



Romancing the Discourse is an online romance lecture and Q&A series for the romance reader, writer and academic, and the perfect entry point for the romance-curious.

Discover how food can play an integral part in a contemporary romance; how erotic romances use kink as liberation; and how paranormal romance can degender agency.

In thirteen sessions that cover everything from dystopian and science fiction romance to old school romance, learn more about the subtleties of the genre, and how the promise of a Happy Ever After allows writers to take risks.

Each session costs £5 and attendees can select which sessions they would like to attend. To sign up, please fill out [this form](#).

Romancing the Discourse Reading List

September 2021: Moments of Realism *Contemporary Romance*

A Girl Like Her, Talia Hibbert (Chapter One)
Spoiler Alert, Olivia Dade (Chapter Twenty Three)
Writing Her In, Holley Trent (Chapter Five)

Extended Reading:

Crooked Rock Braves, Pamela Sanderson
Xeni, Rebekah Weatherspoon
New Ink on Life, Jennie Davids

October 2021: The Importance of Food *Contemporary Romance*

Sweethand, N. G. Peltier (Chapter Thirteen)
Once Ghosted, Twice Shy, Alyssa Cole (Chapter Three)
Holidays with the Wongs, Jackie Lau (*A Match Made for Thanksgiving*, Chapter Two)

Extended Reading:
North to You, Tif Marcelo
An Acquired Taste, Kelly Cain
Hugs & Quiches, Candace Harper

**November 2021: The Past Doesn't Have to be Euro-Centric
*Historical Romance***

Heart and Hand, Rebel Carter (Chapter Three)
Indigo, Beverly Jenkins (Chapter One)
Pharaoh's Desire, Chanta Rand (Chapter One, CW: war, threatened sexual assault)

Extended Reading:
The Sword Dancer, Jeannie Lin
Her Golden Eyes, Holly March
The Infamous Miss Rodriguez

**December 2021: Love Outside the Ballroom
*Historical Romance***

Proper English, KJ Charles (Chapter Five)
The Duke Who Didn't, Courtney Milan (Chapter One)
The Doctor's Discretion, EE Ottoman (Chapter One)

Extended Reading:
The Lady's Guide to Celestial Mechanics, Olivia Waite
Promise Me a Dream, Wayne Jordan
A Taste of Honey, Rose Lerner

**January 2022: Degendering Agency
*Paranormal Romance***

Big Bad Wolf, Suleikha Snyder (Chapter Thirty Four)
Frostbite, J. Emery (Chapter Three)
Hot and Badgered, Shelly Laurenston (Chapter Twenty Eight)

Extended Reading:
Empty Vessels, Meredith Katz
Branded by Fire, Nalini Singh
Shades of Milk and Honey



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February 2022: Imagining Possibilities
Fantasy Romance

The Calyx Charm, May Peterson (Chapter One)
The Lady's Champion, Marie Lipscomb (Chapter Four)
The Nothing Girl, Jodi Taylor (Chapter One)

Extended Reading:
In the Vanishers' Palace, Aliette de Bodard
Empire of Sand, Tasha Suri
Grey Dawn, Nyre A Bakalian

March 2022: Found Family Ties
Science Fiction / Dystopian Romance

Strange Love, Ann Aguirre (Chapter Thirteen)
Hellcat's Bounty, Renae Jones (Chapter Three)
Deal with the Devil, Kit Rocha (Chapter Twenty Seven)

Extended Reading:
Empire of Light, Alex Harrow
Nightchaser, Amanda Bouchet
Rise, Claire Kent

April 2022: Blending Genres
Romantic Suspense

Side Chick Nation, Aya de Leon (Chapter Two)
Dial A for Aunties, Jesse Sutanto (Chapter Twenty Nine)
Haunted Hearts, K. Sterling (Chapter Fourteen)

Extended Reading:
Whiteout, Adriana Anders
Disarming the Rancher, Barb Han
Love Kills Twice, Rien Gray

May 2022: Kink as Liberation
Erotic Romance

Neon Hearts, Stefanie Simpson (Eye of the Storm)
Eight Kinky Nights, Xan West (Tuesday Morning, December 24)



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For the Love of April French, Penny Aimes (April & Dennis)

Extended Reading:

Mastering Her Sense, Laura Kaye
If You Dare, Sandy Lowe (CW: Consensual Non-Consent)
No Room at the Inn, Brooke Winters

June 2022: Consent in the Dark
Dark / Morality Chain Romance

Queen Takes Rose, Katee Robert (Chapter Three)
Run Posy Run, Cate C. Wells (Chapter Nine)
Never Sweeter, Charlotte Stein (Chapter Six)

Extended Reading:

Pestilence, Laura Thalassa
Hard Time, Cara McKenna
Burn This City, Aleksandr Voinov

July 2022: Coming of Age and Falling in Love
YA Romance

Cemetery Boys, Aiden Thomas (Chapter Twenty Five)
Running with Lions, Julian Winters (Chapter Eighteen)
To All the Boys I've Loved Before, Jenny Han (Chapter Seventeen)

Extended Reading:

What If It's Us, Becky Alberti & Adam Silvera
Love from A to Z, S. K. Ali
Love & the Laws of Motion, Amanda Weaver

August 2022: Meeting Genre Expectations
Category Romance

Surprise Baby, Second Chance, Therese Beharrie (Chapter Twenty One)
A Reunion of Rivals, Reese Ryan (Chapter Twenty Two)
Just Like This, Cole McCade (Chapter Twenty)

Extended Reading:

The Last Guy She Should Call, Joss Wood
Love on Her Terms, Jennifer Lohmann



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The Hideaway Inn, Philip William Stover

September 2022: Punishing Kisses
Old School Romance

Wild Melody, Sara Craven (Chapter Five)

This Rough Magic, Mary Stewart (Chapter Nine)

The Flame and the Flower, Kathleen Woodiwiss (Chapter Nine)

Extended Reading:

Enchanted Paradise, Johanna Hailey

Something to Treasure, Rita Clay Estrada

Skye O'Malley, Bertice Small

A number of these books are ebook only, as there's a mix of traditionally published, indie published and self-published romances on this list, but please do consider using indie bookstores for ordering paperback editions.



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