl of Harcourt, offered to marry one of the infamous Shelley triplets, he was doing it for the dowry to refill his depleted coffers, not for anything so silly as love. But when he realizes it is Thomasina Shelley masquerading as his fiancée at their final engagement ball, not his true intended, a desire for her that he has been ignoring sparks. And when it becomes clear her sister has run away with another, an opportunity arises for a marriage with a much deeper connection.

Thomasina's feelings for Jasper have never been appropriate and she doubted the prudence of pretending to be his even for just one night. Once she's caught, everything escalates so quickly. Suddenly she's going to marry this stern, fascinating man who is not particularly pleased at her perfidy. Add to that her worry about where her wayward sister has gone and it's a recipe for both passion...and disaster. As the two slowly grow closer, Jasper realizes his former fiancée's disappearance may have more to do with his own past than he originally

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realized. And the longer he keeps that from Thomasina, the more painful it will be when the truth comes out. Can they let each other close enough to fight together against the dangers right around the corner? And will they survive to meet the future they could have if they do? Length: Full Length Novel Heat Level: Put a fan in your cart now (you're gonna need it). This is the first book in The Shelley Sisters series.

? A highwayman who is also a duke...in a kilt! ? A forced marriage ? A haunted Scottish castle ? A treasure hunt ? Sweet romance! Another captivating romance from New York Times bestselling author Lauren Royal and her daughter, featuring their "outrageously funny, loyal, and endearing" Chase family! Lady Kendra Chase's brothers insist it's high time she wed. But although they've presented her with an abundance of suitable young men, no one has caught her fancy-until her coach is held up by a dashing, mysterious highwayman. When the two of them are caught in a compromising embrace and her overprotective brothers demand they marry, Kendra is aghast. Are they really desperate enough to match her with an outlaw? Scottish-born Patrick "Trick" Caldwell is the new Duke of Amberley-and also the so-called Black Highwayman. But he's about to learn that leading a double life isn't nearly as complicated as marriage. When he's compelled to wed beautiful, headstrong Kendra, he finds himself caught between his perilous secret mission and his watchful new bride. Can Trick untangle the web of half-truths and heartache before he loses his one chance at love? PLEASE NOTE: This book is a SWEET & CLEAN ROMANCE. If you'd prefer to read a steamy

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romance with a similar plot, look for "A Duke's Guide to Seducing His Bride" by Lauren Royal. Book Details A complete, standalone story-no cliffhangers! Series: Sweet Chase Brides, Book 4 Style: Sweet historical romance Length: 102,500 words (about 410 standard pages) Bonus Material: Author's Note, preview of next book, link to giveaway Clean Read: No offensive language or explicit content* * If you'd prefer to read a steamy version of this series, look for "A Duke's Guide to Seducing His Bride" by Lauren Royal. Reviews "Captivating historical romance. Romance readers of all ages will love Lauren Royal & Devon Royal's books!" -Glynnis Campbell, USA Today Bestselling Author "Filled with likable characters, particularly Kendra, who takes the refreshing step of talking to her husband about his confusing behavior rather than generating conflict by jumping to conclusions." -Publishers Weekly (Forecasted review) "Captures the true essence of Scotland...romance with enough adventure to keep the reader turning the pages." -MyShelf.com Connecting Books While The Duke's Reluctant Bride can be read as a stand-alone novel, many readers enjoy reading it as part of a series. All of Lauren & Devon's books feature Chase family members. Should you wish to read them in chronological order, this is the sequence: Sweet Chase Brides The Earl's Unsuitable Bride The Marquess's Scottish Bride The Laird's Fairytale Bride The Duke's Reluctant Bride The Viscount's Wallflower Bride The Baron's Inconvenient Bride The Gentleman's Scandalous Bride The Cavalier's Christmas Bride A Chase Brides Christmas (A Family Reunion) Sweet Chase Brides: The

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Chaos reigns between the Scott and Barde clans in 14th century Scotland. To end the generation's long feud, King Robert II of Scotland decrees EADEN, LAIRD SCOTT, and Lady Miriam Barde wed with all haste. When marriage negotiations break down, King Robert threatens Eaden with the loss of his lands and title. Forced to take matters into his own hands, the laird kidnaps his bride, only to find the young woman he mistakenly drags to his marriage bed is not Laird Barde's daughter, but her lady's companion. MARY MARSH fights for her freedom from the laird and the unwanted marriage, refusing to accept her new life as Lady Scott. Realizing his error, Laird Scott develops an attachment to the feisty young woman he has accidentally married. Can he win her heart and convince her she is more than just a 'duty' to him? Or will the bond forged between the lady's companion and the laird be destroyed by secrets and the feud that will not be laid to rest?

For fans of The Tudors comes a captivating drama about the only woman who could defy Henry VIII -and keep her life. Mary Tudor, the headstrong younger sister of the ruthless King Henry VII, has always been her brother's favorite-but now she is also an important political bargaining chip. When she is promised to the elderly, ailing King Louis of France, a heartbroken Mary accepts

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her fate, but not before extracting a promise from her brother: When the old king dies, her next marriage shall be solely of her choosing. For Mary has a forbidden passion, and is determined, through her own cunning, courage, and boldness, to forge her own destiny. The Secret Bride is the triumphant tale of one extraordinary woman who meant to stay true to her heart and live her life just as her royal brother did- by her own rules...

Six Historical Stories of Love That Takes Persuasion

Take an adventurous ride along on the bumpy trail to love as six independent women of yesteryear are

cautiously courted into matrimony by men they have both intrigued and hurt. Will troubles douse the sparks of love before anyone can become a bride? An Unexpected

Surprise by Rosey Dow, a writer and motivational speaker from Delaware. Angie McDonald has placed an

ad for a mail-order bride—for her widowed brother-in-law and his motherless daughter. But when the beautiful Sandra arrives, Angie wonders if she's made a mistake

and woven a very tangled web. When will Angie learn to leave matters in the hand of God? Ribbon of Gold by

Cathy Marie Hake, a retired nurse and bestselling author from Southern California. Carter Steadman recently

inherited ownership of the Steadman Mills. He is shamed when Isabel Shelly, one of his workers, boldly informs

him of the inhuman working conditions at his mill. Carter is inexplicably drawn to this woman who has so little, yet

gives so much. Her mere presence is forcing him to make a decision beyond his wildest imaginings. Light

Beckons the Dawn by Susannah Hayden, a writer and

editor from Colorado. Percy Morgan has hidden her past

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and stifled her future with a gruff exterior and immersed herself in work at a remote lumber camp. Faced with friendships offered by the few women in camp and the attentions of the camp doctor, Percy must decide if she can take a risk and reopen the pain of the past so that healing can begin. Reluctant Schoolmarm by Yvonne Lehman, a multi-published author and writers' conference speaker from North Carolina. When Christa Walsh steps off a train in the backwoods of North Carolina's Blue Ridge Mountains and reluctantly into the role of teacher, she finds the job more rewarding than she expected, winning the hearts of the children—and along the way, warming the heart of the man whose deception landed her the position. School Bells and Wedding Bells by Colleen L. Reece, an author from Washington state with over six million books in print. Freshly jilted and ready to take on the world, Meredith Rose Macrae enters an isolated Idaho hamlet with the force of a tornado. Neither she nor Last Chance will ever be the same. And Brit Farley, rugged head of the local school board, faces the challenge of exchanging the new teacher's school bells for wedding bells. Rose Kelly by Janet Spaeth, a bestselling author from North Dakota. Rose believes a woman can do any job just as well as a man. But moving to Dakota Territory for six months to write articles on the homesteaders, she suddenly realizes that she may have taken on more than she can handle when trampling upon Eric Johansen private past. The Reluctant Bride One Woman's Journey (Kicking and Screaming) Down the Aisle John Murray
~"Delightful....A romantic winner." --Kirkus Four young

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women face a life of destitution—until a daring act changes their fortune and turns them each into a beautiful bride. In *The Winter Bride*, a compromising situation leads to an unexpected wedding and delicious temptation.... Damaris Chance's unhappy past has turned her off the idea of marriage forever. But her guardian, Lady Beatrice Davenham, convinces her to make her coming out anyway—and have a season of carefree, uncomplicated fun. When Damaris finds herself trapped in a compromising situation with the handsome rake Freddy Monkton-Coombes, she has no choice but to agree to wed him—as long as it's in name only. Her new husband seems to accept her terms, but Freddy has a plan of his own: to seduce his reluctant winter bride. Will Damaris's secrets destroy her chance at true happiness? Or can Freddy help her cast off the shackles of the past, and yield to delicious temptation?

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would want to marry her just for herself? Jameson Pendrake is a devil-may-care dandy who cares for naught but fun and fashion. But behind his laughing green eyes lies a dark history, and he calls off his wedding because of his fear of repeating the past. He can not simply give up on the idea of marriage; a wife is the best defense against the yearly crop of scheming mothers and their frilly daughters. But to allay his fears he needs a woman strong enough to laugh in the face of his past. A woman unflappable, unwavering, and unbroken. He knows just the woman. The trick, it seems, is in getting her to accept. ~The Reluctant Bride Collection~ (books can be read in any order) To Catch A Spinster To Tame A Lady To Wed The Widow To Tempt The Saint regency romance, historical romance, victorian romance, funny, witty, lighthearted, friends to lovers

When tragedy strikes an independent Amish woman, she must accept a marriage proposal from the man she vowed never to marry. As the oldest daughter in an Amish family, Sadie's life was mapped out since the day she was born. She would join the church, marry an Amish man, and eventually she and her husband would take over her family's store. But when her parents unexpectedly die in a buggy accident, her life goes into a tailspin. Determined to keep her parents' legacy alive, Sadie works harder than ever to provide for herself and her younger sisters. However, the bishop is unwilling to let a young woman manage the property and business all on her own. He gives Sadie two choices: marry his

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son, Aden, or relinquish the business and land to the community. Not willing to give up on her dream, she weds Aden, resigning herself to a loveless marriage. But while working with Aden at the store, Sadie realizes he isn't the same boy who had betrayed her in the past. In fact, she begins to look forward to the time they spend together, getting to know the man with a kind heart and gentle smile. Just when Sadie starts to let her guard down and perhaps develop feelings for her new husband, several dangerous secrets are revealed. Now everything Sadie has worked so hard to protect is threatened, and she must find a way to save her family—and herself. When crime lord Adriano Castelli barges into my home with the intention of killing my whole family because of my father's debt, my sheltered life is ripped apart. Instead of putting a bullet in my head, Adriano offers me a choice: marry him or die. Soon I find out that being his wife means something completely different from what I expect. He enjoys tormenting me and watching me squirm while I struggle to obey every command his deviant mind comes up with. I hate him so much. But I also crave his touch. I crave the fire he ignites inside me. Will it keep me warm or will it burn me to ashes? A standalone dark mafia romance. Mature language and content, potentially triggering situations. Come back to a time when manners are everything and rules are made to never be broken. Come back

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to a time when men are in charge and women do what they are told... Yeah, that never happened. Welcome to Megan Bryce's Regencyland, where ladies with backbone get what they want. Where a woman can thumb her nose at rules and care little for convention, and yet somehow, unexpectedly and most reluctantly, find love. To Wed The Widow A man with a Future, the Honorable George Sinclair would rather poke his eye out than take his place beside his brother and learn How To Be An Earl. But when an earl orders, a brother obeys. And when an earl tries to make his brother steady and responsible and old and gray, well... he just might kill them both. A woman with a Past, Lady Haywood is a scandalous distraction that no honorable gentleman can ignore. Especially one who's just been told that his very happy life is changing irrevocably to the boring. But even if a scandalous distraction is what George wants, what he needs is a wife. A virgin wife. A scandal-less wife... The earl would be the first to say that his brother has always had a problem choosing what he needs over what he wants. Lady Haywood would say that very few women who have buried five husbands would bother with a sixth. And George would say...why, this sounds like fine fun.

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romance

Ride along on the bumpy trail as six independent women of yesteryear are cautiously courted into matrimony by men they have both intrigued and hurt. New York Times bestselling author Sabrina Jeffries delights readers yet again with the third sizzling Regency romance in her Hellions of Hallstead Hall series, featuring the independent Lady Minerva Sharpe and the reckless Giles Masters. When a charming rogue proposes she marry him to meet her grandmother's ultimatum, the Sharpe clan's strong-willed sister makes a tempting counter-offer that preserves her inheritance—and ignites his imagination. Lady Minerva Sharpe has the perfect plan to thwart her grandmother's demands: become engaged to a rogue! Surely Gran would rather release her inheritance than see her wed a scoundrel. And who better to play the part of Minerva's would-be husband than wild barrister Giles Masters, the very inspiration for the handsome spy in the popular gothic novels she writes? The memory of his passionate kiss on her nineteenth birthday has lingered in Minerva's imagination, though she has no intention of really falling for such a rakehell, much less marrying him. Little does she know, he really is a covert government operative. When they team up to investigate the mystery behind her parents' deaths, their fake betrothal leads to red-hot desire. Then Minerva discovers

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Giles's secret double life, and he must use all the cunning tricks of his trade to find his way back to her heart.

WIFE-WRANGLIN' BRIDE-SEDUCIN' COWBOY

Sam McCants was a steer-ropin', dust-on-his-britches kind of cowboy. So what in tarnation was this purebred Texan thinking, getting himself hitched to a citified bride—even if the arrangement was just for two months? Why, Faith Courtland had barely uttered "I do" before she took off for Lonesome Rock Mountain, muttering about some family inheritance. And if she hadn't been so surefire sexy, Sam might just have let the little spitfire head for the hills. But this husband wanted his wedding night. So he saddled up his stallion, and with a mighty "Giddy up!" and a yank on the reins, he set off through the mountain mist to rustle up one wily wife in need of proper seducing.

Wealthy Arabella Lawrence flees to British Columbia on a bride ship still wearing the scars of past mistakes. One of the few single women in the boomtown, she immediately has suitors, but she is determined not to find herself trapped again by a poor choice. Vying for her hand are two very different men. Lieutenant Richard Drummond is a gentleman in the Navy and is held in high esteem. Peter Kelly is the town's baker and has worked hard to build a thriving business. He and Drummond not only compete for Arabella's affections, but clash over

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their views of how the natives should be treated in the midst of a smallpox outbreak. As Arabella begins to overcome her fears, she discovers someone in dire need--a starving girl abandoned by her tribe. Intent on helping the girl, Arabella leans on Peter's advice and guidance. Will she have the wisdom to make the right decision or will seeking what's right cost both her and Peter everything?

Ranald was her childhood nemesis. He remembers Riona as a pest. Will they change their opinions of each other now that they're adults? Or will old memories ruin their chance at love? With Laird Macrory on his deathbed and his son missing on the battlefields of France, Ranald Scott is sent by King Robert II to guard Scaurness Castle. If the son cannot be found before the old laird dies, Ranald will take over the clan-and marry Laird Macrory's headstrong daughter. Lady Caitriona sees no reason she cannot rule the clan in her brother's stead. Bitter disappointment with the king's decree turns to panic when she realizes she is part of the bargain. She's not been entirely truthful with Ranald, and a word from him could destroy her world. What will happen when Ranald discovers the secret Riona protects? Will he act on her worst fears and destroy the fragile bond between them? Or will his loyalty offer her the happiness she deserves? The Highlander's Reluctant Bride is the fast-paced love story of a woman with a secret past and the man who will stop at nothing to

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win her heart. If you like pirates, intrigue, and a plot with enough twists to keep you reading long after bedtime, you'll love this heart-warming, edge-of-your-seat romance.

A Best Book of 2020 at Lit Hub, Electric Literature, and Refinery29 A Best Book of Summer at Vulture, Refinery29, Yahoo! Life, Alma, Subway Book Review, and Lit Hub A Best Book of the Month at Entertainment Weekly, Hello Giggles, and PopSugar EDITORS' CHOICE AT THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW LONGLISTED FOR THE 2021 CARNEGIE MEDAL and the Joyce Carol Oates Prize "Miraculous: spry and mordant, with sentences that lull you with their rhythms, then twist suddenly and sting." —Lauren Groff, author of Florida "A twisting, strange delight, Parakeet shimmers a soft and generous light on the darkest of a woman's innermost thoughts." —Kristen Iversen, Refinery29 Acclaimed author of 2 A.M. at the Cat's Pajamas Marie-Helene Bertino's Parakeet is a darkly funny and warm-hearted novel about a young woman whose dead grandmother (in the form of a parakeet) warns her not to marry and sends her out to find an estranged loved one. The week of her wedding, The Bride is visited by a bird she recognizes as her dead grandmother because of the cornflower blue line beneath her eyes, her dubious expression, and the way she asks: What is the Internet? Her grandmother is a parakeet. She says not to get

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married. She says: Go and find your brother. In the days that follow, The Bride's march to the altar becomes a wild and increasingly fragmented, unstable journey that bends toward the surreal and forces her to confront matters long buried. A novel that does justice to the hectic confusion of becoming a woman today, Parakeet asks and begins to answer the essential questions. How do our memories make, cage, and free us? How do we honor our experiences and still become our strongest, truest selves? Who are we responsible for, what do we owe them, and how do we allow them to change? Urgent, strange, warm-hearted, and sly, Parakeet is ribboned with joy, fear, and an inextricable thread of real love. It is a startling, unforgettable, life-embracing exploration of self and connection.

"My beloved human female. Now I will claim you as mine." Desperate to escape war-torn Earth, young women are lining up in droves to submit applications to Mail Order Human. If chosen, they must journey to faraway planets to meet their new alien mates. Of course, when you combine space travel, nervous mail order brides, panty-melting alpha male aliens, and the occasional villain...something is bound to go wrong. Cultures collide and passion burns hot as a supernova in this collection of five sci-fi alien romances penned by USA Today Bestselling Author Sue Lyndon writing as Sue Mercury. Featuring: Alien's Innocent Bride Alien's Princess Bride Alien's Reluctant Bride Alien's Orphan Bride Alien's Beloved Bride

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Emily Woodhouse is a penniless, homeless widow thanks to her recently deceased husband. His gambling ways have placed her in a desperate situation. Faced with working off his debt in the basest of ways, she chooses instead to accept Tyler and Xander's unconventional marriage proposal. She won't be marrying one man, but two. Tyler and Xander know instantly that Emily is the one for them. Not only does the widowed young woman rouse their protective natures, she knows of their customs regarding a two husband marriage. Despite the fact that Emily needs the safety they can offer, she isn't eager to remarry. She might be reluctant, but they will show her what it will be like with two men to cherish, protect and possess her. But the past catches up with them in the most dangerous of ways. Only in facing the past can they forge a future together. Bridgewater: Where ménage meets marriage. Book .5: Their Runaway Bride Book 1: Their Kidnapped Bride Book 2: Their Wayward Bride Book 3: Their Captivated Bride Book 4: Their Treasured Bride Book 5: Their Christmas Bride Book 6: Their Reluctant Bride Book 7: Their Stolen Bride Book 8: Their Brazen Bride Plus... Their Conquered Bride by Grace Goodwin and Vanessa Vale

Living in London's poorest slum, Mercy Wilkins has little hope of a better life. When she's offered an opportunity to join a bride ship sailing to British Columbia, she agrees. After witnessing so much painful heartache and loss in the slums, the bride ship is her only prospect to escape a bleak future, not only for herself but, she hopes, someday for her sister. Wealthy and titled Joseph

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Colville leaves home and takes to the sea in order to escape the pain of losing his family. As ship's surgeon, he's in charge of the passengers' welfare aboard the Tynemouth, including sixty brides-to-be. He has no immediate intention of settling down, but when Mercy becomes his assistant, the two must fight against a forbidden love. With hundreds of single men congregating on the shore eager to claim a bride from the Tynemouth, will Mercy and Joseph lose their chance at true love, or will they be able to overcome the obstacles that threaten to keep them apart?

FOR BETTER OR FOR WORSE... If there's one thing Ivy Powell hates it's accepting help! But after receiving menacing threats she's left with no choice but to make a proposition to a ruggedly handsome cowboy. The only problem is Ivy's first marriage destroyed her trust in men, and walking down the aisle again isn't something she'll undertake lightly.... When Gideon Black is asked to protect Ivy, he knows he can't refuse his friend's request. And yet she makes him desire things he never even knew he wanted! But Gideon has hidden his dark past from Ivy. When the truth comes to light, will their hasty marriage vows be enough to keep them together?

In the economic collapse that follows the Napoleonic Wars, retired Ambassador, Sir Horace Lambourn, and his family are all but bankrupt and cannot meet their ever mounting bills. Suddenly, though, a last minute rescue appears in the form of the request for the hand in marriage of Sir Horace's beautiful daughter, Camilla, from none other than His Serene Highness the Prince of Meldenstein. Sir Horace is cock-a-hoop, especially when

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he learns of the very generous Marriage Settlement on offer, which will solve all his financial problems for the rest of his life. But understandably Camilla is afraid and appalled at the prospect of marrying a man she has never met. She has lived a quiet and sheltered life in the country with her parents and has no knowledge of the wicked scheming ways of the world outside Escorted by the dashing Captain Hugo Cheverly and her chaperone, an elderly Baroness from Meldenstein, Camilla sets out on a daunting journey by coach across Europe to meet her mysterious Royal suitor. On the way Camilla is made apprehensive and nervous by what she and Hugo Cheverly hear about the ruling family of Meldenstein and their behaviour. When finally they reach the grand and imposing Palace of Meldenstein, the Prince turns out to be a drug-addled, depraved and tyrannical monster. Along the way she meets with many perils as well as the intrigues of High Society and, eventually, love where she least expected to find it.

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