

# Romance for Teens

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## Highly Suspectious and Unfairly Cute

by Talia Hibbert

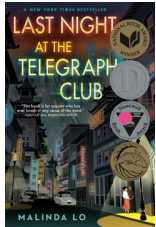
To win the grand prize at the end of their survival course, ex-best friends Claire and Bradley trudge through mud, dirt and their messy past to find the adventure bringing them closer together, sparking a whole new kind of relationship. YA FIC HIBBERT



## Jackpot

by Nic Stone

When Rico sells a jackpot-winning lotto ticket, she thinks maybe her luck will finally change, but only if she--with some assistance from her popular and wildly rich classmate Zan--can find the ticket holder who hasn't claimed the prize. YA FIC STONE



## Last Night at the Telegraph Club

by Malinda Lo

When Lily realizes she has feelings for a girl in her math class, it threatens Lily's oldest friendships and even her father's citizenship status and eventually, Lily must decide if owning her truth is worth everything she has ever known. YA FIC LO



## I Wish You All The Best

by Mason Deaver

Thrown out of their parents' home after coming out as nonbinary, Ben De Backer struggles to endure an anxiety disorder and the last half of senior year while bonding with a charismatic new friend. YA FIC DEAVER



## The Henna Wars

by Adiba Jaigirdar

When Nishat, an Irish girl of Bengali heritage, sees her old friend Flávia again, she feels attracted, but when they both enter a school contest as henna artists, their feelings for each other become more complicated. YA FIC JAIGIRDAR



## You Can Go Your Own Way

by Eric Smith

Trapped inside an arcade by a snowstorm, Adam, who is determined to save the arcade from Philadelphia's newest tech mogul, and Whitney, the daughter of the tech mogul, find the tension between them turning into something else. YA FIC SMITH



## What If It's Us

by Becky Albertalli

Told in two voices, when Arthur, a summer intern from Georgia, and Ben, a native New Yorker, meet it seems like fate, but after three attempts at dating fail they wonder if the universe is pushing them together or apart. YA FIC ALBERTALLI



## The Lucky List

by Rachael Lippincott

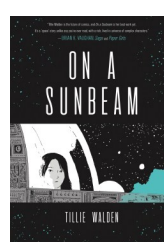
Rising high school senior Emily felt lucky until her mother's death, but now, with childhood friend Blake, she sets out to accomplish every exciting, scary, and intimidating task on her mother's bucket list. YA FIC LIPPINCOTT



## Hearts Unbroken

by Cynthia Leitich Smith

While working with the new photojournalist to cover the school musical's ethnically diverse casting, Muscogee (Creek) Louise Wolfe finds herself confronting the reality of dating while Native. YA FIC SMITH



## On A Sunbeam

by Tillie Walden

An award-winning cartoonist presents the graphic-novel story of a crew member who travels to the ends of the universe to find a long-lost love while helping her team rebuild beautiful, broken-down historical structures on faraway planets. YA GN ON



## Bloom

by Kevin Panetta

After graduation, Ari is desperate to move to the big city with his band, but he has to find someone who can replace him at his parent's struggling bakery, so when he meets Hector he thinks his prayers have been answered. YA GN BLOOM



## The Fall of Whit Rivera

by Crystal Maldonado

Forced to organize the fall formal together, frenemies and exes Whit and Zay find sparks still flying between them and wonder if their feud has been a big misunderstanding all along. YA FIC MALDONADO

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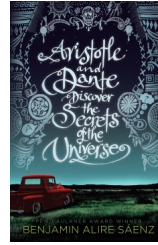
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## Zyla and Kai

by Kristina Forest

Told in alternating perspectives, this epic star-crossed love story follows Zyla, a cynic about love, and Kai, a hopeless romantic, as they run away together while on a school trip, leaving their friends and family confused. YA FIC FOREST



## Aristotle and Dante Discover the Secrets of the Universe

by Benjamin Alire Saenz

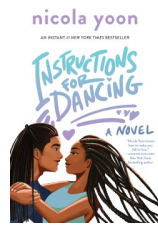
Fifteen-year-old Ari Mendoza is an angry loner with a brother in prison, but when he meets Dante and they become friends, Ari starts to ask questions about himself, his parents, and his family. YA FIC SAENZ



## Let's Talk About Love

by Claire Kann

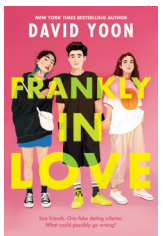
Asexual college student, Alex, wants a swoon-worthy romance without the sex and has a crush on a young man she is sure will not understand her. YA FIC KANN



## Instructions for Dancing

by Nicola Yoon

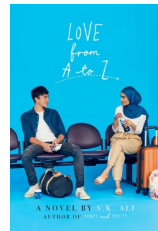
Experiencing visions of heartbreak and trying to understand why this is happening, Evie signs up for lessons at a dance studio, where she falls for her dance partner, forcing her to question all she thought she knew about life and love. YA FIC YOON



## Frankly in Love

by David Yoon

High school senior Frank Li takes a risk to go after a girl his parents would never approve of, but his plans will leave him wondering if he ever really understood love--or himself--at all. YA FIC YOON



## Love From A to Z

by S. K. Ali

Suspended for standing up against a teacher's hate speech, a Muslim teen visits her aunt in Qatar, where she bonds with a motherless young man who is attempting to hide his multiple sclerosis diagnosis from his grieving father. YA FIC ALI



## Flirting With Fate

by J. C. Cervantes

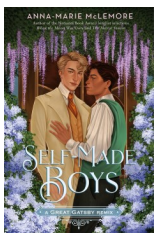
Ava arrives too late for her grandmother's deathbed blessing and Nana appears as a ghost asking for help. Ava, with the help of her two older sisters and bumbling spiritual guide, Medardus, must befriend the mysterious boy who received the blessing the night of the storm. YA FIC CERVANTES



## When Dimple Met Rishi

by Sandhya Menon

When Dimple Shah and Rishi Patel meet at a Stanford University summer program, Dimple is avoiding her parents' obsession with "marriage prospects" but Rishi hopes to woo her into accepting arranged marriage with him. YA FIC MENON



## Self-Made Boys

by Anna-Marie McLemore

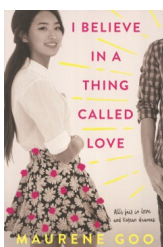
Three teens chase their own version of the American Dream during the Roaring 20s in this YA remix of *The Great Gatsby*. YA FIC MCLEMORE



## Where You See Yourself

by Claire Forrest

Having her heart set on a college in NYC with a major in Mass Media & Society, disabled high school senior Effie learns that sometimes growing up means being open to a world of possibilities you never even dreamed of. YA FIC FORREST



## I Believe In a Thing Called Love

by Maurene Goo

A disaster in romance, high school senior Desi Lee decides to tackle her flirting failures by watching Korean television dramas, where the hapless heroine always seems to end up in the arms of her true love by episode ten. YA FIC GOO



## Right Where I Left You

by Julian Winters

When a run-in with an old crush puts him on thin ice with his best friend Diego, Isaac Martin discovers that Diego has other reasons for avoiding him-- reasons that change everything. YA FIC WINTERS