

Valentine's Day is a fixed day on the calendar that got lumped into a mid-February holiday on the ancient Roman Calendar called Lupercalia which some historians believe is what led to Valentine's Day being all about love. Lupercalia celebrated fertility and may have included a ritual in which men and women were paired off by choosing names from a jar. In Ancient Greece, people observed a mid-winter celebration for the marriage of the god Zeus and the goddess Hera.



When thinking of February. A lot of people's minds think of Valentine's Day. However, did you know that February is also Black History Month?

Here are some suggested reads for the occasion:

- The Vanishing Half by Brit Bennett
- Just Mercy: A story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
- Such a Fun Age by Kiley Reid
- Better, Not Bitter: Living on Purpose in Pursuit of Racial Justice by Yusef Salaam



Major Historical February Events:

- February 1, 1920 – Royal Canadian Mounted Police are established.
- February 1, 1964 – G. I. Joe toy action figure hits the market. It originally sold for \$2.49 by Hasbro.
- February 2, 1949 – The first 45 RPM vinyl record is released.
- February 6, 1964 – The G.I. Joe toy hits the market.
- February 3, 1959 – Rock singers Buddy Holly, Richie Valens, and the Big Bopper died in a plane crash.
- February 4, 1938 – Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is released.
- February 4, 1949 – Ruth Handler invents the Barbie Doll.
- February 4, 2004 – Mark Zuckerberg creates Facebook social media platform.
- February 5, 1922 – Reader's Digest is first published.
- February 6, 1926 – The first doughnut machine is sold.
- February 6, 1935 – The board game Monopoly first went on sale.
- February 6, 1943 – Frank Sinatra makes his singing debut on the radio show "Your Hit Parade".
- February 6, 1971 – Astronaut Alan Shepard hits three golf balls on the moon.
- February 7, 1964 – The Beatles arrive in the U.S. for the first time.
- February 8, 1910 – The Boy Scouts of America is founded.
- February 9, 1964 – The Beatles appear on the Ed Sullivan Show.
- February 9, 1861 – An act of Congress is passed authorizing the US Weather Bureau.
- February 10, 1942 – Glenn Miller receives the first-ever gold record for selling a million copies of a song. And the song....."The Chattanooga Choo Choo"
- February 10, 1763 – France cedes Canada to England, ending the French and Indian War.

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