

# Fireside Book Chats: Winter 2019

## *Brigid's Love for the Pages: A Romance List*



Castile, Zoey. *Stripped*. (2018).

Robyn Flores thinks her day is ruined when she wakes up with someone else's Star Spangled thong in her dry cleaning bag, instead she meets Zac Fallon. And then they meet again when he's the male stripper hired for her best friend's bachelorette party! A steamy, hilarious read follows their path to true love.

Chase, Loretta. *Mr. Impossible*. (2005).

Egyptologist heroine goes on an adventure down the Nile with a hunky British aristocrat in this light hearted romp. For fans of *The Mummy*!

Cole, Alyssa. *A Princess in Theory*. (2018)

Fairytale romance updated for the modern day. Struggling grad student Naledi finds herself receiving emails that sound an awful lot like a scam instead she discovers her true history as a princess. For royal watchers and everyone who just likes a good story. Check out *A Duke by Default* (2018) for more.)

Dahl, Victoria. *Start Me Up*. (2009).

A small town romance with a mechanic heroine and an architect hero this book is funny, feminist, and unapologetically sexy. A small suspense plot threads through the novel but the real joy is seeing the "no strings" relationship become real throughout the book.

Dare, Tessa. *The Duchess Deal*. (2017)

Inspired by *Beauty and the Beast* (with a hint of *Batman*) the hero is a scarred war hero in need of an heir. The heroine is a seamstress, forced into the desperate move of appearing at his house in a wedding gown. A large group of likeable characters fills out the cast and sets the stage for future romances in this series. (Be sure to check out *The Governess Game* (2018), second in the series!)

Han, Jenny. *To All The Boys I've Loved Before*. (2014)

This sweet teen romance became a sensation this summer after the movie premiered on Netflix. Lara Jean writes letters she never intends to send, except then they all end up in the hands of her former crushes! What follows is a delightful romp through the pain and exhilaration of first love. Be sure to check out the two sequels *PS I Still Love You* and *Always and Forever Lara Jean* to see the rest of the story.

Higgins, Kristin. *The Perfect Match*. (2013)

This sweet heroine centered romance is about Honor Holland, who has always been the sensible sister and the very not sensible decision she makes to marry someone in need of a Green Card. A small town romance with a wide array of appealing side characters, readers in search of family and comfort will find it here. Set in NY's wine region it might encourage you to reach for a drink!

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Hoang, Helen. *The Kiss Quotient*. (2018)

Stella Lane understands math but not relationships. She decides the only way to get better is to get some professional help. Enter Micheal, a male escort she hires to be her tutor in all things love related. What starts as a simple arrangement gets complicated when the heart is involved.

Kleypas, Lisa. *The Devil in Winter*. (2006)

A deeply emotional romance with a strong alpha hero this book has a marriage of convenience plot that will satisfy even seasoned romance readers. For those who like a passionate romance with a hero in need of redemption, if not in search of it.

Kunkel, Caitlin. *New Erotica for Feminists: Satirical Fantasies of Love, Lust, and Equal Pay*. (2018)

For those who like a humorous take on love and romance this collection of short fiction will delight. A satirical take on what women really want this can provide a welcome respite from the world at large.

Quinn, Julia. *The Bridgerton Series*. (2000-2006)

Seven books detailing the romantic relationships of the Bridgerton family, featuring hilarious introductions from one "Lady Whistledown" London's premiere gossip and a variety of classic historical romance set ups. This series is set to become a Netflix original series from Shonda Rhimes this year.

Sebastian, Cat. *It Takes Two to Tumble*. (2017)

A Regency-era twist on The Sound of Music where the repressed naval captain comes home to find a vicar has taken charge of his wayward children. Will delight fans of historical romance looking for LGBT representation.

### 2019 Books to Look Out For

Cole, Alyssa. *A Prince on Paper*. (2019)

The final installment of the Reluctant Royals series features a bad boy younger brother prince meeting the only woman who can match him. Also be sure to check out **Once Ghosted, Twice Shy**, LGBT novella featuring characters from A Princess in Theory.

Jenkins, Beverly. *Rebel*. (2019)

RWA Lifetime Achievement Award Winner Beverly Jenkins returns with a historical set in post-Civil War New Orleans. The start of series it follows a Northern woman south in the chaotic aftermath of the Civil War.

Kleypas, Lisa. *Devil's Daughter*. (2019)

The daughter of one of Kleypas' most beloved couples, Evie and Sebastian from **Devil in Winter**, takes center stage in a search for her own happily ever after. Featuring characters from the Wallflower Quartet and Kleypas' most recent series in a single book.