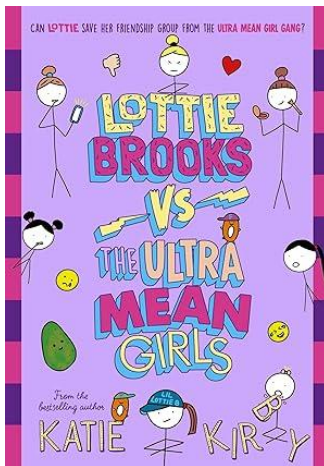


Recommended reading

Books around the themes of romance
and friendship for the month of
February

Year 7-8



Lottie Brooks vs The Ultra Mean Girls, Katie Kirby

A funny and relatable diary-style story, following Lottie as she deals with friendship fallouts, growing-up worries, and the everyday dramas of school life. When her best friend starts spending time with a new, unkind group, Lottie sets out to mend their friendship while coping with family changes and her own confidence wobbles. A warm, engaging read that gently supports themes of resilience, wellbeing, and navigating tricky social situations.

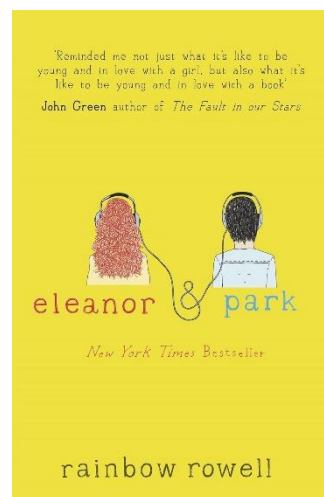
Year 9-10



Fake Skating, Lynn Painter

A warm, funny romance about second chances, fake dating, and finding your place. When Dani returns to her old hometown and reunites with former best friend-turned-hockey star Alec, the two strike a fake-dating deal that quickly becomes more complicated than expected. Perfect for readers who love heartfelt chemistry, sports romance, and stories about rediscovering old connections

Year 11-13



Eleanor and Park, Rainbow Rowell

A moving and heartfelt YA novel set in the 1980s, following two misfit teens who bond over music and comic books. Eleanor, coping with a difficult home life, and Park, who often feels out of place, form an unexpected friendship that grows into a tender first love. A thoughtful, emotionally rich story about connection, resilience, and finding comfort in someone who truly understands you.