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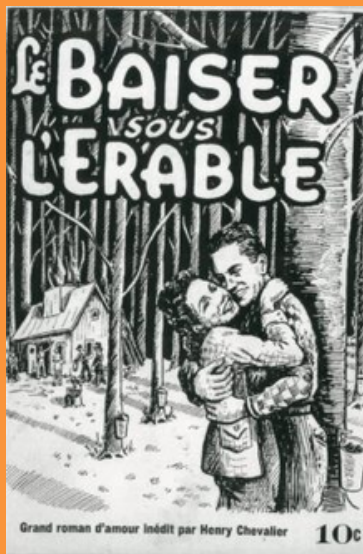


Products of popular culture, romance novels have been devalued and scorned by cultural gatekeepers. Yet, they lend themselves to a historical analysis of how societies attribute a precise place to the impulses of love and codify its manifestations.

***Love Stories Now and Then* is the first comprehensive survey of Quebec and French-Canadian romance novels.** It tackles questions that everybody asks. What is “love at first sight”? How do class, national identity, religion, and race influence choice of partners? What are the rules to flirting? What are the limits to expressing one’s desires? What are people’s expectations in marriage? What is the place of sexuality and how does it differ in French and English culture in North America?

This book challenges many of our assumptions about romance novels, and offers a compelling glimpse into the dreams and fantasies of love over the past two centuries.

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