



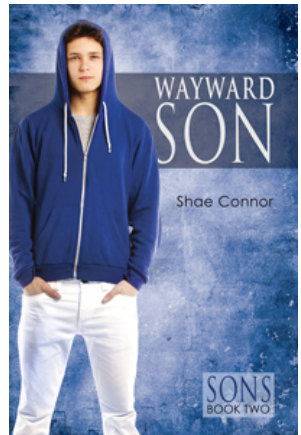
# GENRE GUIDE





## BDSM

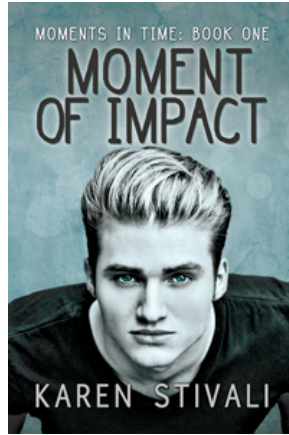
Stories that include BDSM and Kink themes as part of the plot and portray some extent of the lifestyle. Themes may include variations of BDSM/Kink, bondage, fetish, and/or role-play.



## CONTEMPORARY ROMANCE

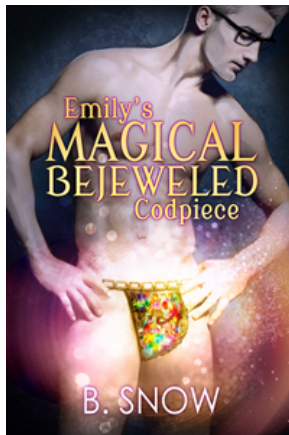
Gay romance stories set in the contemporary time period, from 1980 to present day.

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## EROTIC ROMANCE

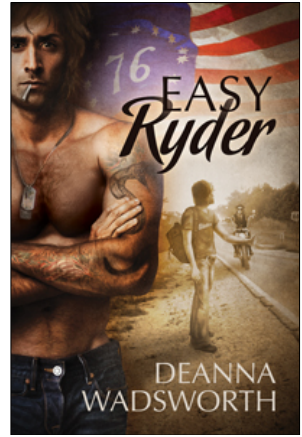
Do you like your romance extra spicy? These stories of erotic romance include explicit, extreme, and/or adventurous sex. Some stories may include scenes with multiple partners or depictions of acts generally considered in the realm of BDSM or kink—such as spanking, light bondage, submission, etc.—but not as a thematic element of the story or in the depiction of a lifestyle.



## FANTASY

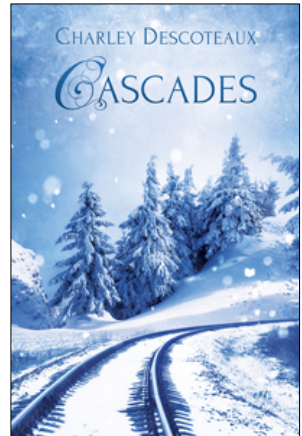
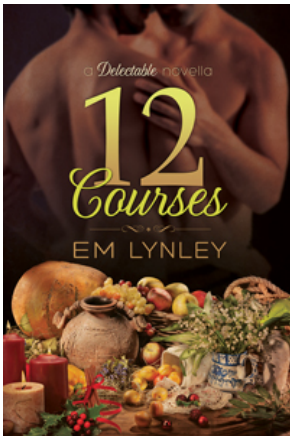
Let your imagination take flight in these stories of romance amidst magic, satyrs, gods and goddesses, and more. Includes Fairy Tales, High Fantasy, Mythology, and Urban Fantasy.

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## HISTORICAL

Stories of gay romance in recognizable historical settings: the Ancient world, the Americas, Europe, and other world locations.



## HOLIDAY

Valentine's Day, Halloween, Christmas, and more.

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## M/M/M OR MORE

If two is great, then three might be better! These stories of gay male romance feature full-story plotlines with more than two men involved.

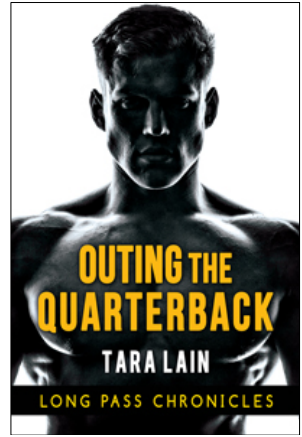
M/M/F qualifies for this genre only if the M/M/F is the focus relationship of the story.



## MYSTERY/SUSPENSE

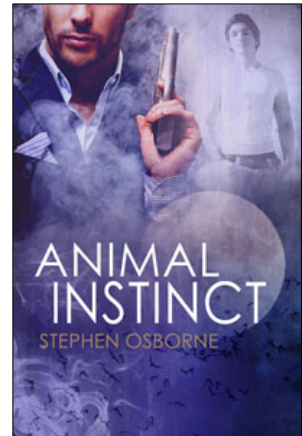
Provincial country detectives, fast-paced thrillers, espionage and in-the-field stories, or hard-boiled private investigators. A loosely defined genre that includes action/adventure, mystery/suspense, thrillers, procedurals, espionage, etc.

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## NEW ADULT (COMING OF AGE)

Romantic fiction about young adult characters written for an adult audience, possibly containing explicit adult themes.



## PARANORMAL

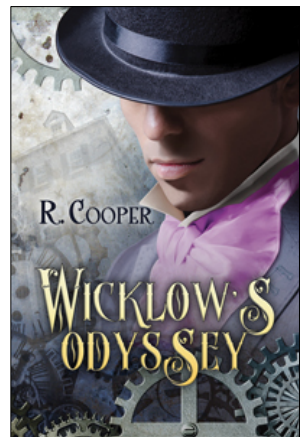
Scare us with your vampires, ghosts and spirits, zombies, and things that go bump in the night. Specific categories include Angels and Demons, Ghosts/Spirits, Other Paranormal—zombies, gargoyles, psychic powers—Werewolves/Shapeshifters, and Vampires.

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## SCIENCE FICTION

The narrative world differs from our own by technological, physical, historical, sociological, philosophical, metaphysical, etc., but not magical (see Fantasy and Paranormal) means. Examples of themes in science fiction: space travel and colonization, aliens, postapocalyptic futures, technologically advanced societies, dystopian/utopian life, advanced artificial intelligence, life and/or travel in alternate space/time continuums, highly advanced scientific theory (i.e., cryogenics, astrophysics, cloning).

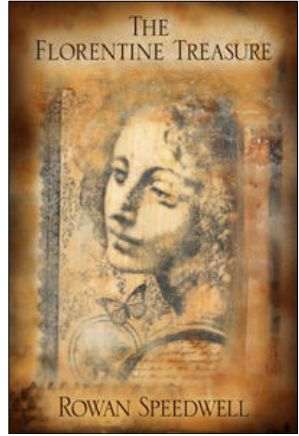
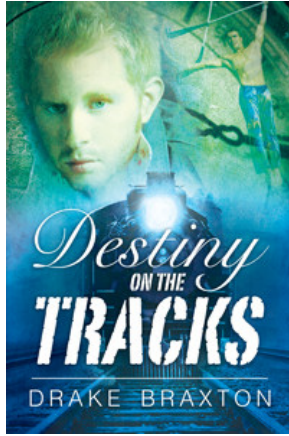
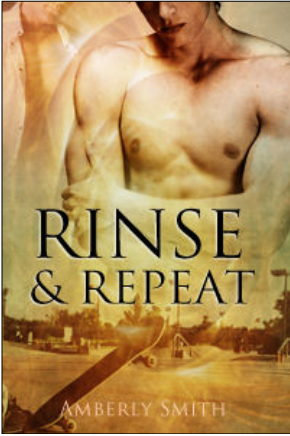


## STEAMPUNK

Steampunk is generally considered a subgenre of romantic science fiction with historical and/or Western elements. These fictional worlds run on

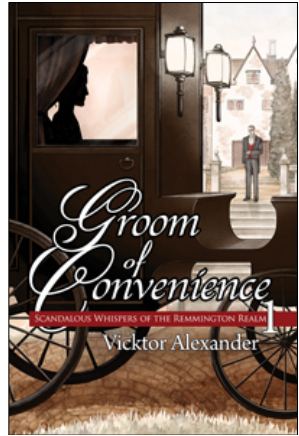
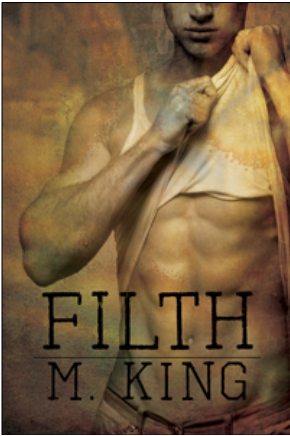
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steam power, such as in the 19th century or Victorian-era Britain, and feature science fiction or fantasy elements, such as futuristic technology.



## TIME TRAVEL

A highly specific subgenre of science fiction.

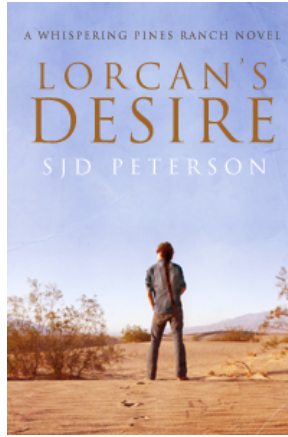


## TRANSGENDER

Romantic stories focusing on transgender characters and/or themes. Please note: Submissions selections for romance in the trans category must positively feature trans characters who identify as male ending the story within a gay male relationship. (Updated 11/17/15)

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## WESTERN

Stories featuring cowboys, ranchers, rodeo riders, the Old West, colonial expansion, Native Americans, etc., in contemporary or historical settings.

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