

CELEBRITY CRUSHES!



Camila Cabello
 “I think she has such an insane face card matched with a lot of talent, [which is] super attractive!”
 Neeharika Kumar (11)



Gordon Ramsay
 “Gordon Ramsay’s creativity and dedication to his passion in getting people to meet his expectations is inspiring.”
 Elizabeth Yuan (10)



Johann Sebastian Bach
 “He’s handsome and wrote Piano Concerto No. 5 in F minor. I don’t know why it hasn’t charted on billboard yet.”
 Marina Wiedmann (10)



Emma Stone
 “She’s an absolute multi-talented queen — [she’s] a wonderful actress, producer and singer (everyone should watch La La Land) and she’s also beautiful. What’s not to love?”
 Erin Finn (11)



Aubrey Plaza
 “Aubrey is the most gorgeous person I’ve ever seen — also the funniest and the most entertaining actor I’ve had the pleasure of watching.”
 Maya Patnaik (12)



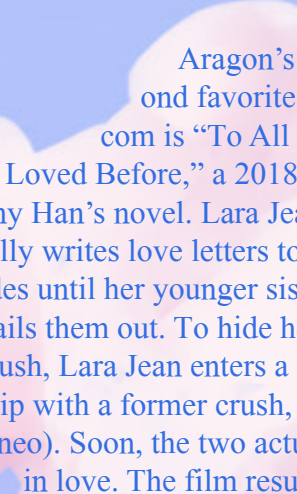
Matthew Gray Gubler
 “When he’s on [screen,] it’s hard to know if I’m focused on his great acting, his terrible dad jokes or his [beautiful] face.”
 Maria Medina Dussan (11)



Voted Aragon’s favorite rom-com, “10 Things I Hate About You” (1999) stars Julia Stiles as Kat, an aloof feminist, and Heath Ledger as Patrick, a bad boy who is bribed to pursue Kat. Initially rebuffing Patrick’s advances, Kat is eventually won over through serenading and paintball. When Kat finds out Patrick was bribed, she recites the movie’s titular poem, a list of reasons she both resents and loves him. The film ends happily as Patrick wins Kat back over with an earnest speech and Fender Stratocaster guitar.



Aragon’s second favorite rom-com is “To All the Boys I’ve Loved Before,” a 2018 film based on Jenny Han’s novel. Lara Jean (Lana Condor) habitually writes love letters to crushes, which she hides until her younger sister, Kitty, finds and mails them out. To hide her feelings for one crush, Lara Jean enters a fake relationship with a former crush, Peter (Noah Centineo). Soon, the two actually fall in love. The film resulted in two sequels and a spin-off following Kitty, titled “XO, Kitty.”



Aragon’s third favorite rom-com, “La La Land” (2016) features Ryan Gosling as Sebastian, a struggling musician, and Emma Stone as Mia, an aspiring actress. The two meet and fall in love while pursuing their dreams, with Seb working to open his own jazz club and Mia writing her one-woman play. “La La Land” explores the fragile balance between maintaining love and chasing aspirations. It earned six Oscars, two Grammys and a variety of other awards.

Based off of a Japanese novel of the same name, “I Want to Eat Your Pancreas” (2018) is a story about a boy who finds out his popular classmate is dying from a pancreatic illness. She jokes that she wants to eat his pancreas, hence the name. The pair become close friends, making the ending ever more heart-breaking. The film grossed \$6 million worldwide.



“Love Actually” (2003), set during Christmastime, is an anthology that follows 10 couples with unique messages about love. In an ensemble cast, various characters experience love in different ways: Mark moves on from Juliet after she gets married to Peter, Jamie proposes to Aurélie in broken Portuguese and rocker Billy confesses to his manager Joe. It was nominated for the Golden Globe Award for Best Motion Picture and remains a classic rom-com to this day.



West Side Story (1957)

This musical, which premiered on Broadway in 1957, follows the rivalry between the American Jets and Puerto Rican Sharks, two gangs in 1950s Manhattan. Tony, a former Jet, falls in love with Maria, the sister of a Shark. Their tragic love is based off Shakespeare’s play, with violence between the gangs and Tony dying in Maria’s arms. West Side Story won two Tony Awards in 1958 and has had two film adaptations in 1961 and 2021.

Romeo and Juliet (1968)

This movie adaptation, starring Leonard Whiting as Romeo and Olivia Hussey as Juliet, quickly became incredibly popular, making over 30 times its budget. In 2023, though, the two main stars sued Paramount Pictures over alleged sexual abuse claiming director Franco Zeffirelli coerced them into a nude scene despite being underage. The pair lost their lawsuit. Yikes!

Romeo and Juliet (1597)

An early work of William Shakespeare’s, Romeo and Juliet was published in 1597 and narrated the tragedy of two lovers from opposing families in Verona, Italy. After facing the trials of violence, arranged engagement and exile, Romeo and Juliet poison themselves when their plan to reunite fails. In the centuries since its release, it has become one of Shakespeare’s most famous works, spawning numerous adaptations.

& Juliet (2019)

& Juliet is a musical following an alternative storyline for Romeo and Juliet had Juliet not taken her own life in the end. In this new story, Juliet explores her identity and womanhood in experiences outside of Romeo as she ventures out of Verona. The musical premiered in September 2019 at the Manchester Opera House before moving to the more famous West End stage and has been recognized by the Tony and Laurence Olivier awards.

Bare: A Pop Opera (2000)

Written by Damon Inrabartolo and Jon Hartmere, Bare: A Pop Opera debuted at the Hudson Theatre in Los Angeles and follows students at a Catholic high school, debuting in 2000. It follows a tragedy framework in which the two lovers, Peter and Jason, must hide their relationship while Jason pursues a popular girl in an attempt to conform. Upon being outed, Jason and Peter’s relationship tragically ends Romeo-and-Juliet style as Jason overdoses on drugs and dies.

Gnomeo and Juliet (2011)

An animated spin on the classic story, this 2011 film depicts the love story between Gnomeo and Juliet, two gnomes from rival gardens who hide their romance from their families. Unlike in the original play, the film ends with a happy ending as Gnomeo and Juliet marry after being accepted by their families. A box office smash, the film made over five times its budget, received nominations for the Annie Awards and Golden Globes and even led to a sequel called “Sherlock Gnomes.”

Valentine - Laufey

You Belong With Me - Taylor Swift

Lovefool - The Cardigans

Marry You - Bruno Mars

Dark Red - Steve Lacy

Fade Into You - Mazzy Star

I Love You Jesus - Trisha Paytas

Sofia - Clairo

Lovers Rock - TV Girl

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This Spotify playlist is a list of Aragon’s favorite songs about love and romance. For the full list, scan the QR code!

