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Resource List

Web-Based Resources

GoodReads (http://www.goodreads.com)
Great communities for all genres of romance – discussions, suggestions, reading challenges and author connections.

Smart Bitches, Trashy Books (http://www.smartbitchestrashybooks.com)
A community of romance readers eager to talk about which romance novels rocked their worlds and those deserving of the best written book rants ever.

Rakehell: Where Regency Lives (http://rakehell.com)
Reviews and information about both historical and traditional regency romances.

A Romance Review (http://www.aromancereview.com/news)
A huge database (8,597) of romance reviews, news, interviews, articles and a subscription newsletter.

The Romance Reader (http://www.theromancereader.com)
Tons of reviews and romance genre information.

Romance Writers of America (http://www.rwanational.org)
Click on the Librarian Link for library specific information and check out the Poster Gallery for printable promotion materials.

Fantastic Fiction (http://www.fantasticfiction.co.uk)
Bibliographies for over 25,000 authors and information on hundreds of thousands of books.

Internet Speculative Fiction Database (http://www.isfdb.org/cgi-bin/index.cgi)
Good for romances in any of the alternative realities subgenres – fantasy, paranormal, futuristic, time travel, etc.

Romance in Color (http://www.romanceincolor.com)
Information on books by and interviews of African-American romance authors.

Print Resources

Romance Fiction: A Guide to the Genre (2nd edition). Ramsdell, Kristin.
Libraries Unlimited, 2012

Guide to romance novels including summaries of selected titles in each subgenre, romance appeals and pointers for readers' advisory.

The Readers' Advisory Guide to Genre Fiction (2nd Edition). Saricks, Joyce G.
American Library Association, 2009.
Each chapter provides an introduction to the genre, considers why readers love it, and includes a list of key authors. The genres are interestingly broken up into four major categories: Adrenaline Genres (includes Romantic Suspense), Emotions Genre (includes Romance), Intellect Genres, and Landscape Genres. Information for each genre includes: the readers' advisory interview, characteristics and appeal, authors to try, "Sure Bets," trends, and whole collection readers' advisory.

***Romance Today: An A-Z Guide to Contemporary American Romance Writers*.** Charles, John.
Greenwood, 2007
Alphabetically arranged entries discuss the lives and works of more than 100 contemporary American romance writers and list their fiction and nonfiction.

Reviews
All the major review journals, such as *Library Journal*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *Booklist* and *Kirkus*, review romance novels. *Romantic Times* is devoted to the romance genre.

Romantic Times (print & online) http://www.romantictimes.com/
Publisher's Weekly (print) http://www.publishersweekly.com/
Library Journal (print, limited online) http://www.libraryjournal.com/
Amazon Romance Bestsellers http://www.amazon.com

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