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#### The Last to Die

A young woman suspected of murder is also stalked by a serial killer in this sexy Smokey Mountain thriller by the New York Times bestselling author. Cherokee Pointe, Tennessee, has seen murder before, but nothing like the gruesome death of Jamie Upton, heir to the Upton fortune. The authorities believe the killer was someone Jamie knew...someone hiding a sadistic streak behind a friendly façade. Could that someone be his former lover, Jazzy Talbot? Jazzy has always been Cherokee Point's favorite target for gossip. But now the girl from the wrong side of the tracks is being targeted for something much worse. Along with being suspected of murder, someone is stalking her like prey. As the killer continues to strike, Jazzy has no one to turn to except an enigmatic drifter named Caleb McCord. As she plunges into Cherokee Pointe's long-buried secrets, Jazzy gets dangerously close to a killer determined to make her the last to die.

Don't Cry

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## After Dark

A widow accused of her husband's murder may be the next to die in the bestselling author's "sexy and clever" Southern romantic thriller (New York Times bestselling author Linda Howard). As the blazing heat of summer gives way to sultry September, a shroud of suspicion settles over the sleepy Alabama town of Noble's Crossing. Lane Noble Graham stands accused of murdering her ex-husband. And the one man who can help, Johnny Mack Cahill, vowed never to return to the town that scorned him—or the woman whose love he knew he didn't deserve. From the rusted-out trailers on the wrong side of the river to the stately pillared mansions along Magnolia Avenue, everybody has something to hide. But one secret could make Lane and Johnny Mack the next targets of a twisted killer who's determined to striking again . . . "A sizzling, sexy tale that grabs the reader by the throat and doesn't let go." —New York Times bestselling author Lisa Jackson

## Close Enough to Kill

A beautiful sheriff tracks a serial killer through small town Alabama in the New York Times bestselling author's "fun and satisfying" romantic thriller (Publishers Weekly). He's their secret admirer, wooing them with phone calls, love letters, and special gifts. From a distance, he admires them. Desires them. Despises them. And when he gets close enough, he kills them all. Adams County, Alabama, is a friendly place where everyone knows each other—but not well enough, it seems. Someone among them is a serial killer who first romances, then stalks, kidnaps, and kills his victims. It's the first big case for sheriff Bernie Granger, and a chance to prove herself to her new partner, Memphis police detective Jim Norton. But this killer is uncannily smart. It's as if he knows what Bernie is thinking. And his next move is more than shocking—it's chillingly personal.

## Dead By Nightfall

To save his wife, a Southern detective is drawn into a final showdown with his sadistic nemesis in this romantic suspense series finale. Malcolm York is a sadistic murderer. And with his endless wealth he's funded a series of depraved human hunts. The few who survived can never forget. They can only be thankful the terror is over. Until rumors start swirling . . . Griffin Powell knows the twisted depths of York's madness. He's also sure that York is dead. But then Griff's wife, Nicole, disappears. And the phone calls begin—that familiar voice taunting him, promising to destroy everything Griff loves. Using all the resources of the Powell Agency, Griff searches for Nic, aware that every step propels him further into a madman's web. Because the only way to keep Nic safe is to join one last perverse game where winner kills all, and the loser is dead by nightfall . . .

#### Blackwood's Woman

THE PROTECTORS Her bodyguard BLACKWOOD TERRITORY J.T. was a Blackwood, all right. Six feet four inches of whipcord—lean man, a Stetson shading those amber eyes, a glare that burned hotter than the New Mexico sun. A bodyguard, the handsome half—breed was the one man who could help Joanna Beaumont. But as a Blackwood, he was dangerous in his own right. At first J.T. thought Joanna was just some spoiled socialite roughing it on Blackwood Ranch. But then he discovered what she'd fled from, why she needed him. And suddenly, all that mattered was seeing her safely through the long, hot nights . THE PROTECTORS. Ready to lay their lives on the line, but unprepared for the power of love.

## What She Doesn't Know

It's been 20 years since Jolie Royale witnessed the brutal crime that left her mother, her aunt, and her aunt's lover dead, and Jolie critically wounded. Ruled a murder-suicide, the case was closed, although rumors of the murderer's true identity abounded. Now, Jolie is coming home with mixed feelings about her father's funeral. Those feelings turn to dread when the case is reopened--and it becomes clear the killer is still on the loose.

## Worth Dying For

Security agent Dante Moran can't afford the luxury of love—in his line of work, emotions can get you killed. Besides, he's never recovered from the pain of losing his high school sweetheart to a serial rapist and killer. As far as Dante is concerned, his heart died the day her body was discovered. But when he's hired to find Tessa Westbrook's missing daughter, Dante is shocked to feel his long-buried emotions rise to the surface. Tessa stirs something in him that he hasn't felt since he was a kid...something that makes him think she could become more than a client. But Tessa's past is full of secrets, and with a killer still on the loose, Dante must decide if she's worth dying for....

#### Time of Death

When the clock strikes twelve, it's time to die... Prepare to lose sleep with this exhilarating thriller.

## Nothing But Trouble (Mills & Boon Vintage Desire)

Jail... Local lawyer Peyton Rand should have left tempting troublemaker Tallie Bishop in the local hoosegow for as long as possible!

#### The Chosen

Bolt the doors, turn on the lights and pray for mercy - you'll be up all night with this disturbingly addictive novel - perfect for fans of Karen Rose.

#### As Good as Dead

A serial killer survivor is about to confront her attacker once again in this thriller by the New York Times bestselling author. The victims are all found face-down in the creek that runs through Cherokee Pointe, Tennessee. Each one is naked, except for the black satin ribbon tied around their necks. And they all share one unmistakable feature—they are all redheads. Socialite Reve Sorrell has come to Cherokee Pointe seeking answers about her shocking connection to Jazzy Talbot. With their good looks and shining red hair, they could be twins—abandoned at birth and raised in very different worlds. But whoever left them for dead thirty years ago isn't about to let them uncover the truth now. As a serial killer leaves another calling card in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains, Reve turns to Sheriff Jacob Butler to help her unravel the secrets of her past. But as Reve gets closer to Jacob, a killer gets closer to her...a killer who won't make the same mistake twice. "A powerful story that kept me up very late—with all the lights on. With a villain you won't soon forget and nail-biting suspense, As Good as Dead is about as good as it gets." —Kay Hooper

#### A Time to Die

Covering her first big story, reporter Lexie Murrough is caught in a shoot-out between African mercenaries and undercover Special Forces agents.

## If Looks Could Kill

WHAT SHE DOESN'T KNOW! The victims are all found face-down in the murky waters of the creek that runs through Cherokee Pointe, Tennessee. They are naked except for the black satin ribbon tied around there necks. And each murdered woman shares a single characteristic! they are redheads! JUST MIGHT! Socialite Reve Sorrell has come to Cherokee Pointe seeking answers about her family history and her shocking connection to wrong-side-of-the-tracks Jazzy Talbot. With their stunning good looks and shining red hair, the two are mirror images of each other - twins abandoned at birth and raised in very different worlds. And whoever left them for dead on a cold night thirty years ago isn't about to let them uncover the truth now! KILL HER As a serial killer leaves another chilling calling card in the foothills of the Smokey Mountains, Reve turns to Sheriff Jacob Butler to help her unravel the potentially deadly secrets of her past. But someone will do anything to stop her! some who won't make the same mistake twice! someone more cunning than she knows! and closer than she ever could imagine!

## Sugar And Spice

Tis the season when anything can happen ... when passion sparks brightest ... and miracles and magic can turn any heart toward love . . . The Christmas Stocking, Fern Michaels Philadelphia businesswoman Amy Baran is determined to raise money for a new seniors' center by harvesting Christmas trees from the small-town Virginia farm she remembers from her childhood. Trouble is, Gus Moss has come home from California with his own ideas about saving the farm his father has neglected. Neither wants to give up, but when attraction turns to romance, they just might have to give in . . . The Ghost of Christmas Past, Beverly Barton Wounded Special Ops officer Mack MacKinnon doesn't have any reason to look forward to the holidays--until he rescues pretty widow Katie Hadley from a raging blizzard. Now, in a season of miracles, he's falling as hard and fast as the Christmas Eve snow . . . The Twelve Desserts of Christmas, Joanne Fluke Take two lovestruck teachers. Add a dollop of conspiring kids. Place in a boarding school over Christmas break. And add a little help--and eight, great recipes--from amateur sleuth Hannah Swenson, and you've got a romantic holiday tale that's sweet, delicious, and definitely served warm . . . Twelve Days, Shirley Jump Of all the luck--Natalie Harris can't believe she drew Jake Lyons as her Secret Santa pal! The dreamy hunk leaves her completely tongue-tied. But with twelve days of secret gifts, sweet notes, and steamy emails to go, she just may conquer her fear and discover something surprising under the tree . . . Treat yourself to four unforgettable tales of holiday romance filled with sugar and spice and everything nice . . .

## **Dead By Morning**

A woman plays a game of cat and mouse with a copycat killer in this romantic suspense novel by the New York Times-bestselling author of Don't Cry. He begins his work just before dawn, wielding a knife with the precision of a surgeon. Cunning and meticulous, he's always in control. Mercy is not an option ... Maleah Purdue is tough, outspoken, and completely dedicated to her work at the Powell Security Agency. But her fearless exterior shatters when a madman begins killing her colleagues one by one, mimicking a notorious serial killer already behind bars. Working alongside top profiler Derek Lawrence, Maleah will do anything to find the murderer, even if it means playing a psychopath's twisted mind games. No one connected to the Agency is safe. No one is beyond suspicion. For as Maleah and Derek piece together the clues, they uncover a chilling legacy of lies and brutal vengeance—and a killer who has been hiding in plain sight all along . . . Praise for Dead by Morning "A great romantic suspense that grips the audience from the moment the protagonists begin to learn of the assault on Powell and never lets go as the climax diabolically leads to the next unpublished tale. The lead pair is a terrific coupling . . . However, what makes Dead by Morning super is the serial killer, who will be considered one of the vilest of the year." —The Mystery Gazette "The popular and dependable Barton has again created an intricately plotted, thoroughly engrossing serial killer tale that satisfactorily resolves the current dilemmas but leaves a stunning cliff-hanger." —Library Journal

#### **ROARKE'S WIFE**

The contract terms are set. Cleo will engage in a physical relationship with her new bodyguard, Simon, so that she can get pregnant as soon as possible. This is her only choice in order to keep her large inheritance. If she doesn't fulfill the terms, she'll lose everything, including her company. What she didn't expect, however, was the effect Simon would have on her when she first lays eyes on him!

## Most Likely To Die

Three New York Times bestselling authors join forces to create a thrilling novel of love, revenge, and the deadly secrets shared between women. It's been twenty years since the night Jake Marcott was brutally murdered at St. Elizabeth High School in Portland, Oregon. It's a night that shattered the lives of Lindsay Farrell, Kirsten Daniels, and Rachel Alsace. Each of them loved Jake in their own way, and none of them will ever forget that night—a killer will make sure of it. As the twenty-year reunion approaches, all sorts of preperations are being made—including a few surprises. And for some alumni, very special invitations have been sent: their smiling senior pictures slashed by an angry red line . . .

## Don't Say a Word

A young detective's first case in Tennessee puts her on the path of a gruesome serial killer in the New York Times bestselling author's romantic thriller. One by one, they will die. He has waited patiently, envisioning their final moments. Their tortured screams, their pleas for mercy—all will be in vain as he executes his sadistic plan. Homicide detective Julia Cass has witnessed plenty of crime scenes. But the murder of a Chattanooga judge is shocking in its brutality. Teamed with FBI agent Will Brannock, Julia delves into an investigation that soon unearths more bodies—all mutilated in the same way, all left with a gruesome souvenir of a killer's ruthless rage . . . The only way to stop the slaughter is to predict the next victim. But when you're dealing with vengeance at its most ruthless, one wrong move can make you a target . . . and the next word you utter could be your last . . .

#### Cold Hearted

TRUSTING HER... They all loved her. That was their mistake. Two husbands, her college fiancé, an influential boss—every man who gets close to Jordan Price is made to pay in blood. And the list is growing... COULD BE... Hired by the Powell Agency to investigate Senator Dan Price's death, Rick Carson can see at once why people would believe Jordan Price incapable of cold-blooded murder. Slender, pale, and elegant, she stands by her late husband's graveside exuding sweet vulnerability. Only Rick notices that she never sheds a tear. And the deeper he delves into the string of deaths from which Jordan has profited handsomely, the more convinced Rick becomes that he is dealing with a callous, cunning, unstoppable killer... THE LAST THING YOU EVER DO... The closer Rick gets to the chilling truth, the more dangerous this game of cat-and-mouse becomes. The targets are changing, and suddenly, nothing and no one is safe. If Jordan is as innocent as she claims, Rick may have placed her in a killer's cross hairs. And if she's guilty, he'll never live to regret it...

#### The Murder Game

Detective and mystery stories. The game is simple - he is the Hunter and they are the Prey. He gives them a chance to escape. To run. To hide. To outsmart him. But eventually, he catches them. And that's when the game gets really terrifying... Private investigator Griffin Powell and FBI agent Nicole Baxter know a lot about serial killers, they took one down together. But this new killer is as sadistic as they've ever seen. He likes his little games, and he especially likes forcing Nicole and Griff to play along. Every unsolvable clue, every posed victim, every taunting phone call, it's all part of his twisted, elaborate plan. And then the Hunter calls, wanting to know if they're really ready to play... There's a new game now, and it's much more deadly than the first. A brutal psychopath needs a worthy adversary. He won't stop until he can hunt the most precious prey of all, Nicole. And with his partner in a killer's sights, Griff is playing for the biggest stakes of his life.

#### Cold Hearted

A "New York Times"-bestselling author returns with a tale about a cunning female serial killer who is not the woman she appears to be. Original.

# Killing Her Softly

A woman seeks justice for her murdered cousin—but can't resist a seductive suspect—in this romantic thriller by the New York Times bestselling author. In the courtroom, defense lawyer Quinn Cortez has a reputation as a ruthless predator who always gets what he wants. In the bedroom, it's no different. Quinn is an accomplished seducer with a long list of conquests. But now, someone has brutally slaughtered one of them, and Quinn has no memory of the night he was found in her home . . . Annabelle Vanderley wants justice for her murdered cousin. If Quinn Cortez swears he can find the true killer, she's willing to give him the benefit of a doubt. But then another body is discovered. Then another. And each victim is an ex-lover of Quinn's. Now, consumed by dread, Annabelle wonders just how close she may be to a twisted psychopath for whom her pain would be the ultimate pleasure . . .

## The Tender Trap

ME? MARRY YOU? It took just one brief touch of Adam Wyatt's lips to Blythe Elliot's mouth to ignite a fire so hot neither could deny it. And now, thanks to that one reckless night of passion, Blythe has an unplanned surprise for Adam and he has an unexpected proposal for her! OKAY I DO. Blythe is sure she has nothing in common with stubborn, old–fashioned Adam except for the baby she carries, the signed marriage certificate and the house they share. But living together soon makes them realize that it wasn't sex, but love, that created their child. If only one of them would admit it first.

## Beverly Barton Bundle: Dead By Midnight, Dead By Morning, & Dead by Nightfall

In Murder. . . The last sounds Dean Wilson hears are a clock striking twelve and a killer's taunting words. And his death is just the first. One by one, victims are stalked and shot at close range. Only the killer knows their sins, and who will be the next to die at midnight. . . And In Life. . . In the ten years since her Hollywood career imploded, Lorie Hammonds has built a good life in her Alabama hometown. When the first death threat arrives, she assumes it's a joke. Then she gets a second note. Sheriff Mike Birkett, her high-school sweetheart, has avoided Lorie since she returned to Dunmore, but when investigators uncover her connection to a string of recent murders, he's drawn into a case that's terrifyingly personal. Timing Is Everything The Darkest Sins He begins his work just before dawn, wielding a knife with the precision of a surgeon. Cunning and meticulous, he's always in control. Mercy is not an option. . . Will Always Maleah Purdue is tough, outspoken, and completely dedicated to her work at the Powell Security Agency. But her fearless exterior shatters when a madman begins killing her colleagues one by one, mimicking a notorious serial killer already behind bars. Working alongside top profiler Derek Lawrence, Maleah will do anything to find the murderer, even if it means playing a psychopath's twisted mind games. Come To Light No one connected to the Agency is safe. No one is beyond suspicion. For as Maleah and Derek piece together the clues, they uncover a chilling legacy of lies and brutal vengeance-and a killer who has been hiding in plain sight all along... The Fear. . Malcolm York is a sadistic monster, guilty of unspeakable crimes. And with his endless wealth he's funded a series of depraved hunts. The few who survived can never forget. They can only be thankful the terror is over. Until rumors start swirling. . . Only Stops. . . Griffin Powell knows the twisted depths of York's madness. He's also sure that York is dead. But then Griff's wife, Nicole, disappears and the phone calls begin--that familiar voice taunting him, promising to destroy everything Griff loves. When

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## The Watcher

Whether you run or whether you hide, he'll find you. And then he'll kill you...

## I'll Be Watching You

A series of threatening letters, phone calls and 'gifts' brings chaos and terror to Ella's well-ordered life. Someone is watching her. Wanting her. Promising revenge. The one person who stands a chance of helping her is the one who could be behind the whole thing: Reed, an old crush who has just been released after serving a sentence for murder, and who has every reason to hate Ella's family. When the unlikely couple join forces to discover the truth, Ella again finds herself attracted to the man who comes with his own danger warning. As the body count in the small Alabama town rises, and long-buried secrets threaten to be exposed, it's clear that the killer is determined to take his secrets to the grave and to put Ella there first...

#### Beverly Barton 3 Book Bundle

Three chilling page-turners from best-selling author Beverly Barton.

## The Ex

You'll be up all night with this addictive thriller from the New York Times bestselling author.

### This Side of Heaven

PASSIONATE SECRETS One sultry night many years ago, Sheila Vance became a woman in Caleb Bishop's arms. And though he never knew it, Caleb became a father. Now the hard–hearted bachelor was back in town, and Sheila fought the fiery attraction between them. For this time, Caleb had the power to hurt not only her, but also her precious child. When Caleb saw Sheila again, he wanted her back in his life and in his bed. But he suspected more than passion made her tremble beneath his touch and Caleb was determined to discover the elusive beauty's every secret . 3 Babies for 3 Brothers: There's nothing like a secret baby to bring a brooding bachelor home again!

## His Secret Child

When Lausanne Raney accepts an unusual offer from her wealthy employer's daughter--who is now missing--she finds herself under deadly suspicion and under the unwanted protection of security agent Domingo Shea who doesn't completely trust her any more than she does him. Original.

## **Dangerous Deception**

Enter a sensual, seductive world of lady love Sometimes, only another woman can give a girl the excitement she craves. In this collection of twenty sensuous lesbian erotic tales, penned by the best erotica authors from around the world you'll discover women enjoying their first sweet taste of all-girl

games, and long-term lovers reawakening their passion with the aid of new tricks and favourite toys. From sweet and tender to rough and kinky, delicious damsels to bi-try babes, there's something here to satisfy all lovers of girl-on-girl action. Who wouldn't want to be there when girls get off?

#### Lover and Deceiver

Tough, non-nonsense Missouri detective Claire Morgan ("Dark Places") returns in her third compelling thriller to track down a cold-blooded serial killer who takes twisted pleasure in terrorizing innocent strangers. Original.

# Girls Getting Off

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## Die Smiling

This two-in-one volume contains stories of soon-to-be mothers. In "This Child is Mine\

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