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Holiday Ever After - Jill Shalvis 2021-10-26

Three fan-favorite Jill Shalvis novellas are together for the first time in this holiday anthology! One Snowy Night It's Christmas Eve and Rory Andrews is desperate to get home to her family. Problem is, her only ride to Lake Tahoe comes in the form of the annoyingly handsome Max Stranton, her long-time crush, and his big, goofy, lovable dog. A long road trip in a massive blizzard might be just what they need to face their past...and one steamy, snowy night is all it takes to bring Max and Rory together at last. Holiday Wishes When Sean O'Riley shows up for his older brother's bachelor weekend, the last person he expects to see is Lotti Hartford, the woman he lost his virginity to a decade ago. As the weekend continues, Sean realizes he wants to leave his hook-up life behind, but can he convince Lotti to open her heart to him again? Mistletoe in Paradise Years after their secret fling ended, Hannah isn't eager to see James during their families' annual joint holiday-themed yacht adventure. But when they're the only people who show up, James and Hannah are stuck together on the high seas for days. As the former lovers try to make the best of the Christmas snafu, they soon realize the best things in life can't be planned, and sometimes love is sweeter the second time around.

Joy to the World - Carolyn Barratt Miller (Amanda Vetsch, Erica) 2020

"In Joy to the World, three popular authors come together to offer a heartwarming collection of holiday Regency romance. Based on lines from a beloved Christmas carol, these three novellas in one book have depth, faith, and satisfying stories all packed into the perfect length for readers to curl up and take a brief break from their holiday busyness. "Heaven and Nature Sing" by Carolyn Miller: Two music lovers, deeply devoted to each other, were on the brink of engagement when family circumstances drove them apart. How can they ever overcome their obligations and fears to find their way back into each other's arms? "Far as the Curse is Found" by Amanda Barratt: One winter night, a woman struggling to provide for her illegitimate child encounters a scarred veteran of the Napoleonic Wars on the streets of London. Can love conquer the darkness of two broken pasts? "The Wonders of His Love" by Erica Vetsch: A Scots portrait painter with a hidden identity finds work at a noble manor house over the holidays. He never imagined he'd fall in love with the emotionally frozen widow there. Now he wants nothing more than to thaw her heart"--

A Christmas Carol - Israel Horovitz 1979-10

THE STORY: Famous the world over, the often bizarre and ultimately heart-warming story of Scrooge, Bob Cratchit, Tiny Tim and the others needs no detailing here. Mr. Horovitz's adaptation follows the Dickens original scrupulously but, in bringing i

A Christmas Message - Anne Perry 2016-11-01

In the spirit of the season, New York Times bestselling author Anne Perry presents readers with the gift of another holiday mystery, taking them to the Holy Land for an intriguing and miraculous journey of discovery. The year is 1900, and Victor Narraway is giving his wife, Vespasia, an unforgettable Christmas present—a trip to Jerusalem. Vespasia is enchanted by the exotic landscape of Palestine, and charmed by a fellow traveler the Narraways meet at their hotel in Jaffa. But when the man is murdered over a torn piece of ancient parchment he was taking to Jerusalem, Victor and Vespasia risk their lives to finish his mission and deliver the puzzling document to its home. Pursued by a shadowy figure with evil intent, they embark on a dangerous yet ultimately enlightening pilgrimage to the holy city, where the mysterious message on the parchment may finally be revealed. Rich in suspense and wonder, A Christmas Message is at once a breathtaking adventure story and a poignant meditation on faith and spirituality. Praise for A Christmas Message "A strangely intriguing mystery handled neatly by the

wonderfully capable Victor [Narraway] and [his new wife, Lady] Vespasia."—Library Journal

A Biker Christmas Novella (Scorpio Stinger MC) - Jani Kay 2014-12-23

A Biker Christmas Novella Join Ryder and his Princess on a Christmas ride with the Scorpio Stinger MC. Drama, fun, sexy scenes - all in the spirit of Christmas! Warning: Adult content (sexual situations & language) 18 +

Disintegral - Kyle Styron 2014-09-25

Jed Haele is a sexy writer of gory and bizarre fiction with a loyal following of readers who crave his schlock. He has completed two novels and is desperately seeking a compelling new subject for his third. When he meets the entertainingly insane Shane Lasch, Jed feels he has found an inspiring subject for his new book. Shane becomes convinced that Jed is an unconscious telepathic "Destroyer," who spontaneously triggers violence in strangers. As Jed exploits Shane for material and confronts these allegations, he slowly realizes that Shane may be a threat. The truth behind this paranoia exposes a supernatural mystery, as Jed tries to navigate beyond his unethical choices and their consequences.

A Gentleman Undone - Cecilia Grant 2012-05-29

A seductive beauty turns the tables on a gentleman gaming for the guiltiest of pleasures in this rich and sensual Regency romance. Lydia Slaughter understands the games men play—both in and out of the bedroom. Not afraid to bend the rules to suit her needs, she fleeces Will Blackshear outright. The Waterloo hero had his own daring agenda for the gaming tables of London's gentlemen's clubs. But now he antes up for a wager of wits and desire with Lydia, the streetwise temptress who keeps him at arm's length. A kept woman in desperate straits, Lydia has a sharp mind and a head for numbers. She gambles on the sly, hoping to win enough to claim her independence. An alliance with Will at the tables may be a winning proposition for them both. But the arrangement involves dicey odds with rising stakes, sweetened with unspoken promise of fleshly delights. And any sleight of hand could find their hearts betting on something neither can afford to risk: love.

Victorian Gothic - Andrew Smith 2014-05-21

The first multi-disciplinary scholarly consideration of the Victorian Gothic. These 14 chapters, each written by an acknowledged expert in the field, provide an invaluable insight into the complex and various Gothic forms of the nineteenth century. Covering a range of diverse contexts, the chapters focus on science, medicine, Queer theory, imperialism, nationalism, and gender. Together with further chapters on the ghost story, realism, the fin de siècle, pulp fictions, sensation fiction, and the Victorian way of death, the Companion provides the most complete overview of the Victorian Gothic to date. The book is an essential resource for students and scholars working on the Gothic, Victorian literature and culture, and critical theory. Key Features*First multi-authored thorough exploration of the Victorian Gothic*Original research in all chapters*Sets the agenda for future scholarship in the field*Pedagogically aware Key Words Victorian, Gothic, Science, Gender, Nationalism, Death, Supernatural, Ghost, Death

A Cowboy for Christmas - Sara Richardson 2019

Come home to Topaz Falls, Colorado, where the best way to spend Christmas is in the arms of a cowboy! When the beloved Farm Caf? in Topaz Falls burns to the ground, widow Darla Michaels comes up with the perfect plan to help her friends rebuild -- a Cowboy Christmas Festival complete with a sexy bachelor auction and a benefit rodeo. But to pull it off, she has to pretend to be engaged to Ty Forrester, the irresistible bull rider who keeps testing her keep-things-casual policy. A fake fianc?e wasn't on Ty's Christmas list this year, but it's the only way to get his family to visit over the holidays so his NFL-star brother can

draw more tourists to the festival. The engagement wouldn't be such a problem if Ty wasn't starting to have real feelings for Darla. Knowing he can't go on pretending, Ty prepares to tell his family the truth-but then he and Darla discover a precious little Christmas surprise that just might help them embrace a whole new life together.

Cowboy Christmas Blues - Maisey Yates 2017-10-01

Look for *Cowboy Christmas Blues*, the exciting new novel from Maisey Yates, available from HQN books Oct 1, 2017. Pre-order your copy today!

A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens 2024-05-24

Dickens, *A Christmas Carol*, tells the story of Ebenezer Scrooge, an elderly miser who is transformed into a caring man by nighttime visits of the spirits of his former business partner, Jacob Marley, and the spirits of Christmas Past, Present and Yet to Come.

The Boy Who Steals Houses - C.G. Drews 2019-04-04

Can two broken boys find their perfect home? By turns heartbreaking and heartwarming, this is a gorgeously told, powerful story. Sam is only fifteen but he and his autistic older brother, Avery, have been abandoned by every relative he's ever known. Now Sam's trying to build a new life for them. He survives by breaking into empty houses when their owners are away, until one day he's caught out when a family returns home. To his amazement this large, chaotic family takes him under their wing - each teenager assuming Sam is a friend of another sibling. Sam finds himself inextricably caught up in their life, and falling for the beautiful Moxie. But Sam has a secret, and his past is about to catch up with him. Heartfelt storytelling, perfect for fans of Jandy Nelson and Jennifer Niven.

Christmas Camp - Karen Schaler 2018-10-16

NOW A HALLMARK CHANNEL ORIGINAL MOVIE From the screenwriter of the Netflix Original viral hit, *A Christmas Prince*, comes another heartwarming holiday story about a beautiful Grinch who's determined to get her dream job even if it means spending a week at a Christmas Camp where she discovers an unexpected love. Haley Hanson's idea of the perfect Christmas is escaping to the Caribbean to work so she can avoid all the traditional Christmas distractions. Over the years, she's sacrificed her personal life to climb the corporate ladder at a prestigious Boston advertising agency. Now she just needs to land a coveted Christmas toy company account to make partner. But first her boss thinks she needs a holiday attitude adjustment and ships her off to a Christmas Camp at Holly Peak Inn to help her find her Christmas spirit. Arriving at the charming mountainside inn, Haley meets the owner's handsome son, Jeff, and feels an instant spark, but resists the attraction, refusing to be distracted from her goal of doing all the required Christmas tasks as fast as possible so she can get back to work. At first Haley struggles with all the traditional Christmas Camp activities. It's not until she finally allows herself to slow down, live in the moment, and let Christmas back into her heart, that she begins to grow closer to Jeff. But when he finds out Haley's come up with a plan to help his dad save the struggling inn while he's been trying to convince his dad to sell it, their relationship takes a serious holiday hit. Now it will take the magic of the season to bring these two hearts together.

An Ivy Hill Christmas - Julie Klassen 2020-09-01

Richard Brockwell, the younger son of Ivy Hill's most prominent family, hasn't been home for Christmas in years. He prefers to live in the London townhouse, far away from Brockwell Court, the old family secret that haunts him, and the shadows of his past mistakes. But then his mother threatens to stop funding his carefree life--unless he comes home for Christmas. Out of options, he sets out for Ivy Hill, planning to be back on a coach bound for London and his unencumbered bachelor life as soon as the festivities are over. But Christmas in the country presents unforeseen surprises, including encounters with an orphaned apprentice, the first love he disappointed years ago, and Arabella Awdry, a young lady who is far more appealing than he recalled . . . and determined to have nothing to do with him. Will Christmastime in Ivy Hill, with its village charm, kissing boughs, joyous songs, and divine hope, work its magic in his heart . . . and hers as well?

The Gift of Christmas Present - Melody Carlson 2004-09-01

College student Christine Bradley grew up in a loving and honest family. So she couldn't have been more surprised when, shortly after her mother's death, her father revealed the startling truth that Christine had been adopted at birth. In search of clues about her biological mother, Christine encounters a family she never knew she had. She digs deeper as Christmas nears and what she finds reveals a shocking lineage. Will Christine be able to come to grips with the past, take hold of the present, and look forward to a brighter future? Carlson's warm tale of loss, recovery, and acceptance will captivate current fans and create new

ones.

The Earl of Christmas Past - Kerrigan Byrne 2020-12

There's no room at the Inn... Sprightly Victorian spinster, Vanessa Latimer, is stranded for the holidays in the Scottish Highlands by a relentless winter blizzard. She takes refuge at a centuries-old inn where the only available room is haunted by the ghost of a warrior who fell at Culloden Moor. One who refuses to give up his side of the bed. Johnathan de Lohr awakens to find a siren bathing in the chamber of sorrows that keeps his restless spirit imprisoned. Though he's the ghost, John knows that the captivating woman will be the one to haunt him. Unless they can figure out a way to set his tormented soul free. Please note: This novella is also connected to The Victorian Rebels Series

The Christmas Shoppe - Melody Carlson 2011-09-01

The small town of Parrish Springs is not ready for Matilda Honeycutt. A strange older woman with scraggly gray hair and jewelry that jangles as she walks, Matilda is certainly not the most likely person to buy the old Barton Building on the town's quaint main street. When it becomes apparent that her new shop doesn't fit the expectations of Parrish Springs residents, a brouhaha erupts. After all, Christmas is approaching, and the last thing the town needs is a junky shop run by someone who looks and acts like a gypsy. But as townsfolk venture into the strange store, they discover that old memories can bring new life and healing. Once again, Melody Carlson delivers a Christmas story that will touch hearts and delight the senses. Sure to be a classic, *The Christmas Shoppe* is filled with the special magic the best Christmas stories share--that intangible mixture of nostalgia, joy, and a little bit of magic.

A Monster Calls - Patrick Ness 2020-04

Large Print's increased font size and wider line spacing maximizes reading legibility, and has been proven to advance comprehension, improve fluency, reduce eye fatigue, and boost engagement in young readers of all abilities, especially struggling, reluctant, and striving readers.

Made of Steel - Ivy Smoak 2017-03-13

Once upon a time, my name was Summer Brooks. I fell in love with a prince and my dreams went as far as the stars. I had my whole life figured out. I had my whole life in front of me. But my life wasn't meant to be a fairy tale. Everything I knew was taken away in a flash. Broken. Lost. Abandoned. Beaten. Ten years of pain. Ten years of torture. I'm finally free. But I'm not Summer Brooks anymore. That girl died as soon as the devil himself put his hands on me. Now I live amongst the villains. They follow me like a plague. And I have a darkness inside of me that I can't seem to escape. I lost everything, and I don't know how to keep breathing in a city that has no stars. But even though my appearance has changed, deep down I know that a shadow of the girl I once was still remains. I don't want to give up on my past. I just need something to hold onto. Anything. And the only one that could possibly understand is someone who knows what it's like to hide in the shadows. Someone else who knows what it's like to live behind a mask. The only thing I know for sure is that someone in this city is watching me. And I just hope to God it isn't my past catching up to me.

Small Town Perfect Boxed Set 5 - Mary Campisi 2019-07-08

Small town romantic women's fiction with love, hope, second chances, and a happy ending! Note from Mary: I love secondary characters: writing them, reading about them, even watching them on the big screen. Secondary characters support the "stars"; make them more vibrant and compelling. But when the story ends, I'm often left wondering what they'd do if they were in the "spotlight". That's why I've created special boxed sets that were part of *That Second Chance* series and the *Truth in Lies* series. These boxed sets let the reader follow the before and after of select characters as they first appear in *That Second Chance* series and later in the fictional town of my bestselling *Truth in Lies* series. Boxed Set Five contains *Not Your Everyday Housewife* and *A Family Affair: The Gift*. I invite you to follow their journey! *Not Your Everyday Housewife* A wise and humorous tale of living large after 40 as women finally make peace with themselves--wrinkles, blubber, neuroses, exes, and all. Three women embark on a month-long "discovery" journey and uncover quite a few tidbits along the way...one bottle of *Clairol Midnight* will not cover a full head of red hair, and never talk to men wearing polyester pants hiked up with a tan belt. But most of what they unearth is about themselves--who they are, what they really want, what they really don't want. The center of controversy is a *Maid-for-You* mixer, which symbolizes a boring, routine suburban life with nosecond chances--then along comes insight in the form of Tula Rae, a sixty-something salsa-dancing, Dalai Lama-quoting, four-time widow in Spandex and a gray braid who gives them a different

perspective on life, love, do-overs, and the real reason a man buys his woman a Maid-for-You mixer, which she says is all about S-E-X. A Family Affair: The Gift Only one thing is missing from Tess and Daniel "Cash" Casherdon's perfect life—a child. Oh, how they long for one to make their life complete. But what is it people say about being careful what you wish for...? Their wish will come true, but not in the way they think. Daniel Casherdon's past is about to catch up with him. It's bad enough when a woman arrives in Magdalena with a nine-year-old boy she claims is his, but confessing to a terminal illness and asking Tess and Cash to raise the boy when she's gone? Well, that's going to require a big leap of faith that won't be easy or without repercussions. How can anyone refuse a dying mother such a heartbreaking request? Tess is torn between doing right by the child and acknowledging that another woman has given the man she loves something she may never be able to—a child. As the woman pulls Cash closer into her emotional circle, it is Tess who becomes the outsider, and soon she wonders if the woman has secrets she's not telling. More than one resident is suspicious of anyone who drives a wedge between one of Magdalena's favorite couples. The newcomer may look and act like the girl next door, but something isn't right, and Pop Benito is going to gather ammunition and find out what that something is. But he'd better do it fast, before it's too late. Small Town Perfect Series: Boxed Set 1 includes Pulling Home and A Family Affair: The Promise Boxed Set 2 includes The Way They Were and A Family Affair: The Secret Boxed Set 3 includes Simple Riches and A Family Affair: Winter Boxed Set 4 includes Paradise Found and A Family Affair: The Wish Boxed Set 5 includes Not Your Everyday Housewife and A Family Affair: The Gift Boxed Set 6 includes The Butterfly Garden and A Family Affair: The Return

Christmas Eve at Friday Harbor - Lisa Kleypas 2011-10-04

When his sister dies, Mark Nolan is left in charge of her six-year-old daughter, Holly, who refuses to speak after her mother's death, until she makes a connection with widowed toy shop owner Maggie Collins.

A Wreath of Snow - Liz Curtis Higgs 2012

On a reluctant visit home, an icy reception from her Scottish family sends Meg Campbell fleeing for the train station, determined to spend the holidays alone, but after pouring her heart out to a fellow traveler, she finds the courage to return home.

Bah, Humbug! - Heather Horrocks 2011

Lexi Anderson is an up-and-coming, Martha Stewart-type TV hostess whose two kids love the Jared Strong adventure novels, which happen to be written by their new neighbor, Kyle Miller. For the first time in his writing career, Kyle has writer's block -- until he sees the snowman on his lawn and realizes it's the perfect solution to his plot problem. He digs in and discovers two things: one, his villain's weapon will fit inside a snowman's body, and two, this particular snowman was supposed to be the backdrop for Lexi's next show. From this improbable beginning comes friendship, but can there be a happy ending for a woman who is afraid to get close again and a man who has shadows from his childhood? Families join together and hearts are healed as this couple goes walking in a winter wonderland.

A Christmas Carol - Charles Dickens 2012

Stunning illustrations by award-winning artist Lee Krutop accompany this timeless Christmas story. Each spread features a beautiful pop-up. This book is a special keepsake to be enjoyed and shared with loved ones for many years to come.

The Christmas Club - Barbara Hinske 2016-11-09

Verna Lind expects Christmas of 1952 to be the best holiday she's had since the war ended. But as she's leaving the bank, a frigid wind off Lake Erie catches her hard-earned Christmas club savings, whisking the bills into the busy streets of downtown Cleveland and devastating her plans. Strangers come to her aid, though no one anticipates the power of their chance encounter or the seeds of happiness Verna's lost money will sow. From Barbara Hinske, best-selling author of the Rosemont series, comes this heartwarming Christmas tale celebrating the generosity of the human spirit and the irresistible pull of love -- an instant holiday classic for admirers of *It's a Wonderful Life* and *The Gift of the Magi*.

Under the Texas Mistletoe - Karen Witemeyer 2021-08-31

Three Charming and Festive Holiday Novellas Spiced with Humor, Frontier Action, and Sweet Romance In this 3-in-1 novella collection, bestselling author Karen Witemeyer presents the new story "A Texas Christmas Carol," in which a town's wealthy, Scrooge-like bachelor finds his world invaded by a woman set on earning his donation for helping the local poor, and by the penetrating questions of three mysterious visitors. It also includes, for the first time in print, "An Archer Family Christmas." When the Archer clan gathers for the Christmas holiday, an unexpected

request for help leaves Cassandra Archer directly in the path of a dangerous outlaw. Desperate to protect the woman he loves, Jim Archer races to the rescue, only to find that Cassie's life is not the only one in peril. It will take a Christmas miracle--and the entire Archer clan--to keep a second Archer Christmas from ending in disaster. In previously published "Gift of the Heart," a widow and her young daughter move to Hope Springs for a fresh start. But with no money to secure a home, Ruth must convince a wealthy resort owner to accept her heirloom brooch as collateral. Will the pin that brought love to three generations soften the heart of a wounded recluse and give Ruth a second chance at love as the holidays draw near? Sprinkled throughout the collection, you'll find a hope-filled Christmas devotion, Witemeyer holiday recipes, and fun facts about nineteenth-century Christmas celebrations!

The Routledge History of Death since 1800 - Peter N. Stearns 2020-10-13

The Routledge History of Death Since 1800 looks at how death has been treated and dealt with in modern history - the history of the past 250 years - in a global context, through a mix of definite, often quantifiable changes and a complex, qualitative assessment of the subject. The book is divided into three parts, with the first considering major trends in death history and identifying widespread patterns of change and continuity in the material and cultural features of death since 1800. The second part turns to specifically regional experiences, and the third offers more specialized chapters on key topics in the modern history of death. Historical findings and debates feed directly into a current and prospective assessment of death, as many societies transition into patterns of ageing that will further alter the death experience and challenge modern reactions. Thus, a final chapter probes this topic, by way of introducing the links between historical experience and current trajectories, ensuring that the book gives the reader a framework for assessing the ongoing process, as well as an understanding of the past. Global in focus and linking death to a variety of major developments in modern global history, the volume is ideal for all those interested in the multifaceted history of how death is dealt with in different societies over time and who want access to the rich and growing historiography on the subject. Chapter 1 of this book is freely available as a downloadable Open Access PDF under a Creative Commons Attribution-Non Commercial-No Derivatives 4.0 license at

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Susanna's Christmas Wish - Jerry S. Eicher 2012-09-01

From the pen of bestselling Amish fiction author Jerry Eicher, (more than 350,000 books sold), comes a truly delightful and inspiring Christmas novella. Fans will be delighted by this peek at an Amish Christmas, complete with the romantic wish of Susanna Byler to spend the holidays with the man of her dreams. But who is the man of her dreams? Is it the competent but plain Amishman she married for convenience...or is it her first love—an Englishman with whom she has recently had an unexpected encounter—and who wants her back in his life? A perfect holiday delight for lovers of Amish fiction...and those who love a heartwarming and tender Christmas tale.

The Christmas Wedding Guest - Susan Mallery 2021-09-28

"This two-in-one romance starts a new series that Mallery's many fans will devour like a Christmas cookie."—Booklist Susan Mallery, author of the Fool's Gold romances, cheerfully invites you to Wishing Tree, where Christmas comes to life... The Somerville sisters believe in love, but they've lost faith it will happen for them. Reggie hasn't been home since the end of the world's shortest engagement. When her parents decide to renew their vows, she buffs up her twinkle to help with the Christmas wedding. Unexpectedly, Toby, her first love, is back too, and the spark between them shines as brightly as ever. In the spirit of the season, will they let go of past hurts and greet the New Year together? Done waiting for the one, Dena is pregnant and on her own—on purpose. But then a gorgeous, sad-eyed songwriter checks in to a room at her inn. Micah, unable to write since he lost his wife, finds inspiration in Dena's determination to be a mom. One snowflake-speckled kiss and he's a goner. But Dena is afraid to believe that a rock star could fall for a cookie-cutter small-town girl like her. As the Christmas wedding draws closer, these two sisters just might unwrap the most treasured gift of all—love. 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!

A Texas Christmas Carol - Karen Witemeyer 2022-09-13

2022 Carol Award Winner From the talented pen of bestselling author Karen Witemeyer comes a charming Christmas novella inspired by the

holiday classic *The Christmas Carol*. After the Panic of 1873 ruined his father and impoverished his family, Evan Beazer set a single life goal for himself—security. He would never allow joviality and dreams to send him to the poorhouse. Now a successful businessman, Evan runs a dozen inns throughout Texas from the privacy of his home, keeping locals away with the perpetual scowl and gruff manner that have become his natural disposition. Felicity Wiggins is in charge of distributing church Christmas baskets to the less fortunate, and she is determined help as many families as possible. In an attempt to gather more donations than past years, she must convince the wealthiest man in town to participate and sets forth on a campaign to pester him into cooperation. As Felicity tries to bring Evan out of seclusion—and he does everything in his power to avoid her—can she convince him that true riches lie not in bank accounts but in bringing joy to others?

Respect for Christmas - Grace Burrowes 2018-11-20

A former courtesan and a new baron have a most unlikely Christmas in this special novella from the New York Times bestselling author of *My One and Only Duke*. Previously published in *Virtues of Christmas*. Henrietta Whitlow is leaving behind the life of a very successful courtesan in hopes of making peace with her family in the shires. Michael Brenner's family all but ignore him, despite his shiny new baronial title, and his errand along the Oxford road isn't half so benign as Henrietta's. While trying to settle a debt of honor involving Henrietta, Michael instead loses his heart and comes to understand the true meaning of holiday spirit. "Grace Burrowes is a romance treasure." - Tessa Dare

A Christmas in the Alps - Melody Carlson 2021-09-07

After a time of heartache and loss, Simone Winthrop discovers a tantalizing letter from her French great-grandmother, which seems to suggest that she is heir to a family treasure. Ever practical, Simone assumes the claim is baseless, but her best friend encourages her to find out for sure. Despite her deep-rooted fear of flying, Simone boards a jet to travel to Paris at Christmastime to uncover the truth. During the long flight, Simone meets the charming Kyle Larsson, who's on his way to France to become an apprentice clockmaker. Though they abruptly part ways, an unexpected rendezvous in the French Alps at Simone's family's clock factory may lead to the discovery of the family treasure . . . and so much more. For anyone who is wearying of staying home, Melody Carlson invites you to spend Christmas with her in the beautiful French Alps this year. So pull on your mittens, tie your scarf tight, and prepare yourself for a magical mountain holiday.

The Bride of Ivy Green (Tales from Ivy Hill Book #3) - Julie Klassen 2018-12-04

Much has happened in idyllic Ivy Hill in recent months, and while several villagers have found new love and purpose, questions remain—and a few dearly held dreams have yet to be fulfilled. Jane Bell is torn. Gabriel Locke is back and has made his intentions clear. But Jane is reluctant to give up her inn and destine another man to a childless marriage. Then someone she never expected to see again returns to Ivy Hill. . . . Mercy Grove has lost her school and is resigned to life as a spinster, especially as the man she admires seems out of reach. Should she uproot herself from Ivy Cottage to become a governess for a former pupil? Her decision will change more lives than her own. A secretive new dressmaker arrives in the village, but the ladies soon suspect she isn't who she claims to be. Will they oust the imposter, or help rescue her from a dangerous predicament? In the meantime, everyone expects Miss Brockwell to marry a titled gentleman, even though her heart is drawn to another. While the people of Ivy Hill anticipate one wedding, an unexpected bride may surprise them all. Don't miss this romantic, stirring conclusion to *Tales from Ivy Hill*.

Cane - Jean Toomer 2021-01-26

A series of vignettes exploring African American life as it relates to social, political and family dynamics. For many, *Cane* is considered a literary masterpiece from visionary writer, Jean Toomer. He presents a diverse collection of tales with distinct and vibrant characters who populate a world that's all too familiar. HEADLINE: Jean Toomer delivers a vivid depiction of America in the early twentieth century that centers the Black experience, consisting of family, religion, romance and race. It's a detailed work of fiction that's closely rooted in reality. A collection of disparate stories illustrating the challenges and motivations of Black people in the United States. The author uses poetry and imagery to create a world that's recognizable but also unique. In "Seventh Street," the narrative follows the happenings of a historic neighborhood with links to World War I and Prohibition. There's also "Blood Burning Moon," which highlights a volatile love triangle that leads to tragic results. It's

an insightful read that introduces outsiders to a different point of view. Jean Toomer's *Cane* is highly revered for its unique structure and compelling storytelling. It presents a brilliant contrast of rural and urban living, while acknowledging the racial disparities of both. This modern classic was crucial in establishing and cementing Toomer's literary legacy. With an eye-catching new cover, and professionally typeset manuscript, this edition of *Cane* is both modern and readable.

Longing for a Cowboy Christmas - Leigh Greenwood 2019-09-24

Find your very own cowboy to keep warm these long, wintry nights as you cozy up with six sweeping, epic tales of heroism, passion, family and celebration from bestselling authors Leigh Greenwood, Rosanne Bittner, Linda Broday, Margaret Brownley, Anna Schmidt, and Amy Sandas. Fall in Love with Christmas Whether it's a widower finding an unexpected new start, a former outlaw and his new wife welcoming their very own Christmas miracle, a long-lost lover returning just in time for a special holiday celebration, a second chance at love between two warring hearts given peace at last, an unlikely pair working together to bring joy to a small Texas town, or a cowboy and his dark-eyed beauty snowed in one unforgettable wintry eve...every Christmas with a cowboy is filled with light, laughter, and a forever kind of love. What People Are Saying: "Greenwood is a master at westerns." —RT Book Reviews for Leigh Greenwood "An emotional powerhouse! This classic historical western is destined for the "keeper" shelf." —RT Book Reviews, Top Pick for Rosanne Bittner "Fun and sensual...great for fans of history, romance, and some good old Texas grit."—Kirkus for Linda Broday "A great story by a wonderful author."—#1 New York Times bestselling author DEBBIE MACOMBER for Margaret Brownley "The perfect read." —RT Book Reviews for Anna Schmidt "A genuine page-turner...electric and absorbing." —Kirkus for Amy Sandas

The House on Mango Street - Sandra Cisneros 2013-04-30

NATIONAL BESTSELLER • A coming-of-age classic, acclaimed by critics, beloved by readers of all ages, taught in schools and universities alike, and translated around the world—from the winner of the 2019 PEN/Nabokov Award for Achievement in International Literature. *The House on Mango Street* is the remarkable story of Esperanza Cordero, a young Latina girl growing up in Chicago, inventing for herself who and what she will become. Told in a series of vignettes—sometimes heartbreaking, sometimes deeply joyous—Sandra Cisneros' masterpiece is a classic story of childhood and self-discovery. Few other books in our time have touched so many readers. "Cisneros draws on her rich [Latino] heritage ... and seduces with precise, spare prose, creat[ing] unforgettable characters we want to lift off the page. She is not only a gifted writer, but an absolutely essential one." —The New York Times Book Review

Kindred - Octavia E. Butler 2004-02-01

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Parable of the Sower* and MacArthur "Genius" Grant, Nebula, and Hugo award winner The visionary time-travel classic whose Black female hero is pulled through time to face the horrors of American slavery and explores the impacts of racism, sexism, and white supremacy then and now. "I lost an arm on my last trip home. My left arm." Dana's torment begins when she suddenly vanishes on her 26th birthday from California, 1976, and is dragged through time to antebellum Maryland to rescue a boy named Rufus, heir to a slaveowner's plantation. She soon realizes the purpose of her summons to the past: protect Rufus to ensure his assault of her Black ancestor so that she may one day be born. As she endures the traumas of slavery and the soul-crushing normalization of savagery, Dana fights to keep her autonomy and return to the present. Blazing the trail for neo-slavery narratives like Colson Whitehead's *The Underground Railroad* and Ta-Nehisi Coates's *The Water Dancer*, Butler takes one of speculative fiction's oldest tropes and infuses it with lasting depth and power. Dana not only experiences the cruelties of slavery on her skin but also grimly learns to accept it as a condition of her own existence in the present. "Where stories about American slavery are often gratuitous, reducing its horror to explicit violence and brutality, *Kindred* is controlled and precise" (New York Times). "Reading Octavia Butler taught me to dream big, and I think it's absolutely necessary that everybody have that freedom and that willingness to dream." —N. K. Jemisin The series adaption from FX premieres December 13 on Hulu. Developed for television by writer/executive producer Branden Jacobs-Jenkins (*Watchmen*), executive producers also include Joe Weisberg and Joel Fields (*The Americans*, *The Patient*), and Darren Aronofsky (*The Whale*). Janicza Bravo (*Zola*) is director and an executive producer of the pilot. *Kindred* stars Mallori Johnson, Micah Stock, Ryan Kwanten, and Gayle Rankin.

Penny's Yuletide Wish - Sally Britton 2019-12-15

When Penny and Robert meet again on Christmas Eve, will their childhood love bloom into something more? They only have the Twelve Days of Christmas to find out. Robert Ellsworth, born the son of a wealthy gentleman, is now a mere steward in the service of another. While his position brings him satisfaction, it does not make him much of a matrimonial catch. It hardly matters, as Robert's heart has long belonged to his childhood friend. When a chance meeting brings them face to face on Christmas Eve, he cannot bring himself to hope that she feels the same. When she lost her parents years before, Penelope Clark also lost contact with her dearest friend. Visiting the community where she grew up, Penny is taken aback by how handsome Robert has grown, and how little her girlhood infatuation has diminished. But when a Christmas Ball leads to a mistletoe kiss him, she finds herself as much in love as ever before. Unfortunately for her, Robert confesses his heart already belongs to a mysterious woman. Through the Twelve Days of Christmas, Penny and Robert each make a wish for the other's happiness. Will they realize only confessing their hearts will grant those wishes before their time together is spent? Penny's Yuletide Wish is a sweet Regency romance novella, and continuation of the Branches of Love series by Sally Britton. It can be read as a stand-alone romance. Other books in the series include: Prequel Novella: Martha's Patience The Social Tutor The Gentleman Physician His Bluestocking Bride The Earl and His Lady Miss Devon's Choice Courting the Vicar's Daughter Other books by Sally Britton include: Rescuing Lord Inglewood, Inglewood Book One Discovering Grace, Inglewood Book Two Saving Miss Everly, Inglewood Book Three The Captain and Miss Winter His Unexpected Heiress

Christmas Promises - Brenda Hiatt 2016-12-07

When Lord Vandover leaves for London, he promises his grandmother he will return with a bride, for she is quite right that it is high time for him to wed. Unfortunately, with each simpering debutante he meets he regrets that promise more—until he encounters the lovely Miss Holly Paxton. Her directness and unbridled zest for life draw him like a moth

to a flame, making his choice clear. Though undeniably smitten, Holly finds the handsome Marquess far too serious for her taste—and for his own good. She therefore makes a Christmas promise of her own: to bring into Lord Vandover's life the joy and laughter he so clearly needs. If both of them make good on their promises, they can look forward to a rapturous life together and possibly the best Christmas ever. A heartwarming courtship prequel to Christmas Bride. Themes: A marquess for Christmas, Short read, sweet clean regency, his convenient Christmas bride, whirlwind courtship, holiday sparkle, Christmas wishes
Fair Mountain Christmas - Heidi Eljarbo 2021-08-03

Nostalgia and Christmas miracles burn bright in this uplifting and heartwarming story about new beginnings and falling in love under a blanket of stars. Fair Mountain, December 1972. A few days before Christmas, Juni's editor gives her a writing assignment that throws her far outside her comfort zone. She and her terrier, Leo, retreat to her grandparents' old cabin in the Norwegian mountains in hopes of inspiration. But the trip turns into a heart-wrenching and emotionally challenging encounter. Memories of Juni's childhood seep in as soon as she enters the cabin, and as for the writing assignment...what does she know about what children need for Christmas? Juni's focus changes when handsome Henry Norheim from Moose Lodge down the hill unexpectedly shows up outside her cottage door. His dedication to family, traditions, and Christmas celebration is contagious, but for Juni, coming out of her lonely shell is easier said than done. As Juni's deadline draws closer, and the snowflakes softly swirl down on Fair Mountain, she has to face up to her past, open her heart, and dare to take a step forward. Will the miracle of Christmas live up to its promise of hope, goodwill, and love this year? Fair Mountain Christmas is a wonderfully warm story for fans of Jenny Hale, Rachael Bloome, Megan Squires, and Elizabeth Bromke. "A delightful holiday read...a gentle reminder to take time to find the memories and moments that make Christmas magical." -Chalon Linton, author of Historical Romance and Christian Fiction "Reading Fair Mountain Christmas gave me the same warm feeling as curling up in front of a fire with a cup of hot chocolate." -Lynn Morrison, author of the Oxford Key Mysteries