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# Romance: Spicy Novels

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**First Comes Marriage** By Mary Balogh

Read Anne Flosnik Reading time 10 hours, 45 minutes

Elliott Wallace, the viscount Lyngate, arrives in the English countryside to inform seventeen-year-old Stephen Huxtable that he is now an earl. Stephen has three sisters he won't leave behind, and one--widowed Vanessa--proposes to Elliott before he can ask for her sister. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

[Download from BARD: First Comes Marriage](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.69351)

Also available on digital cartridge DB069351

**That Summer Place** By Jill Barnett

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 9 hours, 18 minutes

Three romantic novellas set in a Victorian house on Spruce Island in the Pacific Northwest. In Old Things former lovers reunite after thirty years. In Private Paradise single parents share the lodge. In Island Time a marine biologist falls for a millionaire. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1998.

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**Smash Cut** By Sandra Brown

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 11 hours, 39 minutes

A masked gunman kills wealthy Paul Wheeler in the elevator of an Atlanta hotel, with Paul's companion, Julie Rutledge, looking on. Julie suspects Paul's movie-obsessed nephew Creighton is the murderer. Meanwhile Creighton's attorney Derek Mitchell fights his feelings for Julie. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

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**My Kind of Christmas** By Robyn Carr

Read by Jill Fox Reading time 7 hours, 37 minutes

After a car accident, medical student Angie LaCroix recuperates at her uncle Jack's Virgin River, California, property. Navy pilot Patrick Riordan goes on leave when a mission goes wrong. The two find solace in each other during the holidays. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

[Download from BARD: My Kind of Christmas](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75824)

Also available on digital cartridge DB075824

**Poor Little Bitch Girl** By Jackie Collins

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 12 hours, 28 minutes

Annabelle Maestro, the daughter of two Hollywood movie stars, runs an escort business in New York City. When her father is accused of murdering her mother, Annabelle returns to California and falls in love with Bobby Santangelo Stanislopoulos. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010.

[Download from BARD: Poor Little Bitch Girl](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.70664)

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**Bared to You** By Sylvia Day

Read by Jill Redfield Reading time 11 hours, 34 minutes

Childhood rape survivor Eva Tramell moves to Manhattan with her bisexual roommate Cary Taylor, a male model, to work in advertising. There Eva meets wealthy businessman Gideon Cross, who seduces her while hiding emotional problems of his own. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

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**Danger in a Red Dress** By Christina Dodd

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 9 hours, 24 minutes

Carrick Manly tricks home-care worker Hannah Grey into nursing his disagreeable mother, hoping Hannah will learn where his missing father's ill-gotten fortune is. Carrick's half brother Gabriel Prescott agrees to help Carrick, but is drawn to Hannah. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

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**The Ideal Man** By Julie Garwood

Read by Christina Traister Reading time 8 hours, 41 minutes

After witnessing a shooting, trauma surgeon Ellie Sullivan is placed under FBI protection. Agent Max Daniels guards Ellie and even shows up at her sister's wedding. But other uninvited guests may also be in attendance. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

[Download from BARD: The Ideal Man](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.73658)

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**Not Another Bad Date** by Rachel Gibson

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 7 hours, 42 minutes

Writer Adele Harris returns to her Texas hometown to help her pregnant sister. Adele, who has had bad luck with boyfriends, runs into her first love, football coach Zach Zemaitis, whose late wife had tormented Adele throughout their school years. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

[Download from BARD: Not Another Bad Date](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.66997)

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**Love the One You’re With** By Emily Giffin

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee Reading time 11 hours, 11 minutes

Ellen has been happily married to her best friend's brother for one hundred days when she encounters Leo, who broke her heart eight years ago because he could not commit. As they get reacquainted, Ellen's desire for Leo resurfaces. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

[Download from BARD: Love the One You’re With](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.66946)

Also available on digital cartridge DB066946

**Swallowing Darkness** By Laurell K. Hamilton

Read by Annie Wauters Reading time 11 hours, 17 minutes

Faerie princess Meredith, from A Lick of Frost (RC 66671), is finally pregnant--with twins. But to one day claim the throne, Meredith must protect herself and her unborn heirs from conspirators plotting against her and her loyal guards. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2008.

[Download from BARD: Swallowing Darkness](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.68155)

Also available on digital cartridge DB068155

**Natural Law** By Joey W. Hill

Read by Mark Ashby Reading time 10 hours, 12 minutes

Homicide detective Mac Nighthorse goes undercover as a male submissive in a high-end sex club to catch a dominatrix who is murdering her partners. Mac catches the eye of Violet, who soon becomes an ally in Mac's investigation--and his dominant. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2004.

[Download from BARD: Natural Law](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74692)

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**The Leopard Prince** By Elizabeth Hoyt

Read by Moira Quirk Reading time 10 hours, 42 minutes

Wealthy lady Georgina Maitland doesn't want a husband, but she needs a good steward to run her estates. One look at Harry Pye, however, and Georgina knows she's dealing not just with a servant but with a man she desires. Trouble in the village complicates matters. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2007.

[Download from BARD: The Leopard Prince](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77738)

Also available on digital cartridge DB077738

**Pleasure Unbound a Demonica Novel** By Larissa Ione

Read by Cassandra Campbell Reading time 11 hours, 56 minutes

Demon slayer Tayla Mancuso hungers for sensual pleasure, but fears it will always be denied her. Then she lands in a hospital run by demons in disguise, and the head doctor Eidolon makes her body burn with desire. Can a demon and a slayer find love? Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

[Download from BARD: Pleasure Unbound a Demonica Novel](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.77394)

Also available on digital cartridge DB077394

**Unspoken** By Lisa Jackson

Read by Erin Jones Reading time 12 hours, 7 minutes

Shelby Cole returns to Bad Luck, Texas, with proof that the daughter she thought had died at birth ten years ago is actually alive. She teams up with the child's father to investigate the connection between that and a local murder. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1999.

[Download from BARD: Unspoken](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75990)

Also available on digital cartridge DB075990

**Fifty Shades of Grey ; Fifty Shades Darker ; Fifty Shades of Freed** By E. L. James

Read by Gabriella Cavallero Reading time 54 hours, 32 minutes

Trilogy chronicles the dominant-submissive relationship of college student Anastasia and young CEO Christian Grey. In Fifty Shades of Grey naive Ana is intimidated by--and drawn to--the handsome tycoon. As she indulges Christian's erotic tastes, Ana becomes aware of his dark past. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

[Download from BARD: Fifty Shades of Grey; Fifty Shades Darker; Fifty…](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74504)

Also available on digital cartridge DB074504

**The Untamed Bride the Black Cobra Quartet** By Stephanie Laurens

Read by Colleen Delany Reading time 13 hours, 12 minutes

India, 1822. Four British officers aim to capture a terrorist called the Black Cobra. Colonel Derek Delborough lures the villain back to England, where the Cynster family is willing to join the search. During the mission Delborough falls in love with Deliah Duncannon. Explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

[Download from BARD: The Untamed Bride the Black Cobra Quartet](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.71408)

Also available on digital cartridge DB071408

**A Creed in Stone Creek** By Linda Lael Miller

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 11 hours, 10 minutes

After the deaths of his friends Zack and Jillie, attorney Steven Creed adopts their five-year-old son Matt and moves to a fixer-upper ranch in Arizona. Steven and Matt become smitten with prosecutor Melissa O'Ballivan, but work conflicts threaten the growing romance. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2011

[Download from BARD: A Creed in Stone Creek](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.72831)

Also available on digital cartridge DB072831

**Big Sky Country** By Linda Lael Miller

Read by John Haag Reading time 10 hours, 42 minutes

Parable, Montana. Sheriff Slade Barlow is raising his ex-wife's daughter when he inherits a share of his father's ranch--even though Slade was an illegitimate child. Slade's half brother inveigles to buy him out. Meanwhile, Slade's teenage crush returns to town. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

[Download from BARD: Big Sky Country](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74914)

Also available on digital cartridge DB074914

**Sundays at Tiffany’s** By James Patterson

Read by Susan McInerney Reading time 5 hours, 47 minutes

Thirtysomething Jane is reunited with a sweet, funny, and handsome man from her past named Michael who happens to be her imaginary friend from childhood. But not even Michael knows the real reason they have been brought together. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

[Download from BARD: Sunday at Tiffany’s](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.67037)

Also available on digital cartridge DB067037

**Glitter Baby** By Susan Elizabeth Phillips

Read by Kristin Allison Reading time 11 hours, 54 minutes

Model Fleur Savagar struggles to come to terms with her American mother and her French Russian father until she uncovers their secrets. Fleur falls in love with playwright and actor Jake Koranda--a man with his own hidden past. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1987.

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**Happy Ever After** By Nora Roberts

Read by Angela Dawe Reading time 9 hours

Connecticut wedding planner Parker Brown falls in love with her brother's irksome friend, mechanic Malcolm Kavanaugh. Malcolm wonders whether they could possibly be good for each other, but Parker wants the man she loves. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2010.

[Download from BARD: Happy Ever After](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.72367)

Also available on digital cartridge DB072367

**The Witness** By Nora Roberts

Read by Julia Whelan Reading time 16 hours, 20 minutes

Sixteen-year-old Elizabeth witnessed a double homicide by Russian mafia enforcers and escaped an attempt on her life. Twelve years later she has a new name and keeps a low profile. But local police chief Brooks is intrigued. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

[Download from BARD: The Witness](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.74582)

Also available on digital cartridge DB074582

**The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty** By A. N. Roquelaure

Read by George Holmes Reading time 8 hours, 43 minutes

Anne Rice, who uses the name of A.N. Roquelaure for her erotic novels, has taken the story of Sleeping Beauty beyond the traditional ending. Here the Prince awakens Beauty with much more than a kiss, and she becomes enslaved to him. Beauty later surrenders herself to Tristan, a slave, and is sold at an auction for punishment. Prequel to Beauty's Punishment (RC 40644). Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex.

[Download from BARD: The Claiming of Sleepy Beauty](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.40643)

Also available on cassette RC040643

**One Day at a Time** By Danielle Steel

Read by Jill Fox Reading time 9 hours, 41 minutes

Dogwalker Coco Barrington, the black sheep of her Hollywood family, falls in love with British movie star Leslie Baxter. Although Coco's mother dates a younger man and Coco's sister Jane's partner is pregnant, they disapprove of Coco's relationship. Some strong language and some descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

[Download from BARD: One Day at a Time](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.68514)

Also available on digital cartridge DB068514

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**Covet a Novel of the Fallen Angels** By J.R. Ward

Read by Eric G. Dove Reading time 14 hours, 43 minutes

After construction worker Jim Heron is electrocuted, he meets four angels who tell him that he must help humanity in a contest between angels and demons. Jim has to save seven sinners--the first a wealthy businessman torn between two women. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

[Download from BARD: Covet a Novel of the Fallen Angels](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.70079)

Also available on digital cartridge DB070079

**The Next Best Thing** By Jennifer Weiner

Read by Madelyn Buzzard Reading time 13 hours, 47 minutes

Screenwriter Ruth Saunders, disfigured from a childhood accident, makes it big with a television series based on her life with her grandmother. While dealing with actors, rewrites, and so-so reviews, Ruth falls for her producer Dave, who uses a wheelchair. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

[Download from BARD: The Next Best Thing](http://hdl.loc.gov/loc.nls/db.75156)

Also available on digital cartridge DB075156