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The Fedosov Family is in crisis. After expanding their mining operations to South Africa, a mob of protesters and reporters gather outside their main building. Alexey Fedosov is in control while his brother, Demitry, is away. He gives an exclusive interview to one reporter, an American called Desiree Bishop. Desiree knew all about Alexey Fedosov. He was stunningly handsome, with jet black hair and grey eyes the color of thunderclouds. His shoulders were broad and his long legs magnified his already staggering height of 6'5". He made all the tabloids and was considered the playboy of the Fedosov family. With a reputation like that, she told herself to stay well away from him. Yet she can't understand why she can't keep her eyes off him. How can she be so attracted to him when they have just met? She hates the vulnerability she feels around him and fights her attraction. From their first meeting Alexey felt his body immediately respond to Desiree. The petite blonde was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. But despite her angelic looks, she was tough and shows from the very start that she is not intimidated by him. Alexey tries to convince himself she is just another girl, but soon finds himself confused by the fascination he has for the American. The whole Fedosov Family are surprised that Alexey has an interest in a girl that goes beyond the weekend's parties. And the more they both try to fight their attraction, the more intense their cravings become.. Rose Thorn Tattoo's clock is ticking. Giovanni DeRose came back to Las Vegas to fulfil a childhood dream of working in a tattoo studio with his brothers. Instead, he's found himself the leader of a sinking ship, with the threat of closure if he doesn't turn a profit ASAP. He's a tattoo artist who can do just about anything with his talented hands and bare skin, but this bad boy needs something different if he's going to save Thorn.... Riley Byrne is an Irish lass that's as smooth as whiskey, if you don't mind the burn that comes along with it. She's Giovanni's new co-manager and current pain in his ass. Riley is business savvy and a little bit bossy—something Giovanni finds frustrating in the studio and hot as hell when he's got her pinned to their shared office desk. They'll need to combine their talents as well as they merge their bodies, if Thorn Tattoo is going to survive. Thorn Luciano DeRose is looking to get the hell out of town. He's been absent from his position of Head Artist at Thorn Tattoo since the day he watched his future go up in flames. However, the bonds of family are strong and he's dragged back into town as a favor to his younger brother. But Luciano isn't staying for long and certainly not for the anniversary of the day his life went to hell. Melanie Noel has spent most of her adult life fixing Luciano's. She's his virtual assistant, organizational guru, and problem-solver extraordinaire. However, this ex-hippie chick wants her boss, and secret crush, to see that he can finally move on. Melanie thinks that this anniversary is the perfect time for Luciano to face his grief, let go and finally be free to see what's been waiting for him all along. When Luciano decides to do everything in his power to leave, Melanie sees that she needs more than logic to make him stay. Risking her heart to save the man she's loved from afar, Melanie gives into her desire for Luciano—sparked by a world-rocking kiss. The heat between them has the power to heal all wounds or it may set both their lives up in flames. Bloom From the boardroom to the

bedroom, Antonio DeRose is a man who always gets what he wants. And Antonio wants Evie. Antonio took a risk when he purchased Bloom Tattoo. The studio is a “fixer-upper” that could pay off in spades...or cost him Thorn, the family’s studio. He knows the key lies in making Evie Stuart, the tattooed sex kitten, head artist. He can see that beyond her beauty, that the fiery girl has some serious brains too. Evie, on the other hand, is more than happy to continue being a tattoo artist. She likes being free to follow the wild creativity of her imagination without risking the livelihoods of other artists. Because even though Evie can’t stop thinking about his scorching touch, she has no desire to share a boardroom with him. While pride brings them together it’s their shared desire that has them entangled. At first, Evie thinks that their head banging sex will keep her career change at bay—but when their shared passion begins to bleed over into the business, can either pull away from their love without losing everything? Or will they finally realize that you really can have it all? A Submissive Proposition Clara Roberts is one of the most powerful and influential women in California. A brilliant young power-sector mogul, she turned an ailing company around and has just been named California's Woman of the Year. Who is she really? Clara was born on a scrub-pine farm to a woman who gave herself away for a bottle of whiskey. All of that changed when she met David King. He offers her the chance to be CEO of one of his companies, but for a price - but is the price she has paid too high? This collection of Vonnegut’s letters is the autobiography he never wrote – from the letter he posted home upon being freed from a German POW camp, to notes of advice to his children: ‘Don’t let anybody tell you that smoking and boozing are bad for you. Here I am fifty-five years old, and I never felt better in my life’. Peppered with insights, one-liners and missives to the likes of Norman Mailer, Gunter Grass and Bernard Malamud, Vonnegut is funny, wise and modest. As he himself said: ‘I am an American fad—of a slightly higher order than the hula hoop’. Like Vonnegut’s books, his letters make you think, they make you outraged and they make you laugh. Written over a sixty-year period, and never published before, these letters are alive with the unique point of view that made Vonnegut one of the most original writers in American fiction. 'As a sniper, I've killed more than a few Nazis. I have a passion for observing enemy behaviour. You watch a Nazi officer come out of a bunker, acting all high and mighty, ordering his soldiers every which way, and putting on an air of authority. The officer hasn't got the slightest idea that he only has seconds to live.' Vassili Zaitsev's account of the hell that was Stalingrad is moving and harrowing. This was a battle to the death - fighting street by street, brick by brick, living like rats in a desperate struggle to survive. Here, the rules of war were discarded and a psychological war was being waged. In this environment, the sniper was king - an unseen enemy who frayed the nerves of brutalised soldiers. Zaitsev volunteered to fight at Stalingrad in 1942. His superiors recognized quickly his talent, and made him a sniper. He adapted his hunting skills to the ruins of the city, watching his prey with nerves of steel. In his first 10 days, Zaitsev killed 40 Germans. He achieved at least 225 kills and the tactics he developed are still being studied. Zaitsev was used a symbol of Russian resistance against the Nazis. His exploits, including a famous 'duel' with a Nazi sniper, remain the stuff of legend. His account is absorbing to anyone interested in World War II and seeing how one person could survive in the most extreme of conditions. Navy SEALs never quit. Especially when they're in love... Fall in love with three sexy brothers in this Leslie North series about gorgeous Navy SEAL bad boys who just can't stop themselves from losing their hearts... It's not easy protecting both the love of your life and your baby when bullets are flying and bad guys are on the prowl. But for the Vale brothers, it's just another day on the job. These former Navy SEALs are ready to prove they can change a diaper as skillfully as they fight off evil-doers. And all three will do anything to keep the people they love safe—even if it means putting their own lives in danger. Second chances, unexpected attraction, and a bevy of babies keep these brothers on their toes. They may be ready to leave the SEALs, but none of them were prepared for the mission of a lifetime: falling in love. They'll have to overcome some challenging hurdles as they each find their way to a happy ending. And they'll all have a blast—literally—getting there. Sam Jameson always gets what he wants and what he wants is his ex-wife. Sam is a man who is a man in the world. What is the best way to get the best out of your life? Sam accepts the challenge but is not sure about it. Trinity Jameson is a fixer. It does not matter if it's a good thing to do. She is a man, and she is a man, a man, a man, a man, a man, a man, a man, a man. "She's been doing this time. Before Sam landed in New York, his goal was to leave the city just as fast. But when Trinity saunters into the room. He realizes that what he really wants. Sam has no trouble stoking his physical fire, but hot sex is not going to be enough to heal the hurt. Sam is not going to be dissuaded by her new found emotional wall. He helped build it, and now he's going to knock it down. This book is the first full-length study of the Soviet

Constitution of 1936, exploring Soviet citizens' views of constitutional democratic principles and their problematic relationship to the reality of Stalinism. Drawing on archival materials, the book offers an insight into the mass political culture of the mid-1930s in the USSR and thus contributes to wider research on Russian political culture. Popular comments about the constitution show how liberal, democratic and conciliatory discourse co-existed in society with illiberal, confrontational and intolerant views. The study also covers the government's goals for the constitution's revision and the national discussion, and its disappointment with the results. Outcomes of the discussion convinced Stalin that society was not sufficiently Sovietized. Stalin's re-evaluation of society's condition is a new element in the historical picture explaining why politics shifted from the relaxation of 1933-36 to the Great Terror, and why repressions expanded from former oppositionists to the officials and finally to the wider population.

Get ready for some football—and romance—in USA Today bestselling author Leslie North's trilogy about three sexy Atlanta Sharks football players who find life off the gridiron much sweeter thanks to the women they fall for. In *First Down*, Mark Coleridge realizes not only is he a father, but he still very much loves the woman who gave him a son. But Tessa Black's not so sure they make a good team... Quarterback James Sullivan finds himself falling for the Sharks' new, sexy conditioning coach, Daisy Katrakis, in *Red Zone*. But Daisy can't let herself fall in love with a player—or can she? In *Touchdown*, star wide receiver Maxwell Smith suddenly finds himself guardian of triplets and enlists the help of their aunt, Gillian Collier. But his biggest surprise is how quickly he falls for her. Three tough football players have some big challenges when handed a playbook they didn't anticipate—babies, instant families, and...love. Navy SEAL Jack Singer has a woman he can't forget. They were attracted to each other at first sight and spent the night together, but she disappeared in the wee hours of the following morning. He did his best to find her, but she was nowhere to be found. But then a postcard he receives one day reveals all. He learns that his mystery woman delivered his baby and now she's raising it secretly. Infuriated, Jack visits her and demands that they get married. As head of the Tazeem Spice Company, the deal Sheikh Hussain has on the horizon could net him millions. Now he needs an assistant, but he certainly wasn't expecting someone like Cassie Milton. She defies him at every turn with her courage, intelligence, and playful attitude. Her lush curves and golden eyes present a sinful temptation, but he needs to focus on what's important. He can't afford to be caught off guard by an American woman who claims to have no knowledge of her past. A bump on the head leaves Cassie with no memory of who she is or why she is in the Middle East. Luckily, salvation comes in a tall, muscular, irresistible package. When Sheikh Hussain Tazeem puts her to work, she has access to his business deals and all the luxury his billions can buy, but it's pushing his buttons that's giving her the biggest thrill. He's easily the most uptight man she's ever met. Yet, the more she's drawn to his dark eyes and silent strength, the more she knows there's something she needs to remember... But what? With their attraction building and millions of dollars on the line, the stakes are high for Cassie and Hussain. But as Cassie's memory begins to resurface, the truth could jeopardize everything.

Recent developments in the fields of intelligent computing and communication have paved the way for the handling of current and upcoming problems and brought about significant technological advancements. This book presents the proceedings of IConIC 2021, the 4th International Conference on Intelligent Computing, held on 26 and 27 March 2021 in Chennai, India. The principle objective of the annual IConIC conference is to provide an international scientific forum where participants can exchange innovative ideas in relevant fields and interact in depth through discussion with their peer group. The theme of the 2021 conference and this book is 'Smart Intelligent Computing and Communication Technology', and the 109 papers included here focus on the technological innovations and trendsetting initiatives in medicine, industry, education and security that are improving and optimizing business and technical processes and enabling inclusive growth. The papers are grouped under 2 headings: Evolution of Computing Intelligence; and Computing and Communication, and cover a broad range of intelligent-computing research and applications. The book provides an overview of the cutting-edge developments and emerging areas of study in the technological fields of intelligent computing, and will be of interest to researchers and practitioners from both academia and industry.

Billionaires, blackmail and white sandy beaches. From the New York Times bestseller author, Leslie North comes a seriously enticing boxset. The Rosso Family Series is available for the first time ever in a beautiful boxset edition. Meet three sinfully handsome Greek Billionaires today! Greek Billionaire's Blackmailed Bride Greek banking heir Antonio Rosso is shocked when his late father leaves the beloved family villa to the one woman he never wanted to see again: Claire Bennett. After a hot and heavy fling, things ended abruptly when she was accused of

being a gold digger. But now, to hang on to the home that meant so much to his mother, Antonio will not only have to get back into the beautiful American's good graces, he'll have to convince her to marry him. When a job brings her back to Greece, voiceover artist Claire should have guessed Antonio was behind it. With his entitled upbringing, she knows he's learned to use his money to get his way. After the way she was treated though, she wants absolutely nothing to do with him. He may be even more sinfully handsome than she remembered, but if he thinks she'll agree to a sham marriage, he has another thing coming. Claire is determined to prove she can't be bought or sold, and Antonio needs nothing more than a temporary arrangement. But when their spark reignites, can they ever get past the ugly history between them? Greek Billionaire's Forbidden Lover Billionaire Greek playboy Dareios Anaganos has a way with women: he loves them, then he leaves them. But lately the one woman he can't keep his eyes off is the one he can never touch: his best friend's sister, Alexandra Rosso. He's known her since they were little, yet suddenly all he can see are her perfect curves and gorgeous smile. Alexandra can't deny she's become fixated on Dareios' blazing blue eyes and killer body. The connection between them is palpable, and it's making things awkward. She needs to get Dareios out of her system, and what better way to do that than to have a fling. When sparks fly at a masquerade party, she's hoping he'll agree to take their attraction to the next level. It'll be their little secret... Dareios would never betray his friend Antonio by disrespecting Alex—she deserves more than he has to offer. But if he gives in to temptation, can a fling ever become something more? Greek Billionaire's Uncontrollable Attraction 18-year-old Greek banking heiress Eva Rosso has her heart set on attending college in the US, but she's struggling to even pass the entrance exam. When her brother hires cocky American Callum Woods as her tutor, Eva wants him gone. Callum has always wanted to teach, although a spoiled rich girl isn't his top choice as a first student. But with no money to return to the States, he'll take what he can get. Her dark hair, gorgeous body, and constant flirting are becoming a distraction though, and he's having a hard time staying focused on the job. But his student is untouchable, and to earn his pay it'll take everything he has to resist temptation. Their attraction is becoming uncontrollable, but what future could there be for a young American teacher and his wealthy Greek student? The Billionaire's Tennacious Boss Stephen Maxfield has the chance to save the business his father built, and only one woman stands in his way. With Duncan Enterprises crumbling, Stephen Maxfield knows that a lucrative building contract could be the ticket to saving the family company. He's always been regarded as the unpredictable brother, and this time is no different. He's prepared to do what he thinks is right—even if it means ousting his own father. Stephen faces another obstacle, however, in the form of Angelia Lopez, the gorgeous Duncan VP with her own plans to save the company. Angie Lopez has been groomed as Duncan's successor, and she's convinced that selling off pieces of the company is the way to save it. She's busy making deals to break apart the business, while hoping that it brings together the Maxfield family. But when she comes up against Stephen Maxfield—all six feet eight inches of him—she'll have to work harder than ever to keep her focus. Angie's been burned by men in the past, and Stephen sets her aflame. Stephen has no time for romance, and Angie is on a dating time-out. But if the two can see beyond their business plans, they just may find they're the perfect match. The Billionaire's Rebellious Lover Gabe Maxfield has sacrificed a lot for the family business, but the latest fire he's asked to put out may be too hot for him to handle. Middle brother Gabe Maxfield has always been the dutiful son, working hard for his father's construction business. He has no time for a personal life, and with Duncan Enterprises in trouble, he's under more pressure than ever. An environmental group is targeting them and it's up to Gabe to intervene. Making matters worse, the woman at the head of the protest is his brother's radical yet captivating ex-girlfriend. After growing up in a family of stuffed shirts, Daisy Levine rebelled against corporate America, and now she's set her sights on Duncan Enterprises. But when her ex's clean-cut brother is sent in to negotiate, Daisy's willing to make a deal. Gabe has a month to prove they've gone green, or she'll go public with their lousy environmental record. And since he's willing to please her, Daisy figures it can't hurt to teach him to loosen up a little along the way. It doesn't take long for them to realize they'll have to meet in the middle to get what they want. They may come from opposite extremes, but if straitlaced Gabe and hot-headed Daisy can look beyond their differences, they just may strike the perfect balance. The Billionaire's Stubborn Lover Nathan and Carolina are prepared to make sacrifices for their families, but they'll have to learn to let go of the past to embrace the future. Green architect Nathan Maxfield has always gone his own way. At 26, he's been happy to let his older brothers take charge of their father's construction company while he focused on environmentally friendly pursuits. With the business rebounding after a series of setbacks, now it's up

to Nathan to prove his worth. He'll have to tame his risk-taking style to please a conservative new client, but he soon realizes his work will put a beautiful young mother in jeopardy. At 24 years old, Carolina Valdez has more on her plate than most women. Between her failed marriages, caring for her kids, and helping with her mother's restaurant, she hardly has time for a personal life. When she learns the restaurant will be torn down to make way for new construction, she'll have to work even harder to keep the business going. The architect is her soon-to-be brother-in-law, and Carolina expects a fight. Instead, she finds herself getting lost in Nathan's hazel eyes. When Carolina and Nathan come together despite their differences, others start working to tear them apart. To find happiness, they'll have to move on from the mistakes of their past. Russian rethinking of the past has immense political significance. The author of the acclaimed *Soviet History in the Gorbachev Revolution* now examines the impact of the collapse of Communism and of the subsequent disillusionment with capitalism on Soviet history. The uses of history after the 1991 coup and in the 1995 and 1996 elections are considered in detail. Part two evaluates the unfinished revolution which has partly opened the archives, while part three offers reflections on the future of the Soviet past.

Ex-Navy SEAL Samson Jackson has lost everything he's ever fought for – and nothing can bring back his wife. But when he's offered a new mission protecting brilliant, sharp-tongued biochemist Angela McAllister from those who want to exploit the deadly knowledge she carries, he's got no choice but to accept. He couldn't save his first love, but maybe he can finally find redemption keeping the fiery scientist safe. Samson knows he has a difficult road ahead of him, but he doesn't count on the asset he's charged with protecting being so . . . intriguing. Falling in love isn't part of the plan. Especially when a rogue government official with nothing to lose plans to harness a lethal bioweapon and take revenge on the terrorists hiding out in Samson's South African village with Angela's help—and holds her brother as leverage. Now, it's up to Samson to protect a town full of innocents, one of whom is the son he hopes to adopt, while keeping the woman he loves from harm. He'll have to fight powerful enemies, and his own demons, to save his world from catastrophe.

Over the course of more than three centuries of Romanov rule in Russia, foreign visitors and residents produced a vast corpus of literature conveying their experiences and impressions of the country. The product of years of painstaking research by one of the world's foremost authorities on Anglo-Russian relations, *In the Lands of the Romanovs* is the realization of a major bibliographical project that records the details of over 1200 English-language accounts of the Russian Empire. Ranging chronologically from the accession of Mikhail Fedorovich in 1613 to the abdication of Nicholas II in 1917, this is the most comprehensive bibliography of first-hand accounts of Russia ever to be published. Far more than an inventory of accounts by travellers and tourists, Anthony Cross's ambitious and wide-ranging work includes personal records of residence in or visits to Russia by writers ranging from diplomats to merchants, physicians to clergymen, gardeners to governesses, as well as by participants in the French invasion of 1812 and in the Crimean War of 1854-56. Providing full bibliographical details and concise but informative annotation for each entry, this substantial bibliography will be an invaluable tool for anyone with an interest in contacts between Russia and the West during the centuries of Romanov rule.

Avery Caldwell will do anything to save her younger brother from the violent world of fighting. Only one thing stands in her way: renowned fighter Mason Burton. Avery already lost one brother to fighting and she's determined to save the other. All she has to do is persuade his trainer, superstar Mason Burton, to talk her baby brother out of the ring. She wasn't counting on Mason being the tallest, strongest, sexiest man she's ever seen, but that won't change her mind. She'll just have to ignore her unexpected feelings for the charming fighter and do what she came to do. Mason's used to women lining up for him at the side of the ring, but one look at Dustin Caldwell's overprotective sister is all it takes for him to fall hard. With long blond hair and the face of an angel, she's the most beautiful woman he's ever seen. He knows she hates everything about fighting, but Mason refuses to tap out. With her stubborn determination, it won't be easy proving that the circuit isn't as dangerous as she fears. But convincing her to fall for a fighter may just be the fight of a lifetime.

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Get four breath-taking sheik romances from two of your favorite authors - all in the same boxset! *The Sheik's Challenge* by Elizabeth Lennox When she sings, she sounds like a cat in heat...but Ana, a brilliant mathematician, stuns and surprises Najid del Sabur, Sheik of Safir. Her bright eyes defy him and her smiles sooth him, while her body makes him lust for her. But can he catch her? Can he convince her that her past won't hurt their future? *The Prince's Challenge* by Elizabeth Lennox She can't sit still. She's beaten every nurse and

doctor on her floor at cards. And she's achingly beautiful. But is she friend or foe? Having been caught in the line of fire by a bullet meant for his brother, Prince Jual del Sabur, Minister of Defense for Safir can't decide if the lovely Sonya was part of the assassination attempt or innocent and just caught by bad timing. All he knows is that he is definitely caught by her startling eyes and her soft sighs as he explores that question. The Sheikh's Untraditional Lover by Leslie North Ultra-traditional and devastatingly handsome Prince Zafar Tadros thinks a business/sports complex is not what is needed for his country—but he believes in helping his family. With the region increasingly doing more business with Western companies, his father Sheikh Ahmadi has ordered this new business/sports complex to be a mix between West and East cultures. Zafar has decided he will work to integrate as much traditional elements as possible, but Belle Mooney, an innovative American architect has taken her direction from Zafar's father and is going for innovations. The two clash over designs—and only one can win. The Sheikh's Stubborn Partner by Leslie North With the deadline fast approaching, playboy Prince Adyan Tadros must supervise the only construction company that will take on the job of building the business/sports center in less than six months. The meticulous Edna Abbey has taken over her father's construction company while he recovers from a stroke, and the last thing she wants to do is rush the project. But with attraction between her and the Prince growing everyday, she may be glad for the distraction...

Affective Health and Masculinities in South Africa explores how different masculinities modulate substance use, interpersonal violence, suicidality, and AIDS as well as recovery cross-culturally. With a focus on three male protagonists living in very distinct urban areas of Cape Town, this comparative ethnography shows that men's struggles to become invulnerable increase vulnerability. Through an analysis of masculinities as social assemblages, the study shows how affective health problems are tied to modern individualism rather than African 'tradition' that has become a cliché in Eurocentric gender studies. Affective health is conceptualized as a balancing act between autonomy and connectivity that after colonialism and apartheid has become compromised through the imperative of self-reliance. This book provides a rare perspective on young men's vulnerability in everyday life that may affect the reader and spark discussion about how masculinities in relationships shape physical and psychological health. Moreover, it shows how men change in the face of distress in ways that may look different than global health and gender-transformative approaches envision. Thick descriptions of actual events over the life course make the study accessible to both graduate and undergraduate students in the social sciences. Contributing to current debates on mental health and masculinity, this volume will be of interest to scholars from various disciplines including anthropology, gender studies, African studies, psychology, and global health. This book is for you if you have ever wondered about BDSM practices and sexual servitude. The Slave Factory was ranked in the Amazon Hot 100 List of New Releases for erotica - See why! The Slave Factory is Volume One of The Slave Factory Trilogy. Volume Two: The Slave Factory: Exposed! is on sale now, Volume Three: The Slave Factory: Total Power Exchange will be released by mid-September 2013. "I think I know what you are referring to," said James, after Tonya had asked him if he had ever heard of The Slave Factory. "If you mentioned Per il piacere del Maestro to a hundred thousand different people around the world, you would be hard pressed to find one person who would know what you're talking about," declared James. This is how The Slave Factory begins. It is the story of Tonya's journey of self-discovery as she and an eclectic group of fellow students undergo six-months of focused and brutal reshaping, guided by the Masters and Mistresses of the arts of sex, bondage, discipline, and submission and the love to serve within the walls of a place known only as The Academy. Each student spent years under the watchful eye of the secret company that traced its origins to ancient history and beyond. Only the best were selected from the final review of candidates, only the best of those were selected to be trained and sold as slaves to the wealthy and the powerful. The Slave Factory trains the students in all aspects of BDSM, Sex, and Social Acceptability. Question: Would you sell yourself into a year of sexual and submissive servitude for a few million dollars? What limits would you impose (if any) on what your Master demands from you? The Slave Factory is over 300 pages of sex, bondage, and maybe a little romance tossed in here and there. One reader stated "It was a good read. Well told and fast paced. Once I got started on it I was a 100 pages into it before I realized it." Caution: This story contains scenes involving explicit sexual contact and numerous depictions of BDSM activities. Recommended for Adults eighteen or over. My instincts warned me that Alex Volkov is a dangerous man. My mind told me to run when he set his sights on me with unfaltering determination. It's not that I didn't try to resist, but Alex had a game plan. He was always one step ahead of me, skillfully drawing me deeper into his web. Even when

he gave me freedom, it was only an illusion. Now, even that illusion has vanished. I'm his prisoner in the truest sense of the word, whisked away to Russia on his private plane. I no longer have a say, not while our lives are at risk, and maybe never again. Our story balances on a thin edge between disaster and happiness. With each day that passes, I grow less certain of which side the coin will land on... or if we'll even survive. Note: This is the conclusion of Alex and Kate's story. Her Russian Fixer The line between right and wrong blurs when a ruthless Russian becomes her dark protector. Benedikt Volkov grew up in Chicago, but his family's ties to the Russian Mafia run deep. So when his godfather, Pyotr Mishin, steals millions from the Bratva, it's up to Ben to find him or his family will be forced to pay back the money. However, his careful plans are quickly complicated when an impulsive brunette forces him to become her unlikely hero. Ben hates surprises, and uncontrollable Lucy with her luscious red lips is a distraction that could get them all killed. But with an unexpected connection to his godfather, she may be the key to securing his family's future. Lucy Paprocki may be reckless and disorganized, but she finds a new focus when her world is turned upside down. She's determined to find her real father, Pyotr Mishin—a man she didn't know existed until recently—and Ben Volkov may be her best chance. One look at his tattooed skin, muscled bulk, and penetrating stare, and Lucy knows Ben is Bratva. The mafia man may be hugely intimidating and wound tighter than a string, but Lucy will have to trust him if she wants to discover the truth about where she comes from. With danger lurking behind every door, passion quickly ignites between impulsive Lucy and methodical Ben. They may just be using one another to get what they want, but what if all they really need is each other? Her Russian Rescuer Sometimes, not even the Russian Mafia can resist the pull of love... As a man born and raised in Chicago's Russian Mafia, Nikolai Volkov is no stranger to the wrong side of the law. So when a crooked cop kills his best friend, Nik wants justice. He intends to ensure that the woman who witnessed everything will testify to what she saw, and with a killer on the loose, Nik may be the only man standing between Daphne Allman and deadly danger. Innocent Daphne doesn't deserve to be mixed up with a man like Nik, but he has no other choice. Either the curvy, blonde beauty takes the stand, or Nik takes matters into his own hands. After witnessing a murder, Daphne is prepared to go to the police. So when a dark-haired, tattooed stranger shows up at her door offering protection, Daphne wants nothing to do with him. It's obvious he's some kind of Mafia muscle, and Daphne has no intention of putting her life in more danger. But after dirty cops threaten her and her fragile mother, Nik becomes her best chance at safety. When Daphne and Nik end up on the run, Daphne realizes strong, resourceful Nik can protect her from harm; but who will protect her from him? She may be putting her life in the Russian's hands, but she refuses to give him her heart. Even as danger closes in around them, their attraction soon becomes undeniable. But as Nik descends deeper into his criminal ways to keep innocent Daphne safe, can he ever feel worthy of her love? Her Russian Mobster Sometimes love thrives, even in the most dangerous situations... Fashion boutique owner Allison Charman isn't surprised to learn her brother is in deep debt to the Russian mob. What she's not prepared for is the man who comes to collect. Mob enforcer Kaz is massively tall with scarred, tattooed skin, but Allie refuses to be intimidated. She offers her store as payment, but Kaz has already set his sights on her. It doesn't take long for her to be seduced, but when Kaz offers to personally pay off the loan, Allie won't be bought. She may have fallen under the Russian's spell, but she'll take care of her family on her own terms. Allie's life is at stake, and Kaz doesn't want anymore blood on his hands. With danger at every turn, will Kaz and Allie recognize that their connection is more than just skin deep in time to save them? Fate gave them a second chance at love... Carolyn Evert couldn't take the sleepless nights that came with having a Navy SEAL fiancé, so she broke it off...then she discovered she was pregnant. After radio silence greeted her attempts to tell her ex-fiance Zach, Carolyn moved on with her life. But when she finds herself in a hostage situation at her jewelry store, she's shocked to see Zach arrive as part of a security response team. The smoldering hot SEAL makes it clear he had no idea about the pregnancy, and Carolyn eventually agrees to let him into their son's life. But after all they've been through, she's still hesitant to let Zach back into her own heart. Zach Vale won't let anything keep him from being the best dad he can be. He'll do whatever it takes to protect Carolyn and their son, and he soon discovers that the hostage situation wasn't an isolated incident. As they try to solve the mystery of who's behind the vicious attacks, Zach works to make himself part of their lives. Can Carolyn and Zach listen to their hearts, and build a family together? Before it's too late... Warning!!! contains intense lesbian domination & erotica The matriarchal Vampire mistress controls and dominates her lesbian vampire slaves, see how far she takes them Get a free erotic eBook here: <http://www.AliciaCastelle.com> The Rancher's Inherited Family Trevor

McCall doesn't want to be a rancher, or settle down and become a family man. Now, however, he's forced to not only take over his late parents' ranch, but also unexpectedly raise his cousin's four-year-old daughter, Jade. Sure, he can run the place for the year-long stipulation specified in his parents' will, but take care of a kid? No way. Nothing in his life has prepared him to be the father of a four-year-old girl. Complicating matters, Lacey Cameron, his sweet and pretty housekeeper, is leaving to open up her own B&B. Lacey has always lived at the McCall ranch—she can't leave now when he needs her most. Desperate, Trevor makes a deal with her: Stay and help him with little Jade and in return he'll help her fix up the B&B. Lacey agrees, and as the two of them work together, Trevor quickly realizes the girl he's known all his life has grown into a beautiful woman, one who, to his shock, manages to find a crack in his hardened heart. The Cowboy's Rescue Single mom Heather Browning will do anything to get away from her controlling ex-husband—including buying a rundown strawberry farm in Montana. Maybe the locals are right, maybe she is crazy. Still, she'll do anything to keep her twin son and daughter safe and happy—and keep her ex out of the picture. When her only horse comes up lame, she calls local veterinarian Randy McCall. The sexy cowboy takes one look at her farm and dilapidated house and offers his help, but Heather is quick to say no. She doesn't need anyone's help—no matter how gorgeous and tempting Randy is. But after hurting her ankle and discovering her roof is riddled with leaks, she reluctantly agrees to temporarily move herself and the twins to the McCall Ranch. If Heather wanted a charming, sexy, man—which she does not—Randy would be perfect. Good thing she only wants to be friends... Even as Randy tells himself—over and over—that he's not a relationship kind of guy, his stubborn heart doesn't believe it. Knowing Heather has already been hurt by a man, he decides to stop things before they get out of hand. But can he stop himself from falling in love? The Cowboy's Pregnant Sweetheart Karen Peterson has always known the rodeo was Carson McCall's first and only love. She got proof of that when they were eighteen and he left her brokenhearted to join the rodeo circuit. She never got the chance to tell him she was pregnant—and never told him she lost the baby. Nine years later, he's back home at the McCall Ranch nursing injuries from a bull-riding accident. When she sees him, she has a wonderful idea. Her sister's autistic son, Devon, wants to learn to ride, and Carson is the perfect man to teach him. But Carson turns her down flat. Until the consequences of a barroom brawl require community service...teaching Devon to ride. Though Carson is the only cowboy she'll ever love, she can shield her feelings for the sake of her nephew, even if Carson still makes her heart feel like it's on a bucking bronco. Carson is completely at odds. All he wants to do is heal and return to his life, despite his doctors telling him he'll never ride at the same level again. He hates that he's not the man he was, hates that everyone pities the washed-up has-been rodeo star. The only bright part of his day is the hour he spends with Devon—and Karen. Carson never forgot her, never really got over her. She's still the girl he loved when he was just a kid, only she's even more beautiful now. As they spend time together, it's hard to resist their deep attraction, and in the end, they give in to it. Still, the lure of his first love—the rodeo—is strong, and when his doctor clears him to join the circuit, he's happy—just not as happy as he'd thought he'd be. And when he learns Karen is pregnant, he's torn. Could it be that the rodeo isn't the only thing that matters anymore...? The Russian's Stubborn Lover The Fedosov Family was all business until Julia Thompson came along. After meeting in a nightclub in America and sharing a passionate kiss, Julia was the last person Demitry Fedosov expected to see in his boardroom back in Russia – especially after she turned down his advances. Julia never been one to let others push her around. She didn't need the complication of a relationship with Demitry, now or in the future. After being sent to Russia on an exchange trip, she was his employee and he was her boss. End of story. Yet she can't stop thinking about his deep gray eyes and the way his 6'6" figure dwarfs her. She feels such an attraction to him, but she knows she must fight it. Demitry is business orientated, reserved, always following in his father's footsteps and way too serious most of the time. He was not used to having women in his business world unless they were secretaries. Julia has made it clear she doesn't want a relationship with Demitry but he can't hold back the feelings he gets when she is around. She was so different to Russian women, and winning her over is turning out to be more challenging than any business deal. The Russian's Bold American The Fedosov Family is in crisis. After expanding their mining operations to South Africa, a mob of protesters and reporters gather outside their main building. Alexey Fedosov is in control while his brother, Dmitry, is away. He gives an exclusive interview to one reporter, an American called Desiree Bishop. Desiree knew all about Alexey Fedosov. He was stunningly handsome, with jet black hair and grey eyes the color of thunderclouds. His shoulders were broad and his long legs magnified his already staggering height of

6'5". He made all the tabloids and was considered the playboy of the Fedosov family. With a reputation like that, she told herself to stay well away from him. Yet she can't understand why she can't keep her eyes off him. How can she be so attracted to him when they have just met? She hates the vulnerability she feels around him and fights her attraction. From their first meeting Alexey felt his body immediately respond to Desiree. The petite blonde was the most beautiful woman he had ever seen. But despite her angelic looks, she was tough and shows from the very start that she is not intimidated by him. Alexey tries to convince himself she is just another girl, but soon finds himself confused by the fascination he has for the American. The Russian's Secret Child Jasmine hoped she'd never see another Fedosov again.. Misha Fedosov was interviewing Russian tutors for Julia and Desiree, when the woman who stole his heart 18 months ago walked through the door. Even after so long apart Jasmine still had to bite down on her libido around Misha. He had the classic deep grey Fedosov eyes, a trim muscular physique built from his years in the Russian special services and an intoxicating scent. Jasmine had to remind herself of her promise to never be with him again. Misha's body immediately sprang to life as he recalled the nights of passion they'd shared together. He'd never met anyone like Jasmine: long legs and curves in all the right places - even her voice stirred him up. She had a fire and inner-strength that willingly challenged Misha. Yet, she appeared more fragile than before. Definitely thinner. Where had she been for the last 18 months? She'd been the only woman to walk away from him and now he wanted to know why. The collapse of the USSR seemed to spell the end of the empire, yet it by no means foreclosed on Russia's enduring imperial preoccupations, which had extended from the reign of Ivan IV over four and a half centuries. Examining a host of films from contemporary Russian cinema, Nancy Condee argues that we cannot make sense of current Russian culture without accounting for the region's habits of imperial identification. But is this something made legible through narrative alone-Chechen wars at the periphery, costume dramas set in the capital-or could an imperial trace be sought in other, more embedded qualities, such as the structure of representation, the conditions of production, or the preoccupations of its filmmakers? This expansive study takes up this complex question through a commanding analysis of the late Soviet and post-Soviet period auteurs, Kira Muratova, Vadim Abdrashitov, Nikita Mikhalkov, Aleksei German, Aleksandr Sokurov and Aleksei Balabanov. For Tanya May, her trip to Saudi Arabia is supposed to be the perfect getaway from work, stress, and most importantly, men. She can't wait to relax and see the sights, but with best friend Rene unavailable, there's only one person left to show her a good time: unrepentant player James Tazeem. From the moment they meet, she's tempted by every inch of his towering height. But even with his dark eyes and full lips awakening something she's long ignored, there's no way Tanya is falling for his charms. She came halfway around the world to make time for herself, and she means to keep it that way. Sheikh James Tazeem's first and only foray into love ended in betrayal, and he's never made that mistake again. Since then, he's enjoyed every moment of his playboy reputation. And yet, despite the stream of beautiful women he's welcomed into his palace bed, he's never been with an American. Now that he has sexy, feisty, innocent Tanya staying under his roof, he's determined that she'll be his first. She may be a challenge, but James has made an art form of getting what he wants. And all he wants is Tanya. With undeniable chemistry sizzling between them, Tanya will have to fight harder than ever to resist falling for the handsome Sheikh who can offer nothing more than a fling.. Work always comes first for Sheikh Nassir Adjalane. From an early age, he learned business was infinitely more important than having a personal life. But with the pressure from an opponent on his board, Nassir suddenly has only one month to marry, or risk being voted out of his company. With everything he's working on the line, Nassir desperately needs a bride ... and only one woman will do it. Wedding planner Janna Davis never imagined she would be summoned to Middle East to plan Sheikh Nassir's nuptials. But the outrageous sum he's offered will finally give her what she needs to stand on her own two feet. As planning gets underway, Janna is put off by Nassir's businesslike way, but she can not deny his appeal. No matter what she's feeling though, Janna has a job to do. Janna values her independence and refuses to fall for a soon-to-be married man, but what will happen when she learns that she is Nassir's intended bride? With a mountain of gambling debt left by her dead father and her mother in a nursing home, Lucy Ennis works hard to make ends meet. So when she loses her job, she jumps at the chance to work at a farm being leased by a handsome stranger. With a Stetson hat atop bright blue eyes and chiselled abs, the cowboy certainly comes in a sexy package, but he's also arrogant, inflexible and doesn't seem to know much about farming. Despite her own problems piling up, Lucy can't help being drawn to the mystery man. Zach Collins needed a break from the stress of his billion-dollar business and

the stream of women eager to get their hands on his money. But when he set his sights on a simple country farm, he wasn't prepared to be working side by side with a firecracker like Lucy. She's stubborn, spirited and undeniably sexy, but as time goes by Zach can tell that her smiling eyes are hiding something. And while he's not willing to share his own secret, he's determined to unravel hers. But as the intensity of their attraction grows, any chance at real happiness seems impossible when Zach continues to hide the truth and Lucy's shady past poses a very real threat.

Wrangling His Best Friend's Sister Ava Pearson needs a job—yesterday. After her husband's death, her life in the city became impossible, and a crisis with her young son caused her to lose her job as a reporter. Now Ava is living in her childhood home again, without prospects, but not without hope. If she can just get enough money to tide her over while she pitches an article to an even better big-city paper, Ava feels she can get back on track. The only problem is...what jobs are available in her one-horse town? Branson Beckett is successful by most measures of the word. He's the owner of a profitable ranch on the brink of expansion and is now looking for a few good ranch hands to help him out. However, he wasn't thinking of his best friend's little sister when it came to hard labor. No, he'd thought of her in other hard situations, but they usually involved the dark of night and his great big bed. Dreams that had no place in reality.

Wrangling His Sexy Assistant Veterinarian Hunter Beckett just got roped into his nightmare: a bachelor auction to raise funds for a local charity. While he's a hottie, most in town see him as a curmudgeon, a man who manages to be cranky, even after he's saved your dog's life. But when women start bidding on him like crazy—one aggressive hairdresser in particular—Hunter's in need of a savior and finds it in the form of Kit, his veterinary resident. It's a mercy purchase, but one that puts him in a bind: Kit wants something in return. Kit Cowie's come all the way out to the boonies because of her love of large animal medicine, and because Hunter needs a new resident—badly. But now that she's got the job, she finds that Hunter is only holding her back, making her give shots to puppies while he's off doing what she'd really love: fixing broken bones and saving horses' lives. Now that she's rescued him from the auction, Kit hopes she can leverage this to get more access in the office. What she didn't expect is for Hunter to follow the rules of the bachelor auction—or for their date go so wonderfully right, ending with a sizzling kiss. But Hunter is sure that the kiss was a mistake and believes they should keep things professional between them. However, the more time he spends with Kit, the more his emotions beg him to see this relationship to passionate fruition, even though he knows Kit is only here for a rotation until her position at her own family's vet clinic goes into effect and she's gone forever.

Wrangling His Pregnant Cowgirl Scout Beckett has always wanted to run a ranch, not just work it under the purview of his older sibling. He wants to do something different from his family's horses and beef cattle: he wants to own a dairy farm. To this end, Scout has been working on one as a foreman, and his mentor had always promised it would be Scout's after he passed. But when the owner dies, he wills it to his city-slicker granddaughter instead; leaving Scout in charge of a farm that will never be his. Stella has worked for a nonprofit for years, helping to feed starving children in third-world countries. When she comes home for the funeral to say goodbye to her grandfather, the only stability she's ever known, she finds herself falling into the arms of sexy cowboy Scout when shared loss and simple comfort turns to a night of passion before they each go their separate ways. But three months later, Stella returns to the ranch, faced with the stipulations of her grandfather's will: she must stay for the better part of the year, or lose the ranch to charity. Not only that, but she has to tell her one-night stand that he's going to be a daddy. When the shock of her pregnancy wears off, Stella vows to ride out the will's rule and get back to her old life as soon as possible. But as Stella slowly remembers why she's always loved the place she's come back to, Scout has to decide if he's okay with never owning the land he works. Is having a family enough?

Dedicated street cop Desiree Addams is determined to find the person responsible for killing her father and brother, even if her search paints a bullseye on her back. But when she meets a domineering Russian hitman, everything changes. With six and a half feet of pure muscle and piercing blue eyes, breathtakingly handsome Grigori is impossible to ignore. When their paths cross, Desiree can't help but be charmed and seduced by the intriguing man, even if they are on opposite sides of the law. Mafia hitman Grigori has a life steeped in violence and an unwavering loyalty to the organization, but one look at the petite, courageous cop and he knows he'll do everything he can to protect her. She may be stubborn, daring and determined to go it alone, but Grigori has always liked a challenge. When her hunt for her family's killer pulls her into his dark underworld, she'll learn quickly that no one messes with what belongs to Grigori, and the Russian mafia always takes care of its own... A near-death experience is the ultimate wake-up call for workaholic billionaire Dominic McCarthy. He needs

to reassess his options, and where better to do his soul-searching than a remote ski lodge? He wasn't expecting to find the fiery-haired beauty who owns the place, but it's clear she has nothing but hatred for people with money. So why can't he stop thinking about her? Paris Dylan, free-spirited ski lodge owner, has a vision--and it definitely does not include the rich visitors she's had in the past. When she shares her plan with her new guest—a man with sinful good looks and lethal charm—he insists it will never work. He claims to know about business, but Paris doesn't care about money. She'll create the ultimate mountain retreat and never have to deal with another wealthy, arrogant person again. She may be tempted by the handsome stranger, but she's determined to make her dream come true with or without him. Now Dominic is determined to melt the ice around her heart and he never backs down from a challenge. The unlikely couple's connection continues to grow, but the truth is bound to come out about Dominic's billions. Can Paris ever overcome her feelings about the rich, or will money forever come between them? The Sheikh's Pregnant Lover The sexy American, Hannah, gave Sheikh Kyril a week of passion and then disappeared from his life. In the three months since, he hasn't been able to stop thinking about her. Now, with an ancient law and his family's expectations breathing down his neck, he has to find her. And convince her to marry him. Hannah spent ten years raising her younger sister and dreaming about traveling the world. Now that her sister's grown she's not waiting any longer. Her first trip, to the Middle East, made her wildest fantasies pale in comparison. Mostly because of Sheikh Kyril, who made her nights burn hotter than any desert day. But when she discovers she's pregnant—with the sheikh's baby—she can feel the walls of responsibility closing in around her again. Determined to hang on to her newfound freedom for as long as possible, she decides to embark on one final vacation before she returns to Kyril and breaks the news about the baby. But when Kyril finds her before she's ready, she refuses to fall into line. So he falls in with her and begins a courtship through dream destinations and lavish pampering. But Hannah knows she won't fit into Kyril's royal family or lifestyle, and when they return to Al-Dashalid, discovering she's right just might break both their hearts. The Sheikh's Blackmailed Bride One wild night of drinking led to Catelyn Wolf marrying Sheikh Rami in a lavish, beautiful ceremony. At least, that's what the pictures show. Turns out Catelyn faked the whole wedding with some photoshopped pictures in a desperate attempt to give her fledgling wedding planning business, Elite Occasions, a chance at survival. The Hail Mary worked, and now they have their first client—with a multimillion-dollar wedding to boot. True, her besties, who are also her business partners, weren't happy with the elaborate lie, but even they had to admit that it worked like a charm...that is until Sheikh Rami himself shows up, demanding to meet "his wife." Sheikh Rami has no time to find a suitable bride, not with his huge contract with a Texas oil company on the rocks. So when news of his "wedding" is uncovered by his brother, Catelyn's "joke" turns into the answer to Rami's prayers. Catelyn is good friends with the owner of the oil company—the perfect way to get an in with the company. All he needs is a big rock and an even bigger divorce clause to officially marry by his deadline. The fact that Catelyn is hot as sin only helps matters... The Sheikh's Fierce Fiancée Sheikh Issam doesn't have time to find a bride. He'd rather a sign would appear to him, signaling the perfect woman and save him the trouble of finding her. However, he didn't foresee the sign being the sister-in-law of his rival nation's president crashing into the holiest temple in his country. Now, he and the fearsome beauty must find a way to circumvent the ancient religious law that demands her death—or he'll face war on three fronts. Mackenzie came to Al-Dashalid with a mission: save the women's shelter that had taken root in a disputed fort between Al-Dashalid and her brother-in-law's country. With war growing more likely every day, she doesn't have time to waste arguing her way out of an unjust death sentence. She's ready to sit down with Sheikh Issam and make sure he understands that the safety of the women and children in the shelter is more important than his alpha-male posturing. What Mackenzie isn't ready for is Issam offering her the perfect out: marriage. Members of the royal family are exempt from prosecution of holy law. He'll meet his marriage deadline, and she'll have his ear about the disputed fort and its vulnerable occupants. It seems perfect. Now if only she could get him to listen... Her Ruthless Russian Born into a Russian Mafia family, Vlad Karev is no stranger to violence...but this time it's personal. Someone has murdered his father and Vlad can't rest until he finds the killer. When the trail leads to an art gallery, Vlad wants to dig deeper, but he needs help from the owner's daughter. The pretty redhead is far too innocent for a man like Vlad, but he'll do what it takes to get the information he needs. His obligations are to the family, even if that means using the fiery woman. Madison O'Connor works hard to keep her family's gallery going, although secretly she has little interest in art. But when she discovers her father's been laundering money for the Russian Mafia, she'll do

everything she can to keep him out of jail. She hates to lie, but she has a plan...seduce the Russian bad boy to learn the mob's secrets. Never mind his dangerous exterior or icy blue eyes, Madison's going to get her family free of the mob, even if she has to use Vlad Karev to do it. As the killer gets closer, so do Vlad and Madison. But is their connection just the means to an end, or could their romance be real? Her Rogue Russian Former Russian mobster Maxim Karev is a man with something to prove. His father's been murdered and even his own brother thinks he's guilty. To clear his name, Maxim has to return to the organization he left behind. He likes to work alone, but this time an FBI agent leaves him little choice—either she goes in undercover with him, or Maxim can rot in jail. One thing's for sure—he's not going down for a crime he didn't commit. If playing with the beautiful agent is what it takes to prove his innocence, Maxim is prepared to go the distance. FBI agent Savannah Casillero never backs down. She already lost her partner on this case, and now she's more determined than ever to find Sergey Karev's killer. With the Mafia's former head of security under her thumb, she finally has a way inside—as Maxim's girlfriend. Controlling the lone wolf may be a bit of challenge, but Savannah's confident she can handle it. The six-and-a-half-foot Mafia man is certainly not her type, but she'll do more than play along to make it believable. They're willing to work together to track down a killer, but when the ruse becomes a little too real, will Maxim and Savannah give in to temptation or hold fast to their original obligations? Her Relentless Russian Rare bookstore owner Dmitry Karev left the Russian Mafia behind when his wife died, but there's too much at stake to keep his back turned any longer. His father is dead and his brothers may be next. Someone's been leaving Dmitry clues about the killer, but he never expected his informant to be a bombshell like Harper Allen. Now the curvy computer expert is testing not only Dmitry's methodical nature, but his self-restraint as well. But with his family's lives in the balance, Harper may be the best chance Dmitry's got to catch a killer. When hacker Harper Allen's parents used her college money to pay off the Mafia, it was Sergey Karev who financed her education. Now that he's been murdered, she's repaying him the only way she can...by helping his son solve the crime. To follow the trail any further, though, she'll have to convince Dmitry to work with her. The buttoned-up Russian seems hesitant at first, but it doesn't take long for Harper to discover what's beneath Dmitry's icy cool demeanor. As Harper and Dmitry worm their way deeper into the Russian Mafia, their chemistry becomes undeniable. But with a killer at their heels, they'll have to stay focused if they want to stay alive. The Billionaire's Pregnant Assistant Connor McClellan knows the worth of a woman. At least in business dealings. Which is why he depends on Rosalie Bridges, the outreach manager from his Aspen office, to pose as his girlfriend when he woos a potential client. Connor's next client represents the only business he's ever lost. Gaining them back would make his record perfect. He assumes that Rosalie is available—only to find that she's pissed off at him and pregnant...with his baby. Their hookup at a previous business meeting was the hottest of his life, and now it's the most complicated, too. Still, they need to fake this relationship to land the deal. But Rosalie isn't interested in playing along. Rosalie has loved Connor from a distance for years, and always thought she'd get her chance to impress him when he came to Aspen. After they'd hooked up, she thought she was making headway, but when Connor sent carnations along with a generic note and didn't call till he needed her again, she decided she was done being used. But as business and pleasure become further intertwined, Connor realizes for once in his life he'd like this fake relationship to be something more. If the two of them can pull this off, they may land the deal, and a lifetime of love. The Billionaire Chef's Baby Romance is the main course, but wait till you get to dessert... A billionaire from birth, bad boy Arthur McClellan is determined to become the world's greatest celebrity chef. After promising his dying mother to change his ways, he's partnered with the famous Taste Network for a wedding special in the Bahamas. But to please their viewers, the network wants to smooth out his rough edges. Enter wedding planner Cassandra Kelly... The Billionaire's Ward Vane McClellan is all business. He might come from money, but he's worked hard to make his architecture firm one of the top in the country. But things have slammed to a halt in the wake of becoming guardian to Annabelle, his late cousin's daughter. Vane fears Annabelle may need more than he can give her. Maggie Stewart, Annabelle's teacher, cares deeply for her students but likes to live footloose and fancy free. She's about to move—again—but not before she gets Annabelle settled. They've grown close since the girl joined her class, and now Maggie has one final job: drop Annabelle off at Vane's summer home. When Maggie gets stranded at Vane's vacation home, she gets a chance to see Vane vulnerable. The sight of a strong man doing his best in the face of new fatherhood melts her heart. When he asks her to stay and nanny Annabelle for the summer, Maggie agrees in hopes that she'll be able to teach Vane how to be a father

before her new job starts. Vane is happy to have someone he trusts to shepherd his young ward. As the three begin to become a family and Vane and Maggie give in to the passion that's plagued them from day one, they'll let themselves be something both have feared for a long time: happy. Vane and Maggie will have to decide if they want to follow their hearts...or their plans.

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