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*Dead By Midnight* Kensington Publishing Corp.

When the clock strikes twelve, it's time to die... Prepare to lose sleep with this exhilarating thriller.

**Keeping Baby Secret** Harlequin / SB Creative

A young detective's first case in Tennessee puts her on the path of a gruesome serial killer in the New York Times bestselling author's romantic thriller. One by one, they will die. He has waited patiently, envisioning their final

moments. Their tortured screams, their pleas for mercy—all will be in vain as he executes his sadistic plan. Homicide detective Julia Cass has witnessed plenty of crime scenes. But the murder of a Chattanooga judge is shocking in its brutality. Teamed with FBI agent Will Brannock, Julia delves into an investigation that soon unearths more bodies—all mutilated in the same way, all left with a gruesome souvenir of a killer's ruthless rage . . . The only way to stop the slaughter is to predict the next victim. But when you're dealing with vengeance at its most ruthless, one wrong move can make you a target . . . and the next word you utter could be

your last . . .

**The Chosen** Kensington Publishing Corp.

Five years ago Emily lost her husband and her unborn child in a fire caused by a construction company that was cutting corners. She has finally recovered and decided to start a new life, but the large scar on her back will always remind her of what happened. One day, a mysterious stranger named Mitch walks into her life. He melts her heart, but she's afraid of what he'll say when he sees the scar she keeps hidden. Little does she know that Mitch is hiding something, too... What will happen when she learns his true identity?

His Secret Child HQN Books

Ten years ago, Black Ops commando Deke Bronson's bullet left up-and-

coming journalist Lexie Murrough paralyzed. It's taken years of painful physical therapy to bring Lexie back from the brink. And Deke is just grateful that she has no memory of his part in the incident that left her injured and him emotionally scarred. He's tried to put the past behind him, leaving the military and joining the Dundee Agency, but he's never been able to forgive himself....

When Lexie, now head of an international charity organization, begins receiving terrifying threats from the son of the dictator killed during that long-ago operation, it's Deke who's assigned to keep her safe from harm. Maybe it's fate's way of giving him another chance, but falling for Lexie isn't supposed to be part of the deal. And what if she finally discovers the truth?

**The Dying Game** Pinnacle Books

When a recent spate of horrific murders is linked to a long-ago series of brutal crimes she hoped would never resurface, Chattanooga grief counselor Audrey Sherrod, who moonlights for the local police, soon discovers that the worst is yet to come. Original.

**Don't Say a Word** The Last to Die Gone, But Not Forgotten rocketed Phillip Margolin into the select company of million-selling novelists. Here he displays again the same genius for best-selling suspense in another intricate, breathtaking thriller of multiple murder in the legal community of the Pacific Northwest. Laura Rizzati, a law clerk for Oregon Supreme Court Justice Robert Griffen, is found slain late one night in the deserted courthouse. Her office is

ransacked—but nothing seems to be missing. There are no suspects and no clues. The following month Griffen himself is killed by a car bomb in the driveway of his Portland home. This time, though, there is a suspect: in a shocking turn of events, Abigail Griffen, star prosecutor in the Multnomah County District Attorney's office and estranged wife of Justice Griffen, is charged with first degree murder. With the same gripping suspense that drove *Gone, But Not Forgotten* onto the bestseller lists, this is a complex legal thriller with a truly startling ending.

*Dead By Nightfall* Kensington Publishing Corp.

A woman seeks justice for her murdered cousin—but can't resist a seductive suspect—in this romantic thriller by the

New York Times bestselling author. In the courtroom, defense lawyer Quinn Cortez has a reputation as a ruthless predator who always gets what he wants. In the bedroom, it's no different. Quinn is an accomplished seducer with a long list of conquests. But now, someone has brutally slaughtered one of them, and Quinn has no memory of the night he was found in her home . . . Annabelle Vanderley wants justice for her murdered cousin. If Quinn Cortez swears he can find the true killer, she's willing to give him the benefit of a doubt. But then another body is discovered. Then another. And each victim is an ex-lover of Quinn's. Now, consumed by dread, Annabelle wonders just how close she may be to a twisted psychopath for whom her pain would be the ultimate

pleasure . . .

*The Fifth Victim* Pinnacle Books  
 In Murder. . . The last sounds Dean Wilson hears are a clock striking twelve and a killer's taunting words. And his death is just the first. One by one, victims are stalked and shot at close range. Only the killer knows their sins, and who will be the next to die at midnight. . . And In Life. . . In the ten years since her Hollywood career imploded, Lorie Hammonds has built a good life in her Alabama hometown. When the first death threat arrives, she assumes it's a joke. Then she gets a second note. Sheriff Mike Birkett, her high-school sweetheart, has avoided Lorie since she returned to Dunmore, but when investigators uncover her connection to a string of recent murders,

he's drawn into a case that's terrifyingly personal. *Timing Is Everything* The Darkest Sins He begins his work just before dawn, wielding a knife with the precision of a surgeon. Cunning and meticulous, he's always in control. Mercy is not an option. . . *Will Always* Maleah Purdue is tough, outspoken, and completely dedicated to her work at the Powell Security Agency. But her fearless exterior shatters when a madman begins killing her colleagues one by one, mimicking a notorious serial killer already behind bars. Working alongside top profiler Derek Lawrence, Maleah will do anything to find the murderer, even if it means playing a psychopath's twisted mind games. *Come To Light* No one connected to the Agency is safe. No one is beyond suspicion. For as Maleah and

Derek piece together the clues, they uncover a chilling legacy of lies and brutal vengeance--and a killer who has been hiding in plain sight all along. . . *The Fear*. . . Malcolm York is a sadistic monster, guilty of unspeakable crimes. And with his endless wealth he's funded a series of depraved hunts. The few who survived can never forget. They can only be thankful the terror is over. Until rumors start swirling. . . *Only Stops*. . . Griffin Powell knows the twisted depths of York's madness. He's also sure that York is dead. But then Griff's wife, Nicole, disappears and the phone calls begin--that familiar voice taunting him, promising to destroy everything Griff loves. *When You Die*. . . Using all the resources of the Powell Agency, Griff searches for Nic, aware that every step

propels him further into a madman's web. Because the only way to keep Nic safe is to join one last perverse game where winner kills all, and the loser is dead by nightfall. . .

**Cold Hearted** Zebra Books

The Protectors Married for all the wrong reasons. A MARRIAGE OF CONVENIENCE Cleo McNamara desperately needed a husband someone to father her child and protect her from a would-be murderer. Security expert Simon Roarke bravely took the job. But Cleo was more than he'd bargained for every touch between them sizzled, every glance smoldered. Roarke took his husbandly duties seriously all of them and he would give Cleo the child she craved. But in her arms he found a peace he'd never felt before and a threat. For not only was

Cleo in danger of losing her life Roarke was in danger of losing his heart! The Protectors. Ready to lay their lives on the line, but unprepared for the power of love.

*Beverly Barton Bundle: Dead By Midnight, Dead By Morning, & Dead by Nightfall* Pinnacle Books

PASSIONATE SECRETS One sultry night many years ago, Sheila Vance became a woman in Caleb Bishop's arms. And though he never knew it, Caleb became a father. Now the hard-hearted bachelor was back in town, and Sheila fought the fiery attraction between them. For this time, Caleb had the power to hurt not only her, but also her precious child. When Caleb saw Sheila again, he wanted her back in his life—and in his bed. But he suspected more than passion made



her tremble beneath his touch—and Caleb was determined to discover the elusive beauty's every secret.... 3 Babies for 3 Brothers: There's nothing like a secret baby to bring a brooding bachelor home again!

Emily and the Stranger Pinnacle Books

A minister's young widow is targeted by a small-town serial killer in the New York Times bestselling author's Southern romantic thriller. To most people, respected clergymen like Mark Cantrell are pillars of the community, and completely beyond reproach. But their killer knows better. They are sinners of the worst kind, and they must burn on earth before they burn in hell . . .

Eighteen months after her husband's unsolved murder, Cathy Cantrell has returned to her Alabama home, eager to

build a new life for herself and her son. But reminders of her past, like Deputy Sheriff Jackson Perdue, are everywhere. And a spate of recent deaths—each victim burned in the same horrifying manner as her husband—leave Jack and Cathy in no doubt that a serial killer is at work . . . Now as a twisted killer moves in for a final, brutal act of vengeance, buried crimes are coming to light once more. And this time, justice will be swift, merciless, and as silent as the grave . . .

Having His Baby Zebra Books

HER SECRET WAS OUT! They shared a brief, passionate affair, before Agent Frank Latimer moved on to his next mission. Leenie hadn't expected anything more from Frank than those beautiful encounters they shared. Until she gave birth to his child, and

wondered about the wisdom of keeping his baby secret. Especially when her son was kidnapped! Frank would have punished Leenie for keeping the truth about his son from him, if he weren't hell-bent on bringing his boy home. And he would. Once he did, he planned on letting independent Leenie know just what he thought about her betrayal. Right after he put out the other fire that still raged passionately between them...

*Dying For You Silhouette*

Tis the season when anything can happen . . . when passion sparks brightest . . . and miracles and magic can turn any heart toward love . . . The Christmas Stocking, Fern Michaels Philadelphia businesswoman Amy Baran is determined to raise money for a new seniors' center by harvesting Christmas

trees from the small-town Virginia farm she remembers from her childhood. Trouble is, Gus Moss has come home from California with his own ideas about saving the farm his father has neglected. Neither wants to give up, but when attraction turns to romance, they just might have to give in . . . The Ghost of Christmas Past, Beverly Barton Wounded Special Ops officer Mack MacKinnon doesn't have any reason to look forward to the holidays--until he rescues pretty widow Katie Hadley from a raging blizzard. Now, in a season of miracles, he's falling as hard and fast as the Christmas Eve snow . . . The Twelve Desserts of Christmas, Joanne Fluke Take two lovestruck teachers. Add a dollop of conspiring kids. Place in a boarding school over Christmas break.

And add a little help--and eight, great recipes--from amateur sleuth Hannah Swenson, and you've got a romantic holiday tale that's sweet, delicious, and definitely served warm . . . Twelve Days, Shirley Jump Of all the luck--Natalie Harris can't believe she drew Jake Lyons as her Secret Santa pal! The dreamy hunk leaves her completely tongue-tied. But with twelve days of secret gifts, sweet notes, and steamy emails to go, she just may conquer her fear and discover something surprising under the tree . . . Treat yourself to four unforgettable tales of holiday romance filled with sugar and spice and everything nice . . .

Worth Dying For Zebra Books

It was the job of her dreams but it became her worst nightmare . All private

security agent Lucie Evans wanted was a fresh start and the chance to show Sawyer McNamara, her ex-boss, that she no longer craved his absolution for a crime she didn't commit. So when the offer of a trip to South America as the personal bodyguard to a billionaire heiress came up, Lucie jumped at the prospect of leaving the Dundee Agency behind. Then the nightmare began. Kidnapped in a case of mistaken identity, suddenly Lucie's only hope of survival rested with the one man she never wanted to see again. Sawyer had spent years convincing himself that all he felt for Lucie was contempt but with her life at stake, he was forced to face his true feelings. Though it may be a case of too little, too late. Because Lucie's captor wouldn't rest until she was

silenced once and for all.

*The Last to Die* Kensington Publishing Corp.

A beautiful sheriff tracks a serial killer through small town Alabama in the New York Times bestselling author's "fun and satisfying" romantic thriller (Publishers Weekly). He's their secret admirer, wooing them with phone calls, love letters, and special gifts. From a distance, he admires them. Desires them. Despises them. And when he gets close enough, he kills them all. Adams County, Alabama, is a friendly place where everyone knows each other—but not well enough, it seems. Someone among them is a serial killer who first romances, then stalks, kidnaps, and kills his victims. It's the first big case for sheriff Bernie Granger, and a chance to

prove herself to her new partner, Memphis police detective Jim Norton. But this killer is uncannily smart. It's as if he knows what Bernie is thinking. And his next move is more than shocking—it's chillingly personal.

*If Looks Could Kill* Kensington Publishing Corp.

As their twenty-year high school reunion approaches, Lindsay, Kristen, and Rachel find themselves marked for death by the very same killer responsible for brutally murdering a fellow student.

*Close Enough to Kill* HarperCollins UK A thrilling novel of romantic suspense from the New York Times bestselling author of *As Good as Dead*. "She kept me guessing to the very end."—Linda Howard Twenty years ago, Jolie Royale was critically wounded during a shooting

that left her mother, her aunt, and her aunt's suspected lover dead. The case was ruled a double homicide and suicide and quickly closed, though rumors abounded as to the murderer's real identity . . . Jolie would never forget that day—but she could never recall the killer's face. And now she is coming home to Mississippi for her father's funeral. Her mixed feelings turn into dread when the investigation into the triple murder is reopened—and it becomes clear as day that a killer is still on the loose . . . Determined to put the past to rest, Jolie turns to Max Devereaux for help. Years ago, he made no secret of his resentment toward her family, but it seems many things have changed—including Jolie's feelings for her unlikely ally. Now, as she and Max

work together to put back the lost pieces of her memories, the striking distance between her and the killer closes. Someone can't wait for Jolie to remember his face, because by then it will be too late . . . "With its sultry Southern setting and well-drawn characters, this richly textured tale ranks among the best the genre has to offer."—Publishers Weekly "Fans of authors such as Lisa Jackson, Janelle Taylor, and Heather Graham will enjoy the shivers Barton . . . so deftly delivers."—Booklist  
*Silent Killer* Kensington Publishing Corp. A widow accused of her husband's murder may be the next to die in the bestselling author's "sexy and clever" Southern romantic thriller (New York Times bestselling author Linda Howard).

As the blazing heat of summer gives way to sultry September, a shroud of suspicion settles over the sleepy Alabama town of Noble's Crossing. Lane Noble Graham stands accused of murdering her ex-husband. And the one man who can help, Johnny Mack Cahill, vowed never to return to the town that scorned him—or the woman whose love he knew he didn't deserve. From the rusted-out trailers on the wrong side of the river to the stately pillared mansions along Magnolia Avenue, everybody has something to hide. But one secret could make Lane and Johnny Mack the next targets of a twisted killer who's determined to striking again . . . "A sizzling, sexy tale that grabs the reader by the throat and doesn't let go." —New York Times bestselling author Lisa

Jackson

**Defending His Own** Pinnacle Books

A woman plays a game of cat and mouse with a copycat killer in this romantic suspense novel by the New York Times–bestselling author of *Don't Cry*. He begins his work just before dawn, wielding a knife with the precision of a surgeon. Cunning and meticulous, he's always in control. Mercy is not an option . . . Maleah Purdue is tough, outspoken, and completely dedicated to her work at the Powell Security Agency. But her fearless exterior shatters when a madman begins killing her colleagues one by one, mimicking a notorious serial killer already behind bars. Working alongside top profiler Derek Lawrence, Maleah will do anything to find the murderer, even if it means playing a

psychopath's twisted mind games. No one connected to the Agency is safe. No one is beyond suspicion. For as Maleah and Derek piece together the clues, they uncover a chilling legacy of lies and brutal vengeance—and a killer who has been hiding in plain sight all along . . . Praise for *Dead by Morning* “A great romantic suspense that grips the audience from the moment the protagonists begin to learn of the assault on Powell and never lets go as the climax diabolically leads to the next unpublished tale. The lead pair is a terrific coupling . . . However, what makes *Dead by Morning* super is the serial killer, who will be considered one of the vilest of the year.” —The Mystery Gazette “The popular and dependable Barton has again created an intricately

plotted, thoroughly engrossing serial killer tale that satisfactorily resolves the current dilemmas but leaves a stunning cliff-hanger.” —Library Journal  
*'Til Death Do Us Part* HarperCollins UK  
A young woman suspected of murder is also stalked by a serial killer in this sexy Smokey Mountain thriller by the New York Times bestselling author. Cherokee Pointe, Tennessee, has seen murder before, but nothing like the gruesome death of Jamie Upton, heir to the Upton fortune. The authorities believe the killer was someone Jamie knew...someone hiding a sadistic streak behind a friendly façade. Could that someone be his former lover, Jazzy Talbot? Jazzy has always been Cherokee Point's favorite target for gossip. But now the girl from the wrong side of the tracks is being

targeted for something much worse. Along with being suspected of murder, someone is stalking her like prey. As the killer continues to strike, Jazzy has no one to turn to except an enigmatic

drifter named Caleb McCord. As she plunges into Cherokee Pointe's long-buried secrets, Jazzy gets dangerously close to a killer determined to make her the last to die.

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