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Mechanica (bk 1) - Betsy Cornwell 2015
"A retelling of Cinderella about an indomitable inventor-mechanic who finds her prince but realizes she doesn't want a fairy tale happy ending after all"--

After Alice - Gregory Maguire

2015-10-27

From the bestselling author of WICKED... When Alice fell down the rabbit-hole, she found Wonderland as rife with inconsistent rules and abrasive egos as the world she left behind. But how did Victorian Oxford react to Alice's

disappearance? Gregory Maguire turns his imagination to the question of underworlds, undergrounds, underpinnings - and understandings old and new, offering an inventive spin on Carroll's enduring tale. Ada, a friend mentioned briefly in Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, sets out to visit Alice but, arriving a moment too late, tumbles down the rabbit-hole herself. Ada brings to Wonderland her own imperfect apprehension of cause and effect as she embarks on an odyssey to find Alice and bring her safely home from this surreal world below the world. The White Rabbit, the Cheshire Cat and the bloodthirsty Queen of Hearts interrupt their mad tea party to suggest a conundrum: if Eurydice can ever be returned to the arms of Orpheus, or if Lazarus can be raised from the tomb, perhaps Alice can be returned to life. Either way, everything that happens next is After Alice.

Like Home - Louisa Onome
2021-02-23

Fans of Netflix's On My Block

and readers of Elizabeth Acevedo and Angie Thomas will love this debut novel about a girl whose life is turned upside down after one local act of vandalism throws both her relationships and neighborhood into turmoil. Chinelo, or Nelo as her best friend Kate calls her, is all about her neighborhood Ginger East. She loves its chill vibe, ride-or-die sense of community, and the memories she has growing up there with her friends. Ginger East isn't what it used to be though. After a deadly incident at the local arcade, most of her friends' families moved away. Kate, whose family owns the local corner store, is still there and as long as that stays constant, Nelo's good. When Kate's parent's store is vandalized and the vandal still at large, Nelo is shaken to her core. And then the police and the media get involved and more of the outside world descends upon Ginger East with promises to "fix the neighborhood." Suddenly, Nelo finds herself in the middle of a drama unfolding on a national

scale. Worse yet, Kate is acting strange. She's pushing Nelo away at the exact moment they need each other most. Now Nelo's entire world is morphing into something she hates and she must figure out how to get things back on track or risk losing everything--and everyone--she loves.

Beautiful Disaster Signed

Limited Edition - Jamie

McGuire 2012-11-27

Travis Maddox, Eastern University's playboy, makes a bet with good girl Abby that if he loses, he will remain abstinent for a month, but if he wins, Abby must live in his apartment for the same amount of time.

Key of Light - Nora Roberts

2015-08-04

#1 New York Times bestselling author Nora Roberts opens the door to one woman's search for truth and passion in the first Key Trilogy novel. Malory Price's life plan has hit a snag. She's in danger of losing her job managing an art gallery in Pleasant Valley, Pennsylvania. A welcome distraction comes in the form of an invitation to a

cocktail party at Warrior's Peak, an infamous estate overlooking the town. But no one else she knows has been invited... There are only two other guests: Dana Steele, a librarian, and Zoe McCourt, a single mother. On the surface, it seems the women have nothing in common, until their mysterious hosts tell them a story—and offer them a challenge. Legend has it that the souls of three demigoddesses—one an artist, one a bard, and one a warrior—have been locked in a box that has three keys. Now it's up to Malory and the others to find the keys. Their reward: a million dollars each. It all seems too bizarre to be true. But none of them can ignore the financial windfall they stand to gain. And now Malory—with her soul of an artist and eye for beauty—must find her key first. She soon discovers that whatever locked the souls away is dark, powerful, and greedy...and it doesn't want the women to win. Don't miss the other books in the Key Trilogy Key of

Knowledge Key of Valor
Vasilisa the Beautiful - Irina Zheleznova 2003-03-01
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Cinder-Nanny - Sariah Wilson 2022-06-21
What could come between a nanny and an earl in a fairy-tale love story? A reality check--in an endearing and witty romance by Sariah Wilson, the bestselling author of *Roommaid*. With her sister's medical bills mounting, Diana Parker can't say no to a high-paying opportunity like this: accompany a wealthy couple to

Aspen and nanny their precocious five-year-old son for three months. Necessary qualifications? She must know how to ski and teach math, speak fluent French, excel at social graces, and hold a master's degree in childhood development. Who'll be the wiser that Diana's only skill is packing for Colorado? So far, so good--having a con woman for a mother has turned out to be a benefit, even if Diana has complicated feelings about telling lies. But she's doing this for her sister. And the perks--like a ticket to a lavish charity fundraiser, a new gown, and a Prince Charming-adjacent earl named Griffin Windsor--are pretty irresistible. Diana can't deny the Cinderella vibe. Wary of gold diggers and scandal, England's most eligible bachelor is nevertheless falling for Diana, and sweeping the not-quite princess off her feet. The warmer their relationship becomes, the slipperier the slopes are for Diana. Sooner or later, she'll have to come clean. When that happens, does an honest-to-goodness happy

ending stand a chance?

Long Distance - Whitney

Gardner 2021-06-29

From the creator of *Fake Blood* comes another exceptionally charming middle grade graphic novel about friendships both near and far, far away. Vega's summer vacation is not going well. When her parents decide it's time to pack up and leave her hometown of Portland, Oregon, behind for boring Seattle, Washington, Vega is more than upset—she's downright miserable. Forced to leave her one and only best friend, Halley, behind, Vega is convinced she'll never make another friend again. To help her settle into her new life in Seattle, her parents send Vega off to summer camp to make new friends. Except Vega is determined to get her old life back. But when her cellphone unexpectedly calls it quits and things at camp start getting stranger and stranger, Vega has no choice but to team up with her bunkmates to figure out what's going on!

Eat Pray Love - Elizabeth

Gilbert 2010-06-29

Traces the author's decision to quit her job and travel the world for a year after suffering a midlife crisis and divorce, an endeavor that took her to three places in her quest to explore her own nature, experience fulfillment and learn the art of spiritual balance. (Biography & autobiography). Reissue. A best-selling book. Movie tie-in.

Haunt Me - Liz Kessler 2017

"First published in Great Britain by Hodder and Stoughton"--Title page verso.

The Pink Fairy Book - Andrew Lang 1897

A collection of forty-one fairy tales from the folklore of Japan, Scandinavia, Sicily, Africa and Spain.

#Moonstruck - Sariah Wilson 2018-07-17

Over one million "likes"--but only one of them matters. After pop star Ryan De Luna praises Maisy Harrison's YouTube cover of his classic hit, he offers Maisy and her fledgling band the opportunity of a lifetime: to be his opening act. Music may be Maisy's life, but she has one ground rule: never date a musician. That goes

double for a heartbreaker like Ryan. If only she didn't feel so vulnerable to his larger-than-life charm. And maybe now more than ever, when he asks for her help to shake off his playboy image. How can she resist playing the part of his fake girlfriend for the duration of the tour? Ryan's never met anyone like Maisy. She sees past all the star-studded fame and treats him like any other guy. And the more time they spend together, the more he finds himself falling for her. Now he'd like to make their imaginary fling an IRL thing. But can he convince her to take a chance and trust him with her heart?

Perfect on Paper - Sophie Gonzales 2021-03-09
"Perfectly wonderful." —Becky Albertalli, New York Times—bestselling author of *Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda* "An electrifying love story." —Booklist FROM NATIONALLY AND INTERNATIONALLY-BESTSELLING AND INDIE NEXT PICK AUTHOR Sophie Gonzales comes Perfect on

Paper: Leah on the Offbeat meets *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* in this YA romcom, where a bisexual girl who gives anonymous love advice to her classmates is hired by the hot guy to help him get his ex back Her advice, spot on. Her love life, way off. Darcy Phillips: • Can give you the solution to any of your relationship woes—for a fee. • Uses her power for good. Most of the time. • Really cannot stand Alexander Brougham. • Has maybe not the best judgement when it comes to her best friend, Brooke...who is in love with someone else. • Does not appreciate being blackmailed. However, when Brougham catches her in the act of collecting letters from locker 89—out of which she's been running her questionably legal, anonymous relationship advice service—that's exactly what happens. In exchange for keeping her secret, Darcy begrudgingly agrees to become his personal dating coach—at a generous hourly rate, at least. The goal? To help him win his ex-girlfriend back. Darcy has a

good reason to keep her identity secret. If word gets out that she's behind the locker, some things she's not proud of will come to light, and there's a good chance Brooke will never speak to her again. Okay, so all she has to do is help an entitled, bratty, (annoyingly hot) guy win over a girl who's already fallen for him once? What could go wrong?

Ugly Love - Colleen Hoover
2014-08-05

From Colleen Hoover, the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Ends With Us*, a heart-wrenching love story that proves attraction at first sight can be messy. When Tate Collins meets airline pilot Miles Archer, she doesn't think it's love at first sight. They wouldn't even go so far as to consider themselves friends. The only thing Tate and Miles have in common is an undeniable mutual attraction. Once their desires are out in the open, they realize they have the perfect set-up. He doesn't want love, she doesn't have time for love, so that just leaves the sex. Their

arrangement could be surprisingly seamless, as long as Tate can stick to the only two rules Miles has for her. Never ask about the past. Don't expect a future. They think they can handle it, but realize almost immediately they can't handle it at all. Hearts get infiltrated. Promises get broken. Rules get shattered. Love gets ugly.

Good Liar - Gregory Maguire
2002-06-01

Now an old man living in the United States, Marcel recalls his childhood in German-occupied France, especially the summer that he and his older brother Rene befriended a young German soldier.

The Brides of Maracoor -

Gregory Maguire 2021-10-12

The first in a three-book series spun off the iconic *Wicked Years* from multimillion-copy bestselling author Gregory Maguire, featuring Elphaba's granddaughter, the green-skinned Rain. Ten years ago this season, Gregory Maguire wrapped up the series he began with *Wicked* by giving us the fourth and final volume of

the Wicked Years, his elegiac Out of Oz. But “out of Oz” isn’t “gone for good.” Maguire’s new series, Another Day, is here, twenty-five years after Wicked first flew into our lives. Volume one, The Brides of Maracoor, finds Elphaba’s granddaughter, Rain, washing ashore on a foreign island. Comatose from crashing into the sea, Rain is taken in by a community of single women committed to obscure devotional practices. As the mainland of Maracoor sustains an assault by a foreign navy, the island’s civil-servant overseer struggles to understand how an alien arriving on the shores of Maracoor could threaten the stability and wellbeing of an entire nation. Is it myth or magic at work, for good or for ill? The trilogy Another Day will follow this green-skinned girl from the island outpost into the unmapped badlands of Maracoor before she learns how, and becomes ready, to turn her broom homeward, back to her family and her lover, back to Oz, which—in its

beauty, suffering, mystery, injustice, and possibility—reminds us all too clearly of the troubled yet sacred terrain of our own lives.

#Awestruck - Sariah Wilson
2018-12-15

A sweet all-American story of love and revenge. Ambitious intern Ashton Bailey is about to get closer to her dream of being a sports announcer. All she has to do is prove that too-perfect-to-be-true NFL quarterback Evan Dawson isn't quite as wholesome as his contract requires. It's also the perfect opportunity to get delicious payback on the boy who broke her teenage heart. At least that's her plan. But she forgot just how easy it is to crush on the irresistible charmer. #OhNoNotAgain. Evan has a knack for getting through the opposing team's defenses, and he won't let this tall, redheaded knockout be the exception. He's determined to make things right between them and earn back Ashton's trust--and maybe her heart, too. Then the press mistakenly announces their engagement,

and Ashton and Evan find themselves going along with the lie. Now the whole world is watching as Ashton flirts with attraction and disaster. But while revenge is sweet, it just might come at the cost of something sweeter still.

5 Kinds of Nonfiction - Melissa Stewart 2020

Once upon a time, nonfiction books for children routinely included concise, stodgy writing. Most of the books were text heavy, with just a few scattered images decorating, rather than enhancing, the content and meaning. But nonfiction has changed dramatically over the last two decades, evolving into a new breed of visually dynamic, engaging texts that delight as well as inform. The timing of these groundbreaking changes couldn't be better, as English Language Arts standards now put an increased focus on nonfiction reading and writing. For decades, we've classified fiction as a way to study, understand, and, ultimately, teach it better. However, up to now, nonfiction hasn't received

this same level of intention. In *5 Kinds of Nonfiction: Enriching Reading and Writing Instruction with Children's Books*, Melissa Stewart and Marlene Correia present a new way to sort nonfiction into five major categories and show how doing so can help teachers and librarians build stronger readers and writers. Along the way, they: introduce the 5 kinds of nonfiction--active, browseable, traditional, expository literature, and narrative--and explore each category through discussions, classroom examples, and insights from leading children's book authors; offer tips for building strong, diverse classroom and library collections; provide more than 20 activities to enhance literacy instruction; and include innovative strategies for sharing and celebrating nonfiction with students. With more than 150 exemplary nonfiction book recommendations and Stewart and Correia's extensive knowledge of literacy instruction, *5 Kinds of*

Nonfiction will elevate your understanding of nonfiction in ways that speak specifically to the info-kids in your classrooms, but will inspire all readers and writers.

Ella Enchanted - Gail Carson Levine 2012-12-26

This beloved Newbery Honor-winning story about a feisty heroine is sure to enchant readers new and old. At her birth, Ella of Frell receives a foolish fairy's gift—the “gift” of obedience. Ella must obey any order, whether it's to hop on one foot for a day and a half, or to chop off her own head! But strong-willed Ella does not accept her fate... Against a bold backdrop of princes, ogres, giants, wicked stepsisters, and fairy godmothers, Ella goes on a quest to break the curse forever. A tween favorite for 25 years—now shared with today's young readers by moms, teachers, and other adults who remember the pleasure of discovering this fun fairy-tale retelling themselves!

The Ugly Stepsister - Aya Ling 2015-06-11

When Kat accidentally rips apart an old picture book, she's magically transported into the world of Cinderella--as Katriona, one of the ugly stepsisters! Life turns upside down now that she's a highborn lady and must learn how to survive the social season, including how to get through the door in a huge metal hoop skirt. To get back, she'll have to complete the story, right to the end of happily ever after. But the odds are huge: the other stepsister is drop-dead gorgeous, the fairy godmother is nowhere to be found, and the prince, despite being insanely hot, openly dislikes balls. Can she ever return to the modern world?

Doomsday Book - Connie Willis 2011-01-05

Five years in the writing by one of science fiction's most honored authors, Doomsday Book is a storytelling triumph. Connie Willis draws upon her understanding of the universalities of human nature to explore the ageless issues of evil, suffering and the

indomitable will of the human spirit. For Kivrin, preparing an on-site study of one of the deadliest eras in humanity's history was as simple as receiving inoculations against the diseases of the fourteenth century and inventing an alibi for a woman traveling alone. For her instructors in the twenty-first century, it meant painstaking calculations and careful monitoring of the rendezvous location where Kivrin would be received. But a crisis strangely linking past and future strands Kivrin in a bygone age as her fellows try desperately to rescue her. In a time of superstition and fear, Kivrin—barely of age herself—finds she has become an unlikely angel of hope during one of history's darkest hours. Praise for *Doomsday Book* “A stunning novel that encompasses both suffering and hope. . . . The best work yet from one of science fiction’s best writers.”—The Denver Post “Splendid work—brutal, gripping and genuinely harrowing, the product of diligent research,

fine writing and well-honed instincts, that should appeal far beyond the normal science-fiction constituency.”—Kirkus Reviews (starred review) “The world of 1348 burns in the mind’s eye, and every character alive that year is a fully recognized being. . . . It becomes possible to feel . . . that Connie Willis did, in fact, over the five years *Doomsday Book* took her to write, open a window to another world, and that she saw something there.”—The Washington Post Book World

The Friend Zone - Sariah Wilson 2019-06

From the bestselling author of the #Lovestruck novels comes a rousing romance about following your dreams, second chances, and playing the game of love. Disgraced college quarterback Logan Hunt was on his way to NFL stardom when he messed up big-time. Now the Texas star player with a bad temper has a new option: Seattle's EOL College--as in End of the Line, to his fellow misfit recruits. It's Logan's last chance. If he can follow the

rules. No parties, no fighting, no swearing, and oh, no dating the coach's daughter, Jess. Simple. Yeah, right. For Logan, there has never been a rule he's more tempted to break. The deal is "just friends." The pretty, confident, and fiercely smart math whiz is fine with pizza, tutoring, and keeping Logan in line. But the closer Jess gets, the more receptive she is to his warm heart and spirit--not to mention his irresistible off-field passes. With defenses down, they're both heading into the danger zone. It's more than thrilling. It's love. It's also a game changer that could sideline Logan's NFL goals--and more important, a future with Jess. But dreams are worth fighting for, right?

B.U.G. (Big Ugly Guy) - Jane Yolen 2013-03-21

Sammy Greenberg would rather talk back to The Boyz--a gang of bullies at his school--and get his head stuck in the toilet than constantly be afraid. But when his friend Skink gets beaten up so badly that he has to go to the hospital, Sammy

thinks he may be in over his head. He decides to build a golem--a mythical protector from Jewish folklore, made of clay and animated by the ineffable name of God. But this monster doesn't just protect him and Skink from The Boyz, he is also a great drummer for their rock-jazz-klezmer fusion band! But golems come with warnings. They will protect you until they don't.

The Honeymoon - Rona Halsall
2019-06-17

'I'm your husband, Chloe. We're a partnership now and we do what's best for us as a couple.' Chloe finally feels like she's got her life together. After a difficult childhood and losing both parents, she worked hard for the life she loves in lively Brighton, helping people as a physiotherapist. And then she meets the perfect man. It's a whirlwind romance, but Dan is handsome, funny, and simply the kindest man she's ever met. When she sees him standing by the altar, tears glistening in his eyes, she knows this will be for always. As they sunbathe on their

honeymoon island, laughing over drinks, planning their future with their feet in the sand, Dan jokes that he'd like them to stay there forever. At first, Chloe couldn't agree more. It's tempting to imagine truly leaving her troubled past behind. But as the honeymoon goes on, he becomes increasingly adamant. They shouldn't leave. In fact, he won't let her... Is he protecting her, as he claims? Or is it something more sinister? An utterly gripping psychological thriller for fans of Gillian Flynn, Clare Mackintosh, and *The Wife Between Us*. Readers are loving *The Honeymoon*: 'A story full of secrets, twists and unexpected wow moments! This thriller will keep you hanging on the edge of your seat until the very last page. I highly recommend.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I loved how many twists there were... It made it so exciting to read and the whole book I was dying to know what was going to happen next... And I could never have guessed... Such a rollercoaster ride!... Exciting

and twisty.' Goodreads reviewer 'A 5 star book for me! It had that ball of mixed feelings, adrenaline, twists!... I absolutely loved *The Honeymoon* and cannot recommend the book enough! Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'An enthralling read packed full of secrets and lies. It's one of those books that draws you straight in from picking it up and making it very hard to put back down again. Will certainly keep you on your toes and have you on the edge of your seat.' By the Letter Book Reviews, 5 stars 'Kept me guessing the whole way through... I absolutely loved this book, it was a real page turner... Bursting with mystery and deeply buried secrets.' *Ramblings of a Book Addict* 'I absolutely 100% loved this book! A 5 star read... *The Honeymoon* had it all...twists, turns, a beautiful setting, characters we want to hate and ones we want to love, paranoia, and a sense of something bad about to happen... CRAZY AND TWISTED!' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'A twisty

book, full of surprises... I couldn't put down even if I tried, I was reading practically open mouthed at the way the finale picked up pace (well what I thought was the finale!). And still the shocks kept on coming, all the way to the last page.' 'A must-read gripping, twisty, addictive, brilliant read.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'I devoured this book in one night—it definitely kept me on the edge of my seat! There were many unexpected twists, right up to the very end! Highly engaging book, I definitely recommend!' Goodreads reviewer 'Five big shiny well deserved stars!... A story full of secrets, twists and unexpected wow moments! This thriller will keep you hanging on the edge of your seat until the very last page. I highly recommend.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'So many twists and turns; right when you think you know what is going on, the author throws another twist at you to prove how wrong you are. Wow the ending was amazing I never saw it coming and it hit you like a ton of bricks. I wish

could read this story again for the first time just to get that huge shock. Great read ,I loved it.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars
Million Dollar Marriage - Maggie Shayne 2012-12-17
A dedicated doctor struggling to raise money for a much-needed community health clinic, Lucinda Brightwater is beginning to feel as though time is her enemy. Besides the clinic, she desperately wants a child, but how likely is that for a single thirty-four-year-old who works long hours—with no man on the horizon? So when a man who's hard to resist makes her an offer that's hard to refuse, Lucinda agrees to marry Holden Fortune for one million dollars. The notorious bachelor needs a "respectable" wife in order to claim his inheritance. Lucinda needs her clinic. The terms? One year. In name only. No strings. No strings, maybe, but there's a lot of heat, making it hard for cooler heads to prevail, especially since it appears Lucinda's other dream is now on its way....

Stepsister - Jennifer Donnelly

2019-05-14

* "Printz Honor winner

Donnelly offers up a stunningly focused story that rips into the heart of familiar fairy tale.

Isabelle [is] a shattered but not unredemable girl with a warrior's heart." -- Booklist, starred review

Romancing Mister

Bridgerton - Julia Quinn

2015-11-24

A New York Times Bestseller
From #1 New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn comes the story of Colin Bridgerton and Penelope Featherington, in the fourth of her beloved Regency-set novels featuring the charming, powerful Bridgerton family, now a series created by Shondaland for Netflix. COLIN AND PENELOPE'S STORY
Penelope Featherington has secretly adored her best friend's brother for . . . well, it feels like forever. After half a lifetime of watching Colin Bridgerton from afar, she thinks she knows everything about him, until she stumbles across his deepest secret . . . and fears she doesn't know him

at all. Colin Bridgerton is tired of being thought of as nothing but an empty-headed charmer, tired of the notorious gossip columnist Lady Whistledown, who can't seem to publish an edition without mentioning him. But when Colin returns to London from a trip abroad, he discovers nothing in his life is quite the same—especially Penelope Featherington! The girl who was always simply there is suddenly the girl haunting his dreams. When he discovers that Penelope has secrets of her own, this elusive bachelor must decide . . . is she his biggest threat— or his promise of a happy ending?
[Chinese Cinderella](#) - Adeline Yen Mah 2009-05-06
More than 800,000 copies in print! From the author of critically acclaimed and bestselling memoir *Falling Leaves*, this is a poignant and moving true account of her childhood, growing up as an unloved daughter in 1940s China. A Chinese proverb says, "Falling leaves return to their roots." In her own courageous voice, Adeline Yen Mah returns

to her roots to tell the story of her painful childhood and her ultimate triumph in the face of despair. Adeline's affluent, powerful family considers her bad luck after her mother dies giving birth to her, and life does not get any easier when her father remarries. Adeline and her siblings are subjected to the disdain of her stepmother, while her stepbrother and stepsister are spoiled with gifts and attention. Although Adeline wins prizes at school, they are not enough to compensate for what she really yearns for -- the love and understanding of her family. Like the classic Cinderella story, this powerful memoir is a moving story of resilience and hope. Includes an Author's Note, a 6-page photo insert, a historical note, and the Chinese text of the original Chinese Cinderella. A PW BEST BOOK OF THE YEAR AN ALA-YALSA BEST BOOK FOR YOUNG ADULTS "One of the most inspiring books I have ever read." -The Guardian

The Drafter - Kim Harrison
2015-09

The Bourne Identity meets Minority Report in this first highly anticipated installment in #1 New York Times bestselling author Kim Harrison's sexy new suspense trilogy, featuring a brilliant special task agent at the top of her field and set in a futuristic Detroit.

#Starstruck - Sariah Wilson
2018-01-16

"You've done better." With one uncharacteristically sassy tweet to her longtime celebrity crush, Zoe Miller's life turns upside down. Ultrahot A-lister Chase Covington doesn't just respond to Zoe's tweet, he does the unthinkable: he messages Zoe directly. Now she must decide between walking away or meeting her crush in person. Chase knows better than to trust anyone from the Internet, but Zoe's saucy challenge has totally caught his interest--and her girl-next-door personality is keeping it. He's been burned enough to know he needs to keep his heart close. But his feelings for Zoe might be a lot more than just an online flirtation. He just has to

convince her... When the press gets wind of Zoe and Chase's secret relationship, their romance turns into tabloid headlines. Will they be able to hold on to their Hollywood love story?

Torn Away - Jennifer Brown
2014-05-06

Jersey Cameron has always loved a good storm. Watching the clouds roll in and the wind pick up. Smelling the electricity in the air. Dancing barefoot in the rain. She lives in the Midwest, after all, where the weather is sure to keep you guessing. Jersey knows what to do when the tornado sirens sound. But she never could have prepared for this. When her town is devastated by a tornado, Jersey loses everything. As she struggles to overcome her grief, she's sent to live with relatives she hardly knows -- family who might as well be strangers. In an unfamiliar place, can Jersey discover that even on the darkest of days, there are some things no tornado can destroy? In this powerful and poignant novel, acclaimed author

Jennifer Brown delivers a story of love, loss, hope, and survival.

Parlor Games - Maryka Biaggio
2013-10-08

A sparkling historical novel based on the remarkable true story of turn-of-the-century con artist May Dugas, once dubbed America's "Most Dangerous Woman." It's 1887, and eighteen-year-old May Dugas has ventured to Chicago in hopes of earning enough money to support her family. Yet when circumstances force her to take up residence at the city's most infamous bordello, she chooses to use her feminine wiles to extract not only sidelong looks but also large sums of money from the men she encounters. Insinuating herself into high society, May lands a well-to-do fiancé—until, that is, a Pinkerton detective named Reed Doherty intervenes. Reed has made it his mission to bring May to justice, and he pursues her across the world, from Shanghai to London and back, until he makes one last daring attempt to corner her.

But May still has a few tricks up her sleeve, tricks that just might prove she's one tough woman to catch.

Critical and Creative Perspectives on Fairy Tales -

Vanessa Joosen 2011

The first systematic approach to the parallels between fairy-tale retellings and fairy-tale theory.

Murder at the Book Club -

Betsy Reavley 2018-08-07

Something bad is brewing among a friendly group of book lovers: "A deliciously Agatha Christie-style mystery that sucks you in from the first page." —Sibel Hodge, bestselling author of *Look Behind You* Imagine nine women meeting. Tea and cake are on the coffee table. They've come together to share their love of books. They are friends. They trust each other. It's a happy gathering. What could be more harmless? Then scratch the surface and look closer. One is lonely. One is desperate. And one of them is a killer. When the body of a woman is discovered on a Cambridge common, DCI

Barrett and DI Palmer are called in to investigate. But the motive behind the crime isn't clear—and it all leads back to a book club. As the lies, volatile friendships, and tension among the group rise to the surface, DCI Barrett and DI Palmer must work out the motive and track down a cold-blooded killer. But just when they think they're on the right track, a twist in the plot throws them off course . . . "Will keep readers guessing till the very end!" —J.A. Baker, bestselling author of *The Other Mother* "A deliciously devilish whodunit!" —Robert Bryndza, bestselling author of the *Detective Erika Foster* series

Royal Date - Sariah Wilson

2015-03-03

This Cinderella didn't plan on a prince . . . Kat MacTaggart is a girl who has a plan for everything—including her holiday ski trip to Monterra with her best friend. Everything is going according to plan until she finds herself careening out of control down a mountainside and being rescued by a guy who looks like

Superman's hotter Italian cousin. HRH Prince Nico is intrigued by the woman he saved on the slopes and her refusal to date him. He offers Kat a deal-let him show her his country and he'll pay her to write articles that will help Monterra's tourism industry. Kat agrees, but given her past and lingering distrust of men, she has one condition- absolutely no kissing. Thanks to the claims of a jealous British noblewoman and the schemes of a meddling paparazzo, Kat's rule doesn't seem to be a problem at first. But the more Kat gets to know Nico and the people around him, the harder it is to remember her keep-your-distance plan. Should she stick to it or risk everything for a chance at happily ever after?

Confessions Of An Ugly Stepsister - Gregory Maguire
2009-03-17

Is this new land a place where magics really happen? From Gregory Maguire, the acclaimed author of *Wicked*, comes his much-anticipated second novel, a brilliant and provocative retelling of the

timeless Cinderella tale. In the lives of children, pumpkins can turn into coaches, mice and rats into human beings.... When we grow up, we learn that it's far more common for human beings to turn into rats.... We all have heard the story of Cinderella, the beautiful child cast out to slave among the ashes. But what of her stepsisters, the homely pair exiled into ignominy by the fame of their lovely sibling? What fate befell those untouched by beauty . . . and what curses accompanied Cinderella's exquisite looks? Extreme beauty is an affliction Set against the rich backdrop of seventeenth-century Holland, *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister* tells the story of Iris, an unlikely heroine who finds herself swept from the lowly streets of Haarlem to a strange world of wealth, artifice, and ambition. Iris's path quickly becomes intertwined with that of Clara, the mysterious and unnaturally beautiful girl destined to become her sister. Clara was the prettiest child, but was her

life the prettiest tale? While Clara retreats to the cinders of the family hearth, burning all memories of her past, Iris seeks out the shadowy secrets of her new household--and the treacherous truth of her former life. God and Satan snarling at each other like dogs.... Imps and fairy godmothers trying to undo each other's work. How we try to pin the world between opposite extremes! Far more than a mere fairy-tale, *Confessions of an Ugly Stepsister* is a novel of beauty and betrayal, illusion and understanding, reminding us that deception can be unearthed--and love unveiled--in the most unexpected of places.

Royal Chase - Sariah Wilson
2016-01-26

Booking her client, Prince Dante of Monterra, on reality show *Marry Me* is a royal coup for PR agent Lemon Beauchamp. But thanks to a last-minute glitch, Lemon must pretend to be one of the contestants vying to win the playboy prince's love and then live happily ever after--at least

until the publicity tour ends. Prince Dante agreed to go on the show to find a wife, even though he already has the perfect candidate in mind. She's smart, funny, sexy, and completely uninterested in wealth and fame. She's also absolutely determined to keep him at arm's length. Even if Lemon weren't already engaged, she can't trust a notorious flirt like Dante. So she ignores the lingering looks. Those subtle, thrilling touches. That pulse-quickening kiss. Until suddenly, Lemon isn't playing for the cameras. She's lovestruck for real, and just maybe, the man behind the title is the one who's always been in her heart....

The Stepsisters - Susan Mallery
2021-05-25

#1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery pens a love story of a different sort...a heartfelt tale of friendship between two women who used to be sisters. Once upon a time, when her dad married Sage's mom, Daisy was thrilled to get a bright and shiny new sister. But Sage was beautiful and

popular, everything Daisy was not, and she made sure Daisy knew it. Sage didn't have Daisy's smarts—she had to go back a grade to enroll in the fancy rich-kid school. So she used her popularity as a weapon, putting Daisy down to elevate herself. After the divorce, the stepsisters' rivalry continued until the final, improbable straw: Daisy married Sage's first love, and Sage fled California. Eighteen years, two kids and one troubled marriage later, Daisy never expects—or wants—to see Sage again. But when the little sister they have in common needs them both, they put aside their differences to care for Cassidy. As long-buried truths are revealed, no one is more surprised than they when friendship blossoms. Their fragile truce is threatened by one careless act that could have devastating consequences. They could turn their backs on each other again...or they could learn to forgive once and for all and finally become true sisters of the heart. Don't miss Home

Sweet Christmas, a witty and heartfelt story of two friends who unexpectedly find the person—and the place in which they belong this Christmas by #1 New York Times bestselling author Susan Mallery!

Just a Boyfriend - Sariah Wilson 2020-01-07

The rules of love and second chances are due for a major-league shake-up in a warm, witty, and unpredictable romance by the bestselling author of *The Friend Zone*. Ian "Bash" Sebastian and Ember Carlson were high school sweethearts...until their single parents got married. With one thorny twist of fate, a secret young crush went from on fire to off-limits. What could a new stepbrother do but bail? Now, after almost four years, Bash has returned to Seattle, and he's back in Ember's orbit at End of the Line. EOL is the go-to college for second-chance scholarships. But what about love? Sure, the old hurts are there. So is the attraction—and it's more magnetic than ever. Still, they're adults now, levelheaded and just fine with

the friend thing. If only to make family dinners less awkward. But when they agree to start dating other people, moving on threatens to bring them closer together than ever. Is it time to admit their past to their parents? Even trickier, their hope for the future? Because Ember and Bash deserve a love story of their own. With all their defenses down, can they make it a happy ever after?

Roommaid - Sariah Wilson
2020-10

From bestselling author Sariah Wilson comes a charming romance about living your life one dream at a time. Madison Huntington is determined to live her dreams. That means getting out from under her family's wealth and influence by saying no to the family business, her allowance, and her home. But on a teacher's salary, the real world comes as a rude awakening--especially when she wakes up every morning on a colleague's

couch. To get a place of her own (without cockroaches, mold, or crime scene tape), Madison accepts a position as a roommaid. In exchange for free room and board, all she needs to do is keep her busy roommate's penthouse clean and his dog company. So what if she's never washed a dish in her life. She can figure this out, right? Madison is pretty confident she can fake it well enough that Tyler Roth will never know the difference. The finance whiz is rich and privileged and navigates the same social circles as her parents--but to him she's just a teacher in need of an apartment. He's everything Madison has run from, but his kindhearted nature, stomach-fluttering smile, and unexpected insecurities only make her want to get closer. And Tyler is warming to the move. Rewarding job. Perfect guy. Great future. With everything so right, what could go wrong? Madison is about to find out.