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## **GWENDOLYN DAVILA**

*A Lady of the West* Simon and Schuster

Ever since her father died, Dee Swann has held on to Angel Creek Valley, then Lucas Cochran returned, determined to acquire Angel Creek.

*The Woman Left Behind* Hachette UK

Sometimes you find love in the deadliest of circumstances . . . Dr Ellie Sullivan's life is turned upside down when she witnesses the shooting of an FBI agent in pursuit of wanted criminals, a duo known as the Landrys. The only person to see the shooter's face, Ellie is suddenly at the centre of a heated criminal investigation . . . headed by the tantalizingly handsome Agent Max Daniels. Max informs her that the Landrys have been captured, and she'll be called to testify. But they've been captured before, and each time the witnesses are scared into silence - or disappear before they can take the stand. Max vows to be Ellie's shadow until the trial, and it isn't long before sparks - and bullets - fly. 'Count on Garwood to provide her readers with reasons to smile even as they hang on to the edge of their seats.' Romantic Times 'Snappy writing, sharp humour, plenty of danger and suspense, and an abundance of sexy chemistry.' Booklist

*An Independent Wife* National Geographic Books

She was a dead ringer. Now she's just dead. . . . Blair Mallory lives the good life. She's pretty, confident, and the owner of a thriving up-scale fitness center. But in the shadow of success, a troubled member of the club develops a strange fixation on Blair, imitating her style and dress. Matters take a darker turn when the look-alike is shot dead—and Blair witnesses the horror. As the media speculates on the tawdry details of the homicide and pushes Blair into the harsh spotlight, she locks horns with police lieutenant Wyatt Bloodsworth. He wants to lead an investigation without interference, while Blair is determined to probe the dead woman's life on her own. But when someone begins to menace Blair with mounting threats, Wyatt takes notice: Was this murder indeed a lethal case of mistaken identity—and was Blair the intended victim?

*Ideal Man* Simon Spotlight/Nickelodeon

A New York artist suddenly acquires clairvoyancy and paints a murder before it happens. Fear of ridicule inhibits Paris Sweeney from reporting her vision to police and when the murder occurs she becomes a suspect.

*Cry No More* Ballantine Books

New York Times bestselling author Linda Howard sets a tale of power, suspense, and passion in the savage New Mexico Territory. Only true love could redeem.... Victoria Waverly, noble daughter of the war-ruined South, is sold in marriage to a ruthless rancher. Honor and pride help her endure life as a wife in name only but nothing can quench her forbidden desire for hired gunman Jake Roper. His gaze is hard, but tenderness he can't hide promises to unveil to Victoria the mysteries of love. Only true love can destroy.... Jake curses his burning need for Victoria, for he wants nothing to stand in the way of his drive to reclaim Sarratt's Kingdom -- the ranch that is his legacy and obsession. But ancient wrongs and blazing passions will bind together the aristocratic beauty and the powerful cowboy. In a bloody land war, they will fight for Jake's birthright...and seize at all costs the love that is their destiny.

*Dream Man* Harlequin

John Medina is a living legend with the CIA, a shadowy specialist in Black Ops, those operations that are never openly funded, and the details of which never see the light of day. Only few people inside the CIA know him on sight, while foreign governments offer bounties for him, dead or alive. Neima Burdock is a communications specialist for the CIA who retired from field work after the death of her husband, also an agent and under orders from John Medina. When Niema is needed in an arms deal operation headed by John she is extremely reluctant to take the job but her director convinces her. Niema and John enter the underground world of an international arms dealer and its many dangerous and glamorous intrigues. They discover a passion for each other, but will they survive the race to evade the people who are trying to kill them and transmit the documents they have managed to steal?

*Veil of Night* Knopf Canada

When Kate Watts abandoned her law career to open a food pantry in Northeast Minneapolis, she never dreamed it would be this difficult. Facing the heartbreaking prospect of turning hungry people away, she is grateful for the anonymous donations that begin appearing at the end of each month. Determined to identify and thank her secret benefactor, she launches a plan and catches Ian -a charismatic hacker with a Robin Hood complex-in the act. Ian intrigues Kate in a way no man ever has. But after learning he's snooped around on her personal computer, she demands retribution. Impressed with her tolerance and captivated by her spirit, he complies and begins to slowly charm his way past her defenses. Time spent with Ian is never boring, and Kate soon finds herself falling for the mysterious hacker. But Ian has enemies and they're growing restless. In the hacking world, exploiting a target's weakness is paramount, and no price is too high to stop an attack. And when

Kate learns exactly how much Ian has paid, she'll discover just how strong her love is for the man who has hacked his way into her heart.

**Troublemaker** Harlequin

Jina Modell works in Communications for a paramilitary organization, and she really likes it. She likes the money, she likes the coolness factor—and it is very cool, even for Washington, D.C. She likes being able to kick terrorist butts without ever leaving the climate-controlled comfort of the control room... But when Jina displays a really high aptitude for spatial awareness and action, she's reassigned to work as an on-site drone operator in the field with one of the GO-Teams, an elite paramilitary unit. The only problem is that she isn't particularly athletic, to put it mildly, and in order to be fit for the field, she has to learn how to run and swim for miles, jump out of a plane, shoot a gun . . . or else she'll be out of a job. Team leader Levi, call sign Ace, doesn't have much confidence in Jina—whom he dubbed Babe as soon as he heard her raspy, sexy voice—making it through the rigors of training. The last thing he needs is some tech geek holding them back from completing a dangerous, covert operation. In the following months, however, no one is more surprised than he when Babe, who hates to sweat, begins to thrive in her new environment, displaying a grit and courage that wins her the admiration of her hardened, battle-worn teammates. What's even more surprising is that the usually very disciplined GO-Team leader can't stop thinking about kissing her smart, stubborn mouth . . . or the building chemistry and tension between them. Meanwhile, a powerful congresswoman is working behind the scenes to destroy the GO-Teams, and a trap is set to ambush Levi's squad in Syria. While the rest of the operatives set off on their mission, Jina remains at the base to control the surveillance drone, and the base is suddenly attacked with explosives. Thought dead by her comrades, Jina escapes to the desert where, brutally tested beyond measure, she has to figure out how to stay undetected by the enemy and make it to her crew before they're exfiltrated from the country. But Levi never leaves a soldier behind, especially the brave woman he's fallen for. He's bringing back the woman they left behind, dead or alive.

67 Shots Macmillan

Desimonda returned to seek out revenge in "Beautiful, Dirty, Rich." Now her best friend, Lonnie, is out for a little payback of her own.

*Now You See Her* Ballantine Books

Bailey's scheming adult step-children are surprised when their father's will leaves Bailey in control of their fortune, & war ensues. A year later, Bailey is flying from Seattle to Denver in a small plane when the engine dies. But was it an accident?

Strangers in the Night Open Road Media Romance

Seven years after her husband left her, Sallie Jerome Baines has finally recovered from her broken heart. Now a news reporter on a leading magazine, she has become the independent, self-possessed woman her husband Rhydon always wanted her to be. When Rhydon unexpectedly re-enters her life, Sallie is adamant she'd never want him back. Or would she?

All The Queen's Men Ballantine Books

Had she finally met the man she longed for...or was she dreaming? Marlie Keen was trying to lead a quiet, ordinary life. She thought the knowing -- the clairvoyance that allowed her to witness crimes as they happened -- had been destroyed in the nightmare of her past. Then one night it returned

with a vengeance, and she desperately needed to find someone to make it stop. Detective Dane Hollister of the Orlando police department had never met anyone like Marlie. He had doubts about her clairvoyance, but there was no doubt how much he desired her. Her soft, sweet scent set his blood afire, and he wanted to wrap her in his arms and chase the sadness from her eyes. To Marlie, Dane was all heat and hard muscle, and he made her body come alive as it never had before. But not even she could foresee where their passion would lead: a hungry quest for the elusive, dreamy ecstasies of love...and a dangerous journey into the twisted mind of a madman who would threaten their happiness and their lives...

Up Close and Dangerous Simon and Schuster

Three lonely people, three lives at crossroads, three people who are about to discover that Christmas is a time when anything is possible and when wishes can come true.

Christmas Eve at Friday Harbor Avon

What would make your perfect man? That's the delicious topic heating up the proceedings at a certain table of professional women at their favourite restaurant. As the conversation picks up momentum, so do the quartet's requirements for Mr Perfect. And they write down a tongue-in-cheek list that's both funny and racy. The next thing Jaime Bright and her three girlfriends know, the List becomes an overnight sensation, grabbing the interest of local newspapers and television coverage. No one expected this avalanche of attention for something that began as a joke among friends. But the joke turns deadly serious when one of the four is murdered... The prime suspect in the case is the victim's boyfriend, one of a number of men who found the List sexist and offensive. But an impenetrable alibi gets him off the hook. Now, with the help of Jaime's neighbour, an unpredictable police detective, the puzzle must be solved - and time is running out as a deadly stalker targets the three remaining friends, and the dream of Mr Perfect becomes a chilling nightmare.

**The Emperor of Ice-cream** Simon and Schuster

On holiday leave from the service, Gabriel McQueen is sent into a brewing ice storm to make sure that his father's distant neighbor, Lolly Helton, who has fallen out of contact, is safe and sound. It's a trip that Gabriel would rather not make, given the bitter winter weather—and the icy conditions that have always existed between him and Lolly. Arriving at Lolly's home, Gabriel spots strangers through the windows—one of them packing a weapon—and kicks into combat mode. But once Lolly is rescued, the heat—and the hunt—are on. Snowbound, unarmed, and literally under the gun, Gabriel and Lolly must depend on each other to endure the merciless forces of nature and evade the ruthless enemy out in the blackness of the silent night—and out for their blood.

After Sundown Simon and Schuster

In Linda Howard's gifted hands, second chances, unexpected romance, and unrelenting action combine into a riveting new novel of suspense. In *Death Angel*, bad girls can wake up and trust their hearts, bad guys can fight for what's right . . . and dying just might be the only way to change one's life. A striking beauty with a taste for diamonds and dangerous men, Drea Rousseau is more than content to be arm candy for Rafael Salinas, a notorious crime lord who deals with betrayal through quick and treacherous means: a bullet to the back of the head, a blade across the neck, an incendiary device beneath a car. Eager to break with Rafael, Drea makes a fateful decision and a desperate move, stealing a mountain of cash from the malicious killer. After all, an escape needs to

be financed. Though Drea runs, Salinas knows she can't hide—and he dispatches a cold-blooded assassin in hot pursuit, resulting in a tragic turn of events. Or does it? Left for dead, Drea miraculously returns to the realm of the living a changed woman. She's no longer shallow and selfish, no longer steals or cheats or sells herself short. Both humbled and thrilled with this unexpected second chance, Drea embraces her new life. But in order to feel safe and sound—and stop nervously looking over her shoulder—she will need to take down those who marked her for death. Joining forces with the FBI, supplying vital inside information that only she can provide, Drea finds herself working with the most dangerous man she's ever known. Yet the closer they get to danger, the more intense their feelings for each other become, and the more Drea realizes that the cost of her new life may be her life itself—as well as her heart.

*Angel Creek; A Lady of the West* Createspace Independent Publishing Platform

A post-apocalyptic literary epic in the tradition of *The Handmaid's Tale*, *Divergent* and *Cloud Atlas*, and a breakout book in North America for a writer of rare and unconventional talent. From Guardian First Book Award finalist Sandra Newman comes an ambitious and extraordinary novel of a future in which bands of children and teens survive on the detritus—physical and cultural—of a collapsed America. When her brother is struck down by Posies—a contagion that has killed everyone by their late teens for generations—fifteen-year-old Ice Cream Star pursues the rumour of a cure and sets out on a quest to save him, her tribe and what's left of their future. Along the way she faces broken hearts and family tragedy, mortal danger and all-out war—and much growing up for the girl who may have led herself and everyone she loves to their doom.

*Drop Dead, Gorgeous* Da Capo Press

When Jenner goes on a ten-day cruise, she meets Cael and the sparks fly. However, a dangerous stranger on board interrupts their romance when he wraps Jen up in his troublesome plan.

**Kiss Me While I Sleep** Simon and Schuster

Carlin Reed lives in fear, off the grid, moving from place to place. So Battle Ridge, Wyoming, a small town in the middle of nowhere, seems like a good place to lie low for a while. But after becoming cook and housekeeper to cattle rancher Zeke Decker, Carlin suspects that she's made her first mistake. Rugged, sexy, and too distracting for his own good, Zeke is pure temptation mixed with something deep and primal that makes Carlin feel almost safe. Soon things are getting way too hot in the kitchen. Zeke doesn't challenge Carlin's terms: cash, dead bolts, and no questions. It is easy to see that she's a woman in trouble. Problem is, he's so blindsided by his attraction to her he can't think straight. Zeke tries to stay all business, no complications - but that game plan is sabotaged the second Carlin gets under his skin. And when her terrifying past follows her to the ranch, Carlin faces a heartbreaking choice: run away from the man she loves, or put him in the crosshairs of a madman.

**Cover of Night** Charnwood

When the human and the vampire worlds collide, there will be hell to pay. Luca Ambrus is a rare breed: vampire from birth, begotten by vampire parents, blood born. He is also an agent of the Council—the centuries-old cabal that governs vampirekind, preserving their secrecy and destroying those who betray them. When a cryptic summons leads him to the scene of the brutal killing of a powerful Council member, Luca begins the hunt for an assassin among his own people. But instead of a lone killer he discovers a sinister conspiracy of rogue vampires bent on subjugating the mortal world. All that stands in their way are the conduits, humans able to channel spirit warriors into the physical world to protect mankind. Chloe Fallon is a conduit—and a target of the vampire assassin who's killing them. When Luca saves her life, an irresistible bond of trust—along with more passionate feelings—is forged between them. As more victims fall, Chloe and Luca have only each other to depend on to save the world from the reign of monsters—and salvage their own future together.