



Characteristics of Romance Suspense

1. **PACING** – Fast. Action often starts on the first page, sometimes in a prologue, and continues relentlessly at breakneck speed, driven by the danger to the heroine and frequent plot twists.
2. **STORY LINE** – Edgy tales of suspense combine with sensuously explicit romance in these blended stories. Story lines may
3. **CHARACTERIZATION** – Told from the threatened heroine's point of view. Heroines are increasingly resourceful and independent, and their survival usually depends on their own skill, with minimal help from the hero.
4. **FRAME/SETTING** – Intriguing, detailed backgrounds and exotic setting often frame these stories.
5. **TONE/MOOD** – A sense of uneasiness prevails even in quatter moments and affects the tone of these novels.
6. **STYLE/LANGUAGE** – Shares similarities with Romances, as a smart dialogue and witty repartee, along with sensual descriptions, characterize and style. Strong language and explicit sexual descriptions are also common.

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Romantic Suspense Writers to Try, If You Enjoy...

ADRENALINE:	Susanne Brockmann Sandra Brown Tami Hoag Anne Stuart
FANTASY:	Nora Roberts (Circle Trilogy)
GAY/LESBIAN:	Suzanne Brockmann
GENTLE:	Debbie Macomber (Cedar Cove series)
HORROR:	Barbara Michaels Kay Hooper
HUMOR:	Mary Kay Andrews Elizabeth Peters (Vicky Bliss series)
INSPIRATIONAL:	Hannah Alexander Kristine Heitzmann Dee Henderson
MULTICULTURAL:	Beverly Jenkins (<i>Deadly Sexy</i>)
MYSTERY:	Beverly Barton Iris Johansen (Eve Duncan series)
ROMANCE:	Virginia Kantra Elizabeth Lowell Nora Roberts
SAGA:	Stephanie Laurens
SCIENCE FICTION:	Susan Grant Linnea Sinclair
TRUE CRIME:	Iris Johansen (Eve Duncan series)
WESTERNS:	Elizabeth Lowell (<i>Fire and Rain</i>)
WOMEN'S LIVES:	Elizabeth Adler



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Authors BEYOND the Romance Suspense Genre

ADRENALINE:	Tess Gerritsen Gayle Lynds
FANTASY:	Laurell K. Hamilton (Meredith Gentry series)
HISTORICAL FICTION:	Lauren K. Willig
HORROR:	Kelley Armstrong
MYSTERY:	Kerry Greenwood
ROMANCE:	Christine Feehan
SCIENCE FICTION:	David Weber
WESTERN:	Kate Bridges

