

## ***It Had To Be You* Susan Elizabeth Phillips**

Eden Christiansen never imagined her role as her younger brother Owen's cheerleader would keep her on the sidelines of her own life.

Sure, it feels good to be needed, but looking after the reckless NHL rookie leaves little time for Eden to focus on her own career. She dreamed of making a name for herself as a reporter, but is stuck writing obits—and starting to fear she doesn't have the chops to land a major story. If only someone would step up to mentor Owen . . . but she knows better than to expect help from team veteran and bad-boy enforcer Jace Jacobsen. Jace has built his career on the infamous reputation of his aggressive behavior—on and off the ice. Now at a crossroads about his future in hockey, that reputation has him trapped. And the guilt-trip he's getting from Eden Christiansen isn't making things any easier. But when Owen's carelessness leads to a career-threatening injury and Eden stumbles upon a story that could be her big break, she and Jace are thrown together . . . and begin to wonder if they belong on the same team after all.

The worst break-up ever . . . Could be the best thing that has ever happened to her Lizzy Spellman has been dumped. At a party. While wearing a Henry VIII costume. By the man she thought was The One. Someone even

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filmed it, so now she's a massive YouTube hit sensation too. Just when she thinks things can't get any worse, she meets the rudest, most cynical man in the world, and gets a new mission in life. To prove him wrong. Love does exist, and she's going to find it . . .

MAGGIE HAD LEARNED HER LESSON Once upon a time, sensible Maggie Fitzgerald was a starry-eyed romantic. She'd loved Jake West from their first trembling teenage kiss, when he'd vowed to make her his wife. And she'd built her future on Jake's broad shoulders, never imagining another ending... But Jake had left town, and Maggie had made a life for herself and two orphaned nieces without him. Until Jake miraculously happened upon her remote inn, ardent to make amends...and finally claim Maggie as his. Forgiveness came easy, for she'd never forgotten Jake. But did Maggie dare to believe, at long last, in happily-ever-after?

As Eden Christiansen tries to keep her younger brother and NHL rookie, Owen, in check, her own career has stalled, but hockey bad-boy Jace Jacobson may hold the answers for everyone's future. Original.

A Grayson Friends Novel

Gossip Girl: It Had to Be You

Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry

*Trust is not high on straight-talking rancher Dan Jarrett's list. He doesn't believe there are many people worthy of it. Case-in-point: his new stepfather. His widowed mother says it was love*

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*at first sight, but Dan is convinced the man is a con artist spending his mother's nest egg. And the only reason Dan's going on the family holiday cruise is to gain time to prove his suspicions. After losing both of her parents to cancer, E.R. nurse Sunny Elders cherishes any time she can spend with the loved ones she has left-her sister's family. Relaxing together on a cruise filled with love and laughter sounds like the perfect prescription for healing. And Sunny's unsinkable spirit and her maddening penchant for zany disasters provide an ample dose of both. Collision Course. Troubles Waters Ahead! Rancher Dan Jarrett, a true stickler for tradition, doesn't believe in the love-at-first sight bug that bit his widowed mom. In fact, he's sure the man she met and married on a seniors' cruise is a fraud, out to break her bankbook and her heart. Dan's mission? Endure a family holiday cruise till he gets enough proof to expose his stepfather for the scoundrel he is. But will his plans go aground when he bumps headlong into a "walking accident-waiting-to-happen" with an infectious smile? Nurse Fix-It to the Rescue! Sunny Elders is determined. True, being paired with Dan Jarrett-time after time after time-might result in disaster, but it's no coincidnece. The recent loss of her parents and her nurse's training make it impossible to ignore the obvious: This bull-headed cowpoke and his folks need help. Enter Sunny, a woman with a mission. But can she set*

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*Dan's Stetson on straight without tripping over her heart? One thing is certain: Before this hilarious high-sea adventure is over, these two stubborn hearts will hit the unfamiliar waters of trust - trust in each other and in the One who orders our steps, who knows better than we ever could exactly what - and who - we need to be whole.*

*Daniel Stephenson, a midwesterner turned Manhattanite, decides to cast aside his alter ego, Princess 2Di4, a drag performer, and take a position as an administrative assistant for Blaine Dunhill, the sexy neighbor Daniel has been ogling for quite some time.*

*Most musicians would do anything to work with the hot, young record producer known as "Rolling Deep." R.D. can pick and choose any artist he wants—and he wants Laurel Raineau. A classical violinist, Laurel plays soaring music that touches R.D. to his very soul. But the last thing Laurel wants is to work with someone whose exploits with the ladies appear in the tabloids every week. Not one to take no for an answer, R.D. keeps trying—and failing—to let Laurel know that he's not the player he's made out to be. So he introduces himself to her by his real name, Zachary Wilder, hoping to win her over. But it's Zach who falls under this beauty's spell. Now it's only a matter of time before Laurel learns who the man she's losing her heart to really is—but can she walk away from a passion*

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*An absolutely laugh out loud romance novel  
The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation  
It Had to be You*

From the New York Times bestselling author of the Lost and Found Sisters comes a heart-warming and funny story about family, friendship, and love. Ali Winters is not having a good day. Her boyfriend left her, everyone in town thinks she's a thief, and now she's about to be kicked out of her home. Her only shot at keeping a roof over her head and clearing her name is to beg for help from a police detective who's as sexy as he is stern.... After a high-profile case goes wrong, Luke Hanover returns to his hometown for some peace and quiet. Instead he finds a bombshell brunette in a heap of trouble. As he helps Ali put her world back together, the pieces of Luke's own life finally seem to fall into place. Is this the start of a sizzling fling? Or are Luke and Ali on the brink of something

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big in a little town called Lucky Harbor?

Life after Deborah reaffirms Nobbs as the best writer of comedy and observer of the nuances of human nature that there is today.

Can you sail through life despite its terms and conditions? Anuj had never imagined that his feelings for the vivacious Pakhi, who didn't even believe in love, would bloom beyond his imagination one day. Just when things get going, as always, life's plans go against theirs. This story, in its simplicity and reality, shows us the importance of love, life, friendship and dedication to change the definition of these. Journey of Two Hearts is a true story about a young couple who believes life does not have any "replay" or "rewind" button.

The Windy City isn't quite ready for Phoebe Somerville—the outrageous, curvaceous New York knockout who has just inherited the Chicago Stars football team. And Phoebe is definitely not ready for the Stars' head coach, former gridiron legend Dan Calebow, a sexist jock taskmaster with a one-track mind. Calebow is everything Phoebe abhors. And the sexy new boss is everything Dan despises—a meddling bimbo who doesn't know a pigskin from a pitcher's mound. So why is Dan drawn to the shameless sexpot like a heat-seeking missile? And why does the coach's good ol' boy charm leave cosmopolitan Phoebe feeling awkward, tongue-tied . . . and ready to fight? The sexy, heartwarming, and hilarious "prequel" to This Heart of Mine—Susan Elizabeth Phillips's New York Times bestselling blockbuster—It Had To Be You is an enchanting story of two stubborn people who believe in playing for keeps.

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It Had to Be You

Family and friendship in post-war Liverpool

1952. Orphaned as a young child, Emma Booth was raised by her

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grandparents in a Lancashire village. But when she stumbles across a letter written in 1940, the revealing contents make Emma realise everything she believed is a lie – her widowed father had, before his death at Dunkirk, married again, and left Emma with a half-sister, Betty Booth. Determined to find her, Emma is drawn away from the countryside to the austere city life of post-war Liverpool. Despite the different lives the women lead, they discover common ground and get along well. And when trouble inevitably comes, Emma rises to the challenge and in doing so finds love, taking her life in a whole new direction; meanwhile, Betty has to overcome devastation before her dream can come true.

It began -- and ended -- in 1958 when seven children searched in the drains beneath Derry for an evil creature, but in 1985, Mike, once one of those children, makes six phone calls and disinters an unremembered promise that sets off the ultimate terror.

Exchanging romantic letters with an anonymous boy on the Internet, Rebecca Lowe gets cold feet when she learns that her cyberlove someone she dislikes in school and wonders if she should discontinue the relationship. Original.

The last place he expected to find lasting love was back in his hometown.... Slater knew tragedy from a young age, but with the support of his foster family, he turned his life around. Now, back from a stint in the Navy, he's packed up his motorcycle and returned to Red Hook to help to run the family restaurant—a job that comes with a tantalizing upside. Her name is Rocki. Flirty, sweet, and outgoing, Rocki brings in crowds as the lead singer of the house band. And although she's unable to resist the charms of this intense bad boy, she refuses to open her heart to him. Until a family crisis shatters Rocki's easygoing demeanor, exposing something from her past she'd always hoped would stay hidden. But Slater knows a thing or two about family secrets—and he sets out to prove to Rocki that their relationship could finally give them both a future worth believing in.

An Easy-to-Use Guide with Clear Rules, Real-World Examples,

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and Reproducible Quizzes

A Comedy

Fahrenheit 451

*In New York in 1931, a high school junior bids for the attention of a special young man, becomes a bridesmaid in her sister's wedding, and tries to alleviate hard times brought on by the Depression.*

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*Welcome to New York City's Upper East Side, where my friends and I live in luxe Fifth Avenue apartments and attend Manhattan's most exclusive private schools. We're smart, we've inherited classic good looks, we wear fantastic clothes, and we know how to party. We can't*

*help it-we were born this way. Our story begins with three inseparable, completely gorgeous fifteen-year-olds, Serena van der Woodsen, Blair Waldorf, and Nate Archibald. Blair's loved Nate and his glittering green eyes since she was in Bonpoint onesies. Too bad Nate wishes Blair's beautiful best friend, Serena, was the one with the crush. And Serena has a secret she's keeping from them both. Hmmm, something tells me these best friends may not be as close as we thought. . . . How do I know all this? Because I know everything-and lucky for you, I can't keep a secret. So sit back while I untangle this messy little tale and tell you how it all began. Admit it, you're already falling for me. You know you love me.*  
*gossip girl*

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*It Had to Be You & All Our Tomorrows*

*Life of Pi*

*Bad Boys of Red Hook*

**James Parson has a problem. His military dad is going to yank him out of his expensive boarding school if James doesn't prove he's no longer hooking up, pulling pranks, and charming his way out of consequences. What better way to show he's now responsible than becoming the committed boyfriend of a U.S. diplomat's daughter? Level-headed, book-smart Edelweiss may have traveled the world thanks to her dad's job, but when it comes to friends and boys, she knows exactly nothing. Newly enrolled in boarding school, Edel is now on a mission to learn it**

**all. James says he'll help her experience the ultimate high school life—if she'll be his fake girlfriend. And fake is perfect, because he's exactly the kind of player she'd never date. Disclaimer: This Entangled Teen Crush book contains red-hot romance, all the feels, and a soul-mate bad boy.**

**"Nineteen Eighty-Four: A Novel", often published as "1984", is a dystopian social science fiction novel by English novelist George Orwell. It was published on 8 June 1949 by Secker & Warburg as Orwell's ninth and final book completed in his lifetime. Thematically, "Nineteen Eighty-Four" centres on the consequences of totalitarianism, mass surveillance, and repressive regimentation of persons and behaviours within society. Orwell, himself a democratic socialist, modelled the authoritarian government in the novel after Stalinist Russia. More broadly, the novel examines the role of truth and facts within politics and the ways in which they are manipulated. The story takes place in an imagined future, the year 1984, when much of the world has fallen victim to perpetual war, omnipresent government surveillance, historical negationism, and propaganda. Great Britain, known as Airstrip One, has become a province of a totalitarian superstate named Oceania that is ruled by the Party who employ the Thought Police to persecute individuality and independent thinking. Big Brother, the leader of the Party, enjoys an intense cult of personality despite the fact that he may not even exist.**

**The protagonist, Winston Smith, is a diligent and skillful rank-and-file worker and Outer Party member who secretly hates the Party and dreams of rebellion. He enters into a forbidden relationship with a colleague, Julia, and starts to remember what life was like before the Party came to power.**

**All our tomorrows: Reporter Caroline James returns to St. Louis following her fiance Michael's death and takes a job at a local newspaper, where chance brings her in contact with Michael's brother David Sloan whose faith in God provides them both with a path to healing and love.**

**A totalitarian regime has ordered all books to be destroyed, but one of the book burners suddenly realizes their merit.**

**Tears of a Tiger**

**Had To Be You**

**It Had to Be You (Weddings by Bella Book #3)**

Without money, social standing, or help, Jenna has worked her way up from a struggling Baltimore family to a position at one of Washington's most prestigious law firms. Now, Jenna is determined to become a judge. There's one obstacle in her way--senior partner Mike Matthews, who can promise her a passion like no other she's ever known.

Life of Pi is a masterful and utterly original novel that is at once the story of a young castaway who faces immeasurable

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hardships on the high seas, and a meditation on religion, faith, art and life that is as witty as it is profound. Using the threads of all of our best stories, Yann Martel has woven a glorious spiritual adventure that makes us question what it means to be alive, and to believe. The bestselling workbook and grammar guide, revised and updated! Hailed as one of the best books around for teaching grammar, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* includes easy-to-understand rules, abundant examples, dozens of reproducible quizzes, and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar to middle and high schoolers, college students, ESL students, homeschoolers, and more. This concise, entertaining workbook makes learning English grammar and usage simple and fun. This updated 12th edition reflects the latest updates to English usage and grammar, and includes answers to all reproducible quizzes to facilitate self-assessment and learning. Clear and concise, with easy-to-follow explanations, offering "just the facts" on English grammar, punctuation, and usage Fully updated to reflect the latest rules, along with even more quizzes and pre- and post-tests to help teach grammar Ideal for students from seventh grade through

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adulthood in the US and abroad For anyone who wants to understand the major rules and subtle guidelines of English grammar and usage, *The Blue Book of Grammar and Punctuation* offers comprehensive, straightforward instruction.

"A wedding planner dies and leaves the business to his wife—and his mistress. What could possibly go wrong? A charming rom-com to kick off your summer."—People  
An Elin Hilderbrand Entertainment Weekly Summer Reading Pick "The book-equivalent of a perfect first date... Highly highly recommend." —Elin Hilderbrand, #1 New York Times bestselling author "A heady kaleidoscope of romance, heartbreak, and healing that's both rich in insight and enchantingly funny." —Fiona Davis, New York Times bestselling author The author of the "emotional, hilarious, and thought-provoking" (People) novel *The Bucket List* returns with a witty and heartfelt romantic comedy featuring a wedding planner, her unexpected business partner, and their coworkers in a series of linked love stories—perfect for fans of Christina Lauren and Casey McQuiston. For the past twenty years, Liv and Eliot Goldenhorn have run *In Love in New York*, Brooklyn's beloved wedding-planning business. When Eliot dies unexpectedly, he even more

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The Gossip Girl Prequel

Nineteen Eighty-Four

*"Emotional, hilarious, and thought-provoking."*

*—People "Witty, sexy." —Los Angeles Times #1*

*Cosmopolitan Best New Books of Summer PureWow*

*Best Reads of Summer From the author of the*

*critically acclaimed "lively and engrossing parable for women of all generations" (Harper's Bazaar)*

*The Regulars, comes a deeply funny and thoughtful tale of a young woman who embarks on an unforgettable bucket list adventure. Twenty-five-*

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*old Lacey Whitman is blindsided when she's diagnosed with the BRCA1 gene mutation: the "breast cancer" gene. Her high hereditary risk forces a decision: increased surveillance or the more radical step of a preventative double mastectomy. Lacey doesn't want to lose her breasts. For one, she's juggling two career paths. Secondly, small-town Lacey's not so in touch with her sexuality: she doesn't want to sacrifice her breasts before she's had the chance to give them their hey-day. To help her make her choice, she (and her friends) creates a "boob bucket list": everything she wants do with and for her boobs before a possible surgery. This kicks off a year of sensual exploration and sexual entertainment for the quick-witted Lacey Whitman. The Bucket List cleverly and compassionately explores Lacey's relationship to her body and her future. Both are things Lacey thought she could control through hard work and sacrifice. But the future, it turns out, is more complicated than she could ever imagine. Featuring the pitch-perfect "compulsively delicious" (Redbook) prose of The Regulars, The Bucket List is perfect for fans of Amy Poepel and Sophie Kinsella.*

*An Elin Hilderbrand Entertainment Weekly Summer Reading Pick "The book-equivalent of a perfect first date... Highly highly recommend." —Elin Hilderbrand, #1 New York Times bestselling author*

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*a large city fire department, eating in their firehouses and interviewing hundreds of America's Bravest. Read one of the novels that resulted from her intense relationship with firefighters! "Kathryn Shay loves firefighters, and if you didn't love them before, you'll love them after reading some of her books featuring firefighting heroes and heroines." Judith Arnold, Romance Writer Army veteran*

*Beckett Sloan is just trying to make it through the day. After having spent twenty years in the service, he was given an opportunity to join the fire department in Hidden Cove, NY, on an elite crew called the Rescue Squad. There's one catch. He has to attend a support group for firefighters, police officers and veterans with PTSD, a malady which caused the breakup of his marriage and the estrangement of his son. At the first session, he meets Lela Allen, a former army medic, who's divorcing her army husband because of his inability to manage his own post traumatic syndrome. Though Lela and Beck are attracted to each other, they resist it. When both their children show symptoms of PTSD, common in kids of sufferers, a lasting relationship between Lela and Beck seems doomed. But fate has other things in mind for them, for their children and for two veterans of war whose experiences are also featured in the book. With the backdrop of a modern fire department and exciting fire scenes, this highly charged emotional*

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*drama will bring tears to the readers' eyes as everybody struggles through this untenable situation. Praise for Kathryn Shay's Firefighter books "Shay's powerful characters and emotional topics strike a chord with her readers and have earned her a well-deserved place among the top romance authors." Waldenbooks Romantic Reader "Powerful and compelling, this novel reinforces Shay's well-earned reputation as a first rate storyteller." Booklist*

*What if you don't get what you want from your life? Do you learn to live life with its terms and conditions? Anuj, a young professional, is just getting by from day to day when the beautiful and vivacious Pakhi walks into his life and turns it upside down. Love blossoms and Anuj is convinced that she is the one for him. But when all is going well Pakhi leaves unexpectedly, and shatters Anuj's faith in love and happy endings. To shake off his depression and restart his life, he heads to Mumbai where he meets new people-the stunning Meera, rom-com specialist Vishal, the man of reasons, Rahim Chacha, and the lovely Anushka. With their help, he begins to put his past behind, but Fate intervenes. Will Anuj be able to find the answers he desperately seeks and finally find closure? Or does life have other plans? It Had to Be You is a story that, in its simplicity, shows us the importance of love, life, family and friendship.*

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## *The Bucket List*

### *Journey of two hearts*

#### *A Novel*

Bella couldn't be happier that her long-feuding Aunt Rosa and Uncle Lazarro have finally admitted their love for one another and are getting married. Their forties-style wedding is sure to be a night to remember. But when the Rossi house begins to fill up with family from Italy--and an old mobster from New Jersey--life starts to get complicated. Will Lazarro's friend from the past drive the happy couple apart once more? And will Bella ever have time to think of her own rapidly-approaching wedding amidst the chaos? Full of laugh-out-loud humor, plenty of Italian passion, and a bit of Texas gumption, *It Had to Be You* is the satisfying conclusion to an entertaining series.

Young Cassie Logan endures humiliation and witnesses the racism of the KKK as they embark on a cross-burning rampage, before she fully understands the importance her family attributes to having land of their own.

Three boys struggle to come to terms with the death of a friend in a drunk-driving auto accident in which all four were involved, in a story told through newspaper stories, diary entries, school announcements, telephone conversations, and classroom assignments.

**THEY WERE MEANT TO BE TOGETHER** Gabriel Marsden was on a quest for the truth, and he didn't want anyone's help. This tall, dark, enigmatic man was used to living his life alone in the shadows. But then Shawna Collins fell into his arms—and she refused to let Gabriel to back to the life he had been living.... Shawna had no doubt that Gabriel was her destiny—she just

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needed to convince him that their passionate embraces meant more than he thought. But with a murderer at their backs and time running out, could Shawna convince Gabriel that the only way for them to survive was to listen to their hearts?

It Had To Be You

***Phil Claussen couldn't very well leave her out there in the middle of nowhere, shoeless and barely dressed, so he offers her a ride. When he asks why she's hitchhiking on a deserted road, she says, "Waiting for you. I've been waiting for you for a long time." "Impossible," he says. "I've never set foot in Oklahoma before." He asks more questions, but gets very few answers. They are on the road together for three days before he learns her name, Dani. He soon discovers that he's driven into a realm where events seem to be all set and waiting for his arrival, a place where his own treasured free will means very little. Falling in love with Dani becomes his favorite part of the process. But if it was all arranged so carefully before he got there, how does he wind up in jail charged with two murders and Dani as the chief witness for the prosecution?***