WTBBL Book List:
Romances & Love Stories

Mrs. Martin's Incomparable Adventure by Courtney Milan, 2019. ([DB109332](#))

Mrs. Bertrice Martin, a widow some 73 years young, gets through her days with daily doses of spite, regular baths in man-tears, and by refusing to give a single damn about her Terrible Nephew. Then proper Miss Violetta Beauchamps, a sprightly young thing of 69, crashes into her life. The Terrible Nephew is living in her rooming house, and Violetta wants him gone. Mrs. Martin isn't about to start giving damns, not even for someone as intriguing as Miss Violetta…but she might be tempted to hatch another plan- to make her nephew sorry, to make Miss Violetta smile, and to have a fine adventure. – description from library catalog

Boyfriend Material by Alexis Hall, 2020. ([DB099672](#))

Luc O'Donnell, the son of two famous rock stars, needs to clean up his image. A nice boyfriend like barrister Oliver Blackwood is just what he needs. But can he convince Oliver to pretend to date him without falling in love? – description from library catalog

Let's Talk About Love by Claire Kann, 2018 ([DB091887](#))

Alice had her whole summer planned. Non-stop all-you-can-eat buffets while marathoning her favorite TV shows with the smallest dash of adulting. The only thing missing from her perfect plan? Her girlfriend, who ended things when Alice confessed she's asexual. Alice is done with dating—no thank you, do not pass go, stick a fork in her, done. But then Alice meets Takumi and she

can't stop thinking about him or the rom com-grade romance feels she did not ask for (uncertainty, butterflies, and swoons, oh my!). – description adapted from Goodreads

The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller, 2012 ([DB074857](#))

Achilles, "the best of all the Greeks," is strong, swift, and beautiful, irresistible to all who meet him. Patroclus is an awkward young prince, exiled from his homeland after an act of shocking violence. Brought together by chance, they forge an inseparable bond, despite risking the gods' wrath. – description adapted from Goodreads

Our Souls at Night by Kent Haruf, 2015 ([BR020976](#) and [DB081799](#))

In the familiar setting of Holt, Colorado, home to all of Kent Haruf's inimitable fiction, Addie Moore pays an unexpected visit to a neighbor, Louis Waters. Her husband died years ago, as did his wife, and in such a small town they naturally have known of each other for decades. His daughter lives hours away in Colorado Springs, her son even farther away in Grand Junction, and Addie and Louis have long been living alone in houses now empty of family, the nights so terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk with. – description adapted from Goodreads

Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo, 2021 ([BR024064](#), [LP026279](#), and [DB104015](#))

America in 1954 is not a safe place for two girls to fall in love, especially not in Chinatown. Red-Scare paranoia threatens everyone, including Chinese Americans like Lily. With deportation looming over her father—despite his hard-won citizenship—Lily and Kath risk everything to let their love see the light of day. – description adapted from Goodreads

Loving vs. Virginia by Patricia Hruby Powell, 2017 ([DB088922](#))

A novel in blank verse telling the story of Mildred Jeter, an African American woman, and Richard Loving, a white man, who marry and then challenge the Virginia law forbidding interracial marriages in the 1950s. – description from library catalog

Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating by Adiba Jaigirdar, 2022 ([DB105388](#))

Everyone likes Hani – she's easygoing and one of the most popular girls at school. But when she comes out to her friends as bisexual, they invalidate her identity, saying she can't be bi if she's only dated guys. Panicked, Hani blurts out that she's in a relationship…with a girl her friends absolutely hate, Ishu. Ishu is the complete opposite of Hani. But Ishita agrees to help Hani, if Hani will help her become more popular so that she stands a chance of being elected head girl. But what happens when they start developing real feelings for each other? – description from library catalog