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Practically Perfect-Katie Fforde 2008-04-15 Anna, a newly qualified interior designer, purchases a tiny cottage in need of renovation, but as she deals with an escalating series of problems, settles in, and makes new friends, her life is turned upside down by the handsome but impossible Rob Hunter.

A Perfect Proposal-Katie Fforde 2013-04-09 In this delicious romantic comedy, a young Englishwoman gets an unexpected proposal from a dashing American, but it's not what you think Sophie Apperly's frustratingly dismissive family has never taken her seriously, but they do take advantage of her. So when an old friend offers her the chance of a lifetime, she decides to swap Little England for the Big Apple, and heads off to the land of opportunity. From the moment Sophie arrives in Manhattan, she's determined to enjoy every minute of her big adventure. And when fate throws her together with Matilda, a spirited grande dame of New York society who invites her to Connecticut for Thanksgiving, she willingly accepts

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English-born Matilda is delighted with her new friend—though her grandson Luke, undeniably attractive but infuriatingly arrogant, is anything but welcoming. When Luke arrives in England a few weeks later, Sophie hardly expects him to seek her out. But Matilda has hatched some complicated plans of her own—and so Luke has a proposal to make, but it hardly seems perfect. With all the warmth and wit that have made Katie Fforde's novels huge bestsellers in the UK, *A Perfect Proposal* is an irresistible tale of love and literature and the quest for a happy ending. Katie Fforde "has imagination to spare, using witty writing and plotting to build a story" (The New York Times Book Review).

*Love Letters*-Katie Fforde 2011-01-18 When her bookshop closes its doors, Laura agrees to help organize a literary festival. Her initial excitement is followed by panic when she realizes that an innocent mistake has led the festival committee to believe that she is a personal friend of the reclusive writer Dermot Flynn. Even though Laura has been infatuated with Dermot since her college days, traveling to Ireland to persuade him to come out of hiding is not what she had in mind. Nevertheless, she sets off to charm her literary hero into headlining the festival. Unfortunately, Dermot is maddening, temperamental, and up to his ears in a nasty case of writer's block. But he's also infuriatingly attractive.... With all the warmth and wit that have made Katie Fforde's novels huge bestsellers in the U.K., *Love Letters* is an irresistible tale of love and literature and the quest for a happy ending.

*Restoring Grace*-Katie Fforde 2006-05-30 Grace Soudley's life is coming apart at the seams. Recently divorced, she is still living in the beautiful yet crumbling old house her godmother left her, but unless she can find a fortune, the house will disintegrate around her. Artist Ellie Summers' life is unraveling too. She's pregnant, but her boyfriend is less than enthusiastic about parenthood, and her parents are not exactly inviting her to move back home. She has to come up with a new plan. Fast. Ellie needs a place to stay; Grace needs a lodger. Each of them needs a friend, and together they begin the work of fixing up the house. But then an unexpected and disconcertingly handsome man arrives on the scene, apparently determined to help. And when Grace discovers some beautiful and potentially valuable paintings hidden

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behind the tattered dining-room curtains, the whole business of restoration starts to get serious.... This fresh, funny romance from bestselling novelist Katie Fforde offers charm, wit, and restorative new beginnings for all.

Wild Designs-Katie Fforde 1998-04-15 Althea Farraday is a thirty-eight-year-old divorced mother of three who's got a teenage son who's a Buddhist, a hypercritical sister who knows how to push all her buttons, a job on the endangered species list, and a love life to match. Just as she's settling in to a comfortable level of chaos, a near-perfect man enters her life. Equipped to steal her heart and help turn her passion for designing gardens into a new career, Patrick Donahugh may be too good to be true. Amid wild roses, California poppies, scarlet flax, sweet rocket, love-in-mist, and, of course, plenty of dirt, Wild Designs is a refreshingly honest and funny read that celebrates the almost-ready-to-bloom aspect of all our lives.

Wedding Season-Katie Fforde 2010-03-16 "Katie Fforde's unique spin on romantic comedy is a blend of the sweet, the sad, and the sexy." —Patricia Gaffney Sarah is a wedding planner hiding a rather inconvenient truth—she doesn't believe in love. But as the confetti flutters away on the June breeze of yet another successful wedding season she finds herself agreeing to organize two more events, on the same day, and only two months away. And while her celebrity bride is all sweetness and light, the other bride, Sarah's own sister, quickly starts driving her crazy with her high expectations and very limited budget. Luckily, Sarah is aided in her seemingly impossible task by two best friends, Elsa, an accomplished dress designer, and Bron, a multitalented hairdresser. All three are very good at their jobs, but romance doesn't feature very prominently in any of their lives. As the big day draws near, every moment is spent preparing for the weddings, and they certainly haven't got any time to even think about love; or have they?

Life Skills-Katie Fforde 2004-07-01 Julia Fairfax isn't quite herself today. It's not like Julia to quit her job just because she was over for a promotion. Or to call off her engagement just because her fiance is a bore. And it's certainly not like her to pack her bags, sublet her house, board a rattletrap hotel boat, and pass herself off as a gourmet cook. It's just not like Julia to be so recklessly--and delightfully--in control. And

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she's loving every minute of it... But Julia's new life soon gets anchored with familiar baggage--like an old boyfriend, a meddling mother, and a spurned fiance nipping at her heels--all of them bursting with unsolicited advice. Now, Julia's got a surprise in store for each and every one of them. And somewhere between dry-dock and a bargeful of hot-tempered tourists, between old friends and new lovers, Julia's got to turn survival into a skill if she wants to turn a season adrift into the summer of a lifetime...

Living Dangerously-Katie Fforde 2011-02-15 \_\_\_\_\_ 'Thank goodness for Katie Fforde, the perfect author to bring comfort in difficult times. She really is the queen of uplifting, feel good romance.' AJ PEARCE \_\_\_\_\_ Love will find a way. A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Recipe for Love, A French Affair and The Perfect Match. Polly is in her thirties, lives in a small town, has a cat and a Rayburn oven on which she loves to cook. What more could she need? Certainly not a man. Besides, Polly's life is complicated enough. She has her job at the Whole Nut café and a fledgling pottery career she's trying to get off the ground. And then she meets David, and before she knows it he has turned her life and all her sensible plans upside down. Should she yield to his temptations or resist? After all, and as she has told her mother and friends, love is over-rated. Isn't it?

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A French Affair-Katie Fforde 2014-02-01 A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Recipe for Love, A French Affair and The Perfect Match. Gina and Sally Makepiece have inherited a stall in the French House - an antiques centre nestled in the heart of the English countryside. Gina is determined to drag the French House and its grumpy owner into the twenty-first century. Bearing all the attributes of a modern-day Mr Rochester, Matthew Ballinger is less than happy

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with the whirlwind that has arrived on his doorstep. The last thing either of them want is to fall in love. But will a trip to France change their minds?

*Stately Pursuits*-Katie Fforde 1999-08-21 "You're not doing very much at the moment, darling. I don't suppose you'd care to house-sit for a while?" Thus begins the irresistible story of two fixer-uppers-an old house and a young woman-and their efforts to recapture their true luster. When Hetty Longden, freshly dumped and brokenhearted, agrees to look after her great-uncle's long-abandoned mansion in the British countryside, she's at something of a lifetime low. With no job, no lover, no prospects, and no particular talent for resuscitating crumbling estates, she hope for nothing more than some good old-fashioned escape. What she finds includes a cast of quirky an ever-present neighbors, a couple of SNAGs (Sensitive New Age Guys), some very humorless bank officials, two disarming little canines, one gracious, dilapidated, romantic old house, and, just maybe, enough elbow grease to polish everything up again. A British bestseller that's as inviting as an elegant old house full of unexplored rooms (after a good scrubbing-down, of course), *Stately Pursuits* is the funniest, smartest, and warmest read of the season.

*Love Letters*-Peter Washington 1996 Two hundred love letters by fictional characters and historic figures, includes Eloise's exchange of romantic vows with Abelard, Mozart's teasing exchange with his wife, Franz Kafka's pining for Felice, and a sampling of Anais Nin's erotic writings

*The Rose Revived*-Katie Fforde 2010-12-07 Now available for preorder: Katie Fforde's wonderful new book, *A WEDDING IN THE COUNTRY* \_\_\_\_\_ 'Thank goodness for Katie Fforde, the perfect author to bring comfort in difficult times. She really is the queen of uplifting, feel good romance.' AJ PEARCE \_\_\_\_\_ May, Sally and Harriet have had enough. They may work at Quality Cleaners, but there is nothing quality about the way their boss, 'Slimeball' Slater, runs the business. Sick and tired of working for a crook, May, Sally and Harriet decide to set up their own business. Soon May finds she can afford the mooring fees for her beloved narrowboat, Harriet discovers she has a gift for painting, and Sally's dream of owning a place of her own is fast becoming a reality. It all seems to be going so well. But

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is it really? And is it too much, May wonders, to want a man to share her newfound happiness?  
Paradise Fields-Katie Fforde 2011-02-15 Can love conquer all? A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Recipe for Love, A French Affair and The Perfect Match. Nel is the owner of a houseful of animals and the organiser of the farmer's market in the picturesque Paradise Fields. She is always super-busy, but not so busy to want to preserve the meadow and market she loves when its owner dies. But who can she trust to help her save Paradise Fields? Her sensible boyfriend Simon? Or Jake, the devilishly handsome man who kissed her under the mistletoe...

Tickled Pink-Christina Jones 2014-10-08 When Posy planned her wedding, she assumed that she would be at the altar, not skulking in the last pew wishing premature death on the bride. Lola planned her happily-ever-after for twenty-eight years. When a sudden death makes her homeless and jobless, she must leave the fancy biscuit trade without so much as a custard cream for the journey. The village of Steeple Fritton appears to be their only salvation. They have to utilise their assets or go under. But when the assets are a showman's traction engine, an ailing pub and a village full of eccentrics, the new life plan is not immediately obvious to either of them.

Making Your Mind Up-Jill Mansell 2015-05-05 Love is a complicated thing... Lottie Carlyle is happy enough. Living in a beautiful cottage with her two adorable-sometimes-kids in an idyllic village, on good terms with her ex-husband, and with friends all around, everything is going just fine. But when she meets her new boss, her peaceful world is thrown into delightful, exciting, and frustrating chaos. Tyler is perfect for Lottie, but her kids do not agree. To make matters worse, the handsome and mysterious Seb appears on the scene, intriguing-and distracting-Lottie and charming her children, making it more and more difficult for her to make up her mind... "Very nicely done... Jill Mansell's chorus of sharp-witted youth, shaking sticks at the foibles of their elders, is delightful." -Daily Express "A smashing read that both delights and surprises the reader." —The Sun Praise for Thinking of You: "Mansell is like a Michelin-rated chef: She may use common ingredients, but under her sure hand the results are deliciously superior." -

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Kirkus "Humorous, sometimes poignant... Her breezy style resembles that of Sophie Kinsella or Helen Fielding... readers will be delighted." -Booklist "Jill Mansell combines, humor, friendship, romance and betrayal... keeps you wanting more." -Fresh Fiction "Beyond the fun, faulted characters, Mansell has a gift for humorous and witty dialogue that will leave readers in stitches... Mansell excels at creating relationships that are dynamic and complicated." -Savvy Verse and Wit

The Perfect Match-Katie Fforde 2014-03-13 \_\_\_\_\_ "Thank goodness for Katie Fforde, the perfect author to bring comfort in difficult times. She really is the queen of uplifting, feel good romance." AJ PEARCE \_\_\_\_\_ Three years ago, Bella Castle left her home town nursing a broken heart over Dominic Thane. Now she has a new job she loves, selling houses in the Cotswold countryside. And her boyfriend, Nevil, has just proposed. They're just right for each other, Bella tells herself. So why doesn't she feel happier? Then Dominic turns up unexpectedly. And Bella begins to ask herself whether Nevil really is her perfect match after all... Country cottages, romance, humour and making dreams come true: a wonderfully romantic novel from the #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of A Vintage Wedding, A Rose Petal Summer and A Springtime Affair \_\_\_\_\_ The whole world loves Katie Fforde's work: 'Like a good wedding, it will leave you wiping away the tears' SUNDAY EXPRESS 'Modern-day Austen. Great fun' RED 'Katie's writing is life-enhancing and, like the love affairs, delicious. I enjoyed every minute!' ELIZABETH BUCHAN 'Top-drawer romantic escapism' DAILY MAIL 'Warm, brilliant and full of love' HEAT 'Delicious - gorgeous humour and the lightest of touches' SUNDAY TIMES 'Effortlessly lovable, warm and fun' CLOSER 'Curl up on the sofa with this book and dream ... delightful' THE LADY 'Deliciously enjoyable' WOMAN AND HOME 'Uplifting and delightful' HOT BRANDS COOL PLACES

The Jane Austen Marriage Manual-Kim Izzo 2012-05-22 Katherine Shaw—Kate— is happy with her life. She has supportive friends, a glamorous magazine career, and a love of all things Jane Austen. But when she loses her job, her beloved grandmother falls ill and a financial disaster forces a sale on the family home, Kate finds herself facing a crisis that would test even the most stalwart of Austen heroines. Friends

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rally round, connecting her to freelance gigs, and presenting her with a birthday gift— title to land in Scotland—that's about to come in very handy. Turns out that Kate's first freelance assignment is to test an Austen-inspired theory: in the toughest economic times is a wealthy man the only must-have accessory? What begins as an article turns into an opportunity as Kate—now Lady Kate—jet-sets to Palm Beach, St Moritz and London where, in keeping company with the elite, she meets prospects who make Mr. Darcy look like an amateur. But will rubbing shoulders with men of good fortune ever actually lead her to love? And will Kate be able to choose between Mr. Rich and Mr. Right?

Highland Fling-Katie Fforde 2003-08-01 After a fight with her boyfriend, a business trip to Scotland is the perfect diversion for Jenny Porter, who works as a virtual assistant for a financial executive. Dispatched to assess a failing textile mill, Jenny instead finds herself determined to save it at any cost after befriendng its charming employees. That cost might just be her sanity as she stretches her resources, patience, and compassion to the outer limits. As she gets to know the colorful Dalmain clan, Jenny just can't say no when asked to help run a mobile food stand, save the family business, put an overbearing matriarch in her place, rekindle an old romance, or throw a dinner party for sixteen on short notice. Then there's the problem of being attracted to the dashing yet abrasive Ross Grant, who has a way of showing up just when things seem almost sane and manageable.. The majestic Scottish highlands, covered in purple heather and dotted with sheep and llamas, provide a dramatic backdrop while Jenny tries to pull everything together in time to save the mill and figure out her increasingly complicated personal life, in this delightful, romantic romp.

Thyme Out-Katie Fforde 2010-12-14 \_\_\_\_\_ 'Thank goodness for Katie Fforde, the perfect author to bring comfort in difficult times. She really is the queen of uplifting, feel good romance.' AJ PEARCE

\_\_\_\_\_ Love can grow on you, or can it? A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Recipe for Love, A French Affair and The Perfect Match. When Perdita Dylan delivers her baby vegetables to a local hotel and finds that her unpredictable ex-husband, Lucas, has taken

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over the kitchen, she is horrified - particularly when she discovers he's being groomed as the latest celebrity chef and needs her picturesque, if primitive cottage, and her, in supporting roles. Her life is further complicated when Kitty, her 87-year-old friend, has a stroke. Perdita needs someone to lean on - and Lucas seems so keen to help that she starts to wonder if he's really such a villain. Can she cope with all this alone? Or should she face up to the fact that 'You can't cuddle lettuces'?

Thinking of You-Jill Mansell 2013-05-07 USA Today Bestseller! Are you in the midst of one of those "exciting" phases of life, like the eerily quiet empty nest...or the new job with the distractingly attractive, off-limits boss...or a wacky new roommate who isn't at all as advertised? What about all of those at once... Is your life full of surprises? No? Well, what if it could be? You may begin to think you're living someone else's reality. And maybe, that's not a bad thing... International bestselling author Jill Mansell spins a poignant and funny story of mothers, daughters, friends, and lovers...and what happens when everything takes a turn for the unexpected. Praise for *A Walk in the Park*: "What a fabulous read...laugh out loud moments, heartwarming and sweet."—Wendy's Minding Spot "Wonderful characters...Held me captivated."—Long and Short Reviews "A great read with drama, dry humor, and colorful characters."—RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars "Mansell excels at the ensemble romantic comedy, and her quirky but endearing characters shine once again."—Booklist "Charming...Mansell deftly weaves a web of poignant loves stories."—Publishers Weekly

*A Country Escape*-Katie Fforde 2019-02 Fran has always wanted to be a farmer, so how she ended up a chef in London is anyone's guess. However, her childhood dream is about to come true. She has just moved into a beautiful - albeit very run-down - farm in the Cotswolds, currently owned by an elderly relative who has informed her that if she manages to turn the place around in a year, the farm will be hers to inherit. But Fran knows nothing about farming. She might even be afraid of cows. She's going to need a lot of help from her best friend Issi, and also from her wealthy and very eligible neighbour - who might just have his own reasons for being so supportive. Is it the farm he's interested in? Or Fran herself?

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A Vintage Wedding-Katie Fforde 2016-02-11 'Modern-day Austen' Red. Weddings, romance, humour and happy-ever-after endings. The deliciously romantic new novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Recipe for Love, A French Affair and The Perfect Match. In a small Cotswold country town, Beth, Lindy and Rachel are looking for new beginnings. So they set up in business, organising stylish and perfectly affordable vintage weddings. Soon they are busy arranging other people's Big Days. What none of them know is that their own romances lie waiting, just around the corner ...

Dear Lily-Drew Davies 2019-05-17 'This book was laugh-out-loud hilarious and give-me-a-box-of-tissues heartbreaking. I loved it so much!... I literally went back and reread some parts a few times just because they were so funny! It's a beautiful story and I'm sure it'll stick with me.' Tales of a Bookbound Mum, □□□□ The must-read book of 2019! Equal parts heartwarming and heartbreaking, fans of Jojo Moyes, Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine and One Day in December will love this special novel by Drew Davies. Dear Lily, It's me, Joy, your much wiser and (very slightly) older sister. I thought I'd start a new tradition of letter writing - now that we're long distance. On the plane over here, I began to cry in seat 21C. I think the magnitude of it finally hit me, after everything that happened... I haven't even unpacked yet - the only thing I've taken out of my suitcase is Harville, your beloved childhood teddy. Sorry for stealing him, but I need him more than you do. Every time I look at that little brown bear I think about our childhood. Remember that dance we made up to Annie's 'It's a Hard Knock Life'? (Remember the broom choreography?) I'm also sorry for abandoning you - I've always been your agony aunt, and a buffer in your infamous shouting matches with Mum. But I had to leave, Lily, I had to. Anyway, I'm here now. I'm here to start over, and to face up to the past. I want to learn to laugh again, and to find someone to love who will maybe even love me back. You always told me I was just getting by, not actually living, so I'm finally doing it. Wish me luck, little sister. Love, Joy x A beautiful book-club read for anyone who has ever hit rock bottom, longed for a fresh start, or needed to heal a broken, aching heart. Readers absolutely love Dear Lily: 'Hysterical and unbelievably relatable... This book was so funny and romantic, but at the same time,

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extremely emotional... Broke my heart and then turned around and put it back together again.' Goodreads reviewer 'An absolute delight to read!... This book took me through such a wide array of emotions - I was laughing one minute and practically crying the next... A roller coaster ride of emotions and a very surprising twist... Entertaining, fun and able to make you shed a few tears, you need to get your hands on this fab book!' It's All About the Thrill 'All I can say is WOW.' Shelley's Book Nook, 5 stars 'This book is wonderful. Simply wonderful. I can't recommend it enough. Funny, heartfelt, wise, sweet. It had me laughing and crying. Perfect.' JTHBooks, 5 stars 'I absolutely loved this book!... Made me laugh out loud... I am sad to say goodbye to these vibrant characters. I will miss them.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Loved, loved this beautiful book... I laughed, I cried. I will be gifting this book to friends... Grab this book - you're in for a treat.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars 'I fell in love... . This book was so funny and romantic, but at the same time, extremely emotional. Her letters to Lily broke my heart and then turned around and put it back together again.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'A heartbreaking, yet heartwarming read, I cried, I laughed then I cried some more. Fabulous!' Goodreads Reviewer 'This book shook me to my core! It is filled with such heartache, beginnings, and life emotions... It was the perfect ending to a perfect book!!' Literacy Indulgence, 5 stars 'A cute, endearing, heartwarming, hilarious, tear-jerker of a book. I found myself crying and then suddenly laughing out loud at the same time. If you are a fan of Eleanor Oliphant or cute little rom-coms, this book is for you.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Every once in a while I stumble across a book that is like a breath of fresh air, and that was the case with this gem. It was beautifully unique and extremely touching and way more emotional than I was expecting, I just adored it!... Incredibly funny... This really had it all, it was funny and charming, warm and wise and also heartbreaking.' Novel Gossip 'Will warm your heart and then turn around and break it. Laugh out loud funny and heart-achingly sad, this is one that will play on all of your emotions.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Such a wonderful, uplifting yet heartbreaking novel... I found myself laughing out loud.' Goodreads Reviewer 'A cross between Bridget Jones and Eleanor Oliphant. A poignant look at love, loss and the pursuit of happiness... I found myself

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flying through the pages as I lost track of time.' Goodreads Reviewer 'Makes you laugh, cry, feel the bottom drop out of your stomach and then sigh with satisfaction as you turn the last page.' Goodreads Reviewer

Happy Birthday-Christina Jones 2011-04-07 On midsummer's day, Phoebe Bowler - star-sign demon - should have returned home an ecstatically happy new bride. Instead, she's been jilted at the altar. In need of sympathy, perhaps she could turn to her neighbour, the dishy Rocky Lancaster? But with problems of his own he's turned into Mr Grumpy and wants to be left alone. That is until Essie Rivers arrives on the scene, and then Phoebe and Rocky's paths seem destined to collide with a very big bump. Essie knows far more about astrology, personology, numerology - any 'ology' you care to mention - than Phoebe has ever heard of. But it is the secret magic of 'birthday-ology' that catches Phoebe's eye. Can she really use a birthday to find a perfect match or to set her and Rocky back on the path to happiness? Phoebe thinks so, but that's when things start to go really wrong...

Flora's Lot-Katie Fforde 2011-02-15 \_\_\_\_\_ A wonderfully romantic novel from the No. 1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Recipe for Love, A French Affair and The Perfect Match. Flora has decided to move to the country to join her family's antique business. Her knowledge of antiques may extend only to watching reality programmes on daytime TV, but what she lacks in experience she makes up for in blind enthusiasm. So she is more than a little put off when she doesn't receive the warm country welcome she expected. Stuck with a cat about to have kittens, Flora is forced to stay in an abandoned holiday cottage miles from any neighbours. Between fighting off dinner invitations from the devastatingly handsome Henry, and hiding her secret lodger William, Flora soon discovers country life is far from dull as she sets about trying to save a business that she has grown to love, but which may not survive...

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Summer of Love-Katie Fforde 2011 Sian Bishop has moved to an idyllic Oxfordshire village for a better life her herself and her young son Rory. With her roses-round-the-door cottage, the perfect school for Rory just down the road, and her very own vegetable patch she knows she's made the right decision. She's also struck gold in Richard - steady, safe, reliable, he is the perfect man for her and the perfect potential stepfather for Rory. But little does she realise she's now living in the village, Gus - the wonderful, irresistible, dangerous, unreliable and straight-out-of-a-Georgette-Heyer-novel, Gus - grew up in. And her quiet life in the country is about to get a whole lot more complicated...

A Secret Garden-Katie Fforde 2017-02-23 BY THE SUNDAY TIMES NUMBER ONE BESTSELLING AUTHOR Will opening the door lead to love and happy endings? Romance, humour and happy-ever-after endings, the delicious romantic new novel from the Sunday Times number one bestselling author of A Vintage Wedding and A Summer at Sea. 'Modern-day Austen. Great fun' Red 'Top-drawer romantic escapism' Daily Mail 'Deliciously enjoyable' Red 'Warm, brilliant and full of love' Heat Lorna and her friend Philly work together in the grounds of a beautiful manor house in the Cotswolds. But even though they are surrounded by family and friends, the door to true love remains resolutely closed. Could their discovery of a secret garden mean this is about to change?

Keep Her Safe-Sophie Hannah 2017-09-19 LIANE MORIARTY says that "No one writes twisted, suspenseful novels quite like Sophie Hannah." Packed with twists and clues, simmering with tension, this electrifying new thriller shows why. She's the most famous murder victim in America. What if she's not dead? Pushed to the breaking point, Cara Burrows flees her home and family and escapes to a five-star spa resort she can't afford. Late at night, exhausted and desperate, she lets herself into her hotel room and is shocked to find it already occupied — by a man and a teenage girl. A simple mistake at the front desk... but soon Cara realizes that the girl she saw alive and well in the hotel room is someone she can't

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possibly have seen: the most famous murder victim in the country, Melody Chapa, whose parents are serving natural life sentences for her murder. Cara doesn't know what to trust — everything she's read and heard about the case, or the evidence of her own eyes. Did she really see Melody? And is she prepared to ask herself that question and answer it honestly if it means risking her own life?

Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman-Elizabeth Buchan 2003-12-30 Get ready to cheer for Rose Lloyd, a woman of young middle-age who proves that starting over doesn't have an age limit. After twenty-five years spent juggling husband, career, and kids with admirable success, Rose suddenly finds both her marriage and her career in unexpected ruin. Forced to begin a new life, she is at first terrified, then energized, by her newfound freedom—it's amazing what prolonged reflection, a little weight loss, a new slant on independence, and some Parisian lingerie will do for the psyche! Witty, insightful, and emotionally resonant, Buchan's novel will strike a chord with anyone who has ever wondered what Middle Age would look like from the other side of the looking glass (answer: much better than you could ever expect).

The Saving Graces-Patricia Gaffney 2009-10-13 Meet The Saving Graces, Four Of The Best Friends A Woman Can Ever Have. For ten years, Emma, Rudy, Lee, and Isabel have shared a deep affection that has helped them deal with the ebb and flow of expectations and disappointments common to us all. Calling themselves the Saving Graces, the quartet is united by understanding, honesty, and acceptance—a connection that has grown stronger as the years go by . . . Though these sisters of the heart and soul have seen it all, talked through it all, Emma, Rudy, Lee, and Isabel will not be prepared for a crisis of astounding proportions that will put their love and courage to the ultimate test.

A Night on the Orient Express-Veronica Henry 2013-07-04 Get ready for the journey of a lifetime. The wonderful award-winning novel from the bestselling author of THE LONG WEEKEND. The Orient Express. Luxury. Mystery. Romance. For one group of passengers settling in to their seats and taking their first sips of champagne, the journey from London to Venice is more than the trip of a lifetime. A mysterious

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errand; a promise made to a dying friend; an unexpected proposal; a secret reaching back a lifetime...As the train sweeps on, revelations, confessions and assignations unfold against the most romantic and infamous setting in the world.

If I Had a Little Dream-Nina Laden 2017-02-07 A Spring 2017 Indie Next Selection Nina Laden's warm and lyrical picture book sees and appreciates through a child's eyes how fortunate we are to live in the world we do. Celebrate the wonder of the world in this reassuring picture book about the joy, love, and beauty that is part of each and every day. Our world is full of possibilities if you look for them.

A Summer at Sea-Katie Fforde 2017 Emily is happy with her life just as it is. She has a career as a midwife that she loves. She enjoys living on her own as a single woman. But she's also feels it's time for a change and a spot of some sea air. So when her best friend Rebecca asks whether she'd like to spend the summer cooking on a 'puffer' boat just off the Scottish coast, she jumps at the chance. But she barely has time to get to grips with the galley before she finds herself with a lot on her plate. Rebecca is heavily pregnant and is thrilled to have her friend on board doing most of the work. Then there's Emily's competitive and jealous kitchen assistant who thinks she should be head-cook, not Emily. And there's Alasdair, the handsome local doctor who Emily is desperately trying not to notice. Because if she falls in love with him, as he appears to be falling for her, will she ever want her old life back again?

Perfect-Natasha Friend 2010-01-01 Depicting with humor and insight the pressure to be outwardly perfect, this novel for ages 10-13 shows how one girl develops compassion for her own and others' imperfections. For 13-year-old Isabelle Lee, whose father has recently died, everything's normal on the outside. Isabelle describes the scene at school with bemused accuracy--the self-important (but really not bad) English teacher, the boy that is constantly fixated on Ashley Barnum, the prettiest girl in class, and the dynamics of the lunchroom, where tables are turf in a all-eyes-open awareness of everybody's relative social position. But everything is not normal, really. Since the death of her father, Isabelle's family has only functioned on the surface. Her mother, who used to take care of herself, now wears only lumpy, ill-

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fitting clothes, cries all night, and has taken every picture of her dead husband and put them under her bed. Isabelle tries to make light of this, but the underlying tension is expressed in overeating and then binging. As the novel opens, Isabelle's little sister, April, has told their mother about Isabelle's problem. Isabelle is enrolled in group therapy. Who should show up there, too, but Ashley Barnum, the prettiest, most together girl in class.

Poppy's Recipe for Life-Heidi Swain 2019-05-30 \*\*\* THE SUNDAY TIMES BESTSELLER \*\*\* Treat yourself to a glorious novel full of food, sunshine, friendship and love! Things haven't always been straightforward in Poppy's life but her dreams are finally within her reach. She's moving into a cottage in beautiful Nightingale Square, close to the local community garden, where she can indulge her passion for making preserves and pickles. She may not have the best relationship with her family but she is surrounded by loving friends, and feels sure that even her grumpy new neighbour, Jacob, has more to him than his steely exterior belies. But the unexpected arrival of Poppy's troubled younger brother soon threatens her new-found happiness and as the garden team works together to win community space of the year, Poppy must decide where her priorities lie and what she is prepared to fight for ... Readers everywhere are falling in love with Heidi Swain's writing: 'A lovely, sweet, summery read' Milly Johnson 'Wise, warm and wonderful' heat 'A ray of reading sunshine!' Laura Kemp, author of A Year of Surprising Acts of Kindness 'Sparkling and romantic' My Weekly

Port of Shadows-Glen Cook 2018-09-11 Glen Cook, the father of Grimdark, returns to the Chronicles of the Black Company with a military fantasy adventure in Port of Shadows. The soldiers of the Black Company don't ask questions, they get paid. But being "The Lady's favored" is attracting the wrong kind of attention and has put a target on their backs--and the Company's historian, Croaker, has the biggest target of all. The one person who was taken into The Lady's Tower and returned unchanged has earned the special interest of the court of sorcerers known as The Ten Who Were Taken. Now, he and the company are being asked to seek the aid of their newest member, Mischievous Rain, to break a rebel army. However, Croaker

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doesn't trust any of the Taken, especially not ones that look so much like The Lady and her sister... The Chronicles of the Black Company #1 The Chronicles of The Black Company #2 The Books of the South #3 The Return of The Black Company #4 The Many Deaths of the Black Company At the Publisher's request, this title is being sold without Digital Rights Management Software (DRM) applied.

Artistic License-Katie Fforde 2005-03-01 Single, thirtysomething Thea traded her promising career as a photographer for the quiet countryside of the English Cotswolds. But when she meets a promising, sexy Irish painter while vacationing in Provence, her creative spirit is unexpectedly reawakened. Impressed by Rory's charm, but even more taken by his talent, Thea is determined to showcase his paintings for the art world. Resisting his sex appeal, convincing him to forgo the London art scene, and transforming an abandoned building into a cutting-edge gallery in the less-than-hip countryside all give Thea more of a challenge than she bargained for. Add to the mix a group of old friends, some reluctant teens, a passel of puppies, and a new romantic prospect or two, and Katie Fforde's latest novel delivers art, friendship, love, sex, and delicious new beginnings.

The French Gardener-Santa Montefiore 2013-11-21 A spellbinding novel about marriage, passion, loss, renewal, and the healing power of love from the number one bestselling author of Songs of Love and War. Married couple, Miranda and David, move out of London into a beautiful country house with an idyllic garden. But reality turns out to be very different from their bucolic dream. Soon the latent unhappiness in the family begins to come to the surface, isolating each family member in a bubble of resentment and loneliness. Then a mysterious Frenchman arrives on their doorstep. With the wisdom of nature, he slowly begins to heal the past and the present. But who is he? When Miranda discovers his secret in the cottage by the garden, the whole family learns that a garden, like love itself, can restore the human spirit, not just season after season, but generation after generation. Wise and winsome, poignant and powerfully moving, The French Gardener combines the savvy of contemporary women's fiction with an old fashioned sensibility steeped in the importance of family and the magical power of love.

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More to Life Than This-Carole Matthews 2013-01-01 Kate Lewis is thirty-five and feeling restless. She's fed up of worrying about the ironing and would like her husband Jeffrey to pay more attention to her than his golf clubs. There must be more to life than this! Kate enrolls herself on a T'ai Chi course and takes best friend Sonia along for the ride. She's determined to 'find herself' but it's easier said than done, especially when she finds the distracting Ben Mahler first . . .

A Rose Petal Summer-Katie Fforde 2019-02-21 \_\_\_\_\_ 'Thank goodness for Katie Fforde, the perfect author to bring comfort in difficult times. She really is the queen of uplifting, feel good romance.'  
AJ PEARCE \_\_\_\_\_ IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FALL IN LOVE... Caro Swanson has taken a job in a remote part of Scotland. She's answered an ad in The Lady: being a companion to an elderly gentleman who lives in a country estate could be perfect! Surely it's time to make a change and do something different for a while? The fact that she may also see Alec, the young man who she met some years previously and who she has always thought of as her 'one who got away', is of course purely incidental. Soon Caro is falling in love - not only with Alec but with the stunning country house she's now living in. But the estate is in financial difficulties, and Caro soon realises there's only one way to rescue it. So begins a magical romantic summer, one that will take Caro from Scotland to London and the south of France, in search of a classic lost perfume that might just restore all their fortunes. Romance, humour, a cast of warm and totally believable characters and the tantalising possibility of happily-ever-after? It must be a Katie Fforde novel. \_\_\_\_\_ The whole world loves Katie Fforde's work: 'Like a good wedding, it will leave you wiping away the tears' SUNDAY EXPRESS 'Modern-day Austen. Great fun' RED 'Katie's writing is life-enhancing and, like the love affairs, delicious. I enjoyed every minute!' ELIZABETH BUCHAN 'Top-drawer romantic escapism' DAILY MAIL 'Warm, brilliant and full of love' HEAT 'Delicious - gorgeous humour and the lightest of touches' SUNDAY TIMES 'Effortlessly lovable, warm and fun' CLOSER 'Curl up on the sofa with this book and dream ... delightful' THE LADY 'Deliciously enjoyable' WOMAN AND HOME 'Uplifting and delightful' HOT BRANDS COOL PLACES

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