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Ruth Appleby

Rough Deal (Coming Home to the Mountain Book 2)

Everyone has a secret. Mine is ruining my life ... making me bitter, callous, cold. I'm Rye Rough -- the oldest of seven kids, with a family tree that built this town. I understand more than most that reputations matter. Which is why I keep my mouth shut -- and that secret? I'm not telling a soul. It's clear it's causing problems. Working as my dad's right-hand man, I'm angrier than ever -- and hell, it's messing with the family construction company. My father forces a deal: Go to the rural family cabin and don't come back until I get my head on straight or I lose my place in the business. As if spending more time alone is going to solve anything. One day into my retreat – I find Prairie, a beautifully fragile woman who is lost, alone and in need of my tender loving care. Her life has been one of confinement and abuse. She needs me like I've never been needed before. My family doesn't understand my love for her. My secret keeps me up at night. Something must give before it all breaks. One thing is sure – rough hands have been dealt for both Prairie and me ... and for our love to survive we can't fold. Coming Home to the Mountain is a new filthy-sweet, high heat series by Frankie Love featuring rugged mountain men who fall hard, fast and forever. And with the women they love at their side, they choose to put family first. In this series, Dad shows up, sisters remember to call, big brothers always look out for you, and Mom

knows to keep an extra seat at the table for Sunday dinner. Not every family is perfect -- and the Rough family has its own set of problems -- but at the end of the day, they know what matters: Coming Home.

Macbeth: The Novelization

Have you ever thought of Shakespeare as a fast-paced, action-filled, page-turning...novel?! Shakespeare plays on stage make for fantastic theatrics! But when you read it as a book...some of it's glory can be lost. This novelization of Macbeth uses a more modern language and narration to capture the story as a novel. The story of Macbeth tells the tragedy of a Scottish general who is told by witches that one day he will be king. Macbeth, urged by both his wife and his own selfish ambition, murders the king and takes the throne. The real story takes off once Macbeth is king and civil war erupts. This book is part of an expanding series that retells Shakespeare into fiction.

Cream-Pied

DTF. Support your local girl gang! Me and my dirty, tough female besties were stripping it down at The Steamy Clam! I knew that my side hustle as a stripper would pay my bills, but who would have thought the pole life would lead to a proposal? A fake one anyway ... Then again, I knew divine intervention when I saw it. And that fake relationship might be the realest thing I'd ever felt. I was minding my business, slaying my goals, living my best life with my girl gang—on my own terms. Love was the last thing on my mind. Marriage just wasn't in the cards for me. I never considered myself wifey material. Staying at home, baking cookies and washing laundry? Forget it! Then, Weston, with his big heart and bushy beard, snuck his way into my feelings. His family was prim and perfect, and my edgy attitude and I were not. He needed a fiancée to secure his place in the family business, and I needed cash to pay off my debts from a string of mooching exes. This crazy lie was a win-win for both of us. How could I say no?

What a Journey!

Get ready to meet... Larry! The man they call Sir. Born to humble working-class parents during the height of the Great Depression, Larry G. Sanders has had a most remarkable life. Whether bearing witness to unforgettable events or touching the lives of others, Larry always seemed to be at the right place at the right time. Now, at the ripe old age of 83, he has decided to share his most memorable stories with the world. From the incredible first moments after his birth... To adventures in lowa, Chicago, and Los Angeles... What a Journey will enthrall, entertain, and perhaps elicit a few tears, as readers follow Larry from the middle of the twentieth century up to the present day. Filled with heart and humor, this memoir will surely resonate with fans of such classics as Big Fish, A Christmas Story, Forrest Gump, and The World According to Garp. Maybe one day it also could turn into a movie... or two!

The Servant Girl's Secret

Saracen and a scholar – there couldn't be two more dangerous pastimes for a woman as the frenzy of the Inquisition grips Europe. Barcelona, 1495. A scholar lies dying in a spice merchant's stable when Nadira receives his last words. To Nadira, words are her life. Sold into slavery as a girl, her unusual gift of language keep her employed as her master's scribe. Now, the words that have long been her solace have put her in mortal danger. The dying scholar speaks of an ancient text, the Hermetica, that promises its readers the secrets of the magi of ancient Babylon. Hungry for power, the dark architects of the Inquisition will stop at nothing to find the Hermetica and to use it to solidify their position. At a time when faith is valued and knowledge is dangerous, Nadira emerges as one of the few who can unlock the mysteries within the pages of the Hermetica. Soon she is the unwilling companion to an English baron and his troupe of warriors as they traverse Europe in search of the manuscript, and revenge. As Nadira begins her transformation from servant to sorceress, will she escape the fires of the Inquisition, the clutches of the Borgia pope, and the ambitions of a French king? The Servant Girl's Secret is the first book of an enthralling historical fantasy series by Annmarie Banks. Set in medieval Europe, it is a twisty tale of adventure and mysticism, and will appeal to readers of Noah Gordon and Kate Mosse. Note: Originally published as "The Hermetica of Elysium."

She's Still The One

Enjoy this Steamy Rockstar Romance series from Small Town Romance author Kaci Rose... Bro Code Rule #1 – You can't have your best friend's younger sister. Austin What is it that guys I date don't seem

to understand what a causal relationship is? That doesn't mean to propose to me. This is why I packed up everything into my car and I'm now heading to my brothers. Only he's not there. His best friend Dallas is. Dammit, he's the reason none of my relationships have worked out. I compare them all to how he treats me. When they go on tour and drag me along it's hard to hide feelings in the small space of a tour bus. But my brother has made it very clear. Dallas is no good for me. We both risk losing my brother if we go any further. Dallas It sucks when you can't have the one girl you love. When the band I started with Austin's brother took off girls were easy. It was less messy having flings. Then she moves into the house with us. Even when her brother has made it perfectly clear she is off limits I can't seem to stay away. She is still the only one who makes my heart race. Can I convince them both I've changed, and I will be a one-woman man the rest of my days if she just chooses me? She's Still The One is a standalone romance. A HOT Brother's best Friend romance with a guaranteed happily ever after with a reformed playboy rockstar, it does have some strong language and oh my, sexy times. Enjoy!

Hot for the Handyman

He's got just the right tool to fix her broken heart... Welcome to Seattle, the Emerald City and home to The Single Moms of Seattle. Three sexy single ladies who drink a ton of wine every Saturday night, bitch about life, have each other's backs, are the ultimate mama bears, and hope to one day, just maybe find love again. This is Bianca's story ... Bianca's life is insane. A single mom to three kids, she moved back to her hometown of Seattle after her husband cheated and knocked up his secretary. She's just trying to get to the next day without pulling out her hair. With a full-time job as a project manager overseeing the renovations on affordable housing, she's doing her best to put food on the table for her kids while also proving to the world that she can make it on her own—she doesn't need a man. She does, however, need a handyman. Cue, Jack. He rides in on his Harley with his smoldering blue eyes, a beard, and sleeves of tattoos to save her from an abusive contractor. He's also a handyman. A Jack of all trades. Is Bianca's luck finally changing? But Jack has one condition before he takes the job to finish the renovations on the new four-plex—she cannot fall in love with him. An easy task for sure, right? She just needs him to get the units rentable, love isn't even on her radar. But Jack's not just a flickering flame, he's an inferno, and Bianca is drawn to him like a moth—singed wings be damned. What happens when summer is over, Jack's job ends, and he rides off into the sunset? Will he take Bianca's heart with him, or will he stay and save her one last time—from heartbreak? keywords: bad boy, single mom, single dad, biker hero, tattooed hero, workplace romance, handyman, unlikely romance, summer fling, single mom club, found family, inspirational, spicy, glazed donuts, hero with a beard, suspenseful

Saving Easton

Enjoy this Steamy Military Romance from Small Town Romance author Kaci Rose... He's a grumpy prisoner of war who won't let anyone around him. She's the ball of sunshine that pushes his boundaries. What happens when she pushes too far? A year of being tortured as a POW has left him lost in his own head. Until she walks in... his best friend's little sister. She's full of sunshine and smiles, while he can't stand to be touched but he still feels drawn to her. He had a crush on her for years and her memory pulled him through his darkest times. Even now she's the only one who holds the key to his recovery. She's pushing him outside his comfort zone, but when she pushes him too far, will she lose him forever? Saving Easton is a novel in the Oakside Military Heroes series, all books in the Oakside world are interconnected standalones. A HOT military romance with a guaranteed happily ever after and a grumbly former prisoner of war who happens to be her brother's best friend, it does have some strong language and oh my, sexy times. Enjoy! Don't Miss The Oakside Military Heroes Series Saving Noah Saving Easton Saving Teddy Saving Levi Saving Gavin

Saving Teddy

Enjoy this Steamy Military Romance from Small Town Romance author Kaci Rose... He was the only one to survive the blast that killed the unit. She was the only one to survive the accident that changed her life. Teddy The bomb exploded... and changed my life forever. I was the only member of my unit to survive, and every day I wonder why. Why me and not them? Now that I learned a fellow soldier left me his family fortune, it's made the guilt unbearable. I have the money to do whatever I want, except change the past. Mia I was attracted to Teddy the moment our eyes met. Yet the survivor's guilt he suffers is palpable. I want to get close, but he's determined to keep the world at arm's length. Can I help him learn to celebrate his second chance instead of blaming himself simply for surviving? Saving Teddy is a novel

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Don't Forget Me: An Unforgettable Romance

My stepdad was always a drunk – but he never tried to hurt me. Until last night. Now I have to run. I find a safe place to hide out for just one night... Trouble is, this cabin isn't as abandoned as I thought. The owner – a man who's big and thick in ways that make me feel safe – won't like that I've broke into his home. I have to leave before he sees me... even though what I really want is to climb into his sturdy lap and ask him to protect me. Ask him to take real good care of me. The moment I start to run... I slip and fall. And my whole world goes dark. I can't remember anything. But I hope he is the one to save me... The Unforgettable Series - A simple slip and fall, a car crash, a chemical reaction, or even a hockey puck to the head. Next thing you know, amnesia has turned the person you were madly in love with only moments ago into just another face you don't recognize. How can a romance possibly survive? The Flirt Club brings you the Unforgettable Series, 8 hazy, fuzzy, swoon-worthy stories of losing a loved one to amnesia and fighting to get them back. Join us in getting lost in love!

Harris

Nicholas Harris is a professional badass. Ex-Army Ranger, former personal security for the one and only Valentine Roth, mercenary, assassin, pilot, and my lover. After Roth and Kyrie holed up in their island fortress estate in the Caribbean, Nick started a private security contracting company: Alpha One Security. He hired the best of the best, the scariest, nastiest, toughest—and sexiest—security experts in the business. And now he has the mission of a lifetime: the three year old daughter of two A-list celebrities has been kidnapped and is being held for ransom. The twist? The mercenary and Russian mafioso who snatched the sweet, innocent little girl is a vicious, evil, sadistic thug with a grudge against Nick. And the fallout from this mission will be jet fuel on the flames of that grudge, pulling everyone around Nick into the vortex of violence and vengeance. Good thing we have the seven deadliest and most badass men on the planet on our team... And oh yeah, there's little ol' me: Layla Campari, mercenary-in-training.

Heart of the Mountain (The Mountain Men of Fox Hollow Book 1)

An angel. It's the worst rainstorm in history when I find her unconscious in the woods. Sent from heaven. She's lost and alone, a newborn baby in her arms. I will protect them. My cabin is their shelter from the storm. Under my care, no one can hurt them. Whatever the cost. But I'm not who she thinks I am. And if she finds out, she'll keep on running. My home is her home, my heart her heart. And I sure as hell don't want to break it. Dear Reader, Were you missing the mountains as much as we were?! James is the virgin burly bearded baby daddy you've been waiting for. Can you say that three times fast? Try it. A little louder now. Harder. Harder. Yes. Yes. Wait for it. Ohhh, yessss. Just.Like.That. He likes it when you scream his name. We like it when you come back for more. :) Xo, Frankie & Chantel

Beauty and the Mustache

This is a full-length novel, can be read as a standalone, and is the fourth book in the 'Knitting in the City' series. There are three things you need to know about Ashley Winston: 1) She has six brothers and they all have beards, 2) She is a reader, and 3) She knows how to knit. Former beauty queen, Ashley Winston's preferred coping strategy is escapism. She escaped her Tennessee small town, loathsome father, and six brothers eight years ago. Now she escapes life daily via her Amazon kindle one-click addiction. However, when a family tragedy forces her to return home, Ashley can't escape the notice of Drew Runous- local Game Warden, bear wrestler, philosopher, and everyone's favorite guy. Drew's irksome philosophizing in particular makes Ashley want to run for the skyscrapers, especially since he can't seem to keep his exasperating opinions- or his soulful poetry, steadfast support, and delightful hands- to himself. Pretty soon the girl who wanted nothing more than the escape of the big city finds she's lost her heart in small town Tennessee.

Take Me To The River

Enjoy this Steamy Mountain Man Romance series from Small Town Romance author Kaci Rose... What's a girl to do when she finds a sexy giant bathing in the river? Emelie Who leaves their girlfriend in the woods after a fight? My now EX-boyfriend that's who. One fight, okay a BIG fight because I found out he was cheating on me while we were camping and poof! He left me in the woods. So, I start walking to town, only I get turned around end up at the river where I meet Axel. This guy is HUGE. With a storm rolling in I don't have much choice but to trust him and take shelter in his cabin since I've been walking for hours AWAY from town. Several days of rain wash out the road and it looks like I'm stuck here with my giant. Only he's nothing like I thought he'd be. He's quiet, watchful, smart, and funny. Axel I've lived alone for years and I've been okay with that until one day she finds me bathing at the river. She is small, cute, and talks a lot. I find I don't mind it. When the storm washes out the only road into town and she is stranded with me a while longer I am grateful for more time with her. I like her in my space, I like showing her what I do, and how I survive out here. I like her in my bed. After years of living alone, I find little appeal in it anymore. When her ex-boyfriend shows up at my door can I convince her to stay? Can I ask her to give up a life in town for one out here in the mountains with me? Take Me To The River is the first novel in the Mountain Men of Whiskey River series, although all books in the Whiskey River world can be read as standalones. A HOT Mountain Man romance with a guaranteed happily ever after and a gentle giant, it does have some strong language and oh my, sexy times. Enjoy! Don't miss out on The Men of Whiskey River! Book 1: Take Me To The River Book 2: Take Me To The Cabin Book 3: Take Me To The Lake Book 4: Take Me To The Mountain

Playoff Beard

One attraction - a secret kept between friends for years. That's all it took to start one of the biggest love affairs to hit the NY Otters since Gavin and Myla. After getting his heart stomped on by a cheating ex-wife, Will Crosby doesn't know what he's going to do next, but it's not a relationship. Instead, he throws his entire self into the net, guarding it with his life. After all, he is the goalie. Everything is finally coming together in his life until the cute bartender with her smart mouth and huge smile gets the better of him, right as the playoffs are around the corner. Crosby now has to prove himself not only to his team, but also to the girl who has stolen his heart.

The Cowboy's Match: Steamy Mail Order Bride Western Romance

Will this mail order bride matchmaker take a chance on love when she falls for the bearded cowboy who happens to be her VIP client? Laney I run a mail order bride matchmaking service. I pair lonely cowboys with women who are willing to travel to rural areas and marry cowboy husbands. Since I started my company five years ago, I've loved the work. None of the cowboys have ever tempted me until this one. Archer Scott is a tall, handsome, and has the sexiest phone voice I've ever heard. My algorithm says we're anything but a perfect match. Besides, he hasn't seen me or my scars. He doesn't know the truth about my past or the fact that I'm anything but beautiful. Too bad my heart isn't listening to reason right now... Archer My grandfather made it clear in his will that his grandsons had to marry in order to inherit the ranch. He even picked out a mail order bride service. The only problem is I can't get the matchmaker out of my head. She says she's still searching for my woman. I think she's the one for me and I intend to prove it. That's why I show up at her company in the big city. I'm the big, burly cowboy that's here to claim my bride. But after what she's been through, will my scarred woman take a chance on love? The Scott Brothers are fierce cowboys in need of mail order brides so they can claim their rightful inheritance. But that's not the only thing these rough and dirty cowboys plan to claim! Each book in the Courage County Brides series is standalone with NO cheating and NO cliffhangers. Just a sweet, sexy HEA so you can get your swoon on.

Lie to Me

I'm in this town for work, not to find love. Never love. "Ha-ha," says Love, right before it kicks me in the gut. Aiden Clarke is growly, grumpy, and currently looking at me like he wants to rip my head clean off my shoulders. And I...like it? It's been far too long, and he's far too gorgeous. Too bearded. Entirely too hot-blooded and male for my poor panties. Except I'm his sworn enemy. I'm the woman trying to build a hotel right in the middle of his precious town. Screw me for doing my job, right? If only I were that lucky. I should just leave, but things are never that easy. Aiden wraps me in his arms, kisses me senseless, and offers me the one thing I never thought I'd have. Even as secrets threaten to drive us apart, how can I walk away? How can I turn my back on something that feels a lot like...love?

The Mystery of the Missing Monkey

A girl with a thirst for adventure. A hidden room. A mystery waiting to be solved. Nina can't resist the pull of an adventure when she feels it and when her Uncle Bill discovers a hidden room in a forgotten corner of his bookshop she knows she has to investigate. As she leads her best friend Ivy and a bespectacled boy named Oswald through the door they are instantly transported to a tent backstage at Cornelius' Circus Spectacular. All is not well and they are soon caught up in a mystery the likes of which they had never dreamed... The Mystery of the Missing Monkey. With the show's grand finale at risk the three friends can't walk away. They must find a way to solve the disappearance before it's too late... and hope there is a way to get home. The Mystery of the Missing Monkey is the first book in the Lost Bookshop series of stand-alone chapter books that feature a young, curious and adventure seeking cast. If your children like magical adventures that capture their imagination, they will love their time in the Lost Bookshop. Pick up The Mystery of the Missing Monkey and start your children on their next favorite book today.

Confessions of a Slut

Selma Brazinsky is an average-looking, thirty-four-year-old, single, full-figured woman who has never had an earth-shattering orgasm with any man. Almost as frustrating are her Mama's attempts to fix her up with one loser after another. So Selma joins the Love Connection, an Internet dating service, tagging herself, "Experience Wanted Sally." She meets men all right. There's "Barrel of Laughs Mike," who needs sniffs of oxygen at the most inconvenient times, "Harvey the Ballroom Dancer," whose feet are numb due to diabetes, and long-bearded "Big Bubba" who reminds her of the Duck Dynasty guys. Then along comes Jessie, the lovable porn-shop owner whose kinky toys, costumes, and sexual finesse overwhelm her. Is he the one? Can Selma finally abandon her Brad Pitt, Tom Cruise, and Tom Hanks rubber dildos forever? In this hilarious, page-turning novel, Selma admits right off the bat that she's a slut, and goes on to recount the adventures that have earned her the right to claim she's that infamous four-letter word.

Kissmas Wishes (Love In All Seasons Book 3)

Time to make all your Kissmas Wishes come true! Six Christmas Romances in one collection... Mistletoe Mountain Meeting Evie was serendipity ... and letting her go isn't an option. But her life isn't built around Mistletoe Mountain the way mine is. This mountain man is hoping for a Christmas miracle. Sugar Mountain Christmas Bride The last thing I expect to find at the bakery is the cutest Christmas cookie I've ever seen. I didn't come to Linesworth to find a bride, but I'm not leaving this mountain until I make Noelle my wife. Merry Me I have one intention — prove to Holly I can be the mountain man she needs. I'm holding out for more than a Christmas miracle. I'm going to get myself a Christmas bride. Let's Merry Christmas Meeting a woman like CeeCee is the last thing I expect on Christmas Eve. Now we're both stranded at an airport and I'm determined to make the best of it. It's time to make her lumberjack fantasies come true. His Sugarplum I don't want to ruin Sugar... but she's my sugarplum now. And I'm ready to taste my Christmas treat. Home Is Where The Beard Is It's the season for miracles and maybe just this once I'll get the present I've wanted all my life: Maple St. Claire in my arms under the mistletoe.

Saint Jude: Los Angeles Bad Boys (The Los Angeles Bad Boys Book 3)

When Catalina walks in the door, my heart stops. She's my best friend's little sister, Etta's babysitter, and hot as hell. The timing is all wrong. She's too young, lost, and doesn't know what she wants. I have a baby and don't need another person to take care of. But then I take her against the wall and she finds her way into my motherf*cking heart. The truth is, I'm the lost cause, and Catalina might be the one person who can save me.

Hard Time

In this all-new novel from the author of After Hours and Unbound, a woman with a rocky past finds romance in the last place she'd ever expect... Annie Goodhouse doesn't need to be warned about bad boys; good sense and an abusive ex have given her plenty of reasons to play it safe. But when she steps into her new role as outreach librarian for Cousins Correctional Facility, no amount of good sense can keep her mind—or eyes—off inmate Eric Collier. Eric doesn't claim to be innocent of the crime that landed him in prison. In fact, he'd do it again if that's what it took to keep his family safe. Loyalty and

force are what he knows. But meeting Annie makes him want to know more. When Eric begins courting Annie through letters, they embark on a reckless, secret romance—a forbidden fantasy that neither imagines could ever be real...until early parole for Eric changes everything, and forces them both to face a past they can't forget, and a desire they can't deny. Praise for Cara McKenna and her novels "Cara McKenna is my go-to author for gritty, hot love stories full of honest emotion."—Victoria Dahl, USA Today bestselling author "McKenna writes dark, lush, erotic romance."—Heroes and Heartbreakers "Sweet, smoking hot, standout erotic romance."—Beth Kery, New York Times bestselling author Before becoming a purveyor of smart erotic romance, Cara McKenna worked as a lousy barista, a decent designer, and an over-enthusiastic penguin handler. She loves writing sexy, character-driven stories about strong-willed men and women who keep each other on their toes...and bring one another to their knees. Cara now writes full-time and lives north of Boston with her bearded husband. When she's not trapped in her own head, she can usually be found in the kitchen, the coffee shop, or jogging around the nearest duck-filled pond.

Homecoming King

Rex "TW" McMurtry's perpetual single-hood wouldn't bother him so much if all his ex-girlfriends didn't keep marrying the very next person they dated, especially when so many of those grooms are his closest friends. He may be a pro-football defensive end for the Chicago Squalls, but the press only wants to talk about how he's always a groomsman and never a groom. Rex is sick of being the guy before the husband, and he's most definitely sick of being the best man at all their weddings. Bartender Abigail McNerny is the gal-pal, the wing-woman, the she-BFF. She's dated. Once. And once was more than enough. Privy to all the sad stories of her customers, 'contentment over commitment' is her motto, and Abby is convinced no one on earth could ever entice her into a romantic relationship . . . except that one guy she's loved since preschool. The guy who just walked into her bar. The guy who doesn't recognize her. The guy who is drunk and needs a ride home. The guy who has a proposition she should definitely refuse.

MADE PHO YOU (The Way To A Man's Heart Book 5)

The moment I see Trista at a local restaurant, slurping noodles, adding extra Sriracha to her soup, and speaking her mind without a filter, I know she's the one pho me. She's curvy, courageous and cute as a button. One lunch and I'm crazy pho her. I've dedicated my life to getting a position at the University. But it's my first day on the job and I'm already screwed. Trista — the girl I've fallen for — is my student. This job is once-in-a-lifetime, but no one can have it all. And I want to love her pho-ever. Dear Reader, In those glasses Trent is like Clark Kent, only better. Deep down, he's the superhero Trista has been dreaming of! Even though she's his kryptonite, he pho-king loves her! This short and steamy read is un-pho-gettable! Promise! xo, frankie

Forever Never

You don't fall for your brother's high school sweetheart, your boss's daughter, or your ex-wife's best friend. Especially when they're all the same woman. Under Brick Callan's mile-wide chest beats a loyal heart with a few cracks in it. He's the steadfast, overprotective type. Especially when it comes to the one woman he can never have. It's a long, complicated history punctuated by fights, friendship, family, and an attraction that strains his iron willpower. When Remi Ford returns to Mackinac Island in the dead of winter with a secret, Brick makes it his mission to find out what put the shadows in those green eyes. Even if it means breaking down the walls he's built between them. Even if it means falling for the one girl he'll never get over. The free-spirited artist just needs to lay low for a few weeks so she can figure a way out of this nightmare. She's definitely not staying. Not when the man who broke her teenage heart into splinters keeps showing up at her parents' dinner table. Remi doesn't need broody, bearded Brick riding to her rescue...again. Not when it will put them both in danger, costing them much more than their hearts. Author's Note: Frenemies-to-lovers. Opposites attract. Slow burn. Girl in danger. Glorious, glorious banter. Fighting as foreplay. Small-town shenanigans. Big, grumpy, pining, overprotective hero. Wild-child, trouble-finding heroine who keeps on pushing the hero's buttons. Steam Level: Lava. Suspense: Nail-biting. Feels: Big time.

Candy Cain

Candy is on top of the world. She's a high priced corporate lawyer with expensive cars, time on her hands, and money to burn. Although, she has no one to burn it on, except for a yearly ritual of buying

toys and treats for the needy at Christmas time. Cain is an egotistical enigma. A very deprived and hurting enigma, who feels wishes are for fools. A car accident leaves them stranded together, and the two have no choice but to warm each other's cold bodies, lest they freeze to death. As the temperature dips outside, the heat begins to sizzle inside. Candy and Cain, though worlds apart in society, begin to feel perhaps they have more in common than either could ever wish for. Will they both discover the miracle of Christmas wishes isn't just for the very young?

CEREAL DATER (The Way To A Man's Heart Book 13)

Meeting Lucky, a cute and curvy overworked woman, at her cereal café, is serendipity. She needs a vacay and I need a fake girlfriend. One weekend, no strings attached. How could anything go wrong? Dear Reader, Landon is a rich and handsome man with plenty of options. But he doesn't want options. He may have been a serial dater - but that was before he met Lucky. Now, he wants more than a bowl of her cereal. He wants the whole box.

The Little Chicken Book, Or, All You Ever Wanted to Know about Chickens But Never Really Thought to Ask

A young woman on the run finds a second chance in World War II Italy in a thrilling novel of love, intrigue, and redemption by the author of A Girl Divided. 1944, Chicago. From desperate small-town teen to star of the burlesque circuit, Violet Ernte has survived tough choices and more than one reinvention. Now, framed for an underworld murder, she has one way out: agree to keep Marcie, a reckless USO showgirl and mobster's daughter, on the straight and narrow. Vi's new act: play innocent ingenue and join the all-American song-and-dance troupe bound for overseas to a war-torn Italy. When a USO headliner goes missing soon after landing, the disappearance has treacherous implications for the entire troupe. With Marcie's safety in peril, Vi turns to battle-roughened army sergeant Ansel Danger for help. But getting closer to Ansel means exposing her past and her double life of scandal and deception. And in a heartbeat, she could lose everything. Defiant and resilient, Vi is used to taking risks. This time it's for redemption. To love, and to be loved. And for a second chance at a future she thought was lost forever.

The Long Path Home

In the space between nations, nothing is out of bounds. A dark, brutal, and unforgettable historical thriller from the author of The Oathsworn Series. 1542. For centuries the Scottish and English borders were known as the Debatable Lands: wild, lawless, and the province of reivers, tight-knit robber families that roamed and pillaged the remote passes without fear . . . Fifteen-year-old Mintie Henderson has just seen her father murdered. With the Scottish King newly dead and an army of hired reivers on the march, justice is in short supply. Then she comes across Batty Coalhouse: one-armed and hard as nails. Together they will set out on a journey of revenge. But they are soon caught up in something bigger, a tale of Mary Queen of Scots and King Henry VIII. Stuck in the heart of a tempest, they know only one way to get out alive . . . Fight. Praise for the novels of Rob Low "A company of warriors, desperate battles, an enthralling read." —Bernard Cornwell, New York Times—bestselling author "Low mixes history, archeology, mythology and nonstop, often-sanguinary action into a fast-moving adventure tale." —Publishers Weekly "An epic tale of hardship, triumph, betrayal and brotherhood." —S. J. A. Turney, author of Marius' Mules XV: The Ides of March

A Dish of Spurs

Once he was all she wanted, first kisses and forbidden desires. Once she was his only hope when the rest of the world had turned their back. For Lyra, the boy with cuts and bruises was everything she loved, everything she craved, a teenage fantasy in a bitter and cruel world. Until the night he left. Now, heartbroken and unwilling to let go, she sets out to fulfill a promise she once made; to play her violin and become a star. Jack Cross has spent four years escaping the events that forced him to leave his home and never go back. He has a new existence now, one filled with freedom from the destructive cycle he once called life, and one where he has long forgotten what it feels like to be her Blue. Hardened and cruel he's nothing like the boy who ran away. Until Lyra appears. Things have changed. Once he was her brother's best friend. Now she's his secret. Between them lies a web of secrets and regrets. But some things never change... can they resist one another, or will the call of their twisted love story finally break them both?

The Other Side of Blue

The Enchanted April: A notice in The Times addressed to 'Those who Appreciate Wistaria and Sunshine' advertises a 'small mediaeval Italian Castle on the shores of the Mediterranean to be let furnished for the month of April'. Four very different women take up the offer, escaping dreary London for the sunshine of Italy. Among the party are Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Arthuthnot, both fleeing unappreciative husbands; beautiful Lady Caroline, sick of being 'grabbed' by lovestruck men; and the imperious Mrs Fisher, who spends her time remembering the bearded 'great men' she knew in her Victorian childhood. By the end of their holiday, all the women will fall completely under the spell of Italy in this funny, insightful and very charming novel. "The Solitary Summer" is a witty, lyrical account of a rejuvenating summer. Descriptions of magnificent larkspurs and burning nasturiums give way to those of cooling forest walks--and of clambering up a mud bank when the miller is not in view. Rainy days prompt a little philanthropy, until the sun returns the gardener to the refuge of her beloved plants. In her introduction, Deborah Kellaway writes: "All of von Arnim's heroines are escapists. They escape from riches to the simple life, or from conventional home life into foreign travel...In her first two books "[Elizabeth and Her German Garden" and "The Solitary Summer]," the escape is simply into the garden...And it is her capacity to present her joy in that place that made the books bestsellers. Here readers are escaping. with her, into happiness." Vera: 'A funny, sumptuous and invigorating vacation for the mind and soul ... refreshing, charming and romantic' Erica Bauermeister, 500 Great Books by Women At one level an escapist fantasy, at another a parable about the liberation of the spirit, this delicious confection will work its magic on all.' 'The Daily TelegraphConsidered by many to be von Arnim's finest work, VERA is a startling exploration of sex and violence. Lucy Entwhistle's beloved father has just died, and aged twenty-two, she finds herself alone in the world. Leaning against her garden gate, dazed and unhappy, she is disturbed by the sudden appearance of the perspiring Mr Wemyss.

A Trio of Stories

The woman I crave just moved into the house across the street to be the nanny. Big tits, big hips — damn she makes me hard. Running my chain of auto-shops means I'm a busy man. Problem is I have no one to share my success with. When Molly needs a cup of sugar, she comes knocking on my door. She's asking for something sweet, but her eyes tells me she wants something filthy. I can see it now: her in my kitchen, barefoot and pregnant — ready for me to bring home the bacon. Dear Reader, Major is a real man who knows what he kneads. It's time for him to be the Bred Winner Molly has always dreamt about. xo, frankie Welcome to filthy dirty desires! Forget being sweet ... this year we want to give into our dirtiest desires. Taboo, dangerous, and over-the-top, we're bringing you everything you were too scared to ask for. **Don't worry, loves, these are still packed with the heroes you crave and the HEA's you deserve!

Bred Winner (Filthy Dirty Desires Book 1)

If you're Scottish, you like a wee joke. Aye, and you can take one just as well. Packed with the very best one-liners and yarns from the land of the brave, The Little Book of Scottish Jokes will get you guffawing in no time.

The Little Book of Scottish Jokes

A rugged-mountain man, a city girl, and a fling that will give them the adventure of a lifetime. I don't do small town, country living. The hustle and bustle of New York pumps through my veins. Still, when a dear friend invited me to stand up in her wedding, I decided to embrace all Colorado had to offer. I was expecting mountainous terrain and outdoor adventures. Instead, I found myself face to face with the ruggedly handsome Henry Rigby—a lumberjack fantasy come to life. It was supposed to be a short trip. Yet the time we spent together made New York seem farther and farther away... "I was already a goner for this book in the first few pages, I felt I had just stepped into the Christmas Hallmark Channel, although this couple doesn't hold back on the chemistry front. The backdrop for this story, with the snow and the mountains had me believe I was seeing the cold air releasing from my lips as I snuggled down under my blanket with a hot cup of chocolate and let Henry and Kelsey's story seep into my soul." World of Books 65 "Oh. My. The feels y'all! You will experience every single one of them. Every. Single. One. The happiness, the fear, the excitement, the longing and their love for each other. Kelsey & Henry's story is beyond what I expected, the twist and turns had me sucked in from the very first words. This book was a magnificent, captivating, un-put-downable must read! I highly recommend!" Tara, Jessica Peterson's City Girls "Big City meets Small Town in Adventurous Love - and I am so here for it! What's not to love? Picturesque mountains, a rugged, bearded, sexy man and the woman

who owns his heart - *sigh*. Adventurous Love is the perfect read in one sitting, small town, opposites attract, forbidden romance." - Judy Ann Loves Books "I am really enjoying this series! The characters are well developed and the stories are layered and extremely entertaining." Reading in the Red Room "A small town romance with so much depth and love in it. I highly recommend reading!" Paula Loves Her Books "A feel-good HEA that you won't want to put down!" Daisy Knox, Tales of Love, Life and Murder "Devastatingly handsome mountain man with strong family ties, a rustic lodge and ranch, and delicious sweetness! You stole my heart and never gave it back! These two are so utterly perfect for each other! You will fall so deeply in this story but it's totally worth the heartache and pain to get to the happy ever after! 5/5 snowflakes D DDDD highly recommend!" - Savannah, Goodreads reviewer "OPPOSITI ATTRACT AT IT'S BEST! Both are so different BUT oh so PERFECT for each other! I REALLY couldn't stop swooning right from the beginning till the end!" Alice, Goodreads reviewer

Adventurous Love

"[...] "Is Miss Murtree that old lady that brings you to the Sunday-school?" demanded Wilbur. "Yes; she's my governess, and had to go to her dying mother, and I hope she gets a cruel stepmother that will be harsh to her childish sports, like that Mrs. Blunt was. But she isn't old. It's her beard makes her look so mature." "Aw!" cried both twins, denoting incredulity. "She has, too, a beard! A little moustache and some growing on her chin. When I first got 'Ben Blunt, or from Rags to Riches, 'out of the Sunday-school library I asked her how she made it grow, because I wanted one to grow on me, but she made a scene and never did tell me. I wish it would come out on me that way." She ran questing fingers along her brief upper lip and round her pointed chin. "But prob'ly I ain't old enough." "You're only a girl," declared the Wilbur twin, "and you won't ever have a beard, and you couldn't be Ben Blunt."[...]."

The Wrong Twin

William Dean Howells, the realist master known as "The Dean of American Letters\

Delphi Complete Works of William Dean Howells (Illustrated)

Excerpt Long ago, in the days when our caged blackbirds never saw a king's soldier without whistling impudently, "Come ower the water to Charlie," a minister of Thrums was to be married, but something happened, and he remained a bachelor. Then, when he was old, he passed in our square the lady who was to have been his wife, and her hair was white, but she, too, was still unmarried. The meeting had only one witness, a weaver, and he said solemnly afterwards, "They didna speak, but they just gave one another a look, and I saw the love-light in their een." No more is remembered of these two, no being now living ever saw them, but the poetry that was in the soul of a battered weaver makes them human to us for ever. It is of another minister I am to tell, but only to those who know that light when they see it. I am not bidding good-bye to many readers, for though it is true that some men, of whom Lord Rintoul was one, live to an old age without knowing love, few of us can have met them, and of women so incomplete I never heard. Gavin Dishart was barely twenty-one when he and his mother came to Thrums, light-hearted like the traveller who knows not what awaits him at the bend of the road. It was the time of year when the ground is carpeted beneath the firs with brown needles, when split-nuts patter all day from the beech, and children lay yellow corn on the dominie's desk to remind him that now they are needed in the fields. The day was so silent that carts could be heard rumbling a mile away. All Thrums was out in its wynds and closes-a few of the weavers still in knee-breeches-to look at the new Auld Licht minister. I was there too, the dominie of Glen Quharity, which is four miles from Thrums; and heavy was my heart as I stood afar off so that Gavin's mother might not have the pain of seeing me. I was the only one in the crowd who looked at her more than at her son. Eighteen years had passed since we parted. Already her hair had lost the brightness of its youth, and she seemed to me smaller and more fragile; and the face that I loved when I was a hobbledehoy, and loved when I looked once more upon it in Thrums, and always shall love till I die, was soft and worn. Margaret was an old woman, and she was only forty-three; and I am the man who made her old. As Gavin put his eager boyish face out at the carriage window, many saw that he was holding her hand, but none could be glad at the sight as the dominie was glad, looking on at a happiness in which he dared not mingle. Margaret was crying because she was so proud of her boy. Women do that. Poor sons to be proud of, good mothers, but I would not have you dry those tears. When the little minister looked out at the carriage window, many of the people drew back humbly, but a little boy in a red frock with black spots pressed forward and offered him a sticky parly, which Gavin accepted, though not without a tremor, for children were more terrible to him then than bearded men. The boy's mother, trying not to look elated, bore him away, but her face

said that he was made for life. With this little incident Gavin's career in Thrums began. I remembered it suddenly the other day when wading across the wynd where it took place. Many scenes in the little minister's life come back to me in this way. The first time I ever thought of writing his love story as an old man's gift to a little maid since grown tall, was one night while I sat alone in the school-house; on my knees a fiddle that has been my only living companion since I sold my hens. My mind had drifted back to the first time I saw Gavin and the Egyptian together, and what set it wandering to that midnight meeting was my garden gate shaking in the wind. At a gate on the hill I had first encountered these two. It rattled in his hand, and I looked up and saw them, and neither knew why I had such cause to start at the sight. Then the gate swung to. It had just such a click as mine....

The Little Minister

Mr. Howells has in the present volume given his writings the form of a series of historical stories, in which his native State is described and pictured from as remote a period as the geologic ice age. The slow-moving glaciers in the distant past covered most of the present State of Ohio. They rounded off the corners of her hills, smoothed the contour of her valleys, left glacial scratches on her rocks, and transported boulders from remote points where they had an origin and left them on the various glacial moraines. After the ice age came a strange and mysterious people who left traces of their one-time existence in the shape of curious and wonder-inspiring mounds and other earthworks of which Ohio has perhaps more than any other State. The remains of the ice age and the mound builders compete in interest with any fairy tale for young readers.

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