

LOVE-STRUCK

February, the month for romance, hearts and flowers, and luuurve ...

Whether you like plain, old fashioned romance or teenage confessions, we've got just the book for you.

Top of the tree is **Louise Rennison** and her seriously funny Georgia Nicholson series (Key stage 3/4). How can anyone resist titles like "**DANCING IN MY NUDDY PANTS**" 16382 and "... **STARTLED BY HIS FURRY SHORTS**" 16655? Or you can try:-

...AND THAT'S WHEN IT FELL OFF IN MY HAND (16450)
ANGUS THONGS AND FULL FRONTAL SNOGGING (16165)
IT'S OK, I'M WEARING REALLY BIG KNICKERS (16207)
KNOCKED OUT BY MY NUNGA-NUNGAS (16324)
THEN HE ATE MY BOY ENTRANCERS (16540)

What about two teenage romances (KS 3/4) by the talented young author Rachel Wing? Rachael herself is a teenager and was only 14 when she started her first novel **STAR-CROSSED 16783**. Based on that most famous of all love stories, Romeo and Juliet, the action takes place in a modern day school where the main character has been cast as the leading lady in the school production of the play. The only problem is the boy she HATES is playing Romeo.

Rachel's second book **LOVE STRUCK** (coming soon) takes the theme of 'A midsummer night's dream', again with a modern setting – the hottest music festival of the summer. Be prepared for romantic mayhem, muddle and magic...

There's plenty of boy trouble, or even worse, no-boy trouble, in Jacqueline Wilson's 'Girls' series (KS 2/3). Laugh, and cry with Ellie, Magda and Nadine in these true-to-life tales:-

GIRLS IN LOVE 16059
GIRLS UNDER PRESSURE 16290
GIRLS OUT LATE 16247
GIRLS IN TEARS 16325

Although not, strictly speaking, tales of romantic woe, Hilary McKay's series about the chaotic Casson family (KS 2/3) does feature love and relationships:-

SAFFY'S ANGEL 16362
INDIGO'S STAR 16459
PERMANENT ROSE 16529
CADDY EVER AFTER 16810

Meg Cabot, author of **THE PRINCESS DIARIES 16508** and **ALL AMERICAN GIRL 16615 (KS 3)**, has written a great romantic comedy set in the time of Jane Austen. **NICOLA AND THE VISCOUNT 16519** sees the heroine setting her mind on marrying the gorgeous Georgian, Lord Sebastian Bartholomew, despite her friends' warnings that he's not the catch he seems. If you fancy having a go at the real deal we have all of Jane Austen's novels (KS 4) available in the library.

EMMA 16793
MANSFIELD PARK 16568
NORTHANGER ABBEY 16566
PERSUASION 16569
PRIDE AND PREJUDICE 16570
SENSE AND SENSIBILITY 16322

My personal favourite is **PRIDE AND PREJUDICE 16570** -who can resist the gorgeous, but aloof Mr Darcy, especially as played by Colin Firth in the 1995 BBC series? (Don't forget he also played Mark Darcy in the Bridget Jones films).

We also have lots of regency romances (set in the early 19th century) by Georgette Heyer. Two of them (KS 4) are in the YC Library:-

FRIDAY'S CHILD 15681

NO COLOURS 15597

Or there are the other classic romances like **LORNA DOONE by RD Blackmore 15624** (a tale of family feuds and love, set on Exmoor in the 17th century), and **JANE EYRE by Charlotte Bronte 15148**. If that's not enough to get you started here are some more:

Key stage 2 and 3

BINDI BABES BY NARMINDER DHARMI

DAISY CHAIN DREAM BY JOAN O'NEILL

WHAT A WEEK TO FALL IN LOVE BY ROSIE RUSHTON

Key stage 3 and 4

AMY BY MARY HOOPER

THE MAYPOLE BY GERALDINE MCCAUGHREAN

Key stage 4

BLUE SKIES AND GUNFIRE BY KM PEYTON

DEAR NOBODY BY BERLIE DOHERTY

FALLING INTO GLORY BY ROBERT WESTALL

REALITY BITES BACK BY CAROLINE PLAISTED

(UN)ARRANGED MARRIAGE BY BALI RAI

Denise James