SPECTACULAR

Iris Johansen

Your Next Breath

From the #1 New York Times bestselling author comes an explosive new thriller

Catherine Ling is one of the CIA's most prized operatives. If life has taught her anything, it is not to get attached, but there are two exceptions to that rule: her son Luke and her mentor Hu Chang. Luke was kidnapped at age two, and now, nine years later, he has astonishingly been returned to her. Now, just as she is building a relationship with Luke, it seems that someone from Catherine's past is playing a deadly game with her, picking off the people Catherine cares about one by one, with the circle narrowing closer and closer to those she loves the most. Catherine has made many enemies throughout her life, and she has no choice but to weed through her past to find out who is targeting her now, and then go after the vicious killer herself.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- From the #1 New York Times bestselling author, Iris Johansen, comes the next explosive book in the Catherine Ling series.
- Iris Johansen has 94,000 Facebook fans who are engaged year-round with her.

Filled with intriguing twists and characters and an overarching mystery that will keep fans coming back." -Kirkus Reviews on Taking Eve

"Johansen expertly rachets up the suspense as the action builds to a shocking conclusion." -Publisher's Weekly on Taking Eve

ALSO AVAILABLE:

SUPER LEAD

Sherrilyn Kenyon

Born of Defiance

The next novel in the blockbuster League series from #1 New York Times bestselling author Sherrilyn Kenyon!

Born an Outcast, Talyn Batur has spent the whole of his life fighting against the prejudice of his people. An Andarion without a father is not something anyone wants to be. But when his companion's brother draws him into a plot against the Andarion crown, he finds himself torn between the loyalty to their planetary government that his mother has beaten into him and his own beliefs of justice and right. Now, he must decide for himself to remain a pawn of their government or to defy everything and everyone he's ever known to stand up to tyranny. It's a gamble that will either save his life or end it. And when old enemies align with new ones, it's more than just his own life at risk. And more than just his homeworld that will end should he fail.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- The League Series is back at SMP and better than ever! Born of Fury was a New York Times, USA Today, and Publishers Weekly bestseller in hardcover, and hit the New York Times, and Publishers Weekly lists in mass market.
- We will publish the next two League novels, Born of Defiance and Born of Betrayal six months apart so fans will not have long to wait!
- Kenyon's Dark-Hunter and Chronicles of Nick series are soon to be major motion pictures.

[A] publishing phenomenon . . . [Sherrilyn Kenyon is] the reigning queen of the wildly successful paranormal scene . . . Just one example of arguably the most in-demand and prolific authors in America these days. -Publishers Weekly

ALSO AVAILABLE:

SPOTLIGHT

Suzanne Enoch

Some Like it Scot


Munro MacLawry has always lived up to his nickname "Bear." Strong and brawny, he's known in his clan to be fiercely protective. Sadly for him, each of his siblings becomes "less highlander" as they get married, and Bear is left rowdy and alone with no one to protect. That is, until a routine hunt leads to the most alluring of creatures…

Catriona MacColl doesn't care to amuse the brash, strong, and sexy highlander she stumbles upon in the woods. She's too busy hiding with her sister from marriage into English society. Already well-equipped with a bull's-eye shot, she doesn't need a protector, no matter how badly her body burns for him. But as Cat's boyish nature gives way to her more feminine desires, she'll have to stop fighting the tide and listen to her heart…

KEY SELLING POINTS:


- We are seeing some of the author's strongest sales in mass market, and ebook in the Scandalous Highlanders series over her previous series.

- Historical romance readers love Highlanders, and whether it's Enoch's Scandalous Highlanders series or her holiday novellas, readers are flocking to her. Fans of Maya Banks's Mongomerys and Armstrongs Highlander series will love Suzanne Enoch!

A sensual, captivating romance."-Kirkus Reviews on Rogue with a Brogue

ALSO AVAILABLE:

LEAD

Lori Foster, Carly Phillips, Sugar Jamison, Beth Ciotta

On the Naughty List

Four hot holiday stories, now in one great package, featuring two New York Times bestselling authors!

Lori Foster has two co-workers plan a Christmas party and discover a love worth celebrating in Christmas Bonus.

Carly Phillips explores a "mistletoe moment" when a lawyer intent on seducing her boss kisses his twin instead, in Naughty Under the Mistletoe.

In Sugar Jamison's Have Yourself a Curvy Little Christmas, wild child Dina Gregory returns home to find her young son's father. Instead, she finds his stuffy brother, Ben. Ben admires her tenacity and bold beauty. Could it be that Dina has reignited his Christmas spirit?

Beth Ciotta brings two friends together at home for the holidays. They don't have much in common anymore, but when they get stranded together during a blizzard, they might realize that true love was there all along, in Some Kind of Wonderful.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Perennial favorite stories by New York Times bestselling authors Lori Foster and Carly Phillips are back in print, and stories by Sugar Jamison and Beth Ciotta, previously exclusively in e, are now in mass market! Lori Foster and Carly Phillips are regulars on bestseller lists for their beloved romance novels.

- The charming holiday stories by Jamison and Ciotta will reach a whole new readership in print.

- St. Martin's has published Christmas anthologies in the past to much success—romance readers cannot get enough holiday cheer!

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Ciotta is a master of the fun-to-read romance." -RT BOOKreviews

"Snarky, sexy and so much fun. Sugar Jamison is sure to be a hit!" -Kristan Higgins, New York Times bestselling author
Jay Bonansinga

Robert Kirkman's The Walking Dead: Descent

Descent maintains the series' strength due to the author's truly powerful ability to describe the series' world." -Booklist

Out of the ashes of its dark past, Woodbury, Georgia, becomes an oasis of safety amidst the plague of the walking dead – a town reborn in the wake of its former tyrannical leader, Philip Blake, aka The Governor.

Lilly Caul and a small ragtag band of survivors are determined to overcome their traumatic past…or die trying.

As a super-herd of walkers presses in on the community, Lilly's innate leadership skills kick into high gear. An undiscovered cache of weapons – as well as a labyrinth of tunnels beneath the town – changes the balance of power.

But as is often the case in Woodbury, things are not as they seem.

The beleaguered survivors are about to learn – along with the troubled yet heroic Lilly Caul – that the greatest threat is often from within.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- The fifth season's premiere drew in 17 million viewers, a record for a cable TV drama. Setting new benchmarks where the show already held records; and the series has been renewed for a sixth season.

- Robert Kirkman will explore a whole new area of The Walking Dead universe in a spin-off series, which is scheduled to premiere in 2015.

- Reviews for the novels have been almost unanimously positive, particularly embraced by fans of the graphic novels, which have sold millions of copies.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Eighth Grave After Dark

Grim Reaper Charley Davidson is back in the eighth installment of Darynda Jones' New York Times bestselling paranormal series

With twelve hellhounds after her, pregnant Charley Davidson takes refuge at the only place she thinks they can't get to her: the grounds of an abandoned convent. But after months of being cooped up there, Charley is ready to pop. Both metaphorically and literally since she is now roughly the size of a beached whale. Fortunately, a new case has captured her attention: a decades-old murder of the newly-vowed nun she keeps seeing in the shadows on the very grounds where the team has taken shelter. Little does Charley know, she's about to get the surprise of her crazy, mixed-up, supernatural life…

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Darynda Jones's print sales from book 1-5 are up over 300%. Sixth Grave on the Edge hit the New York Times Bestseller List and had a 15% increase in ebook sales and 12% increase in print sales after 10 weeks on sale. She is ready to find the kind of success that authors like JR Ward, Christine Feehan, and Kim Harrison have found in both print and ebook.

- Darynda Jones is constantly guest blogging and networking with romance blogs, paranormal communities, and authors to spread the word about her series. She participates in giveaways and provides other extra content which makes her a huge presence in the online community.

- Reviewers have compared her to a paranormal Janet Evanovich.

- We just did a new three-book deal with Darynda.

Übertalented Jones keeps stirring the pot and throwing in crazy new developments, guaranteed to keep her characters and readers zanily off balance" -RT Book Reviews on Sixth Grave on the Edge

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Kayla Perrin

What's Done in Darkness

Fan favorite villain Katrina is back in the new romantic thriller from USA Today bestselling author Kayla Perrin.

Jade Blackwin feels like she's losing her mind. After burying both her parents-and being left by her boyfriend for her scheming best friend-she totally loses it. At college graduation, she confronts her man, slaps her BFF, then crashes her car. Now everyone thinks she's crazy. Even her sister, who convinces Jade to take a job in beautiful, restful Key West.

At first, Key West is everything Jade could hope for. The lime margaritas are heaven on earth. Her boss at the coffee shop, Katrina, is friendly as can be. And a gorgeous stranger named Brian is just the thing to help Jade forget her ex. But why is a crime writer asking so many questions? Why does Katrina explode into fits of rage? And why is a killer lurking in the shadows, ready to kill again? No one knows what's done in darkness. But Jade knows she's not crazy. She's next...

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- What's Done in Darkness is Kayla's first mass market original with SMP, and features Katrina, a fan favorite villain from We'll Never Tell.
- We will be publishing the reissue of We'll Never Tell and What's Done in Darkness back-to-back in September and October 2015 with new heart-of-the-market packages.
- Kayla is a USA Today bestseller and very connected to the romance/thriller community and her own audience.

"Feelings of jealousy and hate among the sorority set propel this racy suspense novel...Characters that pop off the page and a solid, well-paced plot will gratify Perrin's many fans" - Publishers Weekly on We'll Never Tell

"Readers will be hooked from page 1 to the surprising finish as Perrin sheds light on modern sorority life" - Booklist on We'll Never Tell

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Donna Andrews

The Nightingale Before Christmas

A new hilarious Meg Langslow mystery from the New York Times bestselling author of Duck the Halls, just in time for the holidays!

As the holidays draw near in Caerphilly, Mother volunteers to be in a Christmas decorator show house—each room of a house is decorated to the hilt by a different decorator for a public tour. Of course, Mother insists that Meg pitch in with the organization, and she finds herself surrounded by flamboyant personalities with massive egos clashing.

Then someone starts sabotaging rooms, and the most cutthroat of all the designers is found dead. Can Meg catch the killer in time to prevent another murder? And how will she finish the house on time when the rooms keep turning into crime scenes? The Nightingale Before Christmas is guaranteed to put the "ho ho hos" into the holidays for the legions of fans hungry for another Meg Langslow Christmas book.

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Donna Andrews' Meg Langslow Mysteries series is a consistent bestseller. Some Like it Hawk, Swan for the Money, and Six Geese A-Slaying were New York Times hardcover bestsellers, and Stork Raving Mad made the Wall Street Journal's bestseller list. Donna has a sizable, loyal audience that is always eager for the next installment in the series.

- Cozies make excellent stocking-stuffers, and Duck the Halls, Donna's last Christmas mystery, was one of her strongest sellers.

- Andrews won the Minotaur Books/Malice Domestic Best First Traditional Mystery Competition for Murder with Peacocks, and has gone on to win numerous awards since, including the Agatha, Anthony, and Barry awards. Most recently, she won her third Lefty Award for Best Humorous Novel for The Real Macaw.

ALSO AVAILABLE:
Lily Everett

Home for Christmas

A heartwarming holiday romance about a wounded warrior who finds healing and love during Christmas on Sanctuary Island.

Tis the season for family and love...

At least it's supposed to be. For Libby Leeds, however, the holiday season is just another reminder of things she'd rather forget. When she left Sanctuary Island as an orphaned child, she never thought she'd go back except in her dreams, dreams she's kept alive by writing monthly column of her fictional small-town life, until her publisher sends her back home for the holidays.

Owen Shepard is a fallen hero, wounded in action rescuing three of his fellow soldiers, but after a whirlwind of media attention, all this charismatic Army Ranger wants is to get back on his feet and make it to Sanctuary Island to be with his daughter in time for Christmas. What he didn't expect was to be put on a crash course with a columnist hiding her past. Will the magic of Sanctuary Island at Christmastime allow them to find healing together?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Lily Everett's first three Sanctuary Island books have sold well in both e and print, netting nearly 50,000 copies, and her e-original novella series set on Sanctuary Island, The Billionaire Brothers, and The Billionaire Bachelors, have sold nearly 60,000 copies.

- Lily Everett is a talented author with enough sales momentum and reader enthusiasm to grow her into a bestseller. Home for Christmas kicks off an aggressive pub schedule for her in 2016, with two back-to-back originals and four value-priced reissues.

- Emotional contemporary romances set in idyllic small towns are incredibly popular. This small-town Christmas romance will appeal to Everett's growing fanbase and a trove of new readers alike.

- Perfect for fans of Bella Andre, Susan Wiggs and Debbie Macomber.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Diane Kelly

Death, Taxes, and a Chocolate Cannoli

IRS Special Agent Tara Holloway might be over her head with the mob on her tail!

Having taken down a violent drug cartel, Tara and her coworkers are more than ready to take on the local mafia. Giustino "Tino" Fabrizio might purport to operate a security business, but the biggest threat to his clients' security is Tino himself and his Italian goon squad. Tino makes sure his clients pay – in one way or another. Problem is, no one can get close enough to Tino to nail him for extortion. Undeterred, Tara uses her noodle to land a waitress position next door to the security firm at Benedetta's Bistro, which is owned and operated by Tino's wife. They say a way to a man's heart is through his stomach, and Tara will do anything to put this heartless thug out of business. When things come to a boil, will she end up in hot water like spaghetti? Or will she serve these creeps their last supper?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- *Death, Taxes, and a Chocolate Cannoli* is the latest laugh-out-loud installment in the Tara Holloway series, featuring IRS Special Agent Tara Holloway, the Annie Oakley of the IRS.
- The Tara Holloway series combines outrageous comedy, suspense, and thoroughly believable characters.
- A quirky cast of characters, action-packed plots and a healthy dose of romance make this series stand out, not only for the mystery audience, but also the romance community.
- We also publish Kelly's *Paw Enforcement* mystery series to great success.
- Diane Kelly is an award-winning author: recipient of the 2009 Romance Writers of America Golden Heart Award for Best Novel with Strong Romantic Elements, she has received more than two dozen RWA chapter awards.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Sarah Castille

**Sinner's Steel**


Only Zane can set Evie's heart on fire. Evie and Zane grew up together-and shared an earth-shattering night of passion on Zane's last night in town. Eight years later, Zane can still make Evie burn for him, even though he's become VP of the ruthless Sinner's Tribe MC. Even though she's still keeping the biggest secret that could bring them together, or drive him away...

Zane has always kept his emotions bottled deep inside. Eight years after their explosive night together, Zane finds Evie, beautiful as ever-and living as a single mom. Zane knows his violent life doesn't line up with Evie's desire to live on a straight and narrow path. But when a war between gangs threatens Evie, Zane will stop at nothing to protect her...

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

- This is the next novel in the *Sinner's Tribe Motorcycle Club* series featuring intense, sexy bikers as they fight to keep their gangs-and the women they can't live without-safe.
- Biker romance is hot! This new trend is all over the romance scene, and readers can't get enough! This edgy, sexy romance will be sure to delight fans of the genre.
- Sarah Castille is a *New York Times* and *USA Today* bestselling author, and was awarded *Publisher's Weekly*'s Top Ten pick for her boxer romance *Against the Ropes*.

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**ALSO AVAILABLE:**

Manda Collins

Good Earl Gone Bad

High-stakes mystery and searing romance collide in the thrilling second book in the Lords of Anarchy trilogy.

Marriage? To a gambler? You must be joking! Lady Ophelia Dauntry has never been one to back down from a challenge. And when her spendthrift father does the unthinkable and loses her hand in marriage at the gaming tables, she is faced with the challenge of her life. Not only in the man she'll be forced to marry—the Earl of Mainwaring—a gamester, he's also a member of the Lords of Anarchy—the driving club she holds responsible for her dear friend Lucinda's confinement in an asylum, though they have never claimed responsibility. Marriage to Mainwaring won't be easy, but perhaps it will give her the entree behind the scenes of the LOA she needs to find out which of them had Lucinda put away.

All Jasper Fawley, the Earl of Mainwaring, wanted was a night of cards, but by the end of the evening he walks away not only with a great deal of money, but a lady's hand in marriage. It's not as if he doesn't already have a great deal on his plate, what with paying for his sisters' seasons and searching for James Craven's killer amongst the Lords of Anarchy. But despite his misgivings, he finds his new wife more than beddable and to his surprise and dismay she seems to have quite an interest in the LOA. Could she be one of those women who throw themselves at members willy-nilly, or is there some other reason for her interest in the club? And will their dealings with the club become far more dangerous than either of them could have anticipated?

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- *Good Earl Gone Bad* is the second book in the sexy and dangerous Lords of Anarchy trilogy, pitched as a Regency-set *Sons of Anarchy*, in which three friends have to infiltrate the dangerous Lords of Anarchy driving club to find the truth behind a friend's death, and find love along the way.

- Manda Collins' profile is rising! She consistently receives rave reviews and was featured on USA Today's Happily Ever After blog.

- We will be publishing Manda's e-original holiday novella, *Once Upon a Christmas Kiss*, as part of our SMP Holiday Program in October 2014.

- Manda's first book, *How to Dance with a Duke*, was nominated for a *RT Book Reviews* Reviewers' Choice Award for Debut Historical Author. It spent 5 weeks on the Bookscan Romance list.

ALSO AVAILABLE:

Jackie Ashenden

You Are Mine

Passions flare and desires ignite in the next edgy, sexy *Nine Circles* novel from Jackie Ashenden

Eva King has a secret.Haunted by the brutal events of her harsh past, she's never been able to let a man touch her. Not even if she wants him. Not even if he's the only man she's ached for, body and soul, for the past seven years…

Zac Rutherford has always protected his angel Eva, but when a dangerous enemy rears his head, Zac's tightly-wound control begins to slip. Burning for revenge, the only feeling more powerful is Zac's intoxicating desire for Eva—to possess her, control her. To dominate her. But if Eva is to be rid of her past, she'll have to expose her secrets to eradicate her demons—and bare her body to succumb to freedom…

**KEY SELLING POINTS:**

- This is the next novel in the *Nine Circles* series, which features dark, wealthy, sexy men and the women they will do anything to love and protect.
- Edgy, stunningly sexy contemporary romance in the tradition of Sylvia Day and Maya Banks is hot, and Jackie Ashenden delivers a read that will be sure to delight fans of the genre!
- We published *The Billionaire's Club: New York (The 100 Shades Hotter Edition)* with all-new expanded and revised scenes to whet readers' appetites right before the first book in the *Nine Circles* series, *Mine to Take*. We are publishing the *Nine Circles* series twice a year in order to keep readers excited about Jackie Ashenden!

With a distinct voice and fresh, complex characters, *Mine To Take* is a sexy, emotional read that gripped me from page one. I can't wait to see what Ashenden brings us next.” - Laurelin Paige, *New York Times* bestselling author

**ALSO AVAILABLE:**

Matt Braun

The Gamblers

One of Matt Braun's most beloved novels—now newly repackaged!

They towered over the frontier: men like Hickok, Custer, Cody, and Earp. From Tombstone to Abilene, on a sprawling, rugged frontier, they forged a life by their cunning and courage. And between these gambling men--some who lost and some who won--was a woman who carved out a legend of her own. A beautiful farm girl from Indiana, Mattie Silks traded innocence for the West's wildest men. But then her trail of love and money took her to the boomtown of Denver and a man named Cort Thomson--where she could play for the highest stakes of all...

KEY SELLING POINTS:

- Matt Braun has written over 40 books to date, with 40 million copies in print worldwide.
- Braun has received the Western Writers of America Golden Spur Award for his bestselling epic The Kincaids.
- Braun's newsletter reaches numerous booksellers and his many fans.
- Matt Braun is the recipient of The Cowboy Spirit Award in March of 2000 and has been inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame.

Matt Braun has a genius for taking real characters out of the Old West and giving them flesh-and-blood immediacy.” -Dee Brown, author of Bury My Heart at Wounded Knee

"Matt Braun is a master storyteller of frontier history." -Elmer Kelton

"Matt Braun is head and shoulders above all the rest who would attempt to bring the gunmen of the old west to life." -Terry C. Johnston, author of The Plainsmen series

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