

## Virgin Books

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In November 2006 -- London-based Virgin Books opened its American branch in New York City.

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[www.virginbooksusa.com](http://www.virginbooksusa.com)

### Virgin Books UK

[www.virginbooks.com](http://www.virginbooks.com)

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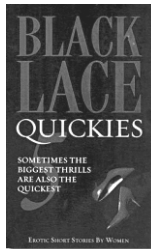
[www.cheek-books.com](http://www.cheek-books.com)

### Black Lace Books

[www.black-lace-books.com](http://www.black-lace-books.com)

### Nexus Books

[www.nexus-books.co.uk](http://www.nexus-books.co.uk)



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- Ken Siman, USA Publisher Virgin Books

[www.MichellePillow.com](http://www.MichellePillow.com)

## About Michelle M. Pillow

Michelle M. Pillow is a multi-published, award-winning author of romance ranging from the sweet to the erotic. Her genres include contemporary, historical, futuristic, paranormal, fantasy, dark fantasy and every combination thereof. She's been honored with many awards, and was named the Winner of the 2006 Romantic Times Reviewers' Choice Award for Best Erotic Romance.

## Michelle's Links

### Website

[www.MichellePillow.com](http://www.MichellePillow.com)

### Blog

[www.michellepillow.com/authorblog](http://www.michellepillow.com/authorblog)

### Book Notification Group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/michellempillow>

### Raven Free Story and Promo Ops

[www.ravenhappyhour.com/raven](http://www.ravenhappyhour.com/raven)

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[www.michellepillow.com/biography.htm](http://www.michellepillow.com/biography.htm)

### Media Kit

[www.michellepillow.com/press\\_kit.htm](http://www.michellepillow.com/press_kit.htm)

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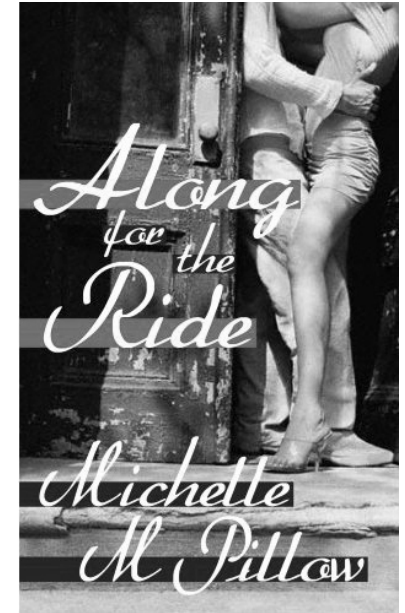
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## Writing Erotic Romance

I feel writing erotic romance should be much like writing any non-erotic romance story. You must have a solid reason for the couple to be together. There must be an interesting plot that exists outside of the couple's sexual relationship and there must be the traditional HEA (happily-ever-after) ending expected of any romance novel. Whereas the story itself may not be to length without the sexual encounters, there should still be a core story outside of sex. To me, the strongest erotic romance writing focuses on emotions, not anatomy during love scenes.

## A word about Erotica

*Erotica* and *Erotic Romance* are two different categories. *Erotic Romances* focus on love and the HEA with explicitly detailed and sometimes adventurous love scenes. *Erotica* does not necessarily have to have a HEA and the focus is on the development of the main character (usually the heroine) through her sexual relationship(s). *Erotica* can have less traditional endings.

## Statistics

Romance is the highest market category.

Women who read romance novels make love with their partners 74 percent more often than women who don't. (Psychology Today)

2005 saw the rise of the erotic romance fiction market (RWA website)

64.6 million Americans read at least one romance novel in the past year.



## Helpful Links for Erotic Romance Authors

*Warning: some of these links may contain information/pictures of a graphic nature*

### **M. Pillow's Research Links for Writers**

*A large collection of helpful links I have compiled from history to the paranormal, military to medical and much more. Perfect for any genre of writer.*

[www.michellepillow.com/research\\_links](http://www.michellepillow.com/research_links)

### **Author, Mandy M. Roth's Sex Links**

*A large collection of links about sex and all things related—more than I'd ever list out here.*

[www.mandyroth.com/links](http://www.mandyroth.com/links)

### **Tawny Taylor's Erotic Romance Articles**

*Erotic Romance Article*

[www.tawnytaylor.com/](http://www.tawnytaylor.com/)

### **Erotica Readers & Writers Association**

*Check out their erotic authors' resources.*

[www.erotica-readers.com](http://www.erotica-readers.com)

### **Erotic Authors Association**

[www.eroticaauthorsassociation.com](http://www.eroticaauthorsassociation.com)

### **Sex-Lexis- Language of Sex Reference**

[www.sex-lexis.com](http://www.sex-lexis.com)

### **Sex Dictionary - [www.sexglossary.com](http://www.sexglossary.com)**

### **Sex Techniques**

[www.sex-techniques-and-positions.com](http://www.sex-techniques-and-positions.com)

### **A Woman's Body**

*List of Female Reproductive Parts*

[www.mjbovo.com/Contracept/FemBody2](http://www.mjbovo.com/Contracept/FemBody2)

### **Contraceptive Guide**

[www.mjbovo.com/Contracept](http://www.mjbovo.com/Contracept)

Tantra - [www.tantra.com](http://www.tantra.com)

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[www.michellepillow.com/cool\\_stuff.htm](http://www.michellepillow.com/cool_stuff.htm)

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