

# ☐☐ **Top 10 Lesbian Romance Novels You Should Read**

Lesbian romance novels have evolved tremendously over the years, providing readers with rich, diverse, and deeply emotional stories. From historical classics to modern-day love stories, these books capture the beauty of love and self-discovery. If you're looking for a heartfelt read that showcases love between women, here are 10 highly recommended lesbian romance novels that offer unique perspectives, unforgettable characters, and passionate storytelling.

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THE PRICE OF SALT,  
**PATRICIA** *or* CAROL  
**HIGHSMITH**



# 1. The Price of Salt by Patricia Highsmith (also known as *Carol*)

## Why You Should Read It:

*The Price of Salt* was a groundbreaking work of lesbian literature when it was first published in 1952. Unlike many books of the time that ended in tragedy, Highsmith's novel offers a hopeful and unconventional portrayal of a lesbian relationship. The story follows Therese, a young woman, and Carol, an older woman going through a divorce, as they navigate their feelings and societal expectations.

## Key Highlights:

- A love story that defies the norms of its time
- Complex, fully-realized characters
- A hopeful and empowering narrative about love and liberation

This novel remains a classic and is highly regarded for its subtle yet powerful depiction of love between women.

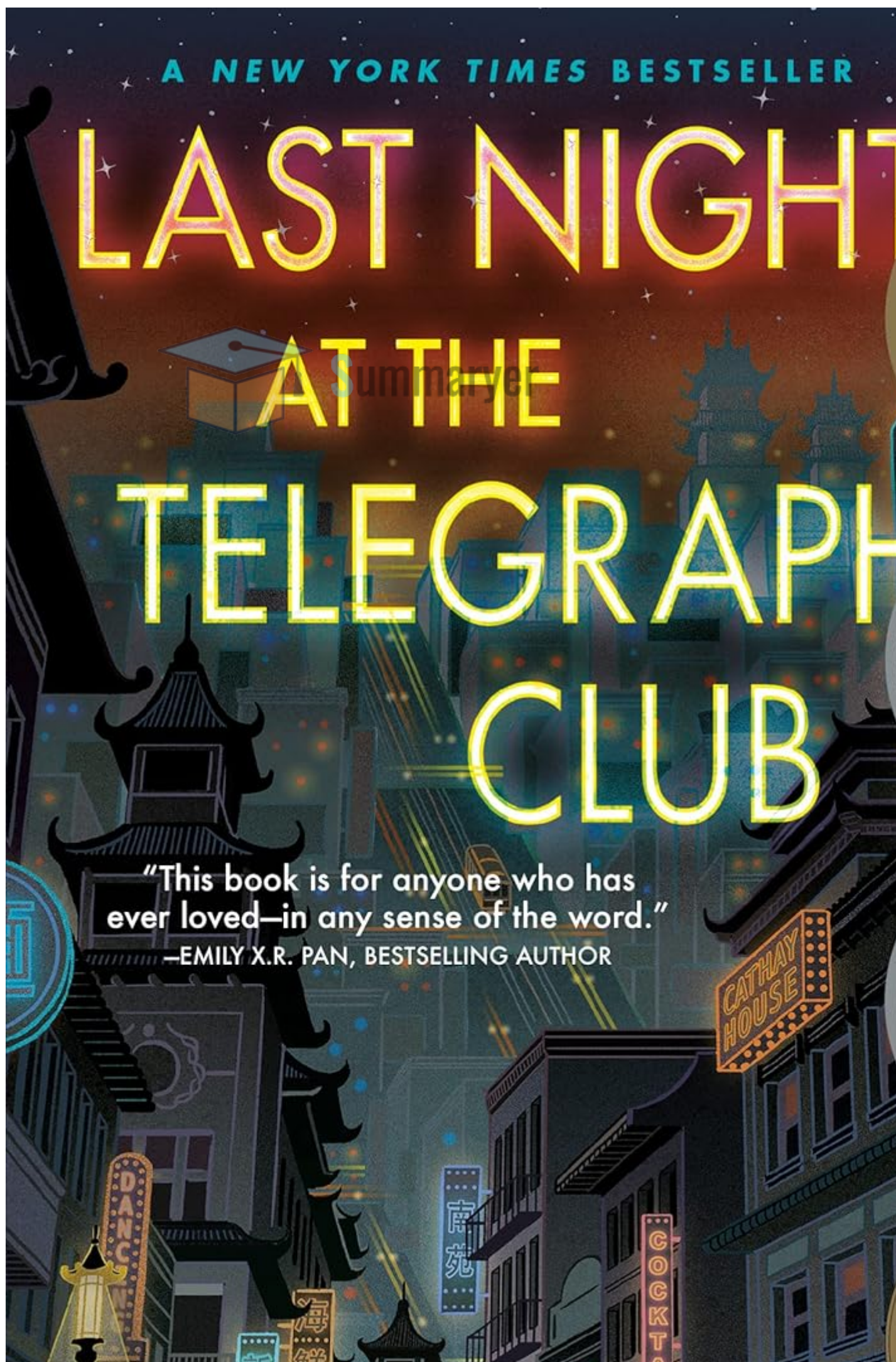
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A NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

# LAST NIGHT AT THE TELEGRAPH CLUB

"This book is for anyone who has  
ever loved—in any sense of the word."

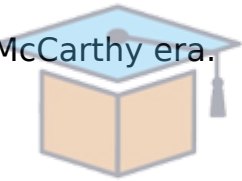
—EMILY X.R. PAN, BESTSELLING AUTHOR



## 2. Last Night at the Telegraph Club by Malinda Lo

### Why You Should Read It:

Set in 1950s Chinatown, *Last Night at the Telegraph Club* is a beautifully written coming-of-age story. Lily Hu, a young Chinese-American woman, discovers her sexual identity and falls in love with a fellow woman, all while dealing with the oppressive environment of the McCarthy era.



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### Key Highlights:

- A historically rich, multicultural setting
- A compelling portrayal of identity, love, and defiance
- Award-winning and critically acclaimed for its diverse narrative

If you're looking for a story of love against the backdrop of societal and cultural tensions, this is a must-read.

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# Casey McQuinn

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR

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### 3. One Last Stop by Casey McQuiston

#### Why You Should Read It:

This is a heartwarming and slightly fantastical romance that blends time travel with love and self-discovery. August, the protagonist, moves to New York City and meets Jane, a mysterious woman from the 1970s who is stuck in time.



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#### Key Highlights:

- A blend of romance and magical realism
- A charming and diverse cast of characters
- A tale about love that transcends time

The combination of humor, tenderness, and creativity makes *One Last Stop* a delightful, heartwarming read.

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*"Honey Girl is an emotional, heartfelt, charming debut, moment of it."* —JASMINE GUILLORY, *NEW YORK TIMES*

# Honey Girl



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## 4. Honey Girl by Morgan Rogers

### Why You Should Read It:

*Honey Girl* is a refreshing modern romance that explores themes of self-discovery, mental health, and queer love. Grace Porter, a recently graduated Ph.D. student, finds herself in a whirlwind romance with a woman she meets in Las Vegas, ultimately questioning her identity and her future.



### Key Highlights:

- A focus on personal growth and mental health
- LGBTQ+ characters navigating complex relationships
- Fun, romantic, and introspective

This novel blends humor and deep emotional exploration, making it a standout in queer romance.

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**“This is  
Jasmine Guillory  
at her best.”**



**–#1 New York  
Times bestselling  
author TAYLOR  
JENKINS REID**

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## 5. Flirting Lessons by Jasmine Guillory

### Why You Should Read It:

Jasmine Guillory's *Flirting Lessons* offers a fun, witty, and relatable portrayal of romance and identity. The story follows Avery and Taylor as they navigate their feelings for one another through a series of flirtation "lessons."



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### Key Highlights:

- Modern, relatable characters
- A mix of humor and emotional connection
- Light-hearted yet meaningful exploration of love

If you love contemporary romance with a touch of humor, *Flirting Lessons* is a perfect read.

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## 6. The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid

### Why You Should Read It:

Though *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo* isn't primarily a lesbian romance, it tells the story of a legendary Hollywood star who had a passionate love affair with a woman. The novel is an incredible exploration of love, sacrifice, and the complexities of identity.



### Key Highlights:

- A deep dive into Hollywood's Golden Age and LGBTQ+ history
- A beautifully written, complex love story
- Unforgettable characters and a twist-filled plot

Evelyn Hugo's story is one of love, heartbreak, and the price of fame, with a stunning representation of a same-sex relationship.

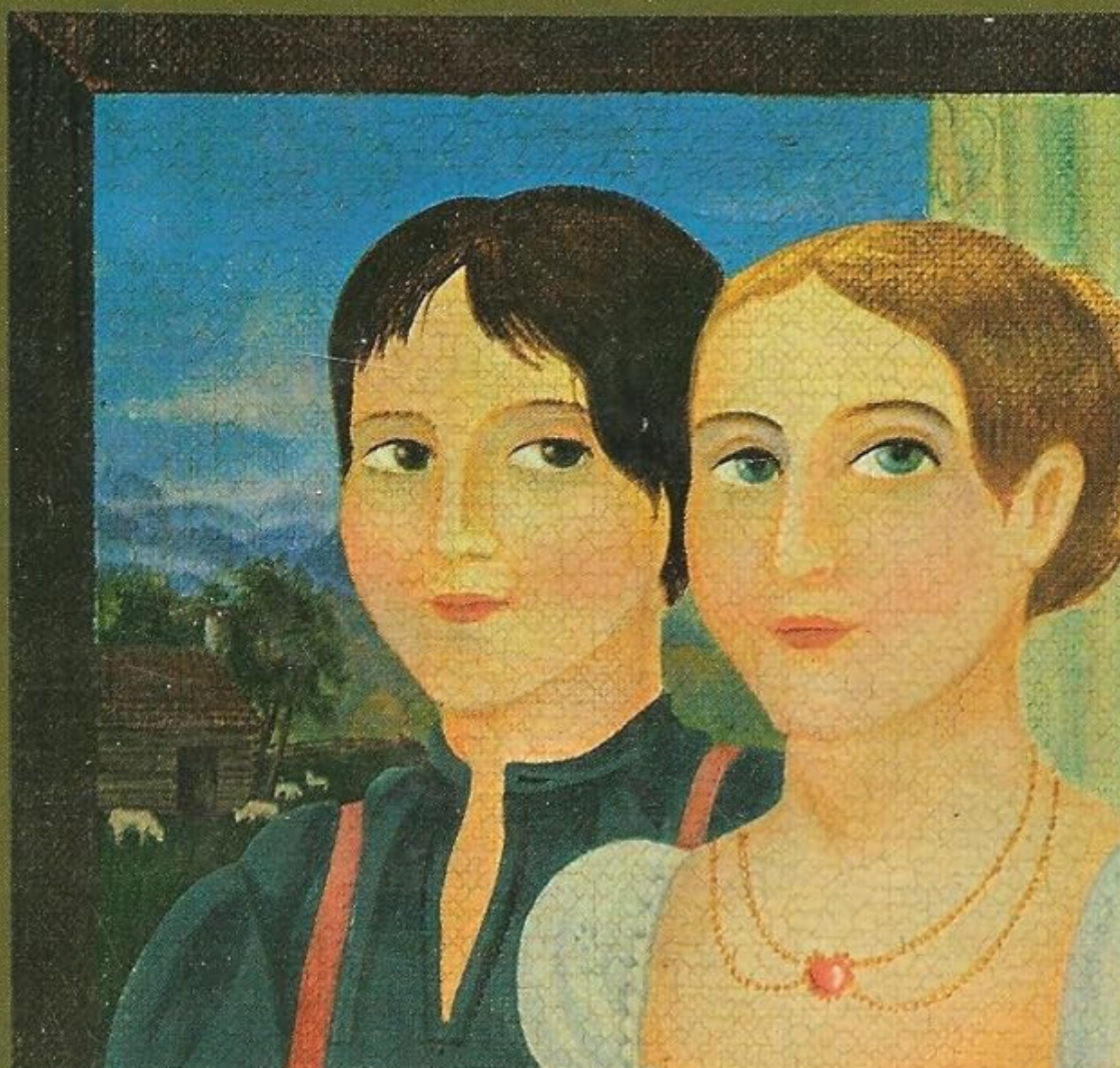
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A Novel by Isabel Miller

# Patience & Sara



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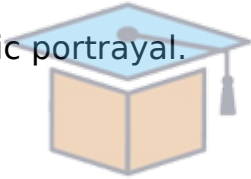




## 7. Patience & Sarah by Isabel Miller

### Why You Should Read It:

Set in the 19th century, *Patience & Sarah* is a historical lesbian romance that broke barriers when it was first published. The story of Patience, a farmer's daughter, and Sarah, an artist, is one of the first novels to depict a loving lesbian relationship with an uplifting and realistic portrayal.



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### Key Highlights:

- A historical setting with a progressive view on LGBTQ+ love
- Strong, resilient female characters
- A tender, groundbreaking love story

This novel is a classic for those who enjoy historical romance with depth and authenticity.

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## 8. Simply the Best by Karin Kallmaker

### Why You Should Read It:

A heartwarming romance that combines elements of sports, friendship, and love, *Simply the Best* follows Alice, a journalist, who falls for an Olympic athlete. The story explores both professional and personal obstacles that the two women face as they come to terms with their feelings.



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### Key Highlights:

- An inspiring love story with strong, relatable characters
- Perfect blend of romance and life challenges
- A captivating portrayal of commitment and ambition

This book is for readers who enjoy slow-burn romance and powerful character development.

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"A brilliant writer." —NEW YORK TIMES BOOK

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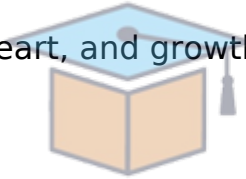




## 9. Act Your Age, Eve Brown by Talia Hibbert

### Why You Should Read It:

*Act Your Age, Eve Brown* is a delightful romantic comedy with lovable, imperfect characters. The story follows Eve, a free-spirited woman, who falls in love with Zafir, a buttoned-up B&B owner. The chemistry between them is palpable, and the story is filled with humor, heart, and growth.



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### Key Highlights:

- A heartwarming, funny love story
- Strong female characters with deep emotional arcs
- LGBTQ+ representation in a rom-com setting

Talia Hibbert's writing is always full of wit and charm, making this book a perfect feel-good read.

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## 10. Even Though I Knew the End by C. L. Polk

### Why You Should Read It:

A unique blend of fantasy and romance, *Even Though I Knew the End* centers on a woman named Helen, a private detective who finds herself caught up in a forbidden romance. The novel combines mystery, magic, and a slow-burn romance that builds to an emotional and powerful conclusion.



### Key Highlights:

- A compelling mix of fantasy and romance
- A complex, layered narrative with strong emotional depth
- An intense and moving love story

If you love genre-blending novels that mix romance with intrigue and fantasy, this one is for you.

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## Final Thoughts

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These ten lesbian romance novels not only tell powerful stories of love but also challenge societal norms and explore the complexities of identity and human

connection. Whether you enjoy historical fiction, contemporary romance, or magical realism, each of these novels offers a unique perspective on love and self-discovery. So, grab one (or all) of these books and dive into these captivating, heartfelt stories that will leave you reflecting on the true meaning of love.

