



Romance Books -Staff Picks-

ROM Woodiwiss

Ashes in the Wind

Southerner, Alaina MacGaren, accused of being a traitor and disguised as a boy, flees her home, only to find sanctuary with Yankee surgeon, Cole Latimer. Alaina's masquerade doesn't fool Cole for long and the two fall in love while trying to build a future from the ashes of the Civil War. By Kathleen E. Woodiwiss ***

YA F McKinley *Beauty: A Retelling of the Story of Beauty & the Beast*

On a trip, Beauty's father gets lost and ends up at an enchanted castle. When he picks a rose for Beauty, the Beast, an enchanted prince who owns the castle makes him bring Beauty to live with him. When Beauty comes to love the Beast the enchantment is broken. By Robin McKinley****

ROM Kauffman *The Cinderella Rules*

Darby's kid sister cons her into taking her place in Washington D.C. to wine and dine their father's business client. But first Darby goes to the Glass Slipper, a makeover spa, to be changed from her rancher self into a glamorous socialite. On the way she meets (and falls for) the sexy heir to a business empire, who just happens to be the godson of one of Glass Slipper's "fairy godmothers." By Donna Kauffman ****

MYST Coulter *The Cove*

Everyone's looking for Sally St. John for the murder of her abusive father – her mother, the police, the FBI, her husband, her psychiatrist. FBI agent John Quinland tracks her down and wins her trust. Together they work to get her memory back and fend off all the evils that surround her. High tension and a host of suspects keep this suspenseful right up to the end! By Catherine Coulter ***

MYST Kaye *Death in the Andamans*

Copper Randal visits Valerie Masson, the daughter of the commissioner of the Islands, during the Christmas season. Their Christmas Eve picnic is interrupted by a tropical storm which leaves a plantation owner dead. Valerie and her fiancé, and Copper and her new love Nick, try to determine who the killer is. By M.M. Kaye ****

ROM Litton *Dream of Me*

Two powerful warrior lords –one Viking and one Saxon- struggle to overcome the barriers of ancient rivalries to achieve a lasting peace between the Norse and Saxon Kingdoms through an arranged

marriage. The bride, Cymbra, brings her own mystical powers to the union, helping to create a binding, far-reaching connection between the two groups. By Josie Litton ****

SCI-FI Lackey *The Fairy Godmother*

"Tradition" rules the kingdom where Elena was supposed to be her kingdom's Cinderella, but the prince intended for her is only 9 years old. Instead, she becomes the apprentice to the current fairy godmother. While testing a prince, he angers her and she turns him into a donkey and then feels badly, so she takes him home, where they begin a new tradition. By Mercedes Lackey *****

ROM Garwood *For the Roses*

Four ex-street boys become a "family" when they find an abandoned baby girl. The family moves west and the boys raise Mary Rose as their beloved little sister. When Harrison MacDonald appears at the family's Montana ranch, he and Mary Rose fall in love, but when he reveals the truth of Mary Rose's real family, it's a test for everyone. By Julie Garwood ****

ROM Gabaldon *Outlander*

While on a second honeymoon in Scotland in 1945, nurse Claire Randall goes through some standing stones and is transported back to the Scotland of 1743 and the Battle of Culloden. As she tries to discover what has happened, she is pulled into the dangerous world of the supporters of Bonnie Prince Charlie, meets her husband's evil ancestor, and falls in love with Jamie Fraser. She and Jamie work together to protect their love and their futures. By Diana Gabaldon *****

YA F Cabot ***The Princess Diaries***
Fourteen-year-old Mia, who is trying to lead a normal life as a teenage girl, is shocked to learn that her father is the prince of Genovia, a small European principality, and that she is a princess and the heir to the throne. Her adventures in Princess Lessons and high school are hilarious. By Meg Cabot ****

Sci-Fi Asaro ***Quantum Rose***
In order to protect her people, Kamoj Quanta Argali agrees to marry Jax Ironbridge, whose quixotic mood swings both attract and terrify her. The arrival of Havyrl Lionstar, a visitor from a distant planet, brings about political changes that force Kamoj into a marriage with the alien stranger instead. Quantum physics and romance! By Catherine Asaro****

YA F Klause ***Silver Kiss***
Zoe's brooding melancholy over her mother is interrupted by midnight meetings with Simon. Then she learns that he is a vampire and needs her help to free him from his three centuries long pursuit of revenge for the death of his mother. As the two fall in love they also realize there cannot be a future for them. Simon's freedom from being a vampire can only come at the price of his life. By Annette Curtis Klause *****

ROM Spencer ***Small Town Girl***
Tess McPhail left her small Missouri home town to pursue a career in Nashville. Now a megastar, she grudgingly returns home to help care for her ailing mother. Along the way, she falls in love with the boy next door and begins to appreciate the life she left behind. By LaVyrle Spencer ****

LP Pilcher ***Snow in April***
Unsure of her impending marriage, Caroline Cliburn travels to Scotland with her younger brother Jody in tow to rethink her feelings and investigate her older brother's disappearance. An inexperienced driver, Caroline crashes during an unexpected snowstorm. Uninjured from the accident, Caroline and Jody walk to the nearest home, which is the estate of Oliver Cairney, a wealthy London businessman. The attraction between the two is obvious, but the path of true love is never smooth! By Rosamunde Pilcher

ROM Grant ***The Star King***
Jas is a former pilot and divorcee who has raised two children to adulthood and then manages to become a passenger on the first spaceship to land on earth from another planet. Happily for her, her soul mate happens to be the captain of the ship and the son of the richest man in the galaxy. By Susan Grant ***

YA F Rinaldi ***A Stitch in Time***
Shortly after the War of Independence, Hannah sees her family being torn apart by old secrets and new developments, as her sister resolves to marry a sea captain and other siblings prepare to help start a new town in the Northwestern Territory. By Ann Rinaldi ****

F Austen ***Pride and Prejudice***
Wealthy Mr. Darcy and spirited Elizabeth Bennett dislike each other at first sight, and each must contend with their pride and prejudices while Elizabeth's mother plots economically advantageous marriages for all of her daughters. As the story progresses, Darcy becomes more flexible in his social views and Elizabeth becomes less rigid in her judgments until it becomes apparent that they're ideally suited for each other. By Jane Austen *****

Rom Delinsky ***Three Wishes***
This is a tale of courage, community and the magical consequences of being given a second chance. Suddenly the things that Bree has wanted most—a home, a soul mate, a family—are within her grasp. But are the wishes real? As Bree and Tom consider what their hearts truly require, they discover that to live their dreams, they will have to take unimagined risks. By Barbara Delinsky ****



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