

PR Report: Exploring the Influence of Steamy Romance  
Novels on Readers' Lives

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# Executive Summary:

This report investigates the impact of reading steamy romance novels on various aspects of readers' lives, including their sex life, libido, and behavior in day-to-day life. The findings are derived from a survey of 1,681 women who frequently listen to romance audiobooks and 54 in-depth interviews conducted from March 2023 to May 2024.

## Key Findings:

- 1. Sex Life Enhancement:** 86% of respondents believe these novels improve their sex life, with significant positive changes reported by many.
  - 2. Libido Influence:** 60% of respondents experience an impact on their libido, with notable variations in intensity.
  - 3. Real-Life Experimentation:** 61.84% of readers have tried ideas from these novels in their personal lives.
  - 4. Discussion of Intimate Content:** Most readers prefer to share their thoughts on intimate scenes with trusted friends or partners.
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# Introduction

## Background Information:

The romance novel industry is thriving, driven by the popularity of erotic, steamy content that resonates with many readers. This study seeks to uncover the broader implications of reading such novels on personal and social behaviors.

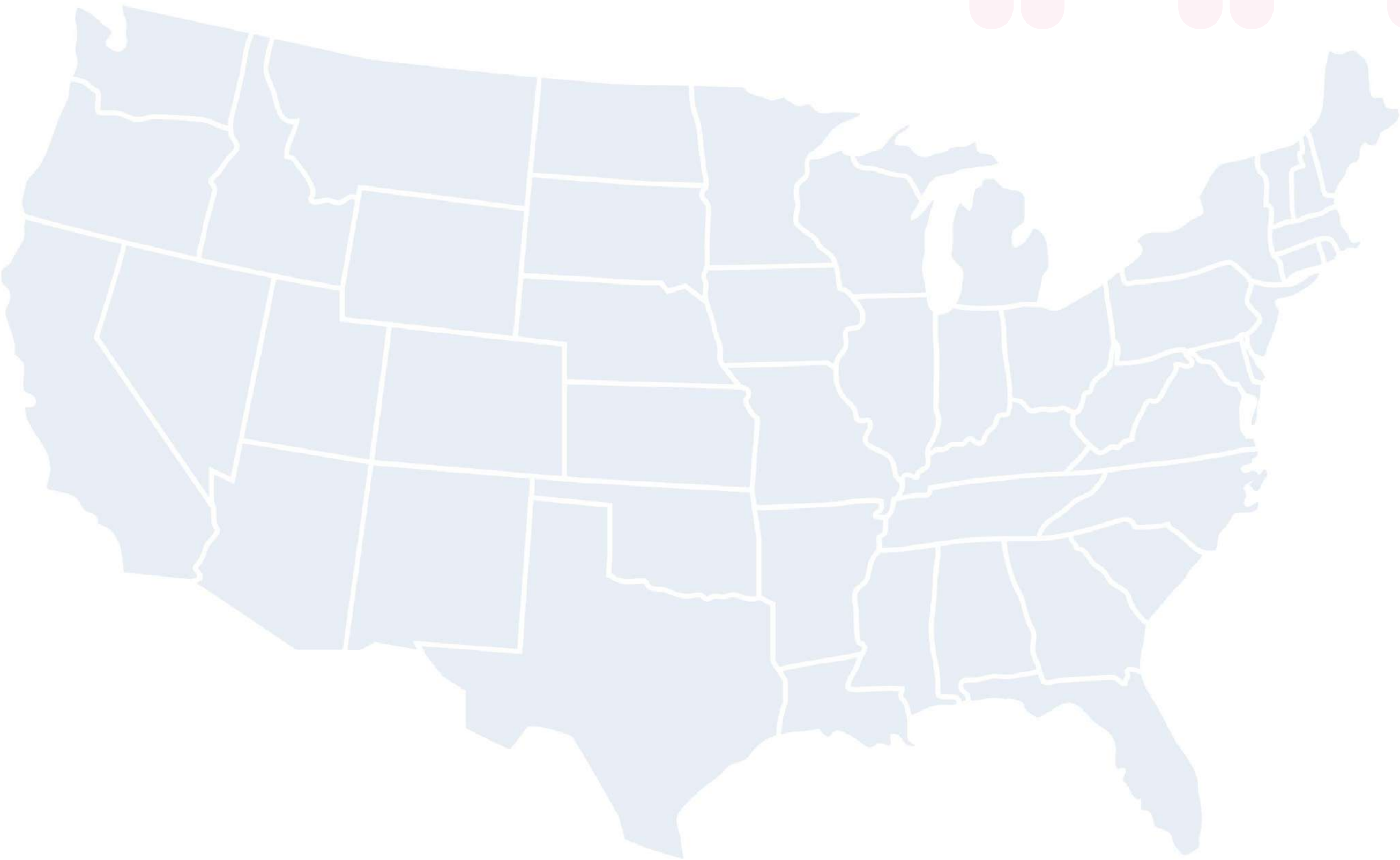
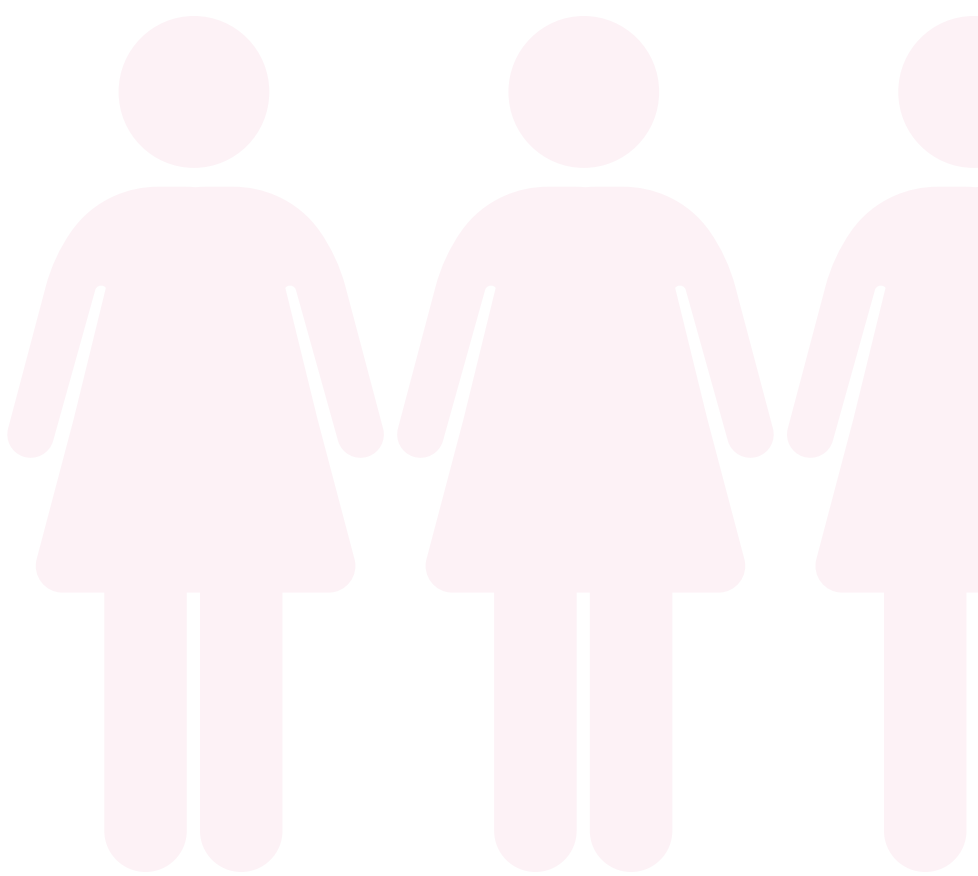
## Purpose of the Study:

To explore the influence of reading steamy romance novels on readers' sex lives, libido, and their tendency to apply fictional ideas to real-life situations.

# Methodology

## Sample Size and Demographics:

A diverse group of women respondents who frequently listen to romance audiobooks.



## Research Methods:

In-depth interviews with female listeners of romance audiobooks.

## Data Collection Period:

Conducted from March 2023 to May 2024.

# Chapter 1: Impact on Sex Life

## Overview:

86%

The study reveals that 86% of respondents believe reading steamy romance novels enhances their sex life.

40%

40% noted a "significant positive impact."

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18% reported a "substantial improvement" in their sex life.

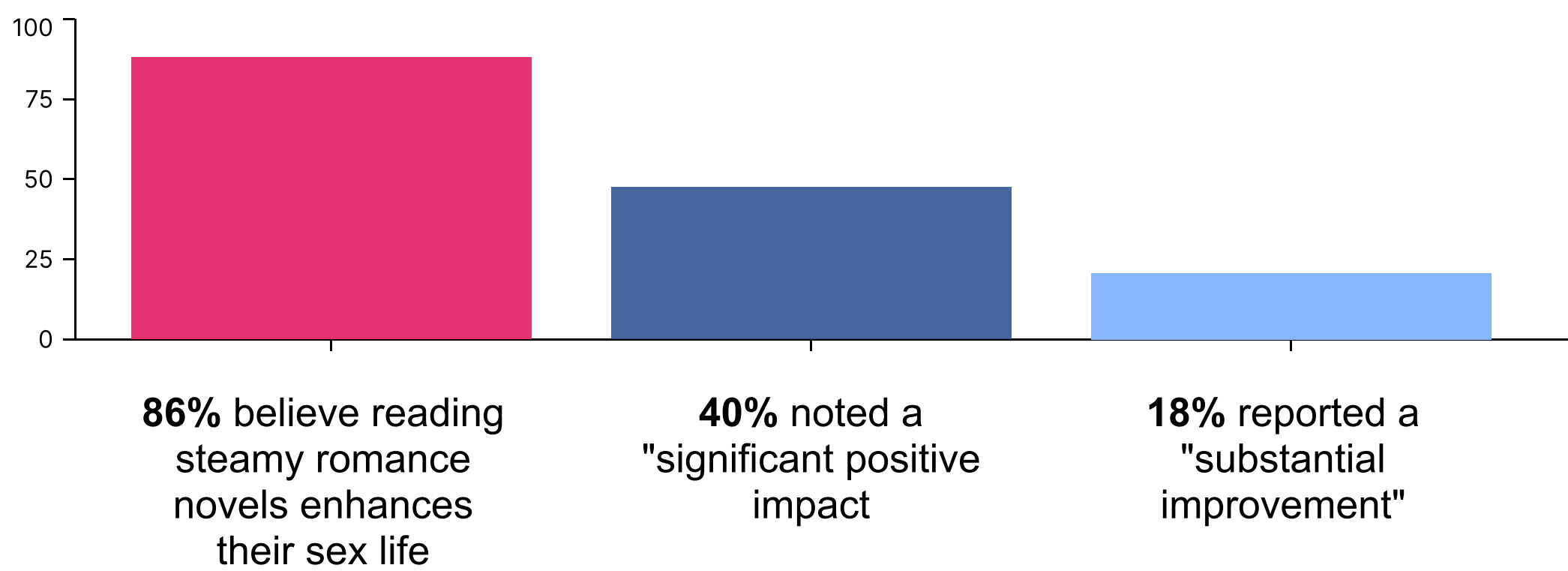
## Interpretation:

These findings suggest that reading steamy romance novels is linked to greater sexual satisfaction and a more adventurous attitude towards sex among readers.

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Since I started reading romance, my relationship with my husband got better; the intimacy became better. I started to be more accepting of things to try.

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Steamy romance novels aren't just a guilty pleasure—they're a game changer in the bedroom. Take it from the millions of readers who have been swept off their feet by stories that ignite their imaginations and spark real-life passion.

As the article from WHO Magazine highlights, Emily Henry's novels like "Beach Read" and "People We Meet on Vacation" capture the essence of love in all its forms—from the butterflies of a first kiss to the electric chemistry that keeps us turning the pages ([WHO](#)). These stories are more than just words on a page; they're a call to action for readers to spice up their own love lives.

With 86% of our respondents saying that reading steamy novels enhances their sex life, it's clear that our audience is taking these cues to heart. By simply feeling more confident in expressing their desires, Tempt readers are embracing the art of romance and making their love lives more adventurous than ever.

# Chapter 2: Influence on Libido

## Overview:

60%

60% of respondents indicate that reading steamy romance novels affects their libido.

38.6%

38.6% notice a "moderate influence."

21.93%

21.93% report a "significant boost" in libido.

## Interpretation:

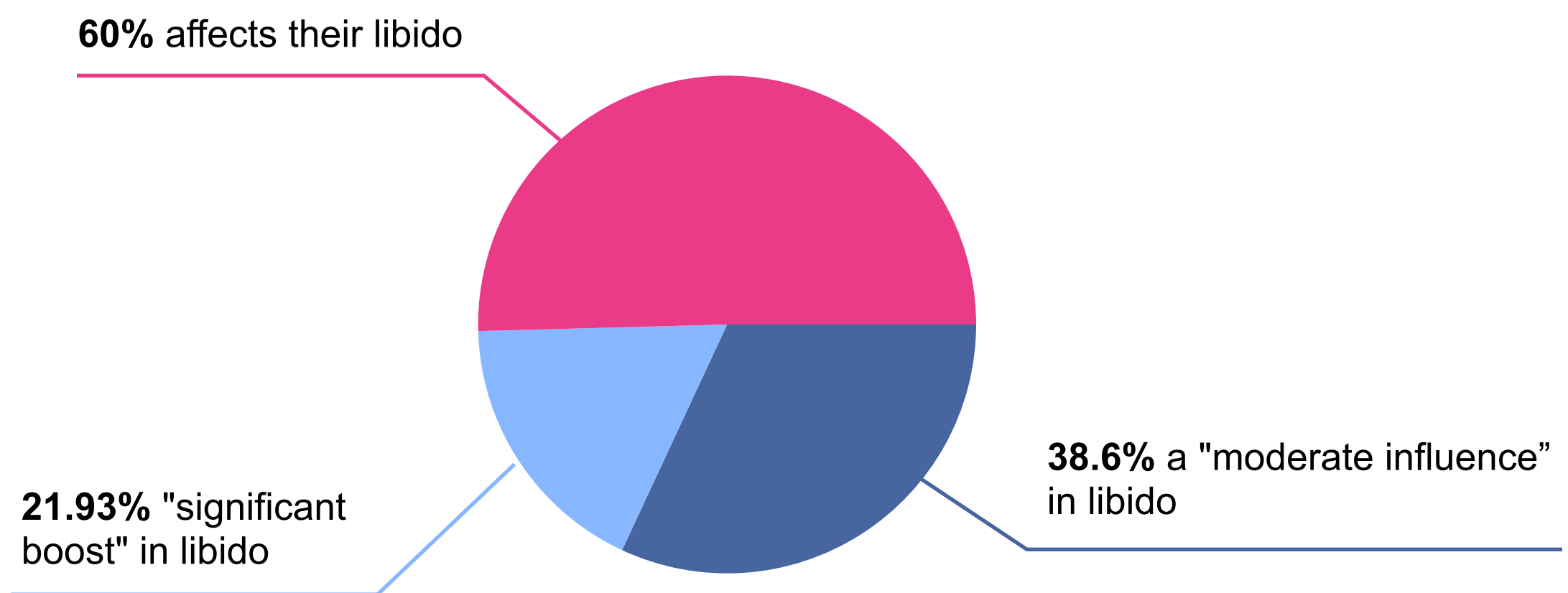
The data suggests a correlation between engaging with erotic literature and an increase in sexual desire, highlighting the power of these novels to stimulate and sustain libido.

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...it definitely helps put me in the mood maybe more often than I used to be, because it stirs those thoughts in me and keeps me thinking about it– which my husband doesn't mind at all.

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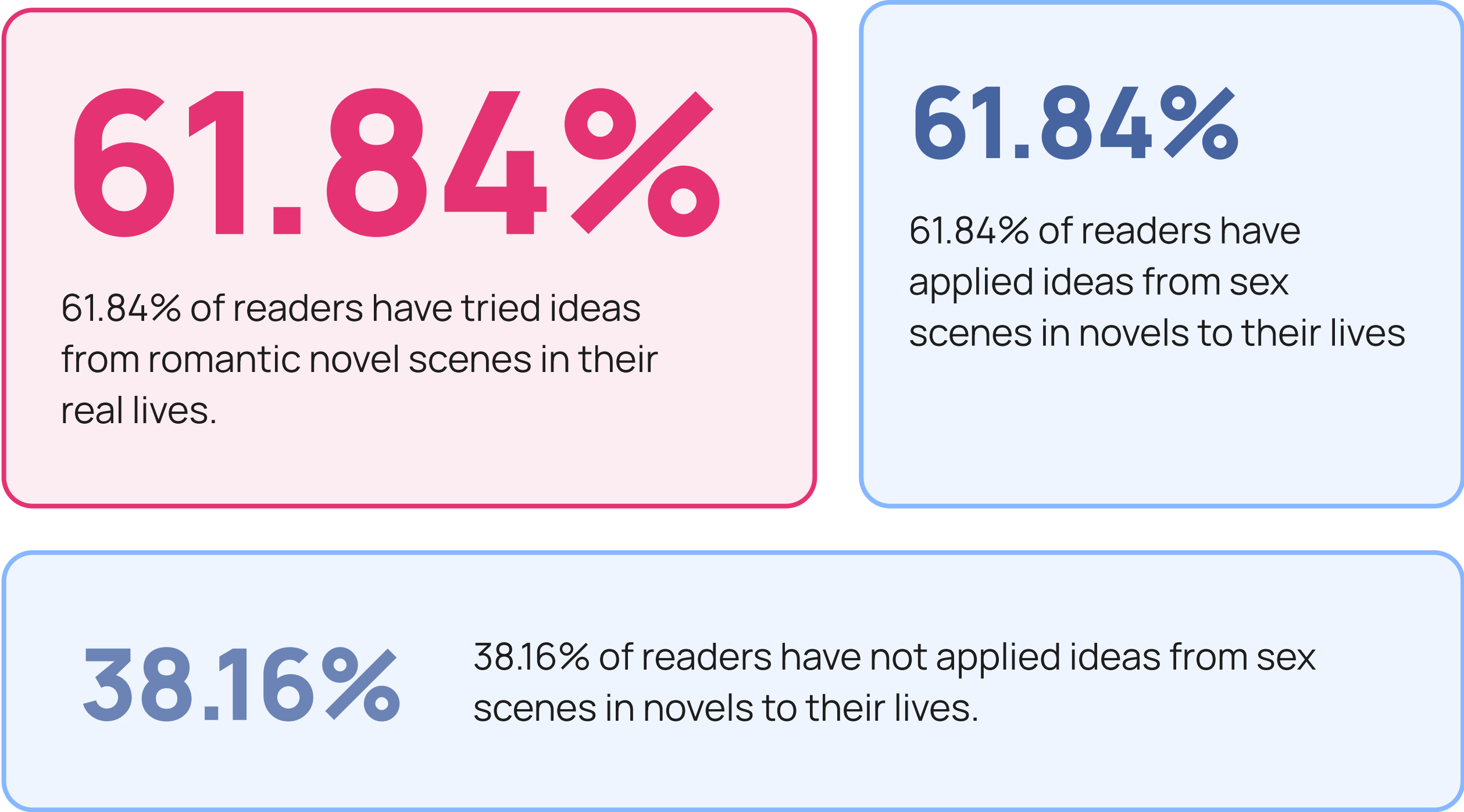


Romance novels are more than just a guilty pleasure—they unlock deeper desires. The Fashion Journal discusses how even asexual readers find these novels emotionally stimulating, revealing a universal appeal that goes beyond just sexual content ("Asexual and Smutty Romance," 2024). This suggests that these books touch the core of human connection, and spark a desire for romance.

With 60% of respondents noting an increase in libido after reading these novels. As reported by Bloomberg, the emergence of "romantasy"—romantic fantasy novels like Sarah J. Maas’s A Court of Thorns and Roses—is captivating readers worldwide, blending passion with adventure and making them feel more alive ("Romantasy Books Are Big Sellers and Hot Movie IP," 2024). Tempt leads this charge, offering a range of stories that entice and excite every reader’s imagination.

# Chapter 3: Real-Life Applications of Fictional Scenarios

## Overview:



## Interpretation:

The willingness of a majority to bring fictional scenarios into their lives suggests that these novels inspire practical experimentation and a sense of adventure.

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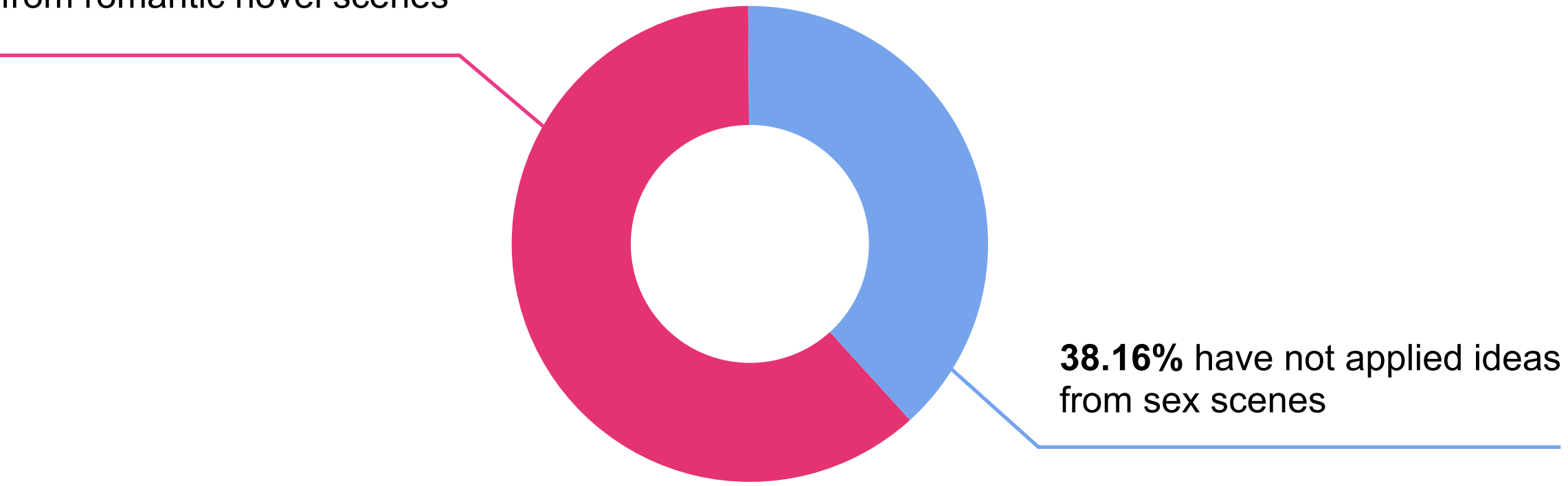
“It made our sex life a lot spicier... ”

“There are some days that he will literally attack me just by listening to that sexy part of the story.”

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**61.84%** have tried & applied ideas from romantic novel scenes



**38.16%** have not applied ideas from sex scenes

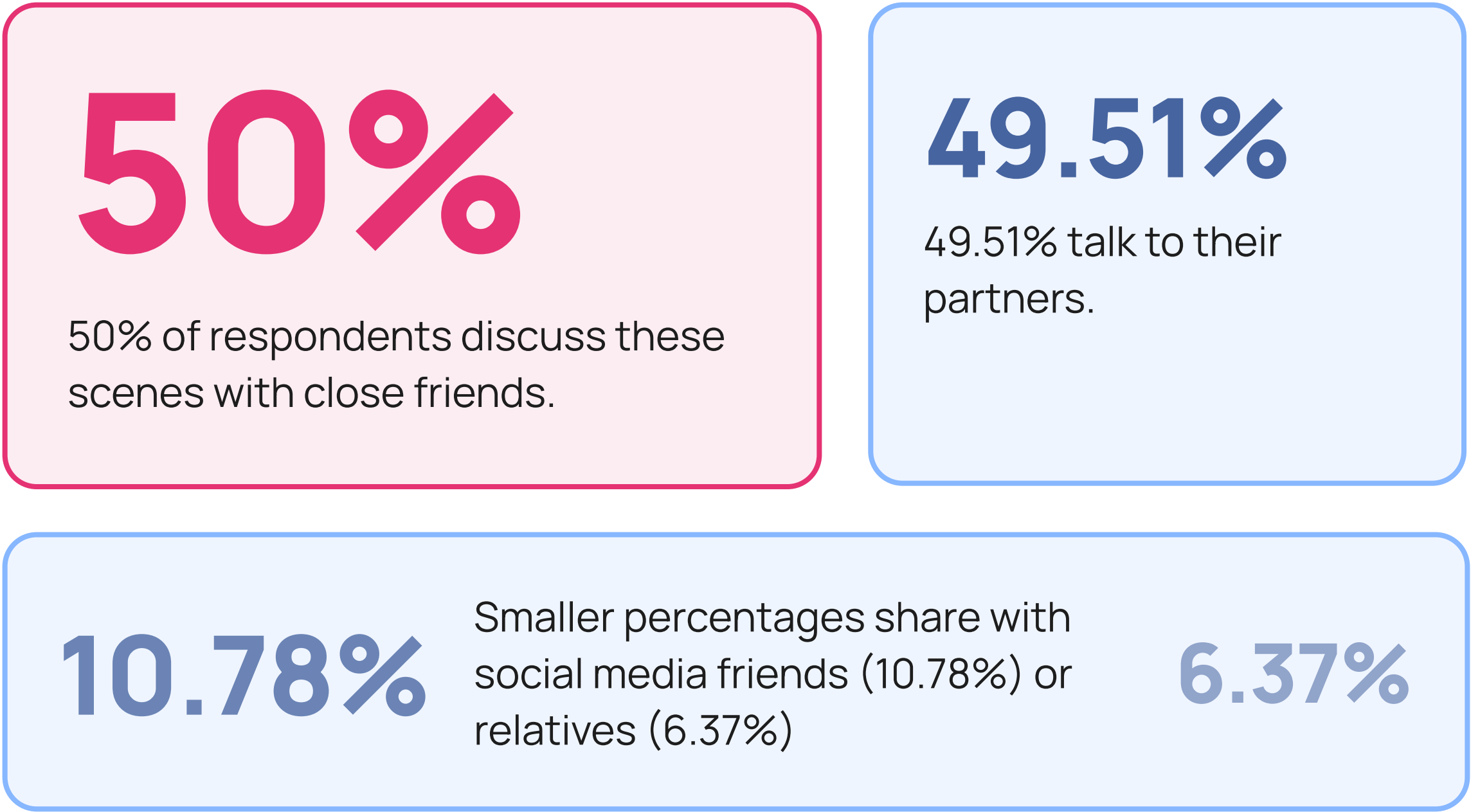
The rise of the "romantasy" genre, as reported by Bloomberg, shows that readers are captivated by tales that blend fantasy and romance, sparking a desire to replicate those thrilling, boundary-pushing experiences in their own lives ("ACOTAR: Sarah Maas and Hollywood's Next Marvel?", 2024). These stories are not just about escaping into another world; they are about finding the courage to live boldly in this one. Our survey confirms this impact, with over 61.84% of respondents stating that they have tried out ideas from sex scenes in romantic novels in their real lives. This demonstrates that readers are not only inspired by what they read but are actively bringing that inspiration into their personal lives.

At Tempt, we celebrate this adventurous spirit. Our readers aren't just consuming stories—they are using them as blueprints for their own love lives. From role-playing scenes to trying new forms of intimacy, our audience is finding ways to make the fantasies on the page a reality in their own bedrooms. We're here to provide more than just content; we're here to ignite imaginations and encourage every woman to write her own passionate story.

# Chapter 4: Discussions of Intimate Content

## Overview:

Readers often confide in someone they trust when discussing intimate content from novels.



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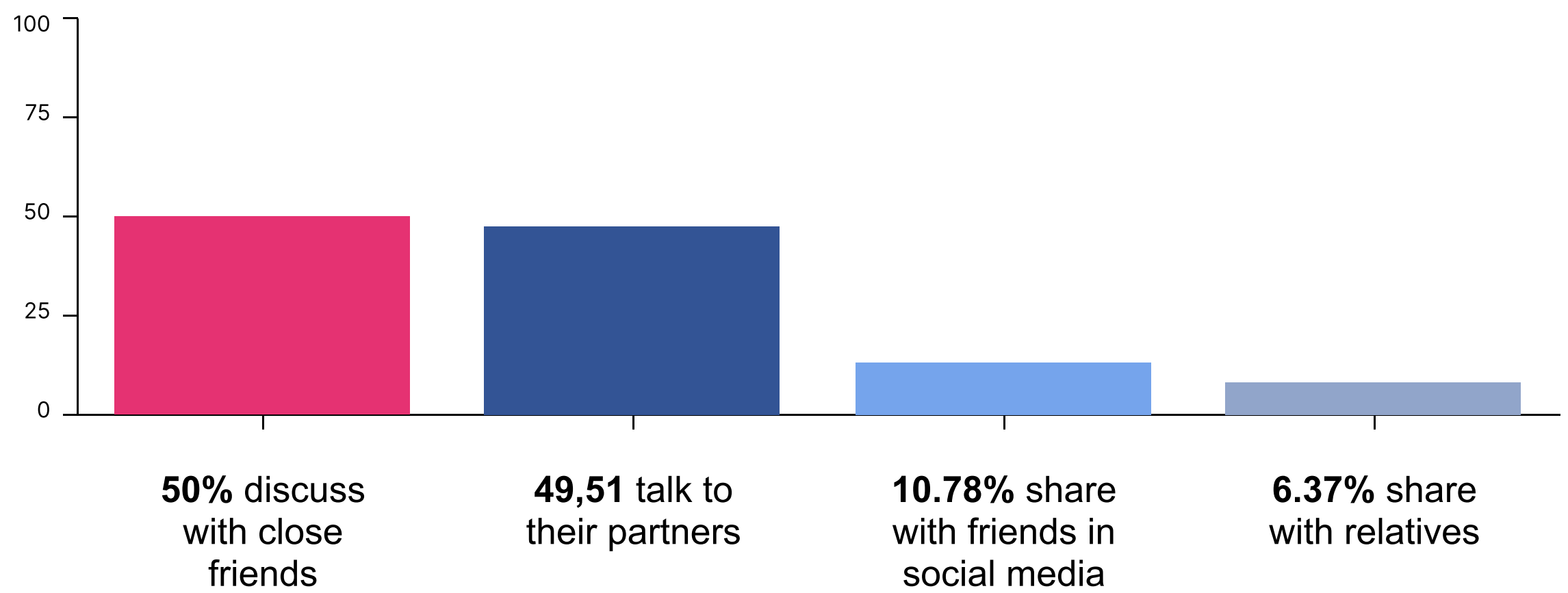
The findings highlight the importance of trust in conversations about intimate content, with most readers choosing close friends or partners as confidants.

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So, I try to tell my fiancé to listen to them, but I normally, every now and then– tell him a little bit about it.

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Romance novels are breaking down barriers, and opening up conversations about sex and intimacy. Slate notes that readers use these books to explore themes of love, sex, and personal boundaries that might otherwise be difficult to broach ("It Ends With Us Book and Similar Novels," 2024). This trend is echoed by communities on platforms like BookTok, where fans passionately share their thoughts on their favorite novels ("Best Romance Books," 2024).

Our findings show that nearly half of the respondents discuss intimate scenes with close friends or partners, proving that these novels are catalysts for meaningful dialogue. Tempt fosters this open dialogue, creating a community where readers can explore their desires without judgment.

## Conclusion:

Our study shows that steamy romance novels significantly influence readers' sex lives, libido, and real-life behaviors. The findings underscore opportunities for publishers and authors to tailor content that meets this audience's desires while also understanding the importance of trust in discussions about intimate content. These insights could shape future marketing and engagement strategies within the industry.

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# Appendices:

## About the Company:

Tempt is a romance audiobook app that empowers women to explore their sexuality through a vast catalog of romance novels. With 10 to 15 new books added weekly, users enjoy a high-quality listening experience from top bestselling authors.

## Additional Data Tables:

- Demographic breakdown
- Survey results

## Survey Questionnaire:

- List of questions used in the survey

## Interview Guide:

- Framework for conducting in-depth interviews

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