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**SHE CLINGS TO TRADITION. HE THRIVES ON CHANGE**  
**Together, they're overdue for a love story of their own.**



**ALLENTOWN, PA** — Author Miranda Reese brings readers a cozy, small-town romance filled with 1990s nostalgia in *Checking You Out* (5 Prince Publishing, 07/14/2026). When grumpy librarian Holly Bennett and tech consultant bump heads about digitizing the library, secrets emerge and sparks fly between the two rivals. *Checking You Out* is perfect for fans of Laurie Gilmore’s *The Cinnamon Bun Bookstore* and Emily Henry’s *Book Lovers*. Reese’s sharp witted characters and charming 90s nostalgia is sure to delight romance readers.

It’s 1998, and the Maple Valley Public Library is one of the last quiet strongholds of the pre-digital world. Holly Bennett, steadfast champion of all things analog, treasures the card catalog, worn paperbacks, and the historical romances she devours with her Swooning for Stepbacks book club. A hopeless romantic at heart, Holly longs for the kind of love she’s only ever read about, but so far, her real life has offered none of it. Her orderly world is upended when Ethan Montrose arrives—a sleek, city-bred tech consultant with a mission to modernize her beloved library. He is everything Holly has resisted in her past. He is confident, charming, and full of ideas that clash with her traditions. As their rivalry heats up, they uncover a long-buried family secret hidden in the library’s past. When the walls between old ways and new ideas finally crumble, Holly and Ethan realize their dreams, for the library and for each other, are

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stronger together than apart. Sometimes the best love stories aren't written in books—they're found between the stacks.



**Miranda Reese** is a romance author, library wanderer, and devoted coffee enthusiast. She lives in Pennsylvania with her husband, daughters, and a delightfully sassy dog. She writes contemporary romance, nostalgic romantic comedies, and historical romance filled with heart, humor, and heat. She fell in love with romance at an early age, sneaking her mother's novels and losing herself in swooning stepbacks, bold heroines, and passionate stories. Today, she crafts novels that blend charm, laughter, and spice, reminding readers that love is always worth the leap. Miranda believes you're never more than one chapter away from a happily-ever-after.

### ***Checking You Out***

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#### **In an interview, Miranda can discuss:**

- The Empowerment and importance of romance
- Her lifelong love affair with historical romance, and how that inspired her main character
- Her journey to becoming a romance author
- Connecting with the romance community and building relationships with readers
- Using nostalgia as the setting for a novel
- Subverting the “grumpy x sunshine” trope
- The magic of bookish settings, particularly libraries

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