The Romance Series

Have enough courage to trust love one more time and always one more time."
–Maya Angelou

Poems About Emotions
by Clare Constant

Overview
This book invites the reader to jump into a selection of poems about emotions written by people from different places and times. It gives the reader the keys needed to unlock poems. It equips the reader to explore the meanings that a poem has, and it explains the techniques poets use to create their effects.

The Wedding: A Novel
By Dorothy West

Overview
In her final novel, Dorothy West offers an intimate glimpse into African American middle class. Set on bucolic Martha's Vineyard in the 1950s, The Wedding tells the story of life in the Oval, a proud, insular community made up of the best and brightest of the East Coast's black bourgeoisie.
Within this inner circle of "blue-vein society," we witness the prominent Coles family gather for the wedding of the loveliest daughter, Shelby, who could have chosen from "a whole area of eligible men of the right colors and the right professions." Instead, she has fallen in love with and is about to be married to Meade Wyler, a white jazz musician from New York. A shock wave breaks over the Oval as its longtime members grapple with the changing face of its community.

Crazy Rich Asians
By Kevin Kwan

Overview

Crazy Rich Asians is a funny fiction novel written by Kevin Kwan that highlights and ridicules the lifestyle of upper-class Asian families and society. The book is about three wealthy, upper-class Chinese families, and how they undermine those who are not as rich and influential as them. It shows the scheming, gossip, and backbiting that occurs when Nicholas Young, the heir to one of the richest families in Asia, brings his girlfriend,
Rachel Chu, home to one of the greatest weddings of the season. Rachel is an American-born Chinese girl who doesn’t come from a very rich family.

Her presence causes jitters among the guests. Kevin Kwan himself comes from a wealthy and established family in Singapore, which is why he knows so much about these things.

**Jane Eyre (Barnes & Noble Classics Series)**
By Charlotte Bronte

**Overview**

Immediately recognized as a masterpiece when it was first published in 1847, Charlotte Brontë’s *Jane Eyre* is an extraordinary coming-of-age story featuring one of the most independent and strong-willed female protagonists in all of literature. Poor and plain, Jane Eyre begins life as a lonely orphan in the household of her hateful aunt.

Despite the oppression she endures at home, and the later torture of boarding school, Jane manages to emerge with her spirit and integrity
unbroken. She becomes a governess at Thornfield Hall, where she finds herself falling in love with her employer—the dark, impassioned Mr. Rochester. But an explosive secret tears apart their relationship, forcing Jane to face poverty and isolation once again. One of the world’s most beloved novels, *Jane Eyre* is a startlingly modern blend of passion, romance, mystery, and suspense.

**Year of Wonders: A Novel of the Plague**
by [Geraldine Brooks](https://www.goodreads.com/author/show/3515.Geraldine_Brooks)

*Overview*

An unforgettable tale of a brave young woman during the plague in 17th century England from the author *The Secret Chord* and of *March*, winner of the Pulitzer Prize.

When an infected bolt of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated village, a housemaid named Anna Frith emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna’s eyes we follow the story of the fateful year of 1666, as she and her fellow villagers confront the spread of disease and superstition. As death reaches into every household and villagers turn from prayers to murderous witch-hunting, Anna must find the strength to confront the disintegration of her community and the lure of illicit love. As
she struggles to survive and grow, a year of catastrophe becomes instead annus mirabilis, a "year of wonders."

Partly Cloudy: Poems Of Love and Longing
By Gary Soto

Overview

A poignant, humorous collection by acclaimed poet Gary Soto

The fleeting emotions of teenagers, as changeable as the weather, ring true in these emotionally resonant poems. Told from the point of view of both boys and girls, narrators of various ethnicities fall in love for the first time, pine over crushes, and brood over broken hearts. Tender, lighthearted, and surprising, this collection will capture teens, tweens, and anyone who remembers what it’s like to be a young person in love.

Every Breath
By Nicholas Sparks
Overview

In this #1 New York Times bestseller, treat yourself to an epic love story. Hope Anderson is at a crossroads. At thirty-six, she's been dating her boyfriend, an orthopedic surgeon, for six years. With no wedding plans in sight, and her father recently diagnosed with ALS, she decides to use a week at her family's cottage in Sunset Beach, North Carolina, to ready the house for sale and mull over some difficult decisions about her future.

Tru Walls has never visited North Carolina but is summoned to Sunset Beach by a letter from a man claiming to be his father. A safari guide, born and raised in Zimbabwe, Tru hopes to unravel some of the mysteries surrounding his mother's early life and recapture memories lost with her death. When the two strangers' cross paths, their connection is as electric as it is unfathomable, but in the immersive days that follow, their feelings for each other will give way to choices that pit family duty against personal happiness in devastating ways.

Pride and Prejudice
Overview

Introduce your children to Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* with beautiful illustrations and abridged text. Seek and find characters from the popular, romantic book *Pride and Prejudice* on each page and follow them throughout the story. Each page contains beautifully illustrated characters to find and details to spot, accompanied by abridged text. Search for the Bennet family at their home in Longbourne, Jane and Bingley falling in love at the Netherfield Ball, Lizzie and Darcy strolling around Pemberley, and much more. This seek-and-find book is the perfect way to introduce younger children to the world of Jane Austen.

**Bicycles: Love Poems**

By [Nikki Giovanni](https://www.poetryfoundation.org/poets/nikki-giovanni)
Overview

In a career that has earned her accolades, honorary degrees, and awards from both fellow poets and everyday poetry lovers, Nikki Giovanni has established herself as a writer who can entertain and challenge, inform and inspire. Sometimes controversial, sometimes ethereal, but always beautiful, her poems move readers of all hues and generations.

With *Bicycles*, she's collected poems that serve as a companion to her 1997 *Love Poems*. An instant classic, that book—romantic, bold, and erotic—expressed notions of love in ways that were delightfully unexpected.

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Sense and Sensibility by Jane Austen
Unabridged Edition

By Jane Austen
Overview
First published work when it appeared in 1811 under the pseudonym "A Lady". A work of romantic fiction is set in southwest England between 1792 and 1797 and portrays the life and loves of the Dashwood sisters, Elinor and Marianne. The novel follows the young ladies to their new home, a meagre cottage on a distant relative's property, where they experience love, romance and heartbreak.