

Romantic Reads

(for Teens)

Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist

by Rachel Cohn

High school student Nick O'Leary, member of a rock band, meets college-bound Norah Silverberg and asks her to be his girlfriend for five minutes in order to avoid his ex-sweetheart.

Scrambled Eggs at Midnight

by Brad Buckley

Alternating voices of Calliope and Elliot tell a witty, offbeat story of unexpected but auspicious first love. Featuring unforgettable characters, colorful backdrops, and even a few recipes, the tale is as funny as it is romantic.

Just Listen

by Sarah Dessen

When Annabel, the youngest of three beautiful sisters, has a bitter falling out with her best friend, the popular and exciting Sophie, she suddenly finds herself isolated and friendless. Then she meets Owen, a loner, passionate about music and his weekly radio show, and always determined to tell the truth. And when they develop a friendship, Annabel is not only introduced to new music but is encouraged to listen to her own inner voice. With Owen's help, can Annabel find the courage to speak out about what exactly happened the night her friendship with Sophie came to a screeching halt?

Hope Was Here

by Joan Bauer

When sixteen-year-old Hope and the aunt who has raised her move from Brooklyn to Mulhoney, Wisconsin to work as waitress and cook in the Welcome Stairways diner, they become involved with the diner owner's political campaign to oust the town's corrupt mayor.

13 Little Blue Envelopes

by Maureen Johnson

When seventeen-year-old Ginny receives a packet of mysterious envelopes from her favorite aunt, she leaves New Jersey to criss-cross Europe on a sort of scavenger hunt that transforms her life.

North of Beautiful

by Justina Chen Headley

Terra, a sensitive, artistic high school senior born with a facial port-wine stain, struggles with issues of inner and outer beauty with the help of her Goth classmate Jacob.

Forever

by Judy Blume

When you build up something in your mind -- really imagine it, wish for it -- sometimes, when it actually happens, it doesn't live up to your expectations. True love is nothing like that. Especially not for Katherine and Michael, who can't get enough of each other. Their relationship is unique: sincere, intense, and fun all at the same time. Although they haven't been together all that long, they know it's serious. A whole world opens up as young passion and sexuality bloom. But it's senior year of high school, and there are big changes ahead. Michael and Katherine are destined for another big "first": a decision. Is this the love of a lifetime, or the very beginning of a lifetime of love?

Rewind

by Laura Dower

It's prom night. Shy hippie chick Cady is hoping for a dance — and a hook-up — with her long-time crush, the sexy musician, Lucas. Instead, she witnesses Lucas commit an act of unforgivable cruelty toward his date, the gorgeous and popular Hope. But nothing is what it seems. As the story unfolds in backward time — retracing one senior year — we see a slowly developing photo of the truth. Roles are reversed, secret motives are exposed, and hidden desires come to the surface. This twisty tale of a love triangle gone wrong will keep readers guessing until the last revelation.

Heart on My Sleeve

by Ellen Wittlinger

While on a college visit, Chloe meets Julian, another prospective freshman, and infatuated, the two high school seniors begin a long-distance relationship. Chloe is thrilled that she'll have a boyfriend at college, although she doesn't know how to break the news to Eli, her best friend whom she's sort of dating. As Chloe and Julian prepare to meet again, they must face the question of whether their relationship is based on who they really are or who they imagine each other to be.

When It Happens

by Susane Colassanti

Reminiscent of the movie "Say Anything," a debut novel for all those searching for The One! Sara and Tobey couldn't be more different. She is focused on getting into her first-choice college; he wants to win Battle of the Bands. Sara's other goal is to find true love, so when Dave, a popular jock, asks her out, she's thrilled. But then there's Tobey. His amazing blue eyes and quirky wit always creep into her thoughts. It just so happens that one of Tobey's goals is also

to make Sara fall in love with him. Told in alternating points of view, Sara and Tobey's real connection will have everyone rooting for them from the minute they meet!

The Year of Secret Assignments

by Jaclyn Moriarty

Three female students from Ashbury High write to three male students from rival Brookfield High as part of a pen pal program, leading to romance, humiliation, revenge plots, and war between the schools.

Let It Snow: Three Holiday Romances

by John Green, Maureen Johnson, and Lauren Myracle

In three intertwining short stories, several high school couples experience the trials and tribulations along with the joys of romance during a Christmas Eve snowstorm in a small town.

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