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## Love, Honor, and Betray Dafina

A young woman pays a devastating price for freedom in this heartrending and breathtaking novel of the nineteenth-century South. 1850. I was six years old the day Lewis Holt came to take me away. Born into slavery, light-skinned Dahlia never knew her mother--or what happened to her. When Dahlia's father, the owner of Vesterville plantation, takes her to work in his home as a servant, she's desperately lonely. Forced to leave behind her best friend, Bo, she lives in a world between black and white, belonging to neither. Ten years later, Dahlia meets Timothy Ross,

an Englishman in need of a wife. Reinventing herself as Lily Dove, Dahlia allows Timothy to believe she's white, with no family to speak of, and agrees to marry him. She knows the danger of being found out. She also knows she'll never have this chance at freedom again. Ensnared in the Ross mansion, Dahlia soon finds herself held captive in a different way--as the dutiful wife of a young plantation owner who has set his sights on a political future. But when Bo arrives on the estate in shackles, Dahlia decides to risk everything to save his life. With suspicions of her true identity growing and a bounty

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hunter not far behind, Dahlia must act fast or pay a devastating price. *Best-Kept Secret* Hachette UK  
"Monroe keeps the suspense high, and readers will draw a bated breath with the turn of each page." –Booklist  
Dolores Reese spent her childhood in foster care, like Floyd Watson, a local boy who intrigues her from the moment they meet. When one bad decision sends an innocent Floyd to prison for life, Dolores promises to stick by him. But while Floyd's world stands still, Dolores meets a new man who promises her the

kind of future she's always wanted—the kind she once imagined having with Floyd. But when Floyd is suddenly freed on new evidence, Dolores is torn and must make a fateful decision. And if she isn't careful, Dolores just might find out what happens when love, dishonesty, and dangerous jealousy collide. "Monroe serves up a tasty dish of murder, deception, lust, and just deserts." –Library Journal  
"Full of all the drama and humor that Mary Monroe is known for." –Urban Reviews  
*What Passes as Love* Lenox Press

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From the acclaimed author of "Sin No More" comes a poignant and witty story of a wife, a husband, and a few surprises that will change their lives forever.

The Favorite Son Grand Central Publishing

Read this standalone novel from New York Times bestselling author of the Reverend Curtis Black series, Kimberla Lawson Roby. Paige Donahue has always lived in her sister Camille's shadow. As children, Camille had the grades, the friends, and their parents' love, while Paige was left with hand-me-downs and criticism. Now as adults, Camille lives an idyllic life with her husband, Pierce, and her two perfect children in a beautiful home, while Paige is stuck in a small condo with bills she can't afford to pay. But no more. With seeds of doubt planted in both Camille's and Pierce's minds, Paige's plan to steal her brother-in-law starts to work. But when he reveals his decision to make his marriage work, a desperate Paige moves from envy to madness. What results from her

dangerous scheme is something no one could have imagined.

**Sin No More** Harper Collins

The New York Times bestselling novel from the author of the Reverend Curtis Black series. Denise and Derrek Shaw are the perfect American couple. Happily married for fifteen years, they have a wonderful daughter, Mackenzie, successful careers, and a beautiful home in a posh Chicago suburb. They are attractive, respected . . . and hiding a shocking secret: a dangerous addiction to drugs. It started innocently enough. Denise occasionally used prescription drugs to help her deal with the long hours and demanding nature of her job. Derrek, also under pressure at work, began using cocaine socially with some of his colleagues. They can quit whenever they want to. At least, that's what Denise would like to believe . . . As her job becomes more stressful, Denise can no longer

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get through the day without a fix. Derrek realizes his harmless habit has become anything but, and desperately wants to get clean. However, his attempts are derailed when there is a sudden family tragedy. Once soul mates, now this husband and wife are quickly losing the immense love that had been the cornerstone of their marriage. With her parents spiraling out of control, Mackenzie makes an unexpected move to take matters into her own hands. Is her sacrifice too late-or is there still hope? Is there a final chance to save the Shaw family?

When the Sun Goes Down St. Martin's Paperbacks

The infamous Reverend Curtis Black's sordid past is no secret, as his wife, Charlotte, is well aware. But when Curtis' long-time mistress and mother of his illegitimate two-year-old, dies, he

and Charlotte have no choice but to raise Curtina together. While the living, breathing reminder of her husband's infidelity infuriates Charlotte, Curtis couldn't be happier to finally have his whole family together. Despite her best efforts to keep her feelings hidden, Charlotte resents Curtina, taking her emotions out on the young girl. When confronted about her behavior Charlotte starts spending time away from home, all the while getting closer to her ex-boyfriend. Curtis appears to devote himself to his parish and the new church they're building, but is he really focusing his attention on the female parishioners trying to lure him into bed? Suddenly Curtis and Charlotte find themselves

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slipping into dangerous territory, and not even Curtis' seven-figure salary can prevent what is about to happen.

*Secret Obsession* Grand Central Publishing

Ex-marine Noah Bradford promises to protect former UN translator Lyssa Cafferty from the serial killer who killed her fiancé and is now targeting her, and only together can they crack the killer's messages.

**Big Girls Do Cry** Grand Central Publishing  
Being the son of the famous Senator Rhodes thrust Blake into the limelight from a very young age. After surviving a kidnapping when he was eight years old, he knew that he wanted to follow his father into the political arena. But bumping into a beautiful starlet at a charity event turns his life upside down, all

because of a stolen kiss. Robin is at the top of her career. So it's only natural that she wants to enjoy her success. But with that success come the standard creeps and stalkers. After rumors of a relationship between her and a young congressmen go public, things take a much darker turn.

**The Perfect Marriage** KR Press, LLC  
Kimberla Lawson Roby returns with another moving and triumphant novel about a woman who, against all odds, battles the most blatant kind of workplace discrimination while dealing with a crumbling marriage and a trusted friend's betrayal. On the surface, Anise seems to have it all: a successful career, a solid marriage, and good friends. But when she applies for a promotion at work, she loses out to a white colleague who isn't nearly as qualified for the job. However, the problem at work is only the beginning of Anise's troubles. After being married for four seemingly blissful

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years, she discovers that her husband is having an affair. And to make matters worse, her best friend at work is keeping dangerous secrets. But Anise is no quitter. As brave as she is determined, she reaches deep inside her soul to find the strength and courage to overcome heartbreak and stay her course. Ultimately, she will discover that what is worth having is worth fighting for -- in her career and, most importantly, in her heart. With a compelling plot and writing that captures every emotion, *A Taste of Reality* is a deeply poignant and unforgettable story.

10 Lucky Things That Have Happened to Me Since I Nearly Got Hit by Lightning Grayton Press

Reverend Curtis Black--surely one of the cleverest ne'er-do-wells ever to set foot in a church--is starting over. He has a new job, a new wife, and a newfound

will to follow the straight and narrow path of righteousness.

Behind Closed Doors Harper Collins  
From New York Times bestselling author Kimberla Lawson Roby comes the ninth installment in her award-winning Reverend Curtis Black series. It's been months since Reverend Curtis learned that his wife Charlotte had affairs with two different men, and for now, he continues to be cordial and respectful to her. But he's also made it clear that once their son Matthew graduates high school, he will be filing for divorce. Charlotte, on the other hand, continues to do everything possible to make amends in hopes of saving their marriage. Unfortunately,

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Curtis is ready to move on and is being propositioned by a woman who desperately wants to become the next Mrs. Curtis Black. When the situation heads down a path that is frighteningly shocking, could it be the final blow to this once blessed union?

**Casting the First Stone** Lenox Press

The new novel in Kimberla Lawson Roby's beloved New York Times bestselling Curtis Black series that "sizzles with scandal" and is a "deliciously decadent beach read of temptation and the wages of sin" (Kirkus Reviews). Raven Black is bouncing back after her very public divorce from Dillon. He's done everything he can to discredit her, but she's learned from her mistakes and him. In fact, she's become her ex-husband in more ways than one and is slowly but surely leading those connected to her down a terrible path of

destruction. Playing with the lives of innocent people has dire consequences, the kind that Raven won't see coming.

Something Old, Something New Ember

In this powerful classic by New York Times bestselling author Kimberla Lawson Roby, two sisters as different as night and day must find the light in each other amid their darkest times . . . Brilliant and vibrant, Marcella Jones had the whole world in her hands, until she gave her heart to the wrong man. Tyrone was handsome and charismatic, but he left her destitute, raising two small children alone—and yearning for the kind of life her dead-end job will never provide. Marcella's elder sister, Racquel, lives in a fine home, has a

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fulfilling career and the love of Kevin, her handsome, successful, supportive husband. Yet her desperate longing for a child is driving her into a deep depression, and away from Kevin. Marcella and Racquel are so hungry for what the other has, they are tearing their lives apart. Only with each other's help can they heal the hurt and celebrate the joy of everything that's been given to them.

**A Deep Dark Secret** Grand Central Publishing  
ARE YOU THE REAL WOMAN GOD  
CREATED YOU TO BE? HAVE YOU  
WANTED TO BECOME HER— SPIRITUALLY,  
PERSONALLY, and PROFESSIONALLY?

Kimberla Lawson Roby admits that for years, she wasn't being the real woman God created her to be. Yes, she has always loved God and

tried her best to honor Him, but what she eventually discovered was that building and maintaining her own personal relationship with God—and making Him her top priority—was the key to finding joy in all areas of her life. Now, in *The Woman God Created You to Be*, Kimberla has bravely—and transparently—written about her flaws, fears, and failures, as well as her faith, courage, and successes. From experiencing divorce to marrying her soulmate of twenty-nine years...from hopelessly searching for the perfect job to becoming a New York Times bestselling author...from suffering in silence with anxiety to concentrating on self-care...from struggling with the loss of her mom to finding strength, comfort, peace, and understanding—Kimberla takes you on a journey that will help you do the following: ? Become the Best Spiritual You (Seven Days Per Week) ? Become the Best Personal You (Mentally, Emotionally, and

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Physically) ? Become the Best Professional You (Without Jeopardizing Your Faith)

Kimberla reminds us that when we trust and depend on God—heart, mind, and soul—He will empower us to do more than we ever thought imaginable. He will help us see that we are more than enough, and that He has already given us everything we need to become the women He created us to be—spiritually, personally, professionally...and beyond.

**The Reverend's Wife** Grand Central Publishing

When a dream marriage goes wrong for a mistress-turned-wife, even perfect plan for payback may mean losing it all in this sexy contemporary romance. Nicole finally has it all. She dreamed, schemed, and seduced her way to media adoration and marriage to the

lover she stole from his wife. But the honeymoon phase suddenly shatters when the groom decides to win back his ex. But if Nicole can't be the picket-fence wife, she'll be the picture-perfect, very rich widow. And sexing her ex-con first love will ensure his help—and keep her hot and satisfied through those lonely grieving nights . . . To keep her own hands clean, Nicole must spin new lies, flip new scripts—and deal with the ultimate betrayal. Keeping her enemies close means igniting secrets and revelations even Nicole doesn't see coming. And as an avalanche of scandal threatens everything she's trying to keep, the last woman standing may be the biggest loser of all . . .

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**Secret Obsession** HarperCollins

“When the sun goes down on my life, you’ll all come apart like ripped balloons.” When stingy self-made millionaire and widower Leon Farrell dies, he leaves behind a legacy of family dysfunction—and a missing will. It’s soon clear that his three grown children, Edgar, Gunther, and Shirley, don’t handle loss well—the possible loss of a fortune, that is. And when Edgar hires a private investigator to track down the will, it’s just the beginning of a search that will lead the siblings to re-visit their childhoods, uncover buried secrets, and ultimately learn for themselves what it means to be a family... Praise for the Novels of Gwynne Forster “Wise and wonderful as it points out, once again, the importance of honesty and appreciating what you have while you have it.” —Publishers Weekly on *A Different Kind of Blues*

**It's a Thin Line** Hachette UK

Alexis Fletcher hasn't had a merry Christmas in five years-not since her mother passed away in this drama filled book from New York Times bestselling author Kimberla Lawson Roby. Every December she remembers the joy her mother brought to everyone during the holiday season and feels the pain of her absence, even more so now that she and her sister are barely speaking. More than anything, Alexis wishes her family could be whole again. However, with her wedding fast approaching, Alexis might just be ready to make some holiday memories with a family of her own. Alexis's fiance, Chase Dupont, is everything she ever dreamed of. He's kind, handsome, fully supportive of Alexis's career, and the CEO of a large company. But outside forces threaten to

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derail this happy couple from ever reaching the altar. As tensions rise, a dramatic event causes Alexis to question everything. Will fate give her what she needs to finally embrace the season that has brought her so much pain? Will Alexis get her wish for a happy holiday? Or will her Christmas prayer go unanswered?

Secret Obsession Zondervan

Do family, faith--and fame--go together? In this captivating novel from award-winning author Tiffany L. Warren, two brothers reach for the stars, but are they prepared for a fall'. . . They're handsome, smart, and musically gifted. Brothers Camden and Blaine Drake have put their talents together and founded a gospel group. The quieter

one, Camden is the songwriter, while charismatic Blaine is the performer. At first, their Bishop father is against the idea--until Blaine, his favorite, wows the congregation with his performance at a church revival. Sure enough, once the bishop witnesses their effect on the crowd he wants them there every Sunday. But he may have set the stage for trouble. . . As the group's popularity grows, so do the groupies--and promiscuous Blaine is more than happy to share his love. Gigs across the country, meetings with music execs, a chance to sign with a major label, and a sexy new band member bring new connections--and dangerous new temptations. Soon, a slew of rumors and

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a shocking betrayal threaten to destroy the group--and the brothers' relationship. But one event is going to rock their world forever. Do they have enough faith, forgiveness, and brotherly love left to find harmony once more'... **Love and Lies** Grand Central Publishing Readers and critics alike can't resist New York Times bestselling author Kimberla Lawson Roby's beloved Reverend Curtis Black series. Now the classic novel that introduced the trials and triumphs of a church family and their congregation is available in a beautiful new edition—and includes a letter from the author. Tanya Black has everything a woman could want: a fulfilling career, a beautiful daughter, an elegant home, and a handsome, charismatic husband who is pastor of a

prominent Baptist church. And yet, none of it can hide the growing turbulence in her marriage. Her husband, Reverend Curtis Black, once a loving, devoted, and passionate partner, has grown remote, and Tanya is thrown into doubt about what she once cherished. When she uncovers disturbing truths, confirming scandalous rumors about Curtis, she questions all that she's ever believed in. But it is when Tanya is dealt the worst kind of betrayal a woman can face that her life is changed forever. Plunged into a bittersweet journey of discovery, she finds herself learning painful new lessons about love, loyalty—and sensual temptation—and is forced to make some very hard decisions for her daughter, herself, and her future.

[Secret Obsession \(Mills & Boon Vintage](#)

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90s Modern) Harper Collins

The Big Girls Book Club has started a new chapter of BGBC in Richmond, Virginia.

The same rules apply here: You must be at least a bodacious size 14 to join. . . Living in the plush suburbs, thirty-seven-year-old Egypt has it all--almost. She's happily married to Rashad, but there's one thing missing. They want to start a family. Enter her sister, Isis, who's moved into Egypt's McMansion with dreams of starting over. There's just one hitch: before her sister married Rashad, he was Isis's man for ten years. Isis thought she was over him, but the close quarters are creating doubts. . . Meanwhile, Lorraine--Egypt's boss and one of BGBC's newest members--may be in the running for her sorority's next national president. But Lorraine has secrets that

could ruin her if they ever see the light of day. Now these book lovers are about to learn that drama can follow you wherever you go--and that big girls do cry. . .