The (in-progress) List Of Aromantic and Asexual Representation in Media.

Introduction

I suppose this doesn't really need an introduction but here we go anyway. Aspec identities (aromanticism and asexuality) are often (very often, like- really often) ignored. It says a lot that one can make an non-exhaustive list of it. And in a world obsessed with romance, keen at thinking it is the greatest thing ever and a romantic plot line being shoe-horned at each turn, it can leave your average aspec person feeling... pretty disorientated. So, I decided to compile a vague list of all the aspec representation that I am aware exists.

The list is in-progress, not complete, not all-knowing. Comments are open to suggest additions.

Category-1: Stories focused on the aspec experience.

- Loveless (Novel): Written by an aromantic asexual author, it follows the story of Georgia Warr as she tries to navigate being someone who can't fall in love

 while being a hopeless romantic.
- 2) And Another Lovely Day (Webtoon): A canvas webtoon about two aroace people who (mistakenly) think that the other is in love with them. Offers commentary on romance, societal expectations alongside adorable art and story. A Personal favorite.
- 3) Is Love The Answer? (Manga)
- 4) Koisenu Futari (Japanese Drama)
- 5) Konya Sukiyaki Dayo (Japanese Drama) [Note: Yes. Japan is somehow carrying aspec reputation.)
- 6) Romantic Killer (Anime) [Though, the terms are not used and people could mistake this for a parody of otome genre which will end in romance, but really, it is just a very sweet friendship at the end, IMHO.] a personal favorite.
- 7) Bloom Into You (Anime) [It is a romance but the main character is demisexual, which moves a heavy part of her character. Additionally, it will be mentioned again in another category.)
- 8) Sabine: An Asexual Coming of Age story (Webtoon).
- 9) I Want To Be A Wall (Manga)
- 10) Don't Fall For Flint! (Webtoon)
- 11) Hadashi no Seimei (Manga): Short two volume manga series about the main character who does not feel romantic feelings, and how he grapples with this alongside his three friends (currently has no official English translation)
- 12) Watashi no Astilbe (Manga)
- 13) Love-Razu: Koi ga Wakaranai Danjou no Hanashi (Manga)
- 14) Wren Martin Ruins It All (Novel)
- 15) Kiryuu-sensei wa Renai ga Wakaranai (Manga)

- 16) I Am What I Am (Japanese Film)
- 17) Dear Luke, Love Me (Movie)
- 18) The Lady's Guide to Petticoats and Piracy (Book)

Category-2: Stories with aspec characters but have some focus on their experience (at some point)

- 1) Heartstopper (Show) [Character name: Isaac]
- 2) Solitaire (Novel) [Character name: Tori Spring]
- 3) Bloom Into You (Manga/Anime) [Aroace side character: Maki] A personal favorite
- 4) Friends With Benefits (Webtoon)
- 5) Boyfriends (Webtoon)
- 6) Selfish Romance (Webtoon) [Any more said will be spoilers... but an amazing webtoon either way!]
- 7) The Four Of Them (Webtoon) [Character: Martina] {Non confirmed, heavily implied}
- 8) Not Even Bones (Webtoon)/Market of Monsters (book series)
- 9) Bojack Horseman (Animated sitcom) [Character: Tod.]
- 10) Our Dreams At Dusk (Manga) [CN: 'Someone-san']
- 11) Timespinner (Video Game) [Character: Haristel]
- 12) The Case Files of Jeweler Richard (Light Novel/Manga/Anime) [Character: Tanimoto Shouko]
- 13) Aces Wild (Novel)
- 14) Sensitive Boy (Manga) [Character: Sahara Yuudai]
- 15) Hummingbird's Crown (Game)
- 16) Legends of Tomorrow (DC show)
- 17) In Stars And Time (Video Game) [CN: Mirabelle]
- 18) Dragon Age: The Veilguard (Video Game) [CN: Lucanis Dellamorte]
- 19) Raise De Wa Chanto Shimasu (J-drama)
- 20) Lays of the Hearthfire (Book Series) [Character: Cliopher Mdang]
- 21) Roar Howl Run (webcomic) [Aroace main character: Ata]
- 22) Always Human (webtoon) [Aroace side character: Rae]
- 23) Seven Days in Silverglen (webtoon) [Arospec main character: Mira]
- 24) Muted (webtoon) [Aroace side character: Silvia Severin]
- 25) Every Heart A Doorway (book) [Ace main character: Nancy]
- 26) Riz GukGak from Fantasy High.

Oh god.. I can't think of more right now. Please let me know if I missed any!

Category-3: Stories with CANON aspec characters that DO NOT focus on their 'aspec' experience

1) The Owl House (Animated series) [Character name: Lilith.]

- 2) Hazbin Hotel (Animated series) [Character name: Alastor.]
- 3) The Villains Duology (A two novel story) [Character name: Victor Vale. Briefly focused on his asexuality in book 2 but he is the MC.) a personal favorite.
- 4) The Magnus Archives (Horror Podcast) [Character name: Jon.]
- 5) The Heroes Of Olympus (Novel series) [Character name: Reyna.]
- 6) Steven Universe (Animated series) [Character name: Peridot.]
- 7) Phineas and Ferb (" ") [CN: Perry The Platypus.]
- 8) One Piece (Anime/manga) [CN: Luffy.]
- 9) Gwenpool (Comics)
- 10) Yelena Belova (Marvel Comics)
- 11) The Stormlight Archive (Novel by Brandon Sanderson) [Character: Jasnah Kholin]
- 12) Lost In Translation (Webtoon) (MC is asexual.)
- 13) Helluva Boss (Animated Series) [Multiple Characters: Via, Striker, Blitz, Mammon.]
- 14) Hyperfocus (Webtoon)
- 15) A Practical Guide to Evil (web novel series by Erratic Errata) [Character name: Masego/Apprentice/Hierophant]
- 16) Pale Lights (webnovel series by ErraticErrata) [Character name: Tristan Abrascal]
- 17) Beyond the End (Webcomic) [Character Names: End, Cain, Roman]
- 18) The Murderbot Diaries (Novel Series and TV Show) [Character name: Murderbot (MC)]
- 19) Unstoppable Wasp (CN: Nadia Van Dyne)
- 20) Leverage Redemption (Show) [CN: Breanna]
- 21) Critical Role Campaign 2: The Mighty Nein (web series) [Character: Caduceus Clay, asexual] [Character: Essek Thelyss, demisexual]
- 22) Agents of S.H.I.E.L.D. (TV show) [Character: Ruby Hale]
- 23) Protector of the Small (book series) [Character: Keladry of Mindelan]
- 24) Vespertine (book) [Character: Artemisia]
- 25) AstralSounds (webcomic/webtoon) [Aro: Resilient, Ace: Yunni, both main characters]
- 26) Rivers of London (novel series) [Character: Thomas Nightingale]
- 27) Protector of the Small (novel series by Tamora Pierce) [Character: Kelandry of Mindelan (MC)] note: written before ace/aro terminology was widely known but is word-of-god ace/aro. Source: author's website
- 28) Selah and the Spades (movie) [CN: Selah Summers]

Category-4: Stories with very aroace coded characters, often claimed by the community (shit, I will add some personal headcanons here and no one can stop me. I will clarify with a '*' symbol when it's that case, though.)

- 1) Sherlock Holmes.
- 2) Saiki k.
- 3) Little Women (CN: Jo.)
- 4) Dr. Stone (CN: Senku.)
- 5) Frozen (CN: Elsa.)
- 6) Furina from Genshin Impact *, Yelan from GI*, Venti from GI* etc etc.. Literally just play genshin, no one gives a shit about romance there.

- 7) Komi Can't Communicate (CN: Najimi Osana) *
- 8) Brave (Animated movie) (CN: Merida.)
- 9) Surviving Romance (Manhwa) (Most characters do not care about romance, but only friendship.)
- 10) *Doctor Who* (CN: The Doctor. Heavily aro/ace coded intentionally and unintentionally in-text and several writers and actors have gone on record stating they write/play the doctor as asexual. <u>Here's</u> a blog full of quotes/examples)

Special Category: aroace coded music.

- 1) A lot of Cavetown's stuff.
- 2) People Watching by Conan Gray.
- 3) Crush Culture by Conan Gray.
- 4) Fictional Men by PEGGY
- 5) Fictional by Khloe Rose
- 6) Falling Behind by Laufey
- 7) Version of Love by Will Jay
- 8) Never Been In Love by Will Jay
- 9) Aromantic Moodboard by Maxwell Anthony
- 10) Yellow Rose by Ros Mo
- 11) A Well Manicured Lawn (album) by charM
- 12) Kehlani Good Thing.

aspec creators!

- 1) Red and Blue from Overly Sarcastic Productions.
- 2) Rin PenroseGigi Murin
- 3) Jaiden Animations
- 4) Spacey Aces
- 5) Alice Oseman
- 6) Yasmin Benoit
- 7) Shameless plug in but... Me! Hi! I am aroace and I write novels. Wattpad @wiredup007
- 8) Dusk Pendragon/DuskDragonXIII
- 9) Ace Dad Advice (youtube)

Conclusion:

Well... that's it, for now, folks. Please comment for any corrections or additions!! Love yall (platonically) and peace.