

Paranormal Romance

“Paranormal Romance” combines horror and romance, which is extremely popular with teens and adults. These stories often feature imaginary creatures, such as spooky and violent vampires, cute cupids, wicked werewolves, good witches, shape-shifters, guardian angels, or evil demons. Generally, the scenarios of these stories involve a man who is some type of creature and a woman who is human, or vice versus. Sometimes women in the paranormal romance fall in love with men, but the women are more likely to fall in love with dangerous vampires, demons, and werewolves, temporary guardian angels, or ghosts from the past, and forbidden love is a common theme. Magical and unexplained events occur frequently in these stories, and there is often a mystery that needs to be resolved. Paranormal romances generally employ fast pacing, with a generous dose of violence and suspense, which frightens or titillates readers, although sometimes the stories are humorous and not scary at all. The stories are usually set in modern times, but ghosts from the past who need help from the living can often be found in paranormal romance.

Recommended books to start with:

Moon Called by Patricia Briggs

*Note: Library does not own.

~ While trying to live a so-called normal existence, mechanic Mercy Thompson, a shapeshifter raised by werewolves, gets into trouble with the gremlins, witches, and vampires with whom she deals on a daily basis. The narrative is in Mercy’s first person point of view. The romance side of the book is not as blatantly sexual as some others. This book is perfect for those new to the genre. First in the series.

Dark Prince by Christine Feehan

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~ Feehan is prolific writer and has 3 separate paranormal romance series, each with something different involved. Dark Prince is the first in the Carpathian series. In a vampire romance set in the Carpathian Mountains, a mysterious stranger appears in the life of an unsuspecting American psychic.

Undead and Unwed by MaryJanice Davidson

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~ This is the humorous side of paranormal romance. After being killed in a car accident, fashion savvy Betsy Taylor becomes one of the undead and, with the help of her newfound friends, the lure of designer shoes, and a sexy vampire, must destroy a dark enemy and fulfill her destiny as the prophesied vampire queen.

Devil May Cry by Sherrilyn Kenyon

FIC KEN

~ Number 14 in the Dark-Hunter novel series. Stripped of his godhood by Artemis, Sin seeks revenge by kidnapping a woman he believes to be the deceitful goddess, only to discover instead that he has abducted her servant, Katra, who persuades him to save Artemis from an enemy who threatens all human life.

Full Moon Rising

FIC ART

~ When her twin brother, Rhoan, an assassin assigned the task of protecting the innocent from evil supernatural beings, vanishes while on one of his missions, dhampire Riley Jensen--a young woman who is half werewolf, half vampire--joins forces with the sexy, and very disoriented, vampire who shows up on her doorstep.

Where to find more:

To find more paranormal romance books, try the following library databases. If you need help ask a staff member in person, phone, IM, or email.

To get to the databases go to:

1. <http://www.osceolalibrary.org>
2. Mouse over the Research tab at the top. Click on the "databases" link.
3. Scroll to the "Books & Literature" section.
4. You can choose to search Novelist, Reader's Advisor, or What do I Read Next?.

Novelist

- If you have an author or title that you want to find read alike for you can use the basic search box on the main page. Type in the title or author and bring them up in the search box. Pick the book you read and from there you can choose the subjects in the book that interested you and search for similar books.
- If you've never read any of these books and you want more suggested in addition to the ones above, you can choose to browse the lists. Click on the "Browse Lists" tab >> Click on "Adult" under the "Explore Fiction" section >> Click on "Romance" >> Then Click on "Paranormal Romance" >> A list of books will appear.
- You can also use the "Describe a Plot feature." This is useful if you want a specific type of paranormal romance, such as vampires or witches. Click on the "Search our Databases" tab >> Click on the "Describe a Plot" link >> In the "Find" box, type "paranormal romance." If you want to narrow it down, use a keyword, such as "witch" or "vampire," following the example given >> Choose to limit adult or young adult or both if you want >> Hit search and a listing of books will appear, sorted by relevance to the search terms you used. >> You can

choose to change that as well >> Click on a title to read about it and decide if you want to read it.

The Reader's Advisor Online

- When exploring a new genre it's always best to browse first. In the top left hand corner click on "Advanced Search" >> On the right-hand side, click on the small yellow arrow next to "Romance (Fiction)." More categories should open up underneath. >> Click on the yellow arrow next to "Alternate Reality" >> Click on "Paranormal Romance" until it's highlighted blue >> Click search.
- You can also choose to search by name/author. This way, when you have the book on the screen you can pick the subject headings that you like about that specific book.

What do I read Next?

- To browse for paranormal romance books, click on the "Genre Search" link >> Choose the drop down menu next to the Romance genre >> Pick "Paranormal" from the listing >> You can narrow the search by check marking what age group you want the books for at the top of the page >> Click search.
- You can also search for similar authors and titles by using the author of your favorite book, or the title. Try by specific title first if you have one. Choose the "Title and Series Search" >> Enter the name of the title under the "enter the title" heading >> Click Search >> Pick your title >> Scroll to the bottom of the listing >> It will give you a list of recommended titles.

Movies/TV Shows:

Charmed (8 seasons)

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~ Three sisters discover they have supernatural witch powers.

Ghost Rider

DVD DRA GHO

~ In order to save his dying father, Johnny Blaze, a young stunt cyclist, sells his soul to Mephistopheles and sadly parts from Roxanne, the girl he loves. Years later, Johnny's path crosses again with Roxanne, who is now a reporter. He, also, crosses paths with Mephistopheles, who offers to release Johnny's soul if Johnny becomes the fabled, fiery Ghost Rider, a supernatural agent of vengeance and justice.

Underworld

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*Note: has a sequel called Underworld: Evolution

~ A war has been raging between the Vampires and the Lycans for centuries. Selene is a vampire Death Dealer who finds out that the Lycans have plans to capture Michael. As Selene begins to track Michael, she becomes more convinced that the Lycans are planning an attack against the Death Dealers. The vampire kingpin, Kraven, is certain the Lycans do not have that kind of intelligence. As Selene shadows Michael, she finds herself wanting to protect him, but when he's attacked by Lucian, the leader of the werewolf community, and the man she wants to save has now become a sworn enemy.

Ghost Whisperer (2 seasons)

DVD DRA GHO

~ Ever since she was a young girl, Melinda Gordon has been able to see and talk to dead people. Earth-bound spirits who have yet to cross over to the other side seek her help in communicating and resolving unfinished business with the living.

Medium (3 seasons)

DVD DRA MED

~ A woman who can communicate with the dead uses her gift to help solve crimes by working with law enforcement.

Websites:

Some websites to titillate the senses and leave you wanting more paranormal romance!

PNR – Paranormal Romance

<http://paranormalromance.org/>

~ This website “is the official homepage for the ParaNormalRomance Groups designed for lovers of the Paranormal Romance sub-genre. Members meet online via YahooGroups and share an interest in science fiction, fantasy, and romantic fiction with paranormal elements, including time travel, futuristic, magical, ghost, vampire and shapeshifter themes.”

Paranormal Romance Writers

<http://paranormalromancewriters.com/>

~ The website is run by Romance Designs. The site offers web design, book reviews, book descriptions and listings, and much more.

Christine Feehan’s Official Website

<http://www.christinefeehan.com/>

~ Gives information about the author, her books, and their series. She includes links to other websites as well.

Maggie Shayne’s Official Website

<http://www.maggieshayne.com/>

~ Author's website. It includes information about her books, including those about to be published. It also has neat video trailers for the books.

Writer Space

<http://www.writerspace.com/>

~ Many famous romance authors are known to be in the chat rooms on this site from time to time. "Founded in 1998, Writerspace is the home for over 550 authors, primarily romance and mystery, of the best fiction on the market today. Writerspace communities are familiar places for readers to gather, talk to each other, learn about releases and communicate with authors."