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Guilty

One cold November night when Kate White was fifteen years old, her friends held up a store. One of them killed an off-duty cop. They got away with it. Thirteen years later, Kate has built a new life for herself as a mother and prosecutor. Until the nightmare morning in her courtroom when she comes face to face with the old friend, Mario, who killed that cop so many years ago. First it seems that Kate may have to pull some serious strings to keep her reputation intact, but then Mario is found dead in Kate's house, and with Kate's fingerprints on the pistol. Her life - and her son's - are in danger. 'Robards is one terrific storyteller' Chicago Tribune

Guilty

New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards returns with a gripping new thriller about a woman trying to escape her past.

Guilty

Pawley's Island, South Carolina, seemed an idyllic place, until an unsolved murder - the grisly stabbing of teenager Tara Mitchell and the disappearance of her two friends - disturbed the peace. In the 15 years since the murders, all who have lived in the mansion where it happened has left in fear, claiming that the dead girls haunt the house. TV reporter Nicky Sullivan believes this story could be her big break, and arranges for a live television séance in an attempt to contact the girls. But it all goes horribly wrong when, during the show, a young woman is murdered in exactly the same way as Tara was all those years ago. Nicky's producers order her to continue, and in doing so she meets enigmatic police chief Joe Franconi. But, as the tension between them grows, another identical murder occurs. This time, there is a menacing note warning that the original killer has come back to claim three more lives. Two down, one to go... Could Nicky be the killer's third victim?

Justice

New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards delivers another unputdownable thriller.

Pursuit

After rookie lawyer Jessica Monaghan meets with the First Lady, the VIP is killed in a car accident in which Jessica manages to survive. When she suspects the accident was something else and she becomes the next target, she and experienced FBI agent Mark

Dark Torment

I've a feeling you'll soon rue this day. . . . These were the fateful words Sarah Markham's father uttered after she threw herself between the convict lashed to the ship's mast and the captain's whip. Transported to Australia for crimes against the Crown, Dominic Gallagher had been labeled a troublemaker. No humor lightened his handsome face; everything about him looked dark, deliberate, and dangerous. But independent, feisty Sarah couldn't bear to see any man flogged to death. Instead she insisted her father buy this young Irish rebel and bring him back to their ranch. Soon a forbidden passion began to blossom between the indentured man and his mistress in this lush, primitive land. A twist of fate swept them together amid betrayal and intrigue as a man faced risking everything for freedom and a woman faced risking everything for love.

Scandalous

England, 1810: When Lady Gabriella Banning receives word that her half-brother, the Earl of Wickham, has died on his tea plantation in Ceylon, she faces the reality that she and her younger sisters, Claire and Elizabeth, are suddenly penniless. The family's riches will pass to the next male heir -- a distant cousin -- and the Banning sisters are doomed unless Gabby thinks fast. Which she does. Pretending that Marcus is still alive, Gabby arranges beautiful Claire's London season. She'll keep up the pretense just long enough for Claire to marry a fabulously wealthy nobleman. But when a handsome gentleman arrives at the door and claims to be Marcus, Gabby's plan backfires. For if she exposes this mysterious stranger's deceit, she exposes her own. Bound by secrets and lies, Gabby and the roguish adventurer strike sparks off each other -- and soon London society is abuzz over the scandalous pair of "siblings" who appear to be falling in love.... With this beautifully rendered romance, bestselling author Karen Robards begins a sweeping series about three unforgettable sisters poised to take the ton by storm.

Manna from Heaven

Danger and desire ignite when Charlotte Bates drives straight into a DEA agent's hot pursuit of a drug smuggler. But when the lawman takes Charlie hostage, an electrifying adventure begins....

Vanished

New York Times bestseller Karen Robards returns with the chilling tale of every mother's worst nightmare.

Heartbreaker

While vacationing in Utah's mountain wilderness, Lynn Nelson suddenly finds herself having to deal with her teenage daughter Rory's raging hormones. The object of Rory's passion is their guide, drop-dead gorgeous Jess Feldman, a man the divorced Lynn instinctively distrusts, even as she shields herself from his blazing baby blues. But after Lynn and Rory fall off a cliff of sheared rock, Jess becomes their only hope. Risking his life, he navigates them through the impenetrable forest thousands of feet below, unwittingly plunging them into a danger more menacing than they could have imagined. Exhausted and injured, all they have is one another—a terrified child, and a man and a woman who rediscover passion in each other's arms—as they race against time for their lives. Praise for Heartbreaker “A romantic thriller, not to be missed.”—The Philadelphia Inquirer “Brilliant . . . Nonstop action combines with humor and romance.”—Romantic Times “A fast-paced tale.”—The Chattanooga News

Shameless

The third dazzling historical romance in New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards's Banning Sisters trilogy of Regency-era historical romances.

Irresistible

With this sensual and entrancing tale, bestselling author Karen Robards continues her wonderful trilogy of three sisters taking their rightful place as the belles of Regency England's ton. Claire Banning fulfilled

every debutante's dream when she married a rich nobleman. Soon, however, the celebrated beauty realizes she wed a dissolute wastrel. Bitterly hurt and desperately lonely, Claire vows nonetheless to take her expected place in society. Then on a journey home to her husband's estate on the coast of Sussex, she is abducted, and her life—and her heart—are changed forever. Hugh Battancourt—a dark and dangerous nobleman who long ago turned his back on the ton and now leads a life secretly dedicated to his country's service—is determined not to be swayed by his prisoner's beauty as they share a cabin on a ship bound for France. Lives depend on his retrieving from her a letter full of secrets she intends to turn over to the enemy. But even as Claire and Hugh engage in a battle of wits and wills, captor and captive find themselves drawn irresistibly to each other. Is it possible, Claire wonders, that she could discover the true meaning of love that has eluded her with this handsome stranger? One who will lay his life on the line in order to protect her from someone who is intent on placing Claire in the path of danger?

One Summer

He was pure, unadulterated trouble. Johnny Harris is home again, his too-tight jeans and damn-your-eyes belligerence honed to perfection by a ten-year stretch in federal prison for murder. Now he's out on parole and ready for the job Rachel Grant has promised to help him begin a new life. Unlike the rest of the town, Rachel has always believed in her former student's innocence. But one thing has changed... The sullenly handsome boy she remembers is still sullen, still handsome...but no longer a boy. And now the small Kentucky town is alive with gossip and whispers of a scandal, as friendship turns to passion and Rachel abandons a lifetime of propriety in the ex-con's arms. Then the killer strikes again. All evidence points to Johnny Harris, but Rachel knows he is innocent. And she knows she is next...as a shattering truth is uncovered and dark passions explode in the relentless summer heat.

Scandalous

Repossessing cars to support her small son after being abandoned on the harsh streets of East St. Louis, young single mother Samantha Jones discovers a dying man in the trunk of a car who takes her hostage and forces her to help him reach his protectors.

Shiver

Dr Charlotte 'Charlie' Stone is a psychiatrist who explores the darkest territory of all: the hearts and minds of serial killers. It's a job she's uniquely suited for, thanks to the secret talent that gives her an uncanny edge - Charlie can see the spirits of the dead. This blessing - or curse - gives Charlie the power to hunt down madmen and murderers. It's also turned her love life upside down by drawing her into a hopelessly passionate relationship with the lingering ghost of a charismatic bad boy. But there's little time for romance when murder comes pounding at Charlie's door in the form of a terrified young woman fleeing a homicidal maniac. Saving her life places Charlie squarely in the sights of a sadistic predator nicknamed 'the Gingerbread Man.' Matching wits with this cunningly twisted opponent will require all of Charlie's expert skills. But even with her devilish 'guardian angel', not to mention her favourite flesh-and-blood Federal agent Tony Bartoli, watching her beautiful back, the Gingerbread Man's horrifying grin might be the last thing Charlie ever sees.

The Last Kiss Goodbye

Caroline Wallace is one of New Orleans Police Department's top hostage negotiators, and she's never failed to get every hostage out alive. But this time, it's different: the hostages include her father - the superintendent of police - and the mayor. And this time, she's trying to negotiate with Reed Ware, a former co-worker who left the force in disgrace, and who is considered to be volatile and extremely dangerous. As police snipers arrive on the scene, Caroline has only a few moments left to persuade the hot-headed, reckless (and extremely handsome) Reed to turn himself in before anyone gets hurt. But when the SWAT team runs out of patience and launches an attack, Reed manages to escape - taking Caroline hostage in the chaos. He then tells her he's uncovered corruption at the highest levels of the police department and city government, and those involved will stop at nothing to keep him from exposing what he knows . . . including murder. Now Caroline must question everything she thought she knew about her job and her city and join Reed on the run . . . putting both her life - and her heart - in jeopardy.

Hunted

One of the most popular voices in women's fiction" (Newsweek), Karen Robards delivers another electrifying national bestseller with this story of unexpected attraction and evil that lurks beneath a bit of Southern splendor. Left bankrupt after her billionaire father's sudden death, Alexandra Haywood returns to Shelby County, Kentucky—that bit of Southern splendor known as Paradise County—to sell the family's magnificent horse farm. Part of her mission is to fire Joe Welch, the sexy, stubborn farm manager who worked hard for the Haywoods while raising his children. But Joe refuses to be fired, and he and Alex clash. They also fall for each other—hard. Just as their attraction flares, a shocking murder with ties to the past rocks the county—and cuts close to home when Joe's teenage son, Eli, and Alex's wild-spirited younger sister, Neely, vanish. Now, the evil that lurks beneath Paradise County raises its gruesome head—and Alex is targeted as the next victim.

Paradise County

A killer has come out of hiding in this haunting novel by New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards. Pawleys Island hides a dark history of a shocking cold case: the murder of a local girl and the strange disappearance of her two friends. This unsolved crime could be journalist Nicole Sullivan's big break, so she works intimately with Police Chief Joe Franconi to get the story straight. But their investigation takes a shocking turn when another young woman is murdered. As the body count rises, so does Nicole's fear that the killer has returned to bury a terrifying secret—and to resurrect the ghost of a crime long thought dead.

Superstition

Dr Charlotte Stone sees what others do not. An expert in criminal pathology, Charlie regularly sits face-to-face with madmen. She's been obsessed with learning what makes human monsters commit terrible crimes since she was sixteen, when a man butchered the family of her best friend Holly, then left the girl's body on a seaside boardwalk one week later. Charlie kept quiet about her eerie postmortem visions of Holly and her mother. And even years later, knowing it might undermine her credibility as a psychological expert, she tells no one about the visits she gets from the spirit world. Now all-too-handsome FBI agent Tony Bartoli suspects the Boardwalk Killer is back. A teenage girl is missing, her family slaughtered. With time running short for the innocent girl, Bartoli turns to the only person who could stop this vicious murderer. But Dr. Charlotte Stone sees what others do not. And she sees the Boardwalk Killer coming for her.

The Last Victim

The nude male body lay on the embalming table, battered beyond recognition. Gingerly, Summer McAfee, chairman, CEO, and sole employee of Daisy Fresh cleaning service, reached out to touch an arm to reassure herself that she hadn't just seen the corpse move. Suddenly, shockingly, her hand was in the viselike grip of a man very much alive and desperate enough to take her captive on a no-holds-barred run from cops, killers, and his own decidedly complicated past... Summer's former life as a New York lingerie model had gone south with her marriage, leaving her, at thirty-six, single and back home in Tennessee, on her hands and knees scrubbing other people's bathrooms. But the drab present vanishes in a flash as she's forced to flee into the Tennessee wilds with the stranger she calls Frankenstein, first as his captive, then his companion, as they run from the enemies determined to destroy them both--straight into a raging passion that could only be the last laugh of fate...

Walking After Midnight

"[An] exceptional storyteller . . . Leave it to [Karen] Robards to deliver the start of a series that is distinctive and unforgettable!"—RT Book Reviews A sought-after expert in criminal pathology, Dr. Charlotte Stone regularly sits face-to-face with madmen. At the age of sixteen, she herself survived a serial killer's bloodbath. Because of the information she gave police, the Boardwalk Killer went underground, but Charlie kept her postmortem visions of the victims to herself. Years later, to protect her credibility as a psychological expert, she tells no one about these apparitions. Now a teenage girl is missing, her family slaughtered. The Boardwalk Killer—or a sick copycat with his M.O.—is back. This is the one case Charlie knows she shouldn't go near. But she also knows that she may be the one person in the world who can stop this vicious killer, especially when she receives help from an unexpected source: The fiery spirit of a seductive bad boy who refuses to be ignored. "Excellent . . . This story is going to haunt you."—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette "Thrilling . . . a fun and sexy read."—Booklist

“Tantalizing.”—Library Journal Features a preview of the next Charlotte Stone novel, *The Last Kiss Goodbye*.

The Last Victim

Taken captive by a pirate who demands her innocence in exchange for her life, Lady Catherine Aldley plots to destroy the lusty Jonathan Hale but realizes upon her rescue that she has fallen in love with him.

Island Flame

He was pure, unadulterated trouble. Johnny Harris is home again, his too-tight jeans and damn-your-eyes belligerence honed to perfection by a ten-year stretch in federal prison for murder. Now he's out on parole and ready for the job Rachel Grant has promised to help him begin a new life. Unlike the rest of the town, Rachel has always believed in her former student's innocence. But one thing has changed... The sullenly handsome boy she remembers is still sullen, still handsome...but no longer a boy. And now the small Kentucky town is alive with gossip and whispers of a scandal, as friendship turns to passion and Rachel abandons a lifetime of propriety in the ex-con's arms. Then the killer strikes again. All evidence points to Johnny Harris, but Rachel knows he is innocent. And she knows she is next...as a shattering truth is uncovered and dark passions explode in the relentless summer heat.

One Summer

Lady Catherine Aldley and her husband, pirate Jonathan Hale, flee England to make a home on a Carolina plantation, but when her father falls ill, Catherine returns home, where her cousin convinces her that her marriage is a sham, causing Jonathan to try to reclaim the woman he loves.

Sea Fire

Bestselling, award-winning author Karen Robards once again brings us dazzling adventure and unforgettable characters in a searing saga of passion, seduction, and dangerous love. The tempestuous saga of Lady Catherine Aldley and the pirate Jonathan Hale that began in *Island Flame* now continues in *Sea Fire*... What can a beautiful captive say to a handsome, ruthless pirate? Anything but “no.” He was her husband, her lover, the pirate who seized her body, then stole her heart. Lady Catherine Aldley fled England to make a home with the infamous Jonathan Hale in Carolina. But their perfect life was shattered when Cathy was summoned to England to her ailing father, and discovered that her marriage to Jonathan was a sham. He was a wanted man, one step from the gallows. The only way she could save him was to wed her despised cousin, to let Jonathan think she had betrayed their love. With a price on his head and vengeance in his soul, Jon Hale led a mutiny aboard the prison ship *Cristobel* and recaptured his faithless wife. Cathy could rile his blood as no other. The fire in her eyes infuriated and beguiled him. Cathy said she hated him, yet melted at his touch even as Jon tried to despise what he most desired. Then fate threatened to part them forever and Jon risked his life to rescue the woman he could not live without....

Sea Fire

Maggy, having endured twelve years in an abusive marriage to the much older Lyle Forrest for the sake of her son David, finds her defenses crumbling when Nick, her first love and the father of her child, returns to claim her.

Maggy's Child

Karen Robards, who delivered "a racy read" (*Cosmopolitan*) in her acclaimed bestseller *Paradise County*, once again electrifies the page with hardwired passion and thrilling suspense in this heart-pounding new novel. Suspicion burned within Julie Carlson—the heartbreaking, infuriating suspicion that her husband, a wealthy and powerful contractor, was having an affair. Not sure whom to trust, Julie turns to a handsome stranger... Private detective Mac McQuarry ignores his better judgment about not mixing women and work when he's hired by Julie Carlson. Not only is she drop-dead gorgeous, but Sid Carlson was a player in Mac's inglorious downfall from the Charleston P.D.—and revenge would be sweet indeed. But when Mac witnesses an explosive hit that targeted Julie, the tables are turned—and Mac and Julie become the hunted. With their fiery flirtation sparking into full-blown passion, they must crash their way through a maze of buried secrets and deadly deceptions.

To Trust a Stranger

A brilliant ornithologist is trapped on the remote Attu Island in Alaska, fighting for her life--and that of a handsome stranger--before they're swallowed up in darkness forever.

Darkness

A master thief is blackmailed into a mysterious mission in this action-packed thriller series launch by a New York Times—bestselling author. Growing up, Bianca St. Ives knew she was different from all her friends. Instead of playing hopscotch or combing her dolls' hair, she studied martial arts with sensei masters and dismantled explosives with special-ops retirees. Her father prepped her well to carry on the family business. Now a striking beauty with fierce skills, the prodigy has surpassed the master. She's known as the Guardian. Running a multinational firm with her father, she makes a living swindling con men out of money they stole—and she's damn good at it. She does things on her own terms. But her latest gig had a little hiccup—if you count two hundred million dollars and top-secret government documents going missing as little. Her father also died on the mission. The thing is, the US government doesn't believe he's really dead. They'll stop at nothing to capture Richard St. Ives, a high-value target and someone who has been on most-wanted lists all over the world for over two decades, and they mean to use Bianca as bait. With only a fellow criminal for backup and her life on the line, it's up to Bianca to uncover the terrifying truth behind what really happened . . . and set it right, before it's too late. Praise for *The Ultimatum* "Enthralling . . . Readers won't want this adrenaline-rich story to end." —Booklist (starred review) "Robards begins a new series with a fascinating main character, blazing action, a Jason Bourne—esque central mystery, and an intriguing cliffhanger ending. . . . Fresh, sexy, and eminently readable." —Kirkus Reviews

The Ultimatum

Recovering from a murder attempt with an uncanny conviction that everything in her life is profoundly wrong, National Security Agency assistant Katharine Lawrence is drawn into a dangerous investigation by CIA agent Nick Huston, through whom she learns about her true identity and her exploitation as an agency decoy. Reprint.

Obsession

The car crash that leaves the First Lady dead and Jessica Ford badly injured is just the beginning of a nightmare. Jess is thrilled when her law firm's senior partner asks her to meet the President's wife in a Washington hotel late one Saturday night. But the lawyer who drew her into the disaster commits suicide, his secretary is killed in yet another car accident, and the Secret Service agent on the case, Mark Ryan, believes that Jess, the only survivor, is hiding something. As her world falls apart around her, Jess realizes that everyone who knew what the First Lady was doing that Saturday night is dead - except her. And if she remembers, she'll be dead too. Terrified, certain that the car crash was no accident, Jess has only Mark Ryan to turn to.

Pursuit

When the chief of police and the mayor of New Orleans are taken hostage by disgraced former co-worker Reed Ware, top hostage negotiator Caroline Wallace allows herself to be taken captive by

the handsome Reed only to learn that he is being targeted for his discovery of high-level government corruption. By the best-selling author of *Forbidden Love*.

Hunted

From New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards, whom *Newsweek* magazine calls “one of the most popular voices in women’s fiction,” comes a thrilling novel of romantic suspense set in a sultry small southern town. Carly Linton returns to her hometown of Benton, Georgia, to open a bed-and-breakfast in the house she inherited from her grandmother. She’s also dead-set on burying her former good-girl image—by seducing the one man who can give her a guided tour of the wild side...Matt Converse, the local sheriff, was once the town’s bad boy who shared one magical night with Carly at her senior prom. But igniting the sparks of the past can lead to a blaze of danger: First her house is burglarized, then someone comes after her. A mysterious enemy wants Carly out of Benton for good, and now she needs Matt more than ever—to keep her alive.

Whispers at Midnight

Johnny Harris returns to his Kentucky home after serving time for a murder he didn't commit, only to find a hostile welcome from everyone but Rachel Grant and the real murderer, still waiting.

One Summer

Henry is generally well-behaved, but he is occasionally arrogant and vain. Henry is at heart a hard worker, but his frequent bouts of illness hinder his work.

This Side of Heaven

New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards' new thrilling contemporary suspense novel features the electric attraction between a cop and thief.

Sleepwalker

Despite his best intentions, Justin Brant falls for his ward, Megan, a stunning beauty with an unwitting sensuality. Original.

Forbidden Love

It's a business trip that takes advertising agent Maddie Fitzgerald to New Orleans, but it's hardly business as usual when someone breaks into her hotel room and tries to kill her. Barely escaping with her life, the sexy brunette finds herself face-to-face with FBI agent Sam McCabe. Unnerved by his questions and his good looks, Maddie finds out that she's been mistaken for another woman - a woman who was the target of a killer Sam has been tracking for weeks. Shaken, Maddie returns home to St. Louis. But days later, she is attacked a second time. Now McCabe convinces Maddie that she'll never be safe again until the killer is caught, and the quickest way to do that is to use Maddie as bait.

Bait

In New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards's latest heart-pounding romantic suspense novel, a woman must track down her husband's murderer - or risk being the next victim of a vicious killer. When Riley Cowan finds her estranged husband Jeff dead in his palatial home, she's sure it's no coincidence. The police rule it a suicide, but Riley thinks someone's out for blood - specifically someone Jeff's father ripped off in one of the biggest financial fraud cases of all time. She suspects that someone is trying to send a message to Jeff's father: tell me where the money is, or everyone you care about will die. Riley's in-laws might be billionaires, but she's afraid that not even their dirty money can protect her from an irate investor who will stop at nothing to get his hands on his misappropriated cash. Enter Finn Bradley, whose mission is to recover the money. Keeping Riley alive plays no part in it. But when Riley becomes his chief suspect, Finn finds himself playing bodyguard to the one woman who might know the truth - and at the same time can touch his life-hardened heart. Then the question becomes, will they discover the killer's identity in time, before he resurfaces - and strikes again?

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Bait

Maddie Fitzgerald is on a business trip in New Orleans when a man breaks into her hotel room and tries to kill her. Barely escaping with her life, she soon finds herself face-to-face with FBI agent Sam McCabe. Unnerved by his questions - and his good looks - Maddie is told she's been targeted by an elusive killer whom McCabe has been tracking for weeks. When they agree that her attack must be a case of mistaken identity, a shaken Maddie is given the all-clear to go home. McCabe is ruffled, not just by the connection he felt to Maddie, but by an inescapable feeling that she's got something to hide. When she is attacked for the second time, McCabe insists that the only way to catch the killer is to use her as bait. 'Another hold-your-breath drama ... Robards' pacing is excellent ... This one is sure to please fans' Publishers Weekly

Bait

It's a business trip that takes advertising agent Maddie Fitzgerald to New Orleans, but it's hardly business as usual when someone breaks into her hotel room and tries to kill her. Barely escaping with her life, the sexy brunette finds herself face-to-face with FBI agent Sam McCabe. Unnerved by his questions and his good looks, Maddie finds out that she's been mistaken for another woman - a woman who was the target of a killer Sam has been tracking for weeks. Shaken, Maddie returns home to St. Louis. But days later, she is attacked a second time. Now McCabe convinces Maddie that she'll never be safe again until the killer is caught, and the quickest way to do that is to use Maddie as bait.

To Trust a Stranger

Karen Robards, who delivered "a racy read" (Cosmopolitan) in her acclaimed bestseller Paradise County, once again electrifies the page with hardwired passion and thrilling suspense in this heart-pounding new novel. Suspicion burned within Julie Carlson—the heartbreaking, infuriating suspicion that her husband, a wealthy and powerful contractor, was having an affair. Not sure whom to trust, Julie turns to a handsome stranger... Private detective Mac McQuarry ignores his better judgment about not mixing women and work when he's hired by Julie Carlson. Not only is she drop-dead gorgeous, but Sid Carlson was a player in Mac's inglorious downfall from the Charleston P.D.—and revenge would be sweet indeed. But when Mac witnesses an explosive hit that targeted Julie, the tables are turned—and Mac and Julie become the hunted. With their fiery flirtation sparking into full-blown passion, they must crash their way through a maze of buried secrets and deadly deceptions.

The Ultimatum

The first thriller in the Guardian series by New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards, perfect for fans of Karen Rose and Sandra Brown. Bianca St. Ives is smart, talented and beautiful. She's also

a high-end thief, a master manipulator, a card shark, and a genius of disguise. A femme fatale Robin Hood running a multinational firm with her father, she makes a living swindling con men out of money they stole and giving it back to those who should rightfully have it. Her father has prepared her well to carry on the family business, and now the prodigy has surpassed the master. But her latest mission didn't go to plan - millions of dollars and top secret government documents went missing, and her father was supposedly killed. But not everyone believes in his death, including the US government. They'll stop at nothing to capture Richard St. Ives - a high-value target who has been on most-wanted lists all over the world - even if it means using Bianca as bait. With only a fellow criminal for backup and her life on the line, it's up to Bianca to uncover the terrifying truth behind what really happened . . . and set it right, before it's too late.

Heartbreaker

While vacationing in Utah's mountain wilderness, Lynn Nelson suddenly finds herself having to deal with her teenage daughter Rory's raging hormones. The object of Rory's passion is their guide, drop-dead gorgeous Jess Feldman, a man the divorced Lynn instinctively distrusts, even as she shields herself from his blazing baby blues. But after Lynn and Rory fall off a cliff of sheared rock, Jess becomes their only hope. Risking his life, he navigates them through the impenetrable forest thousands of feet below, unwittingly plunging them into a danger more menacing than they could have imagined. Exhausted and injured, all they have is one another—a terrified child, and a man and a woman who rediscover passion in each other's arms—as they race against time for their lives. Praise for Heartbreaker "A romantic thriller, not to be missed."—The Philadelphia Inquirer "Brilliant . . . Nonstop action combines with humor and romance."—Romantic Times "A fast-paced tale."—The Chattanooga News

The Last Kiss Goodbye

Dr Charlotte 'Charlie' Stone is a psychiatrist who explores the darkest territory of all: the hearts and minds of serial killers. It's a job she's uniquely suited for, thanks to the secret talent that gives her an uncanny edge - Charlie can see the spirits of the dead. This blessing - or curse - gives Charlie the power to hunt down madmen and murderers. It's also turned her love life upside down by drawing her into a hopelessly passionate relationship with the lingering ghost of a charismatic bad boy. But there's little time for romance when murder comes pounding at Charlie's door in the form of a terrified young woman fleeing a homicidal maniac. Saving her life places Charlie squarely in the sights of a sadistic predator nicknamed 'the Gingerbread Man.' Matching wits with this cunningly twisted opponent will require all of Charlie's expert skills. But even with her devilish 'guardian angel', not to mention her favourite flesh-and-blood Federal agent Tony Bartoli, watching her beautiful back, the Gingerbread Man's horrifying grin might be the last thing Charlie ever sees.

Beachcomber

Taking the summer off from a high-stress job, Christy travels to a cozy Carolina beach where she falls for a handsome drifter, but when she realizes that the women in a string of killings all resemble her, she fears she may be next.

Guilty

One cold November night when Kate White was fifteen years old, her friends held up a store. One of them killed an off-duty cop. They got away with it. Thirteen years later, Kate has built a new life for herself as a mother and prosecutor. Until the nightmare morning in her courtroom when she comes face to face with the old friend, Mario, who killed that cop so many years ago. First it seems that Kate may have to pull some serious strings to keep her reputation intact, but then Mario is found dead in Kate's house, and with Kate's fingerprints on the pistol. Her life - and her son's - are in danger. 'Robards is one terrific storyteller' Chicago Tribune

The Ultimatum

A master thief is blackmailed into a mysterious mission in this action-packed thriller series launch by a New York Times—bestselling author. Growing up, Bianca St. Ives knew she was different from all her friends. Instead of playing hopscotch or combing her dolls' hair, she studied martial arts with sensei masters and dismantled explosives with special-ops retirees. Her father prepped her well to carry on the family business. Now a striking beauty with fierce skills, the prodigy has surpassed the master.

She's known as the Guardian. Running a multinational firm with her father, she makes a living swindling con men out of money they stole—and she's damn good at it. She does things on her own terms. But her latest gig had a little hiccup—if you count two hundred million dollars and top-secret government documents going missing as little. Her father also died on the mission. The thing is, the US government doesn't believe he's really dead. They'll stop at nothing to capture Richard St. Ives, a high-value target and someone who has been on most-wanted lists all over the world for over two decades, and they mean to use Bianca as bait. With only a fellow criminal for backup and her life on the line, it's up to Bianca to uncover the terrifying truth behind what really happened . . . and set it right, before it's too late. Praise for *The Ultimatum* “Enthralling . . . Readers won't want this adrenaline-rich story to end.” —Booklist (starred review) “Robards begins a new series with a fascinating main character, blazing action, a Jason Bourne–esque central mystery, and an intriguing cliffhanger ending. . . . Fresh, sexy, and eminently readable.” —Kirkus Reviews

Scandalous

England, 1810: When Lady Gabriella Banning receives word that her half-brother, the Earl of Wickham, has died on his tea plantation in Ceylon, she faces the reality that she and her younger sisters, Claire and Elizabeth, are suddenly penniless. The family's riches will pass to the next male heir -- a distant cousin -- and the Banning sisters are doomed unless Gabby thinks fast. Which she does. Pretending that Marcus is still alive, Gabby arranges beautiful Claire's London season. She'll keep up the pretense just long enough for Claire to marry a fabulously wealthy nobleman. But when a handsome gentleman arrives at the door and claims to be Marcus, Gabby's plan backfires. For if she exposes this mysterious stranger's deceit, she exposes her own. Bound by secrets and lies, Gabby and the roguish adventurer strike sparks off each other -- and soon London society is abuzz over the scandalous pair of "siblings" who appear to be falling in love.... With this beautifully rendered romance, bestselling author Karen Robards begins a sweeping series about three unforgettable sisters poised to take the ton by storm.

Superstition

A killer has come out of hiding in this haunting novel by New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards. Pawleys Island hides a dark history of a shocking cold case: the murder of a local girl and the strange disappearance of her two friends. This unsolved crime could be journalist Nicole Sullivan's big break, so she works intimately with Police Chief Joe Franconi to get the story straight. But their investigation takes a shocking turn when another young woman is murdered. As the body count rises, so does Nicole's fear that the killer has returned to bury a terrifying secret—and to resurrect the ghost of a crime long thought dead.

Blood Ties

New York Times bestselling author Kay Hooper takes us to the outer reaches of fear in *Blood Ties*, as the Special Crimes Unit is targeted by a monster intent on destroying both Noah Bishop and his people. A series of grisly murders has left a trail of blood across three states, bringing the Special Crimes Unit to a small Tennessee town. There, two more brutal killings lure Noah Bishop and the SCU into what may be the ultimate trap, and lead Special Agent Hollis Templeton into a dangerous attraction—and a serial murder investigation that turns very, very personal. In her time with the SCU, Hollis has shown an uncanny ability to survive even the deadliest attacks. But what she can't know is that this killer intends to destroy the team from within. As the body count climbs, and Bishop and his agents race to uncover the true identity of their enemy, not even their special senses can warn them just how bloody, and how terrifyingly close, the truth will be.

The Ultimatum the Guardian Series Book 1

A chilling photograph cracks open a decades-old mystery in this suspenseful novel by New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards. When aspiring attorney Lisa Grant begins investigating cold cases for District Attorney Scott Buchanan to make ends meet, she discovers a photo of a missing family where she herself bears an uncanny resemblance to the missing toddler. Together Lisa and Scott unravel a terrifying web of criminal connections that could destroy the very fabric of Lisa's life—because whoever had reasons for shattering Lisa's past isn't through with it. Or with her.

Shattered

A blistering romantic suspense novel from the New York Times bestselling author of Pursuit. Far from her sensible life as an English teacher in Kansas, Lora looks forward to a relaxing vacation in Cancun. But fate thwarts her careful plans when a darkly handsome American named Max jumps into her car with a loaded gun.

Wild Orchids

While investigating racetrack fraud, FBI agent Will Lyman leaves \$5000 as bait for a crooked trainer. Instead, the money is stolen by Molly Ballard, a stablegroom with four siblings to support. Lyman offers to pardon her in return for helping him catch the crooks, and so begins a steamy romance.

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The Ultimatum

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Superstition* and *Bait* comes the story of Kate White, a single mom and successful prosecutor in the Philadelphia DA's office. She's used to challenges, but none as terrifying as Mario Castellanos, the violent career criminal she's been hired to convict. But Kate and Mario have already met—during one of the darkest periods of Kate's past. And Mario knows her secret. Now Kate has only one option: Play Mario's game. But when murder becomes part of it, homicide detective Tom Braga is called in to investigate. And as another threat, even more menacing, emerges from the shadows of Kate's past, she realizes the only person she can turn to for help is Tom—the one man she can never trust with the truth.

Guilty

THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER "[A] creepily effective suspense novel."—The Seattle Times
After surviving a horrific attack by masked gunmen, Katharine Lawrence awakens in the hospital—with an unfamiliar face staring back at her in the mirror. Katharine may not recognize her appearance, but she does know that she's twenty-nine, the special assistant to the head of the CIA, and that she can trust no one—not even the smiling, handsome doctor at her bedside, Dr. Dan Howard. But when Katharine's instinct tells her to run for her life, Dan becomes her newfound protector. For Katharine has no one else to turn to when they're drawn into a shadowy world of conspiracy, where nothing is as it seems...and no one is who they appear to be.

Obsession

When she swore off love, he was the last man she imagined would steal her heart. If driving a tow truck through the seediest part of town with a gun beside her means putting a roof over her son's head, then single mother Samantha is going to be the best repossession woman on the books. But when she hooks her truck up to a flashy BMW, the last thing she expects is to find a beaten, bloody man in the trunk - or to be catapulted into a terrifying fight to survive. Daniel knows the drug runners who kidnapped him from protective custody will stop at nothing to see him dead. With his life on the line, his only option is to take his pretty saviour hostage and force her to help him. Sam and her four-year-old son are in too deep. With ruthless killers on their trail, she must reluctantly trust this handsome, menacing stranger. And as Sam relinquishes control, she feels an unmistakable desire. But what is the price of falling for a man who operates on the edge of danger - her heart, her life . . . or both?

Shiver

Dr Charlotte Stone sees what others do not. An expert in criminal pathology, Charlie regularly sits face-to-face with madmen. She's been obsessed with learning what makes human monsters commit terrible crimes since she was sixteen, when a man butchered the family of her best friend Holly, then left the girl's body on a seaside boardwalk one week later. Charlie kept quiet about her eerie postmortem visions of Holly and her mother. And even years later, knowing it might undermine her credibility as a psychological expert, she tells no one about the visits she gets from the spirit world. Now all-too-handsome FBI agent Tony Bartoli suspects the Boardwalk Killer is back. A teenage girl is missing, her family slaughtered. With time running short for the innocent girl, Bartoli turns to the only person who could stop this vicious murderer. But Dr. Charlotte Stone sees what others do not. And she sees the Boardwalk Killer coming for her.

The Last Victim

New York Times bestselling author Kay Hooper delivers once again with this chilling novel in which the Special Crimes Unit sends a Haven operative undercover to catch a charismatic killer who promises his victims heaven in exchange for more than their lives. . . Young, vulnerable, attractive, Tessa Gray looked like the perfect victim. Which was why Noah Bishop of the FBI's Special Crimes Unit recruited the novice operative to use as bait for a killer hidden inside the Church of the Everlasting Sin—a fortified mountain compound where at least two women have already been murdered in ways that defy explanation. By entering the cult's compound, Tessa will expose herself to the dark magnetism of its leader and his fanatically loyal followers. Once she's inside, no one, not even Bishop or the town's chief of police, can guarantee she'll come out alive. And not even Tessa knows if she's strong enough to resist the lure of a killer who is less than human.

Blood Sins

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Hunter's Moon

Dear Reader, It is difficult for an author to choose a favorite from among her own books, especially when she has been lucky enough—as I have—to make a career out of doing what she loves. But some stories are memorable because they mark an important milestone in an author's life, and for me, perhaps none is more special than *Island Flame*—my very first book. I was thrilled when it was published, and now, more than thirty years later, I am just as excited to share it again with you. *Island Flame* is a classic tale of romance on the high seas, featuring two extraordinary characters: the headstrong Lady Catherine Aldley and the legendary pirate Jonathan Hale. I don't have to tell you that their tumultuous escapade sizzles with passion (lots of passion!), but what I hope you will take away most from Cathy and Jonathan is that dreams do come true—in love and in life. Mine did, and I hope yours will too. I look forward to sharing many more adventures together in the future. Enjoy! Karen Robards

Island Flame

The last time criminal psychology expert Dr Charlotte 'Charlie' Stone helped capture a serial killer, it was nearly the last thing she ever did. Now she's determined to stick to research - and leave risk-taking to the law. But when dangerous duty calls, she can't refuse. And there's no greater danger than the 'Cinderella Killer', a charming predator who lures beautiful, single women to their deaths. FBI agent Lena Kaminsky fears her missing sister has fallen prey to the seductive psychopath, and desperately needs Charlie's unique skills before it's too late. Joined by Special Agents Tony Bartoli, Buzz Crane - and her ghostly bad-boy lover, Michael Garland - Charlie heads to Vegas to track down Lena's sister before the Cinderella Killer seals her fate. But it's Charlie who ends up gambling with her life, when the lethal lothario decides she's just his type . . .

Her Last Whisper

Impetuous English beauty Lady Amanda Rose was determined to escape the loveless marriage that her cruel stepbrother would impose on her. She never imagined that a mysterious rogue from the new world would be the man to change her destiny.

Amanda Rose

Mills & Boon proudly presents THE SARA CRAVEN COLLECTION. Sara's powerful and passionate romances have captivated and thrilled readers all over the world for five decades making her an international bestseller.

Flame Of Diablo (Mills & Boon Modern)

She needed help. She needed protection. BROKEN SILENCE is a thrilling e-novella following on from DID YOU MISS ME in the Baltimore series, by Sunday Times bestseller Karen Rose. 'Intense, complex and unforgettable' JAMES PATTERSON 'There's action and chills galore in this nonstop thriller' TESS GERRITSEN _____ Don't say a word... Assistant State's Attorney Daphne Montgomery has been told to take time off after recent personal trauma. But she refuses to sit on the side lines when she meets a six-year-old girl the police call Angel. Angel hasn't spoken a word since she was found four days ago next to a burned-out car, frozen with shock, not far from the bodies of two adults who may or may not have been her parents. FBI Special Agent Joseph Carter knows that helping Angel is exactly what Daphne needs. But when Daphne gets Angel to talk, a mysterious and chilling crime begins to unravel - one that will drive Daphne into the darkest corners of her past as she and Joseph track a ruthless killer. _____ Praise for Karen Rose: ***** '...a compact, concise, short story of quality. It stands alone although familiarity with characters from her last novel adds to the feel of this excellently crafted story... Excellent and enjoyable' ***** 'I find I can't put Karen Rose books down, they are extremely well written... keep me enthralled to the very end. She paints an excellent picture... can't wait to start the next book' ***** 'An outstanding finish to Karen's previous book! Highly recommend a read, can't get enough of them!' ***** 'This book is very engrossing. I thoroughly enjoyed it. I have read all Karen Rose's books and have enjoyed every one'

Broken Silence (A Karen Rose Novella)

Eve Duncan is still reeling from the disappearance of her daughter, Bonnie, and enlists the psychic abilities of Dr. Megan Blaire to find her. But is Bonnie still alive--and can they reach her in time? Martin's Press.

Quicksand

She came home to start a new life. Now she's haunted by Whispers at Midnight Carly Linton returns to her hometown of Benton, Georgia, to open a bed-and-breakfast in the house she inherited from her grandmother. She's also dead-set on burying her former good-girl image -- by seducing the one man who can give her a guided tour of the wild side.... Matt Converse, the local sheriff, was once the town's bad boy who shared one magical night with Carly at her senior prom. But igniting the sparks of the past can lead to a blaze of danger: first, her house is burglarized, then someone comes after her. A mysterious enemy wants Carly out of Benton for good, and now she needs Matt more than ever -- to keep her alive. "One of the most popular voices in women's fiction" (Newsweek), Karen Robards delivers a tour de force of suspense and sensuality in this sultry New York Times bestseller. Includes an excerpt from Beachcomber, Karen Robards' thrilling new novel -- available in hardcover from Atria Books

Whispers at Midnight

Ambushed and left for dead, U.S. Secret Service K-9 Officer Markus York is on the mend and laying low in a safe house while his team tracks down his attacker. But Markus isn't good at sitting still. Even with his K-9, Ghost, for company, he gets restless and decides now is the perfect time to do some repairs around the house...and inadvertently tears open his wounds. Fresh out of a bad relationship that ended after a car accident left her with limited mobility, freelance accountant Cassidy Morgan has sworn off men. At least, that's the plan. Until a frantically barking dog leads her to a neighbor's house where she finds a mysterious man out cold and bleeding on the floor...and mumbling things like "no, they'll find me" when she tries to call an ambulance. Yeah, that's not at all concerning. Despite Markus's surly attitude, Cassidy senses there's something else at work beneath his rugged, keep-your-distance exterior. Whatever it is, it's sexy as hell. With someone still trying to kill him, Markus doesn't want an innocent to get hurt, let alone take care of him. If only his dog wasn't crazy in love with her. If only the chemistry between Markus and Cassidy didn't explode whenever they were in the same room. If only Cassidy wasn't a target now, too.

Serve 'N' Protect

NEVER LIE TO A LADY follows the life of Xanthia Neville, a twenty-nine year old spinster, who was Martinique's aunt in the School for Heiresses short story. Xanthia was an impoverished orphan who grew up, along with her two brothers, in Barbados, where they inherited a run-down sugar plantation from their abusive, alcoholic uncle. They later started a shipping company which made them extremely rich. Years ago, the eldest brother died, leaving Xanthia to run the shipping company. For political reasons, they eventually lease out the plantations to the African slaves who work them, and decide to relocate Neville Shipping to London so the business can expand.

NEVER LIE TO A LADY

Are you always guilty until proven innocent? NO ONE LEFT TO TELL is the compulsive second instalment in the Baltimore series, by Sunday Times bestselling author Karen Rose. 'More shockingly detailed than anything in Karin Slaughter or Patricia Cornwell's thrillers' IRISH INDEPENDENT 'Intense, complex, and unforgettable' JAMES PATTERSON _____ You are alone. There's no one left to tell... Ramon Muñoz has spent five years in prison, convicted of a murder his family is convinced he didn't commit. In desperation they turn to private investigator Paige Holden for help. Paige cannot resist the family's pleas, but when Ramon's wife is brutally executed she is thrown headlong into a case which will place her job, her friends and her life in jeopardy. As Paige risks everything to prove Ramon was set up, she comes to realise that there is more at stake if Ramon is freed than she could have ever guessed. Can Paige stay alive long enough to unmask an unstoppable killer who will not rest until there's no one left to tell? _____ Praise for Karen Rose: PAgain, this Karen Rose book was excellent. Very well written and scary. Loved every minute!! Highly recommended. Not for the faint hearted' PFantastic twisting plot that keeps you on your toes with a bit of light-hearted romantic relief in between the edge-of-your-seat stuff. Brill!! POnce again a storyline to keep you on the edge of your seat. Totally gripping... fantastic book' PExcellent story with lots twist and turns... Highly recommended thriller'

No One Left To Tell (The Baltimore Series Book 2)

The nude male body lay on the embalming table, battered beyond recognition. Gingerly, Summer McAfee, chairman, CEO, and sole employee of Daisy Fresh cleaning service, reached out to touch an arm to reassure herself that she hadn't just seen the corpse move. Suddenly, shockingly, her hand was in the viselike grip of a man very much alive and desperate enough to take her captive on a no-holds-barred run from cops, killers, and his own decidedly complicated past... Summer's former life as a New York lingerie model had gone south with her marriage, leaving her, at thirty-six, single and back home in Tennessee, on her hands and knees scrubbing other people's bathrooms. But the drab present vanishes in a flash as she's forced to flee into the Tennessee wilds with the stranger she calls Frankenstein, first as his captive, then his companion, as they run from the enemies determined to destroy them both--straight into a raging passion that could only be the last laugh of fate...

The Moscow Deception the Guardian Series Book 2

"Searing, tender and filled with passion, Sherry's writing is nothing short of a revelation."—New York Times bestselling author Lisa Kleypas Lord Vere is handsome, strapping, and sweet. The only problem? He is an idiot. Or is he a secret agent of the Crown, solving crimes and bringing evildoers to justice, all the while playing the part of the dimwit to facilitate his investigative work? Elissande Edgerton is desperate to break free of her uncle's malevolent control, so desperate she is willing to marry any man, even an idiot like Lord Vere, who believes that diamonds grow in oysters. Their dramatic wedding night, however, changes Elissande's mind. She begins to suspect that Vere is not who he appears to be. Can she make this interesting and complicated man drop his mask—and bare his heart—before secrets of the past tear them apart? By turns laugh-out-loud funny and deeply poignant, packed with both danger and simmering sexual tension, this RITA® award winner for Best Historical Romance of 2011 is a treat not to be missed.

Walking After Midnight

Nine years after leaving in disgrace, Olivia Morrison is coming home again with her eight-year-old, Sara, to put things right with the Archer clan. But there is no welcome for the prodigal daughter at the lavish Louisiana estate. Her stepcousin, Seth, once her only comfort, is icy, dangerously attractive — and engaged. Her formidable stepgrandfather collapses with a heart attack at the sight of her, gasping her dead mother's name: "Selena!" The bayou echoes with memories of her mother's mysterious

death. Suicide by drowning, they said. But Olivia's terrifying nightmares suggest another story. She is determined to learn the truth, and to face a newly ignited passion for Seth, who is too close for comfort, despite his vows. When a new danger threatens her and her daughter, Olivia must find the courage to confront her old demons ... and uncover a shocking secret buried in the long-forgotten past....

His at Night

A beautiful Spanish captive finds love in a remote Apache stronghold in the arms of her handsome captor.

Ghost Moon

In this thrilling contemporary romance, a journalist discovers that she is out of her element in a world of war. Lisa Collins came to Africa to get a story, but what she got instead was a dramatic rescue from terrorists by a rugged soldier of fortune. Now, in the isolated bush country, danger is very near, and heroes are hard to come by.

Night Wind's Woman

From New York Times bestselling author Mariah Stewart comes a novel of sexy romantic suspense for fans of Nora Roberts, Catherine Coulter, and Karen Robards. **THIS KILLER TAKES THEIR BREATH AWAY.** A nine-year veteran of the FBI, special agent Mia Shields thinks she's seen it all. But nothing prepares her for the terror that descends upon the idyllic bayside community of St. Dennis, on Maryland's Eastern Shore, where a depraved killer has left a grisly surprise for Chief of Police Gabriel Beck: the body of an unidentified woman, naked and completely encased in plastic wrap, stretched across the back-seat of Beck's car. Hidden in the wrapping is a tape recording of the victim's last, gasping words, terrifying evidence of the horror endured at the hands of a madman. Soon the body count begins to rise as more victims are found, all gruesomely cocooned, their final pleas also captured on tape. Determined to catch the sadistic killer, Beck and Mia team up and set a trap—with Mia as bait. But their prey is closer than they ever could have imagined. Now Beck must race against time to save Mia from becoming the next victim of a serial killer as elusive as he is evil. **BONUS:** This edition includes an excerpt from Mariah Stewart's *Last Breath*.

To Love a Man

Last Words

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Manna from Heaven

Danger and desire ignite when Charlotte Bates drives straight into a DEA agent's hot pursuit of a drug smuggler. But when the lawman takes Charlie hostage, an electrifying adventure begins....

Wild Orchids of Wales

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1964, looks at our fifty-odd species in relation to the vast orchid family throughout the world, discusses their general biology and natural history in Britain, gives a detailed account of all our orchid species, varieties and hybrids, and provides a useful key to identification. The colour photographs represent every known British species with the exception of *Orchis cruenta* and *O. occidentalis*.

Wild Orchids of Britain

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Wild Orchids of Surrey

Defiantly beautiful, Caroline Wetherby stepped ashore in a land so wild and fierce, she trembled. She had come seeking refuge with the last of her family, but her sister was dead. Waiting to greet her were pious Pilgrims, warring Indians, howling wolves, a boisterous household of men and boys...and him, her rugged, unwelcoming brother-in-law, Matt Mathieson. Caroline wanted to hate Matt as she hated all men. After her father's death, she'd been eager to escape England. But as daughter of a gambler and a gypsy, her flamboyant ways and healing skills tempted disaster in the sanctimonious Connecticut Colony. And putting herself in the hands of a big, handsome stranger tempted something far more dangerous--emotions she couldn't resist, kisses she couldn't forget, and a future that could bring ruin...or a journey to heaven on earth in his arms.

Dark Torment

Headstrong Jessie Lindsay at first tries to thwart the charming, enigmatic fortune hunter who has come to wed her widowed stepmother, but reckless desires soon propel her towards a scandalous love with Stuart Edwards in the blistering heat of the Mississippi summer.

This Side of Heaven

The nude male body lay on the embalming table, battered beyond recognition. Gingerly, Summer McAfee, chairman, CEO, and sole employee of Daisy Fresh cleaning service, reached out to touch an arm to reassure herself that she hadn't just seen the corpse move. Suddenly, shockingly, her hand was in the viselike grip of a man very much alive and desperate enough to take her captive on a no-holds-barred run from cops, killers, and his own decidedly complicated past... Summer's former life as a New York lingerie model had gone south with her marriage, leaving her, at thirty-six, single and back home in Tennessee, on her hands and knees scrubbing other people's bathrooms. But the drab present vanishes in a flash as she's forced to flee into the Tennessee wilds with the stranger she calls Frankenstein, first as his captive, then his companion, as they run from the enemies determined to destroy them both--straight into a raging passion that could only be the last laugh of fate...

Morning Song

A world at war. A beautiful young star. A mission no one expected. 'A truly outstanding novel, brilliantly written, that captured me and held me in its grip from page one. The Black Swan of Paris reminds us of the power of love, hope and courage' Heather Morris, #1 bestselling author of *The Tattooist of Auschwitz* Paris, 1944 Celebrated singer Genevieve Dumont is both a star and a smokescreen. An unwilling darling of the Nazis, her position of privilege allows her to go undetected as an ally to the resistance. When her estranged mother, Lillian de Rocheford, is captured by Nazis, Genevieve is shaken. She knows it won't be long before the Gestapo succeeds in torturing information out of Lillian that will derail the upcoming allied invasion. The resistance movement is tasked with silencing her by any means necessary - including assassination. But Genevieve refuses to let her mother become yet one more victim of the war. Reuniting with her long-lost sister, she must find a way to navigate the perilous cross-currents of Occupied France undetected - and in time to save Lillian's life. For fans of Danielle Steele's *The Spy*, Jane Thynne's *Black Roses* and Heather Morris' *The Tattooist of Auschwitz*, this exquisite novel illuminates three women's strength, courage and capacity for unconditional love. PRAISE FOR THE BLACK SWAN OF PARIS 'Emotional and powerful' Pam Jenoff, bestselling author of *The Lost Girls of Paris* 'Beautifully written and completely absorbing.' Noelle Salazar, bestselling author of *The Flight Girls* 'An extraordinarily suspenseful, emotional read' Kelly Rimmer, bestselling author of *The Things We Cannot Say* Reader Reviews: 'Perfect! This novel was the first I've read by this author

but I will definitely be reading more of her work. It was pacy, exciting, heart-breaking in places, with a truly believable romance sub-plot that was centred around characters I cared about.' 'A high octane read which is a real page turner and captures the heightened tension of the war perfectly. A brilliant read that I would recommend.' 'This is an excellent WWII historical fiction novel and it is for anyone that loves a good plot, suspense, and anyone that loves to read about the impressive underdog of the Resistance in France during the Occupation.' Robards paints a beautiful capture of the true Parisian Paris during WWII. Her first historical fiction should be praised for the attention to detail, emotional and action packed novel.'

Wild orchids of Britain and Europe

Anna Traverne will never forget that evening back in England when a bold intruder stole into her chambers -- a dark and daring jewel thief who came for treasures and inflamed her passions with a brazen caress. She thwarted the dashing rogue then. But now Julian Chase has followed her halfway around the world. Julian has come to take what he believes is rightfully his. And he has vowed to have his tender, sensuous revenge on the enchanting, silver-blond angel who robbed him of his birthright ... and purloined his heart in a single, unparalleled moment.

The First Nature Guide To

A beautifully illustrated, step-by-step guide to growing native orchids from seed in your garden. Learn how to cherish these remarkable flowers and help them flourish in their natural habitat with this easy-to-use guide. Native orchids are neither difficult to cultivate nor require special conditions to thrive, and while a large meadow may be beyond the reach of most, the corner of a garden or a pot on a patio can provide a home to a spectacular display. This unique book includes valuable information on which species of orchids will work in your garden and what companion plants to grow next to them, as well as instructions on how to grow orchids from seed or in a container and how to start an orchid meadow or add orchids to an orchard, preserving and promoting local ecosystems. Beautifully illustrated throughout with photographs and illustrations, this essential guide will show you how easy it is to grow native orchids and how to create a protected environment in which declining species can thrive undisturbed.

The Wild Orchids of Hong Kong

The author has driven more than 100,000 miles and walked several hundred more in pursuit of orchids in their native habits. This is an account of his trips in Canada and throughout the U.S.

Wild Orchids of Britain

The orchid family is one of the largest plant families in the world, reaching its highest diversity in the tropics where their exotic and colourful flowers are often truly breathtaking. Britain and Ireland have just 52 species of wild orchid, some of which are rare or scarce, whilst others are surprisingly inconspicuous. Yet, whether large or small, all orchids share flamboyant flower structures and incredible beauty. This pocket guide allows the identification of all species of orchid in the British Isles. It has concise text highlighting ID criteria as well as notes on biology, habitat and conservation, along with stunning colour photographs and accurate range maps based on maps compiled by the Biological Record Centre. This book provides the perfect guide to these beautiful and evocative plants, and is a must for any field naturalist.

Wild Orchids of Bedfordshire

This book delivers current state-of-the-science knowledge of tree ecophysiology, with particular emphasis on adaptation to a novel future physical and chemical environment. Unlike the focus of most books on the topic, this considers air chemistry changes (O₃, NO_x, and N deposition) in addition to elevated CO₂ effects and its secondary effects of elevated temperature. The authors have addressed two systems essential for plant life: water handling capacity from the perspective of water transport; the coupling of xylem and phloem water potential and flow; water and nutrition uptake via likely changes in mycorrhizal relationships; control of water loss via stomata and its retention via cellular regulation; and within plant carbon dynamics from the perspective of environmental limitations to growth, allocation to defences, and changes in partitioning to respiration. The authors offer expert knowledge and insight to develop likely outcomes within the context of many unknowns. We offer this comprehensive analysis

of tree responses and their capacity to respond to environmental changes to provide a better insight in understanding likelihood for survival, as well as planning for the future with long-lived, stationary organisms adapted to the past: trees.

American Book Publishing Record

This is a convenient guide for those who know little about Southeast Asian orchid species but want to know more.

Walking After Midnight

Samantha Jones finds a nearly dead man in the trunk of a car that she had been hired to repossess. The man who she saved then takes her as a hostage and forces her to help protect him from the ruthless killers.

Orchid Summer

Dr Charlotte 'Charlie' Stone is a psychiatrist who explores the darkest territory of all: the hearts and minds of serial killers. It's a job she's uniquely suited for, thanks to the secret talent that gives her an uncanny edge - Charlie can see the spirits of the dead. This blessing - or curse - gives Charlie the power to hunt down madmen and murderers. It's also turned her love life upside down by drawing her into a hopelessly passionate relationship with the lingering ghost of a charismatic bad boy. But there's little time for romance when murder comes pounding at Charlie's door in the form of a terrified young woman fleeing a homicidal maniac. Saving her life places Charlie squarely in the sights of a sadistic predator nicknamed 'the Gingerbread Man.' Matching wits with this cunningly twisted opponent will require all of Charlie's expert skills. But even with her devilish 'guardian angel', not to mention her favourite flesh-and-blood Federal agent Tony Bartoli, watching her beautiful back, the Gingerbread Man's horrifying grin might be the last thing Charlie ever sees.

Wild Orchids of Mallorca

The new novel from the author of Amanda Rose, To Love a Man, and Dark Torment is a contemporary love story in which a mild-mannered author of romantic thrillers becomes unwittingly embroiled in a hair-raising adventure with a handsome stranger that surpasses anything in her fiction.

Wild Orchids of Kent

She might be killed by the bomb strapped to her chest, but she wasn't going to bring anyone else down with her. Living in Southern California, Cheyenne was used to seeing hot military men as she went about her daily business. An anonymous encounter at the grocery store cemented her crush on one such man. He was big, built, and incredibly easy on the eyes, but it wasn't as if he would ever really notice her. Always in control of any situation, Faulkner "Dude" Cooper knows explosives. As a bomb expert, he's lived through many high pressure situations. Disfigured by a bomb while on a mission, he's used to being looked at with pity. When he's called to a local supermarket to assist the local PD, the last thing he expects to find is a generous act of kindness performed by a beautiful, amazing woman. Enchanted by her selflessness in the face of danger and intrigued by her actions to save civilians she didn't know, Dude's hooked. Dude was able to save Cheyenne from the group of thugs trying to take her life, but when the past comes back to haunt them both, sometimes having the knowledge and the desire isn't enough to beat the countdown of the clock. **Protecting Cheyenne is the 5th book in the SEAL of Protection Series. It can be read as a stand-alone, but it's recommended you read the books in order to get maximum enjoyment out of the series. --- Read what others are saying about New York Times bestselling author, Susan Stoker: "Susan Stoker never disappoints. She delivers alpha males with heart and heroines with moxie." Jana Aston, NYT Bestselling Author "No one does military romance like Susan Stoker!" Corinne Michaels, NYT Bestselling Author "Susan Stoker knows what women want. A hot hero who needs to save a damsel in distress...even if she can save herself!" CD Reiss, NYT Bestselling Author "When you pick up a Susan Stoker book you know exactly what you're going to get...a hot alpha hero and a smart, sassy heroine. I can't get enough!" Jessica Hawkins, USAT Bestselling Author "I love reading about men in uniform and Susan always delivers...the full package!" Kayti McGee "Susan writes the perfect blend of tough, alpha heroes and strong yet vulnerable heroines. I always feel emotionally satisfied at the end of one of her stories!" Meghan March, NYT Bestselling Author "One thing I love about Susan Stoker's

books is that she knows how to deliver a perfect HEA while still making sure the villain gets what he/she deserves!" T.M. Frazier, NYT Bestselling Author --- Read the entire SEAL of Protection romance series! Protecting Caroline Protecting Alabama Protecting Fiona Marrying Caroline Protecting Summer Protecting Jesskya Protecting Julie Protecting Melody Protecting the Future Protecting Kiera Protecting Alabama's Kids Protecting Dakota Topics: contemporary romance, military romance, series, romantic suspense series, mystery, bbw romance, funny romance, modern romance, urban romance, Texas, Texas romance, wealthy, USA today, USA today bestseller, homeless romance, city romance, smart romance, mystery, dogs in romance, lighthearted romance, hot romance, susan stoker, susan stoker romance, proposal, proposal romance, engagement, engagement romance, new york times bestseller romance, NYT romance, new york times romance, sexy, heartwarming, heart-warming, family, love, love books, kissing books, emotional journey, contemporary, contemporary romance, romance series, long series, long romance series, army, army series, former military, cop, police officer, policeman, cop romance, wealthy hero, firefighter, fireman, fireman romance, sassy, strong heroine, captivating romance, hot, hot romance, forbidden love, sparks, loyalty, swoon, contemporary, rescue, kidnap, handicap, justice, single mother, Texas, Officer, enlisted, daughter, shelter, claiming, defending, protect, damsel in distress, hospital, doctor, drama, action and adventure, action romance, Texas, Delta Force, Army romance, veteran, disabled veteran, former soldier, soldier, romantic, paraplegic, Killeen, Fort Hood, Navy SEAL, California, San Diego, sailor, prosthetic, veteran, military, Emotional, HEA, Alpha, Dom Other readers of Stoker's books enjoyed books by: Riley Edwards, Caitlyn O'Leary, Maryann Jordan, Dale Mayer, Lynn Raye Harris, Cat Johnson, Alexis Abbott, Meli Raine, Nicole Elliot, Lori Ryan, Meghan March, Kristin Ashley, Kris Michaels, Brittney Sahin, Sharon Hamilton, Catherine Cowles, Lexi Blake, Piper Davenport, Abbie Zanders, Lani Lynn Vale, and Kristen Proby.

Orchid Basics

In New York City in the late 1800s, a beautiful but clumsy angel turns a lonely man's life around.... In medieval Scotland, the intrigues of a Christmas Mass imperil two Highland lovers.... In Regency London, a world-weary lord receives an outrageous proposal.... And in modern-day Colorado, a clever twelve-year-old plays matchmaker for his bighearted but impractical mother.

The Black Swan of Paris

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Forest Pathology and Plant Health" that was published in Forests

Green Eyes

How to Grow Native Orchids in Gardens Large and Small

Sleepwalker

New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards' new thrilling contemporary suspense novel features the electric attraction between a cop and thief.

Heartbreaker

While vacationing in Utah's mountain wilderness, Lynn Nelson suddenly finds herself having to deal with her teenage daughter Rory's raging hormones. The object of Rory's passion is their guide, drop-dead gorgeous Jess Feldman, a man the divorced Lynn instinctively distrusts, even as she shields herself from his blazing baby blues. But after Lynn and Rory fall off a cliff of sheared rock, Jess becomes their only hope. Risking his life, he navigates them through the impenetrable forest thousands of feet below, unwittingly plunging them into a danger more menacing than they could have imagined. Exhausted and injured, all they have is one another—a terrified child, and a man and a woman who rediscover passion in each other's arms—as they race against time for their lives. Praise for Heartbreaker "A romantic thriller, not to be missed."—The Philadelphia Inquirer "Brilliant . . . Nonstop action combines with humor and romance."—Romantic Times "A fast-paced tale."—The Chattanooga News

Whispers at Midnight

She came home to start a new life. Now she's haunted by Whispers at Midnight Carly Linton returns to her hometown of Benton, Georgia, to open a bed-and-breakfast in the house she inherited from her

grandmother. She's also dead-set on burying her former good-girl image -- by seducing the one man who can give her a guided tour of the wild side....Matt Converse, the local sheriff, was once the town's bad boy who shared one magical night with Carly at her senior prom. But igniting the sparks of the past can lead to a blaze of danger: first, her house is burglarized, then someone comes after her. A mysterious enemy wants Carly out of Benton for good, and now she needs Matt more than ever -- to keep her alive. "One of the most popular voices in women's fiction" (Newsweek), Karen Robards delivers a tour de force of suspense and sensuality in this sultry New York Times bestseller. Includes an excerpt from *Beachcomber*, Karen Robards' thrilling new novel -- available in hardcover from Atria Books

The Sleepwalker

"In New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards's latest heart-pounding romantic suspense novel, a woman must track down her husband's murderer--or risk being the next victim of a vicious killer. When Riley Cowan finds her estranged husband Jeff dead in his palatial home, she's sure it's no coincidence. The police rule it a suicide, but Riley thinks someone's out for blood--specifically someone Jeff's father ripped off in one of the biggest financial fraud cases of all time. She suspects that someone is trying to send a message to Jeff's father: Tell me where the money is, or everyone you care about will die. Riley's in-laws might be billionaires, but she's afraid that not even their dirty money can protect her from an irate investor who will stop at nothing to get his hands on his misappropriated cash. Enter Finn Bradley, Philly-based FBI agent and Riley's love interest from way back when. Finn agrees to help Riley, and the two reignite sparks they both thought were extinguished long ago. But can they discover the killer's identity in time, before he resurfaces--and strikes again? Dubbed an "exceptional storyteller" by the Chicago Tribune and "one of the most popular voices in women's fiction" by Newsweek, Karen Robards's latest action-packed novel will keep you glued to the pages until the final, shocking conclusion"--

Hush

The nude male body lay on the embalming table, battered beyond recognition. Gingerly, Summer McAfee, chairman, CEO, and sole employee of Daisy Fresh cleaning service, reached out to touch an arm to reassure herself that she hadn't just seen the corpse move. Suddenly, shockingly, her hand was in the viselike grip of a man very much alive and desperate enough to take her captive on a no-holds-barred run from cops, killers, and his own decidedly complicated past... Summer's former life as a New York lingerie model had gone south with her marriage, leaving her, at thirty-six, single and back home in Tennessee, on her hands and knees scrubbing other people's bathrooms. But the drab present vanishes in a flash as she's forced to flee into the Tennessee wilds with the stranger she calls Frankenstein, first as his captive, then his companion, as they run from the enemies determined to destroy them both--straight into a raging passion that could only be the last laugh of fate...

Walking After Midnight

A brilliant ornithologist is trapped on the remote Attu Island in Alaska, fighting for her life--and that of a handsome stranger--before they're swallowed up in darkness forever.

Darkness

When the chief of police and the mayor of New Orleans are taken hostage by disgraced former co-worker Reed Ware, top hostage negotiator Caroline Wallace allows herself to be taken captive by the handsome Reed only to learn that he is being targeted for his discovery of high-level government corruption. By the best-selling author of *Forbidden Love*.

Hunted

Danger and desire ignite when Charlotte Bates drives straight into a DEA agent's hot pursuit of a drug smuggler. But when the lawman takes Charlie hostage, an electrifying adventure begins....

Manna from Heaven

A killer has come out of hiding in this haunting novel by New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards. Pawleys Island hides a dark history of a shocking cold case: the murder of a local girl and the strange disappearance of her two friends. This unsolved crime could be journalist Nicole Sullivan's big break, so she works intimately with Police Chief Joe Franconi to get the story straight. But their

investigation takes a shocking turn when another young woman is murdered. As the body count rises, so does Nicole's fear that the killer has returned to bury a terrifying secret—and to resurrect the ghost of a crime long thought dead.

Superstition

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Guilty When the First Lady* dies in a fiery car crash, rookie attorney Jessica Ford is the only survivor of the tragedy. As the nation mourns, Ford has reason to believe it wasn't an accident. One by one, others in the First Lady's inner circle are being killed. Jessica must find out why—before she's next.

Pursuit

Repossessing cars to support her small son after being abandoned on the harsh streets of East St. Louis, young single mother Samantha Jones discovers a dying man in the trunk of a car who takes her hostage and forces her to help him reach his protectors.

Shiver

A time to fear.... Grace Hart seemed to have it all: a bright, beautiful daughter, a successful career as a judge, and a lovely home in an Ohio suburb. But beneath the placid veneer, darker truths lie waiting. Her fifteen-year-old, Jessica, is teetering on the cusp of drugs and delinquency. And someone is stalking the troubled teenager. Someone who has already violated their home and stolen their peace of mind. A time to love.... Now the police are involved. Grace is relieved--and worried. Is Jessica in danger from a drug dealer who wants to silence her? Detective Tony Marino is on the case. He's too close for comfort, asking disturbing questions, probing into her long-buried past, igniting feelings Grace has tried to suppress. In Tony's strong arms, Grace finds comfort, protection--passion--as he tries to shield them from the evil lurking just beyond their door....

The Midnight Hour

New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards delivers another unputdownable thriller.

Justice

Serial killer expert Dr Charlotte Stone comes far too close to losing the one thing she never thought she'd miss: the dangerously sexy ghost who follows wherever she goes.

The Last Time I Saw Her

With this sensual and entrancing tale, bestselling author Karen Robards continues her wonderful trilogy of three sisters taking their rightful place as the belles of Regency England's ton. Claire Banning fulfilled every debutante's dream when she married a rich nobleman. Soon, however, the celebrated beauty realizes she wed a dissolute wastrel. Bitterly hurt and desperately lonely, Claire vows nonetheless to take her expected place in society. Then on a journey home to her husband's estate on the coast of Sussex, she is abducted, and her life—and her heart—are changed forever. Hugh Battancourt—a dark and dangerous nobleman who long ago turned his back on the ton and now leads a life secretly dedicated to his country's service—is determined not to be swayed by his prisoner's beauty as they share a cabin on a ship bound for France. Lives depend on his retrieving from her a letter full of secrets she intends to turn over to the enemy. But even as Claire and Hugh engage in a battle of wits and wills, captor and captive find themselves drawn irresistibly to each other. Is it possible, Claire wonders, that she could discover the true meaning of love that has eluded her with this handsome stranger? One who will lay his life on the line in order to protect her from someone who is intent on placing Claire in the path of danger?

Irresistible

England, 1810: When Lady Gabriella Banning receives word that her half-brother, the Earl of Wickham, has died on his tea plantation in Ceylon, she faces the reality that she and her younger sisters, Claire and Elizabeth, are suddenly penniless. The family's riches will pass to the next male heir -- a distant cousin -- and the Banning sisters are doomed unless Gabby thinks fast. Which she does. Pretending that Marcus is still alive, Gabby arranges beautiful Claire's London season. She'll keep up the pretense

just long enough for Claire to marry a fabulously wealthy nobleman. But when a handsome gentleman arrives at the door and claims to be Marcus, Gabby's plan backfires. For if she exposes this mysterious stranger's deceit, she exposes her own. Bound by secrets and lies, Gabby and the roguish adventurer strike sparks off each other -- and soon London society is abuzz over the scandalous pair of "siblings" who appear to be falling in love.... With this beautifully rendered romance, bestselling author Karen Robards begins a sweeping series about three unforgettable sisters poised to take the ton by storm.

Scandalous

One cold November night when Kate White was fifteen years old, her friends held up a store. One of them killed an off-duty cop. They got away with it. Thirteen years later, Kate has built a new life for herself as a mother and prosecutor. Until the nightmare morning in her courtroom when she comes face to face with the old friend, Mario, who killed that cop so many years ago. First it seems that Kate may have to pull some serious strings to keep her reputation intact, but then Mario is found dead in Kate's house, and with Kate's fingerprints on the pistol. Her life - and her son's - are in danger. 'Robards is one terrific storyteller' Chicago Tribune

Guilty

Lady Catherine Aldley and her husband, pirate Jonathan Hale, flee England to make a home on a Carolina plantation, but when her father falls ill, Catherine returns home, where her cousin convinces her that her marriage is a sham, causing Jonathan to try to reclaim the woman he loves.

Sea Fire

Nine years after leaving in disgrace, Olivia Morrison is coming home again with her eight-year-old, Sara, to put things right with the Archer clan. But there is no welcome for the prodigal daughter at the lavish Louisiana estate. Her stepcousin, Seth, once her only comfort, is icy, dangerously attractive — and engaged. Her formidable stepgrandfather collapses with a heart attack at the sight of her, gasping her dead mother's name: "Selena!" The bayou echoes with memories of her mother's mysterious death. Suicide by drowning, they said. But Olivia's terrifying nightmares suggest another story. She is determined to learn the truth, and to face a newly ignited passion for Seth, who is too close for comfort, despite his vows. When a new danger threatens her and her daughter, Olivia must find the courage to confront her old demons ... and uncover a shocking secret buried in the long-forgotten past....

Ghost Moon

While investigating racetrack fraud, FBI agent Will Lyman leaves \$5000 as bait for a crooked trainer. Instead, the money is stolen by Molly Ballard, a stablegroom with four siblings to support. Lyman offers to pardon her in return for helping him catch the crooks, and so begins a steamy romance.

Hunter's Moon

Who knew pretending could be so hot? Clark: It started as a joke. After all, I'd never pretend to date a woman just to get my mom and sister off my back. I would, however, pretend to date her to get her ex-husband off hers. Now the two of us, the wilderness warrior and the wedding planner, are stuck sharing a very small tent. I had no idea how fast things would heat up in here, or how hard it would be to keep my hands—among other things—to myself. I also didn't guess how quickly the news of our "relationship" would spread to my big, nosy family. We can't "break up" yet, because she's planning my brother's wedding and I'm his best man. Through venue visits, DIY disasters, and Vegas trips, we're thrown together, and the chemistry's off-the-charts. But the kicker is, I feel like she gets me. Maybe that's what scares me the most. I'm still reeling from the loss of my wife, and she's still hurting from her ex's betrayal. There's no way this can ever be real. But what if I'm starting to hope it is?

Wilder With You

Gentle, highborn Sarah Markham is not prepared for the proud Irish rebel to burst into her life. Sentenced to exile for acts perpetrated against the Crown, Dominic Gallagher will do anything to convince this timid Australian lady that only he can fulfill her hopes and dreams. Reissue.

Dark Torment

Taken captive by a pirate who demands her innocence in exchange for her life, Lady Catherine Aldley plots to destroy the lusty Jonathan Hale but realizes upon her rescue that she has fallen in love with him.

Island Flame

A master thief is blackmailed into a mysterious mission in this action-packed thriller series launch by a New York Times–bestselling author. Growing up, Bianca St. Ives knew she was different from all her friends. Instead of playing hopscotch or combing her dolls’ hair, she studied martial arts with sensei masters and dismantled explosives with special-ops retirees. Her father prepped her well to carry on the family business. Now a striking beauty with fierce skills, the prodigy has surpassed the master. She’s known as the Guardian. Running a multinational firm with her father, she makes a living swindling con men out of money they stole—and she’s damn good at it. She does things on her own terms. But her latest gig had a little hiccup—if you count two hundred million dollars and top-secret government documents going missing as little. Her father also died on the mission. The thing is, the US government doesn’t believe he’s really dead. They’ll stop at nothing to capture Richard St. Ives, a high-value target and someone who has been on most-wanted lists all over the world for over two decades, and they mean to use Bianca as bait. With only a fellow criminal for backup and her life on the line, it’s up to Bianca to uncover the terrifying truth behind what really happened . . . and set it right, before it’s too late. Praise for *The Ultimatum* “Enthralling . . . Readers won’t want this adrenaline-rich story to end.” —Booklist (starred review) “Robards begins a new series with a fascinating main character, blazing action, a Jason Bourne–esque central mystery, and an intriguing cliffhanger ending. . . . Fresh, sexy, and eminently readable.” —Kirkus Reviews

The Ultimatum

A forensic anthropologist and a Navy SEAL find love and danger in this sexy novella, from Laura Griffin’s bestselling *Tracers* series! Forensic anthropologist Kelsey Quinn goes to a remote Texas border region to dig up ancient bones, but ends up unearthing a deadly secret. When Kelsey’s discovery jeopardizes not just her dig, but her life, she turns to US Navy SEAL Gage Brewer, who may be the only person brave enough—and lethal enough—to help. Includes a sneak preview of Griffin’s next full-length *Tracers* novel, *Scorched*!

Unstoppable

Kate White, single mother and assistant Philadelphia DA, must fight for her life and the life of her son as the terrible events of her past return with a vengeance and the only hope she seems to have lies with homicide detective Tom Braga—a man she has no reason to trust.

Guilty

It’s almost Christmas, and Emery Hazard finds himself face to face with his own personal nightmare: going on a double date with his partner—and boyhood crush—John-Henry Somerset. Hazard brings his boyfriend; Somers brings his estranged wife. Things aren’t going to end well. When a strange call interrupts dinner, however, Hazard and his partner become witnesses to a shooting. The victims: Somers’s father, and the daughter of a high school friend. The crime is inexplicable. There is no apparent motive, no connection between the victims, and no explanation for how the shooter reached his targets. Determined to get answers, Hazard and Somers move forward with their investigation in spite of mounting pressure to stop. Their search for the truth draws them into a dark web of conspiracy and into an even darker tangle of twisted love and illicit desire. And as the two men come face to face with the passions and madness behind the crime, they must confront their own feelings for each other—and the hard truths that neither man is ready to accept.

Paternity Case

Dr Charlotte Stone sees what others do not. An expert in criminal pathology, Charlie regularly sits face-to-face with madmen. She’s been obsessed with learning what makes human monsters commit terrible crimes since she was sixteen, when a man butchered the family of her best friend Holly, then left the girl’s body on a seaside boardwalk one week later. Charlie kept quiet about her eerie postmortem visions of Holly and her mother. And even years later, knowing it might undermine her credibility as a psychological expert, she tells no one about the visits she gets from the spirit world.

Now all-too-handsome FBI agent Tony Bartoli suspects the Boardwalk Killer is back. A teenage girl is missing, her family slaughtered. With time running short for the innocent girl, Bartoli turns to the only person who could stop this vicious murderer. But Dr. Charlotte Stone sees what others do not. And she sees the Boardwalk Killer coming for her.

The Last Victim

When the chief of police and the mayor of New Orleans are taken hostage by disgraced former co-worker Reed Ware, top hostage negotiator Caroline Wallace allows herself to be taken captive by the handsome Reed only to learn that he is being targeted for his discovery of high-level government corruption.

The Moscow Deception the Guardian Series Book 2

A blistering romantic suspense novel from the New York Times bestselling author of Pursuit. Far from her sensible life as an English teacher in Kansas, Lora looks forward to a relaxing vacation in Cancun. But fate thwarts her careful plans when a darkly handsome American named Max jumps into her car with a loaded gun.

Hunted

Clara Winston, a mild-mannered author of romantic thrillers, becomes unwittingly embroiled in an adventure with CIA agent Jack McClain after she is abducted by two foreign men demanding to know the identity of the "Magic Dragon," to whom she dedicated her

Wild Orchids

Recovering from a murder attempt with an uncanny conviction that everything in her life is profoundly wrong, National Security Agency assistant Katharine Lawrence is drawn into a dangerous investigation by CIA agent Nick Huston, through whom she learns about her true identity and her exploitation as an agency decoy. Reprint.

Night Magic

The third dazzling historical romance in New York Times bestselling author Karen Robards's Banning Sisters trilogy of Regency-era historical romances.

Obsession

Karen Robards, who delivered "a racy read" (Cosmopolitan) in her acclaimed bestseller Paradise County, once again electrifies the page with hardwired passion and thrilling suspense in this heart-pounding new novel. Suspicion burned within Julie Carlson—the heartbreaking, infuriating suspicion that her husband, a wealthy and powerful contractor, was having an affair. Not sure whom to trust, Julie turns to a handsome stranger... Private detective Mac McQuarry ignores his better judgment about not mixing women and work when he's hired by Julie Carlson. Not only is she drop-dead gorgeous, but Sid Carlson was a player in Mac's inglorious downfall from the Charleston P.D.—and revenge would be sweet indeed. But when Mac witnesses an explosive hit that targeted Julie, the tables are turned—and Mac and Julie become the hunted. With their fiery flirtation sparking into full-blown passion, they must crash their way through a maze of buried secrets and deadly deceptions.

Shameless

In this world, Dr Charlotte Stone is an expert psychologist, helping to catch serial killers. In the next world, Charlotte's ghostly lover - wrongly executed killer Michael Garland - is facing death yet again: the ultimate annihilation of his soul. Can Charlie prove Michael's innocence and rescue him from total oblivion? A stranger has turned up in Big Stone Gap, Virginia - a man who could be Michael's identical twin. But the resemblance is only skin deep - behind the handsome face lurks the twisted mind of the real Southern Slasher, whose heinous crimes sent Michael to death row. Charlie intends to draw the truth out of the mysterious killer . . . whatever it takes. But Michael will move heaven and hell - even make a devil's bargain - for the chance to save Charlie's life, and feel her touch once more . . . maybe for the final time.

To Trust a Stranger

Bestselling, award-winning author Karen Robards once again brings us dazzling adventure and unforgettable characters in a searing saga of passion, seduction, and dangerous love. The tempestuous saga of Lady Catherine Aldley and the pirate Jonathan Hale that began in *Island Flame* now continues in *Sea Fire*... What can a beautiful captive say to a handsome, ruthless pirate? Anything but "no." He was her husband, her lover, the pirate who seized her body, then stole her heart. Lady Catherine Aldley fled England to make a home with the infamous Jonathan Hale in Carolina. But their perfect life was shattered when Cathy was summoned to England to her ailing father, and discovered that her marriage to Jonathan was a sham. He was a wanted man, one step from the gallows. The only way she could save him was to wed her despised cousin, to let Jonathan think she had betrayed their love. With a price on his head and vengeance in his soul, Jon Hale led a mutiny aboard the prison ship *Cristobel* and recaptured his faithless wife. Cathy could rile his blood as no other. The fire in her eyes infuriated and beguiled him. Cathy said she hated him, yet melted at his touch even as Jon tried to despise what he most desired. Then fate threatened to part them forever and Jon risked his life to rescue the woman he could not live without....

The Last Time I Saw Her

I've a feeling you'll soon rue this day. . . . These were the fateful words Sarah Markham's father uttered after she threw herself between the convict lashed to the ship's mast and the captain's whip. Transported to Australia for crimes against the Crown, Dominic Gallagher had been labeled a troublemaker. No humor lightened his handsome face; everything about him looked dark, deliberate, and dangerous. But independent, feisty Sarah couldn't bear to see any man flogged to death. Instead she insisted her father buy this young Irish rebel and bring him back to their ranch. Soon a forbidden passion began to blossom between the indentured man and his mistress in this lush, primitive land. A twist of fate swept them together amid betrayal and intrigue as a man faced risking everything for freedom and a woman faced risking everything for love.

Sea Fire

The car crash that leaves the First Lady dead and Jessica Ford badly injured is just the beginning of a nightmare. Jess is thrilled when her law firm's senior partner asks her to meet the President's wife in a Washington hotel late one Saturday night. But the lawyer who drew her into the disaster commits suicide, his secretary is killed in yet another car accident, and the Secret Service agent on the case, Mark Ryan, believes that Jess, the only survivor, is hiding something. As her world falls apart around her, Jess realizes that everyone who knew what the First Lady was doing that Saturday night is dead - except her. And if she remembers, she'll be dead too. Terrified, certain that the car crash was no accident, Jess has only Mark Ryan to turn to.

Dark Torment

Pursuit