# Finding the Right Romance

## Search spiciness

How hot is just right? We use four appeal terms to help you identify exactly how spicy a romance is:

- **Chaste:** This term is applied to wholesome romances that have no sex or descriptions of sexual activity.
- **Mildly Sensuous:** Slightly racier, these books have sex but the relationship is more important.
- **Steamy:** When applied to adult books, you’ll find lots of vividly described sex. When used for teens, the books will have a sexy aura but no graphic detail.
- **Explicit:** The spiciest of the bunch, you’ll find lots of sex, from the plainest to the kinkiest.

### TRY IT

At the Advanced Search, enter Steamy (or another one of the above terms) in the search box.

Select AP Appeal Factors from the drop-down.

Click Search.

## Find the right type of love

Romances are grouped into more than 20 subgenres, including Contemporary Romance, Historical Romance, and more.

### TRY IT

Click Advanced Search

In the first box enter a genre like “historical romances” and select GN Genre from the drop-down.

Click Search.

**TIP:** YA romance is found in the Contemporary Romance, Historical Romance, or Paranormal Romance subgenres. Limit this search to the Teen audience to find these books.

Try this with some other popular subgenres: Romantic Suspense, Christian Romance, Erotic Romance, Category Romance, and Paranormal Romance.

## GLBTQ love stories

Use the GLBTQ Romances genre to find books featuring romantic relationships between characters of any sexual orientation or gender identity. Search GN GLBTQ romances to find these titles.

We also have Recommended Reads lists for “GLBTQ Romances” - look for them under Romance Recommended Reads on the homepage.

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**When to use:**

**Librarians:** I am not a romance reader so I have trouble matching these readers with the right books.

**Readers:** Sometimes I want a “spicy” romance and sometimes I want one that is more “tame.”

**Parents:** My teen loves to read romance books, but I’m not sure how to find them.