

I believe THAT

all the best stories have love in them
Fantasy, literary fiction, crime, historical - almost every genre features love somewhere. Because...

love is the human condition
It's our strength and our weakness. It changes every story, because it's not logical

we read to be part of the story
we want to connect with the characters, the world of the book, even the author

we all need happy or at least hopeful endings
sometimes. To know that the last page is the start of a new, happier story

we need strong heroines
who can discover what they need and learn to demand it from people who claim to love them

we also need strong heroes
who can learn not to be afraid to be changed by love, and who can build strong partnerships

love is love whatever its form
and 21st century romance stories should be able to celebrate and reflect the many faces of love

love is always consensual
and consent can be very, very sexy

Romance novels can change the world for a reader
by showing them that they deserve an equal partnership, with love, respect and understanding
and that Romance Readers can change the world
by expecting more from society, and from love.

MY Romance MANIFESTO