

LitChat

Guest Host: Maya Rodale

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

Hi everyone! I'm so excited to be here chatting about romance novels--the good, the bad, the in between. [#LitChat](#)

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Sophronia Scott

@Sophronia

Hi [@mayarodale](#)! Looking forward to the [@LitChat](#). Ready to roll. [#LitChat](#)

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Patricia Cooper

@Pendare

Hi Maya. Patricia here. Just launched (October) my first hist/rom/time travel novel. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

So to get things started: what was the first romance novel that sparked your love affair with the genre? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

@Pendare Hi Patricia! Sounds fascinating--which time periods do you write about? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

@Sophronia @LitChat Hi there! Yes, let's talk romance! #LitChat

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Lisa Lin

@Laforesta1

@mayarodale Nora's MacGregor series. Loved the concept of a

match-making grandpa. been hooked ever since. [#litchat](#)

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Patricia Cooper

@Pendare

[@mayarodale](#) 18th-19th century. but my WIP starts off BC [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

The first romance I ever read was *The Flame and the Flower* by Kathleen Woodiwiss. My mom insisted. [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

[@Laforestal](#) Gotta love Nora! :) Hi Lisa! :) [#LitChat](#)

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Patricia Cooper

@Pendare

[@mayarodale](#) Loved that and all her other romances. Forever Amber was my first (which dates me)! [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

[@Pendare](#) I LOVED Forever Amber but I was so vexed with the

ending! [#LitChat](#)

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[Sophfronia Scott](#)
@Sophfronia

My first romance? I had to look it up just now to make sure it wasn't something I dreamed up when I was younger! But found it.

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[Maya Rodale](#)
@mayarodale

I bet most of us read so many romances that it's hard to remember them all! I've started keeping a list. [#LitChat](#)

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[Sophfronia Scott](#)
@Sophfronia

**The title:THE PRIDE OF THE TRAVALLIONS by Carola Salisbury.
goodreads.com/book/show/3392... [#LitChat](#)**

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[Maya Rodale](#)
@mayarodale

Romance novels have a reputation for being "formulaic." What are some genre "rules" you'd love to see broken? [#LitChat](#)

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[Patricia Cooper](#)



@Pendare

I very rarely read modern romances. Have to be historical -- 19th century or earlier. [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

[@bcaudill](#) Sneaky! So many romance readers seem to have started young [#litchat](#)

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

[@The_Julia_Kelly](#) And names! I can never remember the names [#litchat](#)

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

[@Pendare](#) What don't you like about contemporary romances? I know I love all the big conflict in historicals. [#LitChat](#)

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Patricia Cooper

@Pendare

[@mayarodale](#) I just enjoy historical settings. Altho THORNBIRDS was an exception! [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@The_Julia_Kelly Oh, that guy! The one with the title. Lord
BlackOnyxHawksmith **#litchat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@Pendare I never read it! **#LitChat**

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Sophfronia Scott
@Sophfronia

@The_Julia_Kelly I'm not seeing your tweets. Are you adding the
hashtag? **#LitChat**

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@mayarodale Oh dear! I think you have some catching up to do!
You could always watch the miniseries! :) **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Today I was writing about feminism & romance for my book
Dangerous Books For Girls. I am wondering... **#LitChat**

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Sophfronia Scott
@Sophfronia

Yes, [@Pendare](#) is right. The Thorn Birds has to be under a romance writer's belt. [#LitChat](#)

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Lisa Lin
@Laforesta1

[@mayarodale](#) I don't know. For me, the only hard and fast rule is the happy ending. You can't break that. Otherwise, anything goes! [#litchat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

...do you think romance novels portray feminist values, or not? Does it matter? [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

[@Sophfronia](#) [@Pendare](#) My TBR pile gets longer... :) [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Definitely can't have a romance without the HEA! #LitChat

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Sophfronia Scott
@Sophfronia

@mayarodale It depends on what are "feminist values." I'm all for a woman being in charge of her sexuality. Is that feminist? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

I think the bra-burners and bodice rippers have a lot in common
#DangerousBooksForGirls #Romance #Feminism #LitChat

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Sophfronia Scott
@Sophfronia

@mayarodale And does that happen in enough romance novels?
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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@mayarodale Oh yes. Jane Austen was a pioneer in that field!
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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@Sophfronia I think women get to explore their sexuality without judgement in romance novels. Which is a good thing. [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
[@robynmcintyre](#)

@mayarodale I think it's important that romance reflect real world relationships, too. [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
[@mayarodale](#)

Elizabeth Bennet, feminist? RT [@Pendare](#): [@mayarodale](#) Oh yes. Jane Austen was a pioneer in that field! [#LitChat](#)

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Sophfronia Scott
[@Sophfronia](#)

@mayarodale Readers or character? Or both? [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
[@mayarodale](#)

@robynmcintyre Yes! With all their various and imperfections! [#litchat](#)

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KISHA WHITE



@kikishoes

@mayarodale I love discussions about feminism and romance novels. I think the modern romance novels are full of feminist ideas. [#litchat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre

@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Exactly. And all the idealistic infighting, too. [#LitChat](#)

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Lisa Lin

@Laforesta1

@mayarodale I think they absolutely do! Romances focus on strong female characters, and their sexual satisfaction. [#litchat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre

@robynmcintyre

RT @kikishoes: I love discussions about feminism and romance novels. I think the modern romance novels are full of feminist ideas. [#litchat](#)

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

.@Sophfronia Both! Romance heroes get to experiment. Readers go along for the ride...and safely discover what turns them on.

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Julia Kelly
@The_Julia_Kelly

@mayarodale They show the importance of a woman's sexuality and her ownership of it. Also empowerment of her decisions.

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Romance novels combine feminist values. And chivalry. #win

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Laforesta1 And yet they contain that spark of fairytale that spices up a task filled day #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

RT @Laforesta1 @mayarodale I think they absolutely do! Romances focus on strong female characters, and their sexual satisfaction. #LitChat

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Sophronia Scott
@Sophronia

@mayarodale I absolutely agree with you. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@kikishoes Me too! #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Do you think they portray men as we would like them to be? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Great Question! RT @robynmcintyre @mayarodale Do you think they portray men as we would like them to be? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre When it comes to qualities like integrity, respect, capability, nurturing...YES. #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale And it's no wonder so many women fall in love with literary characters! [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre I think in real life, women don't expect the guys to have all the titles, muscles and a billion bucks. 1/2 [#LitChat](#)

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@robynmcintyre @mayarodale Perks of being a writer. I portray my heroes exactly to what I would like them to be. :) [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre But in romance novels...yup, most of the time 2/2 [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Are romance heroes and heroines realistic? [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Why did you choose to write romance? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre Because I read the books too fast! Writing them would keep me in the story longer :) #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Great answer! #LitChat

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Lisa Lin
@Laforesta1

@mayarodale There are stories about women finding the strength&courage to leave a bad/abusive relationship after reading romances. #litchat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Laforesta1's comment leads me to: does romance give women unrealistic ideas about relationships? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@Laforesta1 Yes. I also think they give readers a chance to "try on" different experiences, leading to a happier life. **#LitChat**

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Lisa Lin
@Laforesta1

@robynmcintyre I don't think there's anything unrealistic about wanting a relationship based on love, respect, trust, & passion. **#litchat**

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@robynmcintyre @Laforesta1 Probably. **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre @Laforesta1 I think it depends on the story. **#LitChat**

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Laforesta1 No, and no one should settle for less. But how realistic

are most romance heroes? [#LitChat](#)

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Miranda Neville
@Miranda_Neville

The best rom. chars are idealized versions of realistic. Basic truth must be there. [@mayarodale](#) [#litchat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

[@Miranda_Neville](#) [@mayarodale](#) Makes sense. A 'perfect' mate would come across as fake, don't you think? [#LitChat](#)

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Lisa Lin
@Laforest1

[@robynmcintyre](#) Depends on the story, but I definitely know what you mean. We can't all be swept away by rich dashing handsome dukes. [#litchat](#)

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

[@robynmcintyre](#) I think romance does give unrealistic ideas about relationships as I have yet to meet a sexy billionaire at work. [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre @Miranda_Neville And there are so many ideas of "perfect!" Is the hero confident or arrogant? 1/2 #LitChat

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@Laforestal @robynmcintyre Unfortunately :(#LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre @Miranda_Neville Is the heroine a doormat or a wallflower? 2/2 #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@kikishoes @robynmcintyre And I don't trip and fall and bite my lower lip nearly enough, apparently. #LitChat

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Lisa Lin
@Laforestal

@mayarodale The escape factor is definitely one of the reasons why I love romance! #litchat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Yes! How important is it that the heroine be like the reader and in what ways? **#LitChat**

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Sophronia Scott
@Sophronia

@mayarodale @kikishoes @robynmcintyre Oh, you gotta work on that Maya! The equivalent of dropping handkerchiefs. ;-) **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

According to my survey, most readers are agreed that escape and entertainment are the reasons women love romance novels.
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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@mayarodale Absolutely agree. **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre I don't think it's tremendously important, but I think the reader should be able to empathize with her. **#litchat**

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

If I don't like the hero or heroine, I can't enjoy the book no matter how well it is written. The heroine should be relatable. #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale I wondered, b/c there was talk Twilight's Belle was so nondescript, she could be anyone. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

I think the characters can be different, but their emotional journey has to be believable. #romancenovels #LitChat

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

I'm 42 years old. I appreciate heroines who are closer to my age. It makes it easier to empathize. Then comes body shape/size. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

[@kikishoes](#) Yes! It'd be great to see more heroines at different stages/ages in life. [#LitChat](#)

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[RobynMcIntyre](#)
[@robynmcintyre](#)

Didn't one of the big publisher's come out with a line of 2nd chances bks, featuring widows/divorcees? [#LitChat](#)

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[Maya Rodale](#)
[@mayarodale](#)

Most romance readers don't care about the age of the heroine, according to my survey [#dangerousbooksforgirls](#) [#LitChat](#)

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[Lisa Lin](#)
[@Laforesta1](#)

My favorite part of romance is the emotional journey the hero and heroine go through. They battle demons EARN their happy ending. [#litchat](#)

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[Maya Rodale](#)
[@mayarodale](#)

Anyone? RT [@robynmcintyre](#) Didn't one of the big publisher's come out with a line of 2nd chances bks, featuring widows/divorcees? [#LitChat](#)

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@robynmcintyre @mayarodale Which is why IMO a heroine can be neither doormat or wallflower. Has to have a backbone. **#LitChat**

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

One of the problems I had with Ana in FSOG was her naivete (sp?). She was too young for me to relate. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Doormat or TSTL were the most loathed qualities of heroines, according to my survey for #DangerousBooksForGirls #notsurprised #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale TSTL? #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@kikishoes Am rereading it now. She's too innocent and naive I almost feel uncomfortable reading it. **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre Too Stupid To Live. #LitChat

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

What is TSTL? I don't like doormats or asshat heroes. #LitChat

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Lisa Lin
@Laforesta1

@mayarodale Yep. My only squick when it comes to age is if the hero is way (20-30 years)older than the heroine.
#oldenoughtobedad #litchat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale LOLOL #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@Laforesta1 EEEWW. Agreed! #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@kikishoes FSOG? **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@Laforesta1 Also, squick is such a good word. **#LitChat**

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

LMAO. TSTL. That was Bella Swan. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre @kikishoes 50 Shades of Grey, right? **#LitChat**

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Lisa Lin
@Laforesta1

@mayarodale I still don't get Michael Douglass& CJZ (25 year diff)
and don't even GET me started on Anna Nicole Smith. **#ugh**
#litchat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Oh god. I couldn't even get through that book.
#LitChat

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

Bella Swan was Twilight. But, same difference. lol. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Are we going to see the 50 Shades of Grey movie? #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@kikishoes I always saw that series as romance, but with vampires.
#LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Why not just stay home and rent porn? **#LitChat**

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

I ALREADY BOUGHT MY FSOG MOVIE TICKET. Because Jamie Dornan is hot. #LitChat

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@mayarodale @robynmcintyre @kikishoes NOT on my TBR list. Seen it all, heard it all, and at 80 I've done most of it. LOL #LitChat

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre Rent? I heard it's free on the internetz! #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Pendare Plus, you were a sailor, too! #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Along with malware and viruses. LIke STDs for your computer. #LitChat

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@robynmcintyre HAH!! You gottit. [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

What do you love most about romance novels? [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Pendare I admire that you did that; there was too much sexism for me and still is. [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

I love all the adventure, the emotions and the naughty bits :)
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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

I love the HEA, man feels, and the first passionate kiss. [#LitChat](#)

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Sophfronia Scott
@Sophfronia

@mayarodale And don't forget the wild artistry of the book covers!
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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@robynmcintyre It was awful in the 50s/60s. Only single women at sea. If you got married you were O.U.T. **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@kikishoes Clarification: Feeling of the men or men having the feelings? **#LitChat**

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale I like the learning you can trust someone completely.
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Sophfronia Scott
@Sophfronia

@mayarodale Romance covers made Fabio a star, didn't they?
#LitChat

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

I'm getting into romance novels with the male POV because I like reading about men falling in love, sharing their feelings [#LitChat](#)

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

Men having feelings. Expressing their feelings. Being big alphas but admitting that they need, love the heroine. [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

[@kikishoes](#) makes me think about gay romance, which is a fast growing market. I read M/M. Does anyone else? [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

[@robynmcintyre](#) Yes! Falling in love & trusting someone with intimacy can be terrifying! Love seeing in work in romance novels [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

[@robynmcintyre](#) [@kikishoes](#) I just read one that was AMAZING. I felt all the feelings. [#LitChat](#)

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[Lisa Lin](#)
[@Laforesta1](#)

[@mayarodale](#) I'm a sentimental sap-all about the true love&happy ever after of it all. Makes me laugh&sigh with happiness [#litchat](#)

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[Maya Rodale](#)
[@mayarodale](#)

FYI RT [@kikishoes](#) Men having feelings. Expressing their feelings. Being big alphas but admitting that they need, love the heroine. [#LitChat](#)

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[Maya Rodale](#)
[@mayarodale](#)

[@Laforesta1](#) I love the HEA. I don't truly enjoy stories without them. [#LitChat](#)

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[KISHA WHITE](#)
[@kikishoes](#)

I do read M/M romance for both the sharing of feelings and the sex. [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@kikishoes It's pretty hot. **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

Someone told me a reason women like m/m romances is seeing men do "the emotional heavy lifting" in the relationship. **#LitChat**

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@kikishoes I left all explicit sex out of my latest rom. My 4 sons don't think I know anything about anything in the bedroom!!
#LitChat

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

@Laforesta1 I read Jane Eyre about 4 years ago and it is my fav book. All the turmoil she went through, Jane still got her HEA.
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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@Pendare @kikishoes Did they come from the stork or the cabbage patch? :) **#LitChat**

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@Pendare They'd probably have a heart attack if they read sex in one of your books. **#LitChat**

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Lisa Lin
@Laforesta1

@mayarodale There's already enough stress and drama in my life. Bring me the happy fluffy feel good endings, damn it! **#litchat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

This: RT @Laforesta1 There's already enough stress and drama in my life. Bring me the happy fluffy feel good endings, damn it! **#LitChat**

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becky caudill
@bcaudill

There's something magical about the Regency era and romance novels are a way to live through it after the fact. #litchat

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

[@mayarodale](#) [@kikishoes](#) They like to think so! Of course they have kids of their own, but they just happened! [#LitChat](#)

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[RobynMcIntyre](#)
[@robynmcintyre](#)

[@Laforestal](#) Yeah, at least SOMEONE is having a happy ending!
LOL [#LitChat](#)

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[Patricia Cooper](#)
[@Pendare](#)

[@robynmcintyre](#) Yup! [#LitChat](#)

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[Maya Rodale](#)
[@mayarodale](#)

What are your must have's for the [#HEA](#) in a romance novel?
Marriage? Babies? Just a good feeling for the future? [#LitChat](#)

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[KISHA WHITE](#)
[@kikishoes](#)

Of course children came out of the cabbage patch! [#LitChat](#)

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[RobynMcIntyre](#)
[@robynmcintyre](#)

@bcaudill It **is** fun to visit the past w/o the horseflies and diseases. **#LitChat**

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becky caudill
@bcaudill

@mayarodale It depends on the author and the book. Sometimes I don't want realistic; I want escapism. :-) **#litchat**

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@mayarodale I used an epilogue (10 years later) to tie up a lot of loose ends. **#LitChat**

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Great question. For me, certainty of an unshakeable bond. **#LitChat**

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

I don't need marriage or babies for a HEA. In contemporary romance, my HEA is when the hero and heroine commit to coupledness. **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@bcaudill I think most readers really don't want all the historical accuracy that they say they do **#noteeth #nobath #LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre Yes, knowing they'll make it through other problems is key. **#LitChat**

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

@mayarodale Which is why I reply to ppl asking if I wouldn't want to live in a simplr time, w/ "no tampons? no indoor plumbing?" **#LitChat**

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Patricia Cooper
@Pendare

@bcaudill @mayarodale There is time travel, and a tad of fantasy and magic, so it was definitely escapism, even with epilogue. **#LitChat**

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre LOLZ **#LitChat**

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KISHA WHITE

@kikishoes

Speaking of accuracy, I like how authors have included safe sex in the novels while making it sexy. I remember when their worries.

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KISHA WHITE

@kikishoes

****when there were worries. [#LitChat](#)**

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

[@bcaudill](#) Sure, but I think romance readers want the happy heroine AND the guy (or partner) [#litchat](#)

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Lisa Lin

@Laforesta1

[@mayarodale](#) Depends on the story. Maybe marriage/babies, maybe not. But I have to have faith they're in love & are gonna stay that way. [#litchat](#)

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KISHA WHITE

@kikishoes

Exactly, [@Laforestal](#) [#LitChat](#)

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[Maya Rodale](#)
[@mayarodale](#)

[@kikishoes](#) Yes! I think it's awesome that romance has made that sexy and normal. [#LitChat](#)

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[Patricia Cooper](#)
[@Pendare](#)

[@robynmcintyre](#) [@mayarodale](#) One reviewer called me out for mentioning underwear. But a time travlr would insist on knickers. [#LitChat](#)

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[Maya Rodale](#)
[@mayarodale](#)

[@Pendare](#) [@robynmcintyre](#) As long as it gets removed... [#LitChat](#)

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[KISHA WHITE](#)
[@kikishoes](#)

HA! [#LitChat](#)

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[RobynMcIntyre](#)
[@robynmcintyre](#)

BTW - we'll be talking abt romance again on Writing Wednesday in [#LitChat](#), when we discuss falling in love w/ literature

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

Great! I can't wait. I hope I'll be able to sneak on while at work.
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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

This was fun. [#LitChat](#)

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Maya Rodale
@mayarodale

[@kikishoes](#) Ditto! [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre
@robynmcintyre

[@Pendare](#) I know *I* would. [#LitChat](#)

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KISHA WHITE
@kikishoes

Speaking of work...it's quitting time. *shhh* Have a great night everyone. [#LitChat](#)

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[RobynMcIntyre](#)

@robynmcintyre

[@mayarodale](#) This has been an awesome chat. [#LitChat](#) thanks you for being such a GREAT host!

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[Patricia Cooper](#)

@Pendare

Forgive me for plugging my new hist romance. bit.ly/12zBHvA
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[Maya Rodale](#)

@mayarodale

Thank you everyone who joined in today's [#litchat](#) for bawdy, brilliant convo on romance novels!

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[Sophronia Scott](#)

@Sophronia

Yes, fun! Thanks! [#LitChat](#)

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[RobynMcIntyre](#)

@robynmcintyre

@Pendare Nothing to forgive. #LitChat

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Patricia Cooper

@Pendare

Thank you all, Thanks Maya. #LitChat

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

@robynmcintyre Thank you for having me! I had such fun! :)
#LitChat

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becky caudill

@bcaudill

@mayarodale that's true. I just wish that not all historical romance novels ended with a baby being the biggest reward. #litchat

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Maya Rodale

@mayarodale

@bcaudill Me too :) #LitChat

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RobynMcIntyre

@robynmcintyre

Everyone, please feel free to post about your latest & greatest achievement! [#LitChat](#)

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Patricia Cooper

@Pendare

[@robynmcintyre](#) Thanks, Robyn! [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre

@robynmcintyre

If you missed today's chat, you can see the recorded posts at nurph.com/litchat [#LitChat](#)

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RobynMcIntyre

@robynmcintyre

Writing Wednesday in [#LitChat](#) will talk about the Romance in Writing (and Reading) Literature. litchat.com/the-romance-in...

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