ROMANCE

Did you know that over 50% of all paperbacks sold today are romances? Like horror, science-fiction and mysteries of the early 20th century, romances today are dismissed as second rate or "trashy" because of their subject matter. However, to dismiss romances is to dismiss a genre that truly celebrates relationships, family, and freedom of choice. The following books were chosen because they each demonstrate a different type of relationship or love story. It may surprise you about what may be considered a romance:


**Montana Sky**/ Nora Roberts/ PS3568.O243 M66 1996 Stacks Level One. The story of three half-sisters who inherit their father's Montana ranch. A quick read and includes a mystery along with a romance for each sister.

**The Yearling**/Marjorie Rawlings/Juvenile, Level Three 813.5 R259y 1940. Set in Florida it is the story of a young boy and his pet deer, Flag. Truly heartwarming story about the boy's relationship with his family and his pet.

**Rebecca**/ Daphne Du Maurier/ Stacks Level Two PR6007.U47 R4. The classic story of a woman who is haunted by the presence of her husband's first wife, Rebecca. Told in first person style, witty and haunting at the same time.

**These Golden Years**/Laura Ingalls Wilder/Juvenile, Level Three 813.5 W673t 1953 The story of Laura's courtship and engagement to Almanzo Wilder.

**The Wedding**/Julie Garwood/ Stacks Level Two PS3557.A8427 W43 1996b. Captured by a band of Scotsmen on the way to her wedding to a nobleman, Lady Brenna is forced to marry their leader. A fast paced historical romance, full of humor.

**The Maze**/Catherine Coulter/ Stacks, Level Two PS3553.O843 M39 1997. FBI agents Lacey and Dillon are assigned to uncover the mystery of the String Killer. Along the way they discover their attraction to each other. A good read for those who enjoy a little mystery with their romance.

**Where the Red Fern Grows**/Wilson Rawls/ Juvenile, Level Three 813.54 R261w. The heartwarming story of a young boy and the two dogs he raises from puppies. Definite tearjerker, keep the hankies handy.

**The Princess Bride: S. Morgenstern's Classic Tale of True Love and High Adventure. The "Good Parts" Version, abridged**/William Goldman/Stacks, Level Two PS3557.O384 P73/ The story of a princess and her true love. Funny, fast paced, if you have seen the movie, it is now time to read the book!

**The Corinthian**/Georgette Heyer/Stacks, Level Two PR6015.E795 C67 1966. A regency romance by one of the more popular (and enduring) authors of this genre.


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