

Romance Refined Sensitivity & Accuracy Readers

Below is a list of most identities and life experiences covered by the Romance Refined beta reader team as they self-identified on their private reader profiles. Although the team is currently 25 readers strong, there are most certainly some gaps in representation, and Romance Refined remains dedicated to recruiting additional beta readers to fill these vital needs.

Race and/or Ethnicity

- African American
- Bengali
- Egyptian/Arab
- Fijian-Indian
- Filipino
- Filipino American
- Hawaiian
- Indian
- Islam
- Jamaican/Afro-Caribbean
- Romanian
- White

Nationality

- American
- Australian
- Canadian
- Filipino
- Indian
- Jamaican
- Romanian

Languages other than English (fluent unless stated otherwise)

- Bengali
- Chinese (novice)
- Egyptian
- Farsi (novice)

- French (basic & intermediate)
- German (basic)
- Hindi
- Italian (intermediate)
- Japanese (novice)
- Korean (novice)
- Romanian
- Spanish (basic & intermediate)
- Tagalog
- Urdu

Places Lived

- Australia: New South Wales
- Canada
- England
- Germany
- Grenada
- India: Delhi, West Bengal
- Jamaica
- Philippines
- Romania
- Slovenia
- Spain
- USA: California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Michigan, New York (upstate & NYC), North Carolina, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Texas, Virginia, Washington

Gender

- female
- non-binary

Sexual Orientation

- bisexual
- demisexual
- heterosexual
- pansexual
- queer

Firsthand Hardships

- abuse & assault:
 - harassment
 - physical abuse
 - rape
 - sexual abuse
 - sexual assault survivor with PTSD
- family members with:
 - a borderline mother
 - abuse
 - alcoholism
 - ALS (Lou Gherigs)
 - anxiety disorder
 - bipolar disorder
 - drug abuse
 - family members in psychiatric clinic and rehab
 - murder
 - rape
 - suicide
- medical:
 - born with a congenital heart defect requiring open heart surgery as a child and living with a pacemaker
 - disabled from rheumatoid arthritis at 7 years old
 - IBS
 - PCOS
- mental health:
 - anxiety
 - depression
 - grief over death of a parent
 - panic attacks
 - self-worth and confidence struggles
- race issues:
 - harassment for biracial romantic relationship
 - immigration to US from Jamaica
 - race discrimination in America
- sexism
- weight/body issues:
 - body image issues
 - eating disorder
 - obesity
 - partner obesity

Firsthand Knowledge & Experience

- BDSM: natural submissive
- careers:
 - English school teacher
 - former social worker (specifically a rape, sexual assault and domestic violence counselor)
 - hairdresser
 - hospitality
 - Registered Nurse
 - work in a museum setting
- education:
 - BA and MS in Art and Professional Art Leadership
 - professional NYC theater school for high school
 - psychology student
 - studying Business Marketing
- general knowledge:
 - CPR & medical trauma classes
 - gun knowledge (husband owns a gun accessory company)
- military:
 - Air Force spouse
 - Navy spouse
- miscellaneous:
 - a lot of knowledge on lore & mythology
 - assist with running a Cub Scout Pack
- skills & hobbies:
 - abstract painter
 - artist
 - book blogger
 - crochet
 - cross stitch
 - equestrian
 - hunter
 - knitting
 - pole dancer/aerialist
 - quilting
 - sewing
 - skeet shooting

Firsthand Parenting, Pregnancy, and Fertility Experience

- healthy pregnancy
- difficult pregnancy with preeclampsia
- miscarriage
- endometriosis
- infertile
- biracial child
- child with a speech delay
- stepchildren
- single parenting
- childless by choice

Romantic Relationship History

- affair – reader was knowingly “the other woman”
- biracial romantic relationship
- emotionally toxic relationships
- divorce
- May–December age gap relationship

Religion

- agnostic
- atheist
- Catholic
- Christian – non-denominational
- eclectic religious beliefs
- Hinduism
- Islam
- Orthodox Christian
- pagan/witch

Age

- 20–50