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Books to Keep You Warm (Steamy Romance)

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Call Me Your Name – by Aciman, André

FIC ACIMAN

The sudden and powerful attraction between a teenage boy and a summer guest at his parents' house on the Italian Riviera has a profound and lasting influence that will mark them both for a lifetime.

Lights Out – by Allen, Navessa

FIC ALLEN

Trauma nurse Aly Cappellucci doesn't need any more kinks. She likes the one she's landed on just fine. To her, nothing could top the masked men she follows online. She fantasizes about one man in particular hunting her down. But she never could have guessed that one drunken text could make those dreams into reality. Josh Hammond has spent his life avoiding the limelight, but his online persona is another story. At night, he posts masked thirst traps for his millions of fans, but one follower has caught his eye: Aly. Together, Aly and Josh live out their darkest fantasies, unaware that Aly has captured the attention of someone with far more sinister intentions.

The Spanish Love Deception – by Armas, Elena

FIC ARMAS (Available through the Consortium)

Catalina Martin desperately needs a date to her sister's wedding. Especially since her little white lie about her American boyfriend has spiralled out of control. Now everyone she knows--including her ex and his fiancée--will be there and eager to meet him. She only has four weeks to find someone willing to cross the Atlantic and aid in

her deception. New York to Spain is no short flight and her raucous family won't be easy to fool. Enter Aaron Blackford--her tall, handsome, condescending colleague--who surprisingly offers to step in. She'd rather refuse; never has there been a more aggravating, blood-boiling, and insufferable man. But Catalina is desperate, and as the wedding draws nearer, Aaron looks like her best option. And she begins to realize he might not be as terrible in the real world as he is at the office.

It Happened One Summer – by Bailey, Tessa **ROMANCE BAILEY**

Tessa Bailey is back with a Schitt's Creek-inspired rom-com about a Hollywood "It Girl" who's cut off from her wealthy family and exiled to a small Pacific Northwest beach town... where she butts heads with a surly, sexy local who thinks she doesn't belong.

Next of Kin – by Bonam-Young, Hannah **FIC BON (Available through the Consortium)**

When people-pleasing Chloe learns that her birth mother has unexpectedly had another baby, she doesn't hesitate to become a next-of-kin guardian. But when she fails to pass Child Protective Services' financial evaluation, she is faced with a choice: see her baby sister placed in foster care or participate in CPS's new initiative, Team Up. Enter Warren, a surly mechanic's apprentice attempting to get custody of his deaf fifteen-year-old brother after failing CPS's housing evaluation. The two strangers immediately clash but agree to live together for the sake of their younger siblings. As their lives intertwine, and Chloe adjusts to being a single guardian to a newborn, both she and Warren realize they're far more similar than they could have imagined. What started as forced begins to feel natural--and far less lonely. Chemistry soon intensifies beyond what either of them can stand, but they must each decide if what burns between them is worth risking everything.

Lord of Scoundrels – by Chase, Loretta **FIC CHASE**

Tough minded Jessica Trent's sole intention is to free her nitwit brother from the destructive influence of Sebastian Ballister, the notorious Marquess of Diain. She never expects to desire the arrogant, amoral card. And When Daine's reciprocal passion places them in a scandalously compromising, and public, position, Jessica is left with no choice but to seek satisfaction...

Damn the minx for tempting him, kissing him...and then for forcing him to salvage reputation! Lord Dain can't wait to put the infuriating bluestocking in her place -- and in some amorous position. And if this means marriage, so be it -- though Sebastian is less than certain he can continue to remain aloof...and steal his heart to the sensuous, head strong lady's considerable charms.

When a Scot Ties the Knot – by Dare, Tessa

ROMANCE DARE

Madeline Gracechurch is shocked when the suitor she invented at sixteen and wrote passionate letters to turns out to be a real person, Captain Logan MacKenzie, who comes to her Scottish castle home to insist that she marry him.

Take the Lead – by Daria, Alexis

ROMANCE DARIA

Gina Morales wants to win. It's her fifth season on The Dance Off, a top-rated network TV celebrity dance competition, and she's never even made it to the finals. When she meets her latest partner, she sees her chance. He's handsome, rippling with muscles, and he stars on the popular Alaskan wilderness reality show Living Wild. With his sexy physique and name recognition, she thinks he's her ticket to the finals--until she realizes they're being set up. Stone Nielson hates Los Angeles, he hates reality TV, and he hates the fact that he had to join the cast of The Dance Off because of family obligations. He can't wait to get back to Alaska, but he also can't deny his growing attraction to his bubbly Puerto Rican dance partner. Neither of them are looking for romantic entanglements, and Stone can't risk revealing his secrets, but as they heat up the dance floor, it's only a matter of time until he feels an overwhelming urge to take the lead. When the tabloids catch on to their developing romance, the spotlight threatens to ruin not just their relationship, but their careers and their shot at the trophy. Gina and Stone will have to decide if their priorities lie with fame, fortune, or the chance at a future together. The second Dance Off novel, Dance with Me, is available now!

A Brush with Love – by Eddings, Mazey

FIC EDDINGS (Available through the Consortium)

Nine out of ten dentists agree, Mazey Eddings's rom-com A Brush with Love makes your smile brighter! * (*not scientifically proven). Harper is anxiously awaiting placement into a top oral surgery residency program when she crashes (literally) into Dan. Harper would rather endure a Novocain-free root canal than face any distractions, even one this adorable. A first-year dental student with a family legacy to contend with, Dan doesn't have the same passion for pulling teeth that Harper does. Though he finds himself falling for her, he is willing to play by Harper's rules. So with the greatest of intentions and the poorest of follow-throughs, the two set out to be 'just friends.' But as they get to know each other better, Harper fears that trading fillings for feelings may make her lose control and can't risk her carefully ordered life coming undone, no matter how drool-worthy Dan is. Blood, gore, and extra-long roots? No problem. The idea of falling in love? Torture.

The Nanny – by Ferguson, Lara

ROMANCE FERGUSON

A woman discovers the father of the child she is nannying may be her biggest (Only)Fan in this steamy contemporary romance by Lana Ferguson. After losing her job and being on the brink of eviction, Cassie Evans finds herself with two choices: get a new job (and

fast) or fire up her long-untouched Only Fans account. But there are no jobs to be found, and as for Only Fans. . . Well, there are reasons she can't go back. Just when all hope seems lost, an ad for a live-in nanny position seems the solution to all her problems. It's almost too perfect-until she meets her would-be employer. Aiden Reid, executive chef and DILF extraordinaire, is far from the stuffy single dad Cassie was imagining. She is shocked when he tells her she's the most qualified applicant he's met in weeks, practically begging her to take the job. With hands that make her hindbrain howl and eyes that scream sex, the idea of living under the same roof as Aiden feels dangerous, but with no other option, she decides to stay with him and his adorably tenacious daughter, Sophie. Cassie soon discovers that Aiden is not a stranger at all, but instead someone who is very familiar with her-or at least, her body. She finds herself at a loss for what to do, given that he doesn't remember her. As their relationship heats to temperatures hotter than any kitchen Aiden has ever worked in, Cassie struggles with telling Aiden the truth, and the more terrifying possibility-losing the best chance at happiness she's ever had.

[The Wedding Date – by Guillory, Jasmine](#)

ROMANCE GUILLORY

A groomsman and his last-minute guest are about to discover if a fake date can go the distance in a fun and flirty debut novel. Agreeing to go to a wedding with a guy she gets stuck with in an elevator is something Alexa Monroe wouldn't normally do. But there's something about Drew Nichols that's too hard to resist. On the eve of his ex's wedding festivities, Drew is minus a plus one. Until a power outage strands him with the perfect candidate for a fake girlfriend. From the best man's toast to the bouquet toss, Alexa and Drew have more fun than they ever thought possible. But before they know it, Drew has to fly back to Los Angeles and his job as a pediatric surgeon, and Alexa heads home to Berkeley, where she's the mayor's chief of staff. Too bad they can't stop thinking about the other. They're just two high-powered professionals on a collision course toward the long-distance dating disaster of the century--or closing the gap between what they think they need and what they truly want...

[Quicksilver – by Hart, Callie](#)

FIC HART (Available through the Consortium)

Twenty-four-year-old Saeris Fane is good at keeping secrets. No one knows about the strange powers she possesses, or the fact that she has been picking pockets and stealing from the Undying Queen's reservoirs for as long as she can remember. In the land of the unforgiving desert, there isn't much a girl wouldn't do for a glass of water. But a secret is like a knot. Sooner or later, it is bound to come undone. When Saeris comes face-to-face with Death himself, she inadvertently reopens a gateway between realms and is transported to a land of ice and snow. The Fae have always been the stuff of myth, of legend, of nightmares...but it turns out they're real, and Saeris has landed right in the middle of a centuries-long conflict that might just get her killed.

The first of her kind to tread the frozen mountains of Yvelia in over a thousand years, Saeris mistakenly binds herself to Kingfisher, a handsome Fae warrior, who has secrets and nefarious agendas of his own. He will use her Alchemist's magic to protect his people, no matter what it costs him... or her. Death has a name. It is Kingfisher of the Ajun Gate. His past is murky. His attitude stinks. And he's the only way Saeris is going to make it home.

Be careful of the deals you make, dear child. The devil is in the details... Now with an embossed cover, silver foiling, and an updated interior design.

[The Love Hypothesis – by Hazelwood, Ali](#) ROMANCE HAZELWOOD

When a fake relationship between scientists meets the irresistible force of attraction, it throws one woman's carefully calculated theories on love into chaos. As a third-year Ph.D. candidate, Olive Smith doesn't believe in lasting romantic relationships--but her best friend does, and that's what got her into this situation. Convincing Anh that Olive is dating and well on her way to a happily ever after was always going to take more than hand-wavy Jedi mind tricks: Scientists require proof. So, like any self-respecting biologist, Olive panics and kisses the first man she sees. That man is none other than Adam Carlsen, a young hotshot professor--and well-known ass. Which is why Olive is positively floored when Stanford's reigning lab tyrant agrees to keep her charade a secret and be her fake boyfriend. But when a big science conference goes haywire, putting Olive's career on the Bunsen burner, Adam surprises her again with his unyielding support and even more unyielding...six-pack abs. Suddenly their little experiment feels dangerously close to combustion. And Olive discovers that the only thing more complicated than a hypothesis on love is putting her own heart under the microscope

[Get a Life, Chole Brown – by Hibbert, Talia](#) ROMANCE HIBBERT

Emerging from a life-threatening illness, a fiercely organized but unfulfilled computer geek recruits a mysterious artist to help her establish meaning in her life, before finding herself engaged in reckless but thrilling activities.

[The Kiss Quotient – by Hoang, Helen](#) ROMANCE HOANG

When mathematician Stella Lane decides to improve her love life, she hires Michael Phan, an escort, to help her gain knowledge and experience in dating.

[Four Nights with the Duke – by James, Eloisa](#) ROMANCE JAMES

When Mia Carrington is forced to beg Evander Brody, Duke of Pindar, whom she once swore she would never marry, to enter into a marriage of convenience with her, he sets some conditions of his own before agreeing to her offer.

Indigo – by Jenkins, Beverly Consortium)

FIC JENKINS (Available through the

As a child Hester Wyatt escaped slavery, but now the dark-skinned beauty is a dedicated member of Michigan's Underground railroad, offering other runaways a chance at the freedom she has learned to love. When one of her fellow conductors brings her an injured man to hide, Hester doesn't hesitate even after she is told about the price on his head. The man in question is the great conductor known as the "Black Daniel" a vital member of the north's Underground railroad network, but Hester finds him so rude and arrogant, she begins to question her vow to hide him. When the injured and beaten Galen Vachon, aka, the Black Daniel awakens in Hester's cellar, he is unprepared for the feisty young conductor providing his care. As a member of one of the wealthiest free Black families in New Orleans, Galen has turned his back on the lavish living he is accustomed to in order to provide freedom to those enslaved in the south. However, as he heals, he cannot turn his back on Hester Wyatt. Her innocence fills him like a breath of fresh air, and he is determined to make her his, but traitors have to be found, slave catchers have to be routed and Hester's refusal to trust her own heart have to be overcome before she and Galen can find the freedom only love can bring.

Collide – by Khabra, Bal

FIC KHABRA (Available through the Consortium)

She's an honors student with ambitious graduate school plans and he's a jock with only hockey on his mind, but once their worlds collide, their connection is hot enough to melt an ice rink. An ultimatum from Summer Preston's thesis advisor thrusts her into an unexpected collision with the hockey team's captain, Aiden Crawford. She's caught between conflicting desires of fulfilling her lifelong dream of becoming a sport psychologist and staying as far away as possible from the god-awful sport. And once she meets Aiden--well, let's just say he confirms all her worst assumptions about hockey players. Being the captain of the college hockey team has its perks, except when a reckless mistake by Aiden's team threatens to jeopardize their entire season. As punishment, Aiden's coach nominates him as the subject of a student research project. Participating is the last thing he wants to do, especially since the girl leading the project looks like she could wield his skates as a weapon. Summer can't stand Aiden's blasé approach to life, and Aiden doesn't understand why she's twenty years old with a twenty-five-year plan. But their bickering soon turns to bantering--and once they let their guards down, there's nothing to check their feelings.

Lady Sophia's Lover – by Kleypas, Lisa Consortium)

FIC KLEYPAS (Available through the

Sir Ross Cannon, magistrate and head of the Bow Street Runners, has spent the past few years apprehending the most dangerous criminals in London. He's driven and disciplined, a man to be feared. His personal needs have been set aside, his days and nights consumed by the determined pursuit of justice. Until Lady Sophia Sydney,

a beautiful young woman with a tarnished past, comes to ask for employment. Ross knows a woman like Sophia doesn't belong in the rough-and-tumble world of Bow Street, but he gives in to temptation and hires her as his assistant...

The Idea of You – by Lee, Robinne

FIC LEE

Solène Marchand, the thirty-nine-year-old owner of an art gallery in Los Angeles, is reluctant to take her daughter, Isabelle, to meet her favorite boy band. But since her divorce, she's more eager than ever to be close to Isabelle. The last thing Solène expects is to make a connection with one of the members of the world-famous August Moon. But Hayes Campbell is clever, winning, confident, and posh, and the attraction is immediate. That he is all of twenty years old further complicates things.

What begins as a series of clandestine trysts quickly evolves into a passionate and genuine relationship. It is a journey that spans continents as Solène and Hayes navigate each other's worlds: from stadium tours to international art fairs to secluded hideaways in Paris and Miami. For Solène, it is a reclaiming of self, as well as a rediscovery of happiness and love. When Solène and Hayes' romance becomes a viral sensation, and both she and her daughter become the target of rabid fans and an insatiable media, Solène must face how her romantic life has impacted the lives of those she cares about most.

Would I Lie to The Duke – by Leigh, Eva

ROMANCE LEIGH

In order to get the investors her family desperately needs, Jessica McGale poses as a lady and catches the eye of the Duke of Rotherby, but she worries that she will lose his love when he discovers her deception.

Lord Derring Takes a Lover – by Long, Julie Anne

ROMANCE LONG

Delilah Swanpoole, Countess of Derring, learns the hard way that her husband, "Dear Dull Derring," is a lot more interesting--and perfidious--dead than alive. It's a devil of an inheritance, but in the grand ruins of the one building Derring left her, are the seeds of her liberation. And she vows never again to place herself at the mercy of a man. But battle-hardened Captain Tristan Hardy is nothing if not merciless. When the charismatic naval hero tracks a notorious smuggler to a London boarding house known as the Rogue's Palace, seducing the beautiful, blue-blooded proprietress to get his man seems like a small sacrifice. They both believe love is a myth. But a desire beyond reason threatens to destroy the armor around their hearts. Now a shattering decision looms: Will Tristan betray his own code of honor ... or choose a love that might be the truest thing he's ever known?

Two Wrongs Make a Right – by Liese, Chole

ROMANCE LIESE

Opposites become allies to fool their matchmaking friends in this swoony reimagining of Shakespeare's beloved comedy, *Much Ado About Nothing*. Jamie Westenberg and Bea Wilmot have nothing in common except a meet-disaster and the mutual understanding

that they couldn't be more wrong for each other. But when the people closest to them play Cupid and trick them into going on a date, Jamie and Bea realize they have something else in common after all--an undeniable need for revenge. Soon their plan is in place: Fake date obnoxiously and convince the meddlers they're madly in love. Then, break up spectacularly and dash everyone's hopes, putting an end to the matchmaking madness once and for all. To convince everyone that they've fallen for each other, Jamie and Bea will have to nail the performance of their lives. But as their final act nears and playing lovers becomes easier than not, they begin to wonder: What if Cupid's arrow wasn't so off the mark? And what if two wrongs do make a right?

[Wicked and the Wallflower – by MacLean, Sarah](#) ROMANCE MACLEAN

When Wicked Comes Calling . . . When a mysterious stranger finds his way into her bedchamber and offers his help in landing a duke, Lady Felicity Faircloth agrees--on one condition. She's seen enough of the world to believe in passion and won't accept a marriage without it. The Wallflower Makes a Dangerous Bargain . . . Bastard son of a duke and king of London's dark streets, Devil has spent a lifetime wielding power and seizing opportunity, and the spinster wallflower is everything he needs to exact a revenge years in the making. All he must do is turn the plain little mouse into an irresistible temptress, set his trap, and destroy his enemy. For the Promise of Passion ... But there's nothing plain about Felicity Faircloth, who quickly decides she'd rather have Devil than another. Soon, Devil's carefully laid plans are in chaos and he must choose between everything he's ever wanted ... and the only thing he's ever desired.

[A Merry Little Meet Cute – by Murphy, Julie](#) ROMANCE MURPHY

A steamy plus-size holiday rom-com about an adult film star who is semi-accidentally cast as a lead in a family-friendly Christmas movie, and the former bad-boy pop star she falls in love with.

[Shield of Sparrows – by Perry, Devney](#) SF PERRY

The gods sent monsters to the five kingdoms to remind mortals they must kneel. I've spent my life kneeling--to their will and to my father's. As a princess, my only duty is to wear the crown and obey the king. I was never meant to rule. Never meant to fight. And I was never supposed to be the daughter who sealed an ancient treaty with her own blood. But that changed the fateful day I stepped into my father's throne room. The day a legendary monster hunter sailed to our shores. The day a prince ruined my life. Now I'm crossing treacherous lands beside a warrior who despises me as much as I despise him--bound to a future I didn't choose and a husband I barely know. Everyone wants me to be something I'm not--a queen, a spy, a sacrifice. But what if I refused the role chosen for me? What if I made my own rules? What if there's power in being underestimated? And what if--for the first time--I reached for it?

Ravished – by Quick, Amanda Consortium)

FIC QUICK (Available through the

From the cozy confines of a tiny seaside village to the glittering crush of a fashionable London soiree comes an enthralling tale of a thoroughly mismatched couple . . . poised to discover the rapture of love.

There was no doubt about it. What Miss Harriet Pomeroy needed was a man. Someone powerful and clever who could help her rout the unscrupulous thieves who were using her beloved caves to hide their loot. But when Harriet summoned Gideon Westbrook, Viscount St. Justin, to her aid, she could not know that she was summoning the devil himself. . . .

Dubbed the Beast of Blackthorne Hall for his scarred face and lecherous past, Gideon was strong and fierce and notoriously menacing. Yet Harriet could not find it in her heart to fear him. For in his tawny gaze, she sensed a savage pain she longed to soothe . . . and a searing passion she yearned to answer. Now, caught up in the Beast's clutches, Harriet must find a way to win his heart—and evade the deadly trap of a scheming villain who would see them parted for all time.

The Viscount Who Loved Me – by Quinn, Julia

ROMANCE QUINN

ANTHONY'S STORY

This time the gossip columnists have it wrong. London's most elusive bachelor Anthony Bridgerton hasn't just decided to marry—he's even chosen a wife! The only obstacle is his intended's older sister, Kate Sheffield—the most meddlesome woman ever to grace a London ballroom. The spirited schemer is driving Anthony mad with her determination to stop the betrothal, but when he closes his eyes at night, Kate's the woman haunting his increasingly erotic dreams...

Contrary to popular belief, Kate is quite sure that reformed rakes do not make the best husbands—and Anthony Bridgerton is the most wicked rogue of them all. Kate's determined to protect her sister—but she fears her own heart is vulnerable. And when Anthony's lips touch hers, she's suddenly afraid she might not be able to resist the reprehensible rake herself...

Partners in Crime – by Rai, Alisha

ROMANCE RAI

While settling her aunt's affairs with the help of Naveen Desai, a lawyer--and the man she rejected--Mira and Naveen find themselves in a mad dash through Las Vegas, following clues to untangle the mess her family left behind, which puts both their lives in danger.

Maggie Moves On – by Score, Lucy

ROMANCE SCORE

Ready for her next challenge, house flipper and YouTube sensation Maggie Nichols arrives in Kinship, Idaho, with only a cot and a coffeemaker, to bring a crumbling eighteen-room Victorian mansion back to life in four months, five tops. At least, that's

the idea until she meets tall, charming landscaper Silas Wright. Maggie hates distractions from her mile-long to-do list. Even if the distraction looks really good shirtless. Now not only does she have a determined suitor on her hands, there's her half-sister who shows up on her doorstep with a toddler and a big ask. And her ex-husband Dean and Silas's stepbrother who start to explore a romantic relationship of their own. Not to mention a treasure hunt for hidden gold. Silas is confident he'll win in the end and isn't above playing dirty. He's constantly distracting Maggie with things like kayaking and skinny-dipping. In bed, he teaches her how to really let go. Despite her best efforts, Maggie just might be falling for him but that doesn't mean she's going to stay. She never stays. Her entire career is built on moving on. As the completion of the house looms, Silas's mother and stepmother deliver some sage wisdom: If he really loves Maggie, he can't just ask her to give up everything for him. He also has to be willing to give it all up for her.

Play – by Scott, Kylie **FIC SCOTT (Available through the Consortium)**

Kylie Scott returns with the highly anticipated follow-up to international bestseller LICK Mal Ericson, drummer for the world-famous rock band Stage Dive, needs to clean up his image fast—at least for a little while. Having a good girl on his arm should do the job just fine. Mal doesn't plan on this temporary fix becoming permanent, but he didn't count on finding the one right girl. Anne Rollins never thought she'd ever meet the rock god who plastered her teenage bedroom walls—especially not under these circumstances. Anne has money problems. Big ones. But being paid to play the pretend girlfriend to a wildlife-of-the-party drummer couldn't end well. No matter how hot he is. Or could it?

The Wedding Crasher – by Sosa, Mia **ROMANCE SOSA**

Crashing the wedding of complete strangers who don't belong together, Solange agrees to be the former groom's pretend girlfriend to make up for her interference, and as they fake date for the benefit of his colleagues, they form an undeniable connection.

My darling duke – by Reid, Stacy **ROMANCE REID (Available through the Consortium)**

Miss Katherine Danvers has always been a wallflower. But now, with her family on the brink of financial ruin, she finds herself a *desperate* wallflower. To save her family, she'll do anything. Luckily, she has the perfect plan...

She'll impress the *ton* by simply announcing she is engaged to the reclusive and mysterious Duke of Thornton, Alexander Masters, and secure strong matches for her sisters. No one has heard from the duke in years. Surely, he'll never find out before her sisters' weddings, and she can go back to her own quiet life.

At first, it's just a few new ball gowns on the duke's accounts. Then, it's interviews with reporters eager for gossip. But before she knows it, Katherine has transformed herself into Kitty Danvers, charming and clever belle of the *ton*—with everyone eager to meet

her thankfully absent fiancé.

When the enigmatic Alexander Masters suddenly arrives in the city, dashing and oh-so-angry, he demands retribution. Except not in the way Katherine expected...

[The Hating Game – by Thorne, Sally](#)

ROMANCE THORNE

Lucy Hutton and Joshua Templeman are competitive rivals at a publishing company and profess to hate each other, but when the tension reaches the boiling point, they both wonder if the competition is just a game and that maybe they don't hate each other after all.

[Beguiling the Beauty – by Thomas, Sherry](#)

ROMANCE THOMAS

Venetia Easterbrook pretends to be a wealthy baroness in order to take revenge on the Duke of Lexington, but she ends up falling in love with him.

[The Luckiest Lady in London – by Thomas, Sherry](#)

ROMANCE THOMAS

Louisa Cantwell, who must marry a wealthy man in order to support her sisters, is drawn to Felix Rivendale, the mysterious Marquess of Wrenworth, but resists because she knows that he cannot be trusted.