Fifty Shades Readalikes

(Each rating on a scale of 1-10)

**Bettie Page presents The Librarian**, Logan Belle
Readalike: 7, Explicitness: 8

**Crossfire Series**, Sylvia Day
Readalike: 8, Explicitness: 7

**The Dark Garden**, Eden Bradley
Readalike: 6, Explicitness: 7

**Masters of the Shadowlands Series**, Cherise Sinclair
Readalike: 6, Explicitness: 8

**The Sweet Series**, Maya Banks
Readalike: 5, Explicitness: 8

**Beautiful Bastard**, Christina Lauren
Readalike: 6, Explicitness: 7

**Wicked Lovers Series**, Shayla Black
Readalike: 4, Explicitness: 9

**Bound Hearts Series**, Lora Leigh
Readalike: 4, Explicitness: 9

**The Sleeping Beauty Series**, Anne Rice
Readalike: 2, Explicitness: 10

**The Siren**, Tiffany Reisz
Readalike: 5, Explicitness: 7

**Twilight Saga**, Stephenie Meyer
Readalike: 8, Explicitness: 1

**Gabriel’s Inferno**, Sylvain Reynard
Readalike: 8, Explicitness: 4

**Beautiful Disaster**, Jamie McGuire
Readalike: 7, Explicitness: 2

**Nature of Desire Series**, Joey W. Hill
Readalike: 4, Explicitness: 9
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Traditional Romance

**Sports**

Blacktop Cowboys Series
Lorelei James
Readalike: 4, Explicitness: 8

Smooth Talking Stranger
Lisa Kleypas
Readalike: 6, Explicitness: 5

Nonfiction

The Play-by-Play Series
Jaci Burton
Readalike: 3, Explicitness: 7

Too Much Temptation
Lori Foster
Readalike: 5, Explicitness: 5

The Marriage Bargain
Jennifer Probst
Readalike: 5, Explicitness: 5

Fantasy

Kushiel’s Legacy, Jacqueline Carey
Readalike: 5, Explicitness: 6

Whip Smart, Melissa Febos
Readalike: 3, Explicitness: 9

Apologies for the missing book images.

Appeal Factors for the 50 Shades Trilogy:

- Romantic redemption
- Alternative--“kinky”--sexual practices
- Dominant male behavior
- Lifestyles of the rich and famous
- Wounded 20something characters
- Virginal heroine awakened
- Explicit descriptions of sex
- Writing—inner monologue, compulsive readability
- Fanfiction origin
- Epistolary communication
- “Everyone else is reading it”

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