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APRIL SEAL OF EXCELLENCE

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Each month the *RT* editors select one book that is not only compelling, but pushes the boundaries of genre fiction. This book stands out from all the others reviewed that month, in the magazine issue and on the website. April 2015's *RT* Seal of Excellence — the editors' pick for best book of the month — is awarded to [Jennifer L. Armentrout's](#) hot and heavy new adult, *Fall With Me*.

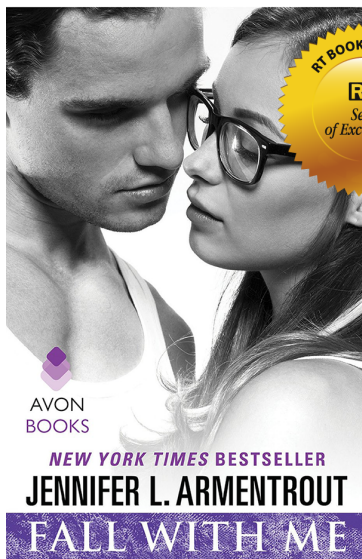
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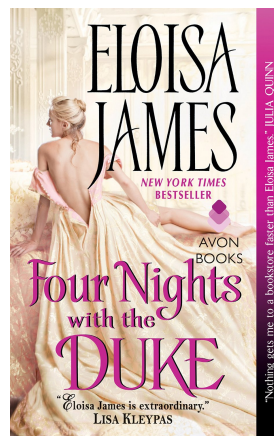
"I've been pestering everyone I know to read *Fall With Me* since I devoured it. I'm a book pusher, people. An unapologetic one. I love Armentrout's NA, and *Fall With Me* is a cut above. Roxy is so relatable, because she's a normal person. She gets along with her parents! That fact alone makes me so happy. And Reece, oh, Reece. Wait until you meet him — he's sexy and heroic and dreamy but still such a *dude*. The plot is gut wrenching, so prepare to ugly cry. Ugh, seriously it's so good. READ IT." — *Elissa Petruzzi*

"It won't take you long to fall with Reece and Roxy in this thrilling NA romance. Maybe I'm just a big softie, but Roxy's dedication to her severely injured best friend Charlie hit me right in the gut. She visits him every week in the permanent care facility he resides in, bearing a new painting made just for him. She's never given up on Charlie. And though Reece is occasionally

incredibly stubborn — sometimes I didn't know whether I'd like to hug him or hit him — the alpha cop's protective streak drew me to him pretty much immediately. But *Fall With Me* isn't just about Reece and Roxy falling in love. It's about the power of forgiveness, the generosity of forgiving others — and the necessity of forgiving yourself." — *Regina Small*

"You should probably put on yoga pants before reading *Fall With Me*, because it's basically a New Adult buffet of awesomeness. This book has so many satisfying components. A hot alpha male who isn't a possessive alphahole? Check. A quirky, creative heroine making in on her own? Yep. Throw in a mystery plot and a storyline about the heroine's gay best friend that feels all too real and you've got a book that is so intense and emotional you'll probably need a nap after." — *Elisa Verna*

Here are the other books we considered for our April 2015 Seal of Excellence Award:



"I have to admit, I've never enjoyed historical romance. It's always felt too far removed for me, too prim or prissy. And don't get me started on Olde English. But *Four Nights with the Duke* is none of those things. Instead, it's a delightful romp through Georgian England that feels as real and modern as if it were set in 2015 — well, it would if they had an SUV instead of a carriage. I have never been quite so charmed by a romance! Mia and Vander are perfectly lovely leads, and I couldn't help flying through the book to find my way to their happily ever after, but it was secondary characters like Charlie and Chuffy who really pushed this story over the top. *Eloisa James* doesn't waste a single word, and she makes excellent use of

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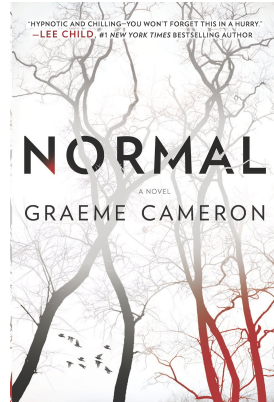


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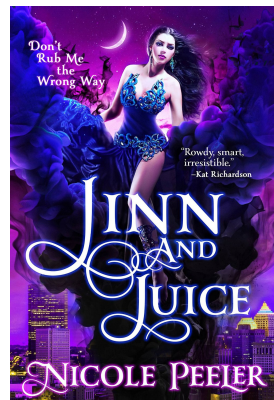
even the most tertiary characters; no one is there just to take up space — or word count. James definitely won a new fan!" — *Jennifer Peters*



"*Normal* is anything but. If anti-heros like *Dexter* and Jessica from *The Girl in 6E* catch your literary fancy you'll want to check out *Graeme Cameron's* newest protagonist. Cameron writes a thrilling suspense where you truly never know what's coming next. It's a regular girl meets boy, boy locks girl in his basement, boy meet other girl kind of story. What's serial killer to do when a crush on a grocery store clerk has him rethinking his murderous ways? This story will keep you on edge wondering who's going to make it out alive. One thing is for sure, this story is not for the faint of heart." — *Sarah McDaniel Dyer*



"Any trip to *Julie Anne Long's* Pennyroyal Green is a treat, and *It Started with a Scandal* is no exception. The town is so rich and full of wonderful characters that visiting feels like going home. Elise and Philippe's slow burn love story is sexy and lovely. Most importantly: it totally sets up Olivia and Lyon's story — out in October! " — *Elissa Petruzzi*



"Nicole Peeler's new Jinni series is off to a hilarious start with *Jinn and Juice*. Jinni Lyla is witty, sexy and just about steals the show while brainy Magi Oz throws everything you thought you knew about urban fantasy heroes out the window. The secondary characters are a riot, and the world Peeler creates out of the often underrated city of Pittsburgh will make you want to pack your bags and live under one of the city's bridges. Just be sure to avoid the trolls." — *Elisa Verna*

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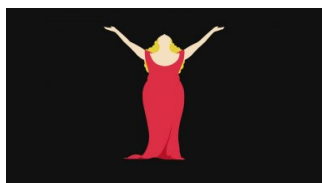
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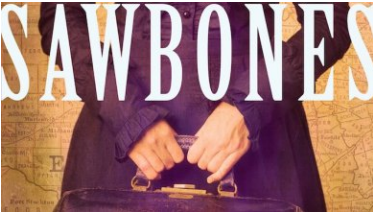
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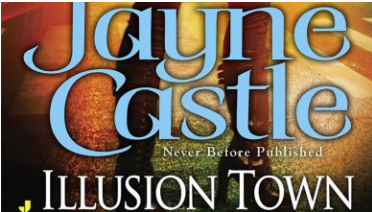
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Cover Breakdown: Jayne Castle's Illusion Town

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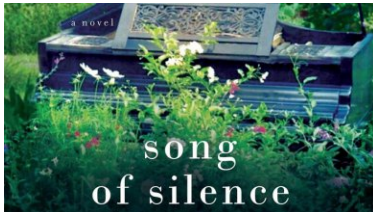
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Debut Author Spotlight: Catherine
Lowell's The Madwoman Upstairs

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Cover Reveal and Giveaway: J.A.
Rock's The Silvers

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Today we're taking a peek at J.A.

Author Q&A: Helen Lowe on
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