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# Love At First Laugh: Eight Romantic Novellas Filled With Love, Laughter, And Happily Ever After



## Synopsis

Dive into eight brand new contemporary Christian romantic comedies from some of your favorite inspirational authors. From light-hearted romance to laugh-out-loud love, this set will put a smile on your face and keep you reading long into the night.

**Second Impressions** by award-winning author Pepper Basham

He likes streamline. She prefers embellishments. His forte is business. Hers is atmosphere. Will they realize each has what the other needs most to create the perfect romance with a touch of Jane Austin flair?

**Mowed Over** by USA Today bestselling author Christina Coryell

A tiny, chatty fairy artist with multicolored pastel hair. A burly, bearded landscaper who can't get a word in edgewise. They have nothing in common, but is that enough to keep them apart?

**An Informal Affair** by award-winning author Heather Gray

She's tired of waiting for happily-ever-after, so she takes matters into her own hands...with online dating. He has the worst bad-date streak ever. How will God show two people who are determined to do things their own way that He's had a perfect plan all along?

**A Heart Restored** by Elizabeth Maddrey

She renovates old houses. Can he restore her heart?

**Unleashing Love** by Jessica R. Patch

She's a dog walker who agrees to a full-time position caring for a puppy. In total shock, she's handed a precious baby girl. He's a construction mogul who's taken his infant niece into temporary relative placement — keyword: temporary. Unless the sassy southern nanny can change his mind and his heart.

**A (nearly) Normal Nanny** by Krista Phillips

Normal is highly overrated. **That's When I Knew** by award-winning author Laurie Tomlinson

When two childhood sweethearts find themselves thrown together on the road to a trade show that could save her career, past mistakes threaten to ruin her chances — and the possibility of rekindling a romance. Will the end of the summer find them apart once again?

**A Time to Laugh** by USA Today bestselling author Marion Ueckermann

When an unexpected inheritance and a lung disease diagnosis coincide, a missionary couple realizes God is telling them it's time to retire. But sometimes retirement comes with strings attached. Will their life-long dream be a blessing or a curse?

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## Customer Reviews

1. Second Impressions by Pepper Basham There are so MANY things to love about this novella, especially for my *Ã¢ÂœAusten-loving heart!* It is so well written & funny! I still laugh at all the names Nora came up with for Ethan, like *Ã¢ÂœMr. Tall-Dark-and-Cranky, Mr.*

*Grumpy-and-Gorgeous, Mr. Rude, Mr. Jumps-to-Conclusions, Sir Broods-A-Lot Keller, the suit* *Ã¢Âœ|Ã¢Âœ* *Ã¢Âœ* *This story will definitely whet your appetite for going to Bath, England, to attend The Jane Austen Festival, and yet it will also make you feel like youÃ¢Âœve already been there! So. Good!!!* -sigh-3. An Informal Affair by Heather Gray This authorÃ¢Âœs stories are so delightful and always make me laugh! Lines like: *Ã¢ÂœShort of going around & kissing random frogs, she never would have found anyone to date.* *Ã¢Âœ* *But like her other stories, the author also deals with some deep questions like: *Ã¢ÂœWhy, when we know Jesus is enough, do we continue to seek more?* *Ã¢Âœ* and *Ã¢ÂœDoes our desire for something more push us closer to Him or further away?* *Ã¢Âœ* *But my favorite line is:* *Ã¢ÂœShe was loved by the One who mattered.* *Ã¢Âœ*4. A Heart Restored by Elizabeth Maddrey Another great story by a great author about not only restoring an old house, but also restoring both DeidreÃ¢Âœs & JeremiahÃ¢Âœs hearts. My favorite lines are: *Ã¢ÂœItÃ¢Âœs not as if God owes us the fulfillment of our dreams, even if theyÃ¢Âœre dreams He gives usÃ¢Âœ* *Ã¢Âœsometimes God gives us dreams to see if weÃ¢Âœre willing to trust HIM with them.* *Ã¢Âœ*5. Unleashing Love by Jessica Patch This is a heart-warming and enjoyable story by a new-to-me author. I look forward to reading more of Jessica PatchÃ¢Âœs books.6. A (Nearly) Normal Nanny by Krista Phillips This is the second story of KristaÃ¢Âœs that I have*

read. She writes fun stories, and I will read more of hers. My favorite quote from hers is:  
“Giving your heart to someone always comes with risk... And God’s plans are rarely the same as our own.” That’s When I Knew by Laurie Tomlinson  
This is the first story I have read by Laurie Tomlinson, and I really enjoyed it. I look forward to reading more of hers.<sup>8</sup> A Time to Laugh by Marion Ueckermann A Time to Laugh is an absolutely ADORABLE story that kept me laughing!! Marion Ueckermann does such a wonderful job of capturing the humor and surprises of Elizabeth’s unplanned pregnancy, along with the concerns and fears that older women and high-risk pregnancies have to face. But it is also a story of learning to trust a faithful & loving God, and willingly bowing to His sovereignty. LOVED this story!!

This is such a fun collection of contemporary Christian stories. Several of the authors in this collection are new to me, it was great to discover new-to-me authors. I look forward to reading more from them. The first book in this collection, “Second Impressions” by Pepper Basham really hits a home run and sets the tone for the entire set. You’ll fall in love with the dynamic characters Nora (a Jane Austen fan) and Ethan Keller. This fun story will have you laughing out loud. The second story, “Mowed Over” by Christina Coryell begins with heart-stopping action. The unique characters bring humor and fun to the pages of this story. I’m sure most have a friend like Lia in the third story “An Informal Affair” by Heather Gray. Her characters are realistic and fun. I could almost imagine sitting down to coffee with Lia and swapping stories. In “Hearts Restored” by Elizabeth Maddrey you will meet Deidre a feisty, independent woman who isn’t afraid to roll up her sleeves and get her hands dirty. Why ask for help, when I am perfectly capable of doing it on my own?! Past heartbreak as brought her here. Will meeting the dashing, local handyman change her heart? Enjoy snuggling with your furry friend for “Unleashing Love” by Jessica R. Patch. Emma Kate, professional dog walker gets more than she planned for when she agrees to dog sit for a near stranger. More than dog leashes will tangle in this fun story full of heart. Right from the start Meri, our new Nanny runs into a surprise in “A (nearly) Normal Nanny” by Krista Phillips. Meri likes to plan, but plans go astray when chaos walks thru the door. Meri quickly discovers that sometimes you just can’t plan for, and “normal” isn’t all that common. A second chance to reconnect in “That’s When I Knew” by Laurie Tomlinson. This tender story of childhood sweethearts Chelsea & Nick will keep you smiling. With characters so real that you’ll feel like you are in the story and part of the action. The last story in the collection, “A Time to Laugh” by Marion Ueckermann is a gentle reminder that you are never too old for the

unexpected surprises. Life-long dreams can be met, and nothing is impossible. This collection is the perfect set to have when looking for a light-hearted, fun collection of Christian romance stories filled with laughter and excitement.

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