



Four Ways to Create Romance this Holiday Season

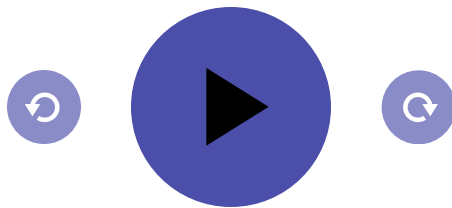
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It's the most wonderful time of the year — for dalliances with your other half! Inspired by four new holiday romances from Audible, check out these date-night ideas sure to inspire steamy liaisons.



Do the two of you enjoy hijinks? Is your relationship filled with mischief and jest? This date is inspired by *Along Came Holly*, an Audible Original about two small business owners in Idaho, Holly Winters and Declan Gallagher, who don't much like other. As the holiday nears, each tries to "out-prank" the other with practical jokes. But, as the jokes escalate, their feelings begin to shift.

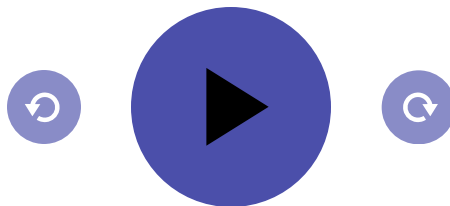


Build pre-date excitement with small gags: silly jokes taped to the bathroom or rearview mirror, small appliances like the coffee maker relocated, slippers hidden and replaced with winter boots. Choose a cuisine to cook and secretly switch it to something more romantic at the last minute — fondue anyone? — then pull out some pastries you've bought on the sly. Finish the evening with a bottle of prosecco, to celebrate finding each other.

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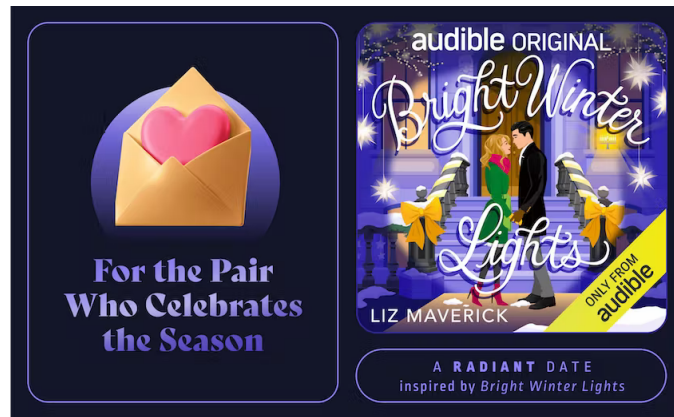


Can both of you change plans on a dime? Do you always find a way to regroup when long-standing plans fall apart? This special evening is mirrored in the Audible Original holiday romance *Let it Snow*. Nia West and Andrew Beckman are trying to leave town for the holidays: Nia to a warm, sunny beach, and Andrew to a family gathering. But when an unexpected blizzard grounds them in the airport, they choose to team up and make the best of it.

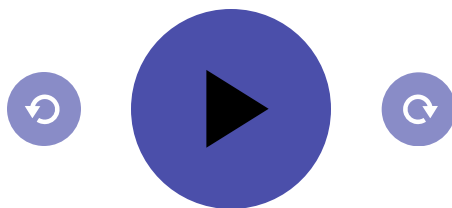


It's time for some roleplay. Start by shopping for touristy items. Next, craft fancy cocktails, pretending you're in the first-class airport lounge. Choose an in-flight movie on your laptop and watch it under a shared blanket. When the show's over, discuss the best meals you've ever eaten in an airport and order them on delivery. Pair with mini bottles of favorite spirits.

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After lighting the menorah, it's time for the delicious food of Hanukkah which is everyone's favorite part of the holiday. This date is inspired by the Audible Original *Bright Winter Lights*. To thwart his mother's matchmaking attempts, Adam Bosch asks high school flame, Sara Schwartz, to be his date to his family's Hanukkah party. While Sara thinks it's silly, Adam persuades her and romance blooms.

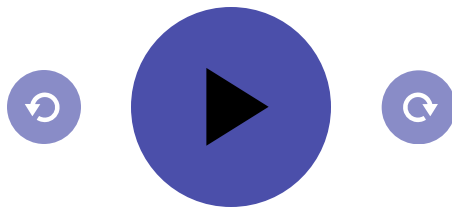


For this date, prepare a feast à deux: crispy fried latkes with apple sauce and sour cream, and warm, jelly-filled sufganiyot donuts. It's a meal for a crowd, made for just the two of you. Fill the room with candles — it's the festival of lights, after all — and pop on a romantic playlist to further enhance the mood as you curl up, sated, and happily in love with your *besheret* (that's Yiddish for *destiny*.)

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It's always an exciting moment when good friends realize there's something special between them. In Audible Original *The Upside Down Christmas*, Marlo leaves Britain to create a new life in Sydney but loneliness sets in when her on-again, off-again boyfriend ghosts her. Deeply sad and homesick, Marlo begins to despair. At this, flatmate Alex is determined to cheer her up, with a mixture of his good looks, and sparkly holiday cocktails.



Sound familiar? Tonight’s the night to talk about all the places you and your former best friend used to visit, before you realized you were meant to be a couple. Sip the drinks that were once “the usual” at the old dive bar, and order-in late-night snacks from that neighborhood diner — the place with the great milkshakes and fries. All while singing along to a playlist of your favorite songs.

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