

façade. From money worries to Olivia's strained relationship with her handsome husband, the truth belies her perfect image. As Olivia becomes increasingly hostile to the woman she's let into her life, Nicky becomes ever more relentless in her hunt for the truth. Has Olivia really escaped the ghosts of her past - or will Nicky find there are more sinister reasons she wants to leave an old tragedy well alone?

Imagined Democracies Nov 20 2022 This book proposes a revisionist approach to democratic politics. Yaron Ezrahi focuses on the creative unconscious collective imagination that generates ever-changing visions of legitimate power and authority, which compete for enactment and institutionalization in the political arena. If, in the past, political authority was grounded in fictions such as the divine right of kings, the laws of nature, historical determinism and scientism, today the space of democratic politics is filled with multiple alternative social imaginaries of the desirable political order. Exposure to electronic mass media has made contemporary democratic publics more aware that credible popular fictions have greater impact on shaping our political realities than do rational social choices or moral arguments. The pressing political question in contemporary democracy is, therefore, how to select and enact political fictions that promote peace and how to found the political order on checks and balances between alternative political imaginaries of freedom and justice.

The Company Daughters Aug 25 2020 'Blew my mind... so magically written and most of all that it is based on true events... a hard-hitting, soul-crushing book... I loved every moment of it... immersive, heart-wrenching, I feel emotional writing this review.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars Wanted: Company Daughters. Virtuous young ladies to become the brides of industrious settlers in a foreign land. The Company will pay the cost of the lady's dowry and travel. Returns not permitted, orphans preferred. Amsterdam, 1620. Jana Beil has learned that life rarely provides moments of joy. Having run away from a violent father, her days are spent searching for work in an effort to stay out of the city brothels, where desperate women trade their bodies for a mouthful of bread. But when Jana is hired as a servant for the wealthy and kind Master Reynst and his beautiful daughter Sontje, Jana's future begins to look brighter. Then Master Reynst loses his fortune on a bad investment, and everything changes. The house is sold to creditors, leaving Jana back on the street and Sontje without a future. With no other choice, Jana and Sontje are forced to sign with the East India Company as Company Daughters: sailing to a colonial Dutch outpost to become the brides of male settlers they know nothing about. With fear in their hearts, the girls begin their journey – but what awaits them on the other side of the world is nothing like what they've been promised... Based on true history, this is a gripping and unputdownable historical novel, perfect for fans of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Miniaturist* and *The Indigo Girl*. WINNER OF THE 2021 GOLDEN CROWN LITERARY SOCIETY AWARD FOR DEBUT FICTION. FINALIST FOR THE 2021 BISEXUAL BOOK AWARDS. LONGLISTED FOR THE 2021 HWA DEBUT CROWN AWARD. What readers are saying about *The Company Daughters*: 'Blew my mind... a book I've told so many people about purely because I'm still in disbelief that it exists, that it's so magically written and most of all that it is based on true events... a hard-hitting, soul-crushing book of a woman's struggle to survive... I loved every moment of it. Breathlessly, and in a way that took up my entire brain... immersive, heart-wrenching, and I feel emotional writing this review.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'From the moment I started reading *The Company Daughters*, I was captivated by this historical tale. Although it does contain a love story, it's not a romance... This was a gripping read.' Goodreads reviewer 'This book is so stunningly tender and beautiful, all mixed in with some seriously tragic and heart-wrenching events... Rajaram is an extremely skilled writer, and I love her writing style... The themes of sisterhood and female love were so present in this book and I found it very moving.' Goodreads reviewer 'I was enchanted by this book! It's a delightful read that will have your emotions all over the place.' Goodreads reviewer 'I love historical fiction, and this book touched on a topic and time I knew nearly nothing about... There's love, there's loss, there's surviving, there's thriving... It was a very beautiful book.' Goodreads reviewer 'The Company Daughters is a beautifully written love story... a perfect example of the power of human will and the endurance and hope that love can give a person.' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'This book has a beauty and grace to it. The author's writing just flows off the page, and although there are struggles and upsets by the time you close the book over you are filled with a warm glow.' Goodreads reviewer 'A powerful and insightful read. I look forward to reading more historical work by Samantha Rajaram!' Goodreads reviewer 'Heartbreaking... a moving book... vivid, with amazing characters... This is a great read.' Goodreads reviewer

A Measure of Mercy (Home to Blessing Book #1) May 02 2021 Eighteen-year-old Astrid Bjorklund has always dreamed of becoming a doctor. She had intended to study medicine in Chicago or Grand Forks, but when a disaster wiped out a major portion of her family's income, Astrid stayed home instead, receiving hands-on training from Dr. Elizabeth. Joshua Landsverk left *Blessing* two years ago, but he's never forgotten Astrid. Returning to town, he seeks to court her. Astrid is attracted to him, and when the opportunity unexpectedly opens for her to go to Chicago for medical training, she finds it difficult to leave. Love blossoms through their letters, but upon arriving back home, she makes a heartbreaking discovery. Will she have to give up love to pursue her dream?

Miss Julia Delivers the Goods May 14 2022 Miss Julia faces a double dose of trouble-this time right under her own roof. Miss Julia's iron will and kind heart have assured her a spot among the most beloved characters of Southern literature. In her latest adventure, Miss Julia whisks Hazel Marie off to the doctor when the latter admits she's been feeling poorly. The news floors them both: Hazel Marie is pregnant with twins. Unfortunately, she's also just sent her beau, Mr. Pickens, packing. Miss Julia needs a plan-and fast. So when Sam's house is robbed, Miss Julia declares that only J. D. Pickins, P.I., can get his things back. Playing Cupid and solving the crime might seem like a tall order but readers everywhere know that Miss Julia always delivers the goods.

Your Captivating Love Oct 15 2019 USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR Logan Bennett knows his priorities. He is loyal to his family and his company. He has no time for love, and no desire for it. Not after a disastrous engagement left him brokenhearted. When Nadine enters his life, she turns everything upside down. She's sexy, funny, and utterly captivating. She's also more stubborn than anyone he's met...including himself. Nadine Hawthorne is finally pursuing her dream: opening her own clothing shop. After working so hard to get here, she needs to concentrate on her new business, and can't afford distractions. Not even if they come in the form of Logan Bennett. He's handsome, charming, and doesn't take no for an answer. After bitter disappointments, Nadine doesn't believe in love. But being around Logan is addicting. It doesn't help that Logan's family is scheming to bring them together at every turn. Their attraction is sizzling, their connection undeniable. Slowly, Logan wins her over. What starts out as a fling, soon spirals into much more than they are prepared for. When a mistake threatens to tear them apart, will they have the strength to hold on to each other?

The Aussie Next Door Feb 11 2022 How to Lose a Guy in Ten Days meets *Accidentally on Purpose* by Jill Shalvis in this head-over-heels romantic comedy.

The Hill of the Ravens Mar 20 2020 It is morning in America, many years in the future. As the 22nd century approaches, the United States and Canada have been shattered by war and upheaval and have broken up into separate ethnic, racial, and political enclaves. On the east coast a crumbling, bankrupt and tottering United States government still holds a weak and impotent sway over a ragged collection of tattered states and cities, but life is chaotic and plagued with poverty, violence, and desperation. The entire Southwest, beginning with Texas and extending westward to southern California and north as far as Utah, has become the Spanish-speaking Mexican state of Aztlan. And in the Pacific Northwest, from northern California on up to Alaska, a brutal fascist and white supremacist dictatorship rules the Northwest American Republic. Colonel Donald Redmond of the Bureau of State Security (BOSS) is one of the Northwest Republic's most ruthless and skillful political policemen. Then on a bright October morning he is called into the office of the State President, where he is given a top-secret assignment. A skeleton from the bloody and treacherous days of the revolution against America is about to emerge from the closet, and one of the most carefully guarded and suppressed mysteries of that revolution may become public knowledge. That long hidden truth may undermine the very moral and political foundations of the white supremacist state. A woman's life hangs in the balance, but possibly even the fate of a continent as well, as Donald Redmond and his partner Sergeant Nel plunge into the past and seek for the answer: who betrayed the Olympic Flying Column, and why? In *The Hill of the Ravens*, underground cult novelist H. A. Covington offers us a grim and chilling view of a future that may yet come to be.

To My Arrogant Boss Jun 15 2022 To Mr. Tate Howard, You are quite possibly the most infuriating, annoying and grumpy man I've ever met in my life. I know you think that you're God's gift to women, but I have a secret to let you in on: you're not. You're God's gift to yourself. Get over your wanna-be cool surfer self and grow up. I thought it was time that someone addressed your big head and told you straight to your face that you're not all that. Just because you have an Ivy league education doesn't mean you're the smartest man in the world. In fact, I'm not even sure if you would have gotten in if you didn't have rich parents. Yes, I went there. Every woman doesn't want to sleep with you and I'm sure you're not even good in bed. And I'm someone that would know. From, Your Secret Not Admirer

Their Haunted Nights Dec 09 2021

One Hot Holiday Jun 22 2020 She's running for her life. He's the safe haven she never expected to find. The holiday season is about to get HOT. Hiding out for the holiday season in the heart of the South? Not something that Haley Quick ever expected to have on her to-do list but then...she never expected her ex to want her dead, either. Turns out, life is full of surprises. Time to deal. Haley has ditched New York for a crazy little dot on the map known as Point Hope, Alabama. It's a town gone extra crazy for the holidays, and Haley is sticking out like a sore thumb with her very much Grinch-self. But enter sexy sheriff Spencer Lane...Tall, muscled, and made with an extra dose of sex appeal, he is exactly the kind of man that Haley should be avoiding. He's charming, he looks way too good in a Santa hat, and, oh, yes, he's her new landlord. The hits just keep coming. She can't afford to let Spencer learn all of her secrets, a tough job since she is living with the man. No sex, though. It's purely a business relationship. Except...the holidays in the South sure do get HOT. Or maybe that's just sexy Spencer. Usually, Haley falls for the bad guy. It's the whole reason she's running for her life. She can't help but wonder...What would it be like to fall for a man like Spencer? He just got his Christmas wish. Sheriff Spencer Lane can't believe his luck. The most beautiful, fascinating woman he's ever seen has just dropped into his life like a gift from, well, the big guy in red. Only the problem is that Haley seems to think Spencer is some by-the-book, nice guy. Probably because of the badge. And if she wants him to be the hero, that's a role that he's happy to play for her. But the truth is, Spencer has plenty of darkness inside, too. An ex Navy SEAL, he knows how to get sh—um, stuff done. He also knows how to be very, very naughty. When danger threatens his Haley, all bets are off. No one is going to hurt her. No one is going to threaten her. Not in his town. Not on his watch. The nice guy will show Haley just how bad he can be. Fake snow, a parade of wild elves, and a stalker ex don't make for the merriest of times, but in Point Hope, anything can happen—and it usually does. Ready for a steamy story that will get you in the ho-ho-ho spirit? Settle back, curl up with Spencer, and have yourself a jolly old time.

The Cottage of Curiosities (Pengelly Series, Book 2) Jan 30 2021 Come home to 59 Memory Lane with a new novel from the top Kindle and USA Today bestselling author Celia Anderson!

Seasons of the Storm Oct 27 2020 For fans of Maggie Stiefvater and Laini Taylor, a perfect storm lies ahead in this riveting fantasy duology opener from award-winning author Elle Cosimano. One cold, crisp night, Jack Sommers was faced with a choice—live forever according to the ancient, magical rules of Gaia, or die. Jack chose to live, and in exchange, he became a Winter—an immortal physical embodiment of the season on Earth. Every year, he must hunt the Season who comes before him. Summer kills Spring. Autumn kills Summer. Winter kills Autumn. And Spring kills Winter. Jack and Fleur, a Winter and a Spring, fall for each other against all odds. To be together, they'll have to escape the cycle that's been forcing them apart. But their creator won't let them go without a fight.

Bad Engagement Aug 05 2021 Kate McLeod was desperate. Her younger sister was having her first baby, her younger brother was recently married, and... Christmas was coming. And in the McLeod household, Christmas was everything. Every year her parents' house looked like an assembly of angels had puked everywhere. She was talking lights and glitter, garland and plaid. EVERYWHERE. All of that Christmas spirit was topped off with the annual McLeod Holiday Party, complete with mistletoe and happy couples and... her lonesome single ass. Kate, the one everyone tried to set up with their friend or cousin or coworker. Kate, the oldest and pathetically unmarried sister. Kate, the sad, single San Franciscan. Well, this year she had a plan. She was going to get herself engaged. A diamond ring on her finger was the perfect way to get her family to back off. And she had just the perfect guy in mind.

The Winter Garden Apr 01 2021 ***The sparkling Christmas novel from the Sunday Times bestselling author Heidi Swain!*** Will love bloom this winter? Freya Fuller is living her dream, working as a live-in gardener on a beautiful Suffolk estate. But when the owner dies, Freya finds herself forced out of her job and her home with nowhere to go. However, with luck on her side, she's soon moving to Nightingale Square and helping to create a beautiful winter garden that will be open to the public in time for Christmas. There's a warm welcome from all in Nightingale Square, except from local artist Finn. No matter how hard the pair try, they just can't get along, and working together to bring the winter garden to life quickly becomes a struggle for them both. Will Freya and Finn be able to put their differences aside in time for Christmas? Or will the arrival of a face from Freya's past send them all spiralling? The Winter Garden is the perfect read this Christmas, promising snowfall, warm fires and breath-taking seasonal romance. Perfect for fans of Carole Matthews, Cathy Bramley and Sarah Morgan. Praise for HEIDI SWAIN: 'The queen of feel-good' Woman & Home 'Full of Heidi's trademark gentle charm. Lock the door, pour some mulled wine and settle into this wonderful Christmas treat!' Milly Johnson 'More Christmassy than a week in Lapland - we loved it!' heat 'Sprinkled with Christmas sparkle' Trisha Ashley 'Give yourself a Christmas treat and curl up with this magical book!' Sue Moorcroft, author of *The Little Village Christmas* 'A real Christmas cracker of a read!' Penny Parkes, author of *Practice Makes Perfect* 'Cosy, Christmassy and deeply satisfying! Another wonderful read!' Mandy Baggot, author of *One Christmas Kiss* in *Notting Hill*

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