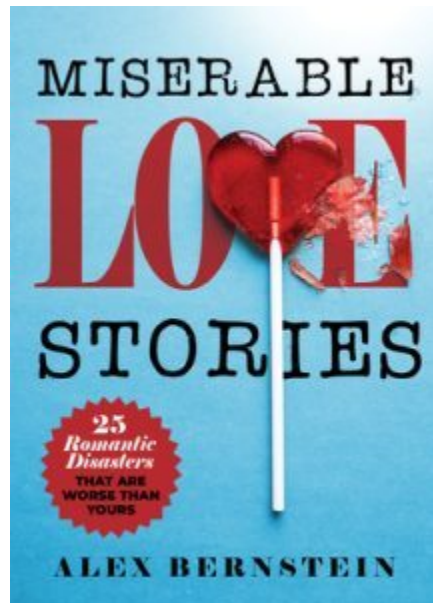


In brief: 'Miserable Love Stories' for Valentine's Day



"Miserable Love Stories" by Alex Bernstein

On Wednesday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m., Watchung Booksellers presents humorist Alex Bernstein, a freelance writer, and the author of "[Miserable Love Stories: 25 Romantic Disasters That Are Worse Than Yours.](#)"

Organizers write: "Whether you're headed to that exciting first date where you'll inevitably spill Cabernet all

over yourself or you and your significant other are celebrating Date Night #4,081 with an extra pint of Halo Top, everyone can agree on one thing: *Love Stinks*. How to escape the endless cycle of melancholy? Well, you probably can't. What you can do is take comfort in "Miserable Love Stories" humorist and local author Alex Bernstein's new collection of stories about uncomfortable road trips, horrific bridesmaids' dresses, strange love at airports, awkward confessions, manic pixie dream girls, the bizarre state of future sex, why you should never ever mention *Forrest Gump* on a first date, and, of course, true, everlasting love.

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And on February 14-15, the Rising Curtain Theatre in Bloomfield, NJ will be performing a selection of pieces from the book "Miserable Love Stories Live!"

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Events:

Wednesday, February 12, 7-9 p.m. - Reading and book signing at [Watchung Booksellers](#) in Montclair.

Fri-Sat, February 14-15, 8 p.m. - "Miserable Love Stories Live!" at the [Rising Curtain Theatre](#) in Bloomfield.

About the Book:

"Miserable Love Stories: 25 Romantic Disasters That Are Worse Than Yours" is published by Racehorse, a division of Skyhorse Publishing, Inc.

The paperback (ISBN 978-1631585838) retails for U.S. \$14.99.

Skyhorse website: <https://bit.ly/2uC3odx>

About the Author:

Humorist and local comedian Alex Bernstein is the award-winning author of *Miserable Adventure Stories* and *Plrkrib*. His work has appeared in *McSweeney's*, *The American Bystander*, *The Rumpus*, *The Big Jewel*, *NewPopLit*, *Corvus*, *BluePrintReview*, *Hobo Pancakes*, *the Legendary*, *MonkeyBicycle*, *Yankee Pot Roast*, *Swink*, *Litro*, and *Back Hair Advocate*, among numerous others.