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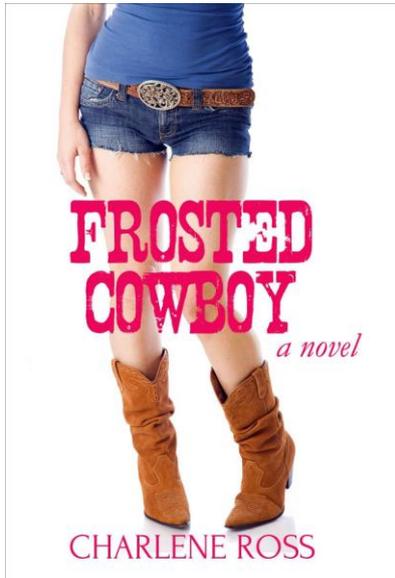
Velvet Morning Press Summer/Fall 2017 Catalogue



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Velvet Morning Press is seeking a publisher to acquire print and/or ebook rights for any number of the following titles. Audio rights are also available.

Fun & Flirty



Frosted Cowboy

Charlene Ross

Laney Delaney was living the dream. She had a fabulous fiancé and a career as a couture wedding dress designer. But after catching her (not-so-fabulous) fiancé cheating and being accused of upstaging one of her brides at a wedding, Laney finds herself with no boyfriend, no job and no plan.

After some serious soul searching, Laney is determined to start over. She embarks on a design career that takes her from a Rodeo Drive boutique to a flea market stall, but it's worth it—even if it means she has to suck up to her childhood nemesis for help.

At the same time, three very different men vie for her attention: a masseuse/screenwriter with an unfortunate reputation, a stable fireman who just doesn't spark a romantic flame, and the fireman's ridiculously hot co-worker whose illicit under-the-mistletoe kiss still burns Laney's lips.

Professionally and romantically, Laney is on the verge of reinventing her life and finding her true passion—but can she learn to trust again and believe in herself?

Reviews:

Ross's romantic women's fiction debut is a sweet, funny tale of a woman's gradual self-discovery...

– Publishers Weekly

Buy this book... in fact buy multiple copies and hand them out to your friends and keep one in your freezer in case your house catches fire. It's that good. Great story, great writing and great characters, a true chick lit success.

– Hello... Chick Lit blog

Charlene's first-person storytelling keeps the reader in the moment with Laney, and her breezy, conversational prose goes down smooth – much like I imagine the novel's eponymous cocktail does. – Cameron D. Garriepy blog

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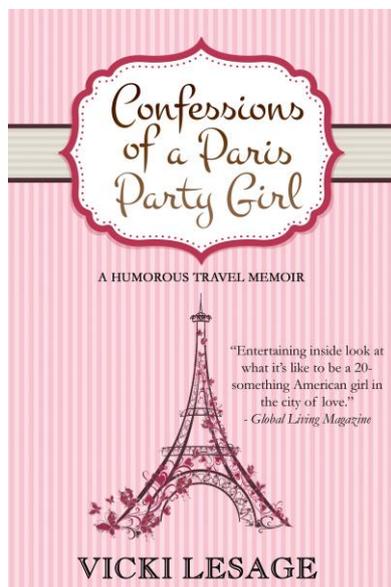
Frosted Cowboy sold more than 900 ebooks in the Chick Lit category after a BookBub price promo this spring and saw an ongoing increase in its “pages read” in the Kindle Unlimited program.

Genre: Chick Lit/Romantic Comedy

Publication date: February 2016

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$3.99 ebook

Fun & Flirty



Confessions of a Paris Party Girl

Vicki Lesage

#1 Amazon Best Seller

When newly-single party girl Vicki moved to Paris, she was hoping to indulge in wine, stuff her face with croissants, and fall in love. It proved to be much more *difficile* than she'd imagined.

In this laugh-out-loud memoir, this cheeky storyteller recounts the highs and lows of her life in the City of Light. Sassy and shamefully honest, Vicki makes you feel as if you're right there in Paris stumbling along the cobblestones with her.

Reviews:

An entertaining inside look at what it's like to be a 20-something American girl in the city of love.

– Global Living Magazine

An absolute delight from start to finish. – Books Are Cool

Paris. Wine. Croissants. If this sounds like your dream getaway, then get comfy because Vicki Lesage is about to take you on a trip. – Novel Notions

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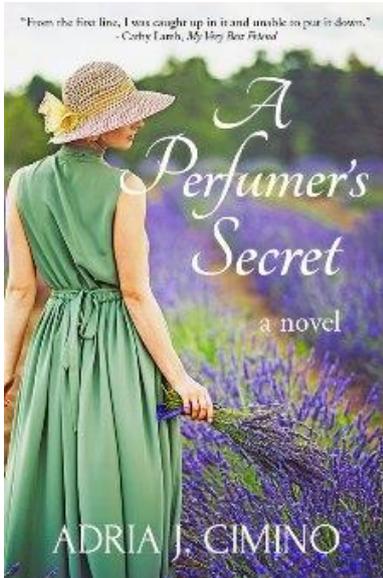
Confessions of a Paris Party Girl sold 800 ebook in 48 hours after a BookBub price promo. BookBub featured the book in the category of Humor, which was new at the time.

Genre: Memoir

Publication date: January 2014

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$4.99 ebook

Escape to France



A Perfumer's Secret

Adria J. Cimino

Amazon best-selling author

The quest for a stolen perfume formula awakens passion, rivalry and family secrets in the fragrant flower fields of the South of France...

Perfumer Zoe Flore travels to Grasse, perfume capital of the world, to collect a formula: her inheritance from the family she never knew existed. The scent matches the one worn by her mother, who passed away when Zoe was a teenager. Zoe, competing to create a new fragrance for prestigious designer Cherone, believes this scent could win the contract—and lead her to the reason her mother fled Grasse for New York City. Before Zoe can discover the truth, the formula is stolen.

Philippe Chevreuille, the enigmatic competitor who makes her heart race, is the only one who can help her find it. But Zoe is in no mood for romance, or at least that's what she tries telling herself.

Philippe knows that winning the Cherone fragrance contract is the way out of his mid-level perfumery job. And he has the ambition and ego to make it happen. Until Zoe enters the picture. In an instant, he's under her spell and losing grip on his own creativity. If Philippe hopes to win, he must keep Zoe from finding the missing formula. But can he betray his own heart?

The pursuit transforms into a journey of self-discovery as each struggles to understand the complexities of love, the force of pride and the meaning of family.

Reviews:

Filled with the vivid sites and scents of alluring Provence, Ms. Cimino delivers an intriguing story of love, family ties... and French perfume. – Anne Girard, author of *Madame Picasso*

*If you marvel at the color of sunrise or the smell of jasmine in a summer afternoon, then you should read *A Perfumer's Secret*.* – Carmen's Books and Movies Reviews

The characters are strong and there is so much detail that gives them layers and depth, ensuring they stay with you long after you turn the final page. – The French Village Diaries

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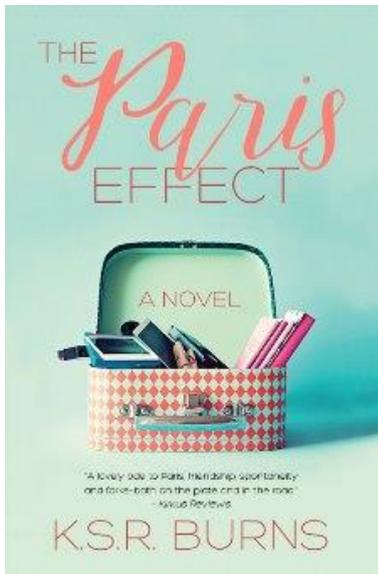
A Perfumer's Secret sold more than 2,000 ebooks during a BookBub price promo this spring. The title was featured in the Women's Fiction category. In early June, Amazon invited the title to join the Amazon Prime Reading program.

Genre: Women's Fiction

Publication date: May 2016

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$3.99 ebook

Escape to France



The Paris Effect

K.S.R. Burns

More than 100 Five Star Reviews on Amazon; #1 Best Seller

When Amy loses her best friend, Kat, to cancer, she knows their dream of a secret trip to Paris will never come true. Yet Kat's words haunt her, urging her to embark on the Paris trip alone and shed the dissatisfaction of her life in Phoenix.

Little by little, Amy, grappling with a failing marriage and struggling with painful childhood memories, lets herself be swayed. Guided by Kat's bold voice, Amy sneaks off to Paris while her husband is away on a business trip. Once there, however, she finds that her problems have come right along with her.

Through her adventures, laced with luscious descriptions of food and Paris, Amy learns that often in life, love and friendship, nothing is exactly as it seems. Will Amy choose the life she's discovered in Paris or decide to revive the one she left behind?

Reviews:

A lovely ode to Paris, friendship, spontaneity and forks—both on the plate and in the road. – Kirkus Reviews

Replete with delectable food, poignancy, humor, dark secrets and portents of illumination—which is as it should be for a story set in the City of Light. – Bellingham Herald

A novel that will make you message the author and ask her whether there will be a next book... a brilliant read.
– The Writing Garnet

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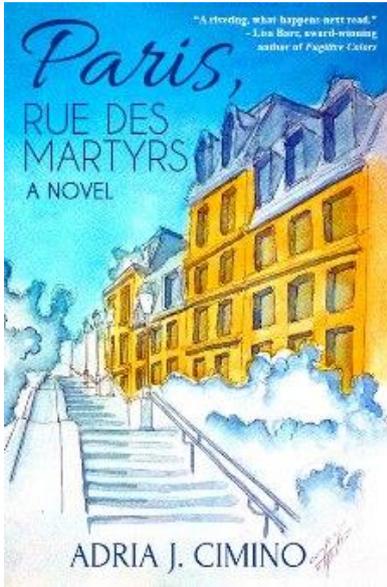
The Paris Effect sales are steady, selling an average of 4-10 books a day over time. The book has more than 200 reviews on Amazon.

Genre: Women's Fiction

Publication date: May 2016

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$4.99 ebook

Escape to France



Paris, Rue des Martyrs

Adria J. Cimino

Amazon Best Seller in Literature & Fiction

Some encounters make a difference.

Four strangers in Paris. Each one is on a quest: to uncover a family secret, to grasp a new chance at love, to repair mistakes of the past. Four stories entwine, four quests become one, as their paths cross amid the beauty, squalor, animation and desolation of a street in Paris, the rue des Martyrs.

Rafael's search for his birth mother leads him to love and grim family secrets. Cecile's view of herself as an unsatisfied housewife is radically changed by the promise of a passionate liaison. Andre, an aging actor, troubled by the arrival of the son

he abandoned years ago, must make a choice, to either lose his son forever or put aside pride and seek redemption. Mira travels to Paris to begin a new life and forget about love... or so she intends.

Reviews:

Cimino puts her finger on the theory of degrees of separation and delivers a wonderful story exemplifying the network of connectedness around us every day. – Ivory Owl Reviews

An intriguing story and a treat for those who might be at least a little familiar with the neighborhood.

– Glynn Young, Amazon Vine Voice

Since I was emotionally drawn to the characters, I couldn't wait to see what happened next. Of course, that's WHY I stayed up until 3 a.m. to finish it. – Mom's Small Victories blog

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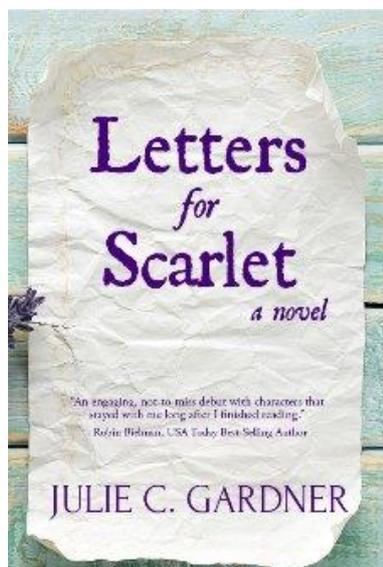
Paris, Rue des Martyrs sold more than 2,600 ebooks during a BookBub price promo and rose to #34 overall in the Kindle Store. It was featured in the Literary Fiction category. In the months that followed, it sold between 5 and 15 copies a day at full price.

Genre: Literary Fiction

Publication date: January 2015

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$4.99 ebook

Secrets & Lies



Letters for Scarlet

Julie C. Gardner

More than 100 Five Star Reviews on Amazon

Pain can take a lifetime to heal, but hope lasts even longer...

Corie Harper is twenty-eight years old when she is first visited by a ghost—in the form of a graduation letter she forgot she wrote. Although she spent a decade burying that desperate girl and her regrets, each page resurrects the past, dragging Corie back to a time when all she craved was Scarlet Hinden's friendship and Tuck Slater's heart. But she couldn't keep them both and keep her word.

Scarlet is haunted in her own way, by memories of Corie and of a night that left her wishing she were dead. But Scarlet is not only alive, she's carrying new life: a baby she never wanted and is terrified to have. Convinced she would be a disastrous mother, she questions whether or not she deserves the love of any man. Especially the father of her child.

Letters for Scarlet traces one friendship from deep roots to branches torn by broken promises and loss.

Reviews:

A fresh look at the complexity of friendship and family with depth and a great deal of heart. – USA Today best-selling author Robin Bielman

This fine debut novel convincingly explores the ties of love and friendship at the breaking point. – L. Gott, The Fictional 100.

Poetic, almost literary in places, this novel ensnared me from the start... Each character was painted with a fine brush, brought to life with different perspectives. – Lilac Mills book blog

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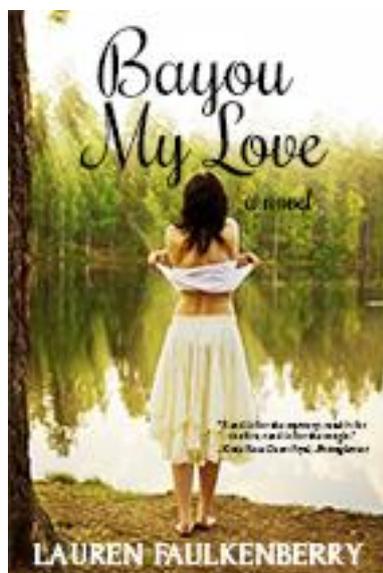
Letters for Scarlet sold more than 1,700 ebooks in a BookBub price promo last fall.

Genre: Women's Fiction

Publication date: April 2016

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$4.99 ebook

Secrets & Lies



Bayou My Love

Lauren Faulkenberry

Escape to the beautiful bayous of Louisiana in this tale of romance, secrets and suspense from Family Circle Award Winning Author Lauren Faulkenberry.

Thirty-one-year-old Enza Parker is struggling to change the trajectory of her life. To prove to her overbearing father she can flip a house on her own, she takes on a project much too ambitious for her—and it puts her in the path of the most alluring man she’s ever met.

Enza plans to flip the house she inherited from her estranged grandmother, Vergie, in Bayou Sabine, Louisiana. As a child, she spent summers there until the day her mother—Vergie’s daughter—inexplicably left. Since then, Enza hasn’t let anyone

get close to her.

Arriving in Bayou Sabine, Enza finds her house occupied by bedeviling firefighter Jack Mayronne. Enza has no intention of being a landlord, but Jack convinces her to let him stay—in exchange for helping her with repairs. With only six weeks to fix the house and sell, she’s determined to prove her father wrong—but she didn’t count on all the delicious ways Jack could distract her.

When Enza’s fling with Jack intensifies, she finds herself entangled with a vengeful arsonist from Jack’s past. As she reaches her breaking point, she must decide: Should she sell the house and leave her past in Bayou Sabine behind for good, or can she overcome her fears and build a new life there with Jack?

Reviews:

Faulkenberry capitalizes on the already romantic nature of the south and cranks it up to a hundred. – Readers’ Favorite Book Reviews

From the moment Jack spoke in that French/Creole drawl he and Faulkenberry had me hooked, line and sinker. I was a goner, and I didn’t surface until the novel’s end. I may be in love. – Page One Books

Mystery, suspense, voodoo, drama, and some steamy love scenes! I wasn’t ever able to guess what was going to happen next and I loved that. – The Blonde Bookworm

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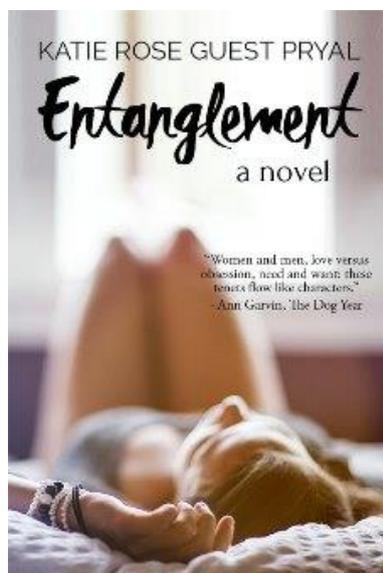
Bayou My Love sold more than 1,600 ebooks in a BookBub price promo last fall.

Genre: Contemporary Romance

Publication date: March 2016

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$4.99 ebook

Secrets & Lies



Entanglement

Katie Rose Guest Pryal

Two young women with troubled pasts find comfort in their unlikely friendship—until secrets and a dangerous man get in the way.

Socially awkward Greta and beautiful and confident Daphne move to Hollywood to start a new life. Daphne is determined to make it big, while Greta only wants to find stability. When Greta, who had always relied on her charismatic friend, pulls away and asserts her independence, a power struggle ensues.

And then one night Daphne takes her Hollywood ambitions a step too far, her actions pushing Greta into the path of danger.

Can Greta—and the friendship—survive?

Donna Tartt meets Tana French in this tense, evocative tale of love and friendship—and everything in between. Perfect for fans of psychological thrillers and women's fiction.

Reviews:

Pryal deftly portrays relationships that are under the magnifying glass... capturing the complexity and love of those intense early twenties friendships. – Kate Moretti, author of the New York Times best seller *Thought I Knew You*

WARNING! You will be sucked into this story from the very beginning, no matter how hard you try you won't be able to put this book down. – A Tattered Copy blog

(The author) reels you in from the first paragraph! Her writing is descriptive and vivid, flows wonderfully, and makes you feel as you are a part of the story. – Dandelions Inspired blog

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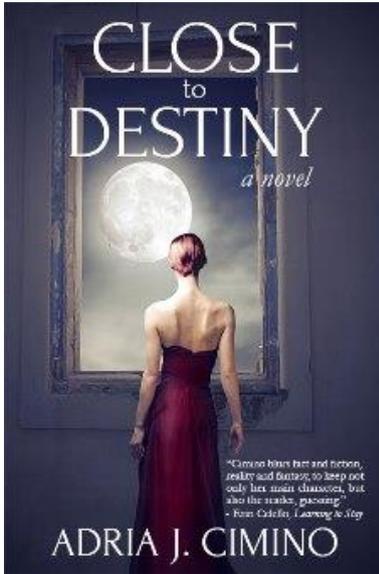
The author is a member of Tall Poppy Writers, a group of authors who actively promote the books of members over social media. Poppies include a National Book Award Finalist, New York Times best sellers, a Globe & Mail Top 100 best seller and more.

Genre: Women's Fiction

Publication date: June 2015

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$5.99 ebook

Secrets & Lies



Close to Destiny

Adria J. Cimino

#1 Amazon Best Seller

What if déjà vu is real? Kat hasn't found love because she's too busy fighting the demons of her past. But when she meets an intriguing new man, Will, her world is turned upside down. She feels she's met him before but knows she hasn't. Or has she?

While in London for an art show, she also encounters an enigmatic woman named Destiny, who invites her to extravagant parties where champagne flows freely and nothing is what it seems. Kat can no longer tell what's real and what's fantasy, and tries to convince herself this is all part of a strange dream. But then how does Will seem to know her better than she knows herself?

Torn between fear of the unknown and fascination at what might happen between her and Will, Kat must decide: Should she run away, or should she seize this mystical opportunity to change her life and find true love?

Alternating between the reality of day and the mystery of night, *Close to Destiny* by best-selling author Adria J. Cimino is a magical realism story of déjà vu and righting past wrongs that will delight fans of authors like Marc Levy and Guillaume Musso.

Reviews:

A remarkable and fantastical journey! Cimino spins a web of believable magic, love that transcends time, betrayal, redemption, and above all... Destiny. – Amy Impellizzeri, author of award-winning novel *Lemongrass Hope*

The author is able to successfully weave a tale that twists facts and fiction together... an awesome book filled with magic and wonder. – Pretty Little Book Reviews

The best plot I've read in a long time! The author did nothing to give away how the story unravels and I was guessing until the very end. – Andrea Heltsley book blog

Sales/Marketing Note:

Close to Destiny reached #1 in the U.S., UK, Canada and Australia in the Time Travel Romance category after a BookBub price promo last fall. The title also reached #1 in Magical Realism.

Genre: Women's Fiction

Publication date: March 2015

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$4.99 ebook

What's Cooking?



Chef Q in Paris: The Fall Collection

Didier Quémener

#1 Amazon Best Seller in French Cooking, Food & Wine

As fall arrives, let's change more than just our wardrobes—let's reinvent our cooking with seasonal products! Too difficult or time-consuming? Not with these tips and quick and easy recipes from chef Didier Quémener.

Didier's cooking is all about seasonal ingredients (no strawberries on Didier's table in November). He grew up in the French countryside, picking fresh fruit and vegetables in his grandmother's garden and preparing flavorful meals at her side. Today, Didier brings that love for seasonal products to his guests and to you. As a result, your meals will be tastier, easier

to make—and less expensive.

Is this a purely French cookbook? No! Didier, who's traveled throughout the U.S., Europe and China, is greatly influenced by his voyages, and his cuisine is the perfect reflection of this. So if you like cookbooks with a seasonal and international touch, you'll find this one especially delightful!

Reviews:

A lovely little cookbook for autumn... These are recipes you would actually do, and the chef provides easy instructions... Well done Chef Q! – Janice MacLeod, author of New York Times best seller *Paris Letters*

A fabulous cookbook that is set apart from others by the chef's warm personal narrative that is filled with information about nutrition, chef's tips, wine selection, culinary history and regional cuisine. A great read and a culinary adventure. – Colleen Crawford on Amazon

I found my Fall cookbook! – Bibliophile Reviews

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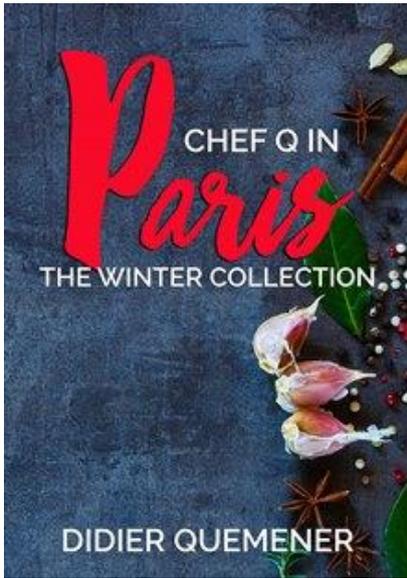
Didier is an executive chef at the award-winning Michel Roux Jr. Cookery School in London and has nearly 12,000 followers on Twitter. This cookbook, and Didier's winter cookbook, below, are standalone books, but a publisher may easily acquire the rights to both books and publish as one volume.

Genre: Cookbook

Publication date: August 2016

Retail price: \$16.99 paperback; \$5.99 ebook

What's Cooking?



Chef Q in Paris: The Winter Collection

Didier Quémener

#1 Amazon Best Selling Author in French Cooking, Food & Wine

A Parisian private chef invites you into his kitchen for a taste of his favorite winter recipes—and anecdotes about growing up in the French countryside.

Chef Didier Quémener, author of *Chef Q in Paris: The Fall Collection*, is back with his second book, this time focusing on winter. Didier's mantra is cooking with seasonal products. They're inexpensive and flavorful. What's not to love?

Growing up in the French countryside, Didier learned how to make the most of each season, choosing the tastiest ingredients to warm the body and soul. Today, he shares delicious, easy and inexpensive recipes, as well as tips and stories from his life then and now.

Reviews:

(A book) created out of love for flavor and food... I would recommend Chef Q in Paris: The Winter Collection to home cooks and professional chefs alike. – Readers' Favorite Book Reviews

My favorite thing about his cookbooks are the easy to follow directions and easy to find ingredients. This collection of Winter recipes is sure to warm your belly! – January Gray Reviews

Didier's anecdotes and advice again are a window into a charming character. – Amazon customer

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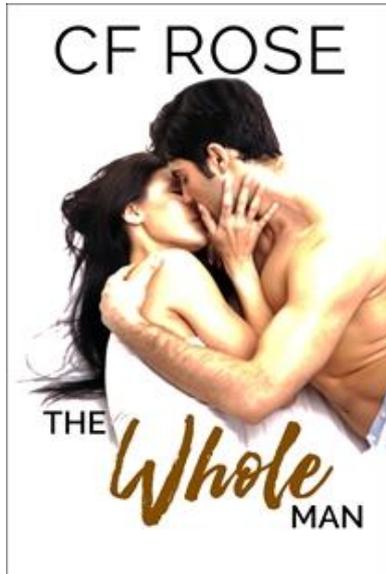
Please see marketing note, above, for fall cookbook.

Genre: Cookbook

Publication date: November 2016

Retail price: \$16.99 paperback; \$2.99 ebook

Backlist



The Whole Man

CF Rose

“The whole package... thoughtful, sexy, emotional, and sigh-worthy!” – Robin Bielman, USA Today best-selling author

Evan O’Cleary was in college when she spent a passionate 48 hours with up-and-coming baseball star Jesse Walsh. But after he broke her heart, she vowed to never see him again. So why does her heart leap when she runs into him ten years later?

Jesse not only abandoned Evan, but also his dream of becoming a major league baseball player when his brother died in Iraq. Shattered by the loss, Jesse turns inward. He refuses to commit to more than a one-night stand, until he sets eyes on Evan again, whose body still draws him dangerously near...

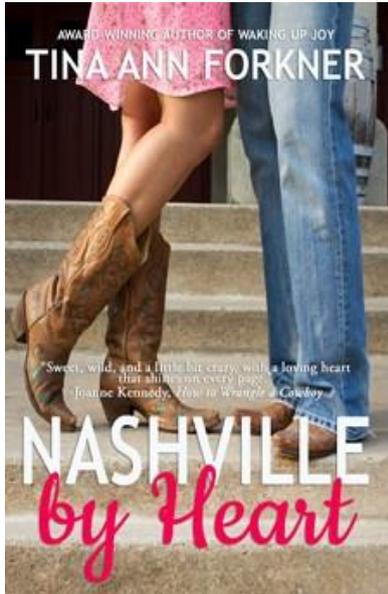
Evan knows better than to trust Jesse, but when he protects her against an abusive ex-turned-stalker, one thing leads to another and she finds herself in a delicious encounter on his living room floor. Jesse may not be willing to commit just yet, but maybe Evan can break down the wall. As she gets close, though, Evan uncovers a devastating secret that could destroy their families and drive them apart forever.

Genre: Romance

Publication date: February 2017

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$3.99 ebook

Backlist



Nashville by Heart

Tina Ann Forkner (award-winning author)

“Will and Gillian’s story left my heart smiling with happiness.”
– Kaira Rouda, *USA Today* bestselling author of *Laguna Nights* and *The Goodbye Year*

A fairy tale romance, Nashville style! A small town girl, a chance at stardom... or a chance at love. Does she have to choose?

Small town girl Gillian Heart moved to Nashville to get a record deal—not end up on some playboy’s arm. That’s why she tells herself she can’t get too personal with sexy music agent, Will Adams. Will makes her heart flutter, but he’s also broken plenty of hearts in this city.

Will thinks Gillian has what it takes to make it in Nashville, but he can’t help being wildly attracted to her in a way that has little to do with music. She inspires him to change his ways, but he’s still wary about mixing business with pleasure. He did that once before and got burned.

But neither Will nor Gillian can deny the spark between them. As things heat up, Gillian dares to imagine a life with Will—even though she knows he’s not a forever kind of guy. And then Will makes a move—bringing back memories of the father who abandoned her—that makes her question him and her whole life in Nashville.

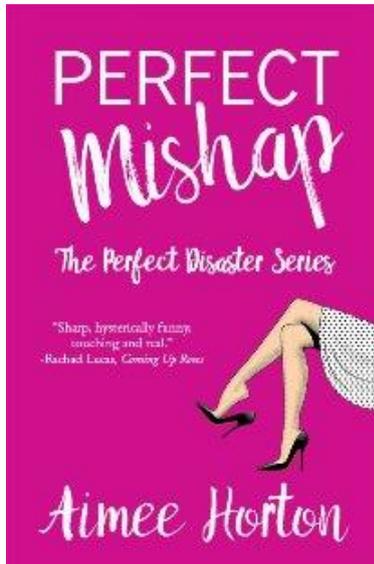
Can Gillian get over the disappointments of the past and find her place in Nashville, and with Will?

Genre: Romance

Publication date: July 2016

Retail price: \$11.99 paperback; \$3.99 ebook

Backlist



Perfect Mishap: The Perfect Disaster Series

Aimee Horton (Amazon UK best-selling author)

"Laugh-out-loud funny!" – Kerry Barrett, author of A Step in Time

When Dottie and her husband move to a tiny village, she's excited to make new friends. But when the neighbors uncover a scandalous incident, all fingers point to Dottie... Can she clear her name before her reputation is permanently ruined?

In this humorous blend of chick lit and cozy mystery, you'll be laughing right along with gin-drinking amateur sleuth Dottie. A delightfully funny romp!

Genre: Chick Lit/Cozy Mystery

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