



## **What You Should Read after *To All the Boys...*** **A Bibliography Compiled by the Pelham Public Library Teen Department**

In Jenny Han’s novel, *To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before*, Korean-American Laura Jean writes private love letters to each of her crushes and then buries them—signed, sealed, and addressed—in a special hat-box in her closet. She assumes her secret letters are safe—until she is approached by a former crush with the news that not only have her letters been discovered by someone close to her—they’ve been sent out through the mail! If you’re looking for more hilarious, diverse rom-coms like this one, take a look at these titles that we offer in Pelham Public Library’s teen section! (Please note: not all titles will be appropriate for all teens.)

### **Albertalli, Becky**

#### ***Simon vs. the Homo Sapiens Agenda***

**Gr 9 Up.** “Sixteen-year-old, not-so-openly-gay Simon Spier is blackmailed into playing wingman for his classmate or else his sexual identity—and that of his pen pal—will be revealed.” (Publisher’s summary)

#### **Similar titles by this author:**

- *Leah on the Offbeat*
- *The Upside of Unrequited*
- *What If It’s Us?* (with Adam Silvera)

### **Chao, Gloria**

#### ***American Panda***

**Gr 8 Up.** College student Mei would love to major in dance, but her Taiwanese parents have different ideas. Their vision of her future includes her majoring in medicine and becoming a doctor, before settling down with the Taiwanese boy of their choosing. This plan is complicated by the fact that Mei actually has a crippling fear of germs, has developed a crush on a Japanese-American classmate, and is trying to reconnect with her beloved older brother, who has recently been disowned by their parents.

### **Kann, Claire**

#### ***Let’s Talk About Love***

**Gr 9 Up.** “Alice is secretly asexual, and that’s the least important thing about her. She’s a college student, has a great job, amazing friends, and is fine being single—nope, that’s a lie. Alice wants rom-com-grade romance: feels, cuddling, kissing, and swoons galore—as long as it doesn’t lead to having sex. When her last relationship ends, Alice swears off relationships for good. Stick a fork in her, she’s done. Everyone Alice tries to date is so sure love and sex have to go together, and there doesn’t seem to be any way to convince them otherwise. But when Alice meets Takumi, who she can’t stop thinking about, she doesn’t know what to do. If Alice tells him the truth, it can only end in heartache. But there’s something about Takumi that makes him worth the risk . . .” (Publisher’s summary)

**Leviathan, David*****Boy Meets Boy***

**Gr 7 Up.** This happy-go-quirky tale chronicles one academic year at a very non-conventional high school, where the quarterback is also the homecoming queen, the cheerleaders ride Harleys, and being straight-out gay is perfectly okay. But even in this oasis of tolerance, Paul still has normal teenage problems. Although he's dating Noah, a quiet, artistic newcomer, he realizes he might still have feelings for his ex, Kyle. This, his best female friend, Joni, starts dating not-so-nice-guy Chuck, and begins drifting away from their close-knit circle of friends. What's a boy to do? A funny, touching story about self-acceptance and the love our friend and family give us, despite the stupid mistakes we make.

**Menon, Sandhya*****When Dimple Met Rishi***

**Gr 7 Up.** Rishi and Dimple's very traditional East Indian parents are conspiring to arrange their children's future marriage. Obedient son Rishi knows this and looks forward to meeting his future bride, but modern feminist Dimple hasn't got a clue—until she and Rishi are assigned to be partners during a summer coding camp and Rishi accidentally blurts out the news. Horrified, Dimple declares she wants nothing to do with her parents' plans—but the more she gets to know Rishi, the more she realizes that she really, really likes him. Can she overlook the awkwardness of their initial meeting, or is their relationship doomed from the start?

**Similar titles by this author:**

- *From Twinkle, with Love*

**Ormsbee, Kathryn*****Tash Hearts Tolstoy***

**Gr 9 Up.** “After a shout-out from one of the Internet's superstar vloggers, Natasha ‘Tash’ Zelenka suddenly finds herself and her obscure, amateur web series, *Unhappy Families*, thrust in the limelight: She's gone viral. Her show is a modern adaption of Anna Karenina—written by Tash's literary love Count Lev Nikolayevich ‘Leo’ Tolstoy. Tash is a fan of the 40,000 new subscribers, their gushing tweets, and flashy Tumblr gifs. Not so much the pressure to deliver the best web series ever. And when *Unhappy Families* is nominated for a Golden Tuba award, Tash's cyber-flirtation with a fellow award nominee suddenly has the potential to become something IRL—if she can figure out how to tell said crush that she's romantic asexual. Tash wants to enjoy her newfound fame, but will she lose her friends in her rise to the top? What would Tolstoy do?” (Publisher's summary)

**Spalding, Amy*****The Summer of Jordi Perez (and the Best Burger in Los Angeles)***

**Gr 8 Up.** “Seventeen, fashion-obsessed, and gay, Abby Ives has always been content playing the sidekick in other people's lives. While her friends and sister have plunged headfirst into the world of dating and romances, Abby's been happy to focus on her plus-size style blog and her dreams of taking the fashion industry by storm. When she lands a great internship at her favorite boutique, she's thrilled to take the first step toward her dream career. Then she falls for her fellow intern, Jordi Perez. Hard. And now she's competing against the girl she's kissing to win the coveted paid job at the end of the internship. But really, nothing this summer is going as planned. She also unwittingly becomes friends with Jax, a lacrosse-playing bro-type who wants

her help finding the best burger in Los Angeles, and she's struggling to prove to her mother—the city's celebrity health nut—that she's perfectly content with who she is. Just as Abby starts to feel like she's no longer the sidekick in her own life, Jordi's photography surprisingly puts her in the spotlight. Instead of feeling like she's landed a starring role, Abby feels betrayed. Can Abby find a way to reconcile her positive yet private sense of self with the image others have of her?" (Publisher's summary)

**Wilde, Jen**

*Queens of Geek*

**Gr 9 Up.** "Charlie likes to stand out. She's a vlogger and actress promoting her first movie at SupaCon, and this is her chance to show fans she's over her public breakup with co-star Reese Ryan. When internet-famous cool-girl actress Alyssa Huntington arrives as a surprise guest, it seems Charlie's long-time crush on her isn't as one-sided as she thought. Taylor likes to blend in. Her brain is wired differently, making her fear change. And there's one thing in her life she knows will never change: her friendship with her best guy friend Jamie—no matter how much she may secretly want it to. But when she hears about a fan contest for her favorite fandom, she starts to rethink her rules on playing it safe." (Publisher's summary)



















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