Lesson 13 – Steampunk Romance

**Romance… Steampunk Style!**

*What do you get when you mix fantasy & romance?* *Paranormal & Steampunk romance!*

Spurred on by Stephenie Meyer’s popular *Twilight* series over a decade ago, many adult romance readers desire to find an Edward of their own, and the genre continues to be popular. **Paranormal romance** focuses on fantasy, the supernatural, vampires, ghosts, or time travel mixed with romance. The NoveList database (find under the “[Reading Resources](https://www.tulsalibrary.org/books-music-movies/reading-resources)” part of the library web site) has a list for paranormal romances. A few popular authors are: Jayne Castle (aka Jayne Ann Krentz), Christine Feehan, Patricia Briggs, Katie MacAlister’s *Dark Ones* series, Sherrilyn Kenyon, and local author P. C. Cast.

**Steampunk** **romance**, a popular sub-genre of the science fiction/fantasy genre, mixes historical settings (such as the Victorian era), steam power and other elements from the Industrial Revolution combined with science fiction/fantasy basics and romance, of course. Examples include [*Beauty and the Clockwork Beast*](https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/3412203063) by Nancy Campbell Allen, [*Timekeeper*](https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/3533679063) by Tara Sim, and Meljean Brook.