

Off The Menu Stacey Ballis

“A Journey of love and festive cheer.”—Woman’s World on The Christmas Escape
 “Morgan’s latest Christmas tale will delight readers and give them the perfect excuse to snuggle up for a few hours with a cup of hot cocoa.”—Booklist on The Christmas Escape
 An uplifting novel of friendship, the festive season, and risking everything for the biggest gift of all... It was supposed to be Christy Sullivan’s perfect Christmas escape – a dream trip to Lapland with her family and best friend, Alix. But facing a make-or-break marriage crisis, Christy desperately needs time along with her husband, Seb. Her solution? Alix, along with Seb’s oldest friend, Zac, can take Christy’s daughter on the planned Lapland trip. After all, what are friends for? There’s nothing Alix won’t do for Christy, but Christy’s plan to save Christmas is testing their friendship. Especially as Alix and Zac have a difficult history of their own. As long-held secrets unravel, and unexpected romance shines under the Northern Lights, can Christy and Alix find the courage to fight for the relationships they really want? And could this Christmas escape save the precious gift of each other’s friendship? What happens if the only Christmas celebration you want to attend is one you haven’t been invited to? Find out in Snowed in for Christmas, a hilarious and heartwarming Christmas romance by USA Today bestselling author Sarah Morgan!

Five thirty-something girlfriends—Max, Robin, Anne, Lilith, and Riv—dive into the often turbulent waters of work, love, men, and life, learning the difference between romantic and platonic relations, and the many meanings of “spending the night.” Original.

In a sparkling glass office in London’s Square Mile – a place bustling with flirtations, water-cooler confrontations and dangerous amounts of abject boredom – talented young lawyer Joy Stephens falls forty feet onto a marble floor. In the shadow of this baffling event, the lives of those closest to her begin to collide and change in unexpected ways...

Stacey Ballis tackles home improvement and reality TV—and reminds us that sometimes life and love are better left unscripted... What do you get when you give two hopeful singles fashion consultants and interior designers, allow them four days to perk up each other’s homes and get a total style overhaul, then let their single friends celebrate the results at a fabulous party? You get Swap/Meet, the newest reality show on the network block, where major changes are either embraced or embarrassing—and Lily Allen’s dream job turned nightmare. At first, Lily was thrilled to appear on Swap/Meet. What better way for a Chicago interior designer to promote her business and enjoy some pseudo-celebrity? She just didn’t think she’d be doing take after take with the ditzy host, dodging sabotage attempts, and getting caught in the middle of the fashion czars’ lovers’ spat. Plus, the cute, curmudgeonly carpenter on her team knows just how to push her buttons. Episode by episode, through do-it-yourself disasters and matchmaking miracles, Lily discovers that a little bit of controlled chaos is the spice of life—and love...

The Spinster Sisters

Off the Menu

In Dog We Trust

One Summer in Paris

Family Recipes from Gangievcechio

After their fifteen-year-old daughter Maddie survives a successful transplant, Olivia is bound to her abusive husband now more than ever, while Maddie re-enters the real world only to find it more complicated.

The host of FOX’s My Kitchen Rules whips up an entire week’s worth of easy, tasty dinners in this exclusive ebook. A happy family starts with a home-cooked meal. But the demands of every-day life—soccer games, dance recitals, late nights at the office—can present major challenges to getting dinner on the table each night. Curtis Stone’s Seven Days, Seven Dinners provides a week’s worth of delicious, doable dinner recipes. Inspired by his cookbook What’s for Dinner?, each dish is designed to feed a busy life with quick, easy, and affordable meals. □ Motivating Monday. A healthy meal that starts the week off right □ Time-Saving Tuesday. Dinner on the table in 35 minutes □ One-Pot Wednesday. A flavorful dish made in just one skillet, leaving you with less cleanup □ Thrifty Thursday. Feeding your family on a budget gives you more for less □ Five-Ingredient Friday. A simple recipe that’s fun and helps kick off the weekend □ Dinner Party Saturday. An extraordinary dinner to bring out your inner chef □ Family Supper Sunday. A comforting family favorite made with lots of love Seven Days, Seven Dinners is sure to bring confidence to your kitchen and happiness to your table every night of the week.

As Californians vote to determine whether California will secede from the United States, Dr. Julie Merrill, after signing her divorce papers, rushes to the side of her estranged sister Heather who has gone into labor, in this unforgettable novel that takes place over the course of a single day. Original.

Hannah Sugarman seems to have it all. She works for an influential think tank in Washington, D.C., lives in a swanky apartment with her high-achieving boyfriend, and is poised for an academic career just like her parents. The only problem is that Hannah doesn’t want any of it. What she wants is much simpler, to cook. When her relationship collapses, Hannah seizes the chance to do what she’s always loved and launches an underground supper club out of her new landlord’s town house. Though her delicious dishes become the talk of the town, her secret venture is highly problematic, given that it is not, technically speaking, legal. She also conveniently forgets to tell her landlord she has been using his place while he is out of town. On top of that, Hannah faces various romantic prospects that leave her guessing and confused, parents who don’t support cooking as a career, and her own fears of taking a risk and charting her own path. A charming romantic comedy, The Girls’ Guide to Love and Supper Clubs is a story about finding yourself, fulfilling your dreams, and falling in love along the way.

Sweet Stuff

Out to Lunch

Beach House Summer

The Dog Year

A Cookbook

“ The ultimate road-trippin ’ beach read and just what we all need after the long lockdown. ” —Booklist, STARRED REVIEW for THE SUMMER SEEKERS
 “ The Summer Seekers is the ultimate road trip book. ” —Susan Wiggs, #1 New York Times bestselling author
 Get swept into a summer of sunshine, soul-searching and shameless matchmaking with this delightfully bighearted road-trip adventure by USA TODAY bestselling author Sarah Morgan! Kathleen is eighty years old. After she has a run-in with an intruder, her daughter wants her to move into a residential home. But she ’ s not having any of it. What she craves—what she needs—is adventure. Liza is drowning in the daily stress of family life. The last thing she needs is her mother jetting off on a wild holiday, making Liza long for a solo summer of her own. Martha is having a quarter-life crisis. Unemployed, unloved and uninspired, she just can ’ t get her life together. But she knows something has to change. When Martha sees Kathleen ’ s advertisement for a driver and companion to share an epic road trip across America with, she decides this job might be the answer to her prayers. She’s not the world’s best driver, but anything has to be better than living with her parents. And traveling with a stranger? No problem. Anyway, how much trouble can one eighty-year-old woman be? As these women embark on the journey of a lifetime, they all discover it’s never too late to start over... What happens if the only Christmas celebration you want to attend is one you haven’t been invited to? Find out in Snowed in for Christmas, a hilarious and heartwarming Christmas romance by USA Today bestselling author Sarah Morgan!

From the New York Times bestselling author of Something Borrowed comes a novel that shows how someone with a “ perfect life ” can lose it all—and then find everything. Darcy Rhone thought she had it all figured out: the more beautiful the girl, the more charmed her life. Never mind substance. Never mind playing by the rules. Never mind karma. But Darcy’s neat, perfect world turns upside down when her best friend, Rachel, the plain-Jane “good girl,” steals her fiancé, while Darcy finds herself completely alone for the first time in her life...with a baby on the way. Darcy tries to recover, fleeing to her childhood friend living in London and resorting to her tried-and-true methods for getting what she wants. But as she attempts to recreate her glamorous life on a new continent, Darcy finds that her rules no longer apply. It is only then that Darcy can begin her journey toward self-awareness, forgiveness, and motherhood. Emily Giffin’s Something Blue is a novel about one woman’s surprising discoveries about the true meaning of friendship, love, and happily-ever-after. It’s a novel for anyone who has ever, even secretly, wondered if the last thing you want is really the one thing you need.

Sinclair cooks up a delicious brew of a novel about a woman whose perfect life falls apart in spectacular fashion—leaving her with a house to restore, an antique cookbook (but no cooking talent), and one very unhappy schnauzer. For fans of Jen Lancaster, Jennifer Weiner, and Emily Giffin. To an outside observer, Anneke Stroud is a mess—her shirts are stained, her fingernails stubby, her language colorful. But, despite her flaws, Anneke ’ s life is close to perfect. She has a beautiful historic house to restore and a loving fiancé who cooks like a dream. Until Anneke ’ s charmed existence falls apart when she loses both her job and her future husband in one terrible day. In need of a new start, she packs up her disgruntled schnauzer and moves into her half-finished home, where she throws her pent-up frustration—and what little savings she has—into finishing the renovation. But at the first step into the house ’ s overhaul, Anneke is sidetracked when she discovers a mysterious leather-bound book, long hidden away, filled with tempting recipes and steamy secrets from Gemma Ditmore-Smythe, the cook for the house ’ s original owners. Slowly, with the help of some delicious food and Emma ’ s life lessons, Anneke begins to realize that, just like a flawless recipe, she ’ s been waiting for the right ingredients to cook up a perfect life all along... “ With the perfect blend of humor and heart, Ballis ’ s writing is powerfully honest and genuinely hilarious. ” —Jen Lancaster INCLUDES RECIPES From author Alicia Bessette comes an all-new mystery series featuring Callie Padgett, a former reporter turned bookshop clerk in the Outer Banks who is pulled into a deadly web of secrets when a mysterious fall at a lighthouse echoes a tragedy from her past. When Callie is laid off from her reporting job, she returns to her hometown of Cattail Island and lands a gig at the local bookstore—the same one where she found comfort after her mother died. In fact, the anniversary of her mother ’ s infamous death is approaching. Years ago, Teri Padgett tumbled from the top of the lighthouse. As islanders are once again gossiping about the tragedy, devastating news strikes: the lighthouse has claimed another victim. Eva Meeks, of Meeks Hardware. The police are calling it suicide, but Callie does not believe Eva jumped any more than she believes her mother did—especially because Callie knows that before her death, Eva had dug up a long-forgotten treasure hunt that could have put an target on Eva ’ s back. In Callie ’ s search for answers, she enters the help of some beloved books and several new friends, including the handsome local martial arts instructor, Toby Dodge. But when another death rocks Cattail Island, Callie must face her fears alone. As she earns enemies in pursuit of the truth, Callie knows she will either uncover the killer or become a victim herself.

Simca’s Cuisine

Seven Days, Seven Dinners: A Taste of What’s For Dinner? (E-SHORT)

Recipe for Disaster

Smile Before Murder

Brilliant Simple Food to Make Any Time: A Cookbook

A literary celebration of one of the most important relationships in a straight girl’s life—her gay best friend This collection of original essays goes beyond the banter to get to the essence of an intimate relationship like no other. With a foreword by Tales of the City author Armistead Maupin, Girls Who Like Boys Who Like Boys brings together pieces by National Book Award winner Andrew Solomon (The Noonday Demon), novelist Gigi Levangie Grazer (The Starter Wife), Barney’s New York creative director Simon Doonan (Nasty), and many others from all walks of life. In addition to stories of guys and gals bonding over brunch, these essays chronicle love and lust, infatuation and heartbreak, growing up and coming out, and family and children. With genuine warmth, this definitive anthology proves that more durable than diamonds, straight women and gay men are each other’s true best friends.

Look, I was doing OK. I got through the oil spill on the road that was turning Jory. Lost a little control, but I drove into the skid just like the driving instructors tell you to and afterwards things were fine again, no, really, they were better than fine. Kate Reddy had it all: a nice home, two adorable kids, a good husband. Then her kids became teenagers (read: monsters), Richard, her husband, quit his job, taking up bicycling and therapeutic counseling; drinking green potions, dressing head to toe in Lyra, and spending his time—and their money—on his own therapy. Since Richard no longer sees a regular income as part of the path to enlightenment, it’s left to Kate to go back to work. Companies aren’t necessarily keen on hiring 49-year-old mothers, so Kate does what she must: knocks a few years off her age, hires a trainer, joins a Women Returners group, and prepares a new resume that has a shot at a literary prize for experimental fiction. When Kate manages to secure a job at the very hedge fund she founded, she finds herself in an impossible juggling act: proving herself (again) at work, dealing with teen drama, and trying to look after increasingly frail parents as the clock keeps ticking toward her 50th birthday. Then, of course, an old flame shows up out of the blue, and Kate finds herself facing off with everyone from Russian mobsters to a literal stallion. Surely it will all work out in the end. After all, how hard can it be? Hilarious and poignant, How Hard Can It Be? brings us the new adventures of Kate Reddy, the beloved heroine of Allison Pearson’s groundbreaking New York Times bestseller I Don’t Know How She Does It.

After a long time in the sun, Melanie decides to take her life into her own hands. Former lawyer Melanie Hoffman left half her body weight and opened a gourmet eat-out cafe specializing in healthy and delicious food. Then her husband left her—for a woman twice her age. Immediately afterwards, she’s blindsided by a financial crisis. Melanie reaches out to a quirky roommate with a ton of baggage and becomes involved in a budding romance with a local documentary filmmaker. In this warm and often laugh-out-loud novel, Melanie discovers that she still has a lot to learn about her friends, her relationships with men, and herself—and that her weight loss was just the beginning of an amazing journey that will transform her life from the inside out... INCLUDES RECIPES

Jodi and Jill Spingold are the Spinster Sisters... With a radio show, speaking engagements, DVDs, and two bestselling books, they’ve built a thriving cottage industry helping other single women find happiness. Their futures have never been brighter—until Jill turns out the lights on Jodi by announcing her engagement. Jill is stunned. How can they be the Spinster Sisters if one of them is married? Complicating things is her own love life, involving three vastly different paramours offering three different kinds of happiness—none of which Jodi is sure she wants. And her ex-husband, backed by his lawyer girlfriend, may be angling for a piece of the Spinster Sisters empire. Now, Jodi must make some tough decisions, keep the business afloat, and get to the altar to stand by her sister—even if means that from now on she’ll be single all by herself.

It Happens All the Time

Joy

A Beach Read

Room For Improvement

Inappropriate Men

Unhappily married, Sidney Stein finds herself drifting into an illicit affair with Geoffrey Fahl, an older man, and then leaving Geoffrey to plunge into the dating scene, until a series of disastrous dates and unexpected romance turn her life upside down. A first novel. Original. 100,000 first printing.

Off the MenuPenguin

With a little bit of flour and a pinch of love, anything is possible... Rose-Ellen “Zell” Carmichael Roy doesn’t cook, but she wears her late husband Nick’s camouflage apron every day. That’s her widow style. It’s been more than a year since Nick’s tragic death during a post- Katrina relief mission in New Orleans, but Zell can’t bring herself to move on. Then, a postman’s error spurs her to enter a baking contest in the hopes of donating the grand prize to the hurricane survivors in Nick’s memory. After Zell’s first attempt at baking goes embarrassingly awry, she meets a red-headed, knee-high neighbor—and the two forge an unlikely friendship that will alter both their lives forever.

After losing her job and her fiancé at the same time, Anneke Stroud moves into a half-finished historic house renovation project and discovers an old leatherbound book from the cook of the home’s original owners, full of delicious recipes and family secrets. Original.

Everything I Needed to Know About Being a Girl I Learned from Judy Blume

The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris

Sicilian Home Cooking

Big Delicious Life

Safe with Me

“[A] poignant tale of opportunities lost and regained...This emotional romance is an easy choice to throw in the beach bag.”—Publishers Weekly
 USA Today bestselling author Sarah Morgan returns with the ultimate beach read, as one woman forges the most unlikely friendship of all, and embarks on a summer of confronting her past in order to build the future she wants... When Joanna Whitman’s famous ex-husband dies in a car accident, she doesn’t know what to feel. Their dysfunctional marriage held more painful secrets than she cares to remember. But when she discovers the young woman with him in the crash is pregnant, Joanna feels compelled to act, knowing exactly how brutal the media spotlight will be on celebrity chef Ashley Blake can’t believe it when Joanna shows up in her hospital room and suggests they hide away at her beach house on a sleepy stretch of California coast. Joanna should be hating her, not helping her. But alone and pregnant, Ashley can’t turn down one Joanna’s offer. Yet she knows that if Joanna ever finds out the real reason Ashley was in that car, their tentative bond would shatter instantly. Joanna’s only goal for the summer is privacy, but her return causes major waves in the local community, especially for the man she left behind years ago. All Ashley wants is space to plan for her and her baby’s future, and to avoid causing any trouble for Joanna. But as secrets spill out over the hot summer sun, this unlikely friendship is about to be put to the test. What happens if the only Christmas celebration you want to attend is one you haven’t been invited to? Find out in Snowed in for Christmas, a hilarious and heartwarming Christmas romance by USA Today bestselling author Sarah Morgan!

Simone (“Simca”) Beck is known to millions of Americans as Julia Child’s French partner in the creation of the two classic volumes of Mastering the Art of French Cooking. Now, she gives us her own delectable recipes—the ones she most treasures out of a lifetime of cooking creativity that has made her one of the great cuisinières of her day. Here are recipes that were inspired by old French family specialties found in her mother’s and grandmother’s well-thumbed notebooks; recipes that grew out of Simca’s life in the provinces (particularly Normandy, Alsace, and Provence) where she has gardened, cooked, dined out, and entertained; simple delights and fabulous concoctions all set down with a beautiful French clarity. Skillfully adapting her French ways to American needs, she presents over 100 recipes in 31 alluring menus designed for every sort of occasion—a warming dinner after a winter walk in the woods, a feast to dazzle your friends, a buffet for winter and one for summer, even an elegant picnic. For each menu Simca has written a charming, altogether personal introduction filled with nuggets of useful information, like what can be cooked ahead of time or how long last-minute preparations will take. Specific wines are always suggested with the menus, along with specific dishes when called for. In addition, this volume features a small collection of other favorite dishes that did not fit into the menus but were simply too good to leave out. All in all, Simca’s Cuisine is a lasting treasure for anyone in search of new delicacies to serve, new menus that will enchant, new aromas and flavors in the French tradition, and new ways to find expertise in the kitchen and joy at the table.

They’ve Got Mail meets Julie & Julia in the new foodie fiction from the author of Recipe for Disaster. Top pastry chef Sophie Bernstein and her sommelier fiancé were set to have Chicago’s culinary wedding of the year...until the groom eloped with someone else in a very public debacle, leaving Sophie splashed across the tabloids—fifty grand in debt on her dream wedding and one-hundred percent screwed on her dream life. The icing on the cake was when she lost her job and her home... Laying low, Sophie moves in with her grandmother, Bubbles. That way, she can keep Bubbles and her sweetening company and nurse her broken heart. But when Sophie gets a part-time job at the old-fashioned neighborhood bakery, she finds herself up to her elbows in dough and reluctantly giving a wedding cake customer advice on everything from gift bags to guest accommodations. Before she knows it, she’s an online wedding planner. It’s not mousee and macarons, but it pays the bills. But with the arrival of unexpected personal and professional twists, Sophie wonders if she’s really moving forward—or starting over from scratch... Includes Recipes

“Eloise is content with her solitary life as a successful private chef. She has her clients, her corgi, and a recipe for the world’s most perfect chocolate cream pie... But when her favorite teacher dies and her long lost trio of high school friends reunites at the wake, Eloise is confronted by how lonely she really is. In honor of Mrs. O’Connor, Eloise, Lynne, and Teresa revamp their senior class assignment and dare each other to create a bucket list of things to accomplish by the time they each turn forty in May!”--

Good Enough to Eat

A Novel in Recipes

How to Change a Life

Tyler’s Ultimate

Stacey Ballis’s Most Awesome Recipes

150 simple and scrumptious recipes from Stacey Ballis ’ s hit novels Out to Lunch, Off the Menu, Good Enough to Eat, and Recipe for Disaster, as well as 40 new, never-before-seen recipes! Stacey Ballis is not a professional chef. She is, however, a foodie novelist, meal innovator, family cook, memory maker, and Brussels sprout advocate who believes that delicious meals can be simple, fun, and creative. Her love of all things culinary has made her “ foodie fiction ” irresistible. Now, all of the best recipes featured in her novels are available in one mouthwatering cookbook, including 40 “ lost ” recipes that were not included in the original printings. With dishes for every occasion, designed to appeal to both experienced cooks and kitchen newbies, this easily-transportable digital collection will make every meal a happy moment and a special memory. Includes a preview of Stacey ’ s delectable novel, Recipe for Disaster Prize for Stacy Ballis “ Deeply satisfying. ” —Jen Lancaster, New York Times bestselling author of The Tao of Martha “ Dangerously good descriptions of food. ” —Sarah Pekkanen, author of Catching Air “ One delicious bite. ” —Amy Hatvany, author of Safe with Me Stacey Ballis was born in Chicago with a full head of hair and a naturally charming disposition. She majored in English Literature and American Studies with a minor in Creative Writing at Brandeis, spent time in a mud hut in Kenya, and got a Masters in Teaching from DePaul University, before spending fifteen years as an educator in Chicago. She then settled back into writing full time, focusing on stories about big girls who are comfortable in their own skin, have great lives, and aren ’ t dieting or morose about their bodies. She has since authored eight foodie novels, including Good Enough to Eat, Off The Menu, and Out to Lunch.

As his millions of fans know from watching him on Food Network, Tyler likes to rock the kitchen with big, bold flavors and sophisticated yet accessible fare. Whether you ’ re dishing up a family favorite like spaghetti and meatballs or pulling out all the stops with a succulent tenderloin steak topped with spicy crab salad, Tyler Florence believes every meal can—and should—be the ultimate dining experience. At last, in Tyler ’ s Ultimate, he shows us how to get these spectacular results in much less time. Tyler believes the ultimate meal brings together good food, good friends, and good times—with Tyler ’ s Ultimate as your guide you can elevate any gathering to a cause for celebration and every family meal to an occasion worth savoring. In his travels around the world for his Food Network show, he ’ s sampled countless versions of classic dishes, taking an ideal technique from one, a perfect ingredient from another. Here he gives you the best of the best. Make no mistake: Tyler ’ s approach here may be simplified and the ingredients list streamlined, but your palate will never feel compromised. These recipes are packed with zesty flavors, yet easy to pull together and always straightforward enough for even novice cooks. Because Tyler believes that the little details separate a good meal from a “ wow! ” experience, his recipes feature bright, exciting flavors that sing on the tongue yet don ’ t require fancy equipment or exotic ingredients. Tyler has collected all his most trusted and best-loved recipes for the ultimate collection of go-to meals, including can ’ t-miss versions of the dishes we all crave most: the ultimate burger, French onion soup, beef stew, macaroni and cheese, and chocolate mousse, plus exciting new discoveries that will find a permanent home in your cooking repertoire.

Filled with recipes for sensational, all-American food, Tyler ’ s Ultimate is the all-around, everyday great cookbook his fans have been waiting for. A foodie and hilarious storyteller, Tyler is a hilarious, funny, and relatable character. Jenna has lost her best friend. With Aimee gone so tragically young, Jenna barely knows where to turn. Aimee was the one who always knew what to do—to mention what to wear. The two built a catering company together and had so much in common—well, except their taste in men. Jenna never understood what the successful, sophisticated Aimee saw in Wayne, with his Star Wars obsession and harebrained business schemes. And gaining her best friend ’ s husband... But Aimee has left shocking last request: Jenna now has financial custody of the not-so-merry widower, True. Wayne needs someone sensible around to keep him under control, but what was her dear departed friend thinking? The thing is, as she gets to know Wayne better, his latest moneymaking idea actually starts to intrigue her. Her attractive new lawyer boyfriend doesn ’ t approve of it—but then, Wayne doesn ’ t approve of her attractive new lawyer boyfriend. Now Jenna has to figure out what direction her life is going to take next. And she can ’ t help asking herself: What would Aimee do?

A collection of personal essays by popular young adult and women’s fiction writers considers the ways in which the books of Judy Blume influenced their emotional, social, and physical developments.

Something Blue

Somewhere Out There

Golden Bites

Sleeping Over

The Girls’ Guide to Love and Supper Clubs
 A city girl finds love in a small Southern town in this “deliciously warm and feel-good” romance by the USA Today bestselling author (Publishers Weekly, starred review). After years of Chicago’s hustle and bustle, Riley Brown is savoring her new life on Georgia’s tranquil Sugarberry Island. With a dream job as a house stager and fantastic new friends in the Cupcake Club, she’s got it all—or almost. While she’s still healing from a bad breakup, Riley is starting to crave an eligible man. Then a gig staging a renovated beach house delivers a delicious treat: Quinn Brannigan, a six-foot, blue-eyed writer as delectable and Southern as pecan pie. Quinn is back in his hometown to finish his latest novel, and suddenly Riley has a taste for the bad boy author that no amount of mocha latte buttercream or lemon mousse will satisfy. “Hilarious from start to finish.” —Affaire du Coeur Includes irresistible recipes.

From the author of Once Upon a Wine, a new novel set in the charming seashore town of Black Dog Bay, Delaware. When Jocelyn Hilliard finds herself named legal guardian for the late Mr. Allardyce’s pack of prized Labrador retriever show dogs, her world is flipped upside down. She’s spent her entire life in Black Dog Bay, Delaware, but never expected to be living the pampered life of a seasonal resident in an oceanside mansion with a generous stipend. But her new role isn’t without its challenges: the dogs (although cute) are difficult to manage, her boyfriend leaves her, and suddenly she’s contending with her late benefactor’s estranged son, Liam, who thinks he’s entitled to the inheritance that was left to the dogs. But Jocelyn has worked too hard, and her mother has sacrificed too much, for her to back down without a fight. She uncovers Mr. Allardyce’s secrets, connects with her mother on new levels, and learns more about her own father’s Legacy while trying to find common ground with Liam. As Jocelyn fights to keep her new fur-family together, she is faced with a new rival who threatens to take everything!”--

What happens when two sisters who were torn apart when their young mother abandoned them—and grew up in tragically different circumstances—reunite thirty-five years later to find her? For readers who love Jodi Picoult, acclaimed author Amy Hatvany fearlessly explores complex family issues in her gripping, provocative new novel. Natalie Clark knew never to ask her sensitive adoptive mother questions about her past. She doesn’t even know her birth mother’s name—only that the young woman signed parental rights over to the state when Natalie was a baby. Now Natalie’s own daughter must complete a family tree project for school, and Natalie is determined to unearth the truth about her roots. Brooke Walker doesn’t have a family. At least, that’s what she tells herself after being separated from her mother and her little sister at age four. Having grown up in a state facility and countless foster homes, Brooke survives the only way she knows how, by relying on herself. So when she discovers she’s pregnant, Brooke faces a heart-wrenching decision: give up her baby or raise the child completely on her own. Scared and confused, she feels lost until a surprise encounter gives her hope for the future. How do our early experiences—the subtle and the traumatic—define us as adults? How do we build relationships when we’ve been deprived of real connection? Critically acclaimed author Amy Hatvany considers controversial and complicated questions about childhood through the lens of her finely crafted characters in this astute novel about wending wounds by diving into the truth of what first tore us apart.

Dr. Lucy Peterman was not built for a messy life. A well-respected surgeon whose patients rely on her warmth, compassion, and fierce support, Lucy has always worked hard and trusted in the system. She’s not the sort of person who ends up in a twelve-step program after being caught stealing supplies from her hospital. But that was Lucy before the accident—before her husband and unborn baby were ripped away from her in an instant, before her future felt like a broken promise. Caught red-handed in a senseless act that kept her demons at bay, she’s faced with a choice: get some help or lose her medical license. Now she’s reluctantly sharing her deepest fears with a bunch of strangers, avoiding her loneliness by befriending a troubled girl, pinning her hopes on her husband’s last gift, and getting involved with a rugged cop from her past. It’s only when she is adopted by a stray mutt and moves her group to the dog park that she begins to truly bond with the ragtag dog-loving addicts—and discovers that a chaotic, unplanned life might be the sweetest of all . . .

The Christmas Escape

The Weird Sisters

True Tales of Friendship Between Straight Women and Gay Men

The Stall of Second Chances

“To know and be close to your family, nothing is more important than dining together at home, as often as possible, on delicious home cooking. Salute!” --Wanda Tornabene, from the Introduction
 Four years after winning the 1997 James Beard Award for Best Italian Cookbook, Wanda Tornabene and her daughter, Giovanna, return with a glorious second helping of homestyle recipes. Sicilian Home Cooking offers more charming stories and rustic, delicious dishes from the kitchen of Gangievcechio, the Tornabenes magnificent thirteenth-century abbey in Sicily’s Madonie Mountains. As in the award-winning La Cucina Siciliana di Gangievcechio, here you’ll find a wonderful array of simple, mouthwatering recipes for antipasti, soups, pasta, rice, meat, fish, vegetables, salads, and desserts including easy and delicious variations on bruschetta, the hearty Fagioli e Festoncini di Nonna Elena (Granny Elena’s Bean and Pasta Soup), enticing entrees like Cotolette di Vitello di Wanda (Wanda’s Veal Cutlets) and Gamberi in Crosta alla Gangievcechio (Gangievcechio’s Shrimp en Croute), and sublime desserts like Cartocci (Fried Pastry Coils with Ricotta Cream) and Gelo di Caffè (Coffee Gelatine). Sicilian Home Cooking also offers some tempting new sections: Egg Dishes showcases this essential ingredient in beautiful fritatas; Pizza and Focaccia is a salute to these most Italian of breads, adorned with fresh toppings. The section on couscous teaches the traditional method for this Arab specialty, while Sicilians have adopted as their own. Wines and Liqueurs gives recipes for homemade, refreshing libations, including the Italian favorite, Limoncello. The homestyle recipes are nothing short of fantastic; but what makes this book even more special is that Wanda and Giovanna welcome you not only into their kitchen but also into their lives at Gangievcechio. In stories rich with the fragrant atmosphere of the gorgeous Sicilian countryside, they share memories of the annual grape harvest, a special Christmas snowstorm, and an illicit childhood trip on a commercial fishing boat. They describe favorite local restaurants and dishes from the past and the present.

And they tell funny and touching stories of relatives, friends, and pets; both old and new. Sicilian Home Cooking is a cookbook and much more: a true slice of Sicilian life.

Alana, the culinary assistant to a Chicago celebrity chef, discovers Southern hospitality after an accidental online connection to a Tennessee native and must decide on her priorities in life in this new novel from the author of Good Enough to Eat. Original. 35,000 first printing.

The beloved New York Times bestseller from acclaimed author Eleanor Brown about three sisters who love each other, but just don’t happen to like each other very much. Three sisters have returned to their childhood home, reuniting the eccentric Andreas family. Here, books are a passion (there is no problem a library card can’t solve) and TV is something other people watch. Their father—a professor of Shakespeare who speaks almost exclusively in verse—named them after the Bard’s heroines. It’s a lot to live up to. The sisters each have a hard time communicating with their parents and their lovers, but especially with one another. What can the shy homebody eldest sister, the fast-living middle child, and the bohemian youngest sibling have in common? Only that none has found life to be what was expected, and now, faced with their parents’ frailty and their own personal disappointments, not even a book can solve what ails them...

Aren’t our friends the best? What if we could have a friend like that? What if we could have a friend who’s been there for us since we were young? Amber is getting married too young. Amber kisses Tyler. What happens next will change them forever”—Amazon.com.

Sydney Strauss is obsessed with food. Not just with eating it – though she loves that too – but with writing about it as an aspiring cookery reporter. But food journalism jobs are more coveted than cupcakes, and so Sydney is stuck working for one of TV’s biggest egomaniacs – until she’s left scrambling for shifts at the local farmers’ market. Selling muffins at the Wild Yeast Bakery is hardly going to make her the next Nigella. But soon Sydney is writing the market’s weekly newsletter, and her quirky stories gain attention from a prominent food columnist. After years of being left on the shelf, she’s even dating again. And then Sydney gets a shot at the story, one that could either make her career or burn it to a cinder – along with her relationship and her reputation... “...a book which should be devoured in one sitting, along with a box of chocolates”–Sophie Kinsella, #1 New York Times bestselling author
 Award-winning author Jenny Colgan takes her charming romances to Paris in this heartwarming, bittersweet story of life, love and chocolate. Anna Trent may be a supervisor in a chocolate factory...but that doesn’t necessarily mean she knows how to make chocolate. So when a fateful accident gives her the opportunity to work at the most elite chocolatier in Paris–Le Chapeau Chocolat–Anna expects to be outed as a fraud. After all, there is a world of difference between chalky, mass-produced-English chocolate and the gourmet confections Anna’s new boss creates. While she may never match him in the kitchen, Anna thinks she might be able to give him a second chance at love. And with a bit of luck and a lot of patience, Anna’s learning that the sweetest things in life are always worth working for. Fans of British chick-lit authors Sophie Kinsella, Jennifer Weiner and Jill Mansell will be craving sweets along with this light-hearted rom-com of love lost and found. Also by Jenny Colgan: Meet Me at the Cupcake Café The Sweetshop of Dreams Praise for The Loveliest Chocolate Shop in Paris: “[B]oth believable and funny, while the Parisian setting makes this story practically irresistible.”–Shelf Awareness Reader

“This cross-generational story is as irresistible as Colgan’s portrayal of Paris itself—and all things chocolate.”–Publishers Weekly
 “Heartwarming and funny...”–Booklist
 “A tale of two Englishwomen in Paris, of love lost and found... Gently and lovingly done.”–Dear Author

