

## **Blind Date Book Profiles 2014**

### **Confessions of a Prairie Bitch by Alison Arngrim**

People love to hate me but that's because they don't know the real me. I may have a reputation for being the biggest brat on the prairie-and let's face it, I'm no half-pint angel, but if you read my true story you'll find out what I'm really like. I've got a sense of humor and I always tell it like it is. So what are you waiting for? Give me a chance and you'll see how fun I can be!

### **I Could Pee On This by Francesco Marciuliano**

I've been described as "quirky" and "tongue in cheek". I can be adorable and exasperating at the same time and I'm known for my curiosity. If you can put up with my odd quirks and sometimes whacky behavior, we might have a purrfect time. Just remember that I'm all about me and we'll get along fine.

### **Agent Gates and the Secret Adventures of Devonton Abbey by Camaren Subhiyah**

I'm not like those elitist toffs at Downton Abbey. There's much more to me than meets the eye. Join me if you are looking for a date filled with adventure, danger, and sly wit as we plot to stop the bad guys. Enemy agents and haters of parody need not reply.

### **The 100-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson**

Senior gentleman seeks someone to share a last minute trip. Must love adventure, history, and have a good sense of humor. By the way, I'm not sharing my vodka. You'll have to bring your own!

### **Longbourn by Jo Baker**

I'm a hardworking girl who dreams of a better life, one that doesn't involve emptying chamber pots, that's for sure! I want more for myself and I long for love. Of course what with all the washing to be done and a heap of other chores, all I've got time for is dreaming unlike those fine young ladies I wait on. Would you care to dream with me?

### **A Spear of Summer Grass by Deanna Raybourn**

I'm known as something of a troublemaker. I seem to have a gift for getting myself into scrapes but I can usually talk or flirt my way out of it. My story is "part romance, part travelogue, part murder mystery". If you like exotic locales, history, and settings with a strong sense of place then I might be your book!

### **A House in the Sky by Amanda Lindhout**

I've always longed to see the world. My true story involves travel, adventure and surviving horrifying conditions with "courage, resilience, and grace". I hope you'll join me on my journey!

### **The Promise of Stardust by Priscille Sibley**

I am a heartbreaking story of "love and sacrifice, conflict and hope" with characters that face difficult moral and ethical decisions. I'd be perfect for fans of Jodi Picoult. If you like books that are gripping and hard to put down, then I may be the book for you.

### **A Street Cat Named Bob by James Bowen**

Do you like pets? Heartwarming true stories? I am a touching and inspiring book about an unlikely friendship and second chances. If you liked reading about Dewey or Marley then you won't be able to keep your paws off my story!

### **Help for the Haunted by John Searles**

My friends say I'm like Stephen King and John Irving. I've been described as "an expertly-wrought, coming-of-age story with a healthy dose of creepiness". I guess you could say I am something of a chilling mystery with more to offer. If you are looking for a page-turning story with memorable characters then pick me up for an unforgettable read!

### **A Curious Man: The Strange and Brilliant Life of Robert Believe it or Not Ripley by Neal Thompson**

My rags-to-riches true story seems like an "impossible fairytale" but believe it or not, it's true! Take a look behind the scenes of my fascinating and eccentric life.

### **The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion**

I'm a different kind of love story. I've been described as quirky, clueless, laugh-out-loud, charming, and one of a kind. I'm a little socially inept but if you are a fan of *The Big Bang Theory*, then we might just be compatible too.

### **A Fork in the Road by James Oseland**

I'm a foodie looking for an adventurous reader who appreciates travel and a good meal. I can promise you a "richly appetizing and sometimes humorous" reading experience. Join me on my search for the next great bite!

### **The Goodbye Quilt by Susan Wiggs**

I'm a heartwarming little novel about family relationships. My friends say I am "endearing, touching, and wise". I've also been described as a "classic tale of growing up and moving on". Come join me on a trip down memory lane.

### **Artifacts by Mary Anna Evans**

I love history. I'm also determined to hold onto what's mine. This determination lands me in some hot water and a murder investigation. If you like the idea of a "haunting, atmospheric story" with a vivid setting and "lively characters", then you might enjoy spending some time with me.

### **Delia's Shadow by Jaime Lee Moyer**

I see dead people. No really, I do-especially since I've gotten caught up in the investigation of a serial killer. My story is ideal for fans of historical fiction, romance, and suspense who won't mind a hint of the paranormal. If you are looking for a good page turner with a fascinating setting, give my story a try. Maybe you can figure out who the killer is before I do...

### **The House of Silk by Anthony Horowitz**

The game's afoot! Join me to solve this "intricate and rewarding" mystery with "cliffhanger plotting" and a "tone-perfect, action-packed story of corruption, greed, and dissolution".

### **The Good Lord Bird by James McBride**

I never thought I'd have to pretend to be a girl to survive! My adventures lead me to cross paths with some famous people though. My story has been described as an entertaining, "impressively deep comedy" but it also has moments of sadness because I live in a difficult time. I hope you will join me for an unforgettable journey in American history.

### **First Degree by David Rosenfelt**

Let me tell you a little bit about myself. I am a multimillionaire attorney and I love dogs and sports. I've been suffering from what I call "lawyer's block" but my latest case promises to be interesting and complicated. If you like "snappy dialogue, deftly managed legal conflicts, and startling surprises" or if you are a fan of Janet Evanovich and Donald Westlake, then join me on my next case!

### **Burial Rites by Hannah Kent**

I am a murderer. There is more to my story than that fact however. My time is running out so if you want to find out about the real me, pick up this novel based on my life. Be

prepared for a vivid setting, complex characters, beautiful writing, and a tale that is “heartbreaking and uplifting in equal measure”.

### **Looking For Me by Beth Hoffman**

I’m a Southern girl who sees the beauty in old things. I am determined to make my own way in life but there is a mystery in my past that still haunts me and I need some resolution before I can move on. My story is filled with “themes of family, hope, loss, and a mature once-in-a-lifetime kind of love”. Join me on my journey to healing and peace.

### **Unwind by Neal Shusterman**

Desperate guy on the run seeking a reader who likes “nail-biting, character-driven” thrillers. Will I escape my terrifying fate? You’ll have to join me to find out!

### **The Engagements by J. Courtney Sullivan**

Diamonds are my best friend! I love happy endings too but I know that the story doesn’t end at the altar. I’ve been described as “an intricate, beautifully timed novel, so delicious in its gradual unfolding that readers will want to reread it immediately”.

### **On Sal Mal Lane by Ru Freeman**

I’m a “rich, sensory novel” about family, friendship, race, and growing up. My story is touching and heartbreaking with vivid, well drawn characters and a detailed setting. I have been compared to *The Kite Runner* and *In the Time of the Butterflies*. My ideal reader is one who enjoys beautiful descriptive writing and learning about other cultures.

### **Lay That Trumpet in Our Hands by Susan Carol McCarthy**

Coming of age novel based on true events looking for a reader interested in history. I’m a page turner with an engaging young narrator and I’d be perfect for fans of *To Kill a Mockingbird* or even *The Help*.

### **Little Star by John Ajvide Lindqvist**

I am a horror story written by an author who has been compared to Stephen King. My “chilling, unnerving, and petrifying” story is described as “an unforgettable portrait of adolescence” with comparisons to *Carrie*. If you are looking for a shocking and horrifying tale with memorable characters, give me a try! Just be sure to read with the lights on...

### **Cartwheel by Jennifer DuBois**

I am a novel that is ripped from the headlines and inspired by a real-life sensational trial. Am I innocent or guilty? Fans of literary thrillers and character driven fiction will like me best.

### **Lighthouse Bay by Kimberley Freeman**

I have a lot to offer: a shipwreck, buried treasure, secrets, sibling relationships, and a little romance for starters. I also take place in a beautiful setting that will make you feel like you are actually there. If you are looking for a novel to escape into, I might be the right one for you!

### **Love Water Memory by Jennie Shortridge**

Who am I? I have no idea. I can't even remember my own name and I just found out I'm supposed to be getting married in two months! Maybe you can help me figure out who I am and what happened to me...

### **While We Were Watching Downton Abbey by Wendy Wax**

Novel seeks reader who enjoys contemporary stories about friendship and new beginnings. *Downton Abbey* fans are especially welcome. Feel free to bring your own bottle of wine or cup of tea and pull up a chair for a "warm and charming" reading experience.

### **Teatime for the Firefly by Shona Patel**

I never expected to fall in love. I didn't think it was in the cards for me because I'm considered an unlucky person. My life changed in just one moment with a chance meeting...would I get my happy ending after all?

If you like historical fiction, exotic locales, richly drawn characters, and detailed, descriptive writing then you should give my story a try!

### **After Her by Joyce Maynard**

A serial killer haunts my past and my present. Loosely based on true events, my story is "part thriller, part love story" and it is also about "the bond shared by sisters, and the tender but damaged relationship between a girl and her father".

### **Eighty Days by Matthew Goodman**

I am the fascinating true story of two very different women on the quest of a lifetime. If you enjoy history, adventure, biography, or armchair traveling, you don't want to miss a date with me!

### **Dogtripping by David Rosenfelt**

I've been described as laugh out loud funny as well as heartwarming. If you love pets and enjoy memoirs and travel stories, you should join me on my journey. This is one family road trip that is going to the dogs...

### **Calling Me Home by Julie Kibler**

My friends say I'm like *The Help* but I think you should judge me on my own merit. I am a moving novel of forbidden love, secrets, friendship, and loss.

### **I Promise Not To Suffer: A Fool for Love Hikes the Pacific Crest Trail by Gail Storey**

I've been called "the Nora Ephron of the wilderness" but I was never an outdoor kind of girl. My true adventure story has been described as "hilarious" and "harrowing". I'd be perfect for readers who enjoy the outdoors or prefer to experience nature from the comfort of their armchair!

### **Fairy Tales From the Brothers Grimm by Philip Pullman**

Do you like magic and adventure? You may think you know how my stories go but you might be surprised. They are full of "romance and villainy, danger and wit". I'm not just for little kids...

### **The Life List by Lori Nelson Spielman**

I thought I had it all and that I knew where my life was headed but in just one morning I had the rug swept out from under my feet! Now I have one year to accomplish my goals. My story is both funny and sad as I deal with loss and change. I'd be a great date for fans of *PS, I Love You* and readers who like quirky characters.

### **The Gathering Wind by Gregory A. Freeman**

Do you like adventures at sea? Well you'll get that and more with me. I am the true story of a daring rescue that is "heartbreaking, thrilling, and inspirational". Come sail with me on a date you won't forget!

### **William Shakespeare's Star Wars by Ian Doescher**

Quirky book seeks reader with a sense of humor who isn't afraid to try something a little different. My interests include parody, literature, and the movies of Harrison Ford. Join me for a date that's out of this world!

### **The Ocean at the End of the Lane by Neil Gaiman**

I am a coming-of-age story where nothing is as it seems. On a date with me, memories cannot be trusted and the strange and fantastical lurk around every corner. I may be small in stature, but don't let that fool you. I am full of mystery, suspense, monsters, and magic.

### **We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves**

I'm a fascinating story of hidden secrets and a family struggling to reconnect. I'm full of questions on the nature of family, guilt, memory and science. I have a unique voice and a captivating tale to tell. Will you let me share it with you?

### **Frozen in Time by Mitchell Zukoff**

My chilling tale may be set in the Arctic, but I won't leave you feeling frozen! A gripping true story of courage and valor, I am the perfect date for fans of adventure, history or heroics. Friends call me "riveting", "compelling" and "suspenseful".

### **Cinnamon and Gunpowder by Eli Brown**

Do you like to cook? I love cooking but I never imagined it might save my life or that I'd have to face all these dangers and challenges. Join me for an entertaining and adventurous date on the high seas.

### **A Hundred Summers by Beatriz Williams**

Keep your friends close and your frenemies closer...

Broken friendships, romance, betrayal, and secrets...

I'd be a great beach read to make you forget about the cold winter!

### **Shadows on the Nile by Kate Furnivall**

I'd be perfect for fans of historical fiction and mystery.

Pick me for your date and get swept up in intrigue, romance, and danger in the Egyptian desert...

### **Beautiful Ruins by Jess Walter**

The glamour of classic Hollywood, secrets and a beautiful Italian setting...

Memorable characters and an inside look at movie making...Doesn't that sound like a fun date to you?

### **This House is Haunted by John Boyne**

I am a creepy and atmospheric ghost story with a few surprises up my sleeve. Do you dare to take me on a date?

### **In the Bleak Midwinter by Julia Spencer-Fleming**

Murder in a cold climate...

Do you like fast-paced murder mysteries? Main characters you can care about? A setting that feels like a real place?

Give me a try! If you like me, I've got more stories to tell...

### **Attachments by Rainbow Rowell**

I'm a funny and offbeat romantic comedy perfect for fans of You've Got Mail

### **If You Were Here by Alafair Burke**

I'd be perfect for mystery readers. If you enjoy a fast-paced and suspenseful thriller, consider going on a date with me!

### **The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri**

Family sure can be complicated. My brother and I are close but we are complete opposites.

Take me on a date if you are interested in a suspenseful family saga of tragedy, love, and revolution.

### **Black Water Rising by Attica Locke**

All I wanted to do was take my wife on a romantic birthday cruise. Who could have known that we'd wind up in so much danger...

If you like legal thrillers and the novels of Dennis Lehane then you might find my story a compelling page-turner.

### **The Outcasts by Kathleen Kent**

I am a gripping adventure story involving a search for buried treasure, Texas rangers on a manhunt, and a woman desperate to start over no matter the cost.

I'd be a great date for fans of historical fiction and adventure.