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"Eloisa James writes with a captivating blend of charm, style, and grace that never fails to leave the reader sighing and smiling and falling in love." —New York Times bestselling author Julia Quinn "Romance writing does not get much better than this." —People The Cinderella story moves to Regency England—with more than a few twists and turns along the way! With *A Kiss at Midnight*, the remarkable Eloisa James spins a delicious tale involving a carriage, a godmother, a pair of rats...and a beauty with no interest whatsoever in getting married—and certainly not to a prince! Read *A Kiss at Midnight* and see why New York Times bestselling author Lisa Kleypas says, "Eloisa James is extraordinary."

When Crispin, Lord Cavratt, thoroughly and scandalously kisses a serving woman in the garden of a country inn, he assumes the encounter will be of no consequence. But he couldn't be more mistaken—the maid is not only a lady of birth, she's the niece of a very large, exceptionally angry gentleman, who claims Crispin has compromised his niece beyond redemption. The dismayed young lord has no choice but to marry Miss Catherine Thorndale, who lacks both money and refinement and assumes all men are as vicious as her guardian uncle.

Gustav Klimt, one of the great painters of fin de siècle Austria—and the subject of Helen Mirren's latest film, *Woman in Gold*—takes center stage in this passionate and atmospheric debut novel, which reimagines the tumultuous relationship between the Viennese painter and Emilie Flöge, the woman who posed for his masterpiece *The Kiss*, and whose name he uttered with his dying breath. Vienna in 1886 was a city of elegant cafés, grand opera houses, and a thriving and adventurous artistic community. It is here where the twelve-year-old Emilie meets the controversial libertine and painter. Hired by her bourgeois father for basic drawing lessons, Klimt introduces Emilie to a subculture of dissolute artists, wanton models, and decadent patrons that both terrifies and inspires her. The Painted Kiss follows Emilie as she blossoms from a naïve young girl to one of Europe's most exclusive courtesiers—and Klimt's most beloved model and mistress. A provocative love story that brings to life Vienna's cultural milieu, *The Painted Kiss* is as compelling as a work by Klimt himself.

From New York Times bestselling author Kathleen E. Woodiwiss comes one of her most beloved romances... *The Wolf Noble* Aislinn grieves as the Iron Wolf and his minions storm through her beloved Darkenwald. And she burns with malice for the handsome Norman savage who would enslave her. . .even as she aches to know the rapture of the conqueror's kiss. *The Dove* For the first time ever, mighty Wulfgar has been vanquished - and by a bold and beautiful princess of Saxon blood. He must have the chaste, sensuous enchantress who is sworn to his destruction. And he will risk life itself to nurture with tender passion a glorious union born in the blistering heat of hatred and war.

Injured and lost, Mary Margaret Dennehy stumbles into the arms of Colorado rancher Connor Holiday, and together they struggle to conquer the fierce wild land of the Rockies. Reprint.

This entry in the USA Today bestselling Regency romance series features a handsome duke who hopes love won't cost a thing. This season, all eyes are on the Earl of Worthington's spirited, beautiful sister, Lady Louisa Viviers. Many gentlemen are vying for her attention in and around the ton. Yet, Louisa longs for someone who can take her beyond the ballroom—a man who is worldly, adventurous, and passionate. She won't settle for just any suitor. She wants her true soul mate—and she'll know him when she sees him. Is Gideon, the Duke of Rothwell, him? The moment he and Louisa meet, they share a powerful attraction. Rides at sunrise and waltzes at dusk follow. Finally, Gideon can no longer resist the urge to embrace her, and Louisa is sure he will ask for her hand. But Gideon believes he is in no position to marry. The Rothwell estate has gone bankrupt, a scandal simmers in its wake, and he has nothing left to offer. Now, he must decide if he will let pride stand in the way of true love—or if he will risk everything, and let the lady decide for herself... Praise for Ella Quinn "Romance builds in this satisfying, memorable read, perfect for fans of Grace Burrowes and Tessa Dare."—Booklist on *The Marquis* and I "Ella Quinn weaves magic."—Cathy Maxwell, New York Times bestselling author of *His Secret Mistress* "Quinn writes classic Regency romance at its best!"—Shana Galen, national bestselling author of *How the Lady Was Won* "A classic Regency romp! Perfect for fans of Grace Burrowes." —Caroline Linden, USA Today bestselling author on *When a Marquis Chooses a Bride* "Three Weeks to Wed is a delight

"Like a dish of comfort food you'll want to devour." —The Washington Post "It's hard to say which aspect of TJ Alexander's novel is sweeter: the slow-burn romance or the drool-worthy desserts." —Time A high-strung pastry chef's professional goals are interrupted by an unexpected career transition and the introduction of her wildly attractive nonbinary kitchen manager in this deliciously fresh and witty queer rom-com. Simone Larkspur is a perfectionist pastry expert with a dream job at *The Discerning Chef*, a venerable cookbook publisher in New York City. All she wants to do is create the perfect loaf of sourdough and develop recipes, but when *The Discerning Chef* decides to bring their brand into the 21st century by pivoting to video, Simone is thrust into the spotlight and finds herself failing at something for the first time in her life. To make matters worse, Simone has to deal with Ray Lyton, the new test kitchen manager, whose obnoxious cheer and outgoing personality are like oil to Simone's water. When Ray accidentally becomes a viral YouTube sensation with a series of homebrewing videos, their eccentric editor in chief forces Simone to work alongside the chipper upstart or else risk her beloved job. But the more they work together, the more Simone realizes her heart may be softening like butter for Ray. Things get even more complicated when Ray comes out at work as nonbinary to mixed reactions—and Simone must choose between the career she fought so hard for and the person who just might take the cake (and her heart).

There is little hope for sanctuary in the midst of the tumultuous Scottish border wars, yet one woman may find safe refuge... in the arms of her sworn enemy... Jennet Graeme has witnessed terrible tragedy during the many years of strife between the Scots and the English. As Scottish invaders plunder her convent sanctuary, she defiantly resists the blond warrior who claims her as his prize. But his brute strength is overpowering and Jennet is forced to ride with him through the lawless lands, tending to the wounded, protected and desired by a man she wants to hate... but cannot... Sir Hacon Gillard is moved by Jennet's compassion and mercy. As a loyal knight, he's pledged fealty to his king's command, even as he loses his heart to this remarkable woman. Merciless in combat... yet there burns within him a spark for something far beyond the heat of battle...

After being kissed by a mystery guy when the lights go out during a football game, Macy is determined to figure out which of three possible boys is the culprit in this funny, poignant, and achingly ro-

mantic novel from the author of *Last Year's Mistake*. When the lights go out at a Georgia high school football game, senior Macy Atwood finds herself in the arms of a boy who kisses her senseless—but he's gone by the time the lights come back on. All she knows is that there was something special—and oddly familiar—about her mystery kisser. Noah Granger, Ridgedale's resident bad boy and newest transfer student, has no problem taking credit for the kiss, but Macy can't shake the feeling that he's lying. Especially since a photograph of Macy and former star football player Joel Hargrove resurfaced online moments before the blackout, a not-so-random reminder of how hard she fell for Joel last year. And how doing so ultimately sent her lifelong friendships with Meredith Kopala and Ben Collins up in literal smoke. Soon last year's wounds begin to reopen as Macy realizes the events that unfolded during junior year are somehow tied to her mystery kisser. But the closer Macy gets to figuring it all out, the more she starts to worry that the boy who kissed her in the dark and the boy who is stealing her heart might be two very different people.

"Ever since he was a kid, Dev Deshpande has believed in fairy tales, and he has spent his career crafting them for the reality dating show *Ever After*. As the most successful producer in the franchise's history, Dev always scripts the perfect love story for his contestants, even as his own love life crashes and burns off-screen. That is, until the show casts disgraced tech wunderkind Charlie Winshaw as its star. Charlie is far from the romantic Prince Charming he's playing on TV. He doesn't believe in love (at least not for himself), and his publicist only agreed to the show as a last-ditch effort to rehabilitate his image. In front of the cameras, he's a stiff, anxious mess with no idea how to date thirty women on national television. Behind the scenes, he's cold, awkward, and emotionally closed-off. Only Dev can save the season—and possibly the entire show—by coaching Charlie through every scene. Dev always gets a happy ending, and he knows he can find a way to help Charlie find his. Yet the more Dev fights to get Charlie to open up to the contestants, the more they begin to open up to each other, and it soon becomes clear Charlie has better chemistry with Dev than with any of his female co-stars. Travelling to romantic locations around the world, they begin to suspect they could both find their happily ever after if they're willing to let go of their ideas about whose love story gets told"--

In 1747 Paris, Sophie falls in love with married philosopher Denis Diderot, who is collaborating with authors to create an encyclopedia of all human knowledge, a project that threatens to undermine both the monarchy and the church—as well as Sophie's right to freedom, love, and happiness.

This chilling and intense novel tells the story of a solitary young woman drawn into an online world run by a charismatic web guru who entices her into impersonating a glamorous but desperate woman. Now a series on Netflix. A sheltered young woman raised by a single mother, Leila often struggled to connect with the girls at school. On an internet community for philosophical and ethical debate, she finally comes into her own, and is flattered when the website's brilliant, charismatic founder invites her to be part of Project Tess. Communicating only through online channels, Leila immerses herself in Tess's world. She must learn every detail about this other woman's life: her mother's birthday, her favorite songs, her best friends, her first kiss. Because soon, Leila will have to become her. And Tess will disappear. FINALIST The Guardian First Book Prize British National Book Award--New Writers Award

Bode DeLong knows that his playboy brother Bram isn't really in love with Miss Comfort Kennedy, even though it's clear that she's enamored with him. With Bram's motives for the engagement suspect, Bode figures the safest place for Comfort to be is in his arms. Now, Bode just needs to convince Comfort that the childhood fancy she has for his brother is no match for the incredible desire that sparks between them every time they touch.

A marriage of convenience turns into a sweetly seductive love-off-the-rails romance in the latest *Cowboys of Colorado* novel from USA Today bestselling author Jo Goodman. Lily Salt has sworn off men. After finally gaining her independence, the last thing she needs is another man telling her what to do. But the handsome railroad engineer from New York isn't at all what she expected. He's kind, gentle...and tempting enough to make her wonder what a second chance at love might be worth. A self-acknowledged black sheep, Roen Shepard knows what it means to feel alone. Recognizing a kindred spirit in the reserved widow whose fascinating blue-green eyes have seen too much, and charmed by the warmth of her ready-made family, the two begin an unlikely friendship. When a complication from his past follows him to Frost Falls, Roen proposes a mad scheme to protect the new life he's built and keep close the stubborn woman he's accidentally fallen for—a marriage of convenience. But Lily has secrets of her own, and the closer he gets to uncovering them, the more he comes to realize that the only truth that matters is the secret to unlocking her heart.

Headmistress Ria Ashby is desperate to locate a young female student missing from her care. Evan Marchman, the new Duke of Westphal, would happily return to his former bastard status for one more dangerous assignment with his childhood boon companions North, South and East--The Compass Club. Then Evan--"West" to his friends--encounters Ria in her frantic search and uncovers truths about the academy's board of governors that were never meant to be known. As West and Ria dig deeper, they find more than an inner sanctum ruled by sensuality and seduction. They discover each other. But it will take an act of courage more profound than taking on West's old enemies to admit it. REVIEWS: "Witty dialogue and clever plotting." ~Publishers Weekly THE COMPASS CLUB, in series order *Let Me Be The One* Everything I Ever Wanted All I Ever Needed Beyond A Wicked Kiss THE DENNEHY SISTERS, in series order: *Only My Love My Heart's Desire* Forever in My Heart Always in My Dreams Only in My Arms THE MARSHALL BROTHERS, in series order: *Her Defiant Heart His Heart's Revenge* THE THORNE BROTHERS TRILOGY, in series order: *My Steadfast Heart My Reckless Heart With All My Heart*

Discovering a decades-old plane crash pushes a woman into a world of mystery and danger in this romantic suspense novel by a New York Times bestseller. Lost in the frozen woods of New Hampshire, Penelope Chestnut discovers the wreckage of a small plane. An aviator herself, she sees clues to a conspiracy in the rusted-out remains. Rumors of her discovery bring Wyatt Sinclair to Cold Spring, determined to put to rest a family scandal and learn what really happened to his legendary uncle, who had disappeared with his adventuress lover years earlier. As Wyatt and Penelope investigate, old motives are uncovered and new ones created, including a growing attraction between the pair. But when an unknown enemy emerges with a violence rooted in desperation, uncovering the truth will be far less problematic than surviving it. Originally published in 1999. Praise for *Kiss the Moon* "Tantalizing mysteries . . . a thrilling climax. . . . Neggers has fun with various red herrings while keeping

the real secret a surprise to the very last.” —Publishers Weekly

From New York Times bestselling author Kathleen E. Woodiwiss comes one of her most iconic and beloved romances of all time... A pact is sealed in secret behind the foreboding walls of Newgate Prison. In return for one night of unparalleled pleasure, a dashing condemned criminal consents to wed a beautiful heiress, thereby rescuing her from an impending and abhorred arranged union. But in the fading echoes of hollow wedding vows, a solemn promise is broken, as a sensuous free spirit takes flight to a lush Caribbean paradise, abandoning the stranger she married to face the gallows unfulfilled. Ruark Beauchamp's destiny is now eternally intertwined with that of the tempestuous, intoxicating Shanna. He will be free . . . and he will find her. For no iron ever forged can imprison his resolute passion. And no hangman's noose will keep Ruark from the bride— and ecstasy—that he craves.

A woman burdened by war...A doctor torn between passion and duty...A sweeping tale of love in the face of dishonor from the incomparable storyteller--Kathleen Woodiwiss. Alaina MacGaren is forced to flee the devastation of her homeland in the guise of a young boy, only to find sanctuary in the arms of an enemy. Cole Latimer is a dashing Yankee surgeon who has served the Union faithfully, and his tender heart compels him to help a ragged, innocent "lad" in need--never suspecting the rags conceal a bewitching belle suspected of being a rebel spy. But Alaina's masquerade does not fool Cole for long. And the strength, courage, and breathtaking sensuality of this woman whom it would be treasonous to love sets duty and desire at war within him. Yet Destiny has joined them for good or ill--and they both must follow where their hearts would lead them, if they are to build a glorious new life together out of the ashes of the old.

A woman in desperate straits ... A fearless man ... A marriage of convenience on turbulent waters ... Cerynise Kendall has been left destitute and in dire need following the death of her doting patron and protectress. A brilliant young artist tossed from her home with only the clothes on her back, Cerynise must now turn to a childhood companion for assistance --- the dashing sea captain Beauregard Birmingham --- and beg him to provide her with passage to the Carolinas. She seeks a new home and a new life across the waters, but all depends upon the kindness of a charming adventurer who was once the object of her youthful infatuation. Beneath Birmingham's rugged exterior beats a heart as large and wild as the Atlantic, and Beau readily agrees to aid Cerynise --- even offering her his name in marriage, albeit temporarily, to protect his longtime friend from scandal. But perilous secrets, determined enemies and tempests of the sea and soul threaten their future and safe passage even as bonds of camaraderie are miraculously reforged as bonds of desire ... and affection becomes passion and love.

Jeff and Raelynn must overcome the conspiracy against them if they intend to stay together.

Actress India Parr, the toast of Drury Lane, finds herself drawn to South, a dashing and mysterious gentleman who, unbeknownst to India, will stop at nothing, even seduction, to exploit her knowledge of London's elite to catch a clever killer. Original.

Riley Callahan has plans to finally reveal his secret feelings for his best friend (who just happens to be his brother's ex). But tragedy strikes and derails his plans. Watching the love of his life fall for his brother was enough to send Riley straight to boot camp. But over a year later, he's officially a marine, and Beau and Paige are no longer an item. When Riley's tour in Afghanistan is up, he intends to confess his feelings to Paige and win his best friend's heart once and for all. But all that changes when an IED takes the life of a comrade and leaves Riley an amputee. Now he's heading home, injured and troubled. His plans to win Paige are a distant dream. She deserves so much more than the man that's left. All he can do now is put some healthy distance between them. But upon his return he discovers his family has arranged for him to stay with Paige. Paige is a nurturer at heart and happy to take care of her best buddy. By all appearances Riley is adjusting miraculously well to his disability. But as the days pass, Paige begins to see that the smiles and laughter are just a mask for the pain he's hiding. To make matters worse, her job is in serious jeopardy. The animal shelter that she's poured her heart into has lost its funding, and she has three months to come up with the money needed to save it. As the weeks wear on, Paige's feelings for Riley begin to shift into uncharted territory. Why is she suddenly noticing his arm muscles and the way his lips curl at the corners? Will she be able to deny her feelings for another Callahan brother? And will Riley let his heart heal so he can let Paige in? Full-length Contemporary Romance Includes Discussion Questions for Book Clubs Part of the Summer Harbor series Book One: Falling Like Snowflakes Book Two: The Goodbye Bride Book Three: Just a Kiss

In the loving embrace of her new husband, the dashing American shipping magnate Jeff Birmingham, Raelynn Barrett can forget her painful past and the tragic, undeserved disgrace of her family. With Jeff, each sweet, lingering kiss is a promise of a future rich in joy and sensual fulfillment. But Raelynn can hear the whispered rumours that damn the man she loves. And what her own eyes have witnessed seem to brand her adored and adoring Jeff as the worst sort of criminal. In the face of the devastating treacheries of ruthless, hidden enemies, how can Jeff ever hope to win back the trust of the woman he cherishes?

The USA Today–bestselling author “has a real flair for writing romantic tension and sexy love scenes” in this sequel to *Never Love a Lawman* (Publishers Weekly, starred review). Her *Heart Was Locked Away* Rhyne Abbot is fierce, brave, and used to a life of isolation on her father's spread on the outskirts of Reidsville, Colorado. But when, overcome with sickness, she collapses, she knows she must return to town if she is to have any hope of recovery. Only there is no place for her but the new doctor's home, and he wants more than just to heal Rhyne. He wants her hand in marriage. Until *One Man Found the Key* Doctor Cole Monroe's hands are already more than full with his orphaned little sister to look after, and yet somehow he can't resist the magnetic pull of Rhyne's bewitching eyes—or her tempting kiss. But convincing her to trust him won't be easy. For Rhyne's heart needs as much tender care as her ailing body. And the only cure is the thing she most fears: to let herself fall in love . . . “Delightful and romantic with enough intrigue and character building to be fun read.” —Fresh Fiction

Longing for adventure outside her staid old kingdom, Princess Dizzy struggles through personality clashes in order to fulfill her heart's desire and protect her empire at the side of a soldier who hides a secret identity and an orphaned maid who is in love with the soldier. By the author of the *Dairy Queen* trilogy.

New York Times bestselling author Kathleen E. Woodiwiss debut romance... The Flower Doomed to a life of unending toil, Heather Simmons fears for her innocence—until a shocking, desperate act forces her to flee. . . and to seek refuge in the arms of a virile and dangerous stranger. The Flame A lusty adventurer married to the sea, Captain Brandon Birmingham courts scorn and peril when he abducts the beautiful fugitive from the tumultuous London docks. But no power on Earth can compel him to relinquish his exquisite prize. For he is determined to make the sapphire-eyed lovely his woman. . . and to carry her off to far, uncharted realms of sensuous, passionate love.

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of the devastating treacheries of ruthless, hidden enemies, how can Jeff ever hope to win back the trust of the woman he cherishes?

USA Today bestselling author Jo Goodman delivers the unforgettable story of a beautiful young woman who believes someone wants to kill her. Only one man can reveal if she's truly in peril—or if she's going mad. But will his forbidden kiss lead to a dangerous seduction? Shy by nature, Emma Hathaway usually leaves the drama to her rebellious cousin, Marisol. But when Emma agrees to meet with her cousin's secret lover to end the affair, she is pulled into a dangerous game. Now Emma is convinced her involvement in the scandal has put her life in jeopardy. The trouble is none of Emma's confidantes believe anyone is trying to harm her. As whispers of madness begin, Emma turns to the only person who might be able to help. . . The very handsome, barely respectable Restell Gardner has gained a reputation for helping people out of compromising positions. Never one to turn away a lady in need, Restell agrees to help solve the intrigue. Sensing there is more to the green-eyed beauty than meets the eye, Restell feels himself falling for Emma. But he resists succumbing to his passion. . . at least until he learns the truth about the danger that is haunting her. For if he gives in to temptation too soon, he could lose Emma forever. . .

A proud and spirited woman whose life was stolen from her... A man of secrets accused of a terrible crime... In a place of new beginnings their destinies are joined—in a gloriously romantic new work from the incomparable storyteller. The fiery and outspoken adopted daughter of one of England's most formidable women, Shemaine O'Hearn has made powerful enemies. And now her adversaries have found a way to remove the hot-blooded beauty from her life of privilege: by falsely convicting Shemaine of thievery and sending her in shackles to America, where she is to be sold in indentured servitude to the highest bidder. In a bustling port city in the colony of Virginia, she becomes the servant of Gage Thornton—a shipbuilder with a young child in need of a nanny. And despite whispered rumors condemning the handsome widower for the untimely death of his wife, Shemaine cannot ignore her desire for this caring, generous and enigmatic stranger who silently aches with his growing need for her—even as grave peril reaches out from across a vast ocean to threaten their flowering love. The fiery and outspoken adopted daughter of one of England's most formidable women, Shemaine O'Hearn has made powerful enemies. And now her adversaries have found a way to remove the hot-blooded beauty from her life of privilege: by falsely convicting Shemaine of thievery and sending her in shackles to America, where she is to be sold in indentured servitude to the highest bidder.

In *A Free Man of Color and Sold Down the River*, Benjamin January guided readers through the seductive maze of New Orleans' darkest quarters. Now January joins the orchestra of the city's top opera house — only to become enmeshed in a web of hate and greed more murderous than any drama on-stage. In 1835, the cold February streets glitter with masked revelers in Carnival costumes. An even more brilliant display is promised at the American Theater, where impresario Lorenzo Belaggio has brought the first Italian opera to town. But it's pitch-black in the muddy alley outside the stage door when Benjamin January, coming from rehearsal with the orchestra, hears a slurred whisper, sees the flash of a knife, and is himself wounded as he rescues Belaggio from a vicious attack. The bombastic impresario first accuses two of his tenors, then suspects his rival, the manager of New Orleans' other opera company. Could competition for audiences really provoke such violent skulduggery? Or has Belaggio taken too many chances in the catfight between two sopranos, one superseded by the other as his mistress and his prima donna? But burning in January's mind and heart is a darker possibility. The opera Belaggio plans to present — a magnificent version of *Othello* — strikes a shocking chord in this culture. Is the murderous tragedy of the noble Moor and his lady, the spectacle of a black man's passion for a white beauty, one that some Creole citizen — or American parvenu — would do anything to keep off the stage? Bloody threats and voodoo signs, poison and brutal murder seem to implicate many strange bedfellows. And Benjamin must discover who — in rage, retribution, or an insidious new commerce in this beautiful cutthroat city — will kill and kill ... and who will Die Upon a Kiss.

Revenge, Love, and the Struggle of a Fledgling Nation Collide in The Captain's Lady by Jo Goodman - Circa 1812, Island of Tortola; Washington-- It's revenge that Alex Danty seeks after British Naval officer, Captain Travers, brings terror and murder to her Caribbean island home. Gravely injured protecting her loved ones, she's rescued by an American ship's crew. Devastated by the loss of her loved ones, Alex swears an oath to find and kill Travers. Captain Tanner Cloud, understands why Alex doesn't thank him for his interference, but he refuses to return to her home and begin what he believes is a mad search for Travers. He's also deeply attracted to the beautiful Alex Danty and takes her from her island home to protect her. While the attraction between Alex and Tanner grows aboard his ship, she never stops promising to escape while he never stops promising to stop her. She wins, and sets out to do exactly as she'd vowed. Two years later, Alex has Travers in her sights when Tanner once again interferes, this time at the behest of Washington. Although furious with Tanner, Alex agrees to accompany him to Washington to aid government officials against England. But a surprise awaits them both in Washington when they discover treasonous schemers. Now, caught up in a fledgling nation's battle for survival, what tears them apart may ultimately bring them together. Publisher Note: For new and old fans of Jo Goodman comes one of her classic works, freshly edited by Jo Goodman for today's audience. Fans of Mary Jo Putney, Kat Martin, Jo Beverley, Courtney Milan and Kaki Warner will enjoy this spirited adventure and romance. “Delightful and exciting...Goodman holds the suspense as well as the surprises and never lets up on the passion.” ~RT Book Reviews “Goodman is a thoughtful and intelligent writer who can make her characters live and breathe on the page.” ~All About Romance “A perfect treat for readers who enjoy smart, sensual love stories à la Amanda Quick.” ~Book List “A tender, engaging romance and a dash of risk in a totally compelling read.” ~Library Journal “For the pure joy of reading a romance, this book comes close to perfection.” ~Dear Author

Love is always worth the risk . . . Neil Healy was happy to be promoted to Air Force lieutenant colonel, but he's less than thrilled that the new job has brought him back to his hometown. The memories alone could kill a man, to say nothing of actually seeing the woman he never got over. Neil knew avoiding Becky Westmore would be impossible, but he didn't expect the chemistry between them to be as strong as ever. All Becky wants this holiday season is to get through the month of December with her sanity intact. Not helping? Her ex-boyfriend's return to Glenwood Falls. Even after a decade apart, Neil still makes her feel in ways no other man has. But Christmas is a time for miracles, and maybe Becky's will be a second chance at first love. *** The Colorado Ice series Maybe This Kiss Maybe This Time Maybe This Love Maybe This Summer Maybe This Christmas

In Jenny Han's follow-up to *The Summer I Turned Pretty*, Belly finds out what comes after falling in love. Now available in paperback!

Sixteen-year-old Mia travels to Paris to attend an elite ballerina program, and along the way meets a cute French boy, finds an unexpected rival, and discovers the truth behind a family legend.

Lady Sophia Colley, daughter of the late Earl of Tremont, faces mercenary relatives demanding she marry the money her funds-poor father failed to leave them. Gabriel Whitney, Marquess Eastlyn (East to his friends), is tasked by the Crown with opening new trade with China. Calling upon his three boon companions: South, North, and West--The Compass Club--for aid, two things stand in East's way: The Society of Bishops, a group of men who were East's boyhood tormenters, and false

rumors of his engagement to Lady Sophia Colley. When East arrives at Lady Sophia's doorstep to dispel the rumor, the last thing he expects is to be entranced by a woman who's lived beneath his notice. East proposes on the spot. Sophie turns him down flat. The desire between them may be impossible to deny, but deny it she must to protect East from a past intrigue that is about to place them both in very present danger. REVIEWS: "Jo Goodman is a master at historical romance." ~Fresh Fiction THE COMPASS CLUB, in series order Let Me Be The One Everything I Ever Wanted All I Ever Needed Beyond A Wicked Kiss THE DENNEHY SISTERS, in series order: Only My Love My Heart's Desire Forever in My Heart Always in My Dreams Only in My Arms THE MARSHALL BROTHERS, in series order: Her Defiant Heart His Heart's Revenge THE THORNE BROTHERS TRILOGY, in series order: My Steadfast Heart My Reckless Heart With All My Heart

Pallavi, an air hostess by profession, is a vivacious and venomous as hell girl, who lives her life out loud and on the edge. She lives by just one rule: fuck and forget. The one side that nobody knows about her is that she still hasn't moved on from the hurt of her first love: Haasil. Haasil is a successful, self-made and young entrepreneur who is both physically and emotionally recuperating from a fatal accident in which he lost the true love of his life. Swadha is a corporate girl, who is cute, unintentionally funny and head over heels in love with Haasil. That Kiss in the Rain happens when Pallavi, Haasil and Swadha are touched by the sublime power of love in different ways, till their paths cross and their destinies collide, bringing them at a crossroad where each has to make a life-altering decision.

USA Today bestselling author Jo Goodman's sweeping new novel brings to life a tale of courage, desire, and dangerous secrets--as an intrepid beauty discovers that love and trust are two sides of the same coin. . . Wyatt Grantham, Viscount Sheridan, is stunned to find three young boys at his door, demanding he right the wrongs of an incident that occurred earlier that evening when he thwarted a determined thief. When he discovers his wily pickpocket is a woman, now gravely injured, he takes his flame-haired attacker under his wing. Clearly, Sheridan's new "guest" is lady of quality. So how did she become a common street thief? He finds himself irresistibly drawn to the clever, cheeky Lily, and determined to unlock her mysteries. . . The five years since she left the care of the French con-

vent have been a nightmare for Lily. Her secrets are dangerous--as is the powerful man determined to find her. The handsome Viscount is clearly a gentleman with secrets of his own, but staying with him could mean the difference between life and death for Lily. With each passing day, her handsome host turns Lily's convalescence into an increasingly sensual escape. Now her greatest challenge may be imagining anything less than a future in his arms. . .

A woman struggling with burnout learns to embrace the unexpected—and the man she enlists to help her—in this new New York Times bestselling romance by Helen Hoang. When violinist Anna Sun accidentally achieves career success with a viral YouTube video, she finds herself incapacitated and burned out from her attempts to replicate that moment. And when her longtime boyfriend announces he wants an open relationship before making a final commitment, a hurt and angry Anna decides that if he wants an open relationship, then she does, too. Translation: She's going to embark on a string of one-night stands. The more unacceptable the men, the better. That's where tattooed, motorcycle-riding Quan Diep comes in. Their first attempt at a one-night stand fails, as does their second, and their third, because being with Quan is more than sex—he accepts Anna on an unconditional level that she herself has just started to understand. However, when tragedy strikes Anna's family she takes on a role that she is ill-suited for, until the burden of expectations threatens to destroy her. Anna and Quan have to fight for their chance at love, but to do that, they also have to fight for themselves.

Mystifying kisses . . . It was a most coveted invitation—a glittering ball attended by all the important people of the ton. But Mariah, a ravishing beauty thought by all to be the catch of the season, never expected to find true love amid the shadows. The mysterious man she meets there ignites a passion within her she never thought possible. When he starts a clandestine midnight courtship in her bedroom, Mariah is scandalized—and enthralled. From a man who knows just what he desires . . . Harry Sinclair is a man of secrets who would do anything to protect those in his charge. But when he lays eyes on the stunning Mariah, duty and desire collide. Though every man in London lusts for her, he knows the fiery attraction between them is unparalleled. But in a world where trust can turn to treason and scandal can topple the throne, Harry and Mariah will fight a perilous fight for their precious love—and their lives.