Book Lovers

Author: Emily Henry

Per her Wikipedia page, Emily Henry was born on May 17, 1991. She attended Lakota East High School in Liberty Township, Ohio, then Hope College on a creative writing scholarship with plans to study dance. She also completed a writing residency at the now-defunct New York Center for Art & Media Studies, part of Bethel University. She returned to Cincinnati after college; she currently lives and writes in Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky's Ohio River region. As of 2016, she was a full-time writer and proofreader.

Henry's debut young adult novel, *The Love That Split the World*, was published in January 2016. After writing several young adult novels, her first adult romance novel, *Beach Read,* was published in 2020, to widespread success. Henry continued to write adult romance novels. As of March 2023, Henry had sold more than 2.4 million books collectively.

Learn more about Emily Henry

Emily Henry's webpage. She has a link there to subscribe to her "grocery list," so you get a newsletter to get reading recommendations, book news, writing tips, and bonus content. She'll also tell you what food or beverage she is currently hyper-fixated on.

Interview with Emily is a link to a great interview on YouTube where she talks about RomCom genre.

Other Books by Emily Henry (Burbank Public Library has all her books)

Young Adult:

The Love that Split the World (2016)

Million Junes (2017)

When the Sky Fell on Splendor (2019)

Hello Girls (2019)

Contemporary Adult Romance:

Beach Read (2020)

People We Meet on Vacation (2021)

Book Lovers (2022)

Happy Place (2023)

Funny Story (2024)

Great Big Beautiful Life (2025)

Map of Sunshine Falls:

Doesn't exist because the town doesn't exist. Various sites say it's based on Asheville N.C. but is in no way as run down as Sunshine Falls seems to be and the book itself says it's Asheville adjacent.

Learn more about becoming a book editor

Dave Chesson's Kindlepreneur tips how to do so and Rachel J Rowland's advice

Other books recommended by Burbank Public Library staff:

The Bromance Book Club by Lyssa Kay Adams. Another book where all the romance tropes show up but this time it's to teach a man how to do romance right.

Tears of the Moon by Nora Roberts. A romance in Ireland where a lonely musician is unaware that his tomboy friend is in love with him. Does also have a bit of magic.

Well played by Jen DeLuca. Think of a funny Cyrano de Bergerac from the woman's point of view set at a Renaissance Fair.

Discussion questions

1. Nora sees herself almost as the villainess in someone else's love story. Who are some of your favorite villainesses—whom you either outright love or love to hate?

2. Nora reads the last page of a book first. Libby likes to go in knowing as little as possible. How do you prefer to read?

3. Would you rather spend a month in Sunshine Falls, or in Nora's New York life?

4. Have you ever felt like different places brought out different parts of you?

5. Nora and Libby grew up together, and yet they experienced their childhoods very differently. Why do you think that is? Have you ever had this happen with a family member or friend?

6. As children, Nora and Libby would change the endings of stories if they didn't like them. If you could change the ending of one book, what would it be and how would you change it?

8. All of Nora's exes have ended up with partners who were seemingly totally different than them. Nora and Charlie, however, are peas in a pod. Do your favorite fictional couples tend to fall in one category or the other? Do you feel the same about real-life relationships?

9. One of Nora's biggest struggles is finding the balance of how much to compromise in her life for those she loves. What role do you think compromise plays in love? What, to you, is uncompromisable?

10. What is your idea of a happy ending?