

From the Stacks

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Love rarely arrives on a predictable schedule, and for many, the most profound romances are the ones that catch us completely off guard. Whether born from the ashes of past heartbreak, unexpected loss, or life's sudden detours, a second chance at love challenges the belief that our best chapters are already written. It requires a quiet kind of courage—the willingness to open a guarded heart and trust someone new despite the scars we carry. Though the path to healing is seldom simple and often filled with complications, these unexpected connections remind us that transformation is always possible. Ultimately, second chances prove that no matter how settled or closed off our lives may seem, the heart always retains the capacity to begin again.

Set over one magical week in Paris, Kristin Harmel's latest novel, *Meet Me in Paris*, intertwines four deeply moving stories of love, loss, courage, and redemption. Facing a terminal illness, Julia desperately tries to make lasting memories with her daughter Piper, even as both unexpectedly find new romantic connections. Meanwhile, aging rock star Jackson Quick launches his reunion tour where his career began, only to re-evaluate his life after meeting someone who sees past his fame. Elsewhere, legendary songwriter Henry McGee rushes to France after learning his teenage wartime love—the inspiration for all his music—is actually alive and living with dementia. Accompanying him is his granddaughter Melody, who is suddenly forced to reimagine her own future after discovering her husband's infidelity. As their paths cross in the City of Light, each must decide whether to cling to the past or embrace a life-changing second chance.

One of the founders of the Amish fiction genre, Wanda E. Brunstetter, and her daughter Lorine Brunstetter VanCorbach team up for a new novel, *The Melody of Love*, set in Goshen, Indiana. Widowed mom Amelia Miller is not looking for romance, but a chance encounter with Christian Yoder changes everything. When he moves nearby, their bond grows until Amelia's autistic son refuses to accept him. Caught between maternal love and a second chance at happiness, Amelia prepares to step away, but Christian is resolved to bridge the gap and win over the boy who holds her heart.

Determined to serve at her father's new charity hospital, Evelyn Turner is devastated when nursing makes her physically ill. At the same time, Maxwell Garrison discovers his father is plotting an insurance fraud arson during the financial crisis of 1893. A chance meeting brings Evie and Max together, sparking a deep connection built on shared secrets and trust. When a suspicious blaze consumes Minneapolis, they are thrust into

a storm of betrayal that threatens to destroy their fragile new future. *A Life So True* by Tracie Peterson is the second novel in The Minnesota Legacy trilogy.

Continuing her Everett family series, Diana Palmer delivers a new story with charm and humor, *Blaze of Glory*. Heartbroken after the love of his life chose his brother, John Everett expects to spend his days alone on the family ranch. Enter Josie Blake, brash and defiant, and caught trespassing near his prize bulls. Though she claims disinterest, their chemistry is undeniable. However, John soon discovers Josie has hidden motives for visiting Brannville. When her secrets pull her into real danger, John must use all his Everett connections to rescue the woman who stole his heart before it is too late.