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Romancing the Holiday HelenKay Dimon

2012-12-03 We wish you a merry Christmas...and a happily ever after! A memorable three-night stand gets rekindled in a cabin in West Virginia.

An office romance is sparked by an impulsive holiday kiss. And two best friends scout locations for a marriage proposal and discover that they make a perfect match. 'Tis the season for laughter, love and a lifetime of happiness. Edited by Angela James, this anthology includes: We'll Be Home for Christmas by HelenKay Dimon The Best Thing by Jaci Burton Ask Her at Christmas by Christi Barth Stories also available for purchase separately. 90,000 words

Ask Her at Christmas Christi Barth 2012-12-03

Caitlin McIntyre's heart stops when her best friend drops to one knee and proposes. Kyle Lockhart never once hinted over the years that he has any idea she's in love with him. Not wanting to jeopardize their friendship, she's never let it slip.

Good thing, too, since it turns out he's only practicing—he's about to propose to someone else. A business merger might not be the most romantic reason to propose to a woman he barely knows, but Kyle's determined to win the respect of the dying father who's never seen him as quite good enough. Kyle's always depended on Caitlin's friendship, while trying to ignore the physical response she arouses. So he turns to her when it comes time to craft his proposal, not realizing his decision will affect their relationship, forever. This

Christmas, Kyle and Caitlin get one last chance to admit their feelings for each other, and find a mutual happily ever after, before he commits his life to another woman and Caitlin leaves town and him...for good. 24,000 words

The Accidental Fiancé Christi Barth 2021-02-23

Is it the chance of a lifetime or his biggest mistake? When former hotel manager Alex Kirkland, his sister and their best friends pooled their money for an unusual lottery prize—a historic, dilapidated inn on the Maryland shore—as a last-ditch attempt to escape rotten circumstances, they never expected to win. But they're all looking for a fresh start and a second chance, so Alex convinces everyone to move in and repair the building in time for the spring wedding season. Sydney Darrow never planned to return to her hometown. But her family needs her and Sydney can endure anything for 90 days—including making sandwiches and serving coffee with a smile until she returns to her jet-setter career. When her grandma mistakes a handsome customer for the “fiancé” Sydney created when she thought her grandma was on death's door, well...Sydney will do anything to keep her spirits up during treatment. She can persuade him to keep up the charade for a few months, right? But when Alex agrees to play along, will they both fall for their own fiction?

The Other Side of Wrong Christi Barth

2019-03-05 Jake McQuinn's lived and loved the rock-star lifestyle. But a family scandal ripped him

away from his band and back home. Back to boredom, a buttoned-up sham of a job, and a desperate need to whitewash his image. His family's pharmaceutical company could crumble without him. His band's epic comeback won't happen without him. How's he supposed to choose which one to save? Cassidy--just one name as befits one of the biggest pop stars on the planet--has discovered the downside to fame. Finding a decent guy to date who understands her demanding career and crazy schedule? Impossible. Until she remembers the rocker who almost rocked her world a few years ago... Jake thought he walked away from her for all the right reasons. Cassidy, however, intends to get him back. And she's going to use his band's shot at redemption and rock legend status as leverage. If she convinces him to date her again and drop the good guy routine? Even better. Doing the right thing for everyone else feels so wrong for Jake. And making a bad decision about hooking up with Cassidy could be the best thing yet...

A Fine Romance Christi Barth 2020-06-01 Love never tasted so sweet... Mira Parrish came to Chicago to launch a romance store—and her quest for independence. She's got one shot to get this right and can't afford any distractions—no matter how deliciously handsome they are. Sexy wedding cake baker Sam Lyons put his dream of making gourmet chocolates on hold to single-handedly keep his family's bakery afloat. Add in a fragile, widowed mother, a beautiful new neighbor and the opportunity of a lifetime and he's got a recipe for disaster. Hate-at-first-sight quickly turns to something that feels like it could be love? Until the press reveals Mira's calamitous past. Suddenly the buzz surrounding her grand opening is all wrong. Was it a mistake to walk away from her previous life of wealth? Even though that safety net comes with a catch—marry an 'appropriate' man and give up her career. Will Mira and Sam give up on their dreams—and each other—or fight their way to a fine romance?

Friends To Lovers Christi Barth 2020-06-22 Love blooms where you least expect it. Chicago wedding florist Daphne Lovell has no trouble producing perfect happily-ever-afters for her clients. But figuring out her own love life isn't as

easy...because she's head-over-heels for her off-limits best friend. Revealing her secret crush on British expat Gibson Moore isn't an option. Until fate steps in, darkening a ballroom and giving her the opportunity to steal a passionate kiss from the hunky hotel manager who unknowingly holds her heart. Too bad that when the lights flick back on, the oblivious playboy searches the room for the lips that just claimed his—never bothering to look at the friend standing right next to him! Daphne still can't confess her feelings for her bed-hopping best friend. Crossing the line from friends to lovers could ruin everything. Until an accidental second kiss reveals the truth to Gib. They both know that the smart thing would be to forget it ever happened. But some kisses are so spectacular they change everything...

The Princess Problem Christi Barth 2019-11-18 What woman doesn't want to wear a tiara? Me. The one who lives in yoga pants and knows she's not special enough to be a princess. One minute I'm starting my dream life in NYC, and the next, a man too hot for his own good is banging on my door, telling me that I'm a long lost princess of a country on the other side of the Atlantic. Not exactly your typical Friday night in the Big Apple. Suddenly, all of my plans for the future are yanked away. I'm trapped in a life filled with social obligations—and stilettos!—and an uptight royal family I didn't know existed. They, and the whole rest of the freaking country, have lofty expectations I'm not sure I can meet. At least the aforementioned sexualicious man, Elias, is my constant shadow, protecting me with his life. The whole situation is overwhelming. So I've secretly put him in charge of my happiness, too...and he's taking my orders very, very seriously. So seriously, I'm falling for him even harder than the new country I'm coming to...maybe...love. And that's a major problem, because he's crazy about me, too. I may not know all the zillion rules about being royal, but I know one for sure: No way can a princess date her bodyguard... Each book in the Sexy Misadventures of Royals series is STANDALONE: * The Princess Problem * Ruling the Princess

[Act Like We're in Love](#) Christi Barth 2010-10-07 Linnea Larson is appalled when a Hollywood hunk

is hired to star opposite her at her family's theater. He's known for playing a superhero onscreen, and a super stud offscreen, but that doesn't convince Linnea that he has what it takes to share her stage. Their job is to act like they're in love, but will they decide it's worth the leap to fall in love for real?

Got it Bad Christi Barth 2018-09-18 In USA Today bestseller Christi Barth's last Bad Boys Gone Good novel, the brother who's always followed the rules finally gets to be a little bad. Kellan Maguire was a semester away from becoming a lawyer when his life imploded. Now he's in Witness Protection, hiding from the mob and mad as hell that his brothers lied to him about, oh, everything. The only bright spot in his new life is their drop-dead-gorgeous U.S. Marshal handler. Yeah, he wants to handle her... a lot. Federal Marshal Delaney Evans has protected her fair share of dangerous criminals. But Kellan is a whole different kind of dangerous—dangerously hot, to be specific. The charming, handsome, and utterly law-abiding Maguire brother got under her skin the moment they met and the more time she spends with him, the harder it is to deny their attraction. Delaney's willing to give Kellan one night—to get him out of her system—and then it's over. Except one night isn't enough and soon they're breaking every rule of WITSEC to be together. Kellan's got it bad for her, but Delaney's career, her entire life, would fall apart if anyone found out. And then the biggest complication of all hits... "This series gets better with each installment. The retelling of the story from each brother's point of view adds depth and provides the chance to revisit characters you fell in love with in the previous books." - Library Journal

Wrong for Him Christi Barth 2021-09-27 Amelia Kirkland's been head-over-heels for Teague Sullivan forever. Not that she's ever let him know—as her brother's best friend, he's officially off-limits. That's even more true once they become partners in rehabbing a historic inn. She can't risk what she's building with her brother and her friends just to fulfill a lifelong crush. Can she? When Teague left the Special Forces, he didn't know what would come next. Until his best friend, Alex, won an inn as a lottery prize and made him a

partner. It's his shot at getting everything he's always wanted. Except for Alex's beautiful sister. Amelia's friendship was a lifeline while he was deployed, but that's a line he can't cross. He owes his friend too much to betray his trust. Now, though? Working and living with her every day? He wants more. If their secret romance is discovered, it could ruin everything before the inn has a chance. But does their one shot at happiness require them to break all the rules?

Trying It All Christi Barth 2017-05-16 The Naked Men don't have anything to hide. Now the sexy control freak in this "purely delightful group of buddies" (Publishers Weekly, starred review of *Wanting It All*) meets his match: a free spirit who's as beautiful as she is reckless. Order. Attention to detail. Never leaving anything to chance. These are the qualities that make Riley Ness such a terrific federal agent . . . and a pain in the ass to everyone else. The only time Riley lets loose is when he's hanging out with his closest pals. So when he's thrown together with gorgeous, flighty Summer Sheridan, Riley's brain tells him she's a ticking time bomb—but his body doesn't want to play by the rules. Riley has to be the most irritating man Summer has ever met. The brooding hunk thinks he needs to teach her a few lessons about real life, while she'd rather show him how to enjoy it. But her BFF's all but engaged to Riley's best friend, and besides, their intense physical chemistry is all too real. Summer just needs Riley to try to meet her halfway and take a chance with the one thing that matters: his heart. Catch all of USA Today bestselling author Christi Barth's charming Naked Men novels: *RISKING IT ALL* | *WANTING IT ALL* | *GIVING IT ALL* | *TRYING IT ALL* Praise for *Trying It All* "The novel is filled with moments of humor and searing sexual tension, and its lighthearted approach to life-altering events adds depth and breadth to the passion."—Publishers Weekly "Fun and entertaining yet complicated and emotional, not to mention supremely satisfying, *Trying It All* is a fantastic addition to Christi Barth's Naked Men series."—Guilty Pleasures Book Reviews "Christi Barth is a master of making sexual chemistry leap off the page. *Trying It All* is a book you'll wish you could step right into, with a hero you'll want to

claim for your next book boyfriend.”—New York Times bestselling author Lauren Layne “Sigh-worthy! Barth delivers rich, distinctive characters, and a story that grips your heart.”—Jessica Lemmon, author of *Eye Candy* “For those who want a hate to love romance, I recommend *Trying It All* by Christi Barth. It is the fourth in the *Naked Men* series, all of which I highly recommend, and although it can be read as standalone, with this series it is best to start at the beginning to get the full background and friendships.”—*Harlequin Junkie* “I wish I had been able to sit down and read this straight through because I didn’t want to put it down. Unfortunately, I had to stop to get some sleep. I’m really looking forward to reading the next book which I hope will be about Josh, the last *Naked Man* standing.”—*Xtreme Delusions* (five stars) “I always enjoy my visits with *The Naked Men!*”—*Thoughts of a Blonde* Includes an excerpt from another *Loveswept* title.

Check My Heart Christi Barth 2017-07-17 The death of his little brother turned Kurt Lundquist’s world upside down. He channeled his grief into skating his heart out—and ultimately leading his hockey team to win the championship. Now, all he wants to do is throw a party with the Cup in his brother’s honor. He’s got no clue where to start...until he runs into the gorgeous hospice nurse who took such great care of Jasper. She’s waaay off limits, but he’s desperate, and hires her to help him. Lisette Broussard’s heart broke a little more every time a patient died. Losing the brave brother of a hockey star was the last straw. Learning a new specialty was supposed to change her life for the better, but it used up her savings. Then the slam dunk job with the New Orleans championship hockey team mysteriously disappears. So she jumps at Kurt’s offer of a job, no matter how temporary. No matter how...dangerous, given how much she’s always crushed on him. No matter how risky it is to fall for Kurt, since he’ll always associate her with the grief of losing his brother. But the more time they spend together, the deeper they both fall. Kurt’s heart begins to thaw...and then heat. Lisette can’t resist him, and throws caution to the wind. She’ll take whatever time he gives her. Can they move beyond the pain of the past and focus on a future

together?

Wanting It All Christi Barth 2016-08-09 In the follow-up to *Risking It All*, hailed by Lauren Layne as “the perfect escapist read,” the heartthrobs of the *Naked Men* blog and podcast get a little too real about friendship, love, and sex. For one wealthy bachelor, the trouble starts when all three collide. . . . After narrowly surviving a bus crash in high school with his best friends, science geek Knox Davis resolved to become so successful that he could have anything and everything he wants. Now he’s über-wealthy, a huge business success, and a notorious ladies’ man. Knox refuses to limit himself to one woman, but when his latest conquest—a blond beauty from the Alaskan bush—challenges his superficial ways, Knox begins to see the world through her eyes, and finds he likes what he sees. A nurturer at heart, Madison Abbott wants to put down roots. She left Alaska to meet Mr. Right—and to track down Logan, the half-brother she’s never met. Instead, she finds Knox. Although the sexy-as-sin bachelor may not seem like marriage material, Madison’s starting to think that Knox is The One. But Knox refuses to settle down, especially once he learns that Madison is his best friend’s little sister. Now it’s up to her to convince Knox that she’s everything he really wants. Catch all of USA Today bestselling author Christi Barth’s charming *Naked Men* novels: *RISKING IT ALL* | *WANTING IT ALL* | *GIVING IT ALL* | *TRYING IT ALL* Praise for *Wanting It All* “I loved this book! It’s smart, funny, and sexy with a great cast of characters. I can’t wait to read all the *Naked Men* books!”—USA Today bestselling author Kelly Jamieson “*Wanting It All* has everything I want in a romance—laughs, sighs, and a lot of swooning!”—Cassie Mae, author of *No Interest in Love* “The second book in Barth’s *Naked Men* contemporary romance series (after *Risking it All*) sparkles with friendships, a touch of humor, and a fresh, bright voice.”—*Publishers Weekly* “*Wanting It All* was a fast-paced, enjoyable romance read. The characters were complex but also easy to connect to, and the story was strong and easily provided an escape from the real world.”—*Obsessive Book Nerd* “Christi Barth makes me sigh and whoop in all the right places

and brings a smile to my face when these big burly men just don't know how to deal with these new women in their lives. I really loved the teasing from Christi Barth about Logan too."—Books From Dusk Till Dawn "The story was entertaining and I'm all about the bro-friends that form the Naked Men group. An entertaining read."—The Romance Factor "This story is fun and lighthearted! . . . If you are looking for a sweet romance, this is for you!"—Kelly's Book Blog "I can wholeheartedly recommend this book. It was hilarious and endearing and such a quick read. I think that a lot of you will absolutely fall in love with it."—Bookworm "Five stars: Ms. Barth's writing style kept me wanting to read this book straight through—so much so that I got irritated when life forced me to put it down. This series is turning out to be such fun to read."—Xtreme Delusions Includes an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

The (ex) Spy Who (maybe) Loved Me Christi Barth 2023-03-20 NYC is exactly what scientist Blake Montgomery needs. A little decadence and a whooooo lot of anonymity, well away from the prying eyes of her charming, touristy small town of Swan Cove. Now, at the end of a whirlwind trip, she has one final thing to cross off her to-do list: a sexy fling. And the hot, green-eyed stranger at the Maine airport bar might be her perfect one-night stand. Until, of course, he shows up in her town the very next day. Wyatt Keene is just an average guy—now. But four days ago, he was a black ops intelligence agent who spent fifteen years being someone—anyone—except himself. For one hot night, Blake makes him forget he's supposed to start his life all over again...as himself. Talk about mission impossible. Except suddenly Wyatt and Blake are not only stuck in the same town together, but also sharing the same office, and there's no escaping their scorching hot chemistry. Wyatt's trying to convince everyone, especially Blake, that he's just a normal guy—whatever that means. But nothing spells danger like trying to start a relationship with an ex-spy who hasn't quite left his old life behind... Each book in the Swan Cove series is STANDALONE: * Hottie On Her Shelf * **The (ex) Spy Who (maybe) Loved Me** *The Do-Over* Christi Barth 2019-04-17 Anda Weiss

knows that going on a reality show to find love is, well, desperate. But after years of putting her love life second to her career, that's how low she's willing to stoop. Miraculously, the hot guy starring in *Man Of Her Dreams* is nice. Surprisingly normal. Altogether terrific. And Chance DiMarco kisses so well she forgets cameras are taping every second. Until she spends a red hot night with him, only to have all of America watch him kick her off the show. Seven months later, Anda decides that a mind-blowing one-night stand is the only way to move past her humiliation. But the man she hits on at a Vegas resort is far from a stranger. Anda seizes her chance to get payback on Chance. At least, that's her plan... But does she have it in her to use Chance for a few more nights of great sex and then turn the tables and dump him? Is that revenge worth undoing all her healing? Will Anda leave with the satisfaction of another steamy hook-up with Chance? Or could her epic humiliation actually end up bringing her to the man of her dreams?

Act Like We're in Love Christi Barth 2016-05-24 Linnea Larson is willing to do anything to keep her family's Minneapolis dinner theatre from going under. Anything, that is, besides accepting a date from the Hollywood hunk hired to inject a dose of star power into their production of *Guys & Dolls*. It's a toss up whether his greatest claim to fame is playing a superhero on screen, or a super stud off screen. Neither fact convinces her he's got what it takes to share her stage. Luke Powell has fame, fortune, and an endless string of women, but also a lingering dissatisfaction with his picture perfect life. Looking for a change, he escapes to his theatrical roots. What he finds are wary cast mates, a nervous best friend convinced the show will ruin Luke's career, and an adorable costar who stubbornly refuses to go out with him. Suddenly singing and dancing aren't the only challenges he'll tackle over the summer. Despite Luke dragging her into his daily paparazzi nightmare, Linnea can't deny her mounting attraction to his irresistible charm. And even if she's crazy enough to chance getting involved, their fling would have a guaranteed expiration date. He's headed back to Hollywood at the end of the run, and she's tied to her family's theatre. Why

risk the inevitable heartbreak? Their job is to act like they're in love, but will they decide it's worth the leap to fall in love for real?

The Opposite of Right Christi Barth 2015-11-03
Hottie on Her Shelf Christi Barth 2022-07-11
 Hallie Scott expected the hangover from her thirtieth birthday. She did not expect to find her calm, orderly life as Swan Cove's head librarian to completely change overnight when her best friend added Hallie to the mayoral ballot because of one little remark. One. Now she's going head-to-head with the small coastal town's prominent "prince," Fitz Montgomery...whose charm is about to get seriously checked. All Fitz wants is to prove himself, beyond being the latest in the unbroken line of Montgomery mayors. Nobody, least of all Fitz, expected the town's cute-as-hell librarian to step up and run against him. Hallie's definitely in over her head, which is a problem, since Fitz wants a fair fight. But is he helping Hallie level the playing field...or arming his opponent? Hallie and Fitz are on completely different sides. Their backgrounds, their lives, their ongoing ebook vs paperback argument. But they're both about to learn that the art of war is nowhere near as complicated as falling for the enemy... Each book in the Swan Cove series is *STANDALONE: * Hottie On Her Shelf * The (ex) Spy Who (maybe) Loved Me*

Imperfect Angel Christi Barth 2022-10-25 Three days ago, all Maisy Norgate had was a stack of bills, about a gazillion jobs, and her sunny-as-hell outlook. Now, thanks to an uncle she never knew about, she's inherited an ornate skeleton key with absolutely no idea what it's for—or why she has it. Which is exactly when a ridiculously handsome guy claiming to be an angel shows up at her door and all hell breaks loose... Nephilim Rhys Boyce cannot believe that Maisy is the new Keeper of the Key. Why would anyone bequeath this warm, bubbly redhead the key to Hell? And to make matters worse, she's given the key to the first person who asked for it. A demon. Yep, Maisy is determined to make his job—not to mention some seriously inconvenient temptation—as hard as possible. First a half angel with a very human chip on his shoulder must find a way to convince Maisy that angels and demons do exist. Then Rhys will

have to break the really bad news...that she might have accidentally ended the world.

The Reverse of Perfection Christi Barth 2016-05-11 Dylan Royce, ex-teen pop star, needs a sexy image makeover. His first adult solo album came out under his perfect, white-washed persona and tanked. Joining a band equally famous for their music and their between-the-sheets escapades is only the start. He needs to get raunchy. Sleep with a different girl every night. But there's only one woman he wants, and she still sees him as a goody two-shoes boy-bander. Ariel Watson is the publicist in charge of turning Dylan into the sex-god every woman dreams of doing. Frankly, she doesn't see the appeal. Until one hot kiss changes her mind. Now she wants to keep him for herself—without losing her job. Or losing Dylan the legions of drooling fans she's supposed to be building for him. Turning bad got Dylan the woman of his dreams. But how will he choose between her...or his career catapulting him back to superstar status?

Never Too Late Christi Barth 2014-11-10 More Than Words: Bestselling authors and real-life heroines Making a difference...transforming lives... This year, the recipients of Harlequin's More Than Words Award are three women whose selfless deeds and far-reaching goals are helping to build stronger, safer communities. Now three bestselling Harlequin authors honor these remarkable women with stories inspired by their extraordinary contributions. Everyone thinks brilliant designer Chris Kessler is the playboy of the architectural world. Truth is, he's strictly a one-woman man. But how can he reveal his feelings when Ali Montalvo's his fiercest rival for junior partner? And now they've been teamed up to volunteer at one of Pittsburgh's most popular charities. In addition to helping underprivileged kids celebrate their special day, there's something else at the top of Ali's wish list. If only she and Chris didn't clash on just about everything! Now he's planning a circus outing—this from a man who never had a birthday party. That's when Ali comes up with a surprise of her own. Because it's never too late to give the gift of love... Look for *Never Too Late* by Christi Barth, along with two more free ebooks inspired by real-life heroines: A

Wing & A Prayer by Andrea Laurence and A Place in Her Heart by Trish Milburn.

Love on the Boardwalk Christi Barth 2014-09-22 USA TODAY bestselling author Atlantic City is the perfect place for detective Bradley Hudson to nurse his broken heart. A week of beer and strippers is sure to erase his former fiancée from his memory for good. What he didn't count on was running into a sassy redhead from his past. Maybe a rebound romp is an even better plan... Trina Trimble, private eye in training, is thrilled to be reunited with the hottie she almost hooked up with last summer. She's undercover on her first solo case, but there's always time to lock lips with a sexy cop. Besides, a fun fling with Brad doesn't have to last beyond his week in town. Brad and Trina are supposed to be just flirting, not forging a new forever. Brad's still healing, and although Trina changes careers the way other women change shoes, she has finally found her calling in her new life of disguises and stakeouts. But when an irresistible job offer threatens to lure her away, Brad will need to decide to let her go or bet it all on love and risk his heart again. 51,000 words

The Smell of Kerosene National Aeronautics and Space Administration 2022-11-13 This book puts the reader in the pilot's seat for a "day at the office" unlike any other. The Smell of Kerosene tells the dramatic story of a NASA research pilot who logged over 11,000 flight hours in more than 125 types of aircraft. Donald Mallick gives the reader fascinating first-hand description of his early naval flight training, carrier operations, and his research flying career with NASA. After transferring to the NASA Flight Research Center, Mallick became involved with projects that further pushed the boundaries of aerospace technology. These included the giant delta-winged XB-70 supersonic airplane, the wingless M2-F1 lifting body vehicle, and triple-sonic YF-12 Blackbird. Mallick also test flew the Lunar Landing Research Vehicle and helped develop techniques used in training astronauts to land on the Moon.

Tinsel My Heart Christi Barth 2013-12-05 USA TODAY bestselling author Becca Huntley's produced the Lyndale Park Players' over-the-top Christmas show for ten years. It's a beloved Minneapolis tradition, and the theater's main

fundraiser. But this year's production is in danger of being canceled when their director disappears into rehab. Good thing his directing partner steps in to save the day. Except for the minor fact that he hates everything about Christmas. Jack Whittaker wiped this town off his shoe with his graduation tassel and never looked back. But duty compels him to fulfill Tyler's promise to direct the show. Even though it means working with Becca, the girl he always wanted, lost to Ty, but never forgot. It'll take more than a few handfuls of tinsel to soften Jack's heart toward Becca's favorite holiday. Steamy kisses that melt the snow right off his boots are a step in the right direction. They'll both discover that Christmas is about making each other's dreams come true. But will it require sacrificing their chance at a happily-ever-after together? 30,000 words

The Case for Marriage Linda Waite 2002-03-05 A groundbreaking look at marriage, one of the most basic and universal of all human institutions, which reveals the emotional, physical, economic, and sexual benefits that marriage brings to individuals and society as a whole. The Case for Marriage is a critically important intervention in the national debate about the future of family. Based on the authoritative research of family sociologist Linda J. Waite, journalist Maggie Gallagher, and a number of other scholars, this book's findings dramatically contradict the anti-marriage myths that have become the common sense of most Americans. Today a broad consensus holds that marriage is a bad deal for women, that divorce is better for children when parents are unhappy, and that marriage is essentially a private choice, not a public institution. Waite and Gallagher flatly contradict these assumptions, arguing instead that by a broad range of indices, marriage is actually better for you than being single or divorced- physically, materially, and spiritually. They contend that married people live longer, have better health, earn more money, accumulate more wealth, feel more fulfillment in their lives, enjoy more satisfying sexual relationships, and have happier and more successful children than those who remain single, cohabit, or get divorced. The Case for Marriage combines clearheaded analysis,

penetrating cultural criticism, and practical advice for strengthening the institution of marriage, and provides clear, essential guidelines for reestablishing marriage as the foundation for a healthy and happy society. "A compelling defense of a sacred union. The Case for Marriage is well written and well argued, empirically rigorous and learned, practical and commonsensical." -- William J. Bennett, author of *The Book of Virtues* "Makes the absolutely critical point that marriage has been misrepresented and misunderstood." -- The Wall Street Journal www.broadwaybooks.com

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Hell of an Angel Christi Barth 2023-10-23 Raised in Hell. Living in Buffalo. And on the verge of accidentally destroying both realms... Dark angel and actuary Evangeline Thayer hates taking unnecessary risks, but she knows becoming human will be worth it. All the creatures in Hell have bullied her about her negligible 'power' her whole life. And don't get her started on why she has wings if she can't even fly?!? She just needs a teensy bit of help with removing her power...which is where a very hot, very flirty, and absolutely infuriating Nephilim comes in. Half-angel Gideon Durand has been fighting demons a long time, but he's never heard of a dark angel. Least of all one this gorgeous, stubborn, and with the power to completely nullify evil. Maybe in

Hell, that's a weakness—but with an unknown evil on the loose and murdering Nephilim?—that's a damned useful skill. So Gideon strikes a deal with Evangeline: he'll scratch her wings...if she'll scratch his. Now good and evil are—temporarily—working together. And might even be having steamy fun...if it wasn't for a rather inconvenient threat trying to unleash the apocalypse, once and for all. Each book in the *Unlocking His Heart* series is **STANDALONE**: * *Imperfect Angel* * *Hell of an Angel*

Having It All Christi Barth 2019-05-28 Josh Hardwick's life looks great. He lives with his best friends, runs a gourmet food truck, and spends his nights hooking up with every eligible woman in D.C.. But he hides his daily struggle with dyslexia--which holds him back from expanding his business. The last complication he needs is a relationship. Especially not with an off-limits friend who is dangerously hot... Annabeth Vasquez wears combat boots because life is a war zone and she damn well intends to be a survivor. She's clawed her way out of poverty and is still in shock at her amazing new job. Failure isn't an option. So being distracted by Josh's playboy moves is definitely out of the question. The boutique job puts her in the middle of his circle of rich, educated friends. Annabeth can't believe they accept her--or that Josh wants her. Dating a player always ends badly, and Annabeth can't risk losing her job. No matter how well Josh kisses... Her job's at stake. Josh's friends will kill him if he screws up and hurts her. But they can't ignore how long--and how much--they've wanted each other. So when Josh comes up with a plan to test-drive their relationship, Annabeth's on board. Will they be able to move beyond their complicated pasts and fears and discover love makes it possible to have it all?

Cruising Toward Love Christi Barth 2016-11-15 Linnea Larson is willing to do anything to keep her family's Minneapolis dinner theatre from going under. Anything, that is, besides accepting a date from the Hollywood hunk hired to inject a dose of star power into their production of *Guys & Dolls*. It's a toss up whether his greatest claim to fame is playing a superhero on screen, or a super stud off screen. Neither fact convinces her he's

got what it takes to share her stage. Luke Powell has fame, fortune, and an endless string of women, but also a lingering dissatisfaction with his picture perfect life. Looking for a change, he escapes to his theatrical roots. What he finds are wary cast mates, a nervous best friend convinced the show will ruin Luke's career, and an adorable costar who stubbornly refuses to go out with him. Suddenly singing and dancing aren't the only challenges he'll tackle over the summer. Despite Luke dragging her into his daily paparazzi nightmare, Linnea can't deny her mounting attraction to his irresistible charm. And even if she's crazy enough to chance getting involved, their fling would have a guaranteed expiration date. He's headed back to Hollywood at the end of the run, and she's tied to her family's theatre. Why risk the inevitable heartbreak? Their job is to act like they're in love, but will they decide it's worth the leap to fall in love for real?

A Shadow in the Ember Jennifer L. Armentrout 2021-10-19 #1 New York Times bestselling author Jennifer L. Armentrout returns with book one of the all-new, compelling *Flesh and Fire* series—set in the beloved *Blood and Ash* world. Born shrouded in the veil of the Primals, a Maiden as the Fates promised, Seraphena Mierel's future has never been hers. Chosen before birth to uphold the desperate deal her ancestor struck to save his people, Sera must leave behind her life and offer herself to the Primal of Death as his Consort. However, Sera's real destiny is the most closely guarded secret in all of Lasania—she's not the well protected Maiden but an assassin with one mission—one target. Make the Primal of Death fall in love, become his weakness, and then...end him. If she fails, she dooms her kingdom to a slow demise at the hands of the Rot. Sera has always known what she is. Chosen. Consort. Assassin. Weapon. A specter never fully formed yet drenched in blood. A monster. Until him. Until the Primal of Death's unexpected words and deeds chase away the darkness gathering inside her. And his seductive touch ignites a passion she's never allowed herself to feel and cannot feel for him. But Sera has never had a choice. Either way, her life is forfeit—it always has been, as she has been forever touched by Life and Death.

Planning For Love Christi Barth 2020-05-11 Lights, camera, love! Chicago wedding planner Ivy Rhodes is blindsided when a reality TV crew shows up at one of her weddings. They're an intrusion ...and a complication, since the sexy cameraman's a relentless flirt. Ivy follows his easygoing charm straight into the bedroom. Dealing with bridezillas was not what Bennet Westcott expected when a scandal cost him his career as a news videographer. But the gorgeous wedding planner on his latest assignment has him saying "I Do"... to a one-night stand. When he discovers Ivy's a forever kind of girl, he walks away, breaking her heart. The show must go on... and the network wants Ivy to be the star. She signs the contract before learning the Casanova cameraman who shredded her heart into confetti will spend the next three months filming her. Suddenly Ben's spending every day watching the woman he can't resist, while Ivy wonders how to plan for a happily ever after when the guy you want doesn't believe in love?

Munro Kresley Cole 2022-01-25 The next stand-alone installment in the electrifying *Immortals After Dark* series by #1 New York Times bestselling author Kresley Cole. Venture deeper into the Lore, fierce realm of the immortals—if you dare. . . . **TORMENTED IN UNIMAGINABLE WAYS** Coming off torture at the hands of his warlock captors, Munro MacRieve never expected to find his mate, or to lose her just as abruptly. Driven to desperation, the ruthless warrior uses his enemies' own powers to reunite with her—in the distant past. **STOLEN FROM HER TIME** When a crazed werewolf crashes her wedding, Kereny "Ren" Codrina does what any cunning huntress would do: she captures him. Yet she finds herself softening toward the wounded beast—until he turns the tables and forces her into an incomprehensible future. **CAN A HUMAN AND AN IMMORTAL UNITE IN ORDER TO SURVIVE?** As danger mounts, Munro will do anything to make her undying, even sell his soul to an evil sorceress. But first he must convince his fiery mate that she belongs with him. If seduction means her survival, Munro will use every weapon in his arsenal to possess her—forever.

Tempting the Prince Christi Barth 2020-08-24

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What happens when you mix an average American woman with a decidedly not average future King? A whole lot of complications. It started when my all-American sister found out that she's not actually my sister—she's a princess of a country we'd never heard of. And when she was whisked off to her new palace, I went with her. Now I'm an outsider who doesn't fit in anywhere. I should go back to my exciting new career in New York. I absolutely should not stay in a country where I suck so badly at the national sport that I accidentally murdered the symbol of the monarchy in front of half the country. And I can't stop ogling the Crown Prince. He's supposed to marry a very important princess (not me). He's supposed to father the next heir to the throne (without me). And he just gave me the best sex of my life. Did I mention that it's complicated? Each book in the *Sexy Misadventures of Royals* series is

STANDALONE: * *The Princess Problem* * *Ruling the Princess* * *Tempting the Prince*

Love at High Tide Christi Barth 2013-07-08 USA TODAY bestselling author Darcy Trent is lucky Cooper Hudson is on hand to sweep her off her feet—literally—when she nearly drowns while swimming in the ocean. But life-saving aside, Mr. Perfect's timing stinks: Darcy's career is about to take her to the complete opposite side of the Atlantic. Still, a little summer loving with the tall, blond and sexy former cop is far too tempting to pass up. When his plans to enter the Secret Service went south thanks to a bum knee, Coop retreated to the family beach house to mull his future. Romance is the last thing on his mind, until he fishes a curvy brunette out of the sea. Now, spending time in Darcy's arms seems like the ideal distraction, even if it is just for a week. But with Darcy's departure date fast approaching and their careers on the line, can they realize in time that their beach fling might become the real thing?

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Never Been Good Christi Barth 2018-04-03 USA Today bestseller Christi Barth returns with another steamy *Bad Boys Gone Good* novel! Flynn Maguire isn't really a bad guy. Sure, he worked for the mob, but he ran a legitimate business—on paper anyway—and it paid enough to keep his brother out of the lifestyle. Until they turned on

him. Now he's stuck in Witness Protection, tending bar in Nowheresville Oregon... and pissed the life he knew is gone. The only bright spot? Fantasizing about his quiet, secretive, beautiful coworker. Sierra Williams is a woman on the run. All she wants now is to settle into small town life... and ignore the brooding, sexy bartender who can't seem to take his eyes off her. Flynn's bad-boy vibe pushes all her buttons, but Sierra fell for the wrong man once already. She can't afford to let her guard down again. Except Flynn's tough exterior is slowly melting away to reveal the sweet man beneath and their attraction is too strong to resist. Sierra and Flynn are falling fast, but they're both keeping so many secrets. The truth could ruin everything... unless a girl who's a little bad is perfect for a guy who's never really been good.

The Beginning of Everything Kristen Ashley 2020-07-07 Once upon a time, in a parallel universe, there existed the continent of Triton... The land was filled with beauty, but it was also splintered by war. Out of the chaos grew a conspiracy to reawaken the Beast, a fearsome creature who wrought only tragedy and devastation. The only way to stop him is to fulfill an ancient prophecy: Triton's four strongest warriors must wed its four most powerful witches, binding all nations together and finally bringing peace to the land. This is the beginning of the story of their unions: the quiet maiden Silence and the savage king Mars. The cold warrior Cassius and the fiery witch Elena. The steadfast soldier True and the banished beauty Farah. And the pirate king Aramus and his mysterious queen Ha-Lah. Their unions will not be easy, but each couple must succeed... The fate of their world is at stake.

Ruling the Princess Christi Barth 2020-03-23 I'm thrilled that my first trip back to my homeland, after years in exile, is for an assignment from the prime minister. Even better, the job's to put Princess Genevieve in her place...by cutting off her cash flow. Spoiled royals—even drop-dead gorgeous ones—don't do anything to deserve their wealth and status. Hell, they don't do anything. She's fighting me tooth and nail, of course. The only way to stop her arguing is, well, to kiss her. And I can't seem to

stay away from her. Now, I see a whole different side to the princess—and not just because I've gotten her clothes off. But I was put on this assignment for a reason... There are those outside the castle who want to see the princess discredited and push their own agenda, and I may have just given them all the ammunition they need. Each book in the Sexy Misadventures of Royals series is **STANDALONE: * The Princess Problem * Ruling the Princess**

Giving It All Christi Barth 2017-01-17 Christi Barth's smoking-hot contemporary romance series continues as the five best friends who survived a tragedy as teenagers take to their Naked Men podcast to open up about women. In *Giving It All*, the group's globe-trotting hunk discovers that you need to go home to find love. Logan Marsh never stays in one place for long. Through his family's foundation, Logan spends his days traveling to the world's most dangerous places to deliver disaster relief, which really puts a damper on his sex life—until he reconnects with his high-school crush. Stranded together in the Caribbean, they enjoy a steamy fling that awakens feelings Logan has ignored for too long. But family drama calls him away from her sweet embrace . . . or so he thinks. Brooke Gallagher loved being a home economics teacher and cheerleading coach. Then an unexpected tragedy forced her to take some time off. Now she's back in D.C. and despite the intensity of her tropical encounter with Logan, she's shocked to bump into him again. Logan's dealing with his own issues (including a newly discovered half-sister) and he's itching to get back on the road. More than anything, Brooke wants to be there for him. But first, he has to decide if love is enough to keep him in one place. Catch all of USA Today bestselling author Christi Barth's charming Naked Men novels: **RISKING IT ALL | WANTING IT ALL | GIVING IT ALL | TRYING IT ALL** Praise for *Giving It All* "I really love this series. . . . I am looking forward to what the future has in store for the Naked Men and finding out who will be next to fall."—Book Angel Booktopia "Can't wait to read the next one. Highly recommend this series."—Escape Into a Book Site (five stars) "If you haven't tried A Naked Men Novel yet, you are missing out on a seriously fun

bromance!"—Thoughts of a Blonde "Giving It All is easily my favorite book of the series so far, and Logan and Brooke's friends-to-lovers romance was a great read!"—Oh My Growing TBR "Christi Barth's *Giving It All* has it all—an incredibly sexy hero, a strong, lovable heroine, and loads of steamy chemistry."—Serena Bell, USA Today bestselling author of the *Returning Home* series "Poignant, sexy, and heartfelt, you'll love *Giving It All*!"—USA Today bestselling author Tina Wainscott "A great read by the talented Barth . . . Readers will enjoy seeing characters from Barth's previous *Naked Men* books and how they interact with Logan and Brooke."—RT Book Reviews (starred review) "Compulsively readable and incredibly sexy, *Giving It All* is another fabulous read in Christi Barth's awesome *Naked Men* series."—Kate Meader, author of the *Hot in Chicago* series "These *Naked Men* have truly captured me and I'll be there for the duration. I can't wait to see the next man fall."—Sassafrass Includes an excerpt from another Loveswept title. **Risking It All** Christi Barth 2016-03-08 Who doesn't love *Naked Men*? In Christi Barth's irresistible series, a group of close-knit friends talk out their problems with naked honesty on a popular blog. Bonded by a high-school tragedy, they're moving on from the past—and fighting for the future with strong and sassy women. Griffin Montgomery helps people. As a teenager, he kept his best friends alive after their soccer team's bus crashed in the Alps. Now, as a Coast Guard search and rescue pilot, he saves lives with reckless abandon—until he goes too far and earns a lengthy suspension. Working on the *Naked Men* projects keeps his mind busy, but Griff's itching to get back in the action. That's when he finds his latest rescue mission: a pretty wallflower who's stuck in her comfort zone. Chloe Widmore doesn't take risks. As a professional letter writer, she gets enough excitement out of expressing other people's emotions. So when the hottest man she's ever seen invades her coffee shop, Chloe surprises herself with how much she wants to be with him. Routines make her feel safe. Griff makes her deliciously unsafe, in so many ways. But falling for him is one risk she might just have to take . . . whether she's ready or not. Catch all of USA

Today bestselling author Christi Barth's charming Naked Men novels: RISKING IT ALL | WANTING IT ALL | GIVING IT ALL | TRYING IT ALL Praise for Risking It All "The perfect escapist read—sweet and sexy, with an ending that will remind you of all the reasons you love romance."—USA Today bestselling author Lauren Layne "Smart, sexy, and flat-out fun, Risking It All is one story readers will have a hard time putting down. Christi Barth's heroes will make you laugh, sigh, and swoon—what could be better?"—USA Today bestselling author Kimberly Kincaid "Barth writes the perfect blend of humor, pathos, and romance."—Library Journal "Risking It All delivers sexy romance, laugh-out-loud humor, unexpected surprises, and an unbreakable bond between friends. Christi Barth has written a winner!"—Tracy March, award-winning author of Should've Said No "Something special happens when Chloe and Griffin meet. Christi Barth takes you on a journey of discovery you won't want to put down."—Vonnie Davis, author of the Highlander's Beloved series "I enjoyed [Barth's] humor and clever use of metaphor [with] this group of successful, varied, intelligent, and witty characters."—Books and Bindings "I can't wait for the rest of this series."—Obsessive Book Nerd "An entertaining read about ordinary people who've fallen in love . . . It's a great start to what should be a good series—it's not much to risk!"—Once Upon an Alpha "Barth does an excellent job of giving readers just enough information about Griff's teammates to whet our appetites. I

definitely want to read their stories but this one stands alone with no problem."—Xtreme Delusions "The banter is one of the many highlights within Risking It All."—Book Angel Booktopia Includes an excerpt from another Loveswept title.

Bad for Her Christi Barth 2017-10-03 USA Today bestselling author Christi Barth launches a sexy new series about three bad-boy brothers in Witness Protection who are about to learn that going good is harder than they thought... Doctor Mollie Vickers loves the tight-knit community of her tiny Oregon town. But she's not a fan of the limited dating options. Sleep with a guy who tried to copy off her in junior high? Pass. Mollie's sex life is flatlining... until a deliciously handsome man she's never seen before stops to help her fix a flat tire. As an ex-mobster, Rafe Maguire's no saint. But he's trying to turn over a new leaf. Although he probably shouldn't kiss the hot doctor on the side of the highway. Or suggest a no-strings fling with a woman he has no business pursuing. Rafe's life is too complicated for love—his new WITSEC-provided identity doesn't fit him at all and there's a U.S. Marshal watching his every move. He can't tell Mollie the truth... but their chemistry is scorching and being good doesn't mean he can't be a little bad. Mollie can't resist the guy who looks rough, talks tough, and is loyal to the bone. But it's obvious Rafe is keeping secrets. When the truth comes out, Mollie must decide if she could ever love an ex-mobster... or if this bad boy has truly gone good.