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The Light We Lost Jill Santopolo 2017-05-09 The New York Times Bestseller and A Reese's Book Club Pick "This love story between Lucy & Gabe spans decades and continents as two star-crossed lovers try to return to each other...Will they ever meet again? This book kept me up at night, turning the pages to find out, and the ending did not disappoint."—Reese Witherspoon "One Day meets Me Before You meets your weekend bag."—The Skimm "Extraordinary."—Emily Giffin He was the first person to inspire her, to move her, to truly understand her. Was he meant to be the last? Lucy is faced with a life-altering choice. But before she can make her decision, she must start her story—their story—at the very beginning. Lucy and Gabe meet as seniors at Columbia University on a day that changes both of their lives forever. Together, they decide they want their lives to mean something, to matter. When they meet again a year later, it seems fated—perhaps they'll find life's meaning in each other. But then Gabe becomes a photojournalist assigned to the Middle East and Lucy pursues a career in New York. What follows is a thirteen-year journey of dreams, desires, jealousies, betrayals, and, ultimately, of love. Was it fate that brought them together? Is it choice that has kept them away? Their journey takes Lucy and Gabe continents apart, but never out of each other's hearts. This devastatingly romantic debut novel about the enduring power of first love, with a shocking, unforgettable ending, is Love Story for a new generation. "It's the epic love story of 2017."—Redbook

The Unpredictable Consequences of Love Jill Mansell 2014-01-30 Jill Mansell's bestseller THE UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES OF LOVE is an unforgettable tale of sunny days on the beach, Cornwall in the summer and secrets about to be revealed. Perfect for readers of Lucy Diamond and Veronica Henry. In the idyllic seaside town of St Carys, Sophie is putting the past firmly behind her. When Josh arrives in St Carys to run the family hotel, he can't understand why Sophie has zero interest in letting any man into her life. He also can't understand how he's been duped into employing Sophie's impulsive friend Tula, whose crush on him is decidedly unrequited. St Carys has more than its fair share of characters, including the charming but utterly feckless surfer Riley Bryant, who has a massive crush on Tula. Riley's aunt is superstar author Marguerite Marshall. And Marguerite has designs on Josh's grandfather...who in turn still adores his glamorous ex-wife, Dot... Just how many secrets can one seaside town keep? What readers are saying about The Unpredictable Consequences of Love: 'The way in which the various stories played out - with all their twists and turns, laughs and real sadness - against the vividly drawn Cornish setting made for quite engrossing reading' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Wonderfully witty, highly compelling and absolutely impossible to resist' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'So much love is flowing in this little seaside town and each of the characters are loveable and entertaining. The perfect read with no flaws and had me hooked from start to finish' Amazon reviewer, 5 stars

An Island Wedding Jenny Colgan 2022-06-21 "Entrancing...a great escape for any reader."--USA Today (four stars) New York Times bestselling author Jenny Colgan brings us a delightful summer novel that will sweep you away to the remote Scottish island of Mure, where two very different weddings are about to take place... On the little Scottish island of Mure—halfway between Scotland and Norway—Flora MacKenzie and her fiancé Joel are planning the smallest of “sweetheart weddings,” a high summer celebration surrounded only by those very dearest to them. Not everyone on the island is happy about being excluded, though. The temperature rises even further when beautiful Olivia MacDonald—who left Mure ten years ago for bigger and brighter things—returns with a wedding planner in tow. Her fiancé has oodles of family money, and Olivia is determined to throw the biggest, most extravagant, most Instagrammable wedding possible. And she wants to do it at Flora's hotel, the same weekend as Flora's carefully planned micro-wedding. As the summer solstice approaches, can Flora handle everyone else's Happy Every Afters—and still get her own?

Don't Want to Miss a Thing Jill Mansell 2013-11-05 Finding the courage to trust your heart can be the hardest thing of all... Dexter Yates has the looks, the money, the swanky apartment, and girlfriends galore. But it's not until his niece, Delphi, is born that Dex falls in love for the first time in his life. Then tragedy strikes when Dex's sister Laura dies in an accident. Suddenly, Dex finds himself a new parent and a single father to boot. With no idea how to raise an eight-month-old baby girl on his own, Dex decides to move into his weekend home in the small village of Briarwood in the Cotswolds. The quirky neighborhood welcomes him with open arms, especially next-door neighbor and gifted cartoonist Molly who offers to help with Delphi. Molly won't put up with any nonsense and her messy romantic past makes her cautious. If they can learn to trust each other, there might be a happily-ever-after for all three. A fresh and fun British women's fiction and a great romantic book with plenty of humor and friendship. Fans of Meg Cabot, Sophie Kinsella, Helen Fielding and Jennifer Weiner will love Mansell's quirky humor and the "will they, won't they" relationship between Molly and Dex. What readers are saying about Don't Want To Miss A Thing: "reading a Jill Mansell novel is like that first satisfying sip of tea after a hard day and this one was, thankfully, no different" "This was A BRILLIANT BOOK that I just couldn't put down" "A SINGLE, HOT BRITISH GUY with a baby? Yep, Ms Mansell has hit the JACKPOT" "a great cast of characters and always SO MUCH WARMTH." "My first Jill Mansell and it was a most delicious experience. I actually give this book 10 stars. I can't find a flaw, not one." "COMPLICATED, QUIRKY, WHIMSICAL" What reviewers are saying about Don't Want To Miss A Thing: "A little bundle of joy changes everything in this quirky chick-lit tale... charmingly well charted. " -Publishers Weekly " her signature blend of humor, romance, and multiple happy endings, " -Booklist "Utterly charming from the first page, Mansell's engaging tale is as welcome and warming as a cup of tea on a rainy night. " -RT Book Reviews "One of the masters of fun, upbeat fiction with twists of romance..." -Shelf Awareness "sweet, funny, and even a tiny bit sad but oh so fantastic!" -Peeking Between the Pages " With a charming English village, a baby, and a playboy, chick-lit enthusiasts can go wrong with this book!" -Debbie's Book Bag What everyone is saying about the queen of British chick lit, Jill Mansell: "Fans of chick lit – if you haven't read Mansell yet WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR!?" -A Bookworm's World "Pick this up at your peril: you won't get a thing done till it's finished." – Heat magazine "A romantic romp full of larger-than-life characters."– Express "Fast, furious and fabulous fun. To read it is to devour it." – Company "Expect to run the gamut of emotions, as this book is both laugh-out-loud funny and tear-jerkingly sad. Basically, you won't put it down." – New Woman

The Library Bella Osborne 2021-09-02 From the author of Meet Me at Pebble Beach comes a story of intergenerational friendship and community. In order to save their local library teenager Tom and pensioner Maggie defy stereotypes and rally

together to fight for a common cause.

While Paris Slept Ruth Druart 2021-02-23 One woman must make the hardest decision of her life in this unforgettably moving story of resistance and faith during one of the darkest times in history. Santa Cruz, 1953. Jean-Luc is a man on the run from his past. The scar on his face is a small price to pay for surviving the horrors of Nazi occupation in France. Now, he has a new life in California, a family. He never expected the past to come knocking on his door. Paris, 1944. A young Jewish woman's past is torn apart in a heartbeat. Herded onto a train bound for Auschwitz, in an act of desperation she entrusts her most precious possession to a stranger. All she has left now is hope. On a darkened platform, two destinies become intertwined, and the choices each person makes will change the future in ways neither could have imagined. Told from alternating perspectives, *While Paris Slept* reflects on the power of love, resilience, and courage when all seems lost. Exploring the strength of family ties, and what it really means to love someone unconditionally, this debut novel will capture your heart. Includes a Reading Group Guide.

Take a Chance on Me Jill Mansell 2010-10-01 Even in a small town the drama is larger than life... Cleo Quinn doesn't have the greatest track record when it comes to men, but now Will's come along. Handsome and attentive, he could be her Mr Right. Things are definitely looking up for Cleo... apart from one small problem with a rather large ego. Johnny LaVenture, sculptor extraordinaire and her personal childhood nemesis, is back in Channing's Hill and tormenting her as if he'd never been away. Meanwhile Cleo's sister Abbie has a problem of her own—husband Tom has become distant and withdrawn, and she's determined to find out why. But will the shocking truth mean the end of their idyllically happy marriage? The sisters are about to discover that the past can come back to haunt you, and that love can flourish in the unlikelyst of places... Praise for Jill Mansell: "Pick this up at your peril: you won't get a thing done till it's finished." -Heat Magazine "Witty and charming, this easygoing tale is full of twists that make it hard to put down." -Woman Magazine "Mansell knows her craft and delivers a finely tuned romantic comedy." -Kirkus "A fast pace and fun writing make the story fly by." -Publishers Weekly

Saving Missy Beth Morrey 2021-03-03 'A touching, deftly written debut that celebrates community and kindness' Sunday Times

An Offer You Can't Refuse Jill Mansell 2009-04-01 What's a girl to do with...An offer you can't refuse? A new bestseller from one of the UK's biggest authors! Nothing could tear Lola and Dougie apart, except his mother... Seventeen-year-old Lola has no intention of accepting when her boyfriend's snobbish mother offers her a huge bribe to break up with him. Then Lola discovers a secret that makes her think again, and the only way she can help one of the people she loves most in the world is to take the money and break Dougie's heart. Ten years later, when Lola meets Dougie again, her feelings for him are as strong as ever. She'll do almost anything to get him back, but she can never tell him the truth. Can she overcome his bitterness and win his heart? She's attractive, persuasive, and endlessly optimistic, but even Lola's got her work cut out for her this time. PRAISE FOR AN OFFER YOU CAN'T REFUSE "Pick this up at your peril: you won't get a thing done till it's finished!" "You won't be disappointed in this gem."- Hot Stars Magazine "Pick this up at your peril: you won't get a thing done till it's finished."- Heat magazine "Witty and charming, this easygoing tale is full of twists that make it hard to put down."- Woman "Classy chick-lit that appeals to women of all ages. She [Jill Mansell] has a fantastic ability to keep a number of storylines running at the same time without losing the reader in a labyrinth."-Daily Express "Warm and funny."-Heat magazine "A romantic romp full of larger-than-life characters."- Express "Fast, furious and fabulous fun. To read it is to devour it."-Company "A light-hearted and likeable tale."-Prima "A jaunty summer read."-Daily Mail "A great, comical read."-Birmingham Post

The Ship of Brides Jojo Moyes 2014-05-27 From the New York Times bestselling author of *Me Before You* and *One Plus One*, in an earlier work available in the U.S. for the first time, a post-WWII story of the war brides who crossed the seas by the thousands to face their unknown futures 1946. World War II has ended and all over the world, young women are beginning to fulfill the promises made to the men they wed in wartime. In Sydney, Australia, four women join 650 other war brides on an extraordinary voyage to England—aboard HMS Victoria, which still carries not just arms and aircraft but a thousand naval officers. Rules are strictly enforced, from the aircraft carrier's captain down to the lowliest young deckhand. But the men and the brides will find their lives intertwined despite the Navy's ironclad sanctions. And for Frances Mackenzie, the complicated young woman whose past comes back to haunt her far from home, the journey will change her life in ways she never could have predicted—forever.

Australian Women Writers Debra Adelaide 1988

The Fifteen Streets Catherine Cookson 2011-04-12 Catherine Cookson was one of the world's most beloved writers. Her books have sold millions of copies, and her characters and their stories have captured the imaginations of readers around the globe. Now, available for the first time in this country, comes one of Cookson's earliest and most stirring historical romances: *The Fifteen Streets*. John O'Brien lives in a world where surviving is a continual struggle. He works long hours at the docks to help support his parents' large family. Many other families in the Fifteen Streets have already given up and descended into a dismal state of grinding poverty, but the O'Briens continue to strive for a world they are only rarely allowed to glimpse. Then John O'Brien meets Mary Llewellyn, a beautiful young teacher who belongs to that other world. What begins as a casual conversation over tea quickly blossoms into a rare love that should have been perfect. Fate steps in, however, when John is accused of fathering the child of a local girl, and Mary's parents forbid her to see him. The couple begins to realize that the gulf of the Fifteen Streets between them is a chasm they could never bridge—or might they still find a way? In these pages Catherine Cookson displays the irresistible plotting, scene-setting, and characterization that have made her a recognized master of historical and romance fiction. Fans of her novels, with their larger themes of romantic love and class conflict, will be delighted to find that even at the beginning of her illustrious career, Cookson had the power to captivate audiences. Filled with passion and compelling drama, *The Fifteen Streets* is a rare treat for lovers of romantic fiction.

Messy, Wonderful Us Catherine Isaac 2019-11-28 THE PERFECT ESCAPIST COMFORT READ 'An impossibly seductive love story, underpinned by a heart-breaking secret' ROSIE WALSH 'What a stunning novel. That hot, sultry setting - Allie's refreshing straightforwardness, Ed's absolute swooniness - I loved it' BETH O'LEARY 'An emotional and uplifting book about secrets, family and identity. Such a joy! So rich and engaging, 5 stars' ADELE PARKS In late 1983, a letter arrives, containing

secrets so unthinkable that it is hidden away, apparently forever. More than three decades later, it is found . . . by the last person who was ever supposed to see it. When Allie opens an envelope in her grandmother's house, it changes everything she knows about her family - and herself. With the truth liable to hurt those she loves most, she hires a private detective to find out what happened to her late mother in the summer before Allie was born. Taking leave from her job as a research scientist, she is led far from home, accompanied by her best friend Ed. But the secrets that emerge go far beyond anything they were expecting. Now, Allie must find the courage to confront her family's tangled past and reshape her own future. From Richard & Judy Book club author Catherine Isaac comes the emotional and uplifting story of love, loss, friendship and a letter that changes everything. Praise for MESSY, WONDERFUL US 'If you want a book that'll keep you hooked, make you cry...this is the perfect read' Fabulous Magazine 'Uplifting, emotional and surprising' Hannah Beckerman 'I adored it... a gorgeous sunny setting, exploring love, friendship and the twistiest of family entanglements' Jill Mansell 'A gorgeous location, a story full of twists and turns and tension and some heart-stopping romance - what more do you want from a love story?' Red 'Intriguing and pacy' Libby Page 'Family secrets and hidden love - the perfect combination for a mesmerising read' Santa Montefiore 'A gorgeous book saturated with sunshine that will fill your heart with joy' Milly Johnson 'Secrets come to the surface in this tale of love and loss' Woman 'Intricately crafted, beautifully written, an emotional roller-coaster' Iona Grey 'Such a good book. Tender and evocative' Andy Jones 'I fell head over heels in love with this book! A page-turning mystery, a wonderfully uplifting story about love in all its forms and characters so real, I still wonder what they're doing' Katy Regan 'I absolutely loved it, what a rich and engaging story' Dani Atkins 'This novel is a delight' Goop

The Dressmaker of Paris Georgia Kaufmann 2021-01-28 'Involving, immersive and unputdownable' - Sunday Times bestselling author Jill Mansell I need to tell you a story, ma chère. My story. Rosa Kusstatscher has built a global fashion empire upon her ability to find the perfect outfit for any occasion. But tonight, as she prepares for the most important meeting of her life, her usual certainty eludes her. What brought her to this moment? As she struggles to select her dress and choose the right shade of lipstick, Rosa begins to tell her incredible story. The story of a poor country girl from a village high in the mountains of Italy. Of Nazi occupation and fleeing in the night. Of hope and heartbreak in Switzerland; glamour and love in Paris. Of ambition and devastation in Rio de Janeiro; success and self-discovery in New York. A life spent running, she sees now. But she will run no longer. Breathtaking and utterly enthralling, *The Dressmaker of Paris* is a stunning debut novel that is perfect for fans of Lucinda Riley, Kate Morton and Dinah Jefferies. 'The Dressmaker of Paris is a delicious book: elegantly structured, beautifully written and with a fascinating protagonist. Georgia Kaufmann has created a beautiful and compelling novel that had me hooked until the very last page. And that ending: wow!' - Gill Thompson, bestselling author of *THE OCEANS BETWEEN US*

Just Haven't Met You Yet Sophie Cousens 2021-11-09 From the New York Times bestselling author of *This Time Next Year* comes a heartwarming and hilarious tale that asks: What if you picked up the wrong suitcase and fell head over heels for its mystery owner? Hopeless romantic and lifestyle reporter Laura's business trip to the Channel Islands isn't off to a great start. After an embarrassing encounter with the most attractive man she's ever seen in real life, she arrives at her hotel and realizes she's grabbed the wrong suitcase from the airport. Her only consolation is its irresistible contents, each of which intrigues her more and more. The owner of this suitcase is clearly Laura's dream man. Now, all she has to do is find him. Besides, what are the odds that she'd find The One on the same island where her parents first met and fell in love, especially as she sets out to write an article about their romance? Commissioning surly cab driver Ted to ferry her around seems like her best bet in both tracking down the mystery suitcase owner and retracing her parents' footsteps. But as Laura's mystery man proves difficult to find—and as she uncovers family secrets—she may have to reimagine the life, and love, she always thought she wanted.

25 Days 'Til Christmas Poppy Alexander 2019-10-08 In this heartwarming, feel-good holiday novel, one woman needs to find a little inspiration in the 25 days leading up to Christmas to help her remember the magic of the season and the magic of falling in love—perfect for fans of Jenny Colgan and Josie Silver. Kate Potter used to love Christmas. A few years ago, she would have been wrapping her presents in September and baking mince pies on Halloween, counting down the days and hours to Christmas. But that was before Kate's husband left for the army and never came home. Now she can hardly stand December at all. Kate can't deny she's lonely, yet she doesn't think she's ready for romance. She knows that her son, Jack, needs a Christmas to remember—just like Kate needs a miracle to help her finally move forward with her life. So she's decided if there isn't a miracle on its way, she'll just have to make her own. As Kate's advent countdown to the best Christmas ever begins, she soon realizes that even with the best laid plans, you can't plan for the unexpected. For when the path of the loneliest woman in town crosses with that of the loneliest man, these two destined hearts might find a way to save the holiday for both of them.

Fast Friends Jill Mansell 2019-01-01 International bestseller Jill Mansell delivers an enchanting, feel-good tale about the power of friendship never before published in the U.S. Isn't life more fun in the fast lane? When bored housewife and mother Camilla Stewart impulsively invites her old schoolfriends for dinner, she hardly imagines that the evening will shatter her comfortable existence. But Roz Vallender and Loulou Marks are no ordinary guests. Roz is a stunning and self-assured TV presenter, while the reckless Loulou owns Vampires, the trendiest wine bar in town. When they reveal that Camilla's husband Jack has been playing around, Camilla determines to make some changes. With a little help from her friends, she soon finds out that life in the fast lane is a lot more fun—and the future still holds plenty of surprises. Praise for Jill Mansell: "[A] true page-turner."—Harlequin Junkie for Sheer Mischievous "Mansell's books are must reads."—Night Owl Reviews Top Pick 5 Stars for Meet Me at Beachcomber Bay "[Mansell's] skillful balance of heartbreak and joy will stay with readers long after they finish the book." —Publishers Weekly for Three Amazing Things About You "[A] beautiful mix of heartbreak, humor, and redemption that is sure to delight..."—RT Book Reviews, 4 Stars for You and Me, Always

Sweetshop of Dreams Jenny Colgan 2014-08-05 -- Meet Me at the Cupcake Caf? **The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris** Jenny Colgan 2019-08-06 "...a book which should be devoured in one sitting, along with a box of chocolates"—Sophie Kinsella, #1 New York Times bestselling author Award-winning author Jenny Colgan takes her charming romances to Paris in this heartwarming, bittersweet story of life, love and chocolate. Anna Trent may be a supervisor in a chocolate factory...but that doesn't necessarily mean she knows how to make chocolate. So when a fateful accident gives her the opportunity to work at the most elite chocolatier in Paris—Le Chapeau Chocolat—Anna expects to be outed as a fraud. After all, there is a world of difference between chalky, mass-produced English chocolate and the gourmet confections Anna's new boss creates. While she may never match him in the kitchen, Anna thinks she might be able to give him a second chance at love. And with a bit of luck and a lot of patience, Anna's learning that the sweetest things in life are always worth working for. Fans of British chick-lit authors Sophie Kinsella, Jennifer Weiner and Jill Mansell will be craving sweets along with this light-hearted rom-com of love lost and found. Also by Jenny

Colgan: Meet Me at the Cupcake Café The Sweetshop of Dreams Praise for The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris: "[B]oth believable and funny, while the Parisian setting makes this story practically irresistible."—Shelf Awareness Reader "This cross-generational story is as irresistible as Colgan's portrayal of Paris itself—and all things chocolate."—Publishers Weekly "Heartwarming and funny..."—Booklist "A tale of two Englishwomen in Paris, of love lost and found... Gently and lovingly done."—Dear Author

The Fortnight in September 2017-09-21

1866-1939 Survey of Federal Archives (U.S.) 1940

Good Me Bad Me Ali Land 2017-09-05 "INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER HOW FAR DOES THE APPLE REALLY FALL FROM THE TREE? Milly's mother is a serial killer. Though Milly loves her mother, the only way to make her stop was to turn her in to the police. Milly is given a fresh start: a new identity, a home with an affluent foster family, and a spot at an exclusive private school. But Milly has secrets, and life at her new home becomes complicated. Her foster sister, Phoebe, starts to bully her. A teacher betrays her trust. And her new best friend tempts her into behaving badly. They have no idea who they are dealing with. As her mother's trial looms, with Milly as the star witness, Milly starts to wonder how much of her is nature, how much of her is nurture, and whether she is doomed to turn out like her mother after all. When tensions rise and Milly feels trapped by her shiny new life, she has to decide: Will she be good? Or is she bad? She is, after all, her mother's daughter" --

The Girl in the Letter Emily Gunnis 2020 1956: When Ivy Jenkins falls pregnant, she is sent in disgrace to St Margaret's: a dark, brooding house for unmarried mothers. Her baby is adopted against her will. Ivy will never leave. Present day: Samantha Harper is a journalist desperate for a break. When she stumbles on a letter from the past, the contents shock and move her. The letter is from a young mother, begging to be rescued from St Margaret's before it is too late. Sam is pulled into the tragic story and discovers a spate of unexplained deaths surrounding the woman and her child. With St Margaret's set for demolition, Sam has only hours to piece together a sixty-year-old mystery before the truth, which lies disturbingly close to home, is lost forever.

A Spring Affair Milly Johnson 2009-04-06 From the Sunday Times bestseller comes a stunning novel that will warm your heart 'The feeling you get when you read a Milly Johnson book should be bottled and made available on the NHS' Debbie Johnson 'Clear your house and clear your mind. Don't let life's clutter dictate to you. Throw it away and take back the control!' When Lou Winter picks up a dog-eared magazine in the dentist's waiting room and spots an article about clearing clutter, she little realises how it will change her life. What begins as an earnest spring clean soon spirals out of control. Lou's loved ones grow disgruntled. Why is clearing out cupboards suddenly more important than making his breakfast, her husband Phil wonders? The truth is, the more rubbish Lou lets go of, the more light and air can get to those painful, closed-up places at the centre of her heart. Even lovely Tom Broom, the man who delivers Lou's skips, starts to grow concerned about his sweetest customer. But Lou is a woman on a mission, and not even she knows where it will end . . . Praise for Milly Johnson: 'Every time you discover a new Milly book, it's like finding a pot of gold' heat 'A glorious, heartfelt novel' Rowan Coleman 'Absolutely loved it. Milly's writing is like getting a big hug with just the right amount of bite underneath. I was rooting for Bonnie from the start' Jane Fallon 'Bursting with warmth and joie de vivre' Jill Mansell 'Warm, optimistic and romantic' Katie Fforde

Reluctantly Charmed Ellie O'Neill 2015-03-17 In the spirit of Cecelia Ahearn and Regina McBride, a lighthearted and relatable debut novel about an advertising copywriter who upends her ordinary life and captures the attention of the world after publishing a seven-part treatise on the existence of fairies. Kate McDaid thought that going to the reading of her great-great-aunt's will would be just another non-event in her ordinary life. A junior copywriter at an advertising agency in Dublin, she was used to spending her days wrangling clients, over-indulging in chocolate products, and whiling away nights at the pub with her best friends, using her trusty bicycle to get around town. Instead, Kate finds out that the will and her aunt (also known as the Red Witch of Knocknamee) dictates that Kate must publish a series of strange poems called "The Seven Steps" under her own name in order to inherit the rest of her aunt's estate. And those poems? They're a mysterious treatise on the importance and existence of fairies... Kate decides to publish the Steps on a friend's website, thinking that the low traffic on the site would let her posts go unnoticed. She never could have imagined that in a matter of days, she would find herself a local celebrity with her own group of devotees and the target of a mysterious and glamorous newspaper reporter. Even Dublin's rock-and-roll sweetheart—and Kate's onetime fling—writes a song inspired by the Steps. While the Steps strike a chord across Ireland and the world, Kate takes the message to heart. But as the tone of each Step moves from free-spirited to sinister, Kate must decide if she will go through with publishing all seven Steps—or protect humankind from an ancient evil. Infused with just enough magic and everyday familiarity that anyone can relate to, this fantastic debut is a page-turner with the perfect mix of humor and mystery.

One Call Away Emily Goodwin 2017-09-19 Chase Henson doesn't play by the rules. He doesn't let himself get attached, doesn't stay in one place long enough to call anywhere home. So when he returns to the small town of Summer Hill for the first time in years, the last thing he expects to find is a reason to stay. Sierra Belmont is lost. Devastated after a sudden tragedy that left her heart broken in a million pieces, Sierra is just barely getting by. Burying herself in work at Summer Hill's only bookstore, all she wants to do is make it through another day. And then Chase walks through the doors of The Book Bag, claiming he's just there to buy a book. Rumors that he's dangerous fly through the town, but Sierra isn't afraid of him. He might be the last person she should be with, but he's the only one who understands the depth of her pain. For the first time, Chase stands still, fighting the desperation to mend Sierra's broken heart. Always running, the past has never had a chance to catch up to Chase. But there's a first time for everything.

Blonde Roots Bernardine Evaristo 2009 In an alternate world in which Africans enslaved Europeans, Doris, an Englishwoman, is captured and taken to the New World, where the hardships she endures as a slave are offset by dreams of escape and home.

Two's Company Jill Mansell 2021-01-05 What happens when a relationship is too good to be true...? Life's a dream for perfect celebrity couple Jack and Cass Mandeville. With killer style, A-list day jobs, and an envious marriage, the Mandevilles have captured the hearts of the people and the affections of the press. Their lives couldn't be more picture perfect—that is, until Jack turns forty and his world turns upside down when a stunning, and strikingly intelligent, redhead named Imogen interviews the couple for a high-profile magazine. Like a bolt of lightning, Jack is hit with a midlife crisis of epic proportions, bursting Jack and Cass's proverbial bubble. This drastic turn of events sends their entire family, friends, local community, and fans around the country, into a tailspin. Cass can only hope Jack will snap out of it soon, but it's too late already—nothing will ever be the same again... New York Times and USA Today bestseller Jill Mansell delivers laugh-out-loud antics and a perfect ending! Praise for Jill Mansell: "A little blast of sunshine—uplifting, heartwarming and supremely feel-good."—Sophie Kinsella, #1 New York Times bestselling author, for *It Started with a Secret* "Gripping and incredibly comforting."—Marian Keyes, #1

International bestselling author, for *It Started with a Secret* "Jill Mansell captures your heart."—Fresh Fiction for Kiss

Miranda's Big Mistake Jill Mansell 2018-08-07 International bestseller Jill Mansell delivers an irresistibly feel-good story about friendship, family, and finding love where you least expect it. Revenge is a dish best served sweet... Miranda's most recent male-related catastrophe is the seemingly perfect Greg. He's gorgeous, witty, and they're on the brink of falling madly in love...until Miranda finds out he's just left his pregnant wife. With the help of her friends, Miranda plans the most delicious revenge a heartbroken girl can get. But will Miranda learn from her mistake, or move on to the next "perfect" man and ignore the love of her life waiting in the wings? What Readers Are Saying About Jill Mansell: "A book by Jill will make you happy. Trust me." "There's something magical about Jill's writing." "When I pick up a Jill Mansell book, I know I'm in for a treat." "Her stories make me believe in happy ever after."

You and Me, Always Jill Mansell 2016-07-05 "...vivid and enchanting... [You and Me, Always] can be enjoyed on a rainy afternoon with a pot of tea and some scones." — Kirkus International bestseller Jill Mansell crafts a deliciously romantic story about love, loss and secrets that just can't be kept Nothing stays secret forever, least of all love... On the morning of her twenty-fifth birthday, Lily Harper opens the very last letter written to her by her beloved mother, who died when she was eight. Learning about the first and only real love of her mom's life is a revelation. The same momentous day, Lily meets Eddie Tessler, an actor fleeing fame who could change her world in unimaginable ways. But her childhood friend Dan has his own reasons for not wanting Lily to get too carried away by Eddie's attentions. As secrets past and present begin to emerge, Lily's not sure what-or who-to believe. But one thing is clear: in the beautiful Cotswold village of Stanton Langley, nothing will ever be the same again... Praise for *Making Your Mind Up*: "Mansell's gentle humor and enormous heart always ensure a treat for her readers." -RT Book Reviews, 4 stars

The Impossible Us Sarah Lotz 2022-03-22 "An utterly delightful epistolary romance...The Impossible Us is that rare 'I laughed, I cried' book."--The New York Times Nick: Failed writer. Failed husband. Dog owner. Bee: Serial dater. Dress maker. Pringles enthusiast. One day, their paths cross over a misdirected email. The connection is instant, electric. They feel like they've known each other all their lives. So they decide to meet. While Nick buys a new suit, and gets his courage up, Bee steps away from her desk, and sets off to meet him at a London train station. With their happily-ever-after nearly in hand, what happens next is incredible and threatens to separate them forever. As their once in a lifetime connection is tested, Nick and Bee will discover whether being together is an impossible chance worth taking.

Elizabeth the First Wife Lian Dolan 2013-04-26 Elizabeth Lancaster, an English professor at Pasadena City College, finds her perfectly dull but perfectly orchestrated life upended one summer by three men: her movie-star ex-husband, a charming political operative, and William Shakespeare. Until now, she'd been content living in the shadow of her high-profile and highly accomplished family. Then her college boyfriend and one-time husband of seventeen months, A-list action star FX Fahey, shows up with a job offer that she can't resist, and Elizabeth's life suddenly gets a whole lot more interesting. She's off to the Oregon Shakespeare Festival for the summer to make sure FX doesn't humiliate himself in an avant-garde production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. As she did so skillfully with her first novel, *Helen of Pasadena*, which spent more than a year on the Los Angeles Times bestseller list, Lian Dolan spins a lively, smart, and very funny tale of a woman reinventing her life in unexpected ways. Lian Dolan is also the co-author of *The Satellite Sisters' Uncommon Senses*. As part of the *Satellite Sisters*, Lian and her four sisters found national acclaim first on NPR, then on ABC Radio and XM Satellite Radio. She also creates the popular podcast and blog *Chaos Chronicles*.

The Impulse Purchase Veronica Henry 2022-02-03 'Gorgeous. A joy to read from start to finish' JILL MANSELL 'An exquisite story bursting at the seams with summer, hope and love' MILLY JOHNSON 'Warm, escapist and utterly uplifting, this is Veronica Henry at her very best' LUCY DIAMOND 'Uplifting, inspiring and guaranteed to make you hungry' SARAH MORGAN 'A lovely, cosy, delicious read' LIBBY PAGE 'Perfect escapism full of warmth, joy and a brilliant cast of characters' ALEX BROWN Sometimes you have to let your heart rule your head . . . Cherry, Maggie and Rose are mother, daughter and granddaughter, each with their own hopes, dreams and even sorrows. They have always been close, so when, in a moment of impulse, Cherry buys a gorgeous but rundown pub in the village she grew up in, it soon becomes a family affair. All three women uproot themselves and move to Rushbrook, deep in the heart of Somerset, to take over *The Swan* and restore it to its former glory. Cherry is at the helm, Maggie is in charge of the kitchen, and Rose tends the picturesque garden that leads down to the river. Before long, the locals are delighted to find the beating heart of the village is back, bringing all kinds of surprises through the door. Could Cherry's impulse purchase change all their lives - and bring everyone the happiness they're searching for? Escape to the glorious Somerset countryside with this joyful and uplifting story of family, love and hope.

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

The Woman at Number 24 Juliet Ashton 2017-04-20 *** THE TOP TEN EBOOK BESTSELLER *** 'This brilliantly written and captivating story instantly drew us in and refused to let go. Fresh, funny and utterly fabulous, it's the perfect holiday read' Heat Meet the hilarious and surprising residents of number 24 in the warm, witty and wonderful new novel from bestselling author Juliet Ashton, author of *The Sunday Lunch Club*. When your marriage falls apart, the last place you'd want your husband to move to is downstairs. Unfortunately for Sarah, up in the eaves at number 24, her ex-husband now lives one floor beneath her with his new wife. Their happiness floats up through the floorboards, taunting her. A child psychologist, Sarah has picked up great sadness from the little girl, Una, who lives with her careworn mother three floors below, but is Sarah emotionally equipped to reach out? The Spring brings a new couple to the house. Jane and Tom's zest for life revives the flagging spirits, and Sarah can't deny the instant attraction to handsome Tom. Having seen at first hand what infidelity does to people, she'll never act on it ... but the air fizzles with potential. The sunshine doesn't reach every corner of number 24, however. Elderly Mavis, tucked away in the basement, has kept the world at bay for decades. She's about to find out that she can't hide forever. Juliet Ashton weaves a story of love, friendship and community that will

move you to laughter and to tears. Think *Cold Feet* meets David Nicholls, with a dash of the joy of Jill Mansell added for good measure. What people are saying about *The Woman At Number 24*: 'Emotion, laughs and mystery, I simply adored every minute of reading it' Netgalley reviewer 'Loved it. Feels fresh and new and exciting hearing about the different lives of 24. I'm intrigued and fascinated by the characters' Natalie Ross, Netgalley reviewer 'Wow! Just a beautiful read, like a breath of fresh air. Very heart warming and easy to read. A great 5 Stars from me!' Netgalley reviewer 'This is a great book with a varied ensemble cast of characters and many inter-twining story lines' Netgalley reviewer 'An absorbing story full of wonderful moments ...This was my first Juliet Ashton book to read and I really fell in love with her accurate, vivid and flowing writing' Netgalley reviewer 'Fun read with captivating characters. I did not expect the plot twist involved and really enjoyed reading this overall. Read it in one evening' Netgalley reviewer 'We watch as friendships blossom, a romance evolves and there is a good, unexpected twist towards the end. A lovely, heartwarming read' 5*, Netgalley reviewer 'A wonderful book that I would highly recommend' Netgalley reviewer 'Fantastic ... great characters who live in one big house. You will absolutely love this book' Netgalley reviewer 'This book is like wrapping yourself up in a blanket on the sofa and watching your favourite film. Warm, heart-felt and witty' Netgalley reviewer *** Pre-order Juliet Ashton's brand new novel, *The Fall and Rise of Sadie McQueen*, publishing in December 2019, now! ***

Solo Jill Mansell 2008-02-10 SOLO is a delightful romantic novel from bestselling author Jill Mansell, not to be missed by readers of Lucy Diamond and Cathy Kelly. Mad about a man who's dangerous to know? Surely it's better to go solo... When Tessa Duvall, a struggling artist, reluctantly agreed to accompany her best friend Holly to a party at the elegant Charrington Grange Hotel, she had every intention of sneaking off early. For parties full of strangers bored the knickers off Tessa and this one proved to be no exception - until she encountered Ross Monahan, whose wicked reputation was as high profile as the hotel he owned and ran with such panache. But while Holly set about ensnaring his reluctant brother Max, Tessa simply accepted Ross for what he was, a sensational one-night stand...until she realised, weeks later, that one-night stands can have far-reaching consequences... What readers are saying about *Solo*: 'I was absolutely gripped by this book. I would definitely recommend this to anyone who is looking for a nice romantic read with twists and turns at every corner' Goodreads reviewer, 5 stars 'Does anyone write this type of story better than Jill Mansell? Such a knack for mixing fantasy and reality, glamorous jet-setters and down-to-earth folks. She's really in a class of her own and *Solo* is one of her best' Amazon reviewer, 5 stars 'A wonderfully written piece with so much to enthral, madden, excite and sadden you' Amazon reviewer, 5 stars

Rumor Has It Jill Mansell 2010-05-01 Would you be tempted? Newly single, Tilly Cole impulsively accepts a job offer in a small town as a "Girl Friday." Fun job, country house, fresh start, why not? But soon she finds herself in a hotbed of gossip, intrigue, and rampant rivalry for the town's most desirable bachelor—Jack Lucas. Rumors of Jack's "love 'em and leave 'em" escapes abound, and Tilly decides to do the mature, sensible thing... avoid Jack at all cost. But the more time Tilly spends with Jack, the more the rumors just don't make sense. Tilly doesn't know what to believe... and Jack's not telling.

The Sunday Lunch Club Juliet Ashton 2018-04-19 *** THE NUMBER ONE EBOOK BESTSELLER*** 'A warming testament to the elasticity and enduring love of true family bonds. I adored this book' Penny Parkes 'Fresh, funny and utterly fabulous, it's the perfect holiday read' Heat 'Feel-good' Bella 'A clever concept ... with surprises and some shocks in store for both the reader and the characters ... An endearing, funny and poignant read' Express The first rule of Sunday Lunch Club is ... don't make any afternoon plans. Every few Sundays, Anna and her extended family and friends get together for lunch. They talk, they laugh, they bicker, they eat too much. Sometimes the important stuff is left unsaid, other times it's said in the wrong way. Sitting between her ex-husband and her new lover, Anna is coming to terms with an unexpected pregnancy at the age of forty. Also at the table are her ageing grandmother, her promiscuous sister, her flamboyantly gay brother and a memory too terrible to contemplate. Until, that is, a letter arrives from the person Anna scarred all those years ago. Can Anna reconcile her painful past with her uncertain future? Juliet Ashton weaves a story of love, friendship and community that will move you to laughter and to tears. Think *Cold Feet* meets David Nicholls, with a dash of the joy of Jill Mansell added for good measure. 'I love Juliet's writing and this book featured so many wonderful characters. I was left wanting to join the family at one of their Sunday lunches' Samantha, Netgalley reviewer 'A joy from start to finish. The relationships within the family ring so true. And the twists kept me guessing. A beautiful book' Laura Kemp 'Romantic and gentle, and in places really funny, but it has pace and a couple of twists which kept me reading. The author is good with characters, each with a clear 'voice'' Penny, reader review 'All the characters have their own strong storyline and I enjoyed finding out how their lives unfolded' Sarah, reader review 'A very enjoyable and entertaining book with an interesting plot, complex characters and some food for thought. Recommended' Anna, reader review 'Absolutely loved this joyful, entertaining, and fabulously funny book' Karen, reader review *** Pre-order Juliet Ashton's brand new novel, *The Fall and Rise of Sadie McQueen*, publishing in December 2019, now! ***

The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot Marianne Cronin 2021-06-01 "A beautiful debut, funny, tender, and animated by a willingness to confront life's obstacles and find a way to survive. . . . It celebrates friendship, finds meaning in difficulty and lets the reader explore dark places while always allowing for the possibility of light. Lenni and Margot are fine companions for all our springtime journeys."—Harper's Bazaar, UK A charming, fiercely alive and disarmingly funny debut novel in the vein of John Green, Rachel Joyce, and Jojo Moyes—a brave testament to the power of living each day to the fullest, a tribute to the stories that we live, and a reminder of our unlimited capacity for friendship and love. An extraordinary friendship. A lifetime of stories. Seventeen-year-old Lenni Pettersson lives on the Terminal Ward at the Glasgow Princess Royal Hospital. Though the teenager has been told she's dying, she still has plenty of living to do. Joining the hospital's arts and crafts class, she meets the magnificent Margot, an 83-year-old, purple-pajama-wearing, fruitcake-eating rebel, who transforms Lenni in ways she never imagined. As their friendship blooms, a world of stories opens for these unlikely companions who, between them, have been alive for one hundred years. Though their days are dwindling, both are determined to leave their mark on the world. With the help of Lenni's dotting palliative care nurse and Father Arthur, the hospital's patient chaplain, Lenni and Margot devise a plan to create one hundred paintings showcasing the stories of the century they have lived—stories of love and loss, of courage and kindness, of unexpected tenderness and pure joy. Though the end is near, life isn't quite done with these unforgettable women just yet. Delightfully funny and bittersweet, heartbreaking yet ultimately uplifting, *The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot* reminds us of the preciousness of life as it considers the legacy we choose to leave, how we influence the lives of others even after we're gone, and the wonder of a friendship that transcends time.

The Unexpected Consequences of Love Jill Mansell 2015-02-03 Sophie has no interest in finding love. But what happens when love finds her? Sophie Wells is a successful photographer with a focus on putting the past firmly behind her. When Josh Strachan returns to the seaside town of Cornwall from the States to run his

family's hotel, he can't understand why the fun, sexy girl has zero interest in letting him-or any man for that matter-into her life. He also can't understand how

he's been duped into employing Sophie's impulsive friend Tula, whose crush on him is decidedly unrequited. Both girls remain mum about the reasons behind Sophie's indifference to love. But that doesn't mean Josh is going to quit trying...