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Romance: Spicy Romance Novels

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First Comes Marriage by Mary Balogh

Read Anne Flosnik

10 hours, 45 minutes

Elliott Wallace, the viscount Lyngate, arrives in the English countryside to inform seventeen-year-old Stephen Huxtable that he is now an earl. Stephen has three sisters he won't leave behind, and one--widowed Vanessa--proposes to Elliott before he can ask for her sister. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

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The Surrender Trilogy: Letting Go; Giving In; Taking It All by Maya Banks

Read by Teresa Willis

25 hours, 45 minutes

Erotica trilogy includes Letting Go, Giving In, and Taking It All. In Letting Go, widowed Josslyn seeks the one thing her husband couldn't give her--dominance. She discovers an exclusive club to indulge in her fantasies, but her husband's best friend Dash has other plans. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 2014.

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That Summer Place by Jill Barnett

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

9 hours, 18 minutes

Three romantic novellas set in a Victorian house on Spruce Island in the Pacific Northwest. In Old Things former lovers reunite after thirty years. In Private Paradise single parents share the lodge. In Island Time a marine biologist falls for a millionaire. Some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1998.

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Between the Devil and the Duke by Kelly Bowen

Read by Ashford McNab

11 hours, 39 minutes

Angelique tries to repair her aristocratic family's fortunes by visiting a gambling club, but she gets caught counting cards. Alex is the owner of the establishment, and one sight of the beautiful Angelique has him offering her a job instead of throwing her out. Some strong language, explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2017.

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Him by Sarina Bowen and Elle Kennedy

Read by Teddy Hamilton and Jacob Morgan

8 hours, 7 minutes

Ryan Wesley's biggest regret is coaxing his straight friend into a bet that pushed the boundaries of their relationship. Now, with their college hockey teams set to face off at the national championship, he'll finally get a chance to apologize--if he can only fight his attraction. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2015.

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Smash Cut by Sandra Brown

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

11 hours, 39 minutes

A masked gunman kills wealthy Paul Wheeler in the elevator of an Atlanta hotel, with Paul's companion, Julie Rutledge, looking on. Julie suspects Paul's movie-obsessed nephew Creighton is the murderer. Meanwhile Creighton's attorney Derek Mitchell fights his feelings for Julie. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

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My Kind of Christmas by Robyn Carr

Read by Jill Fox

7 hours, 37 minutes

After a car accident, medical student Angie LaCroix recuperates at her uncle Jack's Virgin River, California, property. Navy pilot Patrick Riordan goes on leave when a mission goes wrong. The two find solace in each other during the holidays. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

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A Hunger Like No Other by Kresley Cole

Read by Alec Volz

11 hours, 43 minutes

The leader of the Lykae Clan, Lachlain MacRieve, was tortured for years by vampires. Now he finds that the mate for whom he has waited centuries, Emmaline Troy, is half-Valkyrie, half-vampire. Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. 2006.

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Poor Little Bitch Girl by Jackie Collins

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

12 hours, 28 minutes

Annabelle Maestro, the daughter of two Hollywood movie stars, runs an escort business in New York City. When her father is accused of murdering her mother, Annabelle returns to California and falls in love with Bobby Santangelo Stanislopoulos. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2010.

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Romancing the Duke Castles Ever After by Tessa Dare

Read by Abigail Maupin

8 hours, 45 minutes

Izzy Goodnight, the penniless, orphaned daughter of an acclaimed fantasy author, inherits a castle from her godfather. Izzy discovers that the blind duke of Rothbury still lives in the castle and does not know that his estate has been sold. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. 2014.

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Bared to You by Sylvia Day

Read by Jill Redfield

11 hours, 34 minutes

Childhood rape survivor Eva Tramell moves to Manhattan with her bisexual roommate Cary Taylor, a male model, to work in advertising. There Eva meets wealthy businessman Gideon Cross, who seduces her while hiding emotional problems of his own. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Commercial audiobook. 2012.

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Danger in a Red Dress by Christina Dodd

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

9 hours, 24 minutes

Carrick Manly tricks home-care worker Hannah Grey into nursing his disagreeable mother, hoping Hannah will learn where his missing father's ill-gotten fortune is. Carrick's half brother Gabriel Prescott agrees to help Carrick, but is drawn to Hannah. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

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The Ideal Man by Julie Garwood

Read by Christina Traister

8 hours, 41 minutes

After witnessing a shooting, trauma surgeon Ellie Sullivan is placed under FBI protection. Agent Max Daniels guards Ellie and even shows up at her sister's wedding. But other uninvited guests may also be in attendance. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2011.

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Not Another Bad Date by Rachel Gibson

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

7 hours, 42 minutes

Writer Adele Harris returns to her Texas hometown to help her pregnant sister. Adele, who has had bad luck with boyfriends, runs into her first love, football coach Zach Zemaitis, whose late wife had tormented Adele throughout their school years. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

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Love the One You're With by Emily Giffin

Read by Martha Harmon Pardee

11 hours, 11 minutes

Ellen has been happily married to her best friend's brother for one hundred days when she encounters Leo, who broke her heart eight years ago because he could not commit. As they get reacquainted, Ellen's desire for Leo resurfaces. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

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Swallowing Darkness by Laurell K. Hamilton

Read by Annie Wauters

11 hours, 17 minutes

Faerie princess Meredith, from A Lick of Frost (RC 66671), is finally pregnant--with twins. But to one day claim the throne, Meredith must protect herself and her unborn heirs from conspirators plotting against her and her loyal guards. Some violence, some strong language, and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2008.

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Natural Law by Joey W. Hill

Read by Mark Ashby

10 hours, 12 minutes

Homicide detective Mac Nighthorse goes undercover as a male submissive in a high-end sex club to catch a dominatrix who is murdering her partners. Mac catches the eye of Violet, who soon becomes an ally in Mac's investigation--and his dominant. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2004.

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The Leopard Prince by Elizabeth Hoyt

Read by Moira Quirk

10 hours, 42 minutes

Wealthy lady Georgina Maitland doesn't want a husband, but she needs a good steward to run her estates. One look at Harry Pye, however, and Georgina knows she's dealing not just with a servant but with a man she desires. Trouble in the village complicates matters. Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2007.

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Lessons of Desire by Madeline Hunter

Read by Colleen Delany

11 hours, 10 minutes

Italy, 1823. When British lord Elliot Rothwell learns that a publisher's scandalous posthumous autobiography will smear his family name, he seeks out the man's unconventional daughter, Phaedra Blair. Elliot finds her imprisoned for causing a duel--and marries Phaedra to win her her freedom. Explicit descriptions of sex. Rita Award. 2007.

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Pleasure Unbound a Demonica Novel by Larissa Ione

Read by Cassandra Campbell

11 hours, 56 minutes

Demon slayer Tayla Mancuso hungers for sensual pleasure, but fears it will always be denied her. Then she lands in a hospital run by demons in disguise, and the head doctor Eidolon makes her body burn with desire. Can a demon and a slayer find love? Unrated. Commercial audiobook. 2008.

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Unspoken by Lisa Jackson

Read by Erin Jones

12 hours, 7 minutes

Shelby Cole returns to Bad Luck, Texas, with proof that the daughter she thought had died at birth ten years ago is actually alive. She teams up with the child's father to investigate the connection between that and a local murder. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1999.

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Fifty Shades of Grey; Fifty Shades Darker ; Fifty Shades of Freed by E. L. James

Read by Gabriella Cavallero

54 hours, 32 minutes

Trilogy chronicles the dominant-submissive relationship of college student Anastasia and young CEO Christian Grey. In Fifty Shades of Grey naive Ana is intimidated by--and drawn to--the handsome tycoon. As she indulges Christian's erotic tastes, Ana becomes aware of his dark past. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 2011.

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Beautiful Bastard: a Novel by Christina Lauren

Read by Erin Jones

7 hours, 1 minute

Chloe Mills works for demanding and unreasonable Bennett Ryan, who also has a reputation as a playboy. When Chloe stands up for herself, boss and subordinate develop a physical relationship. But Chloe must choose between her future and Bennett. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB076572

The Untamed Bride the Black Cobra Quartet by Stephanie Laurens

Read by Colleen Delany

13 hours, 12 minutes

India, 1822. Four British officers aim to capture a terrorist called the Black Cobra. Colonel Derek Delborough lures the villain back to England, where the Cynster family is willing to join the search. During the mission Delborough falls in love with Deliah Duncannon. Explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB071408

Untamed by Elizabeth Lowell

Read by Michele Schaeffer

11 hours, 30 minutes

Norman knight Dominic le Sabre has returned from the Holy Land to claim his Saxon bride and the vast domain that she will inherit upon the imminent death of her father. Dominic looks forward to his marriage and the heirs he will have. But Lady Margaret suffers from the curse of Glendruid, and she will never bear a son--unless her husband truly loves her and his passion can equal hers. Explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

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Beautiful Disaster; Walking Disaster by Jamie McGuire

Read by Mary Kane and Patrick Downer

23 hours, 13 minutes

Two novels of one romance, written in 2011 and 2013. In Beautiful Disaster, Abby Abernathy arrives at college determined to start fresh, but she falls for bad boy Travis Maddox. Their romance is told from Travis's point of view in Walking Disaster. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. 2013.

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A Creed in Stone Creek by Linda Lael Miller

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

11 hours, 10 minutes

After the deaths of his friends Zack and Jillie, attorney Steven Creed adopts their five-year-old son Matt and moves to a fixer-upper ranch in Arizona. Steven and Matt become smitten with prosecutor Melissa O'Ballivan, but work conflicts threaten the growing romance. Strong language and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2011

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Big Sky Country by Linda Lael Miller

Read by John Haag

10 hours, 42 minutes

Parable, Montana. Sheriff Slade Barlow is raising his ex-wife's daughter when he inherits a share of his father's ranch--even though Slade was an illegitimate child. Slade's half brother inveigles to buy him out. Meanwhile, Slade's teenage crush returns to town. Explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB074914

Sundays at Tiffany's by James Patterson

Read by Susan McInerney

5 hours, 47 minutes

Thirtysomething Jane is reunited with a sweet, funny, and handsome man from her past named Michael who happens to be her imaginary friend from childhood. But not even Michael knows the real reason they have been brought together. Some explicit descriptions of sex and some strong language. Bestseller. 2008.

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Glitter Baby by Susan Elizabeth Phillips

Read by Kristin Allison

Reading time 11 hours, 54 minutes

Model Fleur Savagar struggles to come to terms with her American mother and her French Russian father until she uncovers their secrets. Fleur falls in love with playwright and actor Jake Koranda--a man with his own hidden past. Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 1987.

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Happy Ever After by Nora Roberts

Read by Angela Dawe

Reading time 9 hours

Connecticut wedding planner Parker Brown falls in love with her brother's irksome friend, mechanic Malcolm Kavanaugh. Malcolm wonders whether they could possibly be good for each other, but Parker wants the man she loves.

Some strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller.

Commercial audiobook. 2010.

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The Witness by Nora Roberts

Read by Julia Whelan

16 hours, 20 minutes

Sixteen-year-old Elizabeth witnessed a double homicide by Russian mafia enforcers and escaped an attempt on her life. Twelve years later she has a new name and keeps a low profile. But local police chief Brooks is intrigued.

Violence, explicit descriptions of sex, and some strong language. Bestseller.

Commercial audiobook. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB074582

The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty by A. N. Roquelaure

Read by George Holmes

8 hours, 43 minutes

Anne Rice, who uses the name of A.N. Roquelaure for her erotic novels, has taken the story of Sleeping Beauty beyond the traditional ending. Here the Prince awakens Beauty with much more than a kiss, and she becomes enslaved to him. Beauty later surrenders herself to Tristan, a slave, and is sold at an auction for punishment. Prequel to Beauty's Punishment (RC 40644). Strong language, violence, and explicit descriptions of sex.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB040643

Covet a Novel of the Fallen Angels by J.R. Ward

Read by Eric G. Dove

14 hours, 43 minutes

After construction worker Jim Heron is electrocuted, he meets four angels who tell him that he must help humanity in a contest between angels and demons. Jim has to save seven sinners--the first a wealthy businessman torn between two women. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. Commercial audiobook. 2009.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB070079

The Next Best Thing by Jennifer Weiner

Read by Madelyn Buzzard

13 hours, 47 minutes

Screenwriter Ruth Saunders, disfigured from a childhood accident, makes it big with a television series based on her life with her grandmother. While dealing with actors, rewrites, and so-so reviews, Ruth falls for her producer Dave, who uses a wheelchair. Strong language and some explicit descriptions of sex. Bestseller. 2012.

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Also available on digital cartridge DB075156

Addicted: a Novel by Zane

Read by Teresa Willis

8 hours, 38 minutes

Zoe Reynard has the seemingly perfect life--marriage to a man she has loved since childhood, three children, and a successful company. But she has a dark side--an addiction to sex. It leads her to men who may threaten her life and world. Violence, strong language, and explicit descriptions of sex. 1998.

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