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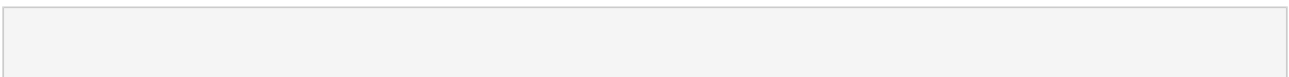
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From the Author

Most of the Mandrake Company books can be read as stand-alone adventures, but for those who want to read them in the order they were published, here is the list:

- Mercenary Instinct
- Trial and Temptation
- The Assassin's Salvation
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