

Short Story Prompts

ROMANCE

- Two strangers fall in love through a series of wrong-number texts.
- A barista develops feelings for a customer who visits every morning.
- Two rivals pretend to date and accidentally fall for each other.
- A girl finds anonymous love notes hidden in library books.
- A missed train leaves two strangers with one unforgettable night together.



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- A wedding photographer falls for the bride's best friend.
- Returning a lost umbrella leads to an unexpected romance.
- Two people meet once at a masquerade ball and spend years searching for each other.
- New neighbors become friends, then something more.
- A woman starts receiving love letters from someone living in the past.



Short Story Prompts *Dark*

- A man discovers that every person he dreams about dies the next day.
- A child finds a hidden door in the basement that wasn't there yesterday.
- Every midnight, a missing person's phone starts sending messages from the woods.
- A woman receives photographs of herself taken while she was asleep.
- A village celebrates a festival that requires one resident to disappear each year.

Short Story Prompts *Dark*

- A therapist realizes all her patients are describing the same nightmare.
- A family moves into a house where every mirror shows a different reflection.
- A lonely radio operator begins receiving broadcasts from a future apocalypse.
- A man wakes up to find his name missing from every record of his existence.
- A teenager discovers that the scarecrow in the cornfield changes position every night.

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Horror

- A babysitter hears a child laughing upstairs after putting the only child to bed.
- Every night at 3:03 AM, a phone rings from a disconnected number.
- A hiker finds a cabin deep in the woods filled with photographs of future visitors.
- A security guard notices a figure on the cameras that doesn't appear in real life.
- A family receives a package addressed to someone who died years ago.

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Horror

- A woman discovers a hidden room behind her bedroom wall that wasn't on the house plans.
- A small town's church bell rings at midnight whenever someone is about to die.
- A child claims there's another family living inside the walls of their home.
- A late-night train arrives at an abandoned station and opens its doors.
- A group of friends watches an old videotape that seems to know they're watching it.

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Horror

- A man wakes up every morning with fresh scratches on his body and no memory of the night before.
- A family's new smart home begins locking doors and giving warnings no one programmed.
- A woman hears someone calling her name from the bottom of a lake every night.
- A hotel guest realizes the person in the room next door has been dead for decades.
- During a power outage, a town discovers that the shadows are moving on their own.

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Plot Twist

- A man spends years hunting a serial killer, only to discover he is the killer and has been losing his memory after each murder.
- A woman falls in love with a charming stranger online, then learns she has been messaging her own future self.
- A detective finally catches the murderer, but the victim's fingerprints are found on the murder weapon.
- A lonely child befriends an invisible friend who protects them from danger—until they discover the friend is the ghost of their future self.



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- A spaceship crew wakes from cryosleep to find Earth destroyed, only to learn they never left Earth at all.
- A woman escapes an abusive cult and starts a new life, then discovers she was the cult leader.
- A journalist exposes a corrupt politician, but the evidence reveals that the journalist himself signed the illegal orders years ago.
- A prisoner spends decades plotting an escape, finally succeeds, and discovers the prison was built to keep something else inside with him.



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- A woman receives mysterious letters predicting her future, only to discover she wrote them herself years later.
- A family moves into their dream home and finds hidden cameras throughout the house, but the footage shows events that haven't happened yet.
- A famous psychic helps police solve crimes for years until a new case reveals that her visions are actually memories.
- A boy spends his childhood terrified of the monster living in his closet, only to discover the monster has been trying to warn him about his future self.



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