

Romance Fiction

Far from being just shallow, formulaic “bodice-rippers,” romance comes in a variety of settings and styles and can range from sweet to mildly sensual, from sensual to steamy to explicit. If you’re in the mood for love, here are some authors to try.

Contemporary (includes a variety of settings, plots and characters, but these authors generally focus on the attempts of a woman to find success and happiness, both professionally and romantically)

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| Andersen, Susan | Hannah, Kristin |
| Brockmann, Suzanne | Krentz, Jayne Ann |
| Brown, Sandra | Macomber, Debbie |
| Crusie, Jennifer | Phillips, Susan Elizabeth |
| Dailey, Janet | Robards, Karen |
| Delinsky, Barbara | Roberts, Nora |
| Eagle, Kathleen | Spencer, LaVyrle |

Glitz and Glamour (flashy, filled with larger than life characters)

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| Bradford, Barbara Taylor | Michaels, Fern |
| Collins, Jackie | Sheldon, Sidney |
| Krantz, Judith | Steel, Danielle |
| McNaught, Judith | Stone, Katherine |
| Michael, Judith | Susann, Jacqueline |

African American (the ethnicity of the characters is both important and acknowledged, lending a culturally authentic flavor to the book)

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| Alers, Rochelle | Jenkins, Beverly |
| Benson, Angela | King-Gamble, Marcia |
| Berry, Bertrice | Kitt, Sandra |
| Bunkley, Anita Richmond | Louise, Kim |
| Busse, Loure | Major, Marcus |
| Craft, Francine | Mason, Felicia |
| Dickey, Eric Jerome | McGlothin, Victor |
| Ford, Bette | Millner, Denene |
| Forster, Gwynne | Poarch, Candice |
| Green, Carmen | Ray, Francis |
| Hailstock, Shirley | Riley, Mildred |
| Harris, E. Lynn | Roby, Kimberla Lawson |
| Hill, Donna | Sneed, Tamara |
| Jackson, Brenda | Snoe, Eboni |

Historical (Romantic Historicals, which feature real historical figures, and Period Romances, which are simply romances set at a particular time in history)

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| Aiken, Joan | Caldwell, Taylor |
| Balogh, Mary | Carr, Robyn |
| Beverley, Jo | Cartland, Barbara |
| Blake, Jennifer | Cookson, Catherine |

Coulter, Catherine
Dailey, Janet
Devereaux, Jude
Donati, Sara
Gabaldon, Diana
Garlock, Dorothy
Garwood, Julie
Graham, Heather
Heyer, Georgette
Holt, Victoria
Lowell, Elizabeth

Miller, Linda Lael
Plaidy, Jean
Plain, Belva
Putney, Mary Jo
Quick, Amanda
Ripley, Alexandra
Spencer, LaVyrle
Taylor, Janelle
Veryan, Patricia
Woodiwiss, Kathleen E.

Inspirational (a love story infused with religious values and beliefs)

Bergren, Lisa Tawn
Blackwell, Lawana
Crow, Donna Fletcher
Hatcher, Robin Lee
Hickman, Patricia
Hill, Grace Livingston
Holmes, Marjorie
Hunt, Angela Elwell
Kraus, Jim & Terri
Loring, Emilie
MacDonald, George

MacLean, Amanda
Morris, Gilbert
Oke, Janette
Palmer, Catherine
Pella, Judith
Phillips, Michael R.
Snelling, Lauraine
Thoene, Brodie and Brock
Turnbull, Agnes Sligh
Wells, Marian
Wick, Lori

Best Sellers

Andersen, Susan
Barnett, Jill
Beverly, Jo
Blake, Jennifer
Brandewyne, Rebecca
Brown, Sandra
Cameron, Stella
Castle, Jayne
Chase, Loretta
Coulter, Catherine
Crusie, Jennifer
Davis, Kathryn Lynn
Delinsky, Barbara
Deveraux, Jude
Dodd, Christina
Drake, Shannon
Forster, Suzanne
Gabaldon, Diana
Gaffney, Patricia
Garlock, Dorothy

Garwood, Julie
Graham, Heather
Hannah, Kristin
Henley, Virginia
Hohl, Joan
Jackson, Lisa
Johansen, Iris
Johnson, Susan
Joy, Dara
Joyce, Brenda
Kane, Andrea
Kleypas, Lisa
Krahn, Betina
Krentz, Jayne Ann
Landis, Jill Marie
Laurens, Stephanie
Macomber, Debbie
Martin, Kat
Matthews, Patricia
McNaught, Judith

Medeiros, Teresa
Michaels, Kasey
Miller, Linda Lael
Morsi, Pamela
Negggers, Carla
Phillips, Carly
Phillips, Susan Elizabeth
Putney, Mary Jo
Quick, Amanda
Quinn, Julia
Robards, Karen
Robb, J. D.
Roberts, Nora
Ross, JoAnn
Small, Bertrice
Spencer, LaVyrle
Taylor, Janelle
Wiggs, Susan