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From the bestselling author of *It Happened at the Fair* and *Fair Play* comes a compelling historical novel about a progressive “New Woman”—the girl behind Tiffany’s chapel—and the love that threatens it all. As preparations for the 1893 World’s Fair set Chicago and the nation on fire, Louis Tiffany—heir to the exclusive Fifth Avenue jewelry empire—seizes the opportunity to unveil his state-of-the-art, stained glass, mosaic chapel, the likes of which the world has never seen. But when Louis’s dream is threatened by a glassworkers’ strike months

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before the Fair opens, he turns to an unforeseen source for help: the female students at the Art Students League of New York. Eager for adventure, the young women pick up their skirts, move to boarding houses, take up steel cutters, and assume new identities as the “ Tiffany Girls. ” Tiffany Girl is the heartwarming story of the impetuous Flossie Jayne, a beautiful, budding artist who is handpicked by Louis to help complete the Tiffany chapel. Though excited to live in a boarding house when most women stayed home, she quickly finds the world is less welcoming than anticipated. From a Casanova male, to an unconventional married couple, and a condescending singing master, she takes on a colorful cast of characters to transform the boarding house into a

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home while racing to complete the Tiffany chapel and make a name for herself in the art world. As challenges mount, her ambitions become threatened from an unexpected quarter: her own heart. Who will claim victory? Her dreams or the captivating boarder next door? It's 1952 and the Scott family has just moved from Los Angeles to London. Here, fourteen-year-old Janie meets a mysterious apothecary and his son, Benjamin Burrows - a fascinating boy who's not afraid to stand up to authority and dreams of becoming a spy. When Benjamin's father is kidnapped, Janie and Benjamin must uncover the secrets of the apothecary's sacred book, the Pharmacopoeia, in order to find him, all while keeping it out of the hands of their enemies - Russian spies in

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possession of nuclear weapons. Discovering and testing potions they never believed could exist, Janie and Benjamin embark on a dangerous race to save the apothecary and prevent impending disaster. Together with Ian Schoenherr's breathtaking illustrations, this is a truly stunning package from cover to cover.

Much has happened in Ivy Hill, and while several villagers have found new love and purpose, questions remain--and a few dearly held dreams have yet to be fulfilled. When a secretive new dressmaker arrives, the ladies suspect she isn't who she claims to be. While the people of Ivy Hill anticipate one wedding, an unexpected bride may surprise them all.

New from the Top Author of
Inspirational Regency Romance

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Return to Ivy Hill in *The Ladies of Ivy Cottage* as friendships deepen, romances blossom, and mysteries unfold. Living with the two Miss Groves in Ivy Cottage, impoverished gentlewoman Rachel Ashford is determined to earn her own livelihood . . . somehow. When the village women encourage her to open a subscription library with the many books she has inherited or acquired through donations, Rachel discovers two mysteries hidden among them. A man who once broke her heart helps her search for clues, but will both find more than they bargained for? Rachel's friend and hostess, Mercy Grove, has given up thoughts of suitors and fills her days managing her girls' school. So when several men take an interest in Ivy Cottage, she assumes pretty Miss Ashford is the

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cause. Exactly what--or who--has captured each man's attention? The truth may surprise them all.

Meanwhile, life has improved at the coaching inn and Jane Bell is ready to put grief behind her. Now if only the man she misses would return--but where is he? As the women of Ivy Hill search for answers about the past and hope for the future, might they find love along the way?

The Ladies of Ivy Cottage

Lady Maybe

The Tutor's Daughter

Lost in Scotland

Richard Brockwell, the younger son of Ivy Hill's most prominent family, hasn't been home for Christmas in years. He prefers to live in the London townhouse, far away from Brockwell Court, the old family secret that haunts him,

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and the shadows of his past mistakes. But then his mother threatens to stop funding his carefree life--unless he comes home for Christmas. Out of options, he sets out for Ivy Hill, planning to be back on a coach bound for London and his unencumbered bachelor life as soon as the festivities are over. But Christmas in the country presents unforeseen surprises, including encounters with an orphaned apprentice, the first love he disappointed years ago, and Arabella Awdry, a young lady who is far more appealing than he recalled . . . and determined to have nothing to do with him. Will Christmastime in Ivy Hill, with its village charm, kissing boughs, joyous songs, and divine hope,

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work its magic in his heart . . .
and hers as well?

"Through an unexpected
friendship, two people from
different worlds--former bad girl
Katie Stone and Asher Powell, son
of a small-town pastor--find
peace, hope, and a second
chance they never dreamed was
possible"--

Much has happened in idyllic Ivy
Hill in recent months, and while
several villagers have found new
love and purpose, questions
remain--and a few dearly held
dreams have yet to be fulfilled.
Jane Bell is torn. Gabriel Locke is
back and has made his intentions
clear. But Jane is reluctant to give
up her inn and destine another
man to a childless marriage. Then
someone she never expected to

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see again returns to Ivy Hill. . . . Mercy Grove has lost her school and is resigned to life as a spinster, especially as the man she admires seems out of reach. Should she uproot herself from Ivy Cottage to become a governess for a former pupil? Her decision will change more lives than her own. A secretive new dressmaker arrives in the village, but the ladies soon suspect she isn't who she claims to be. Will they oust the imposter, or help rescue her from a dangerous predicament? In the meantime, everyone expects Miss Brockwell to marry a titled gentleman, even though her heart is drawn to another. While the people of Ivy Hill anticipate one wedding, an unexpected bride may surprise

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them all. Don't miss this romantic, stirring conclusion to Tales from Ivy Hill.

This second book in award-winning, bestselling author Shannon Hale's beloved Books of Bayern series returns with a gorgeous brand new cover.

Blackmoore

A Castaway in Cornwall

The Adventures of Heart Longing

The Bride of Ivy Green

In this novel by the three-time Christy Award-winning author of The Maid of Fairbourne Hall, a woman's startling secrets lead her into unexpected danger and romance in Regency

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England... One final cry...“God almighty, help us!” and suddenly her world shifted violently, until a blinding collision scattered her mind and shook her bones. Then, the pain. The freezing water. And as all sensation drifted away, a hand reached for hers, before all faded into darkness... Now she has awakened as though from some strange, suffocating dream in a warm and welcoming room she has never seen before, and tended to by

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kind, unfamiliar faces. But not all has been swept away. She recalls fragments of the accident. She remembers a baby. And a ring on her finger reminds her of a lie. But most of all, there is a secret. And in this house of strangers she can trust no one but herself to keep it.

Jane Austen Era Romance
from an Acclaimed
Novelist

Believing herself guilty of a crime, Olivia Keene flees her home,

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eventually stumbling upon a grand estate where an elaborate celebration is in progress. But all is not as joyous as it seems. Lord Bradley has just learned a terrible secret, which, if exposed, will change his life forever. When he glimpses a figure on the grounds, he fears a spy or thief has overheard his devastating news. He is stunned to discover the intruder is a scrap of a woman with her throat badly injured.

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Fearing she will spread his secret, he gives the girl a post and confines her to his estate. As Olivia and Lord Bradley's secrets catch up with them, will their hidden pasts ruin their hope of finding love? Worlds lie between the marketplaces of India and the halls of a magnificent country estate like Highland Hall. Will Julia be able to find her place when a governess is neither upstairs family nor downstairs help?

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Missionary Julia Foster loves working alongside her parents, ministering and caring for young girls in India. But when the family must return to England due to illness, she readily accepts the burden for her parents' financial support. Taking on a job at Highland Hall as governess, she quickly finds that teaching her four privileged, ill-mannered charges at a grand estate is more challenging than expected, and she isn't

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sure what to make of the estate's preoccupied master, Sir William Ramsey. Widowed and left to care for his two young children and his deceased cousin Randolph's two teenage girls, William is consumed with saving the estate from the financial ruin. The last thing he needs is any distraction coming from the kindhearted-yet-determined governess who seems to be quietly transforming his household with her

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persuasive personality, vibrant prayer life, and strong faith. While both are tending past wounds and guarding fragile secrets, Julia and William are determined to do what it takes to save their families—common ground that proves fertile for unexpected feelings. But will William choose Julia's steadfast heart and faith over the wealth and power he needs to secure Highland Hall's future?

A Tales from Ivy Hill

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Novella

The Innkeeper of Ivy
Hill (Tales from Ivy
Hill Book #1)

An Ivy Hill Christmas
Tiffany Girl

**Miss Mariah Aubrey,
banished after a scandal,
hides herself away in a
long-abandoned
gatehouse on the far edge
of a distant relative's
estate. There, she
supports herself and her
loyal servant the only way
she knows how--by
writing novels in secret.
Captain Matthew Bryant,
returning to England**

successful and wealthy after the Napoleonic wars, leases an impressive estate from a cash-poor nobleman, determined to show the society beauty who once rejected him what a colossal mistake she made. When he discovers an old gatehouse on the property, he is immediately intrigued by its striking young inhabitant and sets out to uncover her identity, and her past. But the more he learns about her, the more he realizes he must

distance himself. Falling in love with an outcast would ruin his well-laid plans. The old gatehouse holds secrets of its own. Can Mariah and Captain Bryant uncover them before the cunning heir to the estate buries them forever?

Julie Klassen Is the Gold Standard for Inspirational Regency Fiction Sophie Dupont, daughter of a portrait painter, assists her father in his studio, keeping her own artwork out of sight. She often walks the cliffside path

along the north Devon coast, popular with artists and poets. It's where she met the handsome Wesley Overtree, the first man to tell her she's beautiful. Captain Stephen Overtree is accustomed to taking on his brother's neglected duties. Home on leave, he's sent to find Wesley. Knowing his brother rented a cottage from a fellow painter, he travels to Devonshire and meets Miss Dupont, the painter's daughter. He's startled to recognize her from a miniature portrait

he carries with him--one of Wesley's discarded works. But his happiness plummets when he realizes Wesley has left her with child and sailed away to Italy in search of a new muse. Wanting to do something worthwhile with his life, Stephen proposes to Sophie. He does not offer love, or even a future together, but he can save her from scandal. If he dies in battle, as he believes he will, she'll be a respectable widow with the protection of his

family. Desperate for a way to escape her predicament, Sophie agrees to marry a stranger and travel to his family's estate. But at Overtree Hall, her problems are just beginning. Will she regret marrying Captain Overtree when a repentant Wesley returns? Or will she find herself torn between the father of her child and her growing affection for the husband she barely knows?

Set in Northern England

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in 1820, Blackmoore is a regency romance that tells the story of Kate Worthington, a young woman struggling to learn how to escape her family and follow her heart.

Victoria hopes that her new job at a beautiful Austrian castle will heal the scars left by an insincere lover. What she didn't expect was handsome yet gruff Baron Horst and his daughter, Sophie. Victoria's been hired to tutor Sophie, but the girl has a defiant

attitude. Victoria soon begins to question what happened to Sophie's mother, but the baron refuses to discuss it. As curt as he may be, Victoria can't help but fall for the kindness in his eyes when he looks at his daughter. But she knows she shouldn't... Besides, the baron is a married man!

A Novel

The Apothecary

The Bride of Ivy Green

(Tales from Ivy Hill Book #3)

Praise for Julie Klassen "A remarkable

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tale with many unpredictable twists and turns."--CBA Retailers+Resources
"A treat for [readers] who want their historical romances served up with a generous dash of mystery."--Booklist
"[Klassen's] work appeals to all who seek a riveting Regency romance."--RT Book Reviews
Abigail Foster is the practical daughter. She fears she will end up a spinster, especially as she has little dowry, and the one man she thought might marry her seems to have fallen for her younger, prettier sister. Facing financial ruin, Abigail and her father search for more affordable lodgings, until a strange solicitor arrives with an astounding offer: the use of a distant manor house abandoned for eighteen years. The Fosters journey to imposing Pembroke Park and are startled to find it entombed as it was

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abruptly left: tea cups encrusted with dry tea, moth-eaten clothes in wardrobes, a doll's house left mid-play... The handsome local curate welcomes them, but though he and his family seem acquainted with the manor's past, the only information they offer is a stern warning: Beware trespassers drawn by rumors that Pembroke Park contains a secret room filled with treasure. This catches Abigail's attention. Hoping to restore her family's finances--and her dowry--Abigail looks for this supposed treasure. But eerie sounds at night and footprints in the dust reveal she isn't the only one secretly searching the house. Then Abigail begins receiving anonymous letters, containing clues about the hidden room and startling discoveries about the past. As old friends and new foes come calling at

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Pembroke Park, secrets come to light. Will Abigail find the treasure and love she seeks...or very real danger? Award-Winning Regency Romance from Bestselling Author Julie Klassen

Emma Smallwood, determined to help her widowed father regain his spirits when his academy fails, agrees to travel with him to the distant Cornwall coast, to the cliff-top manor of a baronet and his four sons. But after they arrive and begin teaching the younger boys, mysterious things begin to happen and danger mounts. Who does Emma hear playing the pianoforte, only to find the music room empty? Who sneaks into her room at night? Who rips a page from her journal, only to return it with a chilling illustration? The baronet's older sons, Phillip and Henry, wrestle with problems--and secrets--of their own.

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They both remember Emma Smallwood from their days at her father's academy. She had been an awkward, studious girl. But now one of them finds himself unexpectedly drawn to her. When the suspicious acts escalate, can the clever tutor's daughter figure out which brother to blame...and which brother to trust with her heart?

“ Katherine Reay's Dear Mr. Knightley kept me up until 2:00 a.m.; I simply couldn't put it down.” —Eloisa James, New York Times best-selling author of Once Upon a Tower Samantha Moore has always hidden behind the words of others—namely, her favorite characters in literature. Now, she will learn to write her own story—by giving that story to a complete stranger. Sam is, to say the least, bookish. An English major of the highest order, her

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diet has always been Austen, Dickens, and Shakespeare. The problem is, both her prose and conversation tend to be more Elizabeth Bennet than Samantha Moore. But life for the twenty-three-year-old orphan is about to get stranger than fiction. An anonymous, Dickensian benefactor (calling himself Mr. Knightley) offers to put Sam through Northwestern University 's prestigious Medill School of Journalism. There is only one catch: Sam must write frequent letters to the mysterious donor, detailing her progress. As Sam 's dark memory mingles with that of eligible novelist Alex Powell, her letters to Mr. Knightley become increasingly confessional. While Alex draws Sam into a world of warmth and literature that feels like it 's straight out of a book, old secrets are drawn to light. And as

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Sam learns to love and trust Alex and herself, she learns once again how quickly trust can be broken. Reminding us all that our own true character is not meant to be hidden, Reay ' s debut novel follows one young woman ' s journey as she sheds her protective persona and embraces the person she was meant to become. “ Dear Mr. Knightley is a stunning debut—a pure gem with humor and heart. ” —Serena Chase, USA Today Includes Reading Group Guide Plus Bonus Material: Q & A with Katherine Reay and Sam ' s Reading List

A journey for Lady Marianna, her husband Sir John and her companion Hannah is cut short by a carriage accident. As Lady Marianna's body is swept away, Hannah survives, only to reawaken in an unfamiliar world of wealth, romance, and privilege - and

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trapped in a case of mistaken identity that casts a spell she can't bring herself to break. But Hannah learns she isn't the only one with secrets-and soon it'll be too late for the truth to free her.

Lady of Milkweed Manor

A Heart Most Worthy

An Allegory

Enna Burning

While Benjamin investigates a mysterious death, evidence takes him to a remote island on the Thames. There, Isabelle is trapped by fear and a recurring dream about a man's death. Or is it a memory? When a second death brings everyone under suspicion, and the search for truth brings secrets to light, she realizes her island

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sanctuary will never be the same. Fleeing her home after believing herself guilty of a crime, Olivia Keene stumbles upon the grand estate of Lord Bradley, who gives her a post to confine her lest she reveal a dark secret of his.

The Silent GovernessBethany House
The engaging and moving story of a once-proper lady who finds herself in a most unexpected situation; a romance set in Regency England.

The Ladies of Ivy Cottage (Tales from Ivy Hill Book #2)

The Dancing Master

The Secret of Pembroke Park

The Girl in the Gatehouse

Living at Ivy Cottage,
impoverished gentlewoman

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Agatha Christie meets Jane Austen in this atmospheric Regency tale brimming with mystery, intrigue, and romance. When Miss Rebecca Lane returns to her home village after a few years away, her brother begs for a favor: go to nearby Swanford Abbey and deliver his manuscript to an author staying there who could help him get published. Feeling responsible for her brother's desperate state, she reluctantly agrees. The medieval monastery turned grand hotel is rumored to be haunted. Once there,

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Rebecca begins noticing strange things, including a figure in a hooded black gown gliding silently through the abbey's cloisters. For all its renovations and veneer of luxury, the ancient foundations seem to echo with whispers of the past--including her own. For there she encounters Sir Frederick--magistrate, widower, and former neighbor--who long ago broke her heart. When the famous author is found murdered in the abbey, Sir Frederick begins questioning staff and guests and quickly

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discovers that several people held grudges against the man, including Miss Lane and her brother. Haunted by a painful betrayal in his past, Sir Frederick searches for answers but is torn between his growing feelings for Rebecca and his pursuit of the truth. For Miss Lane is clearly hiding something. ...

War between Bayern and Tira is finally over. To cement the peace with their old sworn enemies, a group from each kingdom will cross to the other for a 'season of friendship'. At first all is well, but mysterious events in the

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Tiran capital arouse suspicions and anger bubbles just beneath the surface. Enna's friend Razo must find out who is masterminding these events before it's too late and they find themselves trapped in the heart of Tira as war breaks out.

After a humiliating mistake, lawyer Benjamin Booker resolves to never again trust a beautiful woman. When an old friend is killed, the senior partner isn't satisfied with Bow Street's efforts and asks Benjamin to investigate. Eager to leave London for a

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while, Benjamin agrees. Evidence takes him to a remote island on the Thames, a world unto itself, shrouded in mist and mystery. Soon he finds himself falling for the main suspect--a woman who claims not to have left the island in ten years. But should he trust her? On Belle Island, Isabelle feels safe and leads a productive life, but fear keeps her trapped there. When Mr. Booker arrives with news of her trustee's murder in London, Isabelle is stunned. She has not left the island, yet she

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has a recurring dream about the man's death. Or is it a memory? She had been furious with him, but she never intended . . . this. When a second person dies and evidence shockingly points to her, Isabelle doesn't know who to trust: the attractive lawyer or the admirer and friends who assemble on the island, each with grudges against the victim. Can she even trust her own mind? While they search for the truth, secrets come to light and danger comes calling.

The Painter's Daughter

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THE RELUCTANT GOVERNESS

Three Regency Romances
From a Bestselling Novelist
The Apothecary's Daughter
Regency Romance and Mystery from
Bestselling Author Julie Klassen

Pampered Margaret Macy flees
London in disguise to escape pressure
to marry a dishonorable man. With no
money and nowhere else to go, she
takes a position as a housemaid in the
home of Nathaniel Upchurch, a suitor
she once rejected in hopes of winning
his dashing brother. Praying no one
will recognize her, Margaret fumbles
through the first real work of her life. If
she can last until her next birthday, she
will gain an inheritance from a spinster
aunt--and sweet independence. But can

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she remain hidden as a servant even when prying eyes visit Fairbourne Hall? Observing both brothers as an "invisible" servant, Margaret learns she may have misjudged Nathaniel. Is it too late to rekindle his admiration? And when one of the family is nearly killed, Margaret alone discovers who was responsible. Should she come forward, even at the risk of her reputation and perhaps her life? And can she avoid an obvious trap meant to force her from hiding? On her journey from wellborn lady to servant to uncertain future, Margaret must learn to look past appearances and find the true meaning of "serve one another in love."

Lillian Haswell, brilliant daughter of the local apothecary, yearns for more

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adventure and experience than life in her father's shop and their small village provides. She also longs to know the truth behind her mother's disappearance, which villagers whisper about but her father refuses to discuss. Opportunity comes when a distant aunt offers to educate her as a lady in London. Exposed to fashionable society and romance--as well as clues about her mother--Lilly is torn when she is summoned back to her ailing father's bedside. Women are forbidden to work as apothecaries, so to save the family legacy, Lilly will have to make it appear as if her father is still making all the diagnoses and decisions. But the suspicious eyes of a scholarly physician and a competing apothecary are upon her. As they vie for village

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prominence, three men also vie for Lilly's heart.

This special value collection includes three bestselling novels from the top author of inspirational Regency romance, Julie Klassen. These moving, independent stories feature strong heroines, tender romance, and compelling intrigue. The collection includes *The Lady of Milkweed Manor*, *The Apothecary's Daughter*, and *The Silent Governess*.

Laura Callaway daily walks the windswept Cornwall coast, known for many shipwrecks but few survivors. She feels like a castaway, set adrift on the tides of fate by the deaths of her parents and left wanting answers. Now living with her parson uncle and his parsimonious wife in North Cornwall,

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Laura is viewed as an outsider even as she yearns to belong somewhere again. When ships sink, wreckers scour the shore for valuables, while Laura searches for clues to the lives lost. She has written letters to loved ones and returned keepsakes to rightful owners. She collects seashells and mementos, and when a man is washed ashore, she collects him too. As Laura and a neighbor care for the castaway, the mystery surrounding him grows. He has abrasions and a deep cut that looks suspiciously like a knife wound, and he speaks in careful, educated English, yet his accent seems odd. Other clues wash ashore, and Laura soon realizes he is not who he seems to be. Their attraction grows, and while she longs to return the man to his rightful home,

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evidence against him mounts. With danger pursuing them from every side, will Laura ever find the answers and love she seeks?

The Bridge to Belle Island

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Harlequin Comics

My Hope Next Door

Finding himself the man of the family, London dancing master Alec Valcourt moves his mother and sister to remote Devonshire, hoping to start over. But he is stunned to learn the village matriarch has prohibited all dancing, for reasons buried deep in her past. Alec finds an unlikely ally in the matriarch's daughter. Though he's initially wary of Julia Midwinter's reckless flirtation, he comes to realize her bold exterior

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disguises a vulnerable soul--and hidden sorrows of her own. Julia is quickly attracted to the handsome dancing master--a man her mother would never approve of--but she cannot imagine why Mr. Valcourt would leave London, or why he evades questions about his past. With Alec's help, can Julia uncover old secrets and restore life to her somber village...and to her mother's tattered heart? Filled with mystery and romance, The Dancing Master brings to life the intriguing profession of those who taught essential social graces for ladies and gentlemen hoping to make a "good match" in Regency England. Praise for Julie Klassen's The Tutor's Daughter "Whether you're a fan

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of Jane Austen or Charlotte Bronte, or both, you will soon become a fan of Julie Klassen once you read this wonderful book."--GoodReads "Well-developed characters, plot twists, and attention to period detail make this a sure bet for fans of Regency novels."--Library Journal "Regency/Klassen fans will love the mystery, romance, and drama."--Publishers Weekly

Discussion questions included.

On the eve of World War I, three Italian immigrants--Julietta, Annamaria and Luciana--dream of love, but each harbors a secret from their families and from each other that could destroy their hopes of finding happiness.

Original.

One morning just before dawn,

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midwife Tabitha Eckles and British nobleman Dominick Cherett cross paths on a misty beachhead in Virginia, leading them on a twisted path through kidnappings, death threats, public disgrace and love.

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**The Governess of Highland Hall
Lady in the Mist
River Secrets**

Dear Mr. Knightley

First Series from Bestselling Author Julie Klassen! The lifeblood of the Wiltshire village of Ivy Hill is its coaching inn, The Bell. But when the innkeeper dies suddenly, his genteel wife, Jane Bell, becomes the reluctant owner. Jane has no notion of how to run a business. However, with the town's livelihood at stake and a large loan due, she must find a way to bring new life to the inn. Despite their strained relationship, Jane

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turns to her resentful mother-in-law, Thora, for help. Formerly mistress of The Bell, Thora is struggling to find her place in the world. As she and Jane work together, they form a measure of trust, and Thora's wounded heart begins to heal. When she encounters two men from her past, she sees them--and her future--in a different light. With pressure mounting from the bank, Jane employs innovative methods to turn the inn around, and puzzles over the intentions of several men who seem to have a vested interest in the place. Will her efforts be enough to save The Bell? And will Thora embrace the possibility of a second chance at love?

Shadows of Swanford Abbey
The Maid of Fairbourne Hall
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