

Fiction Themes

Action/Adventure
Amnesia

Baby love
Bad boy
Bad girl
Bad to the bone
Beauty and the Beast
Beauty of simplicity
Bikers

Change of power – necessity
Change vs. tradition
Chaos and order
Character – destruction,
building up
Chicks who kick butt
Childhood sweethearts
Circle of life
Coming of age
Companionship as salvation
Convention and rebellion
Cowboys

Dangerous curves
Dangerous heroes
Dangers of ignorance
Darkness and light
Death – inevitable or tragedy
Desire to escape
Disguised as a man
Disillusionment and dreams
Displacement
Doctors and nurses
Dragons

Empowerment
Everlasting love
Evils of racism

Facing darkness
Facing reality
Fading beauty
Faith vs. doubt
Family – blessing or curse
Fate and free will
Fear of failure
Female roles
Feuding families
Friendship

Fulfillment

Ghosts
Gilded Age
Good vs. bad
Gothic
Greed as downfall
Growing up – pain or pleasure

Hazards of passing judgment
Heartbreak of betrayal
Heroism – real and perceived
Hierarchy in nature
Highlander
Highwaymen
Holiday anthologies
Holiday romances

Identity crisis
Illusion of power
Immortality
Imperfect “perfect” heroes
Individual vs. society
Inner vs. outer strength
Injustice
International lovers
Isolation

Judgment

Kidnapping
Knowledge vs. ignorance

Loneliness as destructive force
Losing hope
Loss of innocence
Lost honor
Lost love
Love and laughter
Love and sacrifice
Love and want
Love on the job

Magic and magical creatures
Mail-order bride
Man struggles against nature
Man v. societal pressure
Manipulation
Marriage of convenience
May and December romances
Medical
Medieval knights

Military heroes
Motherhood
Mystery, suspense and thriller

Names – power and
significance
Nationalism – complications
Native Americans
Nature as beauty
Necessity of work
Nursing back to health

Oppression of women
Optimism – power or folly
Overcoming – fear, weakness,
vice

Paranormal
Patriotism – positive side or
complications
Pirates
Plain Jane
Power and corruption
Power of silence
Power of tradition
Power of wealth
Power of words
Presumed dead
Pretend marriage
Pride and downfall
Progress – real or illusion
Psychic abilities

Quest for discovery
Quest for power

Rags to riches/riches to rags
Rebirth
Reconciliation
Regency
Reincarnation
Reunion
Revenge
Rock n roll
Role of men
Role of religion – virtue or
hypocrisy
Role of women
Runaway bride

Secret baby
Self-awareness

Self-preservation
Self-reliance
Social mobility
Sports
Suffering
Survival

Technology in society – good or
bad
Temporary nature of physical
beauty
Temptation and destruction
Terms of the Will
The frontier
The great struggle
The second wife
Time-travel
Totalitarianism
Tragic love
Tropical setting
Twins

Undercover agent
Unusual occupation

Vacation love
Vampires
Vanity as downfall
Victorian
Viking
Virgin heroes
Vulnerability of the meek
Vulnerability of the strong

War – glory, necessity, pain,
tragedy
Werewolves
Will to survive
Wisdom of experience
Witches and warlocks
Women warriors
Working class struggles
Wounded heart

Youth and beauty
Youthful love