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Aaliyah and David have a wonderful and loving marriage. Their high school son, Archie, prepares for college. Although Ali worries about getting older and losing her appeal, they seem to have all they need. Then a chance encounter with a bad man sets Ali's heart racing. She begins to wonder if by living her perfect life, she's missed out on some excitement. She begins to explore and quickly discovers that once you open that door, all manner of things rush in. She finds her quaint life filled with unexpected twists which only lead to greater complications, the sex growing hotter with every step forward. She knows where all this will lead. It's inevitable. David loves this new Aaliyah. Not every choice she makes but certainly most. As their sex life improves, he encourages her to go farther, stunned when she makes the most unexpected choice of all. Now he finds himself holding on as they careen through life, the twists and turns crazier than ever. **NEW YORK TIMES BEST SELLER** • From the acclaimed author of *The Flight Attendant*: “ Historical fiction at its best.... The book is a thriller in structure, and a real page-turner, the ending both unexpected and satisfying ” (Diana Gabaldon, bestselling author of the *Outlander* series, *The Washington Post*). A young Puritan woman—faithful, resourceful, but afraid of the demons that dog her soul—plots her escape from a violent marriage in this riveting and propulsive novel of historical suspense. Boston, 1662. Mary Deerfield is twenty-four-years-old. Her skin is porcelain, her eyes delft blue, and in England she might have had many suitors. But here in the New World, amid this community of saints, Mary is the second wife of Thomas Deerfield, a man as cruel as he is powerful. When Thomas, prone to drunken rage, drives a three-tined fork into the back of Mary's hand, she resolves that she must divorce him to save her life. But in a world where every neighbor is watching for signs of the devil, a woman like Mary—a woman who harbors secret desires and finds it difficult to tolerate the brazen hypocrisy of so many men in the colony—soon becomes herself the object of suspicion and rumor. When tainted objects are discovered buried in Mary's garden, when a boy she has treated with herbs and simples dies, and when their servant girl runs screaming in fright from her home, Mary must fight to not only escape her marriage, but also the gallows. A twisting, tightly plotted novel of historical suspense from one of our greatest storytellers, *Hour of the Witch* is a timely and terrifying story of socially sanctioned brutality and the original American witch hunt. *Sunday Times Political Book of*

the Year A Book of the Year in the New Statesman, Financial Times, Telegraph, Guardian, Mail on Sunday and The Times 'They're the wickedest political diaries since Alan Clark's' Daily Mail 'Riotously candid' Decca Aitkenhead, Sunday Times What is it like to be a wife of a politician in modern-day Britain? Sasha Swire finally lifts the lid. For more than twenty years she has kept a secret diary detailing the trials and tribulations of being a political plus-one, and gives us a ringside seat at the seismic political events of the last decade. A professional partner and loyal spouse, Swire has strong political opinions herself - sometimes more 'No, Minister' than 'Yes'. She detonates the stereotype of the dutiful wife. From shenanigans in Budleigh Salterton to state banquets at Buckingham Palace, gun-toting terrorist busters in pizza restaurants to dinners in Downing Street sitting next to Boris Johnson, Devon hedges to partying with City hedgies, she observes the great and the not-so-great at the closest of quarters. The results are painfully revealing and often hilariously funny. Here are the friendships and the fall-outs, the general elections and the leadership contests, the scandals and the rivalries. Swire showed up, shored up and rarely shut up. She also wrote it all down. *Diary of an MP's Wife* is a searingly honest, wildly indiscreet and often uproarious account of what life is like in the thick of it. Joanna Trollope has the priceless gift of drawing characters so clearly, and cleanly, that within half a dozen pages, you feel you have known them all your life - and *The Rector's Wife* is no exception. A thought-provoking, emotionally-charged and, at times, wonderfully witty, read bringing to light the trials and tribulations of marriage - and the struggle when it doesn't give you what you need. Perfect for readers of Elizabeth Noble, Erica James and Amanda Prowse. 'Elegantly written' -- The Sunday Times 'Compulsive reading' -- The Times 'Prepare to be wittily and wisely entertained by an exceptional writer' -- Daily Mail 'A wonderful read, just read it and enjoy' -- ***** Reader review 'Just fabulous - what more can I say?' -- ***** Reader review 'A must read' -- ***** Reader review

***** IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO FIND YOUR OWN WAY For twenty years, Anna Bouverie, as a priest's wife, has served God and the parish in a variety of ways. She has baked for the Brownies, delivered parish magazines, washed and ironed her husband's surplices and clothed herself and her children in jumble-sale items. When her husband fails to gain promotion to archdeacon and retreats into isolated bitterness, and the bullying of her daughter at the local comprehensive reaches an intolerable level, Anna rebels. She takes a job in the local supermarket where she earns her own money, her sense of self-worth, the shocked disapproval of the parish and the icy fury of her husband. She also attracts the passionate interest of three very different men, each of whom was to play a significant part in the blossoming of her life... How to Be a Good Wife is an original, haunting and unforgettable literary thriller by Emma Chapman. I know what my husband would say: that I have too much time on my hands; that I need to keep myself busy. That I need to take my medication. Empty nest syndrome, he tells his friends at the pub, his mother. He 's always said I have a vivid imagination. Marta has been married to Hector for longer than she can remember. She has always tried hard to be a good wife. But now Hector has come home with a secret. And Marta is beginning to imagine – or revisit – a terrifying truth . . . 'The unnamed Scandinavian setting has all the familiar elements of contemporary northern lights noir . . . a ruthless examination of the many layers of marriage, and a woman's opaque role with it.' – Guardian A memoir of living with writer Walter Tevis. STEAMY Brazilian Nights Renuka Sharma is a dutiful wife, mother, and daughter-in-law holding the fort in a modest rental in Delhi while her husband tries to rack up savings in Dubai. Working as a receptionist and committed to finding a place for her family in the New Indian Dream of air-conditioned malls and high paid jobs at multi-nationals, life is going as planned until the day she strikes up a conversation with an uncommonly self-possessed stranger at a Metro station. Because while Mrs Sharma may espouse traditional values, India is changing all around her, and it wouldn't be the end of the world if she came out of her shell a little, would it? With equal

doses of humour and pathos, *The Private Life of Mrs Sharma* is a sharp-eyed examination of the clashing of tradition and modernity, from a dramatic new voice in Indian fiction. A gripping and stunning historical romance set in the British Raj for fans of Janet MacLeod Trotter, Dinah Jefferies and global bestseller Lucinda Riley Saul Parenti has always been glad that he's second in line in the Arrezian monarchy. He can concentrate on his business empire...and the delights of his new wife, Giselle.... When Ella wakes up in hospital following a hit and run incident, she is scared and confused. Close to tears, her eyes fall on a get-well-soon card on the window sill and the nurse reassures her that her loving husband will be back soon. But Ella has never been married... Absolutely love twisty and unputdownable psychological thrillers like *Girl on the Train*, *The Wife Between Us* and *Gone Girl*? Then you will be totally hooked by this jaw-dropping novel about the dangerous secrets behind a perfect marriage. What readers are saying about *The Liar's Wife*: ' Oh my freaking god! What a fabulous and intriguing read... this is definitely the best book I've read by her YET!... I absolutely loved this shocker of a book... left me stunned, as to the why, well you are just going to have to read the book and see... One of the most exciting psychological thrillers I've read all year... just buy it you won't disappointed I promise. ' *The Book Review Café*, 5 stars ' This book was INSANE... The plot twist at the end slapped me in the face and I am still in shock about it!! I COMPLETELY recommend this if you're a fan of books like " *The Girl on the Train* ", " *The Woman in the Window* ", and " *Gone Girl* ". ' *Goodreads Reviewer* ' A brilliant and gripping thriller! It's very fast-paced (I was racing through to find out what happened)! ' *Cloud of Thoughts*, 5 stars ' Pushes all the right buttons from the off and continues to push them right up until the last page. The story is mesmerising as it draws you in and won't let go (well didn't me) and at times I had to reign myself back from wanting to find out the outcome, NOW!!... The ending will shock you and left me reeling a bit if I'm honest. In my top 3 reads of this year... Awesome... wonderful... 10/10, 5 stars. ' *Goodreads reviewer*, 5 stars ' Wow!... grabs your full attention and keeps it until the very end... This read kept me wondering where it was all going and I could not wait until the end to find out... You will not regret picking this one up! ' *Goodreads reviewer*, 5 stars ' Writing that gets the hairs standing up on the back of my neck... A fast-paced psychological thriller of the finest order... chillingly good. ' *nigeladamsbookworm*, 5 stars ' Holy cow, all I can say is this is one of those books that will have you craving more... be ready for the shock that might just blow your mind... Riveting, chilling, thrilling, and absolutely shocking!!!! A must read for any thriller lover! ' *Goodreads reviewer*, 5 stars ' Just couldn't tear myself away no matter how hard I tried... A seriously compulsive read that you won't want to put down. It was an addictive read that I couldn't get enough of and the build-up of tension was just off the scale. You know how great a book is when your heart is still racing hours after finishing the book as the adrenaline was still coursing through my body. Compulsive, addictive, what more do you need from a psychological thriller? ' *bytheletterbookreviews*, 5 stars ' OMG this was one of the best psychological thrillers I have read! The ending will shock you!... This is a must read! ' *Goodreads reviewer*, 5 stars ' Yessss! This book is compulsively readable, so much so that I did the thing where I walked all over my house with it today, greedily consuming page after page as I pretended to do other things and hoped no one needed anything... Woot, woot, is this a thrilling, suspenseful, surprising and altogether satisfying journey! WOW! ' *Goodreads reviewer*, 5 stars Have you ever wondered how one split-second decision could change your life for ever? The Bonners are the most powerful couple in Texas. Bode Bonner is the Republican Governor and his wife, Lindsay, is always by his side. From the outside everything looks rosy. But the Bonners are not happy. Bode is bored - he longs for more excitement in his life. Lindsay is at the end of her tether. She's had enough of Bode's womanising and of playing the dutiful wife. She is desperate to break free of her bland, wealthy lifestyle. Then Lindsay makes an impulsive decision that helps save the life of a poor Hispanic boy. From that moment on, nothing will be the same for the

Bonnars. Everything is about to change... From the author of the international bestsellers *The Colour of Law* and *Accused*, this is an addictively readable novel, filled with dramatic and ingenious twists and turns, that delves deep into the dark heart of Texas. Expecting his love-child: "The one-night baby! Levander Kolovsky has a dark, dangerous past. He trusts only himself and doesn't want a wife or an heir to the Kolovsky name. Millie has returned to Australia to find Levander. They shared one unforgettable night together. And now she's come to tell her secret: she's expecting his baby"--Publisher. When Angela met Jason Powell, while catering a function in the Hamptons, she assumed their romance would be a short-lived fling, but to her surprise, Jason, a brilliant economics professor at NYU, had other plans, and they married the following summer. For Angela, the marriage turned out to be a chance to start again, for her and her young son to move from her mother's home to Manhattan, where no one knew of her tragic past. Six years later, thanks to a best-selling book and a growing media career, Jason has become a celebrated liberal figurehead, placing Angela near the spotlight she worked so carefully to avoid. When a college intern makes an accusation against Jason, and another woman, Kerry Lynch, comes forward with an even more troubling allegation, their perfect life begins to unravel. Jason insists he is innocent, but increasingly Angela is forced to ask how well she ever really knew her husband, and if she can afford to stand by him and risk her damaged past being revealed. An exciting novel set in China at the turn of the last century about a fourteen year old girl called Ko-Chin who is married off in an arranged marriage. She's been taught to obey her husband and be a good and dutiful wife - but her husband is a reformer who believes she should think for herself. Soon they are both caught up in a rebellion and Ko-Chin has to decide between her old traditions and the new western ways. - Combines historical accuracy with a fast-moving and exciting plot WINNER of the Polari First Book Prize 2021 WINNER of the LAMBDA 2021 Literary Award for Best Gay Memoir/Biography *A Dutiful Boy* is Mohsin's personal journey from denial to acceptance: a revelatory memoir about the power of love, belonging, and living every part of your identity. Growing up in a devout Muslim household, it felt impossible for Mohsin to be gay. Unable to be open with his family, and with difficult conditions at school, he felt his opportunities closing around him. Despite the odds, Mohsin's perseverance led him to become the first person from his school to attend Oxford University, where new experiences and encounters helped him to discover who he truly wanted to be. Mohsin was confronted with the biggest decision he would ever make: to live the life that was expected of him or to live as his authentic self. *A Guardian*, *GQ*, and *New Statesman* Book of the Year 'Genuinely inspiring... Beautifully written, dignified and ultimately redemptive, this challenging story abounds with light and love' *Attitude* " [A]n engaging, subversive reimagining of the tale of the eponymous Greek heroine who is upheld as a shining example of the dutiful wife " (Jacqueline Carey). In Greek mythology, Alcestis is known as the good wife; she loved her husband so much that she died and went to the underworld in his place. This compelling new take on the classic story gives voice to the woman behind the ideal: What were her true motivations? And what happened to Alcestis in the three days she spent in the afterlife? *Dante: Claiming His Secret Love-Child* by Sandra Marton Gabriella Ramos-Viera fell for Dante's raw masculinity and ended up pregnant and alone – with no choice but to return home in shame. Available digitally for the first time—a classic Signet Regency Romance by an author who is " renowned for delighting readers. " (*Affaire de Coeur*) Miss Letitia Glendenning has done the unthinkable by turning down a proposal from the most eligible bachelor in England. Why did she do it? The lady has her reasons, and it ' s up to the dashing lord to find out exactly what those reasons are. " One of the best-loved authors of Regency romances. " —*The Romance Reader* Don ' t miss the eBook premieres of Elizabeth Mansfield ' s beloved Signet Regency classics *The Counterfeit Husband* coming March 2012 and *The Bartered Bride* in April 2012. In the predominantly mormon city of Draper, Utah, some seemingly perfect families have deadly secrets. Linda Wallheim is a devout Mormon, mother of five boys and wife of a bishop. But

Linda's daily routine of church-going, Relief Society meetings, and visiting church ward members is turned upside down as a disturbing situation takes shape in her seemingly idyllic neighborhood. Young wife and mother Carrie Helm has disappeared. Carrie's husband, Jared, claims that she has abandoned the family, but Linda doesn't trust him. As she snoops, trying to learn more about the Helms' circumstances, Linda becomes convinced Jared murdered his wife and painted himself as a wronged husband. Inspired by a chilling true crime and written by a practicing Mormon, *The Bishop's Wife* is both a fascinating peek into the lives of modern Mormons and a grim and cunningly twisted mystery. In the tradition of Daniel Wallace's *Big Fish* and Eowyn Ivey's *The Snow Child*, a gorgeously written and fable-like novel recasting Noah's Ark as a story of relationships, courage, resilience, and hope. "Various romantic, symbolic, philosophical, feminist, and fanciful, this is an atmospheric tale that meanders to a sweetly rousing conclusion. . . . Forget the ark, forget the patriarch. It's the women who tend to triumph in this modern take on an Old Testament parable." — Kirkus Reviews

In loving Noah, his wife never imagined she'd end up in this gray and wet little town where it's been raining for as long as anyone can remember. Newly appointed as pastor, Noah is determined to bring the eccentric townspeople back to the church, but the members of his congregation only want to keep their homes afloat. As the water swallows up the houses, the renowned zoo, and the single highway out of town, Noah, his wife, and their new neighbors must confront not only the savage forces of nature but also the fragile ties that bind them to one another. Poignant and whimsical, playful and wise, *Noah's Wife* challenges our expectations of love, commitment, and redemption. By reimagining this classic story in a new and modern light, the novel asks: how do we know when to stay and when it's time to go? Unlocking her passion

First wedding anniversary...first child... Paige and Brad had a deal. If Paige played the dutiful wife, he would pay off her debts. Theirs was a marriage of convenience, pure and simple—apart from one complication—Brad didn't just want a partner, he wanted a sleeping partner! So what was there to keep them from breaking their deal altogether? Something that hadn't been part of their business arrangement, something that could turn their first anniversary from divorce into celebration...a baby!

THE BIG EVENT One special occasion—that changes your life forever! A headstrong Lord gets the challenge of his life in this original Signet Regency Romance from April Kihlstrom. **NEVER BEFORE PUBLISHED**

A stipulation in his father's Will requires Edmund, Lord Rothwood to marry by his twenty-fifth birthday, or forfeit the bulk of his inheritance. In search of a dutiful wife who will let him do as he pleases, Edmund remembers young, docile Beatrix Trowley, whom he met years ago, and believes she will do nicely. With her family's welfare to consider, Beatrix quickly accepts Edmund's offer. But only then does he discover that the once docile Beatrix is now a vivacious woman who will challenge his expectations at every turn—and just might be the true love of his life. A suitable wife? It was a practical proposal. Max Vella, a rich and famous businessman, needed a wife to organize his many social functions, and Sara needed money to help her sister. So Sara took on the role of dutiful wife, but just as she was beginning to realize that her feelings for Max were more than just business, she discovered that she wasn't the only candidate he'd had in mind. The beautiful and enviable Imogen was everything Sara was not and, if Sara wanted to keep her man, it looked as if she had a fight on her hands! Do you feel it's your duty to worry? If your answer to this question is "yes," you may be suffering from a type of compulsive behavior called dutiful worrying. On the positive side, dutiful worrying can make you feel as if you're actually doing something to improve or control your situation. But this unproductive habit eventually robs you of energy and peace of mind and can leave you feeling overwhelmed. *The Dutiful Worrier* pinpoints why some of us become compulsive worriers and offers a four-step program to end this vicious circle. With this book, you'll:

- Identify and change the thoughts that propel your worry
- Learn to make decisions without ruminating about them
- Overcome feelings of guilt when you don't worry
- Let go and give up worrying once and for all

Complete with self-

evaluations and exercises, this book offers guidance for keeping perspective and accepting that you are not responsible for preventing catastrophe. Without the burden of dutiful worrying, you will be able to enjoy life more freely and fully. This book has received the prestigious accolade of being included in The Albert Ellis Tribute Book Series—created to honor the life and work of Albert Ellis, the founder of rational emotive behavioral therapy (REBT). REBT is one of the most widely-practiced therapies throughout the world and is the foundation for cognitive-behavioral therapy and other evidence-based approaches. These books provide proven-effective treatments and tools to improve psychological well-being, while also supporting advancements in psychotherapy for the betterment of humanity. In 'The Reluctant Surrender', Saul Parenti hires Giselle Freeman to work for him. However, it soon becomes obvious that Saul wishes to find out what lies beneath her Arctic-cool facade. 'The Dutiful Wife' finds Saul ascending to the Arrezian throne. But the scars from Giselle's previous marriage are set to leave their own relationship in tatters." Rural Wisconsin, 1909. In the bitter cold, Ralph Truitt, a successful businessman, stands alone on a train platform waiting for the woman who answered his newspaper advertisement for "a reliable wife." But when Catherine Land steps off the train from Chicago, she's not the "simple, honest woman" that Ralph is expecting. She is both complex and devious, haunted by a terrible past and motivated by greed. Her plan is simple: she will win this man's devotion, and then, ever so slowly, she will poison him and leave Wisconsin a wealthy widow. What she has not counted on, though, is that Truitt — a passionate man with his own dark secrets —has plans of his own for his new wife. Isolated on a remote estate and imprisoned by relentless snow, the story of Ralph and Catherine unfolds in unimaginable ways. With echoes of *Wuthering Heights* and *Rebecca*, Robert Goolrick's intoxicating debut novel delivers a classic tale of suspenseful seduction, set in a world that seems to have gone temporarily off its axis. From the No.1 bestselling author of *WEDLOCK*. The Georgian scandal of one gentleman, two orphans and an experiment to create the ideal wife. This is the story of how Thomas Day, a young man of means, decided he could never marry a woman with brains, spirit or fortune. Instead, he adopted two orphan girls from a Foundling Hospital, and set about educating them to become the meek, docile women he considered marriage material. Unsurprisingly, Day's marriage plans did not run smoothly. Having returned one orphan early on, his girl of choice, Sabrina Sidney, would also fall foul of the experiment. From then on, she led a difficult life, inhabiting a curious half-world - an ex-orphan, and not quite a ward; a governess, and not quite a fiancé. But Sabrina also ended up figuring in the life of scientists and luminaries as disparate as Erasmus Darwin and Joseph Priestley, as well as that pioneering generation of women writers who included Fanny Burney, Maria Edgeworth and Anna Sewall. In *HOW TO CREATE THE PERFECT WIFE*, Wendy Moore has found a story that echoes her concerns about women's historic powerlessness, and captures a moment when ideas of human development and childrearing underwent radical change. Saul Parenti has always been glad that he's second in line in the Arrezian monarchy. He can concentrate on his business empire...and the delights of his new wife, Giselle.... But when his cousin is killed, Saul must ascend the throne. Instead of pursuing their own dreams, Saul and Giselle must now make their lives about pomp and protocol. But the secret traumas of Giselle's past have scarred her deeply; she never wants to be a mother—and that leaves her marriage in crisis. Because her royal duty is to produce an heir.... Set in the early 1900s, this is the story of shy and insecure Marion, who is married to Dr Gilbert Reid. When she meets a younger man, her desire becomes an obsession, and her duty to her husband an intolerable burden. By the author of *Green Harvest* and *The Turn of the Tide*. Elizabeth Buchan's New York Times bestseller *Revenge of the Middle-Aged Woman* was hailed as "a thoughtful, intelligent, funny, coming-of-middle-age story" by *The Boston Globe*. Now she's back with another wise and entertaining novel about a woman who veers off the beaten path—and finds much more than she bargained for. After nineteen years of being the perfect wife to an ambitious politician, Fanny Savage is restless. Tired of merely

keeping quiet and looking good at public engagements, she remembers the career she abandoned and the life she left behind as a successful partner in her father's Italian wine business. She has devoted two decades to being the Good Wife. Was it worth it after all? Could it be time for a trip back to Italy—to the pleasures of sun, wine, and food? Could it be time for . . . a change? Sasha had loved Dante with everything she had in her. But a year ago, he pushed her away with accusations of cheating. She couldn't believe he would even think something like that and had run away, too hurt by his accusations. Now his grandmother's dying wish is to see Sasha once more and Dante will do everything within his power to grant her wish, even if he still considers her a black widow who had betrayed him more deeply than anyone else. He could ignore her though, as long as it took to bring her to his grandmother. What he hadn't counted on was Sasha's soulful eyes coming back to haunt him, or her previously slender body now gaunt with her weight loss. If she'd cheated on him, why did she look like she was the one that had been betrayed? And then, in the moonlit darkness, the past didn't matter any longer. It was just her soft scent, her tender touch and her longing looks that drew him in. From the first moment they'd met they hadn't been able to deny their attraction to each other and the hurt each thought the other had caused couldn't stop that attraction from taking over and overwhelming both of them once more. "I will pay you one million pounds to become my wife for one year. The marriage will not be consummated..." Italian aristocrat Lorenzo, Duce di Montesavro, needs to marry, and English tourist Jodie Oliver seems the ideal candidate for this convenient arrangement--her vulnerability is especially appealing to Lorenzo. But when he unleashes a desire Jodie never knew she possessed, Lorenzo is soon regretting his no-consummation rule.... Two women compete for the affections of their opium merchant husband in a tale of friendship, fortune and rivalry in colonial Hong Kong In 1862, a young Jew from Calcutta named Emanuel Belilios leaves his dutiful wife Semah and sets sail for Hong Kong to make his fortune in the opium trade. There, he grows into a prosperous and respectable merchant, eventually falling in love with his Chinese business partner's daughter Pearl, a delicate beauty twenty years his junior. As a wedding present, he builds for her the most magnificent mansion in Hong Kong. Then Semah arrives unannounced from Calcutta to take her place as mistress of the house...and life will change irrevocably for all of them. Inspired by the lives of Choa-Johnston's ancestors, *The House of Wives* is an unforgettable novel about the machinations of the early opium trade, and about two remarkable women determined to secure a dynasty for their children in the tumultuous British Crown colony. "Inspired by a real-life unsolved mystery, this mesmerizing novel features characters that make a lasting impression." --PEOPLE MAGAZINE "More meticulously choreographed than a chorus line. It all pays off."--THE NEW YORK TIMES BOOK REVIEW They say behind every great man, there's a woman. In this case, there are three. Stella Crater, the judge's wife, is the picture of propriety draped in long pearls and the latest Chanel. Ritzi, a leggy showgirl with Broadway aspirations, thinks moonlighting in the judge's bed is the quickest way off the chorus line. Maria Simon, the dutiful maid, has the judge to thank for her husband's recent promotion to detective in the NYPD. Meanwhile, Crater is equally indebted to Tammany Hall leaders and the city's most notorious gangster, Owney "The Killer" Madden. On a sultry summer night, as rumors circulate about the judge's involvement in wide-scale political corruption, the Honorable Joseph Crater steps into a cab and disappears without a trace. Or does he? After 39 years of necessary duplicity, Stella Crater is finally ready to reveal what she knows. Sliding into a plush leather banquette at Club Abbey, the site of many absinthe-soaked affairs and the judge's favorite watering hole back in the day, Stella orders two whiskeys on the rocks—one for her and one in honor of her missing husband. Stirring the ice cubes in the lowball glass, Stella begins to tell a tale—of greed, lust, and deceit. As the novel unfolds and the women slyly break out of their prescribed roles, it becomes clear that each knows more than she has initially let on. With a layered intensity and prose as effervescent as the bubbly that flows every night, *The Wife*, the

Maid, and the Mistress is a wickedly entertaining historical mystery that will transport readers to a bygone era with tipsy spins through subterranean jazz clubs and backstage dressing rooms. But beneath the Art Deco skyline and amid the intoxicating smell of smoke and whiskey, the question of why Judge Crater disappeared lingers seductively until a twist in the very last pages. 【A story by USA Today bestselling author becomes a comic!】 Meg, an innocent and cautious woman, finds herself seated next to handsome millionaire Niklas on an airplane. Feeling marvelously attracted to the man, Meg allows herself to share a few kisses with him, and they even get a little action in under the blanket on the dimly lit plane! When their magical passion doesn't abate in the slightest after they come down to earth, they exchange wedding vows the very next day. But the following morning, her husband gives her the cold shoulder and disappears from her life. A year later, Niklas's lawyers show up to meet Meg, who has completely closed off her heart, to inform her Niklas is being imprisoned for a crime he didn't commit. On top of that, the only way to meet him is to show up there as his wife and request a meeting? a conjugal meeting! International Bestseller Penny Jordan's PARENTI DYNASTY books – together at last! THE RELUCTANT SURRENDER

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