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NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY  
LIBRARY JOURNAL • RITA finalist and bestselling author

Ruthie Knox returns to her spectacular Camelot series with a tale of desire reinvented. A hotel bar. A sexy stranger. A night of passion. There's a part of Amber Mazzara that wants those things, wants to have a moment—just one—when life isn't a

complicated tangle of house and husband and kids and careers. Then, after a long, exhausting “vacation” with her family, her husband surprises her with a gift: a few days on the beach . . . alone. Only she won't be alone for long, because a handsome man just bought her a drink. He's cool, he's confident, and he wants to take Amber to bed and keep her there for days. Lucky for them both, he's her husband. He's got only a few days in Jamaica to make her wildest desires come true, but if he can pull it off, there's reason to believe that this fantasy can last a lifetime. Praise for Making It Last “Knox's Camelot, Ohio, books showcase just what this author does best, create love stories that feature real people in situations that readers can understand and with which they can empathize. . . . Additionally, she writes absolutely smoking-hot love scenes! Her heroes and her heroines redeem and save each other. Love doesn't conquer all, but it makes life a

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whole lot sweeter.”—Library Journal “It felt very realistic to me.”—Smexy Books “I adored this book. It has the ‘feels’ and it made me tear up.”—Paranormal Haven “There is no way I would have missed reading Making It Last. Seeing the evolution of their relationship, and their continuing desire and passion for each other despite what life has thrown their way was fantastic. If you haven’t read Ruthie Knox’s Camelot series, you are totally missing out!”—My Written Romance “This was a story I couldn’t put down.”—Happily Ever After-Reads “An insightful, intelligent look into a marriage gone stale.”—Fresh Fiction Praise for Ruthie Knox “A great new voice in contemporary romance . . . hilarious, heartfelt, and hot.”—New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Kristan Higgins “Knox writes incredible romance.”—RT Book Reviews “I’ll read anything by Ruthie Knox—her books are always sexy, funny, beautifully poignant, and honest.”—Molly O’Keefe, bestselling author of Crazy Thing Called Love “One of the reasons I so like [Ruthie Knox’s] work is because [her] heroines are women I personally can relate to.”—Dear Author Includes a special message from the editor, as well as an excerpt from the Loveswept title Flirting with Disaster.

### **Ruthie Deeply Loveswept**

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY LIBRARY JOURNAL • What woman can resist a hot man in a hard hat? RITA finalist and bestselling author Ruthie Knox kicks off her Camelot series with this deliciously sexy novella, in which a good girl learns how to misbehave . . . with all her heart. As program director for the Camelot Community Center, Amber Clark knows how to keep her

cool. That is, until a sudden tornado warning forces her to take shelter in a darkened basement with a hunk of man whose sex appeal green lights her every fantasy. With a voice that would melt chocolate, he asks her if she is okay. Now she’s hot all over and wondering: How does a girl make a move? Building contractor Tony Mazzara was just looking to escape nature’s fury. Instead, he finds himself all tangled up with lovely Amber. Sweet and sexy, she’s ready to unleash her wild side. Their mutual desire reaches a fever pitch and creates a storm of its own—unexpected, powerful, and unforgettable. But is it bigger than Tony can handle? Can he let go of painful memories and let the force of this remarkable woman show him a future he never dreamed existed? Praise for How to Misbehave “Knox’s Camelot, Ohio, books showcase just what this author does best, create love stories that feature real people in situations that readers can understand and with which they can empathize. . . . Additionally, she writes absolutely smoking-hot love scenes! Her heroes and her heroines redeem and save each other. Love doesn’t conquer all, but it makes life a whole lot sweeter.”—Library Journal “How I love anything by Ruthie Knox!”—Kristan Higgins, New York Times and USA Today bestselling author “I’ll read anything by Ruthie Knox—her books are always sexy, funny, and beautifully poignant and honest.”—Molly O’Keefe, bestselling author of Crazy Thing Called Love Includes a special message from the editor, as well as excerpts from these Loveswept titles: Along Came Trouble, Flirting with Disaster, and Room at the

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Flirting with Disaster Loveswept

Brain on Fire meets Carry On, Warrior in this inspirational memoir and “ testament to the things that break us, heal us, and make us who we are ” (Glennon Doyle, #1 New York Times bestselling author) that explores one woman ’ s journey from chronic pain and hopelessness to finding joy, redemption, and healing. At seventeen years old, Ruthie Lindsey is hit by an ambulance near her home in rural Louisiana. She ’ s given a five percent chance of survival and one percent chance of walking again. One month later after a spinal fusion surgery, Ruthie defies the odds, leaving the hospital on her own two feet. Just a few years later, newly married and living in Nashville, Ruthie begins to experience debilitating pain. Her case confounds doctors and after numerous rounds of testing, imaging, and treatment, they prescribe narcotic painkillers—lots of them. Ruthie has become bedridden, dependent on painkillers, and hopeless, when an X-ray reveals that the wire used to fuse her spine is piercing her brain stem. Without another staggeringly expensive experimental surgery, she could well become paralyzed, but in many ways, she already is. Ruthie goes into the hospital in chronic pain, dependent on prescription painkillers, and leaves the same way. She can still walk but has no idea where she ’ s going. As her life unravels, Ruthie returns home to Louisiana and sets out on a journey to learn joy again. She trades fentanyl for sunsets and morphine for wildflowers, weaning herself off of the drugs and beginning the process of healing—of coming home to her body. Raw and redemptive, *There I Am* is not just about the magic of optimism, but the work of it. Ruthie ’ s extraordinary memoir “ like going on a walk with a best friend and listening to a life-changing speech at the same time: it ’ s equal parts familiar and profound, warm and insightful, comforting and challenging, relatable and unlike anything you ’ ve read before ” (Mari Andrew, New York Times bestselling author).

Lucky Broken Girl Tyndale House Publishers, Inc.

Meet me at the train museum after dark. Dress for 1957. When Mandy joins an online dating service, she keeps her expectations low. All she wants is a distraction from the drudgery of single parenthood and full-time work. But the invitation she receives from a handsome man who won't share his real name promises an adventure-and a chance to pretend she's someone else for a few hours. She doesn't want romance to complicate her life, but Mandy's monthly role-playing dates with her stranger on a train-each to a different time period-become the erotic escape she desperately needs. And a soul connection she never expected. Yet when she tries to draw her lover out of the shadows, Mandy has a fight on her hands...to convince him there's a place for their fantasy love in the light of day.

Mountain Mystic Loveswept

THE LITTLE WAY OF RUTHIE LEMING follows Rod Dreher, a Philadelphia journalist, back to his hometown of St. Francisville, Louisiana (pop. 1,700) in the wake of his younger sister Ruthie's death. When she was diagnosed at age 40 with a virulent form of cancer in 2010, Dreher was moved by the way the community he had left behind rallied around his dying sister, a schoolteacher. He was also struck by the grace and courage with which his sister dealt with the disease that eventually took her life. In Louisiana for Ruthie's funeral in the fall of 2011, Dreher began to wonder whether the ordinary life Ruthie led in their country town was in fact a path of hidden grandeur, even spiritual greatness, concealed within the modest life of a mother and teacher. In order to explore this revelation, Dreher and his wife decided to leave Philadelphia, move home to help with family responsibilities and have their

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three children grow up amidst the rituals that had defined his family for five generations—Mardi Gras, L.S.U. football games, and deer hunting. As David Brooks poignantly described Dreher's journey homeward in a recent New York Times column, Dreher and his wife Julie "decided to accept the limitations of small-town life in exchange for the privilege of being part of a community."

Along Came Trouble Loveswept

Sparring has never been so sweetly seductive as in this delicious romance from Debra Dixon, who entangles a sassy workaholic with a formerly buttoned-down and bottled-up hero determined to show her how to seize the day. Sam Tucker isn't the kind of man to wait for an invitation, not when his mission is to help business executive Clare McGuire learn the joys of losing control. He's a man who truly appreciates living in the moment. Can he tempt his beautiful apprentice into doing the same? Convinced Sam only wants to change her, Clare insists she likes her life just as it is. Until, that is, the free-spirited, hold-your-breath-handsome professor kisses her with a fiery need that echoes her own. Loving Sam means having fun, living life to the fullest, and putting old sorrows to rest—if she dares to take a chance. Includes a special message from the editor, as well as excerpts from these Loveswept titles: *All Is Fair . . .*, *Bad to the Bone*, and *Rescuing Diana*.

Roman Holiday: The Adventure Continues Loveswept

In this fun, scorching-hot eBook original romance by RITA finalist and New York Times bestselling author Ruthie Knox, a cross-country bike adventure takes a detour into unexplored passion. As readers will discover, *Ride with Me* is not about the bike! When Lexie Marshall places an ad for a cycling companion,

she hopes to find someone friendly and fun to cross the TransAmerica Trail with. Instead, she gets Tom Geiger—a lean, sexy loner whose bad attitude threatens to spoil the adventure she's spent years planning. Roped into the cycling equivalent of a blind date by his sister, Tom doesn't want to ride with a chatty, go-by-the-map kind of woman, and he certainly doesn't want to want her. Too bad the sight of Lexie with a bike between her thighs really turns his crank. Even Tom's stubborn determination to keep Lexie at a distance can't stop a kiss from leading to endless nights of hotter-than-hot sex. But when the wild ride ends, where will they go next? Includes a special message from the editor, as well as excerpts from these Loveswept titles: *In the Arms of the Law*, *Ivy Secrets*, and *Because of You*.

The Camelot Series 4-Book Bundle Moody Publishers

A tour de force from acclaimed author Alan Gratz (*Prisoner B-3087*), this timely -- and timeless -- novel tells the powerful story of three different children seeking refuge. A New York Times bestseller!**JOSEF** is a Jewish boy living in 1930s Nazi Germany. With the threat of concentration camps looming, he and his family board a ship bound for the other side of the world . . .**ISABEL** is a Cuban girl in 1994. With riots and unrest plaguing her country, she and her family set out on a raft, hoping to find safety in America . . .**MAHMOUD** is a Syrian boy in 2015.

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With his homeland torn apart by violence and destruction, he and his family begin a long trek toward Europe . . . All three kids go on harrowing journeys in search of refuge. All will face unimaginable dangers -- from drownings to bombings to betrayals. But there is always the hope of tomorrow. And although Josef, Isabel, and Mahmoud are separated by continents and decades, shocking connections will tie their stories together in the end. This action-packed novel tackles topics both timely and timeless: courage, survival, and the quest for home.

#### Ruthie's Day at the Fair Loveswept

Everest. If they can make it there, they can make it anywhere. Maybe even New York, where Ruthie Knox takes her charming rom-com style to new heights. Beneath her whole “ classic English beauty ” appearance is an indomitable spirit that has turned Rosemary Chamberlain into something of a celebrity mountain climber. But after an Everest excursion takes a deadly turn, Rosemary is rescued by her quick-thinking guide, New York native Kal Beckett. Rosemary ’ s brush with death brings out a primal need to celebrate life—and inspires a night of steamy sex with the rather gorgeous man who saved her. The son of a famous female climber with a scandalous past, Kal Beckett is still trying to find himself. In the Zen state of mind where Kal spends most of his time, anything can happen—like making love to a fascinating

stranger and setting off across the world with her the next morning. But as their lives collide in the whirlwind of passion that is New York City, the real adventure is clearly just beginning. . . . Ruthie Knox ’ s irresistible New York novels can be read together or separately: TRULY | MADLY | COMPLETELY Praise for Completely “ Love is Completely. . . . It was amazing to see the characters from other stories in the New York series. Even the secondary characters are vibrant with life. Ruthie Knox, you engage my mind and heart. . . . Highly recommended. ” —The Book Nympho “ Deeply authentic . . . enchanting and grounded . . . I could not stop turning pages and was completely invested. ” —All About Romance “ Yet again, Ruthie Knox has expertly crafted a story full of love, passion, and hope, one that will speak to many romance readers. . . . It ’ s full of . . . sensuality. ” —Nick and Nereyda ’ s Infinite Booklist “ I ’ ve loved everything that Ruthie Knox has written, and Completely is no exception. . . . Even though Rosemary and Kal meet in a situation that is far from ordinary, the issues . . . between them still feel real, as does the love they have unexpectedly found with each other. And it ’ s marvelous. I don ’ t know where Ruthie Knox is going next, or what terrific new stories she ’ s planning to tell. But I know that I plan to be there whenever she tells them. ” —Reading Reality “ Completely is an entertaining ‘ opposites attract ’ romance. Ruthie Knox

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created flawed, yet engaging characters [who are] quirky and amusing. . . . Fans of A.M. Madden and Katie MacAlister will enjoy Completely.” —Harlequin Junkie

About Last Night Createspace Independent Publishing Platform You ' ve Got Mail meets How to Eat a Cupcake in this delightful novel about a talented chef and the food critic who brings down her restaurant—whose chance meeting turns into a delectable romance of mistaken identities. In downtown Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Lou works tirelessly to build her beloved yet struggling French restaurant, Luella ' s, into a success. She cheerfully balances her demanding business and even more demanding fiancé ...until the morning she discovers him in the buff—with an intern. Witty yet gruff British transplant Al is keeping himself employed and entertained by writing scathing reviews of local restaurants in the Milwaukee newspaper under a pseudonym. When an anonymous tip sends him to Luella ' s, little does he know he ' s arrived on the worst day of the chef ' s life. The review practically writes itself: underdone fish, scorched sauce, distracted service—he unleashes his worst. The day that Al ' s mean-spirited review of Luella ' s runs, the two cross paths in a pub: Lou drowning her sorrows, and Al celebrating his latest publication. As they chat, Al playfully challenges Lou to show him the best of Milwaukee and she ' s game—but only if they never discuss work, which Al readily agrees to. As they explore the city ' s local delicacies and their mutual attraction, Lou ' s restaurant faces closure, while Al ' s column gains popularity. It ' s only a matter of time before the two fall in love...but when the truth comes out, can Lou overlook the past to chase her future? Set in the lovely, quirky heart of Wisconsin, *The Coincidence of Coconut Cake* is a charming love story of misunderstandings, mistaken identity,

and the power of food to bring two people together. And don ' t forget to check out Amy E. Reichert ' s fun new novel *The Simplicity of Cider*, available now!

Ruthie and the (Not So) Teeny Tiny Lie Hogarth

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY LIBRARY JOURNAL AND RT BOOK REVIEWS • In this scorching-hot Camelot novel from RITA finalist and bestselling author Ruthie Knox, a no-strings fling looks an awful lot like falling in love—or flirting with disaster. Fresh out of a fiasco of a marriage, Katie Clark has retreated to her hometown to start over. The new Katie is sophisticated, cavalier, and hell-bent on kicking butt at her job in her brother ' s security firm. But on her first assignment—digging up the truth about the stalker threatening a world-famous singer-songwriter—Katie must endure the silent treatment from a stern but sexy partner who doesn ' t want her help . . . or her company. Sean Owens knows that if he opens his mouth around Katie, she ' ll instantly remember him as the geeky kid who sat behind her in high school. Silence is golden, but he can ' t keep quiet forever, not with Katie stampeding through their investigation. It ' s time for Sean to step up and take control of the case, and his decade-old crush. If he can break through Katie ' s newfound independence, they just might find they make a perfect team—on the road, on the job, and in bed. Praise for *Flirting with Disaster* “ Knox ' s Camelot, Ohio, books showcase just what this author does best, create love stories that feature real people in situations that readers can understand and with which they can empathize. . . . Additionally, she writes absolutely smoking-hot love scenes! Her heroes and her heroines redeem and save each other. Love doesn ' t conquer all, but it makes life a whole lot sweeter.” —Library Journal “ *Flirting with Disaster* is, at heart, a love story and it ' s one that Ms. Knox makes sweet and sexy. The scenes between

Sean and Katie are filled with wit and want.” —All About Romance “What I love most about the way Ruthie Knox writes is her fantastic ability to turn the ordinary into something very special. . . . There were so many moments in the book that made me smile and laugh, and that’s the beauty of her writing. I was rooting for both Katie and Sean throughout the entire book, and I was very satisfied with how it came about.” —Paranormal Haven “Two thumbs up for this author who has this girl crushing hard on her stories!” —Living in a Fictional World “Her ability to infuse her writing with such humor and heart is what makes it so appealing to readers. I can always count on Knox to make me smile with one of her books.” —Under the Covers “Sean and Katie are a couple that you must get to know. They’re charming together, a perfect fit and I loved their banter and play on page. Tack on a sweet epilogue at the end, and Flirting with Disaster is one very satisfying read.” —Happily Ever After-Reads “A great new voice in contemporary romance. . . . hilarious, heartfelt, and hot.” —New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Kristan Higgins “I’ll read anything by Ruthie Knox—her books are always sexy, funny, beautifully poignant, and honest.” —Molly O’Keefe, bestselling author of Crazy Thing Called Love Includes a special message from the editor, as well as excerpts from these Loveswept titles: How to Misbehave, Along Came Trouble, and About Last Night. Roman Holiday: The Adventure Begins Univ of California Press Ashley and Roman’s passionate tug of war continues in this second eBook bundle of Ruthie Knox’s original serial, Roman Holiday, featuring five more scintillating episodes. EPISODE 6: MISTAKEN EPISODE 7: RENOUNCED EPISODE 8: STRIPPED EPISODE 9: TRANSFORMED EPISODE 10: CLAIMED Ashley Bowman thought she had a lot at stake when she chained herself to a palm tree in front of her late grandmother’s vacation resort. But that was before she met real-estate

developer Roman Díaz. With one hot kiss from his perfect lips, everything changes between them. Suddenly, saving her happy memories seems less appealing than making some new memories. . . . the kind you don’t want to share with your grandmother. Until now, Roman’s whole life has been about climbing the corporate ladder. But after one week with Ashley, his ladder seems to be missing a few really important rungs. Like love. And desire. And really, really great sex. How could one woman make him feel so wild and so reckless in such a short amount of time? Now Roman must find a way to reconcile the freedom he feels in Ashley’s orbit with the dream he’s worked so hard for—a dream that, if fulfilled, might just break Ashley’s heart. Praise for Ruthie Knox “A great new voice in contemporary romance. . . . hilarious, heartfelt, and hot.” —New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Kristan Higgins “Knox writes incredible romance.” —RT Book Reviews “I’ll read anything by Ruthie Knox—her books are always sexy, funny, beautifully poignant, and honest.” —Molly O’Keefe, bestselling author of Crazy Thing Called Love “One of the reasons I so like [Ruthie Knox’s] work is because [her] heroines are women I personally can relate to.” —Dear Author The Little Way of Ruthie Leming Vintage Winner of the 2018 Pura Belpre Award! “A book for anyone mending from childhood wounds.” —Sandra Cisneros, author of The House on Mango Street In this unforgettable multicultural coming-of-age narrative—based on the author’s childhood in the 1960s—a young Cuban-Jewish immigrant girl is adjusting to her new life in New York City when her American dream is suddenly derailed. Ruthie’s plight will intrigue readers, and her powerful story of strength and resilience, full of color, light, and poignancy, will stay with them for a long time. Ruthie Mizrahi and her family recently emigrated from Castro’s Cuba to New York City. Just when she’s finally beginning to gain

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confidence in her mastery of English—and enjoying her reign as her neighborhood 's hopscotch queen—a horrific car accident leaves her in a body cast and confined her to her bed for a long recovery. As Ruthie 's world shrinks because of her inability to move, her powers of observation and her heart grow larger and she comes to understand how fragile life is, how vulnerable we all are as human beings, and how friends, neighbors, and the power of the arts can sweeten even the worst of times.

Midnight Hour Penguin

Audisee® eBooks with Audio combine professional narration and sentence highlighting for an engaging read aloud experience! The picture book inspiration for the Academy Award-winning film *The Green Book* Ruth was so excited to take a trip in her family's new car! In the early 1950s, few African Americans could afford to buy cars, so this would be an adventure. But she soon found out that black travelers weren't treated very well in some towns. Many hotels and gas stations refused service to black people. Daddy was upset about something called Jim Crow laws . . . Finally, a friendly attendant at a gas station showed Ruth's family *The Green Book*. It listed all of the places that would welcome black travelers. With this guidebook—and the kindness of strangers—Ruth could finally make a safe journey from Chicago to her grandma's house in Alabama. Ruth's story is fiction, but *The Green Book* and its role in helping a generation of African American travelers avoid some of the indignities of Jim Crow are historical fact.

Along Came Trouble Loveswept

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY LIBRARY JOURNAL \* RITA finalist and bestselling author Ruthie Knox's Camelot series heats up in this sizzling novel featuring two headstrong souls who bump heads--and bodies--as temptation and lust bring nothing but delicious trouble. An accomplished lawyer and driven single mother, Ellen Callahan isn't looking for any help. She's doing just fine on her own. So Ellen's more than a little peeved when her brother, an international pop star, hires a security guard to protect her from a prying press that will stop at nothing to dig up dirt on him. But when the tanned and toned Caleb Clark shows up at her door, Ellen might just have to plead the fifth. Back home after a deployment in Iraq and looking for work as a civilian, Caleb signs on as Ellen's bodyguard. After combat in the hot desert sun, this job should be a breeze. But guarding the willful beauty is harder than he imagined--and Caleb can't resist the temptation to mix business with pleasure. With their desires growing more undeniable by the day, Ellen and Caleb give in to an evening of steamy passion. But will they ever be able to share more than just a one-night stand? Praise for *Along Came Trouble* "Knox's Camelot, Ohio, books showcase just what this author does best, create love stories that feature real people in situations that readers can understand and with



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*How to Misbehave: A Novella Forever*

In this uncanny tale of romance from bestselling author Debra Dixon, the new doctor in town falls for a late-night-TV temptress, who in turn is spooked by the promise of love. Her voice enticed him from the start. So when Dr. Nick Devereaux gets a glimpse of Midnight Mercy Malone, the local TV-horror-movie hostess, he 's overcome with a desire to keep her up all night. Still, he likes her even better out of her slinky costumes, an everyday beauty who has him prescribing house calls. Every red-blooded male in Louisville tunes into *The Midnight Hour* for its heartbreaker of a hostess, but Mercy 's lusty alter ego has a way of scaring them off in person. Offscreen, she 's never risked getting her heart broken—until Nick shows up at her doorstep. She can feel the heat from his body. His exotic Cajun accent gives her goosebumps. And the mischief in his eyes dares her to run—just so Nick can enjoy the chase. Includes a special message from the editor, as well as excerpts from these Loveswept titles: *All Is Fair . . .*, *Bad to the Bone*, and *Rescuing Diana*.

Someone Worth Saving Loveswept

The wait is over with this eBook bundle that includes all ten episodes of Ruthie Knox 's steamy, irresistible serial, *Roman Holiday*. Like all the greatest road trips, Ashley and Roman 's journey is full of unforgettable twists and turns. But what 's their final destination? EPISODE 1: CHAINED EPISODE 2: HITCHED EPISODE 3: BLINDSIDED EPISODE 4: RAVAGED EPISODE 5: IGNITED EPISODE 6: MISTAKEN EPISODE 7: RENOUNCED EPISODE 8: STRIPPED EPISODE 9: TRANSFORMED EPISODE 10: CLAIMED Ashley Bowman has always been impetuous, but even she is a little shocked when she chains herself to a palm tree in the

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Florida Keys hours before a hurricane is due to blow in. It's all with the hope of saving her childhood home from a heartless Miami developer. But the moment she meets Roman Díaz she realizes he does have a heart—it's just encased in ice. Ashley's determined to get Roman to crack . . . even if she has to drag him all over the eastern seaboard to do it. Roman can hardly believe he's been talked into driving across the country with this brazen wild child in a skimpy bikini. He tells himself he had no choice—Ashley insists he meets the elderly snowbirds whose community will be displaced by his career-making development deal. But in truth he knows that there's something about Ashley that makes him want to get a little wild himself . . . and the closer they get, the more tempted he becomes. Praise for Ruthie Knox "A great new voice in contemporary romance . . . hilarious, heartfelt, and hot." —New York Times and USA Today bestselling author Kristan Higgins "Knox writes incredible romance." —RT Book Reviews "I'll read anything by Ruthie Knox—her books are always sexy, funny, beautifully poignant, and honest." —Molly O'Keefe, bestselling author of *Crazy Things Called Love* "One of the reasons I so like [Ruthie Knox's] work is because [her] heroines are women I personally can relate to." —Dear Author

*Craving Grace Loveswept*

Since 1980, the number of people in U.S. prisons has increased more than 450%. Despite a crime rate that has been falling steadily for decades, California has led the way in this explosion, with what a state analyst called "the biggest prison building project in the history of the world." *Golden Gulag* provides the first detailed explanation for that buildup by

looking at how political and economic forces, ranging from global to local, conjoined to produce the prison boom. In an informed and impassioned account, Ruth Wilson Gilmore examines this issue through statewide, rural, and urban perspectives to explain how the expansion developed from surpluses of finance capital, labor, land, and state capacity. Detailing crises that hit California's economy with particular ferocity, she argues that defeats of radical struggles, weakening of labor, and shifting patterns of capital investment have been key conditions for prison growth. The results—a vast and expensive prison system, a huge number of incarcerated young people of color, and the increase in punitive justice such as the "three strikes" law—pose profound and troubling questions for the future of California, the United States, and the world. *Golden Gulag* provides a rich context for this complex dilemma, and at the same time challenges many cherished assumptions about who benefits and who suffers from the state's commitment to prison expansion.

### Room at the Inn (Novella) Loveswept

Charged with the mystery of childhood, with curiosity and daring, confusion and fear, the eleven interrelated stories in *Useful Gifts* explore what Ruthie knows. The youngest child of profoundly deaf parents living in Manhattan in the 1940s and 1950s, Ruthie Zimmer speaks and signs. Interpreting for her parents, she tries to make sense of worlds as close as her family's fourth-floor apartment, as expansive as her rooftop playground and as diverse as the neighborhood below. The ways of language, its ways, its habits, its humor—as well as the demons that rise within us when

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we fail to communicate—form an undercurrent in many of Carole Glickfeld's stories. In "What My Mother Knows" Hannah Zimmer gleans the neighborhood gossip from her apartment window, telling Ruthie in a gesture that Mrs. Frangione is pregnant again, and announcing in clipped, terse signs that the O'Briens have divorced. "Know drunk?...Unhappy, fight, wife, divorce." There is, in "My Father's Darling" the hoarse, choked screaming of Albert Zimmer, "Honorfatherhonorfatherhonorfather" striking his daughter Melva as she sinks to the floor muttering "Miser miser miser miser" in the distant, disembodied voice of a ventriloquist. And, in "Talking Mama-Losh'n" there is Sidney, Ruthie's older brother, "getting down to business," sprinkling his speech with Yiddish, French and German—words that project a wisdom and cosmopolitanism he clearly craves. Three floors below the Zimmer apartment, Ruthie enters the altogether different realm of Dot, a thrice-married hatcheck girl, and her daughter and son, Glory and Roy Rogers. These are characters who, as their names seem to promise, bring adventure and excitement—from acted-out fantasies of Hollywood to gunfights amid the rooftop battlements of "Fort Arden," from impulsive, stylish haircuts to Chinese food with pork. And, across the stoop, Ruthie visits with the Opals family—Iris, Ivy, and Lone—three daughters whose endless lessons in charm, elocution and posture prime them for future "fame and glory." In *Useful Gifts*, Carole Glickfeld creates, through the optimistic voice of a young girl, intimacy with the complexity and heartbreak of a world we hope she can survive. In the closing story of the collection, Ruth Zimmer, twenty years older, retraces her neighborhood—not only to preserve her memories but to understand, finally, their effect on her now, a grown woman living three thousand miles away.

#### *Ride with Me Loveswept*

Sometimes first loves burn bright, then flicker out. But in this heartwarming eBook novella from RITA finalist and New York Times bestselling author Ruthie Knox, it's never too late for a second chance at true love. Ambitious and driven, Carson Vance couldn't wait to escape the small town where he was born. But now that Carson is back to spend Christmas with his ailing father, he must face all the people of Potter Falls he's left behind. Topping that list is Julie Long, who's sacrificed so much for Carson's family, and whose heart he broke once upon a time. Now the proprietor of the local inn, Julie has blossomed from a shy schoolgirl into a successful, seductive, independent woman—everything that Carson's looking for in a relationship. But despite several steamy encounters under the mistletoe, Julie refuses to believe in happily ever after. Now Carson must convince Julie that he's back for good—and that he wants her in his life for all the holidays to come.