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Search for love not limited to Valentine's Day

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of cards that express love to friends and family as well as sweethearts. But today's most thought of literature written about ideal love are books such as the Harlequin Romance series.

people, they continue to read the stories because it makes them happy.

Love can also be found on television and in the movie theater, but they aren't always so perfect. The

soap operas are a classic example. For instance, *Guiding Light's* Josh and Reva. They've been sweethearts since they were teenagers, but they've never been able to stay together. They've suffered through Reva's marriages to Josh's father and brother; not to mention all the other men in Reva's life. Now, they've just been through a court trial where Josh was convicted of attempted murder. Will it ever be over?

As for cinema, the most thought-of romance is the one between Oliver and Jenny in *Love Story* and its sequel, *Oliver's Story*. In *Love Story*, Oliver and Jenny had the ideal love until Jenny's death. *Oliver's Story* opens with the funeral procession to the cemetery,

then goes on to tell how Oliver deals with the loss of his love. Though the story is a tear-jerker, viewers enjoy the movie because of the wonderful relationship between the two characters.

Of course, every love story has its own love theme, which is often used by music fans to express feelings. Many of today's songs deal with the subject of love. Top 40 songs such as Chicago's *Look Away* and Sheriff's *When I'm With You* are two examples. *Look Away* talks about still caring for someone after a break-up while Sheriff sings about how great that special someone makes him feel.

But the question still remains - where do I find love? Who knows, it could be right under your nose.

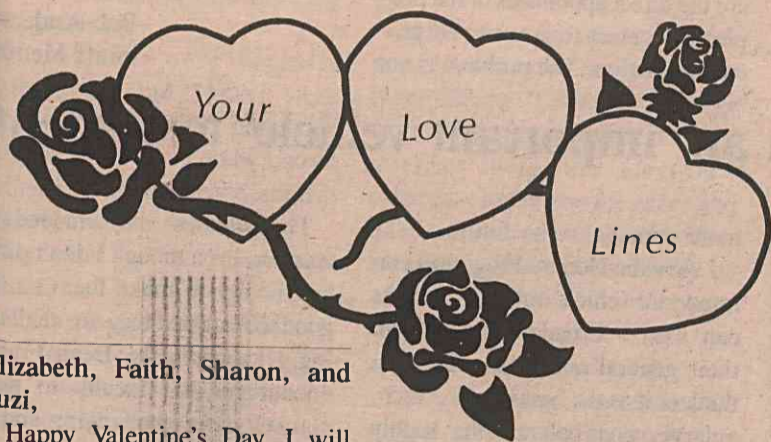
You're sitting in your favorite night club when suddenly, you turn your attention to the door. There he is...tall, dark, and absolutely gorgeous! "I think I'm in love!"

Does true love miraculously appear when you least expect it, or is it something you have to work for? Nobody really knows. But many people describe ideal love as love that is everlasting; love of the highest perfection.

Love has been expressed in a variety of ways for centuries, with poetry being one of the most frequently used methods. One of the most famous lines comes from Elizabeth Barrett Browning the wrote, "How do I love thee, let me count the ways," to her husband, Robert Browning who returned his sentiments in a similar fashion.

In today's society, poetry is most popular on greeting cards. *Personal Touch* and *Between You And Me* are just two of the dozens of lines

The stories are usually along the idea of a couple meeting, falling in love, having a fight, and finding their love again. Much like our fantasies, the characters often experience the ultimate love. Although this is unrealistic to most



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Happy Valentine's Day. I will miss all of you next year. We'll always be the Carolina girls.
Love, Betty

Nicole,
You are a wonderful friend! Thanks for all your love and support. Keep your chin up! Remember that I love you!
Fish

John Paul,
Happy Valentine's Day! I miss you and wish we were together. I love you!
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