

## 6 Refreshing Cocktails and Mocktails to Enjoy with Your Summer Romance Reads

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Whether it's by the pool, on a patio, or getting comfy on the couch, it's hard not to enjoy a cool drink and a great read during the summer months. Which is why we have some great mash ups of cocktail and mocktail recipes with new releases from Harlequin ready and waiting for you!

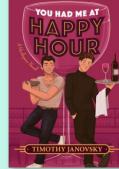
Whether you are looking for something to cool down the intense heat, or a sweet treat to match a sweater read, there is a recipe here for you!

Reading [YOU HAD ME AT HAPPY HOUR](https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369750235_you-had-me-at-happy-hour.html) ([https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369750235\\_you-had-me-at-happy-hour.html](https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369750235_you-had-me-at-happy-hour.html)) by Timothy Janovsky? Try a Cherry Bomb!

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## CHERRY BOMB

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**Ingredients:**

- ◆ 1 liter lime soda
- ◆ 4 ounces rum
- ◆ 4 ounces grenadine syrup
- ◆ 1 lime, juiced
- ◆ 1 lime, sliced
- ◆ 4 maraschino cherries

**Directions:**

1. Combine lime soda, rum, grenadine, and lime juice in a mixing glass  
2. Pour into 4 chilled glasses.  
3. Garnish with lime slices and cherries.





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This cocktail is the perfect tangy treat to go with a book all about mixology! Julien Boire is a sommelier just itching to leave his small town, until his aunt and uncle hire a new TikTok mixologist for their restaurant that Julian finds seriously distracting.

Greg Hartow is charming and relieved—the total opposite of the tony-wound Julian. They agree to a no-strings sex pact, with no promises for anything long term.

Except Julian can't help but wonder what would happen if there was a future for the two of them after all.

You'll definitely want to make sure you have this cool cocktail at the ready, but things seriously heat up in this read from Afterglow Books!

Enjoying [BABY WORTH BILLIONS](https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369754622_baby-worth-billions.html) ([https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369754622\\_baby-worth-billions.html](https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369754622_baby-worth-billions.html)) by Lynne Graham? Make a Raspberry Mojito Mocktail!



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## RASPBERRY MOJITO MOCKTAIL

### Ingredients:

- ◆ 3 cups fresh or thawed raspberries
- ◆ 8-12 fresh mint leaves
- ◆ 1 lime
- ◆ 45 fluid oz. sparkling water or lemon drink

### Directions:

1. In a drink pitcher, muddle the raspberries until they break into chunks.
2. Muddle the mint leaves until they look crushed or wilted.
3. Squeeze lime, adding all the juice to the mixture.
4. Add in sparkling water or lemon drink

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This unforgettable mocktail is perfect for a steamy read featuring a one-night baby and a marriage of convenience. Raj Belager was not looking for responsibility, but he found it when he was put in charge of his orphaned niece. Fortunately, her aunt Sunshine Barker is available to take on little Party. A night of passion between Raj and Sunny shakes them both to the core—especially when Sunny finds out she's pregnant! Now, Raj plans to take Sunny as his bride and things will really heat up!

This mocktail mojito is a classic addition to any summer read, with a raspberry twist to add a little oomph to your reading experience.

Loving GUARDING HIS SECRET SON (<https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9781335980021.guarding-his-secret-son.html>) by Laura Scott? Try An Orange Fizz Mocktail!



## ORANGE FIZZ MOCKTAIL

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### Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 cup orange juice
- ◆ 1/3 cup tonic water
- ◆ 1 teaspoon lime juice
- ◆ Ice cubes

### Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients into an ice cube filled glass and enjoy!

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Looking for something bright and sweet to take the edge off a suspenseful read? We have the mocktail for you! Chief Deputy Garet Nichols discovers that not only does he have a son, but the boy's wife has been murdered. Now, he must look after young Micah and midwife Liz Templeton to discover what has made the baby a target for a dangerous criminal. The three go on the run, and danger seems to be around every corner. If you need a breather from reading about this family on the run, why not make yourself an orange fizz mocktail? This summery drink is a happy way to bring the summer sun into your home, no sunscreen needed!

Enjoying RANCH AMBUSH (<https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369752123.ranch-ambush.html>) by Barb Han? Make Yourself a Spicy Lemon Ginger Punch!



## SPICY LEMON GINGER PUNCH

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### Ingredients:

- ◆ 2 tbsp apple cider vinegar
- ◆ 1 cup water
- ◆ 1 tbsp lemon juice
- ◆ 4 tsp honey
- ◆ 1 tsp grated ginger
- ◆ 1 pinch ground cayenne pepper

### Directions:

1. Combine all ingredients into glass.
2. Shake well to mix.



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Are you a fan of adventurous reads looking for a drink that can match your mood? This spicy punch is perfect for fans of romantic suspense reads! US Marshal Duke Remington comes home to discover his former love, Audrey Newcastle, needs his help. Protecting Audrey is a challenge, not just because of a killer from her mysterious past, but also because of Duke's own unwelcome memories of their time together. Can Duke earn Audrey's trust so they can both work towards a future together?

The twists and turns in this book are also in this spicy summer cocktail, perfect for anyone who enjoys living dangerously!

Has [DE-WITCHED](#) ([https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369749833\\_de-witched.html](https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9780369749833_de-witched.html)) by Sophie H. Morgan cast a spell on you? Make a Sweet and Spicy Watermelon Cooler!



## SWEET AND SPICY WATERMELON COOLER

mariasmenu.com



### Ingredients:

- ◆ 3 cups watermelon chunks
- ◆ 1-2 tsp sugar to taste
- ◆ Pinch of salt
- ◆ 2-3 slices green chilli
- ◆ 1-2 tbsp lemon juice

### Directions:

1. Add all ingredients to blender
2. Blend until smooth



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Who doesn't love a witchy read on a summer afternoon? Plus, the main character is a bartender, so you know she'd approve of this summery brew!

When Leah Turner snuck into a witch high-society ball, she didn't expect to fall head over heels for warlock Gabriel Goodnight.

Later, when Gabriel walks into Leah's bar, he doesn't recognize her, but she definitely recognizes him. He's condescending, uptight, and irresistible! Can Leah keep her knowledge of the magical world a secret...and does she even want to anymore?

Sweet and spicy is the perfect flavor combo for romance fans, and you'll definitely be in a magical mood while you enjoy this tasty beverage.

And We Can't Forget [The Sweet Magnolias](#) ([https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9781459237940\\_the-sweet-magnolias-cookbook.html](https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9781459237940_the-sweet-magnolias-cookbook.html)) Margarita!

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## THE SWEET MAGNOLIAS MARGARITA



### Ingredients:

- ◆ 1 6-ounce can frozen limeade
- ◆ 3/4 cup tequila
- ◆ 1/4 cup triple sec
- ◆ 2 tablespoons agave nectar or honey



### Directions:

1. Fill the container of a blender with four cups of ice.
2. Add all ingredients. Secure the lid on the blender, and blend until smooth.
3. Pour into four salt-rimmed margarita glasses



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This cocktail has been a favorite of Harlequin readers since [THE SWEET MAGNOLIAS COOKBOOK](#) (<https://www.harlequin.com/shop/books/9781693794018-the-sweet-magnolias-cookbook.html>) first hit shelves back in 2012. If you are new around here or want to revisit this classic, follow along at home with this video on the Harlequin Books YouTube channel!

Do you have a favorite summer cocktail or mocktail? Leave a comment down below to share your go-to recipes with fellow romance readers!

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