

# STEAMY ROMANCE NOVELLA OUTLINE

## PLOTTER EDITION

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### PART 1 – BEGINNING HOOK

### \*SET UP

SET UP WORLD, CREATE EMPATHY, SHOW NEED, WOUND, HOLE-HEARTED CALL TO ADVENTURE/ ROMANCE, REFUSAL, WISE FRIEND COUNSELS

Chapter 1 – Intro H1/H2 (can split between Chs 1 and 2)

Chapter 2 – Meet Cute/ No Way

TP 1

-Set up  
-Inciting Incident



Kissing & more

### PART 2 – MIDDLE BUILD PART 1

### \*FALLING IN LOVE

REACT TO NEW SITUATION, DANCE AROUND EACH OTHER, SEE OBSTACLES MOMENT OF TRUTH, FALSE HIGH, NO TURNING BACK

Chapter 3 – Acknowledge Interest/ Adhesion Plot Thrust

Chapter 4 – Intimate Connection – Glimpse of Essence

MP

-Reaction  
-Looking forward



Sex & Fun

### PART 3 – MIDDLE BUILD PART 2

### \*RETREATING FROM LOVE

NEW UNDERSTANDING, HIGHER STAKES, DOUBT AND FEAR ALL IS LOST, MIS-UNDERSTANDING, REVERSAL AND DEFEAT

Chapter 5 – Retreat/ Break Up

Chapter 6 – Dark Night / Black Moment

TP 2

-Action  
-Renewed push



Fear & Fights

### PART 4 – ENDING PAYOFF

### \*FIGHTING FOR LOVE

FINAL PUSH, GRAND GESTURE, CHOOSE LOVE OVER FEAR AFTERMATH, TIE UP IN PRETTY BOW, SET UP NEXT STORY

Chapter 7 – Proof of Love/ Together at Last

Chapter 8 – Ending / Epilogue

HEA

-Recovery  
-Resolution



Love & Sex

This plotting sheet compiles materials from Gwen Hayes, *Romancing the Beat*, <http://gwenhayes.com/books/romancing-the-beat/>; Jami Gold, *Romance Beat Sheet*, <https://jamigold.com/2012/11/write-romance-get-your-beat-sheet-here/>; C.S. Lakin, *First Twenty Scenes for Romance Novels*, <https://www.livewritethrive.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/First-20-Scenes-for-Romance-Novels.pdf>; Shawn Coyn, *StoryGrid*, (<https://storygrid.com>) and *Love Story Obligatory Scenes*: <https://storygrid.com/love-genre/>. Please read their work if you haven't already!