



## Steamy and Clean But Not Explicit Romances and Light Reads

*This list was commissioned by a patron who enjoyed Patricia Briggs, Hannah Howell, Jana DeLeon, Jennifer Cruise, and Jane Austen. She liked light, entertaining books with romantic elements and enjoyed some mysteries. She also liked steamy romances but nothing too explicit, gory, or profanity-filled. I wasn't able to find Briggs readalikes that met her criteria but did locate other historical and contemporary romances. These books are also a mix of what's available in our physical collection and our digital ebook collection from Libby and Hoopla. I also provided her with the Clean Reads list because the comedic tone of some of them seemed like they may appeal to her.*

- **Kerry Winfrey's books.** Romantic comedies set in the author's hometown of Columbus, Ohio. Storylines about friends and family supplement the romance, which tends to feature minimally explicit sex scenes. Recommended for Jennifer Crusie fans.
- **Georgette Heyer.** Classic historical romances, inspired by Jane Austen and highly recommended for Jane Austen fans. Many have Regency settings, while others are set in the Middle Ages, Tudor period, or Georgian era. Not steamy.
- **Mary Wine.** Steamy romances with historic Scottish Highland settings, though she occasionally writes ones with English settings as well. Recommended for Hannah Howell fans. Books often part of a series but can be read as standalones.
- **Amanda Scott.** Historical (usually medieval) romances with settings in Scotland or the borderlands between England and Scotland. Less steamy than Mary Wine or Hannah Howell but recommended as a readalike for both.
- **Denise Grover Swank's Rose Gardner series.** Humorous series focuses on the personal and professional problems of Rose Gardner, who lives in South Arkansas and often finds herself embroiled in murder investigations. Recommended for Jana DeLeon fans.

