

Romance Reading List
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Core List

1. Homer, *The Odyssey*
2. Chretien, *Yvain*
3. Chretien, *Lancelot*
4. Chretien, *Erec and Enide*
5. Chretien, *Perceval*
6. Chretien, *Cligés*
7. Chaucer, *The Knight's Tale*
8. Chaucer, *Troilus and Criseyde*
9. Shakespeare, *The Winter's Tale*
10. Shakespeare, *The Tempest*
11. Mary Shelley, *Frankenstein*
12. Keats, "Eve of Saint Agnes"
13. Keats, "La Belle Dame Sans Merci"
14. Byron, "Childe Harold's Pilgrimage"
15. Coleridge, "Rime of the Ancient Mariner"
16. Emily Brontë, *Wuthering Heights*
17. Hawthorne, *The Scarlet Letter*
18. Twain, *Huckleberry Finn*
19. Browning, "Childe Roland to the Dark Tower Came"
20. Ursula le Guin, *The Left Hand of Darkness*

Supplementary List

1. *King Horn*
2. Gower, *Apollonius of Tyre*
3. *Sir Orfeo*
4. *The Squire of Low Degree*
5. Shakespeare, *As You Like It*
6. Shakespeare, *Twelfth Night*
7. Sidney, *Old Arcadia*
8. Behn, *Oroonoko*
9. Radcliffe, *The Mysteries of Udolpho*
10. Austen, *Northanger Abbey*
11. Charlotte Brontë, *Jane Eyre*
12. Kipling, "The Man Who Would Be King"
13. Fitzgerald, *The Great Gatsby*
14. Tolkien, *The Lord of the Rings*
15. Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*
16. Golding, *Lord of the Flies*
17. Morrison, *Beloved*
18. Butler, *Xenogenesis Trilogy*
19. *Star Wars Episodes IV-VI*

20. *Star Trek: Next Generation*

Critical List

1. Helen Cooper, *The English Romance in Time*
2. Radway, *Reading the Romance: Women, Patriarchy, and Popular Literature*
3. Fredric Jameson, "Magical Narrative: Romance as Genre," *NLH* , 7 (1975), pp. 135-63
4. Michael McKeon, *The Origins of the English Novel 1600-1740* , chapters 1 and 4
Michael Nerlich, *Ideology of Adventure* , vol. I, chapter 1
5. Jennifer L. Fleissner, "After the New Americanists: The Progress of Romance and the Romance of Progress in American Literary Studies," *Companion to American Literary Studies*, ed. Caroline Levander (2011)
6. Corrine Saunders, ed. *A Companion to Romance from Classical To Contemporary*
7. Barbara Fuchs, *Romance*.