

6 Sizzling Reads to Celebrate the Invention of the Air Conditioner | This Day In Romance

Sizzling romance reads for summer!

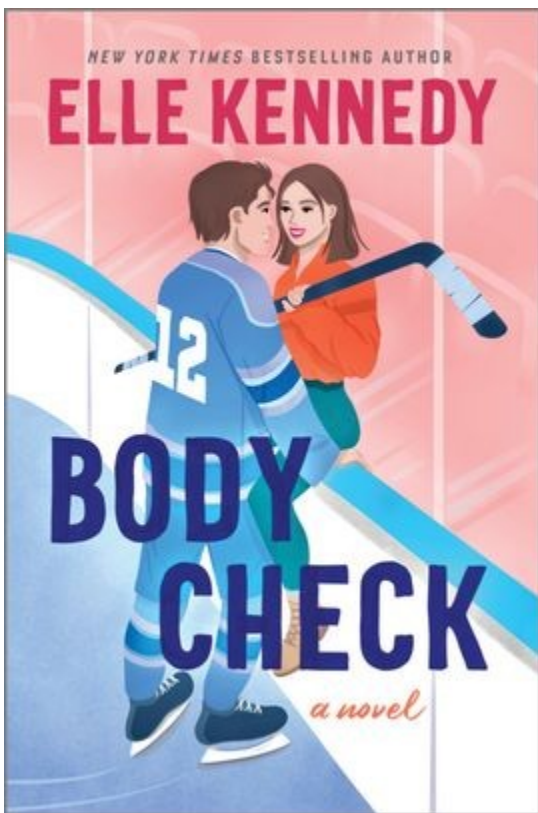
When you're reading a particularly spicy book, do you ever get a little hot under the collar? We do, so much so, we sometimes have to turn on the air conditioner!

At Harlequin, we like to celebrate the humble A/C because the first one was installed at a publishing company. The 1902 original controlled temperature and humidity in order to maintain paper dimensions and keep ink aligned. All about keeping readers happy, right?

To celebrate the 122nd anniversary of the air conditioner, check out these best of the best romance books sure to get your A/C blasting!

Books so hot, you'll need an air conditioner!

[BODY CHECK](#) by Elle Kennedy

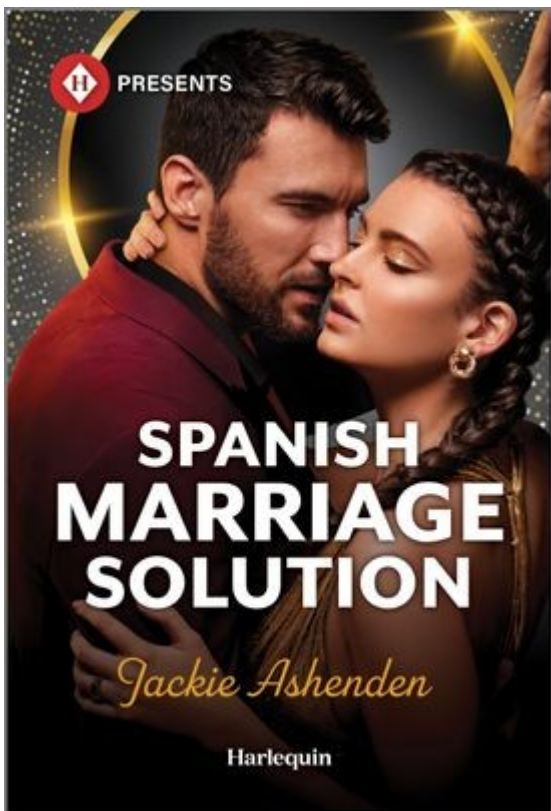


Who doesn't swoon for a hockey player? Art professor Hayden Houston might be the only person on earth who doesn't. After spending her childhood getting dragged around by her hockey coach father, it's no surprise she doesn't want more than sex from hockey star Brody Croft.

But Brody is more than just a jock, and he wants more with Hayden than just sex – but will she get the stable life she wants if Brody is always traveling with the team?

Readers pick up this book for the steamy chemistry between Hayden and Brody and the fast-paced plot with plenty of funny moments. The novel will keep you wondering if this unlikely pair will forge a relationship – or if Hayden will return to her straight-laced, on-and-off-again boyfriend back home?

[SPANISH MARRIAGE SOLUTION](#) by Jackie Ashenden



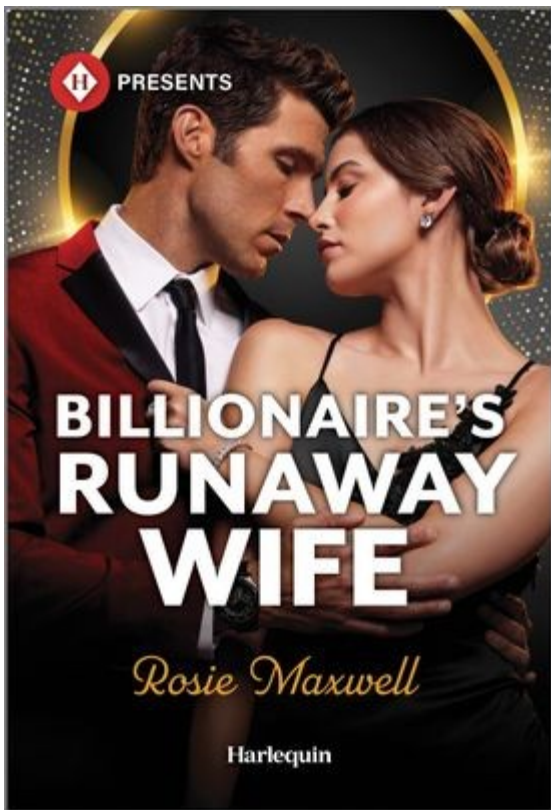
If you want an escape this summer, how about armchair travelling to an exotic setting like the Castellano hacienda in Spain? Add in an exciting forbidden romance, and you've got the *Spanish Marriage Solution*.

From the first time they met, Alice felt an undeniable spark with Spanish duke Sebastián – but of course, they couldn't act on it. He was her brother-in-law!

But then, tragedy strikes, and Alice's sister and husband are killed in a car accident. She has the chance to be with Sebastián – but will she take the risk of becoming his wife?

A sexy story between two leads with blistering chemistry, this is a page-turner you won't be able to put down, no matter how overheated you get!

[BILLIONAIRE'S RUNAWAY WIFE](#) by Rosie Maxwell



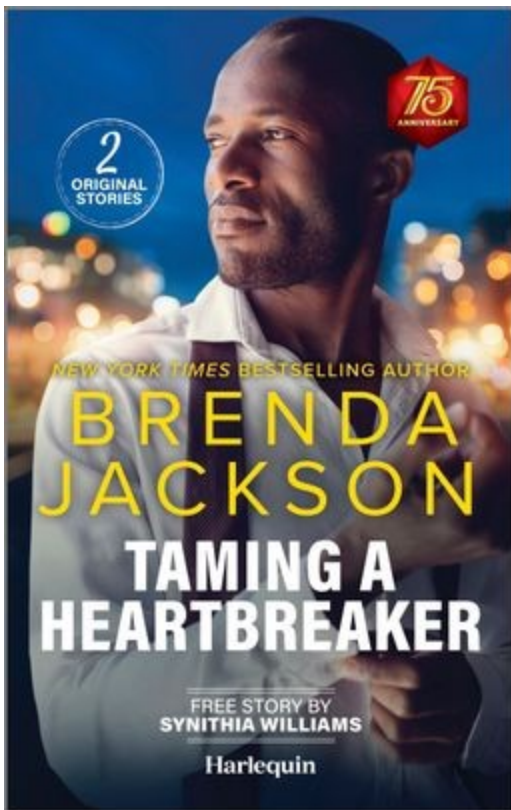
Italian billionaire Domenico Ricci didn't want a second chance at love with his runaway bride, Rae. But when she returns for his grandmother's funeral, he's furious – and captivated. Will their chemistry *ever* simmer?

Rae, on the other hand, wants to rekindle what she had with Domenico. Now, she's strong enough to be true to herself, rather than getting too swept up in what they have together.

Raising the stakes, Domenico's grandmother's told him that he and Rae *had* to stay married to keep the family palazzo. Will Domenico be willing to put his heart on the line again, or is he nervous enough to risk losing the family's home?

This book is ideal for readers who love second-chance romances set in exotic locations.

[TAMING A HEARTBREAKER](#) by **Brenda Jackson**

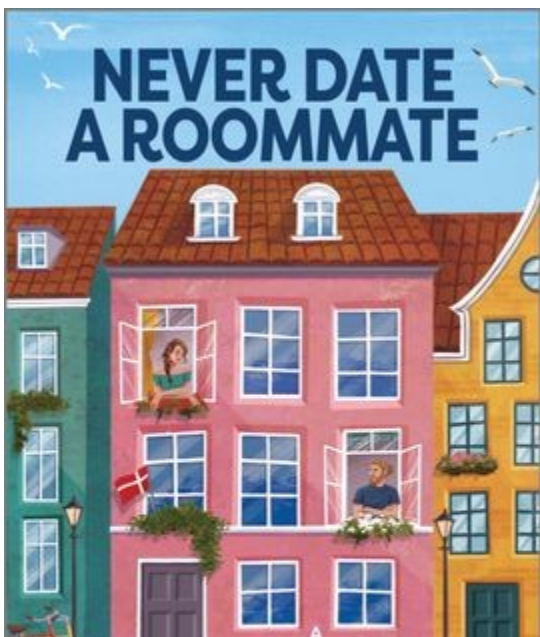


Redford St. James and Carmen Golan have undeniable chemistry – but otherwise, they’re total opposites! The playboy CEO is having too much fun to settle down, while Carmen is a hopeless romantic who *just knows* he’s husband material.

Redford want to cut Carmen off, but he can’t stop thinking about her. And will a twist in their story – one that’s set to come in nine months – help Redford mend his broken heart?

New York Times bestselling author Brenda Jackson has written more than 100 engrossing novels and novellas. This is another that will keep you turning the pages – and turning the A/C on blast.

[NEVER DATE A ROOMMATE](#) by **Paula Ottoni**



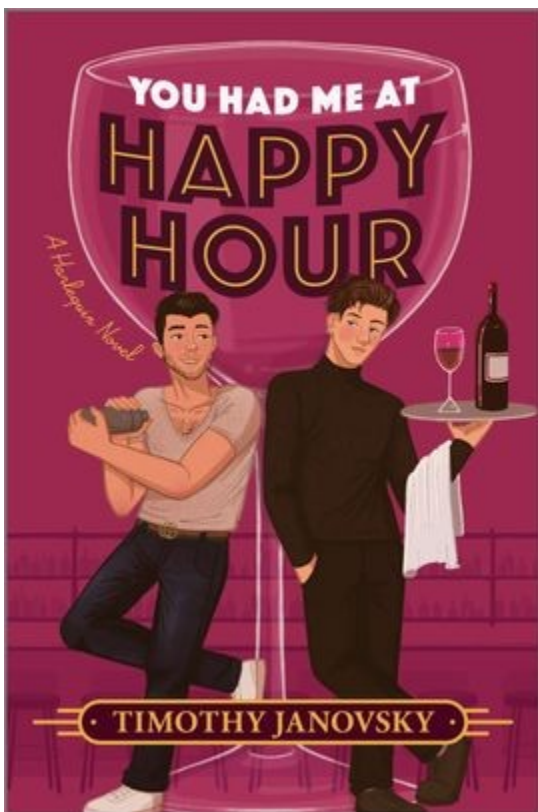


Brazilian game developer Sol Carvalho moved to Copenhagen to improve her career, not her love life. But it turns out her career is why she needs a boyfriend, fast, after her boss tells her the company is looking for someone who will make Denmark their home.

Luckily, Sol has an easy option, her roommate Erik Storm. He agrees, but over time, both of them lose track of what's real and what's fake in their relationship. But if they are falling for each other, will they ever have the courage to reveal their truth?

This romcom focuses on the undeniable chemistry between the two lead characters that they both try their best to deny. Author Paula Ottoni is a Brazilian living in Copenhagen with her Danish husband, so the story comes alive through her eyes.

[YOU HAD ME AT HAPPY HOUR](#) by **Timothy Janovsky**



Anxious sommelier Julien Boire is the total opposite of Greg Harlow, the charismatic mixologist he's working with on a happy hour events. But it's true that opposites can work together well – and have good sex, as long as they agree they don't want a relationship.

That is until Julien starts wondering if he *might* want one. Maybe he's been hasty in keeping things casual with Greg. Would love with the mixologist make a little of Greg's happiness rub off on him?

You Had Me at Happy Hour delivers for readers who love the grumpy/sunshine trope – and a little romantic comedy thrown in for good measure. And for those who want to get a little hot under the collar, the pushing-the-limits sex can't hurt!

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