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*Waiting for a Rogue* Marie Tremayne 2019-07-02 Lady Caroline Rowe is determined never to marry. After the disastrous end to her last Season, she wants nothing more than to live quietly with her aunt in the country. But her resistance starts to slip when an exasperating new neighbor, The American, begins to invade not just her land, but her life. And, of course, he is the last man who should ever tempt her... Inheriting an estate across the Atlantic has proven more difficult than Jonathan Cartwick ever expected. Avoiding his infuriating neighbor is tougher still, especially once he finds himself drawn to the ravishing beauty. Living a life he never wanted has been hard enough, but soon he fears losing his sanity, and his heart, to Lady Caroline... When Caroline's parents threaten to marry her off to the first lord who will take her, she is devastated. And against all odds, Jonathan finds himself wanting to prove to the troublesome minx that he might just be the man she has been waiting for. *Stealing the Bride* Elizabeth Boyle 2009-10-13 A Scandalous Elopement The Marquis of Templeton has faced every sort of danger in his work for the King, but chasing after a wayward spinster who's had the effrontery to run off with the wrong man hardly seems worth his considerable talents. But when the heiress in question is none other than Lady Diana Fordham, Temple is about to meet his match. Tempestuous and passionate, headstrong and opinionated, the lady is everything a man should avoid... A Dangerous Plan Diana has no intention of making Temple's assignment easy. In fact she has every reason to turn his life upside down -- just as he did to hers when he broke her heart years ago. Now it's Diana's turn to give Temple a lesson in love, from a teasing glance to a scandalous embrace. However, as she leads him on a merry chase from London to Gretna Green, they soon realize that a kiss once given is hard to forget, and a rekindled passion is impossible to deny.

*Here Comes the Bride* Pamela Morsi 2012-08-21 There comes a time in every woman's life when she must get herself a man or give up the idea entirely... After three long years of patiently waiting for her reluctant, handsome, gentlemanly Amos Dewey, to pop the question, Augusta Mudd--owner of her small town's biggest factory--decides it's time to take matters in her own hands. With the help of her friend, ruggedly attractive Rome Akers, she's determined to make Amos jealous--and get him to the altar--before it's too late. Rome Akers wasn't ready to settle down. But by pretending to make Augusta his partner for life he had a chance to become her business partner instead. Yet despite his best intentions, the closer he gets to this intelligent, sweet woman, the stronger his feelings grow. Their tantalizing conversations and tender kisses ignite a desire more passionate than Roman ever imagined. Soon he'll do anything to make Augusta a bride--but only if he gets to be the groom. *To Catch a Bride* Anne Gracie 2009-09-01 It was the perfect excuse to delay a dreaded marriage of convenience?head off on an exotic journey to track down a young lady missing in Egypt for six years. Rafe Ramsey, son of the Earl of Axebridge, is utterly besotted when he finally locates the beautiful and spirited Ayisha, who has taken a new name. But a mysterious past has made it impossible for her to return to England, and she is on the run from something far more serious than an unwanted betrothal.

**Devil's Bride** Stephanie Laurens 2009-03-17 When Devil, the most infamous member of the Cynster family, is caught in a compromising position with plucky governess Honoria Wetherby, he astonishes the entire town by offering his hand in marriage. No one dreamed this scandalous rake would ever take a bride. And as society mamas swooned at the loss of England's most eligible bachelor, Devil's infamous Cynster cousins began to place wagers on the wedding date. But Honoria wasn't about to bend society's demands and marry a man "just" because they'd been found together virtually unchaperoned. No, she craved adventure, and while solving the murder of a young Cynster cousin fit the bill for a while, she decided that once the crime was solved she'd go off to see the world. But the scalding heat of her unsated desire for Devil soon had Honoria craving a very different sort of excitement. Could her passion for Devil cause her to embrace the enchanting peril of a lifelong adventure of the heart? *To Catch a Spinster (The Reluctant Bride Collection)* Megan Bryce 2013 Come back to a time when manners are everything and rules are made to never be broken. Come back to a time when men are in charge and women do what they are told. . Yeah, that never happened.Welcome to Megan Bryce's Regencyland, where ladies with backbone get what they want. Where a woman can thumb her nose at rules and care little for convention, and yet somehow, unexpectedly and most reluctantly, find love.To Catch A SpinsterOlivia Blakesley, self-proclaimed spinster extraordinaire, is quite happy with her life. She has her studies and her duties, what need does she have of a husband? With five sisters married she knows the reality does not live up to the promise, and does not need to personally experiment with the state to know she would be ill-suited to it. However, she finds herself envious of at least one aspect of marriage. But to experience the physical side of marriage, one doesn't need a husband, all one needs is the right man...Nathaniel Jenkins knows his duty. Marry a young girl from a respectable family and father an heir, no matter how cold the endless parade of suitable girls leaves him. But a shocking proposal from a scholarly spinster leaves him wondering if unsuitable is just what he's looking for. Can he convince his spinster that marriage is the greatest experiment of all?

**A Clever Alliance: a Regency Romance** Laura Beers 2019-08-14 Lady Madalene Ramsbury has been summoned home from Miss Bell's Finishing School to some unfortunate news. In three weeks, she is to be married to a man she's never met. Rather than face a life she does not want; she flees from her own engagement party and elicits help from a most unlikely source. Society's golden boy, Everett, the Marquess of Northampton, was outraged when a young woman suddenly appeared in his curricule. Was she attempting to trap him into an unwanted marriage? It would be just like some overzealous mother to put her up to such a ploy. However, it doesn't take long for him to discover that Madalene is unlike any woman he has ever known. With her reputation in shambles, Lady Madalene and Everett hatch a plan to solve both of their problems, a fake engagement. But as they spend time together, they realize more is on the line than just a blossoming friendship. And with danger ever present from her jilted suitor, Everett and Madalene find themselves relying on one another in ways they'd never imagined... but can they trust each other with their hearts?Prequel Novella: The Heiress (Ladies of Miss Bell's Finishing School)

*The Spinster Book* Myrtle Reed 1901

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*The Runaway Bride (The Bride Ships Book #2)* Jody Hedlund 2020-03-03 Wealthy Arabella Lawrence flees to British Columbia on a bride ship still wearing the scars of past mistakes. One of the few single women in the boomtown, she immediately has suitors, but she is determined not to find herself trapped again by a poor choice. Vying for her hand are two very different men. Lieutenant Richard Drummond is a gentleman in the Navy and is held in high esteem. Peter Kelly is the town's baker and has worked hard to build a thriving business. He and Drummond not only compete for Arabella's affections, but clash over their views of how the natives should be treated in the midst of a smallpox outbreak. As Arabella begins to overcome her fears, she discovers someone in dire need--a starving girl abandoned by her tribe. Intent on helping the girl, Arabella leans on Peter's advice and guidance. Will she have the wisdom to make the right decision or will seeking what's right cost both her and Peter everything?

**Tempting the Bride** Sherry M. Thomas 2012 When he elopes with Helena Fitzhugh, who has despised him since they were children, to save her reputation, Viscount Hastings gets a second chance to prove his love after a carriage accident robs Helena of her memory. Original.

*The Spinster Bride* Jane Goodger 2015-02-03 An unlucky-at-love veteran gets more than he bargained for from his matchmaker in this Victorian romance by the author of When a Lord Needs a Lady. Mr. Charles Norris needs help finding a wife . . . For he has the unfortunate habit of falling for each Season's loveliest debutante, only to have his heart broken when she weds another. Surely Lady Marjorie Penwhistle can help him. She's sensible, clever, knows the ton, and must marry a peer, which he is not. Since she's decidedly out of his reach, Charles is free to enjoy her refreshing honesty—and her unexpectedly enticing kisses . . . Lady Marjorie Penwhistle doesn't want a husband . . . At least not the titled-but-unbearable suitors her mother is determined she wed. She'd rather stay unmarried and look after her eccentric brother. Still, advising Mr. Norris is a most exciting secret diversion. After all, how hard will it be to match-make someone so forthright, honorable, and downright handsome? It's not as if she's in danger of finding Charles all-too-irresistible herself . . . Praise for The Spinster Bride “Alternates between being funny thanks to spot on humorous dialog and heart wrenchingly realistic due to Jane Goodger's attention to detail and accuracy.” —Fresh Fiction

**What the Heart Sees** Kc Luck 2021-09-26 Love comes when you least expect it... Four years after a horrible car accident takes her sight and kills her parents, Sage Montgomery has learned to adapt to her new circumstances in Spruce Creek, Oregon. A new life that includes running the Montgomery horse ranch, which has been in her family for generations. As the place where she grew up, Sage has only the fondest memories. But when she learns her home is at risk because of unpaid taxes, Sage must find a way to raise the money. While the bank threatens and unwanted buyers circle, she is faced with decisions she doesn't want to make for the ranch... and her heart. With two decades of hard work on Wall Street, Julie Aspen has everything she wants. A career she loves, the perfect Manhattan condo, and a sexy, young girlfriend. People envy what Julie has and she could not be happier. At least until the firm she works for is accused of fraud. Suddenly stripped of everything and risking indictment, Julie returns to where she grew up. The small town she hates-Spruce Creek. Things couldn't be more miserable until she meets the daughter of a long-lost friend. Suddenly, Julie has second thoughts about what may be important in life and if it is too late to change. What the Heart Sees is a stand-alone novel with a coming home plot involving an age-gap romance and a happy ending.

*The Professor's House* Willa Cather 2022-01-04 When Professor Godfrey St. Peter and wife move to a new house, he becomes uncomfortable with the route his life is taking. He keeps on his dusty study in the old house in an attempt to hang on to his old life. The marriages of his two daughters have removed them from the home and added two new sons-in-law, precipitating a mid-life crisis that leaves the Professor feeling as though he has lost the will to live because he has nothing to look forward to. Adding to that, the death of his favourite student Tom Outland in the Great War is a blow that is too heavy to deal with at his age. Will Professor Godfrey survive his mid-life crisis or will it lead to a disastrous result?

*Some Like It Charming* Megan Bryce 2014-01-29 Mackenzie Wyatt believes in two things: herself and her plan. And her plan is to keep her head down and to work hard until she can retire. Never mind that she doesn't know what she'll do once she retires-- at least she won't be working for the man anymore. Because even though he's a gorgeous man, he's still her boss and he likes to push her buttons. Ethan Howell O'Connor's charmed life comes to a screeching halt after his latest ex-girlfriend starts a fashionable trend in talking to the tabloids. Now all of Ethan's old girlfriends are talking to the press, ruining his reputation, and wiping that charming smile right off his face. The only person who can brighten his black mood is the same person who can annoy him to kingdom come. He and Mackenzie have feuded since the day she was hired but now Ethan's starting to realize: maybe those sparks were hiding a blazing fire. Mackenzie's about to find out that sometimes a gorgeous man can come up with a plan all his own, and it's a given that it'll mess hers up. billionaire romance, boss romance, fake fiance, romantic comedy, office romance, funny, free romance

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*Some Like It Perfect* Megan Bryce 2014-04-17 Jack Cabot doesn't want the mural his mother has commissioned for his office ceiling. But before long, Jack finds he does want something after all -- the distracting and amusing woman painting his mural.

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**The Bride of Ivy Green (Tales from Ivy Hill Book #3)** Julie Klassen 2018-12-04 Much has happened in idyllic Ivy Hill in recent months, and while several villagers have found new love and purpose, questions remain--and a few dearly held dreams have yet to be fulfilled. Jane Bell is torn. Gabriel Locke is back and has made his intentions clear. But Jane is reluctant to give up her inn and destine another man to a childless marriage. Then someone she never expected to see again returns to Ivy Hill. . . . Mercy Grove has lost her school and is resigned to life as a spinster, especially as the man she admires seems out of reach. Should she uproot herself from Ivy Cottage to become a governess for a former pupil? Her decision will change more lives than her own. A secretive new dressmaker arrives in the village, but the ladies soon suspect she isn't who she claims to be. Will they oust the imposter, or help rescue her from a dangerous predicament? In the meantime, everyone expects Miss Brockwell to marry a titled gentleman, even though her heart is drawn to another. While the people of Ivy Hill anticipate one wedding, an unexpected bride may surprise them all. Don't miss this romantic, stirring conclusion to Tales from Ivy Hill.

**Bridegroom Wore Plaid** Grace Burrowes 2012-12-04 Named a Publishers Weekly Best Book of 2012 New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Grace Burrowes keeps winning reader awards for her gorgeously imagined books. If you're already a fan, you'll devour her new characters and if you haven't yet discovered the richly drawn worlds of Grace Burrowes, you're in for a treat... "Memorable heroes. Intelligent, sensual love stories. This author knows what romance readers adore."—RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars His Family or His Heart — One of Them Will Be Betrayed... Ian MacGregor is wooing a woman who's wrong for him in every way. As the new Earl of Balfour, though, he must marry an English heiress to repair the family fortunes. But in his intended's penniless chaperone, Augusta, Ian is finding everything he's ever wanted in a wife. "Historical details enrich Burrowes's intimate and erotic story, but the real stars are her vibrant characters and her masterful ear for dialogue. Burrowes is superb at creating connections that feel honest and real."—Publishers Weekly, Starred Review

**Blackstone's Bride** Katherine A. Moore 2012 When her brother goes missing with a report vital to the British government, banking heiress Violet Hammersley, in order to find him, is forced to work closely with the scandalous Lord Blackstone, a secret agent of the Crown--and the man who once broke her heart. Original. 25,000 first printing.

**Hard Times illustrated** Charles Dickens 2021-08-18 Hard Times illustrated Charles Dickens - Hard Times: For These Times (commonly known as Hard Times) is the tenth novel by Charles Dickens, first published in 1854. The book surveys English society and satirises the social and economic conditions of the era. "Now, what I want is, Facts. . . . Facts alone are wanted in life." Thus begins Superintendent Mr. Gradgrind—a wealthy, retired merchant—addressing a group of young students at his school in the industrial town of Coketown, England. A rigid man of fact, rational self-interest and realities, he not only teaches his pupils according to the utilitarian principles, but also raises his children with the same philosophy. When they grow up, as their lives begin to turn chaotic, they reproach their father for their upbringing. Will Mr. Gradgrind realize his flaws and become a humble man? Satirizing the laissez-faire system, Dickens' Hard Times lays bare the wide gap between the rich and the poor. Criticizing the materialistic world, this Victorian novel throws light on the value of emotions and the human heart. It has undergone several film and theatre adaptations.

**The Obedient Bride** Mary Balogh 2020-06-02 Geoffrey, the new Viscount Astor, needs a wife. Since he sets no great store by love and romance, he decides it would be eminently sensible to offer marriage to one of the three daughters of his predecessor. He has never met any of them and has no preference. He leaves the choice to them

and their mother. Arabella, the middle daughter, volunteers to make the sacrifice and marry the earl since her older, far more lovely, sister is already in love with someone else. She prays that he will be an older man of few attractions, for she sees herself as plain and uninteresting. She is dismayed to discover that Geoffrey is, in fact, young, handsome, and fashionable. She vows to be a dutiful, obedient wife and to devote her life to making him comfortable. Arabella's plan seems to be working nicely for both Geoffrey and herself—until, that is, she discovers something about him that shocks her to the core. It is an offense she considers quite unforgivable. And when Arabella makes up her mind about something, she is not easily persuaded to change it. Geoffrey is finally shaken out of his complacency to the discovery that his wife means far more to him than he had realized. But how is he to win her back when she flatly refuses to be wheedled out of her outrage?

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**Look Homeward, Angel** Thomas Wolfe 2021-01-01 A destiny that leads the English to the Dutch is strange enough; but one that leads from Epsom into Pennsylvania, and thence into the hills that shut in Altamont over the proud coral cry of the cock, and the soft stone smile of an angel, is touched by that dark miracle of chance which makes new magic in a dusty world.

**A Convenient Engagement** Ashtyn Newbold 2018-10-20 A false engagement. A mysterious coast. Two reluctant hearts. Much to her father's dismay, Miss Amelia Buxton aspires to become a spinster, just like her eccentric aunt. Growing up with parents who married for every reason but love, she has never seen a joyful marriage. When Amelia requests a summer trip to the legendary waters of Brighton, her father allows her the excursion, but with one requirement: she must return engaged, or agree to the proposal of the man of his choosing. Crawling with tourists, Brighton is not the town Adam Claridge once loved. When his sister Eleanor disappears without warning, Adam is desperate to bring her home. In his search, he happens upon Miss Amelia Buxton, a young tourist that proves vital in his search for Eleanor. But Amelia is conducting a search of her own—a search for a husband—and Adam has little choice but to offer a fair trade: he will play the role of Amelia's betrothed in exchange for her assistance in finding Eleanor. Convenient at first, Amelia and Adam's arrangement quickly plummets into disarray. Falling in love had not been part of their bargain. Don't miss this introduction to Brides of Brighton, a sweet regency romance series. Each story stands alone, but are best enjoyed when read in the order below: A Convenient Engagement Marrying Miss Milton Romancing Lord Ramsbury Miss Weston's Wager An Unexpected Bride

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**If Ever I Should Love You** Cathy Maxwell 2017-12-26 Once upon a time there were three young ladies who, despite their fortunes, had been on the Marriage Mart a bit too long. They were known as the "Spinster Heiresses" . . . He's inherited a title, but not a penny to speak of, so the Earl of Rochdale knows he must find a wife—preferably one tolerably pretty and good-tempered, but definitely wealthy, and willing to exchange her fortune for his family name. His choice: Leonie Charnock, one of the season's "Spinster Heiresses." Years before, the earl had saved the dark-eyed beauty's reputation, and she is still breathtakingly lovely, leading Rochdale to hope that their marriage will be more than in name only. However, Leonie doesn't want to be anyone's wife. Nearly destroyed by the secrets in her past, Leonie agrees to their union with one condition: there will be a wedding but no bedding. But it's a condition the new Countess Rochdale isn't sure even she can keep . . .

**Lady in Waiting** Marie Tremayne 2018-03-13 RITA Award Winner She wants to escape her present . . . When Clara Mayfield helps her sister elope, she's prepared for the scandal to seal her fate as a spinster. What she doesn't expect is to find herself engaged to the vile Baron Rutherford as a means of salvaging her family's reputation. Determined not to be chained to a man she loathes, Clara slips out of Essex and sheds her identity: she becomes Helen, maid at the Earl of Ashworth's country estate. After all, below stairs is the last place anyone would think to look for an heiress . . . He wants to forget his past . . . William, Lord Ashworth, is attempting to rebuild his life after the devastating accident that claimed the lives of his entire family, save his beloved sister and niece. Haunted by memories of what was and determined to live up to the title he never expected to inherit, William doesn't have time for love. What he needs is a noble and accomplished wife, one who can further the Ashworth line and keep the family name untarnished . . . Together, can they find the perfect future? From their first encounter, the attraction between them is undeniable. But Clara knows William is falling for Helen, a woman who doesn't even exist. The question is, if she reveals the truth about her identity, can she trust the broken William to forgive her lie and stand by her side when scandal—and the baron—inevitably follow her to his door?

**The Reluctant Husband** Lynne Graham 2015-03-09 When her father whisked her away from her mother, Francesca "Frankie" Vitale was exiled to Sardinia, an island off the coast of Italy Later, when her dad died, Frankie

was stuck with a family she didn't understand, emotionally or linguistically. As a child, she had an intense crush on Santino, an older boy in her town. After a night of harmless fun leads them to a shotgun marriage, they go their separate ways, linked only by paper. When they reunite, will their marriage actually start, or will they break their bonds forever?

[Some Like It Hopeless](#) Megan Bryce 2014-05-08 In love with her gay best friend since forever, Cassandra Spencer has accepted that not everyone can have the fairy tale. Not everyone can have marriage and children and the same last name. But she has Shane, and she loves him and he loves her... Until he falls in love with someone else. Someone nothing like Cassandra; someone she can never accept. Brady Roberts destroyed his whole world, and there will be no forgiveness. No end to his guilt and pain. He exists day to day until he tangles with a woman who just won't let him. A woman who believes that life is meant to be lived, no matter how hard it is. No matter how much it hurts. No matter how hopeless. Because sometimes, hopeless doesn't have to mean alone. And sometimes, hopeless isn't the end. keywords: romantic comedy, billionaire romance, contemporary romance, gay romance, best friends

[Arc of Justice](#) Kevin Boyle 2007-04-01 An electrifying story of the sensational murder trial that divided a city and ignited the civil rights struggle In 1925, Detroit was a smoky swirl of jazz and speakeasies, assembly lines and fistfights. The advent of automobiles had brought workers from around the globe to compete for manufacturing jobs, and tensions often flared with the KKK in ascendance and violence rising. Ossian Sweet, a proud Negro doctor-grandson of a slave-had made the long climb from the ghetto to a home of his own in a previously all-white neighborhood. Yet just after his arrival, a mob gathered outside his house; suddenly, shots rang out: Sweet, or one of his defenders, had accidentally killed one of the whites threatening their lives and homes. And so it began-a chain of events that brought America's greatest attorney, Clarence Darrow, into the fray and transformed Sweet into a controversial symbol of equality. Historian Kevin Boyle weaves the police investigation and courtroom drama of Sweet's murder trial into an unforgettable tapestry of narrative history that documents the volatile America of the 1920s and movingly re-creates the Sweet family's journey from slavery through the Great Migration to the middle class. Ossian Sweet's story, so richly and poignantly captured here, is an epic tale of one man trapped by the battles of his era's changing times. Arc of Justice is the winner of the 2004 National Book Award for Nonfiction.

[To Tempt the Saint - Large Print](#) Megan Bryce 2016-02-29 Come back to a time when manners are everything and rules are made to never be broken. Come back to a time when men are in charge and women do what they are told... Yeah, that never happened. Welcome to Megan Bryce's Regencyland, where ladies with backbone get what they want. Where a woman can thumb her nose at rules and care little for convention, and yet somehow, unexpectedly and most reluctantly, find love. To Tempt The Saint Many years ago, George St. Clair loved and lost- his heart, his faith, his future. Now, he is content to watch not-so-silently as life happens to his friends, secure in the knowledge that no woman could tempt him again. Absolutely certain that no woman is worth the risk. Confident that he is protected from the pain... Honora Kempe lost everything after her fall from grace-- her family, her life, a future. Now, Hell hath no fury like a disgraced vicar's daughter and she is determined to get back what was hers. By hook or by crook. Man by man. Lie by lie. Until one man makes her wonder if love really can heal all pain. And if too late really is too late... ~The Reluctant Bride Collection~ (books can be read in any order) To Catch A Spinster To Tame A Dragon To Wed The Widow To Tempt The Saint

**First Love Forever Romance Collection** Susanne Dietze 2018-04-01 A first love is never easily forgotten... and coming face to face with that person again can be awkward when the heartstrings are still holding on to the "what ifs." In settings from 1865 to 1910, nine couples are thrown back on the same path by life's changes and challenges. A neighbor returns from law school. An heiress seeks a quick marriage. A soldier's homecoming is painful. A family needs help. A prodigal son returns. A rogue aeronaut drops from the sky. A runaway bridegroom comes home. A letter for aid is sent. A doctor needs a nurse. Can love rekindle despite the separation of time and space? First Things First by Susanne Dietze 1877 – South Texas: Texas rancher's daughter Georgie Bridge mourned when her first love, Ward Harper, left town to study the law, but now he's back—as opposing counsel in a case

against her father. A Most Reluctant Bride by Cynthia Hickey 1880 – Ozark foothill ranch: Maggie Spoonmore marries her father's former foreman, Zach Colton in order to salvage her reputation, yet struggles to believe he married her for love and not her inheritance. Weeping Willow by Marcia Gruver May of 1861 – Port Royal, Virginia: In Civil War Virginia, tables are turned for Willow Bates when Julian Finney, her childhood crush and steadfast defender, returns from the war a broken man in need of rescue. His Anchor by Carrie Fancett Pagels 1894 – Mackinac Island, Michigan: Robert Swaine, a ship captain, returns to Mackinac Island where his first love, Sadie Duvall struggles to support her siblings. Will she anchor him to the island he has vowed to leave behind? After the Ball by Martha Rogers 1910 – Dallas, Texas: Chase Thornton, a wealthy oil man yearns for the life of a cowboy and his first love, Susannah King, but can she trust him to keep his word to leave the city and stay on the ranch? Lighter Than Air by Lorna Seilstad 1900 – St. Louis, Missouri: After Titus Knott crashes his hot air balloon behind Ella Mason's boarding school, he must convince his former sweetheart that his words are true and not full of hot air. In Due Season by Connie Stevens 1901 – Whitley, Kansas: Leah Brown accepts her role of town spinster until Gareth Shepherd unexpectedly steps back into her life. Now she's faced with a choice. Can she forgive the man who jilted her? Heartfelt Echoes by Jennifer Uhlarik 1875—Virginia City, Nevada: A short, urgent letter mentioning his childhood love, Millie Gordon, forces deaf Travis McCaffrey to turn to his estranged birth father for help rescuing the woman he can't forget. Prescription for Love by Erica Vestch 1905 – New Orleans: Erstwhile fiancée Natalie Morrison is the last person Dr. Mackenzie wants as his new nurse, but when an epidemic hits, Phin finds she's come back into his life at the perfect time.

[When a Lord Needs a Lady](#) Jane Goodger 2014-02-06 "A heartwarming and amusing romance . . . with steamy scenes and believable tension" from the author of The Mad Lord's Daughter and When a Duke Says I Do (Library Journal). Lord Graham Spencer needs a wife. But not just any girl will do. She must have the money to save his dilapidated estate and desperate tenants. So when he meets a charming American lady's maid on the beach at Brighton, the last thing he ought to do is kiss her. Katherine Wright is hunting a titled husband. Or at least her mother is. But Katherine can't get the memory of a most inappropriate kiss out of her mind. The handsome stranger who took her in his arms in Brighton was only a valet, but even if she is an heiress, she'd rather spend her life with him than some stiff British aristocrat. Can true love survive two false identities, two scheming mamas, and two lavish house parties where all is revealed? It can . . . When A Lord Needs A Lady Praise for the Lords and Ladies series "A gripping love story . . . the perfect read for anyone looking to lose themselves in a flawless romantic novel." —Fresh Fiction "Goodger's Regency debut abounds with quiet charm." —Publishers Weekly "One of the most sweetly emotional stories I've read in ages . . . Truly pulls at the heartstrings." —All About Romance

[The King's Spinster Bride](#) Ruby Dixon 2018-05-24 Sixteen years ago, Princess Halla of Yshrem saved the life of an eight-year-old barbarian boy and watched her kingdom fall to ruin, all on the same day. Now, she is a forgotten spinster in a quiet temple, living her days out in solitude. The last of her line, she exists in the hope that she has been forgotten, for to be remembered by the enemy is to be certain death. One person has not forgotten her. Mathior, now twenty-four, is the fierce warrior king of the Cyclopaes. Yshrem is in turmoil and his advisors have a suggestion - kill the last remaining member of the royal line, and there will be no rivals for the throne. Mathior has a different idea. He's loved Halla for sixteen long years, and it's time he claimed her as his wife. But a barbarian's wedding customs are unlike any other...

[The Viscount Can Wait](#) Marie Tremayne 2018-10-23 After five years away, Lady Eliza Cartwick isn't relishing returning to the whirl of the London season. But the young widow knows to ensure the best future for herself and her young daughter, Rosa, she must remarry. If only Lord Evanston, the dashing rogue who has haunted her dreams since she was sixteen, didn't insist on distracting her with his searing looks and lingering touches at the most inconvenient times . . . Thomas, Lord Evanston, has wanted Eliza since her engagement ball all those years ago. His best friend's sister has constantly been out of reach . . . until now. The forbidden has always tempted him, but when Thomas realizes he wants the object of his fantasies for far more than a dalliance, he must convince her that he's not just a rake; he's a viscount who's worth the wait.