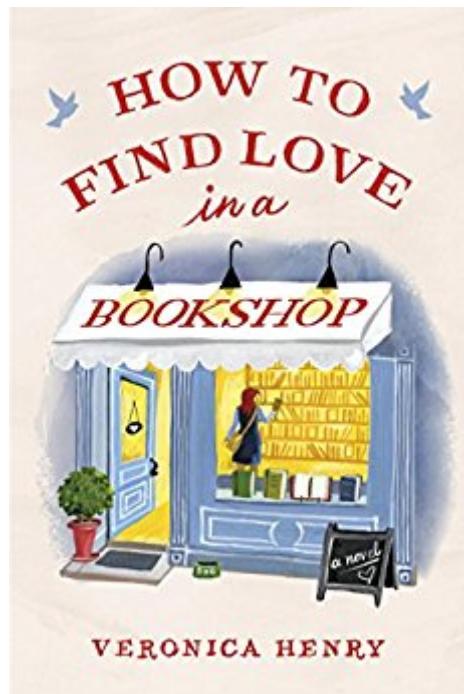


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# How To Find Love In A Bookshop



## Synopsis

“Absolutely delightful.”--PeopleThe enchanting story of a bookshop, its grieving owner, a supportive literary community, and the extraordinary power of books to heal the heart. Nightingale Books, nestled on the main street in an idyllic little village, is a dream come true for book lovers--a cozy haven and welcoming getaway for the literary-minded locals. But owner Emilia Nightingale is struggling to keep the shop open after her beloved father’s death, and the temptation to sell is getting stronger. The property developers are circling, yet Emilia’s loyal customers have become like family, and she can’t imagine breaking the promise she made to her father to keep the store alive. There’s Sarah, owner of the stately Peasebrook Manor, who has used the bookshop as an escape in the past few years, but it now seems there’s a very specific reason for all those frequent visits. Next is roguish Jackson, who, after making a complete mess of his marriage, now looks to Emilia for advice on books for the son he misses so much. And the forever shy Thomasina, who runs a pop-up restaurant for two in her tiny cottage--she has a crush on a man she met in the cookbook section, but can hardly dream of working up the courage to admit her true feelings. Enter the world of Nightingale Books for a serving of romance, long-held secrets, and unexpected hopes for the future--and not just within the pages on the shelves. *How to Find Love in a Bookshop* is the delightful story of Emilia, the unforgettable cast of customers whose lives she has touched, and the books they all cherish.

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## **Customer Reviews**

I loved the story and I loved the characters. It was one of those books that is fun to read when you need a lift. I looked to see if the author wrote a sequel but was disappointed there is none. I hated to see it end. In fact I could not find any other books by this author that were on kindle.

I loved this book - enjoyed it more than any I've read in awhile.

This is a delightful story.

After the death of her father, Emilia Nightingale is faced with a tough decision. She can either attempt to keep open her father's beloved but financially struggling bookshop or sell it to the local property developer. Emilia decides to try her hardest to make the bookshop a success, not just for herself but for its' loyal customers as well. This is a story of how books can bring people together and just may even change your life. This book was so incredibly sweet and charming and the perfect thing to read when you need a bit of cheering up! I just loved how important the bookshop was to the people of Peasebrook. Emilia's father left an incredible legacy and I'm glad she worked hard to keep the shop open. I loved all the characters storylines and the author did a fine job showing how books can bring people together. I don't give out many 5 star reviews but this book really hit all the right notes for me and came at a perfect time when I needed to read something uplifting. Thanks to First to Read for the opportunity to read an advance digital copy! I was under no obligation to post a review and all views expressed are my honest opinions.

"How to Find Love in a Bookshop" is one of my new favorite books! There has been a void in this type of writing since the death of much beloved Maeve Binchy in 2012. Victoria Henry has filled that void, much to my delight, with this beautifully written, delightful, novel, so filled with heart! There is a large "cast" of characters, all who come in and out of the life of a bookseller and her shop, which had been her father's, until his death too soon in life. The novel is set in a small town in England.

Everyone is flawed, but lovable in some way, except for Hugh. (You will see why if you read this gift of a book.) I love bookstores (or "bookshops" as they are called in England), so setting a novel in one makes the story extra special for me. Across the generations, the town folk come together, helping a daughter grieve for her father, and becoming part of her life. There will be a wedding, music, cooking, a possible new love for several characters, and changes in the lives of all the characters. This is a difficult book to put down. When I finished, I held it in my hands for a long time, knowing I had to give it back to the library today, but feeling so happy that it had been mine for the few days I spent reading it.

How to Find Love in a Bookshop is a new release from Penguin Group, and I was excited to receive an advance reader copy from them in exchange for an honest review. The title of this book was enough to get me intrigued. I love books about books and this one sounded like a sweet read with a romantic twist, and I really, really wanted to love this book. But unfortunately, it fell short for me. Let me start by saying that the writing was solid. The descriptions of the bookshop and the loft upstairs that Julius and Emilia called home for years made me want to disappear inside the book. The author's love and appreciation of books resonates through the pages. I think for me it was mostly a lack of being able to really get into the story. While the descriptions were vivid, I found myself unable to latch onto the main character, Emilia. I think this was because there were so many minor characters and every time I thought we would really explore Emilia's story, the book either broke off into another character's story or it flashed back to Julius's story in the past. It was difficult to keep them all straight. Halfway through the book, new minor characters were still being introduced. For me, all characters should be introduced and developed to the point of remembrance once I'm halfway through a book. Unfortunately, that just didn't happen for me here. If you enjoy books about books, bookshops, people's lives intersecting, and love stories, then you should pick up How to Find Love in a Bookshop and give it a try. I've read several reviews by readers who just loved this book. Just because it didn't click for me doesn't mean it won't for you. Read full review at: [Kait's Bookshelf.com](http://Kait's Bookshelf.com)

How to Find Love in a Bookshop is a delightful contemporary romance, pointing out in no uncertain terms that "a town without a bookshop is a town without a

heart. There are so many couples in this novel it would seem impossible to keep their stories separate but author Henry does so deftly, at the same time weaving each situation into one delightful romance where the happy endings are a sure thing. Even the story of Julius's courtship of Rebecca, played out in flashback in beautifully sensual terms, renders their love part of the magic in which the bookshop and Julius's later life is steeped. At Nightingale Books, each customer finds the story he needs and the encouragement to make his own story come true. This novel is one the reader will finish with a sigh, and then set his sights on the nearest bookshop in hopes of finding his own happily ever after. Peasebrook is the place where "everybody knows your name," your business, and its bookshop is where they all congregate to share their dreams. This novel was supplied by the publisher and no remuneration was involved in the writing of this review.

I received an Advanced Reader Copy from NetGalley for my unbiased opinion of the book. I fell in love with this story from the very beginning. It was saying hello to a new/old friend. A friend you haven't seen in awhile but takes seconds to get reacquainted again. This is the first book I've ever read from this author. I am happy to say, I'm gobsmacked! The book grabbed me from the very beginning and full of action packed side stories, it held me all the way to the finish line. I look forward to reading more from this author. She has a permanent spot on my go list of authors!!!

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