

## CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE

**Anderson, Catherine. *Mulberry Moon*.** After a demanding career on the rodeo circuit Ben Sterling wants nothing more than to retire to his ranch and raise a family, and Sissy Bentley, the new owner of the local café, stirs up something inside of him that he can't ignore. Sissy has no use for men anymore; from her alcoholic father to every man she's ever dated, men have been nothing but trouble and heartache. Ben is a nice guy, and he keeps showing up when she needs him, but she will need much more when her worst nightmare unexpectedly shows up on her doorstep.

**Brown, Sandra. *Sting*.** When businesswoman Jordie Bennet locks eyes with Shaw Kinnard something undeniably raw and passionate passes between them. Too bad Shaw has been sent to kill her. Jordie is surprised when Shaw changes direction and kidnaps her instead -- he would rather get his hands on the \$30 million her brother has stolen. So would the FBI and her brother's employer. Now, they are both running for their lives as they dodge the Feds and a ruthless criminal across the Louisiana swampland. Despite her attraction to him, Jordie knows her only chance at survival is to outsmart her captor.

**Calhoun, Anne. *Going Deep*.** Cady Ward is a pop superstar who just wants to spend time with her family over the holidays. When threats against Cady begin to jeopardize her safety, she reluctantly hires Conn McCormick as her bodyguard. Conn doesn't want to be a bodyguard any more than Cady wants one, but their undeniable chemistry quickly evolves into a no-strings-attached relationship. As Conn uncovers the truth behind the threats, his relationship with Cady unexpectedly deepens, and he must come to grips with the fact that saving her life will mean he has to let her go.

**Carr, Robyn. *One Wish*.** Running a flower shop in Thunder Point, Oregon is a long way away from the demands of professional figure skating and that is just how Grace Dillon wants it. When high school teacher Troy Headley volunteers a strings-free relationship, Grace thinks she has found exactly what she needs: a little excitement without any messy complications. Yet, Grace's past finds its way into her peaceful and satisfying life, something she knows Troy didn't sign up for. As Troy realizes his true feelings for Grace, he will do everything to help her get the life she always wished for.

**Grant, Donna. *The Protector*.** Marine captain Cullen Loughman will do anything to find who kidnapped his father, including working with ace ex-Air Force pilot Mia Carter, a stunning beauty who is equally attracted to Cullen. As Cullen and Mia navigate through a dark, treacherous underworld and a ruthless enemy shadowing their every move, they find their desire for each other is proving to be a risk that could cost them their lives.

**James, Lorelei. Just What I Needed.** While having a drink at the local bar, Trinity Carlson's day goes from bad (losing out on an important art commission) to worse (seeing her cheating ex with his new girlfriend). Instead of giving in to anger, she grabs the closest man and plants one whopping kiss on him. Walker Lund may not be ready to settle down, but his interest in pursuing Trinity doesn't wane when he discovers that she's given him a fake name and phone number.

**Kleypas, Lisa. Brown-Eyed Girl.** Despite being a highly sought-after wedding planner for Houston's elite, Avery Crosslin has no interest in nurturing her own love life. Her life is interrupted when she meets the dashing, incredibly handsome and persistent Joe Travis. Mistaking the wealthy bachelor for a wedding photographer, Avery doesn't turn down a steamy, passionate night. But now Joe's future plans include her in his future. As she prepares for the wedding of the year, Avery must deal with a bride who isn't what she seems, the persistence of a man who won't give up, and the past she's worked so hard to forget.

**Mallery, Susan. Daughters of the Bride.** Three sisters prepare for their mother's wedding, only to face the bitter truths about their own lives: an extra-marital affair, a fear of commitment, and a failed marriage. As their mom's special day draws near each daughter must decide what, and how much, she is willing to risk for love.

**Phillips, Susan Elizabeth. First Star I See Tonight.** Piper Dove is a struggling PI desperate to continue her father's legacy. Cooper Graham is the former star quarterback of the Chicago Stars. A man who always took care of himself on the field and off, Cooper has no interest in Piper's help. As his new nightclub Spiral, the hottest spot in the Windy City, becomes embroiled in suspicious activity, and serious threats develop against his life, Piper is determined to protect Chicago's favorite sports hero whether he wants protection or not. Cooper meets his match in the equally tough and competitive Piper, and as they work together to solve the issues threatening Cooper's business and safety, they discover that losing each other would be the worst loss of all.

**Shalvis, Jill. Accidentally on Purpose.** Elle Wheaton is happy being with her friends, focusing on her career and adding to her impressive shoe collection. She's also trying to move past the terrifying experience with Archer Hunt, a man that lost his law enforcement career when he saved her life. Archer and Elle created lightning bolts whenever they were together, but now Archer is letting Elle move on: she's happy, successful and...dating. Still, Archer can't help feeling responsible for the woman he gave up everything to protect, and, in his mind, no one will ever be good enough for the irrepressible Elle. Archer decides it's time to step in and create a little havoc in her dating life and see how many sparks fly.

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