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## **A Touch of Stardust : a Novel / Kate Alcott**

When Julie Crawford leaves Fort Wayne, Indiana, for Hollywood, she never imagines she'll cross paths with fellow Hoosier Carole Lombard. The only job Julie's able to find is one in the studio publicity office of the notoriously demanding producer David O. Selznick, who is busy burning through directors, writers, and money as he films *Gone with the Wind*. When Lombard hires her as an assistant, and invites her into the glamorous world she shares with still-married Clark Gable, Julie must fend off the overly curious reporters, hoping to prevent details about the affair from slipping out.

## **First Impressions / Jude Deveraux**

In the aftermath of her beloved daughter's wedding, forty-five-year-old single mother Eden Palmer endeavors to transition into solitary life in a North Carolina small town, where she unexpectedly finds passion, intrigue, and betrayal.

## **Tempting Fate / Jane Green**

Gabby and Elliott have been happily married for eighteen years. They have two teenaged daughters; they have built a life together. So why does forty-three-year-old Gabby feel like she has only three more minutes left of youth? Why do her friends so desperately try to hang on to their attractiveness? And why does she ever even look at the handsome guy--ten years younger--at the other end of the bar one night? Gabby is the last person to have an affair--a physical one, at least. But Matt makes her feel sparkling, fascinating--something she hasn't felt in years. Surely there's no harm in continuing a long-distance friendship? Surely there's no harm in an emotional affair? As Gabby steps ever deeper into the allure of attraction and attention things turn perilous. If she makes one wrong move she could lose everything--and find out what really matters most.

## **The Nightingale / Kristin Hannah**

An epic love story and family drama set at the dawn of World War II. Vianne and Isabelle have always been close despite their differences. Younger, bolder sister Isabelle lives in Paris while Vianne lives a quiet and content life in the French countryside with her husband Antoine and their daughter. When World War II strikes and Antoine is sent off to fight, Vianne and Isabelle's father sends Isabelle to help her older sister cope. As the war progresses, it's not only the sisters' relationship that is tested, but also their strength and their individual senses of right and wrong. With life as they know it changing in unbelievably horrific ways, Vianne and Isabelle will find themselves facing frightening situations and responding in ways they never thought possible as bravery and resistance take different forms in each of their actions.

## **The Matchmaker : a Novel / Elin Hilderbrand**

Storied matchmaker and Nantucket resident Dabney Kimball has her own life and match turned upside down when her true love of twenty-seven years prior returns to the island.

### **Someone Else's Love Story / Joshilyn Jackson**

Single mom Shandi Pierce's life takes a turn when an enigmatic geneticist saves her and her 3-year-old genius son from an armed robber. When William looked down the barrel of that gun he believed it was destiny: It's been one year to the day since a tragic act of physics shattered his universe. But William doesn't define destiny the way other people do. A brilliant geneticist who believes in science and numbers, destiny to him is about choice. Now, he and Shandi are about to meet their so-called destinies head on, in a funny, charming, and poignant novel about science and miracles, secrets and truths, faith and forgiveness; about a virgin birth, a sacrifice, and a resurrection; about falling in love, and learning that things aren't always what they seem-- or what we hope they will be. It's a novel about discovering what we want and ultimately finding what we need.

### **New Uses for Old Boyfriends : a Novel / Beth Kendrick**

After growing up in privilege and marrying into money, Lila Alders has gotten used to the good life. But when her happily-ever-after implodes, Lila must return to Black Dog Bay, the tiny seaside town where she grew up. She's desperate for a safe haven, but everything has changed over the past ten years. Her family's fortune is gone-and her mother is in total denial. It's up to Lila to take care of everything ... but she can barely take care of herself. The former golden girl of Black Dog Bay struggles to reinvent herself by opening a vintage clothing boutique. But even as Lila finds new purpose for outdated dresses and tries to reunite with her ex, she realizes that sometimes it's too late for old dreams. She's lost everything she thought she needed but found something-someone-she desperately wants. A boy she hardly noticed has grown up into a man she can't forget ... and a second chance has never felt so much like first love

### **The Love Letters / Beverly Lewis**

Marlena Wenger, a young aunt from the Beachy Amish caring for her infant niece, finds comfort and hope from an Old Order Amish mother and her family who extend friendship to a homeless man, whose few possessions include a collection of love letters.

### **Blossom Street Brides / Debbie Macomber**

Does the perfect wedding make the perfect marriage? As three very different women meet in their local knitting store, they find strength in friendship to help them through their problems. After adopting a daughter, Lydia hoped her life would be complete, but traumatic memories from her daughter's past threaten to ruin their happiness. And Lauren has always yearned for marriage and a family of her own, but her long-term boyfriend just won't commit. Will a whirlwind romance with an unlikely stranger lead to the happily-ever-after she's always dreamed of?

### **Us / David Nicholls**

A compellingly human, deftly funny novel about what holds marriages and families together--and what happens, and what we learn about ourselves, when everything threatens to fall apart. Douglas Petersen may be mild-mannered, but behind his reserve lies a sense of humor that, against all odds, seduces beautiful Connie into a second date. and eventually into marriage. Now, almost three decades after their relationship first blossomed in London, they live more or less happily in the suburbs with their moody seventeen year-old son, Albie. Then Connie tells him she thinks she wants a divorce. The timing couldn't be worse. Hoping to encourage her son's artistic interests, Connie has planned a month-long tour of European capitals, a chance to experience the world's greatest works of art as a family, and she can't bring herself to cancel. And maybe going ahead with the original plan is for the best anyway? Douglas is privately convinced that this landmark trip will rekindle the romance in the marriage, and might even help him to bond with Albie.

### **An Irish Country Wedding / Patrick Taylor**

Resolving to handle his usual round of eccentric patients before marrying his sweetheart, Dr. O'Reilly helps clear the name of a pigeon-hunting cat and encourages a promising student while his assistant, Barry, considers a romance with a politically outspoken teacher.