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While We Were Watching Downton Abbey-Wendy Wax 2013 At the invitation of the building's concierge, four neighbors in an Atlanta apartment building begin weekly viewings of the acclaimed British series together and find themselves relating to the show, and to each other, in unexpected ways. Original. 50,000 first printing.

While We Were Watching Downton Abbey-Wendy Wax 2013-04-02 FROM THE BESTSELLING AUTHOR OF TEN BEACH ROAD AND OCEAN BEACH, A NEW NOVEL OF FOUR FRIENDS—AND A SHARED PASSION THAT COULD CHANGE THEIR LIVES. When the concierge of The Alexander, a historic Atlanta apartment building, invites his fellow residents to join him for weekly screenings of Downton Abbey, four very different people find themselves connecting with the addictive drama, and—even more unexpectedly—with each other... Samantha Davis married young and for the wrong reason: the security of old Atlanta money—for herself and for her orphaned brother and sister. She never expected her marriage to be complicated by love and compromised by a shattering family betrayal. Claire Walker is now an empty nester and struggling author who left her home in the suburbs for the old world charm of The Alexander, and for a new and productive life. But she soon wonders if clinging to old dreams can be more destructive than having no dreams at all. And then there's Brooke MacKenzie, a woman in constant battle with her faithless ex-husband. She's just starting to realize that it's time to take a deep breath and come to terms with the fact that her life is not the fairy tale she thought it would be. For Samantha, Claire, Brooke—and Edward, who arranges the weekly gatherings—it will be a season of surprises as they forge a bond that will sustain them through some of life's hardest moments—all of it reflected in the unfolding drama, comedy, and convergent lives of Downton Abbey.

Ocean Beach-Wendy Wax 2012-06-26 Three women find a second chance—or is it a third—in this novel from the USA Today bestselling author of Best Beach Ever. When unlikely friends Madeline, Avery, and Nicole arrive in Miami's South Beach neighborhood, they're hoping for a do-over. Literally. They've been hired to bring a historic house back to its former glory on a new television show called Do Over. If they can just get this show off the ground, Nikki could fix her finances, Avery could restart her career, and Maddie would have a shot at keeping her family together. The women quickly realize that having their work broadcast is one thing, but having their personal lives play out on TV is another. Soon they're struggling to hold themselves, and the project, together. With a decades-old mystery—and hurricane season—looming, the women are forced to figure out just how they'll weather life's storms...

7 Days and 7 Nights-Wendy Wax 2007-12-18 It's Him vs. Her when romance collides with reality—and everyone is watching. . . . He says . . . he'll have his way with her inside a week. Radio personality Matt Ransom of Atlanta's raucous, testosterone-fueled Guy Talk is counting on a sure thing when he agrees to be locked up in a tiny apartment for seven days with the competition: the earnest Dr. Olivia Moore. It's an on-camera publicity stunt and Matt's determined to come out on top. She says . . . she'll never make the same mistake twice. Though their long-ago affair is a secret, Olivia feels as if her broken heart is on display whenever she crosses paths with her infuriatingly cocky—and undeniably charismatic—nemesis. Now she's stuck with him in the reality show from hell . . . or is it heaven? All she has to do is keep a level head, even while every other part of her is spinning dizzily out of control.

Hostile Makeover-Wendy Wax 2005 Angered over her father's decision to entrust his ad agency to her arch rival, company golden boy, Ross Morgan, Shelley Schwartz is determined to do anything she can to regain control of her family legacy—if she can resist Ross's charms in the process. Original.

Magnolia Wednesdays-Wendy Wax 2010 Finding herself pregnant and jobless, investigative journalist Vivian Armstrong Gray returns to the simple life back home in Georgia, and becomes involved in the social life centered on her sister's ballroom dance studio. Original.

The World of Downton Abbey-Jessica Fellowes 2011-12-06 A lavish look at the real world—both the secret history and the behind-the-scenes drama—of the spellbinding Emmy Award-winning Masterpiece TV series Downton Abbey April 1912. The sun is rising behind Downton Abbey, a great and splendid house in a great and splendid park. So secure does it appear that it seems as if the way it represents will last for another thousand years. It won't. Millions of American viewers were enthralled by the world of Downton Abbey, the mesmerizing TV drama of the aristocratic Crawley family—and their servants—on the verge of dramatic change. On the eve of Season 2 of the TV presentation, this gorgeous book—illustrated with sketches and research from the production team, as well as on-set photographs from both seasons—takes us even deeper into that world, with fresh insights into the story and characters as well as the social history.

Happy Any Day Now-Toby Devens 2013 A middle-age half-Korean, half-Jewish woman has her cozy life turned upside down when the first love of her life returns to town and her absentee father shows up with an expensive car and the speech of a con man. Original.

My Ex-Best Friend's Wedding-Wendy Wax 2019 Prized and stored away for safekeeping, the timeless ivory wedding dress sits gently folded in its box, whispering of Happily Ever Afters. To Kendra, Brianna, and Lauren it's a reminder of what could have been, the promise of a fairy tale, and a friendship torn apart. Once closer than sisters, Lauren and Bree have grown up and grown apart, allowing broken promises and unfulfilled dreams to destroy their friendship. Now on the eve of her daughter Lauren's wedding, Kendra struggles with a secret she's kept for too long, and vows to make sure the dress will finally bring Lauren and Bree back together.

A Week at the Lake-Wendy Wax 2016-06-28 Twenty years ago, Emma, Mackenzie and Serena bonded over their New York City dreams. Then, each summer, they spent one week together at the lake. It's been five years since Emma has seen her friends, but now she's in desperate need of their support. But when a terrible accident keeps Emma from saying her piece, Serena and Mackenzie begin to learn about the past on their own. Now, to heal their friendship and their broken lives, the three women will have to return to the lake that once united them and discover which relationships are worth holding on to.

Ten Beach Road-Wendy Wax 2012 Three strangers discover their life savings and their trusted financial advisor have vanished, leaving them with co-ownership of a ramshackle beachfront house they decide to restore in this new novel from the author of The Accidental Bestseller. Original.

The Accidental Bestseller-Wendy Wax 2009-06-02 From the USA Today bestselling author of While We Were Watching Downton Abbey... Once upon a time four aspiring authors met at their very first writers' conference. Ten years later they're still friends, survivors of the ultra-competitive New York publishing world. Mallory St. James is a workaholic whose bestsellers support a lavish lifestyle. Tanya Mason is a single mother juggling two jobs, two kids, and too many deadlines. Faye Truett is the wife of a famous televangelist and the author of inspirational romances: no one would ever guess her explosive secret. Kendall Aims's once-promising career is on the skids—and so is her marriage. Her sales are dismal, her new editor detests her work—and her husband is cheating. Barely able to think, let alone meet her final deadline, Kendall holes up in a mountain cabin to confront a blank page and a blanker future. But her friends won't let her face this trial alone. Together they collaborate on a novel using their own lives as fodder, assuming no one will ever discover the truth behind their words. No one is more surprised than they are when the book becomes a runaway bestseller. But with success comes scrutiny and scandal...as these four best friends suddenly realize how little they've truly known each other.

Best Beach Ever-Wendy Wax 2018-05-22 Despite their hopes for smooth sailing, the ladies of Ten Beach Road confront choppy seas in this novel in the bestselling series. Forced to rent out or lose their beloved Bella Flora after the loss of their renovation-turned-reality-TV show Do Over, Maddie, Nikki, Avery, Kyra, and Bitsy move into cottages at the Sunshine Hotel and Beach Club believing the worst is over. Only to discover just how uncertain their futures really are. Maddie struggles with the challenges of dating a rock star whose career has come roaring back to life while Nikki faces the daunting realities of mothering twins at forty-seven. Avery buries herself in a tiny home build in an attempt to dodge commitment issues, and Kyra battles to protect her son from the Hollywood world she once dreamed of joining. And Bitsy is about to find out whether the rewards of seeking revenge will outweigh the risks. Luckily, when the going gets tough, the ladies of Ten Beach Road know that their friendship—tried and tested—can chase away the darkest clouds and let the sun shine in...

One Good Thing-Wendy Wax 2017 In this return to the beloved world of Wendy Wax's Ten Beach Road, Maddie, Avery, Nikki, and Kyra find themselves not only at loose ends, but unable to make a living as they battle for control of their renovation-turned-reality TV show, Do Over. As the expensive legal wrangling drags on, each woman must also deal with personal upheaval and change.

The World According to Mister Rogers-Fred Rogers 2003-10-08 A timeless collection of wisdom on love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty from the beloved PBS series Mister Rogers' Neighborhood. There are few personalities who evoke such universal feelings of warmth as Fred Rogers. An enduring presence in American homes for over 30 years, his plainspoken wisdom continues to guide and comfort many. The World According to Mister Rogers distills the

legacy and singular worldview of this beloved American figure. An inspiring collection of stories, anecdotes, and insights—with sections devoted to love, friendship, respect, individuality, and honesty, *The World According to Mister Rogers* reminds us that there is much more in life that unites us than divides us. Culled from Fred Rogers' speeches, program transcripts, books, letters, and interviews, along with some of his never-before-published writings, *The World According to Mister Rogers* is a testament to the legacy of a man who served and continues to serve as a role model to millions.

Leave It to Cleavage-Wendy Wax 2004-08-03 Miranda Smith isn't surprised to discover a cache of racy photographs in her husband's desk—after all, he is the president of Ballantyne Bras. But she's more than shocked to realize it's his buff, burly body encased in the red satin bustier and matching bikini panties...and he's nowhere to be found. Neither is their life savings nor the company coffers. Thus begins Miranda's hilarious, frantic scramble to unravel the mystery behind her husband's disappearance, illegal accounting practices, and penchant for wearing silky teddies and kitten heels.

Beauchamp Hall-Danielle Steel 2018-11-20 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • Danielle Steel tells the uplifting story of an ordinary woman embracing an extraordinary adventure, and the daring choice that transforms her world. Winona Farmington once dreamed of graduating from college, moving to New York City, and pursuing a career in publishing. Then real life got in the way when she left college and returned to her small Michigan hometown to care for her sick mother. Years later, stuck in a dead-end job and an unsatisfying relationship, Winnie has concluded that dreams were meant for others. She consoles herself with binge-watching the British television series that she loves, *Beauchamp Hall*, enthralled by the sumptuous period drama set on a great Norfolk estate in the 1920s. The rich upstairs-downstairs world brilliantly brought to life by superb actors is the ultimate in escapism. On the day Winnie is passed over for a long-overdue promotion, she is also betrayed by her boyfriend and her best friend. Heartbroken, she makes the first impulsive decision of her conventional life—which changes everything. She packs her bags and flies to England to see the town where *Beauchamp Hall* is filmed. The quaint B & B where she stays feels like home. The brother and sister who live in the castle where the show is filmed, rich in titles but poor in cash, are more like long-lost friends than British nobility. And the show itself, with its colorful company and behind-the-scenes affairs, is a drama all its own. Winnie's world comes alive on the set of the show. What happens next is the stuff of dreams, as Winnie takes the boldest leap of all. *Beauchamp Hall* reminds us to follow our dreams. . . . You never know what magic will happen!

Sunshine Beach-Wendy Wax 2016-06-21 In this brand-new summer read by the USA Today bestselling author of *The House on Mermaid Point*, three women join forces to bring a historic seaside hotel back to life... There's nothing that a fresh coat of paint and a few glasses of wine can't fix... After losing their life savings in a Ponzi scheme, Maddie, Avery, and Nikki have banded together to make the most of what they have left, using their determination, ingenuity, guts, and a large dose of elbow grease. It's Maddie's daughter Kyra who stumbles across a once glorious beachfront hotel that has fallen into disrepair. The opportunity to renovate this seaside jewel is too good to pass up—especially when they come up with the idea of shooting their own independent television show about the restoration. What could possibly go wrong? Everything. With the cameras rolling, Maddie's second-chance romance with her all-too-famous new boyfriend gets complicated, Avery struggles with grief over the loss of her mother, and Nikki's reluctance to commit to the man who loves her could leave her to face the biggest challenge of her life. Even the hotel seems to be against them, when their renovation uncovers a decades-old unsolved murder which just might bring their lives tumbling down all over again... From the Trade Paperback edition.

Christmas at the Beach (Novella)-Wendy Wax 2013-10-15 A TEN BEACH ROAD NOVELLA The USA Today bestselling Wendy Wax entranced audiences with *Ten Beach Road* and *Ocean Beach*. Now, the ladies of *Bella Flora* are back in an all-new holiday novella. When Madeline Singer, Avery Lawford, and Nicole Grant first gained ownership of *Ten Beach Road*, they didn't realize that remodeling the house would not only bind their fates together but give them a second chance at rebuilding their lives. Now they're gathering at the newly sold *Bella Flora* for one last Christmas. Kyra, Madeline's daughter, is hoping to get a brief respite from the paparazzi that constantly hounds her and the son she had with famous actor Daniel Deranian. But when a string of bad news threatens to disrupt her happy holidays, *Bella Flora's* sanctuary may be threatened for all of the women who call it home...

Julian Fellowes's Belgravia-Julian Fellowes 2016-07-05 The New York Times bestselling novel about scandalous secrets and star-crossed lovers. Watch the new original series *Belgravia* only on EPIX. On the evening of 15 June 1815, the great and the good of British society have gathered in Brussels at what is to become one of the most tragic parties in history - the Duchess of Richmond's ball. For this is the eve of the Battle of Waterloo, and many of the handsome young men attending the ball will find themselves, the very next day, on the battlefield. For Sophia Trenchard, the young and beautiful daughter of Wellington's chief supplier, this night will change everything. But it is only twenty-five years later, when the upwardly mobile Trenchards move into the fashionable new area of Belgravia, that the true repercussions of that moment will be felt. For in this new world, where the aristocracy rub shoulders with the emerging nouveau riche, there are those who would prefer the secrets of the past to remain buried . . . *EPIX is only available in the United States of America

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey-Fiona Carnarvon 2011 Lady Fiona Carnarvon became the chatelaine of Highclere Castle - the setting of the hit series *Downton Abbey* - eight years ago. In that time she's become fascinated by the rich history of Highclere, and by the extraordinary people who lived there over the centuries. One person particularly captured Fiona's imagination - Lady Almina, the 5th Countess of Carnarvon. Almina was the illegitimate daughter of banking tycoon Alfred de Rothschild. She was his only daughter and he doted on her. She married the 5th Earl of Carnarvon, at 19, with an enormous dowry. At first, life at Highclere was a dizzying mix of sumptuous banquets for 500 and even the occasional royal visitor. Almina oversaw 80 members of staff - many of whom came from families who had worked at Highclere for generations. But when the First World War broke out, life at Highclere changed forever. History intervened and Almina and the staff of Highclere were thrown into one of the most turbulent times of the last century. Almina was forced to draw on her deepest reserves of courage in order to ensure her family, the staff and the castle survived. This is the remarkable story of a lost time. But Highclere remains and in this book, Fiona weaves Almina's journey and those of her family into the heritage and history of one of England's most exquisite Victorian castles.

The House on Mermaid Point-Wendy Wax 2014-07-01 In this new novel from the author of *Ten Beach Road* and *Ocean Beach*, three unlikely friends who were thrown together by disaster get a do-over on life, love, and happiness . . . Maddie, Avery, and Nikki first got to know one another—perhaps all too well—while desperately restoring a beachfront mansion to its former grandeur. Now they're putting that experience to professional use. But their latest project has presented some challenges they couldn't have dreamed up in their wildest fantasies—although the house does belong to a man who actually was Maddie's wildest fantasy once . . . Rock-and-roll legend "William the Wild" Hightower may be past his prime, estranged from his family, and creatively blocked, but he's still worshiped by fans—which is why he guards his privacy on his own island in the Florida Keys. He's not thrilled about letting this crew turn his piece of paradise into a bed-and-breakfast for a reality show . . . though he is intrigued by Maddie. Hard as that is for her to believe as a newly single woman who can barely manage a dog paddle in the dating pool. But whether it's an unexpected flirtation with a bona fide rock star, a strained mother-daughter relationship, or a sudden tragedy, these women are in it together. The only thing that might drive them apart is being trapped on a houseboat with one bathroom . . .

Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey-The Countess of Carnarvon 2011-12-27 The real-life inspiration and setting for the Emmy Award-winning *Downton Abbey*, *Lady Almina and the Real Downton Abbey* tells the story behind Highclere Castle and the life of one of its most famous inhabitants, Lady Almina, the 5th Countess of Carnarvon. Drawing on a rich store of materials from the archives of Highclere Castle, including diaries, letters, and photographs, the current Lady Carnarvon has written a transporting story of this fabled home on the brink of war. Much like her Masterpiece Classic counterpart, Lady Cora Crawley, Lady Almina was the daughter of a wealthy industrialist, Alfred de Rothschild, who married his daughter off at a young age, her dowry serving as the crucial link in the effort to preserve the Earl of Carnarvon's ancestral home. Throwing open the doors of Highclere Castle to tend to the wounded of World War I, Lady Almina distinguished herself as a brave and remarkable woman. This rich tale contrasts the splendor of Edwardian life in a great house against the backdrop of the First World War and offers an inspiring and revealing picture of the woman at the center of the history of Highclere Castle.

Doubting Abbey-Samantha Tonge 2013-11-10 Hilarious and heartwarming, spend your holiday season with Gemma and Abbey Swapping downstairs for upstairs... How hard can it be!?

Captain Kangaroo: Home, Sweep Home-Wendy Wax 1998-05-18 When story-time arrives and the Captain cannot find his new book, the Treasure House companions realize that they, too, have misplaced things, and a surprise clean-up party ensues. Original.

Life Below Stairs-Alison Maloney 2012-12-24 UPSTAIRS, an Edwardian home would have been a picture of elegance and calm, adorned with social gatherings and extravagantly envisioned dinner parties. DOWNSTAIRS, it was a hive of domestic activity, supported by a body of staff painstakingly devoted to ensuring the smooth running of the household. Brimming with family secrets, society scandal, and of course elaborate parties, dresses, and social customs, the world of an aristocratic Edwardian household as depicted on the hit show *Downton Abbey* has captivated millions. But what was life really like for the people who kept such a household running: the servants? In *Life Below Stairs*, international bestselling author Alison Maloney takes readers behind the scenes to reveal a lively and colorful picture of what went on "downstairs," describing servants' daily life in this now-vanished world. Detailing everything from household structure, pay and conditions, special duties, and rules and regulations, to perks, entertainment, and even romance, Maloney examines the drudgery and hardships below stairs, as well as the rewards and pleasures. Thoroughly researched and reliably informed, this charmingly illustrated volume also contains first-hand stories from the staff of the time, making it a must-read for anyone interested in the lifestyle and conduct of a bygone era.

Single in Suburbia-Wendy Wax 2006-06-27 Amanda's husband has just traded her in for an affair with a teenybopper. Brooke is a trophy wife collecting dust.

And Candace (Don't call me Candy) has had too many husbands and too little love. What do these three unlikely accomplices have in common besides a Little League team called the Mudhens? A plot to reclaim a little r-e-s-p-e-c-t. And they're going to do it with a mop and a bucket. Maid for You starts as a way for Amanda to make enough money to keep the roof over her kids' heads after her husband splits for his midlife crisis. But when Candace and Brooke join her, it becomes much more. Donning disguises, they enter the homes of those who once spurned them and discover more than just clutter in the closets of their neighbors' otherwise tidy lives. But when Amanda takes on the job of cleaning the home of the town's most eligible hunk, someone decides to do her dirty. Now Amanda, Brooke, and Candace are on a mission to prove that being single in suburbia isn't a crime—even if it does lead to some irresistible temptations.... From the Paperback edition.

Downton Abbey Script Book Season 1-Julian Fellowes 2013-02-05 The most successful British television drama of our time, the multi-award-winning Downton Abbey has become a national phenomenon in the U.S. as well. Created by Julian Fellowes—who received an Academy Award for his screenplay for the acclaimed Robert Altman motion picture, Gosford Park—Downton Abbey features stellar performances, ravishing sets and costumes, and, most importantly, absolutely riveting plots. Now the scripts for the entire first season have been collected in one volume, along with never before seen material, incisive commentary, and color photos that will completely immerse fans in the world of Downton Abbey.

Thirty Days with My Father-Christal Presley 2012-11-01 When Christal Presley's father was eighteen, he was drafted to Vietnam. Like many men of that era who returned home with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), he was never the same. Christal's father spent much of her childhood locked in his room, gravitating between the deepest depression and unspeakable rage, unable to participate in holidays or birthdays. At a very young age, Christal learned to walk on eggshells, doing anything and everything not to provoke him, but this dance caused her to become a profoundly disturbed little girl. She acted out at school, engaged in self-mutilation, and couldn't make friends. At the age of eighteen, Christal left home and didn't look back. She barely spoke to her father for the next thirteen years. To any outsider, Christal appeared to be doing well: she earned a BA and a master's, got married, and traveled to India. But despite all these accomplishments, Christal still hadn't faced her biggest challenge—her relationship with her father. In 2009, something changed. Christal decided it was time to begin the healing process, and she extended an olive branch. She came up with what she called "The Thirty Day Project," a month's worth of conversations during which she would finally ask her father difficult questions about Vietnam. Thirty Days with My Father is a gritty yet heartwarming story of those thirty days of a daughter and father reconnecting in a way that will inspire us all to seek the truth, even from life's most difficult relationships. This beautifully realized memoir shares how one woman and her father discovered profound lessons about their own strength and will to survive, shedding an inspiring light on generational PTSD.

Below Stairs-Margaret Powell 2012-01-03 Brilliantly evoking the long-vanished world of masters and servants portrayed in Downton Abbey and Upstairs, Downstairs, Margaret Powell's classic memoir of her time in service, Below Stairs, is the remarkable true story of an indomitable woman who, though she served in the great houses of England, never stopped aiming high. Powell first arrived at the servants' entrance of one of those great houses in the 1920s. As a kitchen maid – the lowest of the low – she entered an entirely new world; one of stoves to be blacked, vegetables to be scrubbed, mistresses to be appeased, and bootlaces to be ironed. Work started at 5.30am and went on until after dark. It was a far cry from her childhood on the beaches of Hove, where money and food were scarce, but warmth and laughter never were. Yet from the gentleman with a penchant for stroking the housemaids' curlers, to raucous tea-dances with errand boys, to the heartbreaking story of Agnes the pregnant under-parlormaid, fired for being seduced by her mistress's nephew, Margaret's tales of her time in service are told with wit, warmth, and a sharp eye for the prejudices of her situation. Margaret Powell's true story of a life spent in service is a fascinating "downstairs" portrait of the glittering, long-gone worlds behind the closed doors of Downton Abbey and 165 Eaton Place.

The Wit and Wisdom of Downton Abbey-Jessica Fellowes 2015-10-13 "Come war and peace Downton still stands and the Crawleys are still in it." Downton Abbey is loved the world over for its fabulous costumes, beautiful scenery, wonderful characters and intricate plot lines, but what keeps millions of us coming back time after time is the stellar quality of the writing. With each stroke of his pen Julian Fellowes seems to gift us with a cuttingly dry quip from the Dowager Countess, a perfectly timed word of wisdom from Mrs Patmore or a touchingly nostalgic pronouncement from Carson. Here in The Wit and Wisdom of Downton Abbey, Jessica Fellowes has gathered together her favorite quotes from the complete Downton Abbey oeuvre to take each of us back to the most memorable moments from the show and ensure we are armed with the very best ripostes should we ever need to chastise an impertinent lady's maid.

The National Parks-Dayton Duncan 2009 Presents a narrative history of the American National Park System, examining the events and political battles that led to the establishment of each park while profiling each for its unique attributes, in a volume that also pays tribute to key advocates.

Lady Catherine and the Real Downton Abbey-The Countess Of Carnarvon 2013-09-12 Sometimes the facts are even more extraordinary than the fiction... This book tells the story of Lady Catherine, a beautiful American girl who became the chatelaine of Highclere Castle, the setting for Julian Fellowes' award-winning drama Downton Abbey. Charming and charismatic, Catherine caught the eye of Lord Porchester (or 'Porchey', as he was known) when she was just 20 years old, and wearing a pale yellow dress at a ball. She had already turned down 14 proposals before she eventually married Porchey in 1922. But less than a year later Porchey's father died suddenly, and he became the 6th Earl of Carnarvon, inheriting a title and a Castle that changed both their lives forever. Catherine found herself suddenly in charge of a small army of household staff, and hosting lavish banquets and weekend house parties. Although the couple were very much in love, considerable challenges lay ahead for Catherine. They were immediately faced with the task of saving Highclere when debts threatened to destroy the estate. As the 1920s moved to a close, Catherine's adored brother died and she began to lose her husband to the distractions London had to offer. When the Second World War broke out, life at the Castle would never be the same again. Drawing on rich material from the private archives at Highclere, including beautiful period photographs, the current Countess of Carnarvon transports us back to the thrilling and alluring world of the 'real Downton Abbey' and its inhabitants.

The Roosevelts-Geoffrey C. Ward 2014-09-09 New York Times Bestseller A vivid and personal portrait of America's greatest political family and its enormous impact on our nation, which expands on the hugely acclaimed seven-part PBS documentary series, bringing readers even deeper into these extraordinary leaders' lives With 796 photographs, some never before seen The authors of the acclaimed and best-selling The Civil War, Jazz, The War, and Baseball present an intimate history of three extraordinary individuals from the same extraordinary family—Theodore, Eleanor, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt. Geoffrey C. Ward, distilling more than thirty years of thinking and writing about the Roosevelts, and the acclaimed filmmaker Ken Burns help us understand for the first time that, despite the fierce partisanship of their eras, the Roosevelts were far more united than divided. All the history the Roosevelts made is here, but this is primarily an intimate account, the story of three people who overcame obstacles that would have undone less forceful personalities. Theodore Roosevelt would push past childhood frailty, outpace depression, survive terrible grief—and transform the office of the presidency. Eleanor Roosevelt, orphaned and alone as a child, would endure her husband's betrayal, battle her own self-doubts, and remake herself into the most consequential first lady in American history—and the most admired woman on earth. And Franklin Roosevelt, born to privilege and so pampered that most of his youthful contemporaries dismissed him as a charming lightweight, would summon the strength to lead the nation through the two greatest crises since the Civil War, though he could not take a single step unaided. The three were towering personalities, but The Roosevelts shows that they were also flawed human beings who confronted in their personal lives issues familiar to all of us: anger and the need for forgiveness, courage and cowardice, confidence and self-doubt, loyalty to family and the need to be true to oneself. This is the story of the Roosevelts—no other American family ever touched so many lives.

The Continuity Girl-Patrick Kincaid 2018-03-09 The Continuity Girl is centred on the supposed discovery of an uncut print of Billy Wilder's celebrated film, The Private Life of Sherlock Holmes (1970). It begins in the run up to 2014's Scottish independence referendum, when Gemma MacDonald, a London-based Film Studies lecturer of Scottish heritage, is tasked with presenting the new print at a festival screening in Inverness. She seeks out April Korzeniowski, the movie's Californian continuity supervisor (NB—in reality, this role fell to Elaine Schreyeck, whose remarkable career deserves another and quite different book). We then switch to 1969 and learn of the affair that develops between April and a young English scientist, Jim Outhwaite. Jim is a member of the Loch Ness Research Group, and thus a dedicated seeker of evidence for the Loch Ness monster. But in life, as in a Billy Wilder movie, nothing goes to plan and nobody is quite who they seem. While men are landing on the moon and the 1960s approaches its bitter, gloriously sound-tracked end, fault lines begin to appear between the director and his stars, between Jim and his colleagues (and their wives), and between lovers brought together by extreme circumstances. It's a long wait for golden time to alight on Urquhart Castle, and when it does, the moment must be snatched before it's gone...

Must Love Dogs: Who Let the Cats In?-Claire Cook 2016-06-29 From Claire Cook, New York Times bestselling author of the novel turned romantic comedy movie starring Diane Lane and John Cusack, comes Must Love Dogs: Who Let the Cats In?, Book 5 of the fun and fabulous Must Love Dogs series. Sarah and John are buying Sarah's family house, and they're hoping their relationship will survive it. Sarah's dad is part of the deal, and so is the litter of kittens they've discovered under the front porch. Finding a contractor isn't as easy as they thought it would be, one of the parents at Bayberry Preschool is driving Sarah crazy, and a big nor'easter is barreling toward town. The Must Love Dogs series: Must Love Dogs (#1) Must Love Dogs: New Leash on Life (#2) Must Love Dogs: Fetch You Later (#3) Must Love Dogs: Bark & Roll Forever (#4) Must Love Dogs: Who Let the Cats In? (#5) PRAISE FOR MUST LOVE DOGS: "Must Love Dogs has already been a major motion picture, and now New York Times bestselling author Claire Cook's hilarious and heartwarming series is begging to hit the

screen again as a miniseries or a sitcom."—Nancy Carty Lepri, New York Journal of Books "Reading about how life goes for this wacky marvelously lovable family becomes addictive."—Pamela Kramer, Examiner "Wildly witty"—USA Today "Cook dishes up plenty of charm."—San Francisco Chronicle "Funny and pitch perfect."—Chicago Tribune "A HOOT"—The Boston Globe "A hilariously original tale about dating and its place in a modern woman's life."—Book Page "This utterly charming novel by Cook is a fun read, perfect for whiling away an afternoon on the beach."—Library Journal

A Bella Flora Christmas-Wendy Wax 2017-11-07 A TEN BEACH ROAD NOVELLA The ladies of Ten Beach Road are home for the holidays in this brand-new novella. Although their lives have changed since their first desperate renovation of Bella Flora, friends Madeline, Avery, and Nicole have always been there for each other. Now they're returning to Bella Flora for Christmas—where Maddie's daughter Kyra isn't feeling particularly celebratory. Kyra was hoping for a peaceful holiday at Bella Flora—a last gathering before a wealthy, mystery tenant moves into the home she's been forced to rent out. Instead, she must make a life altering decision by New Year's -- a decision that becomes even more difficult when unexpected guests arrive at Ten Beach Road on Christmas Eve. Now Kyra, Maddie, Avery and Nikki will need to pull together to secure Bella Flora's future, as well as their own. Includes an excerpt from Best Thing Ever The Broken Girls-Simone St. James 2018-03-20 A journalist uncovers the dark secrets of an abandoned boarding school in this chilling suspense novel from the New York Times bestselling author of The Sun Down Motel. Vermont, 1950. There's a place for the girls whom no one wants—the troublemakers, the illegitimate, the ones too smart for their own good. It's called Idlewild Hall, and local legend says the boarding school is haunted. Four roommates bond over their whispered fears, their friendship blossoming—until one of them mysteriously disappears.... Vermont, 2014. Twenty years ago, journalist Fiona Sheridan's elder sister's body was found in the overgrown fields near the ruins of Idlewild Hall. And although her sister's boyfriend was tried and convicted of the murder, Fiona can't stop revisiting the events, unable to shake the feeling that something was never right about the case. When Fiona discovers that Idlewild Hall is being restored by an anonymous benefactor, she decides to write a story about it. But a shocking discovery during renovations links the loss of her sister to secrets that were meant to stay hidden in the past—and a voice that won't be silenced....

The Selkie Spell-Sophie Moss 2011-11-06 American doctor Tara Moore wants to disappear. On the run from an abusive husband, she seeks shelter on a windswept Irish island and dismisses the villagers' speculation that she is descended from a selkie—a magical creature who is bewitching the island. But when a ghostly woman appears to her with a warning, Tara realizes it was more than chance that brought her to this island. Desperate to escape a dark and dangerous past, she struggles against a passionate attraction to handsome islander, Dominic O'Sullivan. But the enchantment of the island soon overpowers her and she falls helpless under its spell. Caught between magic and reality, Tara must find a way to wield both when a dangerous stranger from her past arrives, threatening to destroy the lives of everyone on the island.

Lost Girls-Caitlin Rother 2011-10-24 Praise for Caitlin Rother and her true-life thrillers "Will keep you on the edge of your seat."--Aphrodite Jones "An exciting page-turner."--M. William Phelps Chelsea King was a popular high school senior, an outstanding achiever determined to make a difference. Fourteen-year-old Amber Dubois loved books and poured her heart into the animals she cared for. Treasured by their families and friends, both girls disappeared in San Diego County, just eight miles and one year apart. The community's desperate search led authorities to John Albert Gardner, a brutal predator hiding in plain sight. Now Pulitzer-nominated author Caitlin Rother delivers an incisive, heartbreaking true-life thriller that touches our deepest fears. "Rother is one of the best storytellers in true crime." --Steve Jackson Includes dramatic photos

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