

Romance

All romances have a central love story and an emotionally satisfying ending. Beyond that, however, romance novels can be set in any time or place, entertain any number of plot elements, or convey moods from light and humorous to dark and suspenseful. The genre of romance can be classified into various sub-genres depending on their setting and plot elements. Those sub-genres include:

Contemporary romance -- romances set after the World Wars

Historical romance -- romances set before the World Wars

Inspirational romance -- romances containing spiritual themes

Paranormal romance -- romances containing "other-worldly" elements such as magic, mystic characters or fantasy and science fiction elements

Regency romance -- romances set in England in the early 1800s

Romantic suspense -- romances containing mystery and intrigue

Web links:

Romance Writers of America (RWA) is the professional association for 9,500 published and aspiring romance writers. Members of RWA write the novels that make up 48% of all popular paperback fiction and that generate more than \$1 billion in sales each year. They honor a librarian each year and the librarian honored in 1997 was from Hennepin County.

<http://www.rwanational.org>

Midwest Fiction Writers (MFW), PO Box 24107, Minneapolis, MN 55424 and Northern Lights Writers Association bring writers and readers together. It publishes and links you to a monthly newsletter.

<http://northernlightswriters.org>

Brockman, Suzanne: Three books, *Over the Edge*; *Gone Too Far*, *Breaking Point*, FBI hostage negotiator Max Bhagat and Gina Vitagliano finally come to terms with their precarious relationship. Though the outcome is never in doubt, readers will be on the edge of their seats. (Speaking at PLA 2006)

St. John, Tina: Her writings include a medieval paranormal series. These historical romances are described as sensual having lively pace and lightning-fast dialogue. (Speaking at PLA 2006)

Some Award-winning RWA Members

Major authors in other genres who also write romance

Catherine Coulter

Barbara Delinsky

Jude Deveraux

Janet Evanovich

Julie Garwood

Nora Roberts

Romance authors - Contemporary

Susan Andersen (contemporary)

Catherine Anderson (contemporary)

Sandra Brown (contemporary)

Jennifer Crusie (contemporary, comedy)

Rachel Gibson (contemporary)

Joan Hohl (contemporary)

Jill Marie Landis (contemporary)

Debbie Macomber (contemporary)

Dinah McCall (contemporary)

Carla Neggers (contemporary)

Diana Palmer (contemporary)

Carly Phillips (contemporary)

Susan Elizabeth Phillips (contemporary comedy)

Vicki Lewis Thompson (contemporary)

Romance authors - Historical

Jill Barnett (historical)

Jennifer Blake (historical)

Loretta Chase (historical)

Phoebe Conn (historical)

Kathryn Lynn Davis (historical)

Cassie Edwards (historical)

Diana Gabaldon (historical)

Dorothy Garlock (historical)

Heather Graham (historical)

Virginia Henley (historical)

Sabrina Jeffries (historical)

Brenda Joyce (historical)

Lisa Kleypas (historical)

Betina Krahn (historical)

Kinley MacGregor (historical)

Kat Martin (historical)

Connie Mason (historical)

Linda Lael Miller (historical)

Karen Marie Moning (historical)

Bertrice Small (historical)

Jodi Thomas (historical)

Romance author - Inspirational

Kristin Hannah (inspirational)

(see Christian Authors bibliography)

Romance authors - Paranormal

Meg Cabot (paranormal)

Candace Camp (paranormal suspense)

Jayne Castle (paranormal is Jane Ann Krentz)

Christine Feehan (paranormal suspense)

Lori Foster (paranormal)

Linda Howard (paranormal)

Sherrilyn Kenyon (paranormal)

J.R. Ward (paranormal)

Romance authors - Regency

Victoria Alexander (Regency)

Mary Balogh (regency)

Jo Beverley (regency)

Rebecca Brandewyne (regency)

Eloisa James (regency)

Cathy Maxwell (regency)

Teresa Medeiros (regency)

Kasey Michaels (regency)

Mary Jo Putney (regency)

Amanda Quick (regency)

Julia Quinn (regency)

Susan Wiggs (regency)

Joan Wolf (regency)

Romance authors - Romantic Suspense

Stella Cameron (romantic suspense)

Christina Dodd (romantic suspense)

Shannon Drake (romantic suspense)

Suzanne Forster (romantic suspense)

Lisa Gardner (romantic suspense)

Kay Hooper (romantic suspense)

Charlotte Hughes (romantic suspense also Janet Evanovich)

Lisa Jackson (romantic suspense)

Susan Johnson (romantic suspense)

Andrea Kane (romantic suspense)

Elizabeth Lowell (romantic suspense)

Karen Robards (romantic suspense)

JoAnn Ross (romantic suspense)

Maggie Shayne (romantic suspense)

Christina Skye (romantic suspense)

Wendy Corsi Staub (romantic suspense)