

Pride by Ibi Zoboi

After the wealthy Darcy family moves in across the street, Zuri is forced to find common ground with Darius, while struggling with her four wild sisters, a handsome boy vying for her attention, and college applications.

When Dimple Met Rishi by Sandhya Menon

When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him.

Today Tonight Tomorrow by Rachel Lynn Solomon

It's the last day of senior year. Rowan Roth and Neil McNair have been bitter rivals for all of high school, clashing on test scores, student council elections, and even gym class pull-up contests. While Rowan, who secretly wants to write romance novels, is anxious about the future, she'd love to beat her infuriating nemesis one last time. When Neil is named valedictorian, Rowan has only one chance at victory: Howl, a senior class game that takes them all over Seattle, a farewell tour of the city she loves. But after learning a group of seniors is out to get them, she and Neil reluctantly decide to team up until they're the last players left—and then they'll destroy each other. As Rowan spends more time with Neil, she realizes he's much more than the awkward linguistics nerd she's sparred with for the past four years. And, perhaps, this boy she claims to despise might actually be the boy of her dreams.

Emergency Contact by Mary H. K. Choi

When Sam and Penny cross paths it's less meet-cute and more a collision of unbearable awkwardness. Still, they swap numbers and stay in touch—via text—and soon become digitally inseparable, sharing their deepest anxieties and secret dreams without the humiliating weirdness of having to see each other.

Love, Life, and the List by Kasie West

Aspiring artist Abby decides that in order to give her art "more heart" she will complete a list of tasks over the summer, ranging from facing a fear to falling in love, but she soon finds the list more difficult than she imagined.

Sick Kids in Love by Hannah Moskowitz

Isabel has two things: rheumatoid arthritis and a no-dating rule. It's easier than having to trust others, easier than taking chances. But that's before she meets Sasha, a boy with Gaucher disease, and wonders if he's worth the risk.

More Than Maybe by Erin Hahn

Growing up under his punk rocker dad's spotlight, eighteen-year-old Luke Greenly knows fame and wants nothing to do with it. His real love isn't in front of a crowd, it's on the page. Hiding his gift and secretly hoarding songs in his bedroom at night, he prefers the anonymous comfort of the locally popular podcast he co-hosts with his outgoing and meddling, far-too-jealousy-inspiringly-happy-with-his-long-term-boyfriend twin brother, Cullen. But that's not Luke's only secret. He also has a major un-requested crush on music blogger, Vada Carswell.



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SUGGESTED READING

Love & Gelato by Jenna Evans Welch

Lina is spending the summer in Tuscany because it was her mother's dying wish that she get to know her father. All Lina wants to do is go back home. But then she is given a journal that her mom had kept when she lived in Italy. Suddenly Lina's uncovering a world of romances, art, and hidden bakeries. A world that inspires her, along with the ever-so-charming Ren, to follow in her mother's footsteps and unearth a secret that has been kept for far too long. People come to Italy for love and gelato, someone tells her, but sometimes they discover much more.

Anna and the French Kiss by Stephanie Perkins

When Anna's romance novelist father sends her to an elite American boarding school in Paris for her senior year of high school, she reluctantly goes and meets an amazing boy who becomes her best friend, in spite of the fact that they both want something more.

Frankly in Love by David Yoon

High school senior Frank Li takes a risk to go after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans will leave him wondering if he ever really understood love- or himself- at all.

To All the Boys I've Loved Before by Jenny Han

Lara Jean has never openly admitted her crushes, but she's written each boy a letter about how she felt, and sealed it, and hid it in a hatbox under her bed. One day she finds that her secret box of letters has been mailed, and her life goes out of control.

Fangirl by Rainbow Rowell

Being consummate fans of the Simon Snow series helped Cath and her twin sister, Wren, cope as little girls when their mother left them. Now, as they start college—but not as roommates—Cath fears she is unready to live without Wren holding hand, and without her passion for Snow.

Love From A to Z by S.K. Ali

Eighteen-year-old Muslims Adam and Zayneb meet in Doha, Qatar during spring break and fall in love as both struggle to find a way to live their own truths.

Tweet Cute by Emma Lord

Meet Pepper, swim team captain, overachiever, and perfectionist. Her family may be falling apart, but their massive fast-food chain Big League Burger is booming, mainly thanks to Pepper secretly managing their massive Twitter account. Enter Jack, class clown and constant thorn in Pepper's side. When he isn't trying to duck out of his twin's shadow, he's busy working in his family's deli. His relationship with the deli might be love/hate, but when Big League Burger steals his grandma's iconic grilled cheese recipe, he'll do whatever it takes to take them down, one tweet at a time. Pepper and Jack are publicly duking it out with snarky memes and retweet battles. Little do they know, they're also falling for each other in real life- on an anonymous chat app Jack built. All's fair in love, cheese, and Twitter wars.

The Best Laid Plans by Cameron Lund

When eighteen-year-old Keely Collins decides to lose her virginity, she fears Dean, a college student, will be turned off by her inexperience, so she decides to start with lifelong friend Andrew.

The Henna Wars by Adiba Jaigirdar

Nishat's parents say she can be anyone she wants- as long as she isn't a lesbian. She doesn't want to lose her family, but she also doesn't want to hide who she is. When childhood friend Flávia walks back into her life, Nisha falls for her instantly. Then a school competition invites students to create their own business, and both Flávia and Nishat decide to showcase their talent as henna artists. As the competition heats up, Nishat has a decision to make: stay in the closet for her family, or put aside her differences with Flávia and give their relationship a chance.

10 Blind Dates by Ashley Elston

After an unexpected breakup, seventeen-year-old Sophie lets members of her large, eccentric extended family set her up on ten blind dates during Christmas vacation.

Alex, Approximately by Jenn Bennet

Seventeen-year-old Bailey moves to California to live with her father, and, perhaps, finally meet an online friend and fellow film buff. Soon she finds herself attracted to an annoying co-worker.

American Panda by Gloria Chao

A freshman at MIT, Mei Lu tries to live up to her Taiwanese parents' expectations, but no amount of tradition, obligation, or guilt prevent her from hiding several truths- that she is a germaphobe, she prefers dancing, she decides to reconnect with her estranged older brother, and she is dating a Japanese boy.

Odd One Out by Nic Stone

In Decatur, Ga., three teens in a complex love triangle navigate a fine line between friendship and romantic love. High-school junior Courtney ("Coop") can't deny his physical attraction to his neighbor and female best friend, Jupiter, whom he's loved for years. She identifies as gay, but she begins to wonder about her feelings for Coop, leading to mixed messages between them. Meanwhile, new student Rae dramatically changes Courtney and Jupiter's dynamic after befriend- ing them, and she finds herself infatuated with them both.

Opposite of Always by Justin A. Reynolds

When Jack and Kate meet at a party, bonding until sunrise over their mutual love of Froot Loops and their favorite flicks, Jack knows he's falling—hard. Soon she's meeting his best friends, Jillian and Franny, and Kate wins them over as easily as she did Jack. But then Kate dies. And their story should end there. Yet Kate's death sends Jack back to the beginning, the moment they first meet, and Kate's there again. Healthy, happy, and charming as ever. Jack isn't sure if he's losing his mind. Still, if he has a chance to prevent Kate's death, he'll take it. Even if that means believing in time travel.

You'd Be Mine by Erin Hahn

Annie Mathers is America's sweetheart and heir to a country music legacy full of all the things her Gran warned her about. Superstar Clay Coolidge is most definitely going to end up one of those things. But unfortunately for Clay, if he can't convince Annie to join his summer tour, his music label is going to drop him. Annie has been avoiding the spotlight after her parents' tragic death, except on her YouTube channel. Clay's label wants to land Annie, and Clay has to make it happen. Swayed by Clay's charm and good looks, Annie and her band agree to join the tour. From the start fans want them to be more than just tour mates, and Annie and Clay can't help but wonder if the fans are right. But if there's one part of fame Annie wants nothing to do with, it's a high-profile relationship

The Princess and the Fangirl by Ashley Poston

Imogen Lovelace is an ordinary fangirl on an impossible mission: save her favorite character, Princess Amara, from being killed off from her favorite franchise, Starfield. The problem is, Jessica Stone—the actress who plays Princess Amara—wants nothing more than to leave the intense scrutiny of the fandom behind. If this year's ExcelsiCon isn't her last, she'll consider her career derailed. When a case of mistaken identity throws look-a-likes Imogen and Jess together, they quickly become enemies. But when the script for the Starfield sequel leaks, and all signs point to Jess, she and Imogen must trade places to find the person responsible.

I Wish You All the Best by Mason Deaver

When eighteen-year-old Ben De Backer tells their parents that they are non-binary, they are immediately thrown out of their home. Ben is rescued by Hannah, their estranged older sister and her husband Thomas. They desperately hope to finish the last half of senior year while dealing with an anxiety disorder and without calling attention to themselves- a plan that goes awry when they meet Nathan Allan, a charismatic student, and start to fall in love.

The Gravity of Us by Phil Stamper

When his volatile father is picked to become an astronaut for NASA's mission to Mars, seventeen-year-old Cal, an aspiring journalist, reluctantly moves from Brooklyn to Houston Texas. Looking for a story to report, Cal finds an ally (and crush) in Leon, the son of another astronaut.

Yes No Maybe So by Becky Albertalli and Aisha Saeed

Jamie Goldberg, who chokes when speaking to strangers, and Maya Rehrman, who is having the worst Ramadan ever, are paired to knock on doors and ask for voters for the local state senate candidate.

Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe by Benjamin Alire Saenz

Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family that he has never asked before.

Autoboyography by Christina Lauren

High school senior Tanner Scott has hidden his bisexuality since his family moved to Utah, but he falls hard for Sebastian, a Mormon mentoring students in a writing seminar Tanner's best friend convinced him to take.

Everything, Everything by Nicola Yoon

Madeline has a form of Severe Combined Immunodeficiency. She hasn't left her house in fifteen years. The only people she ever sees are her mom and nurse. But then one day, a moving truck arrives. New next-door neighbors. She looks out the window and sees Oly for the first time. Madeline wants to learn everything about him, and as she learns more about him, she wants to learn just what else the world might have to offer...even if it ends in disaster.

The Fault in Our Stars by John Green

Sixteen-year-old Hazel, a stage IV thyroid cancer patient, has accepted her terminal diagnosis until a chance meeting with a boy at cancer support group forces her to reexamine her perspective on love, loss, and life.