




Finding the Right Romance


Search spiciness

How hot is just right? We use four appeal terms to help you identify exactly how spicy a romance is:

 **Chaste:** This term is applied to wholesome romances that have no sex or descriptions of sexual activity.

 **Mildly Sensuous:** Slightly racier, these books have sex but the relationship is more important.

 **Steamy :** When applied to adult books, you'll find lots of vividly described sex. When used for teens, the books will have a sexy aura but no graphic detail.

 **Explicit:** The spiciest of the bunch, you'll find lots of sex, from the plainest to the kinkiest.

TRY IT

At the **Advanced Search**, enter **Steamy** (or another one of the above terms) in the search box

Select **AP Appeal Factors** from the drop-down

Click **Search**

Browse-able romance

Looking for a new love? Try our Browse by Romance page for the latest in romance. From the top menu, choose **Browse by**, then **Genre**, then pick **Romance** from the drop-down.

Find the right type of love

Romances are grouped into more than 20 subgenres, including Contemporary Romance, Historical Romance, and more. See a [list of romance subgenres](#) in Help.

TRY IT

Click **Advanced Search**

In the first box enter a genre like “**historical romances**” and select **GN Genre** from the drop-down

Click **Search**

TIP: YA romance is found in the Contemporary Romance, Historical Romance, or Paranormal Romance subgenres. Limit this search to the Teen audience to find these books.

Search favorite plot elements using [themes](#). Try searching Love abroad or Together again, by using the TH field code (for example, **TH Together again**).

LGBTQIA love stories

Use the LGBTQIA romances genre to find books featuring romantic relationships between characters of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Search **GN LGBTQIA romances** to find these titles.

We also have Recommended Reads lists for “LGBTQIA Romances” - look for them under Romance Recommended Reads on the homepage.

When to use:



Librarians: I am not a romance reader so I have trouble matching these readers with the right books.

Readers: Sometimes I want a “spicy” romance and sometimes I want one that is more “tame.”

Parents: My teen loves to read romance books, but I’m not sure how to find them.