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Daughters of War (The Daughters of War, Book 1) - Dinah Jefferies 2021-09-16

A new sweeping historical novel of World War II from the international bestselling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife*

From Scratch - Tembi Locke 2019-04-30

Now a limited Netflix series starring Zoe Saldana! This Reese Witherspoon Book Club Pick and New York Times bestseller is "a captivating story of love lost and found" (Kirkus Reviews) set in the lush Sicilian countryside, where one woman discovers the healing powers of food, family, and unexpected grace in her darkest hours. It was love at first sight when actress Tembi met professional chef, Saro, on a street in Florence. There was just one problem: Saro's traditional Sicilian family did not approve of his marrying a black American woman. However, the couple, heartbroken but undeterred, forged on. They built a happy life in Los Angeles, with fulfilling careers, deep friendships, and the love of their lives: a baby girl they adopted at birth. Eventually, they reconciled with Saro's family just as he faced a formidable cancer that would consume all their dreams. *From Scratch* chronicles three summers Tembi spends in Sicily with her daughter, Zoela, as she begins to piece together a life without her husband in his tiny hometown hamlet of farmers. Where once Tembi was estranged from Saro's family, now she finds solace and nourishment—literally and spiritually—at her mother-in-law's table. In the Sicilian countryside, she discovers the healing gifts of simple fresh food, the embrace of a close knit community, and timeless traditions and wisdom

that light a path forward. All along the way she reflects on her and Saro's romance—an incredible love story that leaps off the pages. In Sicily, it is said that every story begins with a marriage or a death—in Tembi Locke's case, it is both. "Locke's raw and heartfelt memoir will uplift readers suffering from the loss of their own loved ones" (Publishers Weekly), but her story is also about love, finding a home, and chasing flavor as an act of remembrance. *From Scratch* is for anyone who has dared to reach for big love, fought for what mattered most, and those who needed a powerful reminder that life is...delicious.

The Orchard of Lost Souls - Nadifa Mohamed 2014-03-04

From one of Granta's Best of Young British Novelists, a stunning novel illuminating Somalia's tragic civil war. It is 1987 and Hargeisa waits. Whispers of revolution travel on the dry winds, but still the dictatorship remains secure. Soon, through the eyes of three women, we will see Somalia fall. Nine-year-old Deqo has left the vast refugee camp where she was born, lured to the city by the promise of her first pair of shoes. Kawsar, a solitary widow, is trapped in her little house with its garden clawed from the desert, confined to her bed after a savage beating in the local police station. Filsan, a young female soldier, has moved from Mogadishu to suppress the rebellion growing in the north. As the country is unraveled by a civil war that will shock the world, the fates of these three women are twisted irrevocably together. Nadifa Mohamed was born in Hargeisa and was exiled before the outbreak of war. In *The*

Orchard of Lost Souls, she returns to Hargeisa in her imagination. Intimate, frank, brimming with beauty and fierce love, this novel is an unforgettable account of ordinary lives lived in extraordinary times.

[Devil in Disguise](#) - Lisa Kleypas 2021-07-27

New York Times bestseller Lisa Kleypas returns with an enthralling and steamy romance between a Scot with a mysterious past and strong-willed lady looking for adventure—and love. “The devil never tries to make people do the wrong thing by scaring them. He does it by tempting them.” Lady Merritt Sterling, a strong-willed beauty who runs a shipping company, knows London society is dying to catch her in a scandal. So far, she’s been too smart to provide them with one. But then she meets Keir MacRae, a rough-and-rugged Scottish whisky distiller, and all her sensible plans vanish like smoke. They couldn’t be more different, but their attraction is powerful, raw and irresistible. From the moment Keir MacRae arrives in London, he has two goals. One: don’t fall in love with the dazzling Lady Merritt Sterling. Two: avoid being killed. So far, neither of those is going well. Keir doesn’t know why someone wants him dead until fate reveals the secret of his mysterious past. His world is thrown into upheaval, and the only one he trusts is Merritt. Their passion blazes with an intensity Merritt has never known before, making her long for the one thing she can’t have from Keir MacRae: forever. As danger draws closer, she’ll do whatever it takes to save the man she loves . . . even knowing he might be the devil in disguise.

**Motion for Murder** - Kelly Rey 2015-02-16

From USA Today bestselling author Kelly Rey comes a laugh-out-loud mystery that is so funny it should be a crime... Jamie Winter loathes her job as a secretary in the sleaziest law firm in New Jersey. Trouble is, someone else loathes the whole firm—enough to kill one of the partners, the two-timing, eleven-fingered king of lowbrow television commercial spots, Dougie Digits. Now, Jamie is being strong-armed into investigating by Dougie’s frosty widow, Hilary. The suspect list is long, including the firm’s bookish paralegal, embezzling bookkeeper, ambitious associate, and resentful senior partners. Add to that list a mélange of oddball clients with grudges of their own, and Jamie has her work

cut out for her. With assists from her studly landlord and husband-hungry sister, Jamie uncovers enough dirt on her coworkers to launch a tabloid in her hunt to find the killer...before he or she strikes again! Jamie Winters Mysteries: Motion for Murder - book #1 Mistletoe & Misdemeanors- holiday short story Death of a Diva - book #2 Motion for Misfits (short story in the "Killer Beach Reads" collection) The Sassy Suspect - book #3 Verdicts & Vixens - book #4 A Playboy in Peril - book #5 "Move over Stephanie Plum—there's a new girl in town! Jamie Winters is smart, sassy, and laugh-out-loud hilarious. Mix one fun mystery, some fantastic romantic chemistry, and witty quips throughout for a sure-fire winner! Who knew a lawyer's office could be so funny?" ~ Gemma Halliday, New York Times bestselling author

*The War Widow* - Tara Moss 2020-05-05

The war may be officially over, but journalist Billie Walker’s search for a missing young German immigrant plunges her right back into the danger and drama she thought she’d left behind in Europe. A thrilling tale of courage and secrets set in glamorous post-war Sydney. Sydney, Australia, 1946. Though war correspondent Billie Walker is happy to finally be home, the heady post-war days are tarnished by the death of her father and the disappearance in Europe of her husband, Jack. To make matters worse, now that the war is over, the newspapers are sidelining her reporting talents to prioritize jobs for returning soldiers. But Billie is a survivor and she’s determined to take control of her own future. She reopens her late father’s business, a private investigation agency, and slowly, the women of Sydney come knocking. At first, Billie’s bread and butter is tailing cheating husbands. Then a young man, the son of European immigrants, goes missing, and Billie finds herself on a dangerous new trail that will lead to the highest levels of Sydney society as well as the city’s underworld. What is the young man’s connection to an exclusive dance club and a high-class auction house? When the people she questions start to turn up dead, Billie is thrown into the path of Detective Inspector Hank Cooper. Will he take her seriously or just get in her way? As the danger mounts and Billie realizes how much is at stake, it becomes clear

that although the war was won, it is far from over.

**The Black Widow Trainer** - Craig Odanovich  
2021-10-19

Bored with tedium of her passionless marriage, Misty's life explodes after a weekend of mind-blowing sex with the man of her dreams. Exploring the physical limits of her new-found desire, she combines the lure of her honed, disciplined body with cunning business acumen and redefines herself as the Black Widow Trainer, a high-price personal trainer/escort. Negotiating an open relationship with her husband is the easiest part of her career move. Adjusting to the whims and demands of her well-heeled and imaginative clients, however, requires Misty to expand the limits of her sensual being. Featuring a cast of original, gritty characters, including an Alaskan sea captain, a pint-size satyr, and a genderbending woman, Misty's fantastic sexcapades in exotic locations around the world are hot enough to fire up anyone's sex life.

**When We Were Brave** - Suzanne Kelman  
2020-02-24

The face of the woman in the photograph was tilted upwards, as if enjoying the sunshine just for a moment, even as the wreckage of the bombed-out street lay behind her... 1944, Cornwall: Blinded by love, Vivienne Hamilton eloped to Paris with a Nazi prisoner-of-war, never to be seen again. A disgrace to her family, her name would not be mentioned by any of her relatives for over 75 years. Present day, London: When Sophie discovers a photograph of her great aunt Vivi from World War Two, it throws her into a world of confusion. Because, as she learns about this secret relative, she quickly realises that the photograph doesn't fit with her family's story. It shows Vivi leaving an address associated with a spy network in London - a place she had no reason to be - and it is dated right before she disappeared. Meanwhile Sophie's own life feels as blasted and bombed as the blitzed city in the photograph she's looking at. Her beautiful daughter - as full of joy and wild energy as Vivi had apparently once been - is gone; and Sophie's heart has been left broken into pieces. Retreating to the family home in rural Cornwall to seek solace from her pain and the feelings of guilt that she could have done

more to protect her daughter, Sophie finds herself becoming obsessed with Vivi's life. But nothing can prepare Sophie for what she is about to uncover - the story of a woman who risked everything for the person she loved the most; and a secret family history that could be the key to Sophie's own future. A powerful, haunting and unforgettable read about love, heartbreak and betrayal set in Second World War Britain and France. Perfect for fans of *The Nightingale*, *Beneath a Scarlet Sky* and *My Name is Eva*. Readers love *When We Were Brave*: 'Wow! Just wow! This book kept me on the edge of my seat right from the get-go!... [An] amazing story.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Fantastic... Historical fiction at its best. Characters that you fall in love with, a story you will hate to end.' NetGalley Reviewer 'Totally captivating... About the bravery of the silent heroes of WWII, the secret agents who intercepted codes... A wonderful, compelling story that will grip you to the very end, it will break your heart but it will also leave you with a sense of gratitude for these selfless individuals. I can't stop thinking about this story.' Krafti Reader, 5 stars 'I [am] hooked on this FANTASTIC author. *When We Were Brave* is another OUTSTANDING piece of fantastic writing... I have nothing but total admiration.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Mesmerising and captivated me with every turn of the page... Absolutely heart-breaking... Filled with sadness, love, courage and sacrifice - I couldn't put this book down.' Stardust Book Reviews, 5 stars 'A heartbreaking tale of war, love, loss, betrayal and courage.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'Oh my goodness I loved this book!!!... A beautifully woven time-slip novel... This story and its characters will stay with me.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars 'I LOVED THIS BOOK!... Vivi is a fierce heroine and represents the bravery that everyone had to have during the war... I recommend this book to everyone that loves historical fiction.' NetGalley Reviewer, 5 stars 'A truly heartbreaking and inspirational read. I was gripped from page one and literally flew through the pages.' Jaynie's Book Reviews, 5 stars 'After reading *When We Were Brave* [Suzanne Kelman] is officially added to my autobuy author list... For a book to bring tears to my eyes it has to be amazing... I highly recommend this one to

anyone who loves WWII fiction and even those that normally do not... You will not be disappointed.' Goodreads Reviewer, 5 stars

**Widow of Gettysburg** - Jocelyn Green

2013-04-24

For all who have suffered great loss of heart, home, health or family; true home and genuine lasting love can be found. When a horrific battle rips through Gettysburg, the farm of Union widow Liberty Holloway is disfigured into a Confederate field hospital, bringing her face to face with unspeakable suffering—and a Confederate scout who awakens her long-dormant heart. But when the scout doesn't die, she discovers he isn't who he claims to be. While Liberty's future crumbles as her home is destroyed, the past comes rushing back to Bella, a former slave and Liberty's hired help, when she finds herself surrounded by Southern soldiers, one of whom knows the secret that would place Liberty in danger if revealed. In the wake of shattered homes and bodies, Liberty and Bella struggle to pick up the pieces the battle has left behind. Will Liberty be defined by the tragedy in her life, or will she find a way to triumph over it? Inspired by first-person accounts, *Widow of Gettysburg* is second book in the *Heroines Behind the Lines* series. These books do not need to be read in succession. For more information about the series, visit [www.heroinesbehindthelines.com](http://www.heroinesbehindthelines.com).

*The Survivors* - Kate Furnivall 2018-09-06

\*\*\* PICKED AS A BOOK OF THE YEAR BY THE MAIL ON SUNDAY \*\*\* 'A clever, absorbing thriller that does not shrink from the horror of the war' Times 'Compelling' Good Housekeeping 'This epic novel is simply an incredible read' Sun 'A thrilling rollercoaster of a read' Dinah Jefferies, author of R&J pick *The Sapphire Widow* 'My best read of the year' Lesley Pearse Discover a brilliant story of love, danger, courage and betrayal, from the internationally bestselling author of *The Betrayal*. 'Directly I saw him, I knew he had to die.' Germany, 1945. Klara Janowska and her daughter Alicja have walked for weeks to get to Graufeld Displaced Persons camp. In the cramped, dirty, dangerous conditions they, along with 3,200 others, are the lucky ones. They have survived and will do anything to find a way back home. But when Klara recognises a man in the camp from her

past, a deadly game of cat and mouse begins. He knows exactly what she did during the war to save her daughter. She knows his real identity. What will be the price of silence? And will either make it out of the camp alive? 'A compelling, edge-of-your-seat story set in a refugee camp immediately after World War II, where a woman will do anything to protect her child. Full of twists and turns' Julie Cohen, bestselling author of *Together* 'A superb read; brilliantly crafted, exciting, very moving and researched meticulously. Fantastic, my best read of the year' Lesley Pearse, Sunday Times bestselling author 'This gripped me from the start. What a story! Kate Furnivall treads where others have not thought to go. Beware of anyone who comes between a mother and daughter - especially Klara and Alicja' Jane Corry, Sunday Times bestselling author of *Blood Sisters* and *The Dead Ex* 'Meticulously researched, searingly honest and beautifully written' Lancashire Post 'Emotional and engaging with a thrilling tale of love and courage at its core' Culturefly 'An epic novel that will leave you breathless until the very end' Mrs B's Book Reviews 'THE SURVIVORS blends imagination with historical fact to absolute perfection' Sharon's Book Blog 'It is impossible to stop once you start reading this book' Sissi Reads Further praise for Kate Furnivall 'Gripping. Tense. Mysterious. Kate Furnivall has a talent for creating places and characters who stay with you long after you've read the final word' Jane Corry 'Exquisitely heart-wrenching & utterly engrossing' Penny Parkes 'A thrilling, compelling read. Wonderful!' Lesley Pearse 'Wonderful . . . hugely ambitious and atmospheric' Kate Mosse 'A thrilling plot ... Fast-paced with a sinister edge' Times 'Truly captivating' Elle 'Perfect escapist reading' Marie Claire

**Before the Rains** - Dinah Jefferies 2017-02-23

A romantic, heart-wrenching tale of love against the odds from the Number One Sunday Times bestselling author 1930, Rajputana, India. Since her husband's death, 28-year-old photojournalist Eliza's only companion has been her camera. When the British Government send her to an Indian princely state to photograph the royal family, she's determined to make a name for herself. But when Eliza arrives at the palace she meets Jay, the Prince's handsome, brooding

brother. While Eliza awakens Jay to the poverty of his people, he awakens her to the injustices of British rule. Soon Jay and Eliza find they have more in common than they think. But their families - and society - think otherwise.

Eventually they will have to make a choice between doing what's expected, or following their hearts. . .

**The Duke's Pursuit** - Golden Angel 2022-03-08  
When Philippa first debuted in Society, her black hair and sapphire eyes earned her the nickname "Lady Twilight," as well as the attention of Everett Cavendish, the Marquess of Hartington. But when Everett's parents objected to the match, she spurned Philippa married the Earl of Essex instead. After unexpectedly becoming a widow, Philippa found she missed the pleasures of her marriage bed. She is re-entering Society with a new aim in mind: to take a lover, or several. But among the many men vying for her attention, she did not expect to find Everett. The Marquess of Hartington had given up hope of being with Philippa, but when circumstances and a bet places her back in his social circle, Everett realizes that he might have a second chance. Defying his parents and Philippa's expectations, Everett braves her wrath in order to prove himself worthy of her trust again. Now he just has to prove it to her.

To Kiss a Thief - Kate Moore 2012-05-15

A captivating Signet Regency Romance Available Digitally For the First Time Dreadfully disappointed by her first season, Margaret Somerley flees London for the Earl of Haddon's country estate to ease her mind. Her sanctuary is disturbed when she catches a thief in the act of stealing a cache of secret government papers from the library—who then promptly abducts her as well. Now, the shy miss who seemed so unsuitable to high society's eligible bachelors has caught the eye of a devilish rogue whose true purpose and real identity remain a mystery—and who seems determined to steal her heart... Includes a preview of Blackstone's Bride, available August 2012. Don't miss Kate Moore's delightful Signet Regency Romance, An Improper Widow, available July 2012!

**Always Faithful** - Isabella 2010

Major Nichol "Nic" Caldwell, the only survivor of her helicopter crash in Iraq, finds herself at the Marine Corps base in California where her new

job is to inform families of a loved one's death. One of the "informs" will change her life forever. Can the two women come to terms with the past and finally find happiness, or will their shared sense of honor keep them apart?

**Nine Nights on the Windy Tree** - Martha Miller 2014-11-01

Bertha Brannon is a lawyer who takes care of her grandmother and is usually broke because the work she often takes is pro bono or sliding scale for the domestic violence shelter or the public defender for juvenile cases. She has eighteen months of sobriety from a cocaine addiction. Late Friday afternoon, she's looking forward to a long and peaceful weekend, when a woman comes into her office who wants to retain her for a murder she hasn't yet committed. Bertha needs the rent money. Thus begins a living roller-coaster ride that includes betrayal, arson, and murder. While making trips back to the drug-using haunts, Bertha meets a police woman who wants her, but she's not sure for what. Is it just sex or is there something more?  
Prequel to Widow

**The Widow's Garment** - Cheryl D. Singletary 2017-08-23

Walk with me through the pages of tragedy, restoration, and final justification of a new life in Christ. I am writing this book as an open epistle to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. I am recounting the experience of my life through the design of the Holy Spirit. The word tells us to "comfort those with the comfort you have been comforted with." My prayers is as you walk with me through this tragedy, you will see the healing hand of God, the hope of God through Christ, and his ability to make all things new. In this life we will wear many garments. Our garments display wh at season we are in. Our garments change as Our garments change as season's change, and as seasons change so do our lives. Solomon spoke the great words, "To everything there is a season..." I am writing on particular seasons is my life and the garment that I wore by the intricate delicate design of destiny. A garment with which Jesus entrusted me. A garment so precious that he tenderly put it upon my life from the closet of the cross, that I could experience His glorious resurrection power. THE WIDOW'S GARMENT ..... And I saw myself with a beautiful sapphire sequined

evening gown walking with my head lifted high. My countenance was brighter than the sequins on the gown, and as I was walking, a great hand came and violently ripped my dress into two pieces, the other hand held a gown of sackcloth. The hand gestures with a question, "will you wear this tonight instead?"

*Under the Golden Sun* - Jenny Ashcroft

2022-03-15

A "remarkable novel of family and love during a time of war,"\* Jenny Ashcroft's *Under the Golden Sun* follows a soul-searching young woman who takes a leap of faith and discovers a place to call home and someone to share her heart. England, 1941. The world is at war. London is under siege as the German blitz pounds the city without warning, without mercy. Rose Hamilton did her part as a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force until she was unfairly discharged following a tragic loss. Working as a secretary on a Devon farmland, Rose is out of harm's way, but she needs to contribute to something greater than herself to truly recover. Answering a newspaper advertisement for a companion to accompany an orphaned child to Australia, Rose becomes enchanted with four-year-old Walter Lucknow. Shy, imaginative, and kind, the boy lost his parents and has been living in near seclusion with his elder great aunt. As heir to a wealthy Australian cattle station, Walter must return to his homeland and his mother's family. Leaving her own family—and fiancé—Rose braves the long, dangerous voyage across Pacific waters where war is imminent to see Walter safely home. But upon arrival, Rose learns the truth about Walter's relationship to the Lucknows and the land he's supposed to inherit, a truth that haunts the boy's Uncle Max, a wounded pilot scarred inside and out. And as Max opens his heart up to Walter, Rose is drawn to the man's strength and compassion, finding herself torn between returning to England and staying with the child and man she's grown to love. \*New York Times bestselling author Karen White

**The Sapphire Widow** - Dinah Jefferies

2019-08-13

A sweeping, breathtaking story of love and betrayal from the internationally bestselling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife Ceylon*, 1935. Louisa Reeve, the daughter of a successful

British gem trader, and her husband Elliot, a charming, thrill-seeking businessman, seem like the couple who have it all. Except what they long for more than anything: a child. While Louisa struggles with miscarriages, Elliot is increasingly absent, spending much of his time at a nearby cinnamon plantation, overlooking the Indian ocean. After his sudden death, Louisa is left alone to solve the mystery he left behind. Revisiting the plantation at Cinnamon Hills, she finds herself unexpectedly drawn towards the owner, Leo, a rugged outdoors man with a checkered past. The plantation casts a spell, but all is not as it seems. And when Elliot's shocking betrayal is revealed, Louisa has only Leo to turn to . . .

*Sweet Dates in Basra* LP - Jessica Jiji 2010-04-27

Just when her family should be arranging her marriage, Kathmiya Mahmoud, a young Marsh Arab maiden, is sent from her home in Iraq's idyllic countryside to the unfamiliar city of Basra, where she must survive on her paltry earnings as a servant. Her only asset—her exquisite beauty—brings more peril than peace. Worse, her mother appears to be keeping a secret about her own mysterious past, one that could threaten Kathmiya's destiny forever. In this lost Iraq of the 1940s, a time of rich traditions and converging worlds, Kathmiya meets Shafiq, a Jewish boy whose brotherhood with his Muslim neighbor Omar proves that religion is no barrier to friendship. But in a world where loss of honor is punishable by death, the closeness that grows between Kathmiya and Shafiq becomes dangerous as a doomed love takes root. When British warplanes begin bombing Iraq and the country's long-simmering tensions explode, the power of an unbreakable boyhood bond and a transcendent love must overcome the deepening fractures of a collapsing society. Set during the tumultuous years surrounding the Second World War, *Sweet Dates in Basra* is the redemptive story of two very different cultures, and a powerful reminder that no walls can confine the human spirit.

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*Street Game* - Christine Feehan 2009-12-29

#1 New York Times bestselling author Christine Feehan goes beyond the boundaries of paranormal romance as two lovers take to the streets to play the most dangerous game of all. For Mack McKinley and his team of GhostWalker killing machines, urban warfare is an art. But despite a hard-won knowledge of the San Francisco streets, Mack knows from experience that too many things can still go wrong. Danger is just another part of the game—and now he's come face-to-face with a woman who can play just as tough. Jaimie is a woman with a sapphire stare so potent it can destroy a man. Years ago she and Mack had a history—volatile, erotic, and electric. Then she vanished. Now she's walked back into Mack's life as a spy with too many secrets for her own good. Against all odds, she's hooking up with Mack one more time to take on an enemy that could destroy them both, or bring them back together in one hot, no-holds-barred adrenaline rush.

*Singapore Sapphire* - A. M. Stuart 2019-08-06

Early twentieth-century Singapore is a place where a person can disappear, and Harriet Gordon hopes to make a new life for herself there, leaving her tragic memories behind her—but murder gets in the way. Singapore, 1910--Desperate for a fresh start, Harriet Gordon finds herself living with her brother, a reverend and headmaster of a school for boys, in Singapore at the height of colonial rule. Hoping to gain some financial independence, she advertises her services as a personal secretary. It is unfortunate that she should discover her first

client, Sir Oswald Newbold--explorer, mine magnate and president of the exclusive Explorers and Geographers Club--dead with a knife in his throat. When Inspector Robert Curran is put on the case, he realizes that he has an unusual witness in Harriet. Harriet's keen eye for detail and strong sense of duty interests him, as does her distrust of the police and her traumatic past, which she is at pains to keep secret from the gossips of Singapore society. When another body is dragged from the canal, Harriet feels compelled to help with the case. She and Curran are soon drawn into a murderous web of treachery and deceit and find themselves face-to-face with a ruthless cabal that has no qualms about killing again to protect its secrets.

**The Silk Merchant's Daughter** - Dinah Jefferies 2016-02-25

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AUTHOR OF THE TEA PLANTER'S WIFE Dinah Jefferies' stunning new novel is a gripping, unforgettable tale of a woman torn between two worlds... 1952, French Indochina. Since her mother's death, eighteen-year-old half-French, half-Vietnamese Nicole has been living in the shadow of her beautiful older sister, Sylvie.

When Sylvie is handed control of the family silk business, Nicole is given an abandoned silk shop in the Vietnamese quarter of Hanoi. But the area is teeming with militant rebels who want to end French rule, by any means possible. For the first time, Nicole is awakened to the corruption of colonial rule - and her own family's involvement shocks her to the core... Tran, a notorious Vietnamese insurgent, seems to offer the perfect escape from her troubles, while Mark, a charming American trader, is the man she's always dreamed of. But who can she trust in this world where no one is what they seem? *The Silk Merchant's Daughter* is a captivating tale of dark secrets, sisterly rivalry and love against the odds, enchantingly set in colonial era Vietnam.

*Sapphire Pavilion* - David E. Grogan 2017-05-01  
Steve Stilwell's former Navy JAG Corps buddy Ric Stokes has been jailed for possession of heroin in Vietnam. He was found in the same room with his traveling companion Ryan Eversall, who died of an overdose in the company of a prostitute. Steve knows his friend

is a straight arrow. Was he set up? If so, for what reason? Steve travels to Ho Chi Minh City in search of the truth. In no time Steve is targeted by the people who framed his friend. A beautiful young American businesswoman insinuates her way into the case. Can she really help, or is she just a dangerous distraction? Ric and Ryan came to Vietnam in search of an Air Force transport plane that disappeared in 1968. The pilot was Ryan's father. Before the heroin bust, they had located the wreckage. Ryan's notebook, which Steve manages to obtain, spells out the exact location. Ryan's widow has given Steve's associate Casey another piece of valuable evidence, a file labeled "Sapphire Pavilion." Someone is willing to go to any lengths to steal both the notebook and the file. From Virginia and Texas to DC and Vietnam, powerful, all-seeing forces with unlimited resources are determined to bury the truth about Sapphire Pavilion. But they have grossly underestimated Steve Stilwell and his associate Casey, a former Army pilot who lost her leg in a helo accident. And the ability to inspire loyalty wherever you go can come in handy when danger lurks behind every corner. Book 2 of the Steve Stilwell Thriller series, which began with *The Siegel Dispositions*.

*The Hidden Palace (The Daughters of War, Book 2)* - Dinah Jefferies 2022-08-25

An island of secrets. A runaway. And a promise...  
*Marriage of Hindu Widows* - Īśvaracandra Bidyāsāgara 1864

**The Woman with the Blue Star** - Pam Jenoff  
2021-05-04

"An emotional novel that you will never forget."  
—Lisa Scottoline, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Eternal*  
From the author of *The Lost Girls of Paris* comes a riveting tale of courage and unlikely friendship during World War II -- Now a New York Times bestseller! 1942. Sadie Gault is eighteen and living with her parents in the Kraków Ghetto during World War II. When the Nazis liquidate the ghetto, Sadie and her pregnant mother are forced to seek refuge in the perilous tunnels beneath the city. One day Sadie looks up through a grate and sees a girl about her own age buying flowers. Ella Stepanek is an affluent Polish girl living a life of relative ease with her stepmother, who has

developed close alliances with the occupying Germans. While on an errand in the market, she catches a glimpse of something moving beneath a grate in the street. Upon closer inspection, she realizes it's a girl hiding. Ella begins to aid Sadie and the two become close, but as the dangers of the war worsen, their lives are set on a collision course that will test them in the face of overwhelming odds. Inspired by incredible true stories, *The Woman with the Blue Star* is an unforgettable testament to the power of friendship and the extraordinary strength of the human will to survive. Highly recommended by Entertainment Weekly, Washington Post, CNN, BookTrib, Goodreads, Betches, AARP, Frolic, SheReads, and more! Don't miss Pam Jenoff's new novel, *Code Name Sapphire*, a riveting tale of bravery and resistance during World War II. Read these other sweeping epics from New York Times bestselling author Pam Jenoff: *The Lost Girls of Paris* *The Orphan's Tale* *The Ambassador's Daughter* *The Diplomat's Wife* *The Last Summer at Chelsea Beach* *The Kommandant's Girl* *The Winter Guest* *The House I Loved* - Tatiana de Rosnay 2012-02-14

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Sarah's Key* and *A Secret Kept* comes an absorbing new novel about one woman's resistance during an époque that shook Paris to its very core. Paris, France: 1860's. Hundreds of houses are being razed, whole neighborhoods reduced to ashes. By order of Emperor Napoleon III, Baron Haussman has set into motion a series of large-scale renovations that will permanently alter the face of old Paris, moulding it into a "modern city." The reforms will erase generations of history—but in the midst of the tumult, one woman will take a stand. Rose Bazelet is determined to fight against the destruction of her family home until the very end; as others flee, she stakes her claim in the basement of the old house on rue Childebert, ignoring the sounds of change that come closer and closer each day. Attempting to overcome the loneliness of her daily life, she begins to write letters to Armand, her beloved late husband. And as she delves into the ritual of remembering, Rose is forced to come to terms with a secret that has been buried deep in her heart for thirty years. Tatiana de Rosnay's *The*

House I Loved is both a poignant story of one woman's indelible strength, and an ode to Paris, where houses harbor the joys and sorrows of their inhabitants, and secrets endure in the very walls...

*The Missing Sister* - Dinah Jefferies 2019-04-04

The sweeping new novel from the best-selling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife*, set in 1930s Burma Belle Hatton is a beautiful young girl living in Gloucestershire, who's never been further East than Paris. But when her father dies, she finds a mysterious newspaper clipping from Burma, 1911 buried among his belongings - a clipping that says the Hattons were leaving Rangoon after the disappearance of their baby daughter, Elvira. How could her parents have kept this from her for so long? Was her sister really dead? And could there be a chance that Belle might find her? Before she knows it Belle is boarding a ship to Rangoon, alone, with no idea what she will find when she gets there...

**Ruby Red** - Kerstin Gier 2011-05-10

Gwyneth Shepherd's sophisticated, beautiful cousin Charlotte has been prepared her entire life for traveling through time. But unexpectedly, it is Gwyneth who in the middle of class takes a sudden spin to a different era! Gwyneth must now unearth the mystery of why her mother would lie about her birth date to ward off suspicion about her ability, brush up on her history, and work with Gideon—the time traveler from a similarly gifted family that passes the gene through its male line, and whose presence becomes, in time, less insufferable and more essential. Together, Gwyneth and Gideon journey through time to discover who, in the 18th century and in contemporary London, they can trust. Kerstin Gier's *Ruby Red* is young adult novel full of fantasy and romance.

**The Lighthouse Witches** - C. J. Cooke 2021-10-05

A Most Anticipated Novel by Pop Sugar \* Book Riot \* Betches \* Bustle \* and more! "Utterly spellbinding....Witchcraft meets thriller."--Pop Sugar Two sisters go missing on a remote Scottish island. Twenty years later, one is found-but she's still the same age as when she disappeared. The secrets of witches have reached across the centuries in this chilling Gothic thriller from the author of the acclaimed *The Nesting*. When single mother Liv is

commissioned to paint a mural in a 100-year-old lighthouse on a remote Scottish island, it's an opportunity to start over with her three daughters--Luna, Sapphire, and Clover. When two of her daughters go missing, she's frantic. She learns that the cave beneath the lighthouse was once a prison for women accused of witchcraft. The locals warn her about wildlings, supernatural beings who mimic human children, created by witches for revenge. Liv is told wildlings are dangerous and must be killed. Twenty-two years later, Luna has been searching for her missing sisters and mother. When she receives a call about her youngest sister, Clover, she's initially ecstatic. Clover is the sister she remembers--except she's still seven years old, the age she was when she vanished. Luna is worried Clover is a wildling. Luna has few memories of her time on the island, but she'll have to return to find the truth of what happened to her family. But she doesn't realize just how much the truth will change her.

**The Black Widow** - Carolyn Keene 2014-05-20 Nancy uncovers a mystery while cruising to Rio de Janeiro when a drawing of a black widow spider with a coded message is slipped under Nancy's door.

*The Tea Planter's Wife* - Dinah Jefferies 2016-09-13

#1 INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER • 1920s Ceylon: A young Englishwoman marries a charming tea plantation owner and widower, only to discover he's keeping terrible secrets about his past, including what happened to his first wife, that lead to devastating consequences In this lush, atmospheric page-turner, nineteen-year-old Gwendolyn Hooper has married Laurence, the seductively mysterious owner of a vast tea empire in colonial Ceylon, after a whirlwind romance in London. When she joins him at his faraway tea plantation, she's filled with hope for their life together, eager to take on the role of mistress of the house, learn the tea business, and start a family. But life in Ceylon is not what Gwen expected. The plantation workers are resentful, the neighbors and her new sister-in-law treacherous. Gwen finds herself drawn to a local Sinhalese man of questionable intentions and worries about her new husband's connection to a brash American businesswoman. But most troubling are the unanswered questions

surrounding Laurence's first marriage. Why won't anyone discuss the fate of his first wife? Who's buried in the unmarked grave in the forest? As the darkness of her husband's past emerges, Gwen is forced to make a devastating choice, one that could destroy their future and Gwen's chance at happiness.

**Iron Widow** - Xiran Jay Zhao 2021-10-07

Instant New York Times No.1 Bestseller Science fiction and East Asian myth combine in this dazzling retelling of the rise of Wu Zetian, the only female emperor in Chinese history. 'This is the historical-inspired, futuristic sci-fi mash-up of my wildest dreams.' Chloe Gong 'Raging against the patriarchy in spectacular style.' Observer, best books of the year 'Think The Handmaid's Tale meets Pacific Rim and buckle up.' Shelley Parker-Chan 'Like its ferocious heroine, Iron Widow is brutal, bloodthirsty and full of rage.' Julie C. Dao I have no faith in love. Love cannot save me. I choose vengeance. The boys of Huaxia dream of pairing up with girls to pilot Chrysalises - giant transforming robots that battle aliens beyond the Great Wall. It doesn't matter that their female co-pilots are expected to serve as concubines and often die from the mental strain. When 18-year-old Zetian offers herself up as a concubine-pilot, her plan is to assassinate the ace male pilot responsible for her sister's death. But after miraculously surviving her first battle, Zetian sets her sights on a mightier goal. The time has come to stop more girls from being sacrificed.

*The First Dance* - Catherine Law 2018-03-22

An enthralling novel of love and lost chances, perfect for fans of Lucinda Riley's THE PEARL SISTER, Dinah Jefferies THE SAPPHIRE WIDOW and Santa Montefiore. To find what she has lost, she must go back to the beginning . . . 1924 The First World War is over and eleven-year-old Alexa is growing up on the idyllic Cornish coast with her best friend Harvey. But she soon discovers there are secrets at the heart of her family that have been hidden for years. 1931 Alexa flees Cornwall for the intoxicating city of Venice. But her new glamorous life is not what she hoped for and, with dark shadows closing in on her, Alexa will question everything she thought she wanted . . . 'A touching tale of star crossed lovers' New Magazine on Map of Stars  
*The Separation* - Dinah Jefferies 2014-05-22

FROM THE NUMBER 1 BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF THE TEA PLANTER'S WIFE *The Separation* by Dinah Jefferies is a sweeping novel set in 1950s Malaya, about a mother searching for her daughters. What happens when a mother and her daughters are separated; who do they become when they believe it might be forever? 1953, the eve of the Cartwright's departure from Malaya. Eleven-year-old Emma can't understand why they're leaving without their mother; why her taciturn father is refusing to answer questions. Lydia arrives home to an empty house - there's no sign of her husband Alec or her daughters. Panic stricken, she embarks on a dangerous journey to find them through the hot and civil-war-torn Malayan jungle - one that only the power of a mother's love can help her to survive. Dinah Jefferies was born in Malaya in 1948 and moved to England at the age of nine. She has worked in education, once lived in a 'rock 'n roll' commune and, more recently, been an exhibiting artist. She spends her days writing, with time off to make tiaras and dinosaurs with her grandchildren. *The Separation* is her first book.

*LORD OF LA PAMPA* - Kay Thorpe 2015-01-01

*A Love Transformed* (Sapphire Brides Book #3) - Tracie Peterson 2016-09-06

The Riveting Final Story in the Sapphire Brides Series When Clara Vesper's husband, Adolph, dies suddenly, Clara is stunned--but not grief-stricken. Her marriage to Adolph had been arranged, their primary interaction revolving around the sapphire jewelry Clara designed and Adolph produced and sold. Widowed and penniless, with two small children, Clara decides to return to her aunt and uncle's ranch in Montana, the only place she has ever been happy. Curtis Billingham, injured in a sapphire mine collapse, is recuperating at the ranch of his friends, Paul and Madeline Sersland. But when the Serslands' niece returns from New York City, Curtis curses both his broken body and his broken past. Clara, the love of his life, has come back to him, but he is no longer worthy of her love. Clara's brother-in-law Otto Vesper, Adolph's business partner, fears that the loss of Clara's design skills will doom the company's prospects. Following her to Montana, Otto is prepared to do whatever it takes to get Clara to

return with him to New York. As Clara fights for love and freedom, a dangerous secret in her late husband's life comes to light, threatening everyone she loves.

*The Tuscan Contessa* - Dinah Jefferies

2020-07-16

ONE WAR. TWO WOMEN. WILL THEY BE ABLE TO SAVE THE ONES THEY LOVE? A sweeping new novel from the number one Sunday Times bestselling author of *The Tea Planter's Wife* In 1943, Contessa Sofia de' Corsi's peaceful Tuscan villa among the olive groves is upturned by the sudden arrival of German soldiers. Desperate to fight back, she agrees to shelter a wounded British radio engineer in her home, keeping him hidden from her husband Lorenzo - knowing that she is putting all of their lives at risk. When Maxine, an Italian-American working for the resistance, arrives on Sofia's doorstep, the pair forge an uneasy alliance. Feisty, independent Maxine promised herself never to fall in love. But when she meets a handsome partisan named Marco, she realizes it's a promise she can't keep... Before long, the two women find

themselves entangled in a dangerous game with the Nazis. Will they be discovered? And will they both be able to save the ones they love? 'Dinah Jefferies has a remarkable gift for conjuring up another time and place with lush descriptions, full of power and intensity' Kate Furnivall 'A stunning story of love and loyalty in wartime' Rachel Hore 'Beautiful writing, wonderful characters, gripping story, and such a gorgeously evoked Tuscan setting - how I loved this! Such a perfect, immersive summer read!' Jenny Ashcroft 'A lush, fast-moving, gripping story that will keep you guessing till the last pages. A perfect summer read' Gill Paul 'It's so rich & the historical details so transporting. Reading this novel is like being swept into a wonderful movie' Eve Chase

*The Sapphire Crescent* - Thomas M. Reid

2010-04-21

*The Sapphire Crescent* - a mercenary order sworn to defend a god, but bent to the will of mortals... When family turns on family, it's business as usual in Arrabar, but when a family turns on itself, an entire nation may be torn assunder.