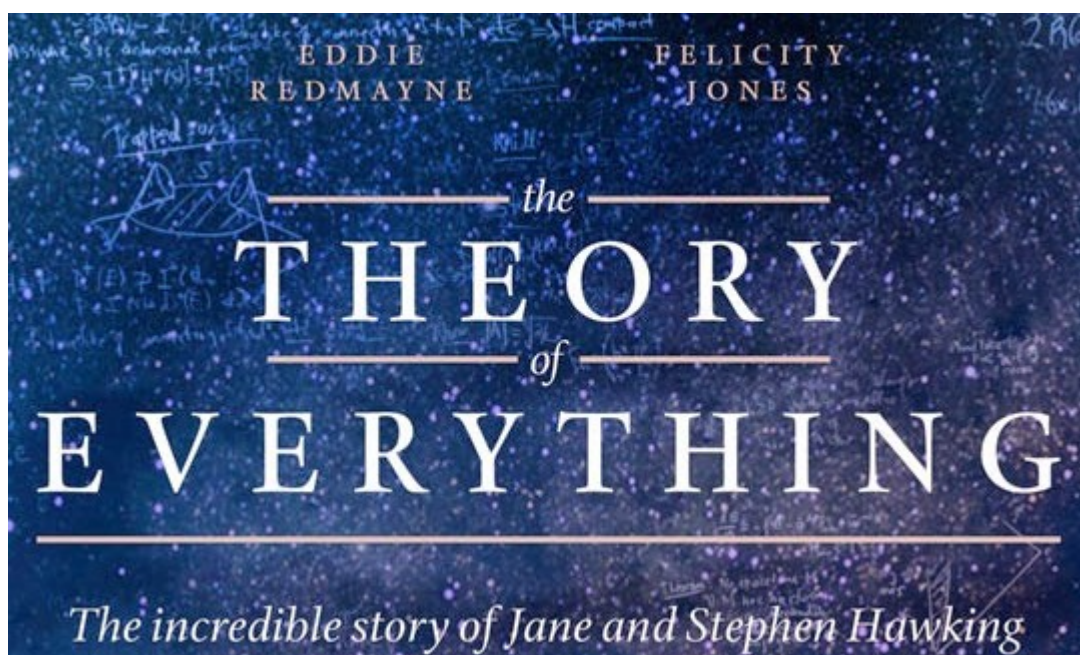


# 'The Theory of Everything' Discusses the Marriage of Space and Time



By [Courtney](#)

[Omernick](#)

*The Theory of Everything* covers the early life of Stephen Hawking and his first wife, Jane. The film displays the struggles Stephen faces during the early stages of his diagnosis while he studies, what he calls, "the marriage of space and time." The movie greatly covers his relationship with Jane from love at first sight, to diagnosis, marriage, and beyond.

**Should you see it:**

If you're interested in the life of Stephen Hawking or

relationship dynamics, then get your tickets. The film also features plenty of wonderful actors such as Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones, Emily Watson, and more!

### **Who to take:**

This romantic drama would be great to see with your girlfriends or your boyfriend.

### **How can you best take care of an ill significant other?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

Unfortunately, cancer and other terrible illnesses are all too common. And, if it happens to your significant other, you may be left with more questions than answers. Fortunately, there are many professional books and other resources that can give you advice on how to be a member of their best support system. Cupid has also listed a few tips below:

**1. Enlist the help of family and friends:** Always remember that you don't have to go through this alone. Reach out to family members and friends and let them know your situation. Once you communicate what's going on, people will be ready to provide emotional support and lend an extra hand.

**Related:** ['Will and Grace' Actor Sean Hayes Is Engaged](#)

**2. Live in the moment:** When it comes to having an illness, it's hard to make plans for the future because everything is so uncertain. Make the most of every moment by concentrating on what you do have and what's in front of you right now.

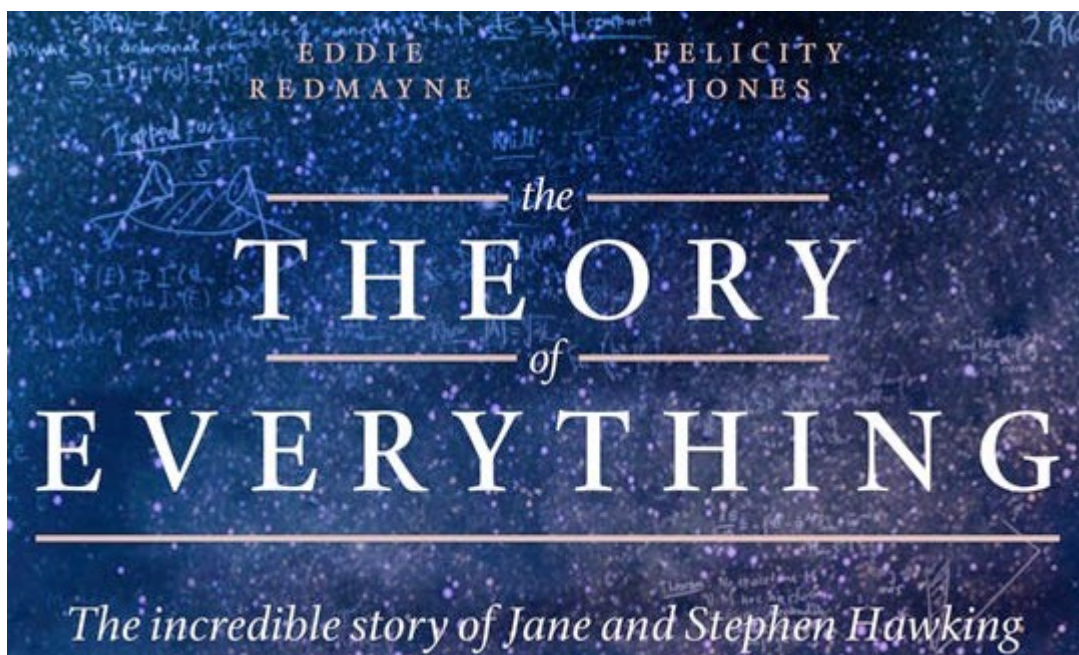
**Related:** [Ricki Lake Files for Divorce From Christian Evans](#)

**3. Identify your options:** If your loved one is in the hospital, when are visiting hours? What can you do to help them outside of their physical therapy sessions? Ask plenty of questions and make sure you know how you can help and what is available to you during this difficult time.

How have you taken care of your ill significant other? Share your stories in the comments!

---

## Career vs. Family in '1,000 Times Goodnight'



By [Courtney](#)

[Omernick](#)

For one of the world's top war photographers, Rebecca's life is about to become even more complicated when her husband refuses to put up with her dangerous lifestyle any longer. Even though Rebecca loves both her family and work, she's caught trying to make a decision between the two.

## **Should you see it:**

If you like relationship tension, action, drama, and movies with family dynamics, then this film is for you. The movie also features a great cast such as Juliette Binoche, Maria Doyle Kennedy, Larry Mullen Jr., and more!

## **Who to take:**

This intense drama would be great to see with your family members or significant other because it covers balancing a career and family and showcases the struggles that come with it.

## **How can you properly balance your love life and career?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes, it can be hard enough coming up with a solution for dinner let alone balance work, family, friends, and a love life. But, somehow, many of us make it happen. To ensure that one part of your life doesn't outweigh the other, Cupid has come up with some advice below on how to properly balance your love life and your career.

**1. Set and share your goals:** First and foremost, it's important that both partners know the goals that the other has in terms of their career and relationship. Sharing these goals lets your partner know they're included in your long-term plans, and that the work you're putting in towards a career will benefit the both of you in the long run.

**Related:** [Leighton Meester Says "Stupid" Split Inspired New Album](#)

**2. Prioritize:** Now that you have your goals mapped out, it's important to decide what takes precedence. Sometimes, prioritizing can mean eliminating one goal in exchange for another. Find out what really is important to you.

**Related:** [Russell Brand Says 'I Loved' Being Married to Katy Perry](#)

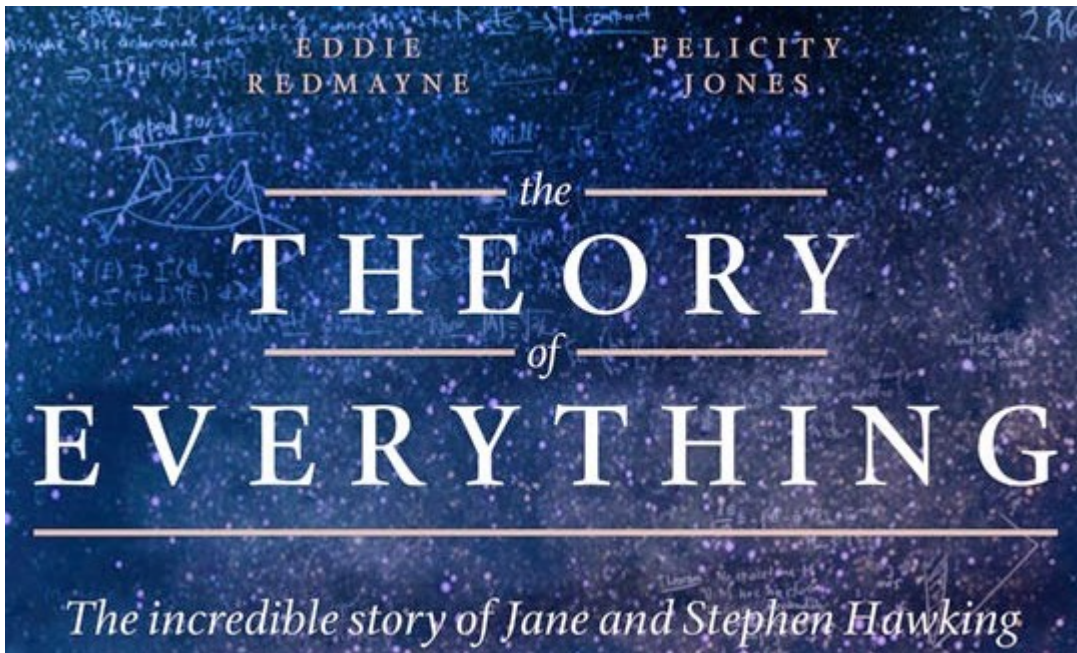
**3. Establish expectations:** Now that you have goals in mind and have prioritized them, make sure that the both of you establish your expectations with one another regarding these goals and more. This way, you can work on your goals, but you also have an idea as to what your partner wants and needs.

**How have you balanced your love life and career? Share your stories in the comments!**

---

## **10 Films About First Love that Make You Want to Fall in Love All Over Again + A Giveaway!**





This post is sponsored by The Best of Me.

By [Sarah Batcheller](#)

It's not hard to remember being a teenager, curling up on the couch with your mom, your best girlfriends, or your first boyfriend, hitting the lights, and watching a movie about first love. In those days, the stories of the star-crossed, wild-at-heart, or shy lovers were peepholes into what you hoped would be your own love story one day. They inspired you to see the potential for love in each day and to be wholly devoted when you found it yourself. Even though you're a bit (or a lot) older now, you may find yourself in a situation and still think, "Oh my gosh, this is just like that scene from *The Notebook!*"

It's no surprise that film adaptations of novels by Nicholas Sparks have received widespread acclaim for portraying loves of the century. This Friday, yet another of these Sparks stories is premiering on the big screen: *The Best of Me*. Cupid was inspired by the new movie to bring you a list of our favorite films about first love (in no particular order). Spoiler alerts ahead!

**1. *The Notebook*:** We had to start our list with *The Notebook*.

In the film, Allie and Noah meet as teenagers. Noah lives in a small town in South Carolina where Allie's family vacations in the summer. They are torn apart when Allie's parents, who despise Noah for his lower-class status, force their daughter to go home early. The ups-and-downs they endure through the years – both together and apart – make for an epic love story. The most beautiful part is that the tale is being told by an elderly Noah to his wife Allie, who has dementia. Cue the tears!

**Related Link:** [5 of the Sweetest Movie Moments](#)

**2. *The Girl Next Door*:** This one you probably didn't watch in your pre-teens, but it's still a pretty epic love story. Matthew, a high school student looking to attend Georgetown University, falls in love with Danielle, the girl who moves in next door. Matthew finds out from his friends that Danielle is an ex-adult film actress and accidentally insults her for it. He wins her back but not before an intense encounter with her ex-boyfriend.

**3. *Never Been Kissed*:** Josie Geller, a writer for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, poses as a high school student in order to write a piece meant to inform parents on their kids' behavior. Josie, who was a nerd in high school, is forced by her boss to become one of the popular kids in order to beat out other newspapers with the more interesting stories. While working on the assignment, she falls in love with her English teacher Sam. She nearly loses him when he discovers her true identity but hopes that her newspaper article will win him back. You'll have to watch and see what happens!

**4. *A Walk to Remember*:** This Nicholas Sparks tale is the tear-jerker of all tear-jerkers. Landon and Jamie first meet when Landon is being punished for playing a horrible prank on a classmate. Despite teasing from Landon's friends, they become close when Jamie begins helping Landon with his lines for a school play. They begin a beautiful relationship, and Landon

helps Jamie achieve her list of things to do in her lifetime, a lifetime that will be cut tragically short by terminal leukemia. He stays by her side as she battles her illness, and true to his dedication to help her achieve the items on her list, he marries her in the same chapel her parents were wed. Ultimately, his first love changes Landon for the better.

**Related Link:** [5 Best Steamy Movie Kisses](#)

**5. *The Best of Me*:** This film, being released this Friday, October 17th, has been widely anticipated by Nicholas Sparks fanatics and romance movie junkies alike. The story follows Dawson and Amanda, who were high school sweethearts. Twenty years after their split, they reunite in their hometown to attend the funeral of a close friend. Amanda is now married and a mother, but the passionate love she once felt for Dawson ignites again. We can already see ourselves curled up on the couch with our besties, rooting for these characters to find their happy ending (although we know better than to think that with Sparks at the wheel!).





A young Dawson and Amanda in 'The Best of Me'. Photo courtesy of Relativity Media / Mammoth NYC.

**6. *Sweet Home Alabama*:** Melanie and Jake fell in love as kids and eventually married. When Melanie left him to pursue a career as a fashion designer in New York City, Jake refused to sign their divorce papers. Melanie, who has hidden her Southern roots with a fake last name, travels home to Alabama upon becoming engaged to the mayor's son Andrew and hopes to end her first marriage. While in Alabama, she remembers what she loves about her friends and family. Soon enough, Andrew shows up and discovers the truth about his fiancé. What happens next is anyone's guess!

**7. *Like Crazy*:** Jake and Anna meet in college in Los Angeles, where Anna is an exchange student from London. They immediately fall in love, but as soon as graduation hits, her student visa expires. Anna's legal troubles continue, and the couple has to fight even more for the love they share.

**8. *My Girl*:** This tragedy is particularly heart-wrenching. Vada struggles with understanding life – because of her father's profession as a funeral director, because she lives in a

funeral home, and because she blames herself for her mother's death, which occurred shortly after she gave birth to Vada. Her best friend Thomas accompanies her everywhere, even on her frequent visits to the doctor's office (living in a funeral home has made her a hypochondriac). A tragic loss causes Vada to struggle even more but not before she discovers what true love is.

**9. *Grease*:** We all know the lyrics to this upbeat soundtrack, don't we? Sandy and Danny fell in love over the summer, but sadly, Sandy has to return to her home in Australia. Suddenly, though, her parents decide to stay, and Sandy heads to Rydell High School, where Danny attends. Danny, who is a greaser, tries to keep up his macho act in front of his friends, upsetting good girl Sandy. Of course, thanks to music, the two eventually end up back in each other's arms.

**Related Link:** [From Bestseller to Film comes 'The Fault in Our Stars'](#)

**10. *The Fault in Our Stars*:** Hazel and Augustus meet in a cancer patient support group in Indianapolis. Augustus's illness caused him to lose his leg, while Hazel's cancer is slowly destroying her lungs. The two become close and agree to read each other's favorite novels. They track down the author of Hazel's nominated book down in an effort to find out answers regarding the sudden, mysterious conclusion of the book. Based on a true story, their journey is sure to tug at your heartstrings!

These wonderful movies can really help you understand what all different types of love can look like but even with hundreds of movies out there, it is sometimes extremely hard for a man [to know when a woman is attracted to you sexually](#) if there are no clues or signs. Hopefully, these movies will give you some tips and clues.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: One lucky reader will receive a *The Best of***~~

~~Me prize pack, including a branded hoodie, branded lip balm, branded tote bag, branded Kleenex box, branded coffee mug, The Best of Me book by Nicholas Sparks, a soundtrack from the film, a mini poster, and a \$25 Fandango gift card. To enter our giveaway, email cupid@cupidpulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on October 30th. In the subject line, please write "The Best of Me Giveaway." You can also enter [via Facebook](#). You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!~~

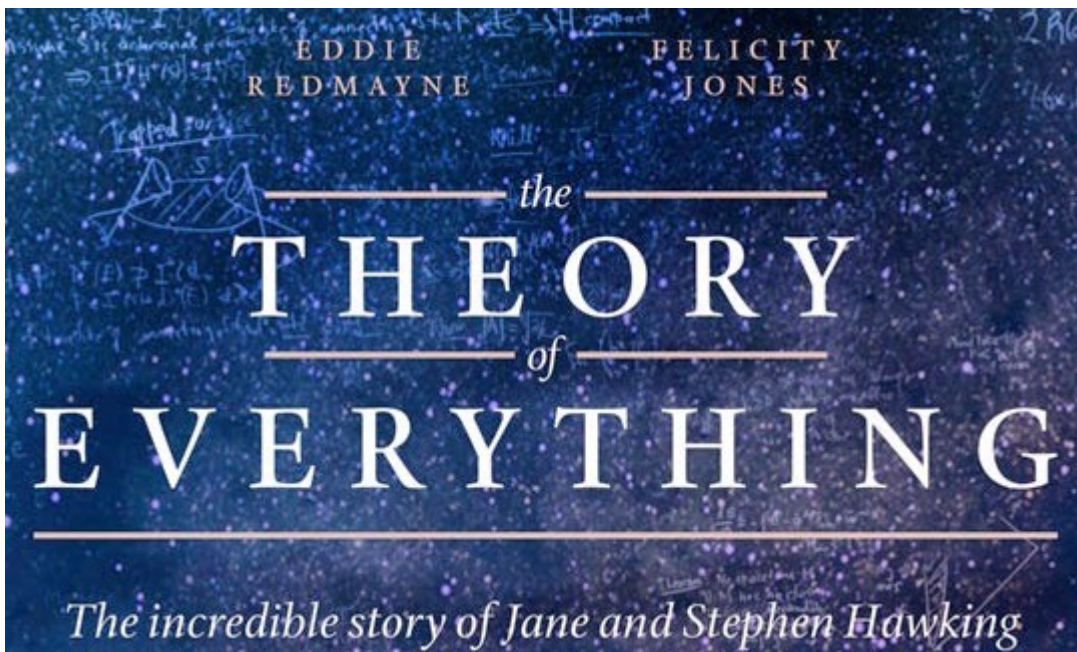
Giveaway is now closed. Thank you to all who participated!



Photo courtesy of Relativity Media / Mammoth NYC.

---

# Madeline Zima and Joel David Moore Are #Stuck



By [Courtney](#)

[Omernick](#)

A one-night stand between Holly (Madeline Zima) and Guy (Joel David Moore) turns into the two of them spending more time together than they'd like. After Holly leaves Guy's place, she realizes that she left her car at the bar and needs a ride from Guy. After getting on the highway, the two realize that they will have to make small talk for the next few hours as there is a huge traffic jam backing them up for miles.

**Should you see it:** If you like romantic comedies and watching how relationships unfold, then this is the film for you. The film also features plenty of breakout stars such as Madeline Zima, Joel David Moore, Abraham Benrubi, and more!

**Who to take:** This romantic comedy would be great to see with your girlfriends or your boyfriend.

**How can you end a short term relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes, we get ourselves involved with the wrong people at the wrong time. And, because there are feelings involved with every relationship you have, no matter how short, it's important to end it tactfully and as politely as you can. Below are some tips you can use when looking to end a short term relationship.

**1. Determine whether or not you want to pursue the relationship:** Give yourself some time to really think about how you feel. You wouldn't want to end the relationship only to beg for the other person to come back a few days later.

**Related:** [Mario Lopez Admits to One Night Stand with Pop Star](#)

**2. Do not give false excuses or apologize:** If there truly is nowhere for this relationship to go but down the tubes, it's best that you not dance around the issue. Don't give the old fashioned excuse, "it's not you, it's me." And, don't apologize. These are your true feelings.

**Related:** [Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher Welcome a Baby Girl](#)

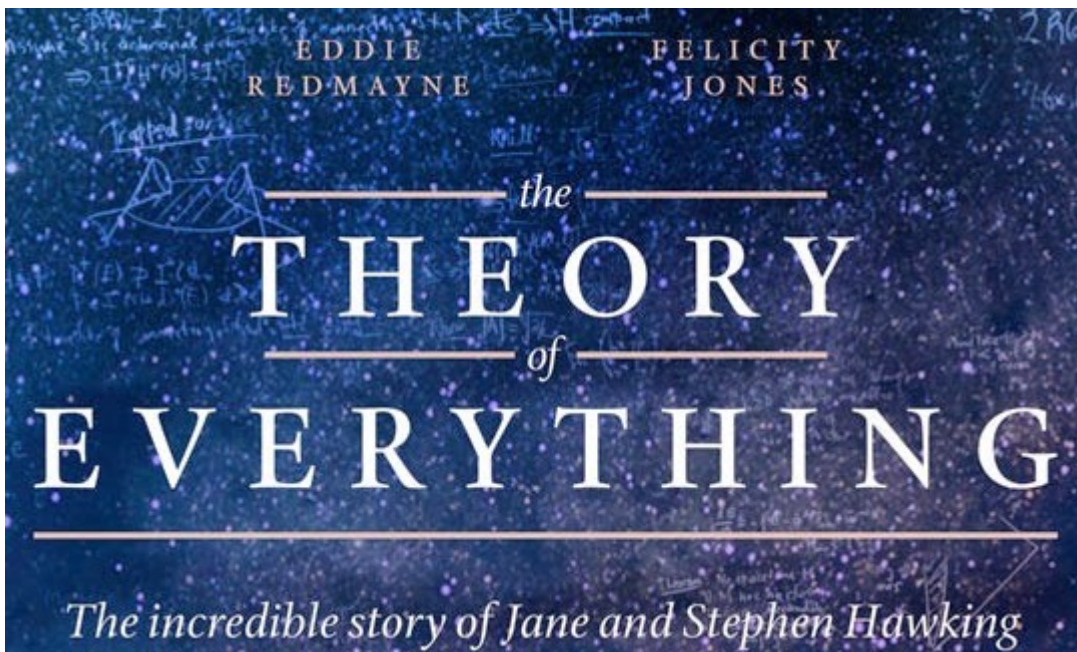
**3. Honesty is the best policy:** When all else fails, honesty is the best policy. When the other person is clearly more into the relationship than you are, simply say, "I'm going to be honest with you..." and let the truth flow from there.

**How have you ended a short term relationship? Share your**

stories in the comments!

---

# Family Chaos Commences in 'What We Did on Our Holiday'



By [Courtney](#)

[Omernick](#)

Doug (David Tennant) and Abi (Rosamund Pike) and their three children travel to the Scottish Highlands for Doug's father Gordie's (Billy Connolly) birthday party. It's soon clear that Doug and Abi's three children are causing the chaos in their relationship.

Should you see it:

If you like a good, family comedy and relationship dynamics, then hurry to the theater! This film also features great actors such as Rosamund Booth, David Tennant, Ben Miller, Billy Connolly, Amelia Bullmore, and more.

### **Who to take:**

This family comedy would be great to see with your friends, family members, or anyone who loves to laugh and family relationships.

### **How can you and your partner keep the romance alive after having children?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

The old saying goes, "if you think your life is hectic now, wait until you have kids!" However, many of us don't realize how true that statement is until after the first child is born. Now that you're putting your child first, it can be hard to even fathom when you'll have time to plan a date night. So, how can you keep the romance alive after having children? Cupid has some advice below.

**1. Don't lose touch:** It's surprising how important physical contact is for a person. Dr. Paul Zak states that hugging or kissing at least eight times a day helps with the production of oxytocin in the brain and body. This has great effects on the growth of trust, connection, and empathy.

**Related:** [Eva Mendes and Ryan Gosling Welcome a Baby Girl](#)

**2. Make any night special:** Date night doesn't have to be the only "special" night in your relationship. Make any night count! After the kids are asleep, cuddle up on the couch, watch a movie, or make some time to talk about your day.

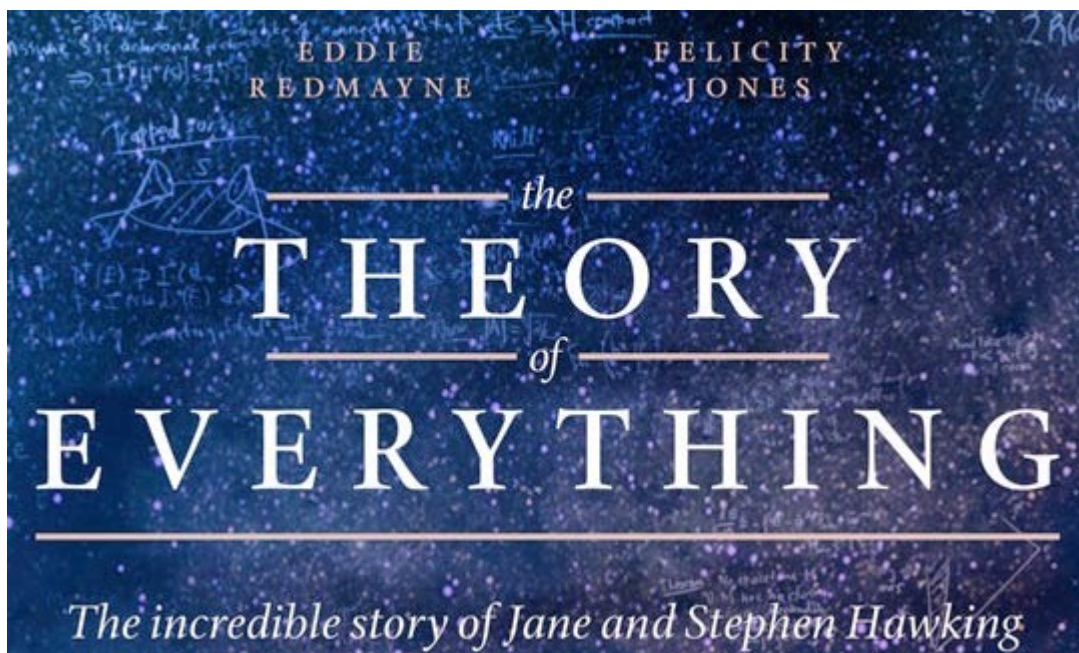
**Related:** [Princess Kate Weighs Malta Trip Amidst Pregnancy Sickness](#)

**3. Flirt throughout the day:** Whether it's via email, instant message, or text message, keep the spark going by taking a quick moment to send a sweet message to your partner. Take a few quick moments during your day and before you know it, you've sent a few love notes.

How have you and your partner kept the romance alive after having children? Share your stories in the comments!

---

## Dolphin Tale 2: Believe in the Power of Relationships



By [Courtney](#)

[Omernick](#)

It has been a few years since the individuals at Clearwater Marine Hospital rescued Winter, the dolphin. However, she is



in need of saving again. Winter's surrogate mother, Panama has passed away, leaving Winter without the only poolmate she has ever known. Since dolphins need to be housed in pairs, it's time for Clearwater to find another friend for Winter.

### **Should you see it:**

If you enjoyed the first film, "Dolphine Tale," you'll definitely want to see how the sequel unfolds. It's also a great film if you're an animal lover and believe in the power of relationships. This film also features a great cast with stars including Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd, Harry Connick Jr., and more.

### **Who to take:**

This family drama would be great to see with your parents, siblings, or any younger cousins or friends. Also, if you know someone who's seen the first one, invite them along for the second journey!

### **How do you know you're ready for a new relationship?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

No matter if you're trying to move on from a terrible breakup, or, if you think you're ready to get back in the dating game after taking a hiatus, starting a new relationship can be intimidating. After all, there is so much to consider, and relationships can take an emotional toll. However, Cupid has some advice that will help you decide if you're ready to take the plunge.

**1. You're willing to put someone else's interest ahead of your own:** There is compromise in every relationship. From watching a movie you hate, to moving to a city for your partner's new job opportunity, relationships are about give and take. And,

you have to be willing to make sure that your partner's happiness is just as important as your own. If you feel comfortable putting someone else first, you're ready.

**Related:** [Jessica Simpson Shares Five Wedding Vows For a Happy Marriage](#)

**2. You're ready to accept someone as they are:** If you want to enter a relationship in hopes of molding the other person into your ideal significant other; you're not ready for a new relationship. In a relationship, it's all about motivating the other person to be the best version of themselves, not the version you create.

**Related:** [Miranda Kerr After Split With Bloom: "This Is My Time to Explore"](#)

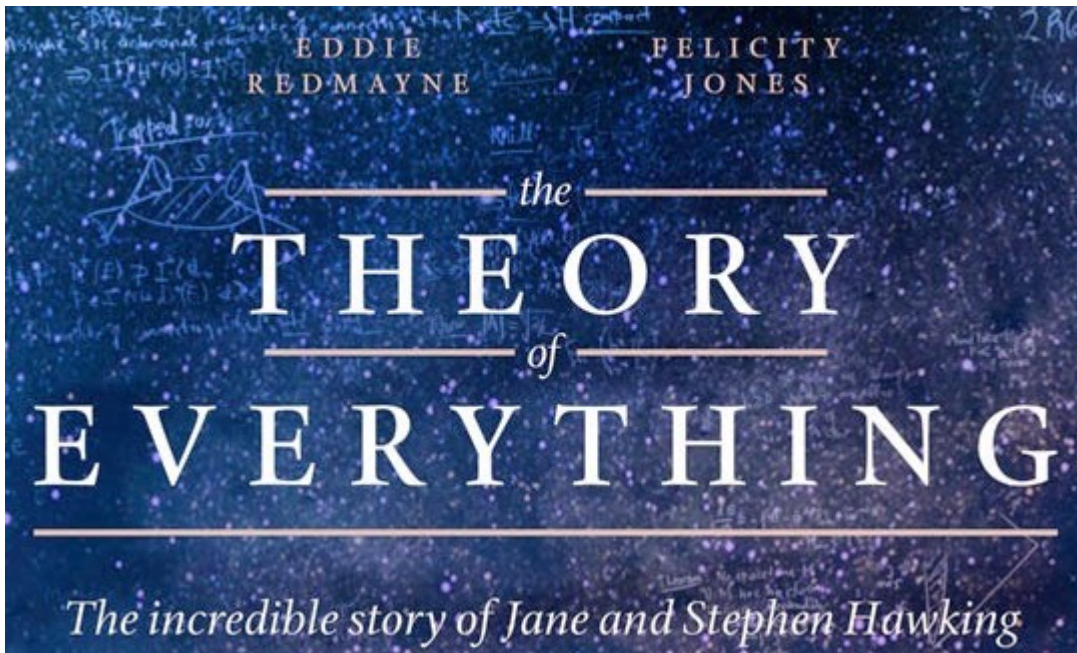
**3. You are happy being single:** It's true, happiness comes from within. If you're constantly searching for a relationship out of loneliness, you will end up with the first person that shows the slightest interest in you, and not necessarily the right person for you. Step back and take a deep breath before diving in.

**How did you know you were ready for a new relationship? Share your stories in the comments!**

---

## Check Out 'Last Weekend'





By [Courtney](#)

### [Omernick](#)

Celia Green, played by Patricia Clarkson, gathers her husband, two sons, and their significant others for a holiday at their lake house in Northern California. Unfortunately, her carefully constructed weekend begins to come apart at the seams because of a series of terrible events, including her son's boyfriend's allergic reaction to her cooking.

### **Should you see it:**

If you like the dynamics of families and viewing how their relationships with one another change over time, then this movie is a must see! It was also a staple at the Sundance film festival and features great actors such as Zachary Booth, Joseph Cross, Chris Mulkey, and more.

### **Who to take:**

This family drama would be great to see with your friends, family members, or anyone who loves a bit of relationship tension and comedy.

When should you take your guy home to meet your family?

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Sometimes, it can be hard to tell when your relationship with your man is moving to the next level. But, the time may come when you've decided that it might be time to bring your man home to meet your folks. So, what are the tell tale signs that it really is time to introduce your significant other to the rest of your family? Don't fear; Cupid is here with some advice!

**1. You've been together for awhile:** You obviously don't want to rush your relationship with your guy, so if things look like they're pretty serious and you've been together for about 3-6 months, then it might be time to bring him home. Chances are, if he likes you, he'll like your family!

**Related:** [Are You Sure You Aren't the Other Woman?](#)

**2. You're serious about one another:** If you are spending a lot of quality time with one another and you both have talked about your future as a couple, then it looks like things are getting pretty serious between you two. This is a great time to move things forward and introduce him to your family members.

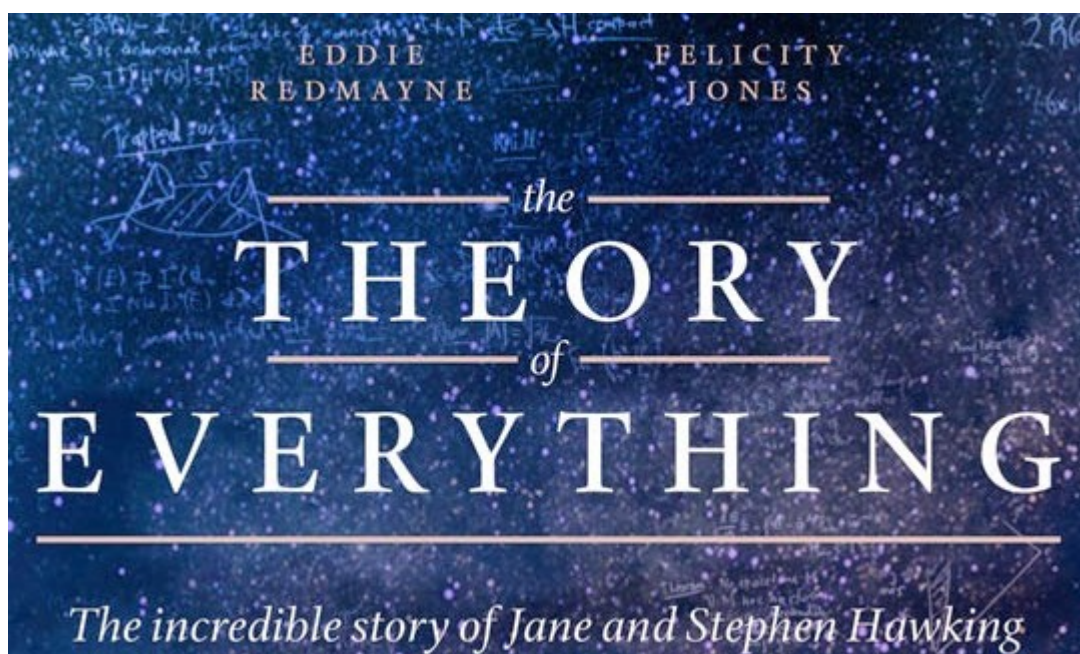
**Related:** [Celebrity Couples That Have Bounced Back After Cheating](#)

**3. He seems eager:** A definitely noticeable sign that your guy is ready to meet your family is if you suggest the meet and greet and he seems excited, or ready to seize the opportunity. Nothing's worse than a guy who gives a nervous look at the suggestion to meet your blood relatives, so make sure he seems happy about the opportunity!

**When did you know it was time to bring your guy home to meet your parents? Share your stories in the comments!**

---

# The Giver Captures the Idea of a Perfect World



By [Courtney](#)

[Omernick](#)

Based on the 1993 novel by Lois Lowry, this film captures the idea of a perfect world where there is no conflict, racism, or sickness. In this perfect world, every member of society has a specific role. A 16-year-old boy named Jonas is selected to be the receiver of memory and discovers that many years earlier, his forefathers gave up humanity in order to have a stable society.

**Should you see it:**

If you loved the novel by Lois Lowry, then you'll want to see the film! With cast members including Jeff Bridges, Meryl Streep, Katie Holmes, and Taylor Swift, it's a must see!

### **Who to take:**

If you, your friends, significant other, or family members have read the book or love the acting styles of Jeff Bridges and Meryl Streep, then make sure to buy them all tickets to the show!

### **How do you know if you've found your perfect match?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

With so many different signs and signals to interpret during a relationship, it can be hard to figure out if the person you're with is truly "the one," or if you're just "star struck." So, how can you tell if you and your partner are meant to be? Never fear, Cupid is here!

**1. You're comfortable with one another:** You both are not afraid to open up to each other and let your "true colors" show. You know you won't be judged when you're with that special someone, so you're able to relax and let yourself become vulnerable.

**Related:** [10 Signs He's Not That Into You](#)

**2. You still appreciate the cute stranger:** Yes, you heard that right! Even when you're with your perfect match, you can still appreciate the good looking stranger that you've spotted across the room. You understand that you will still be attracted to others, BUT you know better than to act on that impulse.

**Related:** [How to Turn a Friendship into a Relationship](#)

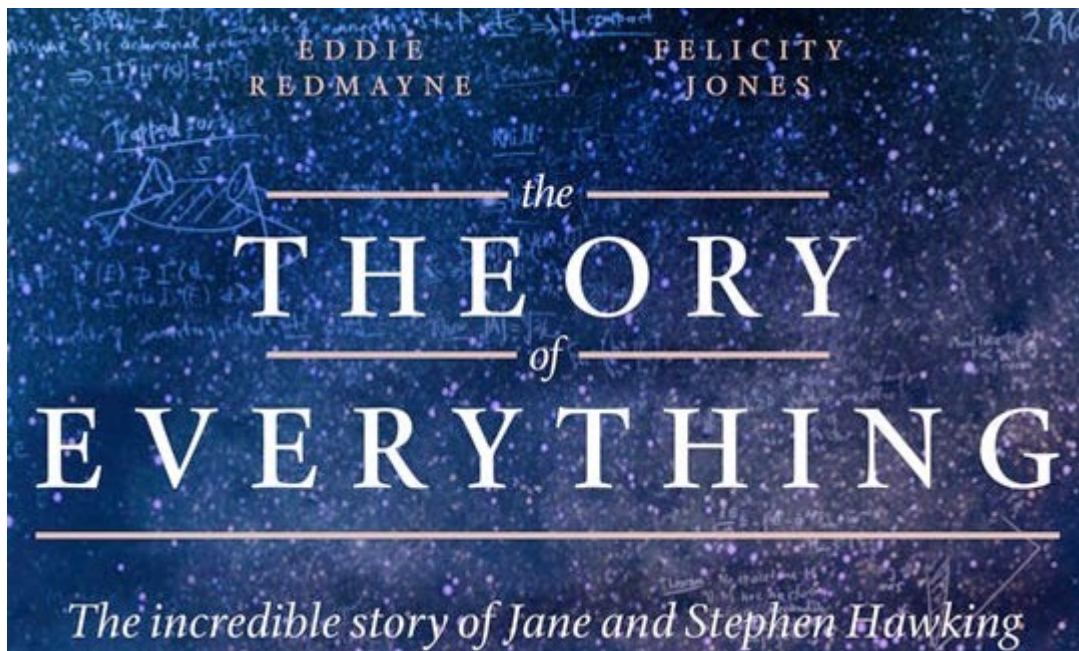
**3. You're relationship makes you feel calm:** You're not worried about saying or doing something that might upset your partner.

You know that the other individual is in it for the long haul. No matter what happens, you both are teammates, and you will get through this life together.

Have you found your perfect match? Share your experience in the comments!

---

## Marvel Comics Presents 'Guardians of the Galaxy'



By [Courtney](#)

[Omernick](#)

Based on the comic book published by Marvel Comics, 'Guardians of the Galaxy' features an unlikely cast of characters that must team up in order to defeat a cosmic force. In the film, an American pilot ends up in space in the middle of a

universal conflict and goes on the run with futuristic ex-cons.

### **Should you see it:**

You'll be itching to see this film if you're a big fan of Marvel Comics and Marvel's superhero franchise. With the casting lineup including Chris Pratt, Zoe Saldana, Vin Diesel, Bradley Cooper, and more, it's sure to be good!

### **Who to take:**

If your boyfriend has spent the better portion of his life following Marvel Comics, he's the perfect person to ask to tag along with you. Also, if your brother or other family members love the series, ask them to join you at the theatre.

### **Should you date someone smarter than you?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

In today's world, many people who like comic books, or follow a comic book series, are considered to be a bit nerdy. Some people are intimidated by the thought of dating someone who is smarter than them, and others see it as an exciting, new experience. So, if you're considering dating someone who is smarter than you, Cupid has a few words of advice.

**1. Don't be intimidated:** It's natural for anyone to be a bit intimidated by someone who seems to know more than them, but if you're looking to date someone with more smarts, remain calm! Look at it this way; if you're dating someone smarter than you, chances are you're going to be learning a lot. Sure, you may never get on their level, but you'll have a greater knowledge bank.

**2. See them as a person first:** We all have more in common than we think. Just because the person you're dating is smarter



than you, it doesn't mean that they won't or don't like some of the things you like to do. Don't be afraid to show them who you are.

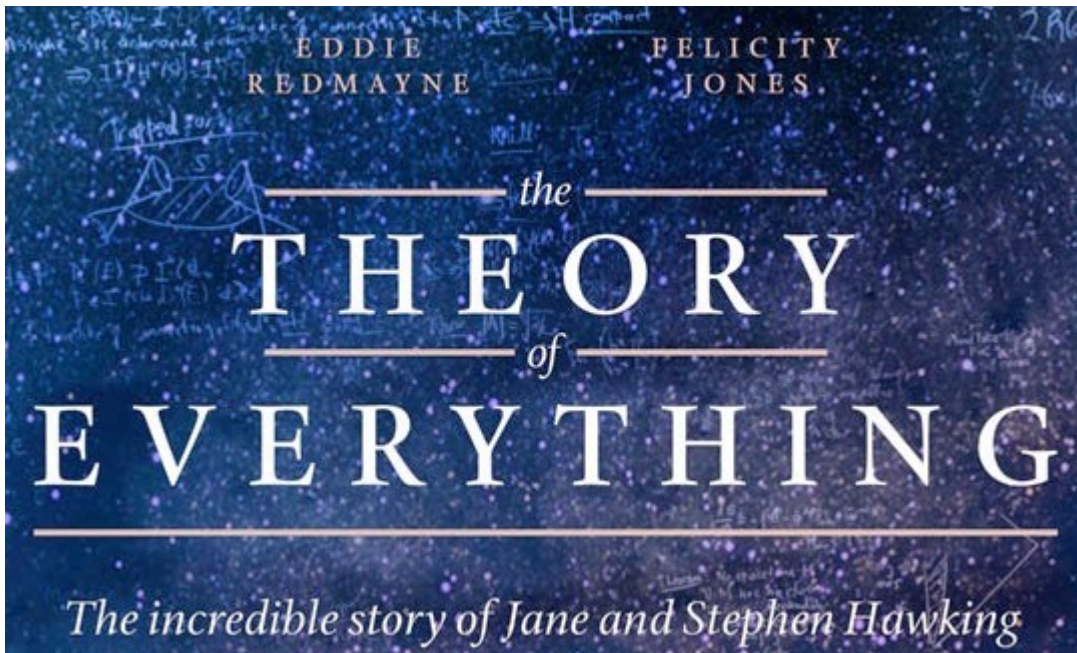
**3. Ask questions:** Everyone loves talking about themselves! And, even if the person you're out with is talking about subjects' way over your head, don't be afraid to ask questions. This helps you look like you're interested in them and what they're interested in as well. And, they'll feel great passing on their knowledge and opinions about specific subjects.

**Have you ever dated someone smarter than you? Share your stories in the comments!**

---

## **From Bestseller to Film comes 'The Fault in Our Stars'**





By Laura

Seaman

Based on the best-selling novel by John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars* is a charming, emotional story about Hazel Grace Lancaster (Shailene Woodley), a girl dying of cancer. She meets the one-legged heartthrob Augustus Waters (Ansel Elgort) and, after a few close calls and an adventure that takes them across the world, falls in love with him. These star-crossed lovers must learn to live and love despite their illnesses and the oblivion that faces us all.

**Who Should See It:** This movie is an absolute must-see for anyone who has read the novel or is a fan of John Green's previous works. Anyone who is a fan of cute, romantic movies will enjoy this movie, but should probably read the book first. The movie will be much better for those who have read the book. Just have some tissues ready!

**Who to Take:** This is a great movie to see with your girlfriends, but only those who have no problem with crying or getting emotional at the movies. This might not be the best date movie, as men may not enjoy it quite as much. It could also be a good mother-daughter movie, as long as your daughter is old enough to understand the movie's message.

**Related:** [Taking On the Role of Stepmother](#)

**What are some tips for dating someone who is extremely sick?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Dating someone with a severe illness like cancer can be difficult. Your partner might have limitations, and sometimes the illness can take its toll on someone emotionally. But despite these challenges, an illness doesn't change the fact that they're the person you've fallen for. Here are some of Cupid's tips for dating someone with a severe illness.

**1. You need to know that they are not their illness.** Sometimes a person's disease can take up a lot of their time with hospital trips, treatment, or just resting. However, this doesn't mean their life has become their disease. Talk to them just as you would with someone who's healthy. Check out their hobbies and interests so you can really talk to them about things they like.

**2. You should enjoy the time you have with them.** This is something everyone should do regardless of their partner's health. People pass away or become sick all the time, and there's no way of knowing when that will happen. Maybe your partner has a better idea of when that time will be, but that shouldn't stop you from getting the most out of your time together.

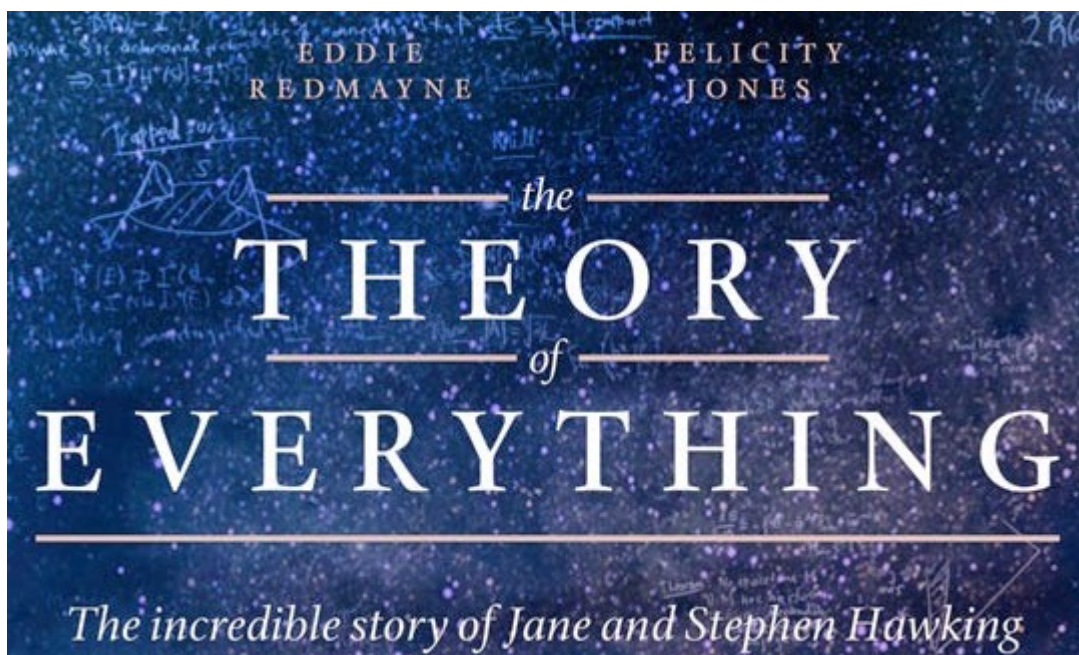
**Related:** [How to Help Your Partner Through a Crisis](#)

**3. You need to plan dates accordingly.** Sometimes sickness can bring a lot of limitations with it, including mobility, diet, and stamina. If your partner has any of these limitations, it's important to plan dates that can accommodate these limitations. Just because they might not be able to do everything, doesn't mean they can't do anything. Don't let disease keep you from going out and having fun. Show you care by being extra creative with your ideas!

What are some other ways to support a partner who is dealing with disease? Let us know in the comments!

---

## Will You Witness 'The Walk of Shame'?



By April

Littleton

Directed by Steven Bill, *The Walk of Shame* tells the tale of a reporter whose one-night stand with a stranger leaves her stranded the next morning. Unable to find her phone, ID or car, she must think fast in order to make it in time for the most important interview of her life.

## **Should you see it:**

If you're into comedies, *The Walk of Shame* will be a refreshing movie to see. Elizabeth Banks and James Marsden star in the lead roles, so expect to be entertained.

## **Who to take:**

This rom-com will be great to see with just about anyone. Take a group of friends, or save this film for a special date night. If you're flying solo over the weekend, treat yourself to a dinner and a movie.

## **How do you know when your hookup is turning into something more serious?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Flings can be fun to have every now and then, but sometimes the person you hook up with may end up being someone you can truly have a relationship with. How do you know when lust is turning into love? Cupid is here to help:

**1. Friends:** If your friends have met the person you're fooling around with, that may be a sign your hookup is actually turning into a relationship. You're no longer keeping your crush hidden behind closed doors, and he/she is actually interested in getting to know you and more about your life outside of the bedroom.

**Related:** [Find Out Who 'The Other Woman' Is in Theaters April 25](#)

**2. Communicate:** The two of you clearly have chemistry, but you might be turning your fling into a little something more if you're having meaningful discussions with each other. Does your hookup ask about your day? Do you talk about important matters with each other? If you do, you're on the right track to starting a real romance.

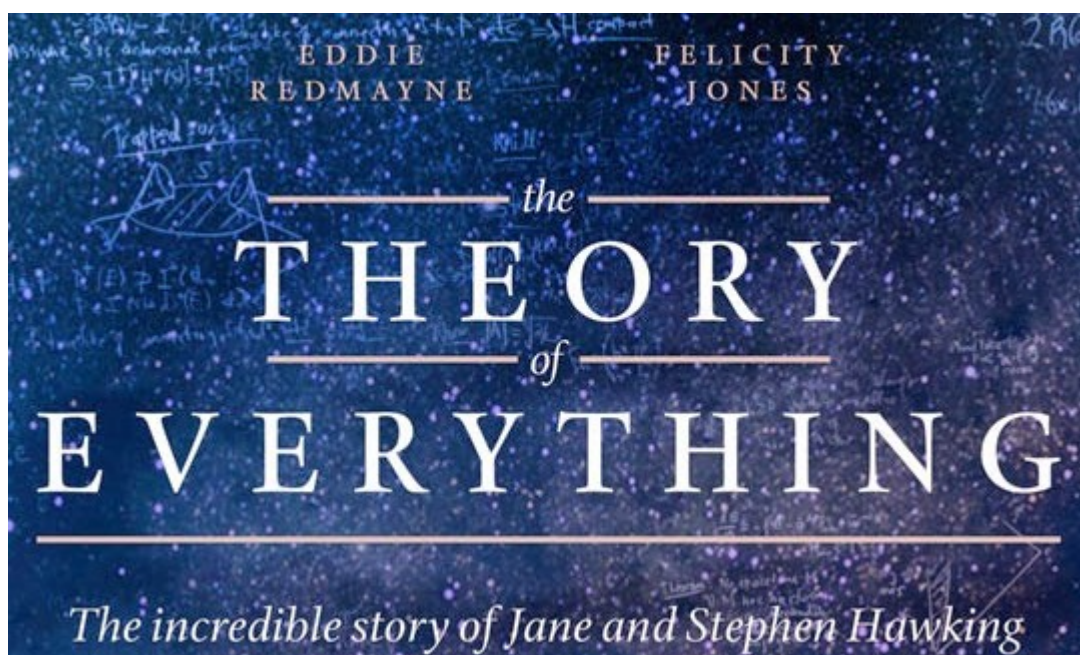
**Related:** [Signs Your Crush Is Into You](#)

**3. Dates:** Lets face it, flings don't normally result in a date. If the two of you are going out together (day or night), you have something more serious going on. If you're ready for a relationship, continue on the path you're on. If not, slow down and keep things more casual.

**How did you know when your hookup was turning into something more serious? Share your experience below.**

---

## Find Out Who 'The Other Woman' Is in Theaters April 25



By April

## Littleton

After a woman discovers her boyfriend is married, she struggles to put her life back together. While in the process, she accidentally meets her boyfriend's wife (played by Leslie Mann), and the two end up becoming friends. They discover the man of their dreams has been unfaithful to both of them with a third woman, and work on a plan to get their revenge.

### **Should you see it:**

Cameron Diaz, Leslie Mann and Kate Upton star in this film. If you think you'd enjoy seeing them on the big screen, you might want to give this movie a chance. Also, *The Other Woman* would be a nice break from the thrillers, horror and action films that have been released recently.

### **Who to take:**

Guys might not be a fan of this movie except for the fact that there are plenty of beauties to view. *The Other Woman* will be more enjoyable with a group of girlfriends, or some family members.

### **How do you deal with a cheating partner?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

The idea of a cheating significant other is hard to deal with. How can someone you love be unfaithful to you after you put in so much work in a relationship with them? Should you stay with your partner or call it quits? Cupid is here to help:

**1. Process the information:** When you first hear the news about your partner being unfaithful to you, your first thought might be to end the relationship without asking any questions first. However, you don't want to make any drastic decisions you'll end up regretting later. Give yourself some time to fully

process the information you received. Then, after awhile, move forward with what you want to do next.

**Related:** [Chris Evans Returns in the Sequel 'Captain America: The Winter Soldier'](#)

**2. Confrontation:** You need to ask your significant other about the cheating allegations. However, asking is unnecessary if you already know firsthand that the information is true. You still will need to confront your partner about what you know. Get their side of the story, and see what they have to say for themselves.

**Related:** [Celebrities Who Have Gotten Back Together After a Cheating Scandal](#)

**3. End the relationship:** You can choose to stay, but your partner obviously doesn't feel the need to stay faithful to you. You don't need to be in a relationship with someone who doesn't understand the concept of loyalty. You deserve better, and you'll find exactly what you need after you decide to leave the jerk behind.

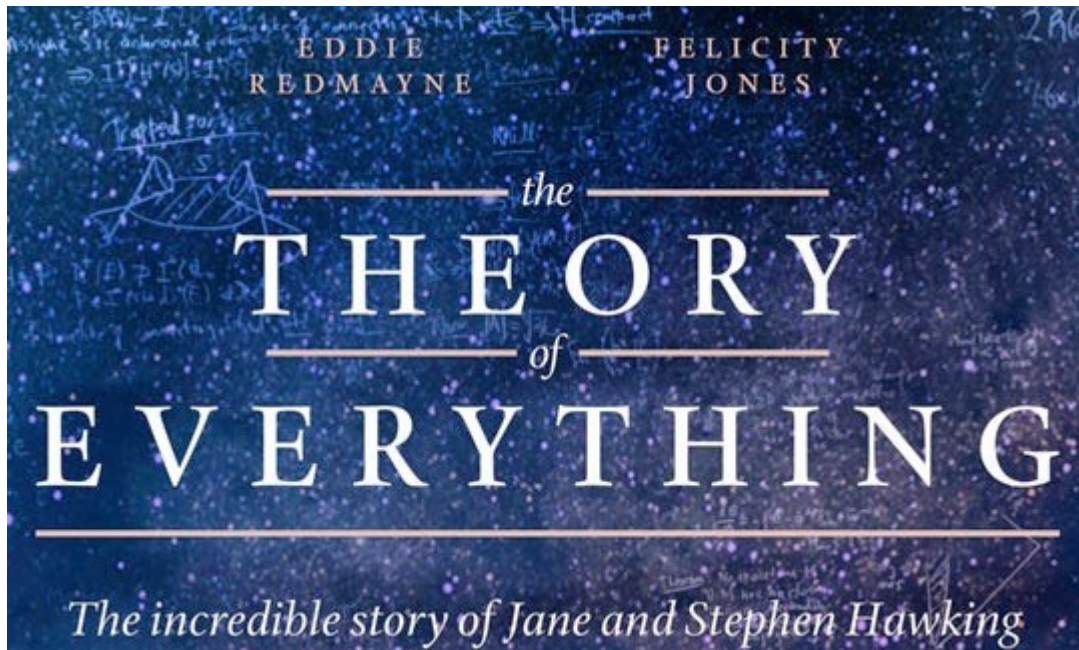
**How did you deal with a cheating partner? Share your experience below.**

---

# Chris Evans Returns in the Sequel 'Captain America: The



# Winter Soldier'



By April

Littleton

Chris Evans make his return as the WWII soldier in the sequel to the box office hit *Captain America*. In the film, he is still struggling to find his place in the 21st century. He tries to come to terms with the time he lost from being frozen for so long as he adapts to his newfound superpowers.

## Should you see it:

You're obviously going to want to see this film if you enjoyed the first installment. Any Marvel fans might take an interest in this film as well – especially if they enjoyed *The Avengers*. You'll see a few familiar faces/characters in *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* including Samuel L. Jackson as Nick Fury and Scarlett Johansson as the Black Widow.

## Who to take:

Most guys love action films. So, if you have a boyfriend, think about taking him to see this movie during your next date night. If you'd rather see the film with a few of your close friends, that would be OK too.

**Related:** [Get Ready to Enter a 'Divergent' World](#)

## What are some ways to protect the ones you love?

### Cupid's Advice:

The role of the protector is a tough one to maintain. Some of the time the people you care about won't understand the decisions you make – even when it's in their best interest. Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Honesty:** Always be honest with your loved ones. You can't protect your family and friends from harm if they don't know the full extent of a situation. The truth may be hurtful to them, but in the long run, they'll thank you for it.
- 2. Communicate:** If you're feeling that something isn't right, let your loved ones know about it first. Don't keep any serious information to yourself. You want the people you care about to trust you. If you leave them in the dark about anything, they'll begin to doubt your judgement. Speak up about your feelings.

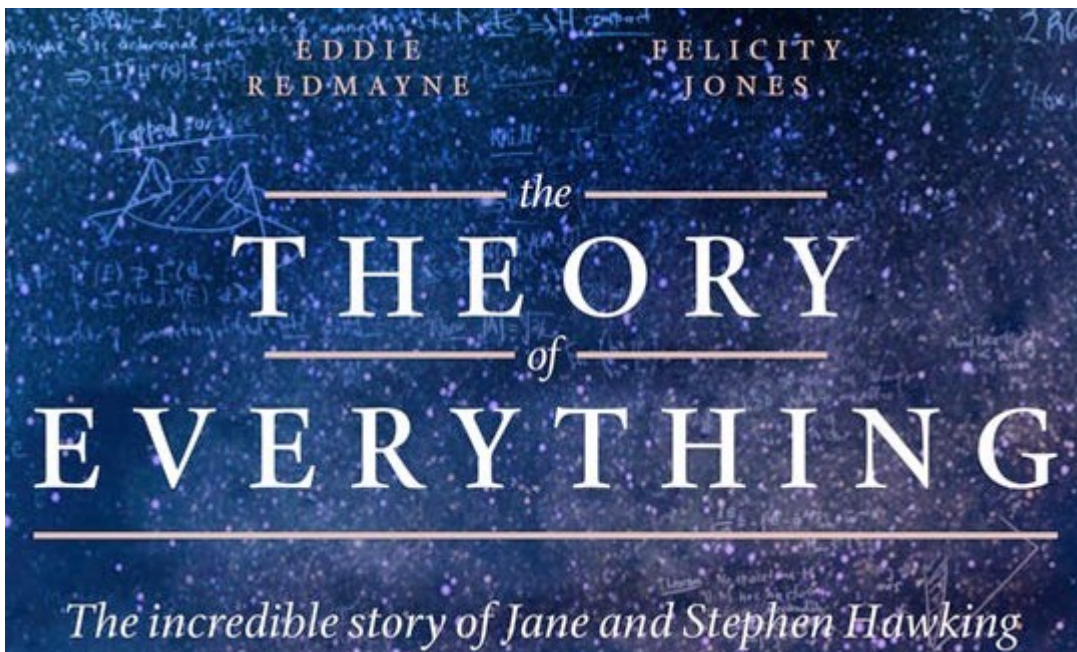
**Related:** [How to Date When You're a Single Parent](#)

- 3. Be aware:** When it comes to the safety of your family and friends, always be aware of everything around you. Be wary around new people entering the life of loved ones. You're the protector. You have to be the person who can spot bad decisions and situations the people you care about can't.

**What are some other ways to protect the ones you love? Comment below.**

---

# Get Ready to Enter a 'Divergent' World



By April

Littleton

Based on the best-selling book series by Veronica Roth, *Divergent* is set in a world where people are divided based on the human virtues they acquire. Tris Pris (played by Shailene Woodley) discovers she is a Divergent, which means she will never fit into any social group. Shortly after her discovery, she finds out the faction leader (played by Kate Winslet) is set on destroying all Divergents. With the help of Four (played by Theo James), Tris must find out the truth about who

she is before it's too late to save her kind.

strong>Should you see it:

Although Shailene Woodley plays a completely different role in this film, *The Secret Life of the American Teenager* fans should go to their local theater and support their favorite actress. *Divergent* is an action-packed thriller, so if you're into movies filled with excitement this might be your best bet for the weekend.

### **Who to take:**

Take your significant other, family or friends out to see this film with you. However, anyone who can't sit still for long periods of time might want to sit this one out – this movie runs for two hours and 23 minutes.

**Related:** [Ways to Help Single Friends Find a Partner](#)

**What are some ways to fit in with your loved ones when you're feeling singled out?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

When you're the "black sheep" of the family and the oddball out of all your friends, being around your loved ones for long periods of time can be uncomfortable. They might act different around you, or maybe you just don't feel like you belong at all. Cupid has some ways for you to overcome this:

**1. Find common ground:** Find something you and your loved ones have in common. Maybe you're interested in similar hobbies. All it takes for you and your family and friends to get along is a little communication. A conversation might be the last thing on your mind right now, but once you make the effort, you'll see a drastic improvement in your relationships. All you have to do is try.

**2. Explain how you feel:** Explain how you're feeling to your family and friends. There is a possibility they don't even realize they're making you feel so left out in everything. Don't keep your feelings bottled up inside, and don't shy away from your loved ones just because you don't think they will understand how you feel.

**Related:** [Girl's Night Movie Pick of the Week: 'The Single Moms Club'](#)

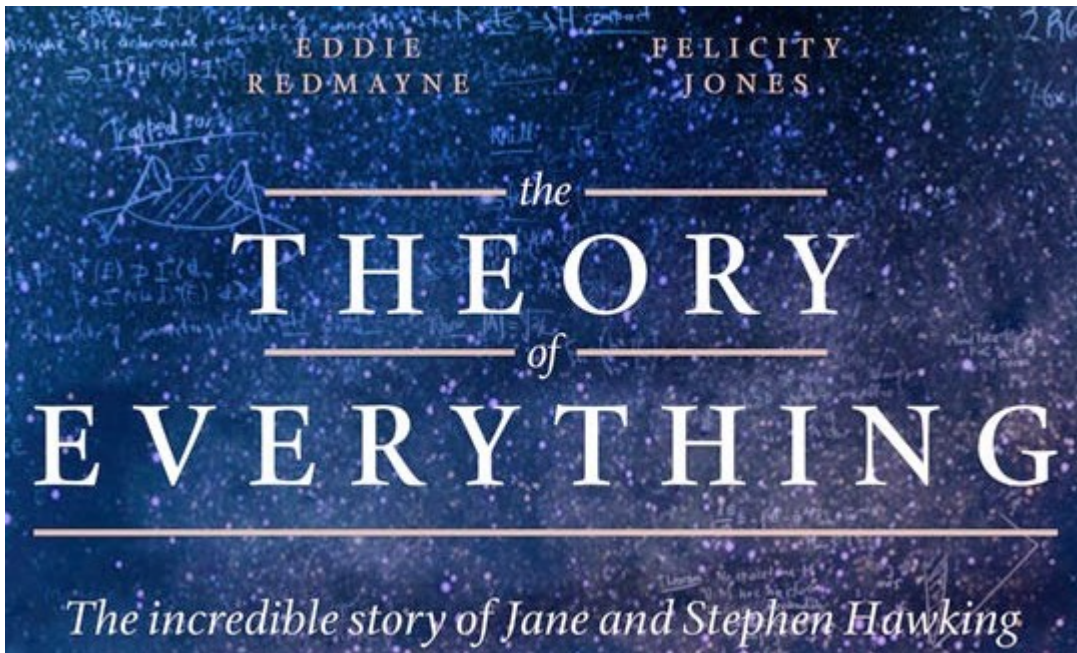
**3. Stand up for yourself:** If what your loved ones are so against is something you're not willing to change, stand up for yourself. Regardless of their opinion, they should love you for who you are. Yes, it might take them some time to adjust to the "new you," but they will if you give them no other option.

**What are some other ways to fit in with your loved ones when you're feeling singled out? Comment below.**

---

## **Girl's Night Movie Pick of the Week: 'The Single Moms Club'**





By April

Littleton

Written, produced and directed by Tyler Perry, *The Single Moms Club* follows five single women on their personal journeys of self-discovery. The ladies are brought together by an accident at their children's school. They create a support group that helps them get through some of life's most challenging situations through the use of comedic relief and the strength they have in each other.

### **Should you see it:**

Tyler Perry fans will be the first in line to see this film, but if you're unfamiliar with his work, take a look at some of the cast. Some well-known faces include Amy Smart, Nia Long, Terry Crews and William Levy. If any of those names ring a bell and you've enjoyed some of their previous work, consider taking a trip down to your local theater when *The Single Moms Club* premieres.

### **Who to take:**

This movie is definitely all about girl power. Grab a group of your best girl friends for a Saturday night of fun. Of course,

you can always drag your significant other along if you'd prefer to save this film for a couples' date night.

**Related:** ['Pompeii' is the Perfect Couples Night Movie](#)

**What are some ways to date responsibly as a single parent?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

As a single parent, getting back into the dating world can be hard to do. You have to think about yourself, your new partner and your child(ren). You don't have to give up completely. You can have a romantic life again and still be the best parent you can be. Just listen to your instincts and follow a few tips. Cupid is here to help:

**1. Take your time:** When you're just starting out on the dating scene again, there is no need to rush any potential relationship. Take your time and get to know the other person well before you make any solid commitments. You have a child. Keep that mind. You shouldn't bring different people in and out of your kid's life. He/she doesn't need to be any more confused than they already are.

**2. Communicate with your kid(s):** Your child(ren) need to know what's going on (if they're old enough to understand) in your life. Before you go out on any dates, explain to them what you're going to be doing and make sure it's OK with them. Reassure them they won't have to worry about having a step parent anytime soon, and you're only trying to get to know someone on a more adult level.

**Related:** [How to Date when You're a Single Parent](#)

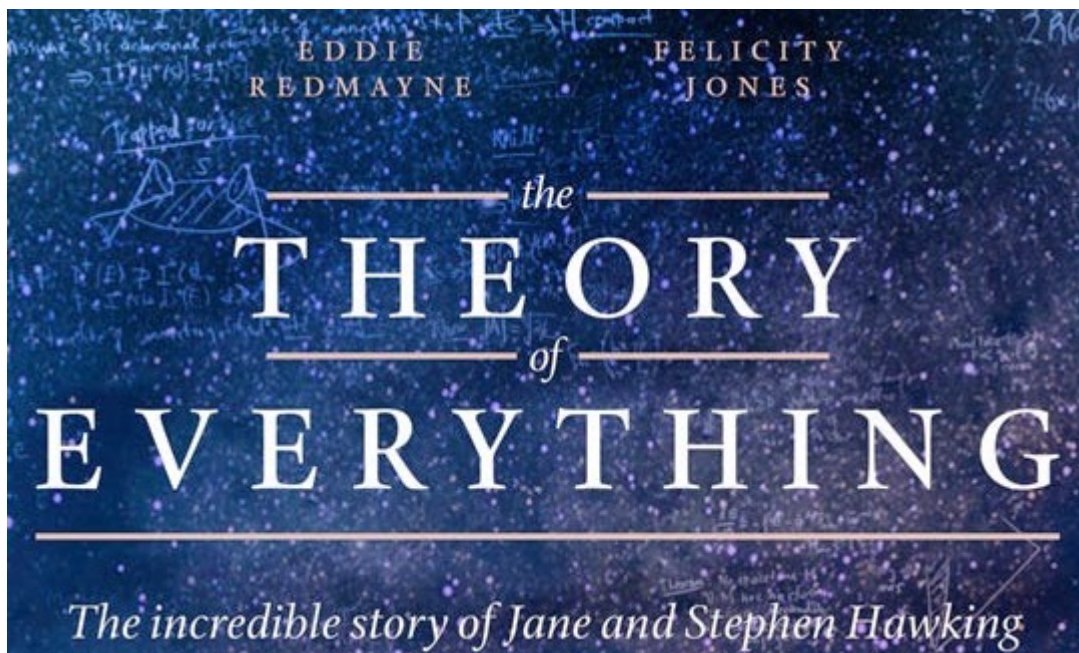
**3. Consider feelings:** If you decide to introduce your child(ren) to your new partner, make sure you realize this situation is a new experience for everyone. Your kid(s) and your new boo will need time to adjust to each other. Don't pack on the PDA in front of your family. Help everyone ease

into this new relationship by keeping it cool.

How did you date responsibly as a single parent? Share your experience below.

---

## 'Pompeii' is the Perfect Couples Night Movie



By April

Littleton

"Pompeii" is about the journey Milo, a slave turned gladiator (played by Kit Harington) takes to save his true love Cassia (played by Emily Brown). Milo is forced to fight his way past an arena in order to save his beloved before Pompeii is completely destroyed by the eruption of Mount Vesuvius.



## **Should you see it:**

“Pompeii” is directed by Paul W.S. Anderson and is lead by an all-star cast. Audiences will see the familiar faces of Carrie-Anne Moss, Jared Harris, Kit Harington, Jessica Lucas, Emily Brown and Kiefer Sutherland. If you’re interested in dramas, mysteries or action films, Pompeii might be suitable for you.

## **Who to take:**

This movie isn’t necessarily something you would want to see with a group of girls. Reserve this film for date night with your honey. He will appreciate it much more than your girlfriends would.

**Related:** [Sink Your Teeth Into ‘Vampire Academy’](#)

## **What are some ways to be there for the one you love?**

### **Cupid’s Advice:**

What you and your partner need the most out of a relationship is support. The two of you are a team, and you should be there for each other through thick and thin. The best thing about being committed to another person is the fact that you will always have someone you can lean on when situations get rough. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Focus on what they need:** Many couples often forget to zone in on what the other person needs. Instead, they tend to react in ways they think their significant other would like. Taking control of the relationship in this matter might cause your partner to feel unappreciated or unimportant. Don’t assume things about each other. Ask one another about your needs and wants.

**Related:** [Rosie O’Donnell Says Health Scare Brought Her Closer to Wife](#)

**2. Be understanding:** Everyone handles certain situations differently. Keep this in mind when you face a challenge with your significant other. Don't put pressure on your partner to do things the way you might think is best. Show your support and let them figure things out on their own. When your honey needs you, she/he will let you know.

**Related:** [Lauren Conrad Celebrates Hoe-Down Birthday Bash with Fiance](#)

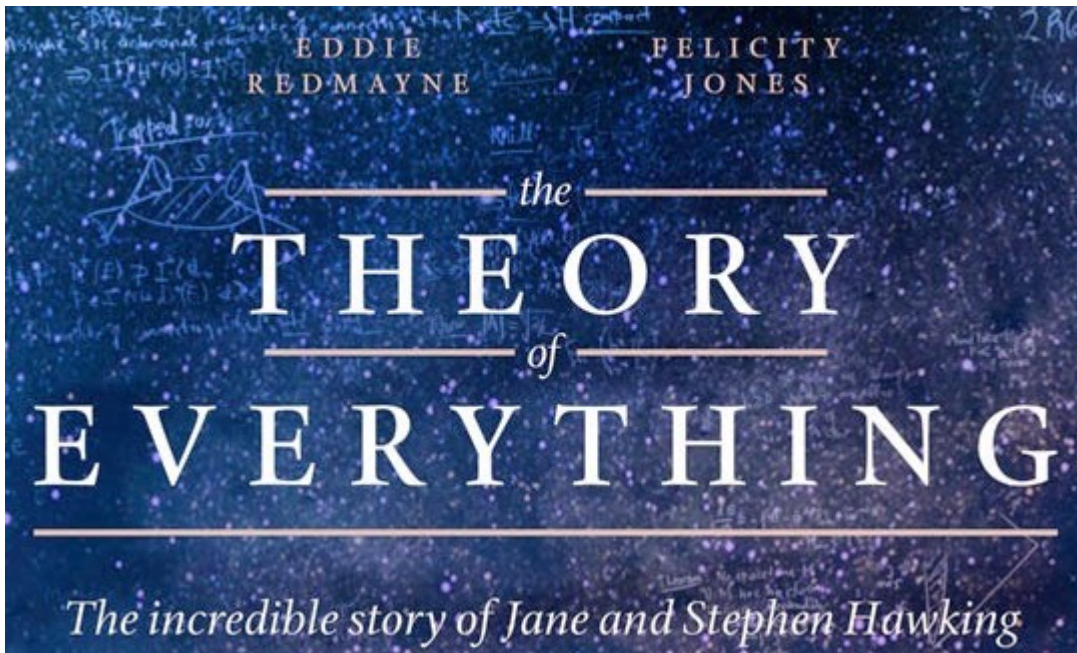
**3. Communicate:** Always keep an open line of communication. Offer your significant other useful advice during trying times. Express your feelings to one another during arguments. Let your words be the driving force in your relationship.

**What are some other ways to be there for the one you love? Comment below.**

---

## Sink Your Teeth Into 'Vampire Academy'





By April

Littleton

Based on the best-selling novel by Richelle Mead, *Vampire Academy* follows the life of Rose Hathaway (played by Zoey Deutch). The teen is a Dhampir: half human/half vampire who is destined to protect her best friend Lissa Dragomir, who is a Moroi (mortal vampire). The film is directed by Mark Waters and will be released Feb. 14.

### **Should you see it:**

If you weren't a big fan of any of the *Twilight* films, don't let that discourage you from watching *Vampire Academy*. Yes, this is another movie about bloodsuckers, but it has an entirely different feel to it. Romance isn't the big theme of this motion picture. In fact, you'll probably get a sense of girl power and unity once you leave the theater.

### **Who to take:**

You could probably force your significant other with you, but you will probably have more fun seeing this with a group of your friends. The film is rated PG-13 for violence, bloody images, sexual content and language. Keep that in mind if you

have a younger sibling who is dying to have a little family night out with his/her big brother or sister.

**Related:** [Zac Efron Stars in New Film, 'That Awkward Moment'](#)

**What are some ways to protect your loved ones without going overboard?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

When you see the person you care about making the wrong decisions, it can be hard to maintain certain boundaries. You just want to see your loved ones healthy, happy and safe. You can still keep an eye on all the people you love without going to the extreme. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Ground rules:** Everyone craves a sense of stability and that comes from remaining consistent with your ground rules. Make sure your loved ones are aware of the dos and don'ts in and out of your household. Stick to what you say, and don't make excuses for the people you love when they do something wrong.

**2. Communication:** You don't need to follow your loved ones all over town. You need to learn to build trust and give them room to be themselves. Sometimes they will make mistakes, but that's how people grow and learn more about themselves. All they really need is a listening ear. Don't be the person who judges them for their bad decisions. Be the person they go to for consolation and much needed advice.

**Related:** [How to Handle a Clingy Partner in a Relationship](#)

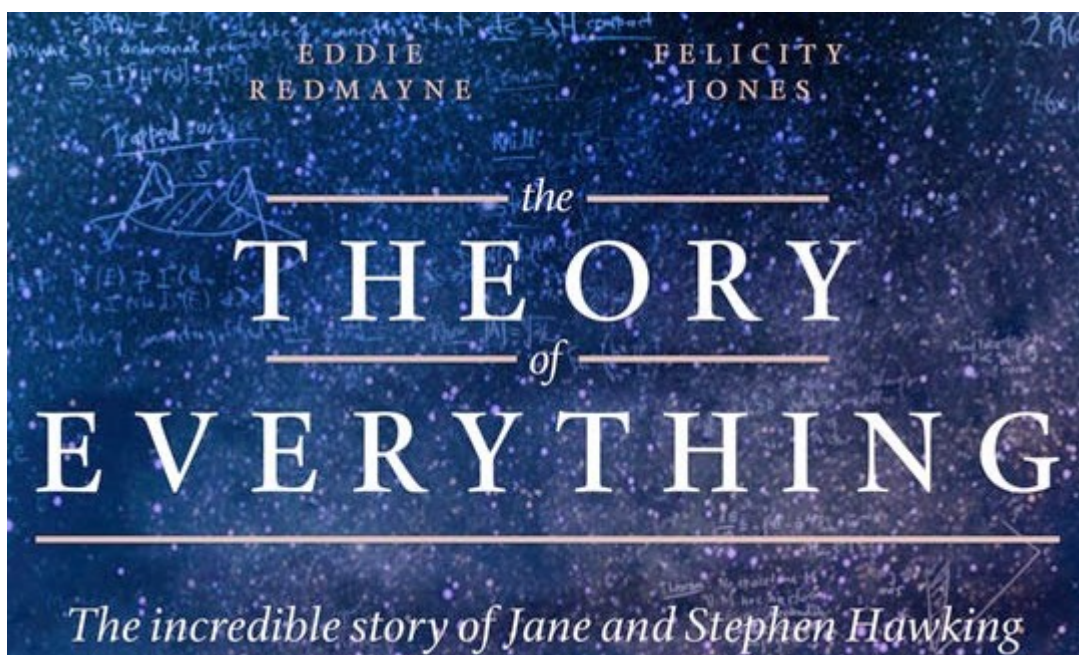
**3. Tough love:** When the rules are broken, you will need to be the one to put your foot down. You can't let your loved ones get away with wrongdoing. In some instances, people need to learn from their own mistakes. In other cases, they need someone to guide them in the right direction. You don't have to be cruel to get your point across, but when you see the person you care about heading down a wrong path, be there to

catch them before it's too late for them to turn back.

What are some other ways to protect your loved ones without going overboard? Comment below.

---

## Zac Efron Stars in New Film, 'That Awkward Moment'



By April

Littleton

Directed by Tom Gormican, *That Awkward Moment* follows three best friends through all of the stages that come with dating someone new. The film stars Zac Efron, Miles Teller, Imogen Poots and Michael B. Jordan.

## Should you see it:

Comedy fans will get a kick out of this new film. Plus, if you're familiar with any other movies Zac Efron or Miles Teller starred in, you surely won't be disappointed with *That Awkward Moment*.

## Who to take:

*That Awkward Moment* is rated R for sexual content and language throughout. Make sure whoever you decide to drag along with you to the movies is within the appropriate age group. You can see this movie with a girlfriend/boyfriend, with a group of some of your closest friends or you maybe you might prefer to take yourself out on a little date. The choice is up to you.

**Related:** [The Price You Pay for a 'Free Ride' Can End Up Being Your Last](#)

## How do you know when it's time to take your relationship to the next level?

### Cupid's Advice:

Dating someone new can be tricky. You have to learn everything about that one specific person – their likes and dislikes, what their goals are, etc. When your feelings for your partner begin to develop further, finding out if they feel the same way about you is another challenge all on its own. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Communicate:** How you're feeling about the status of your new relationship won't matter if you don't share them with your partner. When you're ready, talk to your honey about maybe taking it up a notch. The easier it is to communicate with your boo, the stronger the two of you will become as a couple.

**2. Take your time:** You don't need to rush how you feel, especially if you haven't been dating your partner for that

long. Before you decide to fully commit to the relationship, take the time to figure out if what you're feeling is the real deal.

**Related:** [Zac Efron and Vanessa Hudgens Split](#)

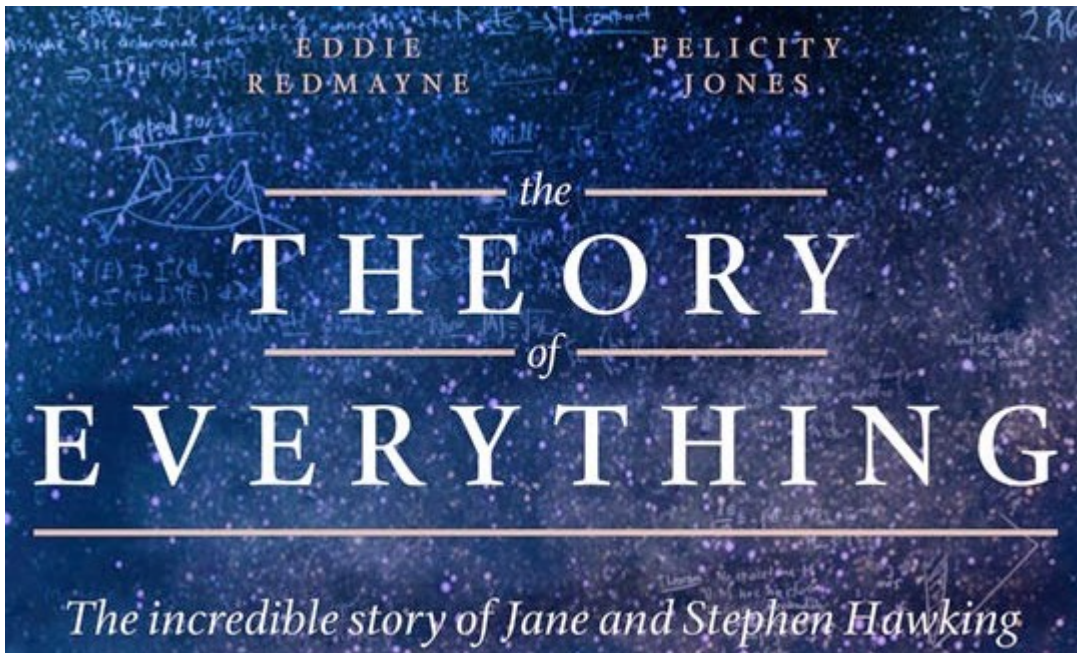
**3. You just know:** Sometimes you just know when you're ready to get serious with another person. You may be in love. If you can't stop thinking about your significant other, you miss them when they're away or you just simply can't imagine being with another person, then it might be time to take your relationship to the next level.

**How did you know when it was time to take your relationship to the next level? Share your experience below.**

---

## The Price You Pay for a 'Free Ride' Can End Up Being Your Last





By April

Littleton

Directed by Shana Betz, *Free Ride* follows the journey of Christina (played by Anna Paquin), a woman who desperately wants to be rid of her dangerous relationship. She moves to Florida without warning only to find herself in a much more terrifying situation than the one she was already in. She is thrust into the world of drugs and her only savior is herself.

### **Should you see it:**

*True Blood* fans will see a familiar face in this film (Anna Paquin.) If you're not familiar with her work, maybe the drama genre will lure you in. Other actors and actresses to look out for in this movie include Cam Gigandet, Drea de Matteo and Liana Liberato. If you're still on the fence, just think about trying something different if you normally go to the theater to see a comedy or an action film. After all, it's always nice to switch your style up every once in awhile.

### **Who to take:**

*Free Ride* might not be the best choice for date night, but this movie would be great to see with a bunch of girlfriends



or age appropriate family members. However, you could get away with seeing this film with your boyfriend/girlfriend if the two of you are just looking for something casual to do together.

**Related:** [Anna Paquin and Stephen Moyer Show Off Twin Son and Daughter During Family Outing](#)

**What are some healthy ways to end a relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Breaking up with someone is never easy. When you know the relationship between you and another person just isn't going to work, it can be hard to get them to realize the same truth. You don't have to act out just to get someone to leave you. Instead, try to do things the right way. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Be honest:** The best way to begin and end anything is through honesty. Don't string your significant other along if you know the two of you aren't meant to be together. Let them know your feelings have changed. They might feel the same. Either way, the breakup will be a lot less difficult as long as both parties are on the same page and understand where the other is coming from.

**2. In person:** Don't break up with someone via email, text or any other way that doesn't involve you meeting your partner in person. Not only is ending a relationship in such an abrupt manner cruel, but it also shows the other person you never truly cared about their feelings. If you still want him/her to be in your life, do the right thing. Break up with your honey in private and let them down gently. Don't play the blame game, but make sure they understand why you don't see things working out between the two of you.

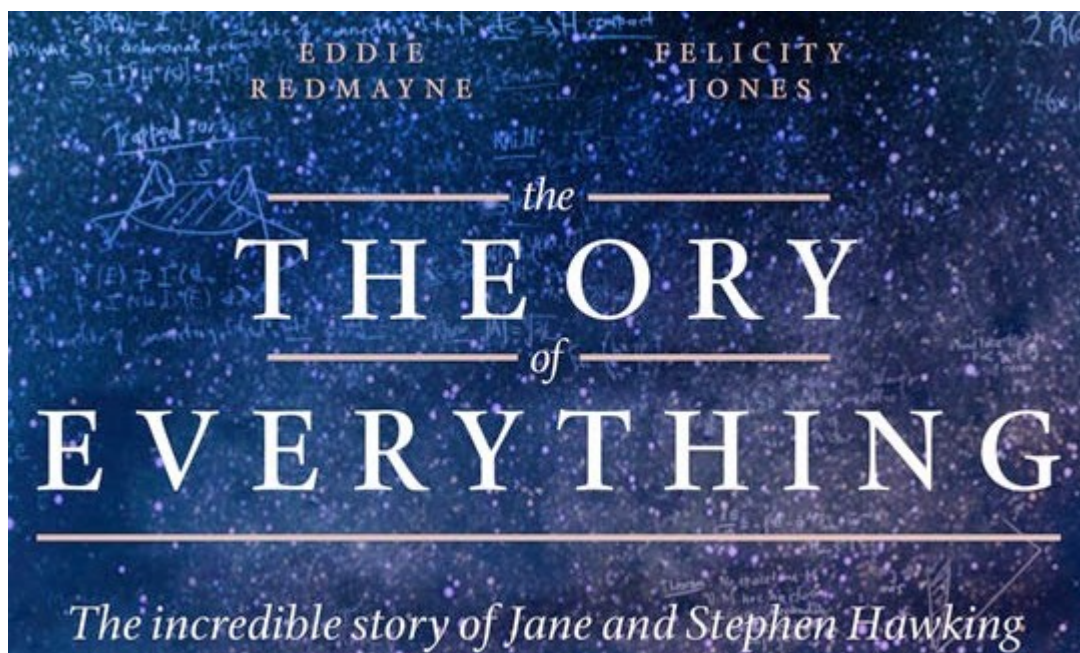
**Related:** ['The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' Hits Theaters on Christmas Day](#)

**3. Keep calm:** Breaking up is hard to do, but you need to make sure you do it with class. Don't lose your temper over the small stuff. Your partner is bound to be upset, so brace yourself for some not-so-kind words and actions. No matter what he/she says or does in the heat of the moment, realize it's only out of hurt and anger. Keep your cool and try to be patient with them.

**What are some other healthy ways to end a relationship? Comment below.**

---

## 'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' Hits Theaters on Christmas Day



By April

Littleton

Ben Stiller stars and directs in this film based on James Thurber's short story about a daydreamer who escapes reality by sinking into his world of fantasies that involves romance, action and heroism. Walter decides to stop living in his imaginary world when his job, along with his co-worker's, becomes threatened.

### **Should you see it:**

Ben Stiller fans and Kristen Wiig fans won't have a doubt in their minds about seeing this film. Also, if you have no set plans for the holidays, why not spend the day enjoying a new comedy at your favorite movie theater?

### **Who to take:**

If it's possible, bring the whole family along with you when you're ready to hit up the nearest Cinemark. After all, it is the holidays. You can fly solo if that's what you prefer or if your loved ones are out of town. This film would be good to see with a boyfriend/girlfriend who has a good sense of humor as well.

**Related:** [Get Ready to Celebrate the Holidays with 'A Madea Christmas'](#)

**How do you build up the courage to ask the person you're interested in on a date?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Putting yourself out there to another person can be tricky, especially if you're shy or you've experienced a recent heartbreak. Everyone who has experience with the game of love knows that rejection isn't a fun feeling to experience, but sometimes it's worth it. You don't want to be left wondering

'what if', and at least you'll have an idea of where you stand with your crush. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Be straightforward:** Don't play games with a potential love interest. If you're considering another person on a romantic level, let them know how you feel. Being open and honest is considered a turn-on, so don't be shy and go after what you want.

**2. Show you're interested:** Your crush won't know that anything is different between the two of you if you don't show or express your feelings. Make sure you're making clear that you're interested in them. Call them from time to time. Get to know them on a more personal level. Ask them out for coffee or a simple lunch date. You don't have to move too fast, but you do want to make sure the feelings you have for them are reciprocated. Also, keep in mind that you need to move forward with the relationship at a pace comfortable for both you and your potential honey.

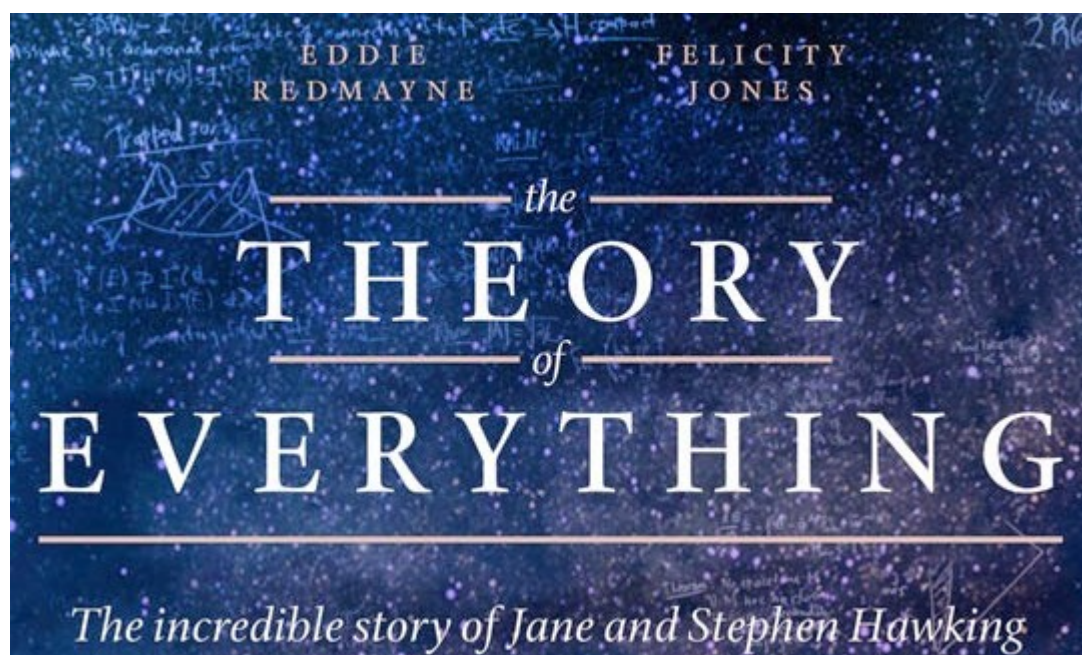
**Related:** [Ben Stiller Says Jennifer Aniston and Justin Theroux Are Happy](#)

**3. Be creative:** When it comes to date ideas, you want to keep things simple for awhile. That doesn't mean you can't spice things up and come up with something unique. As you start to get to know your boo, incorporate some of the things they like with your dates. If your love interest is really into the outdoors, go on a hike or try out a mountain bike trail. Visit a local museum if he/she enjoys culture and fine arts.

**How did you build up the courage to ask the person you're interested in on a date? Share your experience below.**

---

# Get Ready to Celebrate the Holidays with 'A Madea Christmas'



By April

Littleton

A small town gets ready for their annual Christmas Carnival as Madea (played by Tyler Perry) gets persuaded by an old friend to help surprise her daughter with a visit over the holidays. Past relationships are put to the test and new secrets are revealed, while Madea celebrates Christmas her way.

## Should you see it:

Obviously, you'll be seeing *A Madea Christmas* if you're a Tyler Perry fan. If you're not familiar with any of his plays or movies, you might know some of the actors/actresses who will appear on the big screen with him (Chad Michael Murray,

Tika Sumpter and Eric Lively). You could also go see the film simply because you're in the Christmas spirit.

### **Who to take:**

Bring a family member along or a couple of friends. You'll probably end up crying and laughing through the entire movie, so bring someone who can sympathize with both emotions.

**Related:** [Family is Everything in 'Homefront'](#)

### **What are some ways to bring a family together for the holidays?**

#### **Cupid's Advice:**

You might not be feeling any of the Christmas cheer just yet, especially if you can't seem to get all of your family on the same page. Are you having trouble getting all of your loved ones involved in the festivities? Cupid has some tips:

**1. Family project:** With the holidays vastly approaching, this would be a great time to bring all your loved ones together for a Christmas-related project. Have all of your family members decide on a Christmas tree and decorate it together, or think about doing some secret Santa shopping as a group. Little activities like this will bring all of you closer and help you figure out ways to work as a team.

**2. Family dinner:** Pick one day out of the week where every member of your family can be free to meet up for dinner. Keep communication open during the meal. Share your feelings and listen when your loved ones want to discuss any important issues or just normal, everyday topics.

**Related:** [Jennifer Lawrence is Back in 'Hunger Games' Sequel 'Catching Fire'](#)

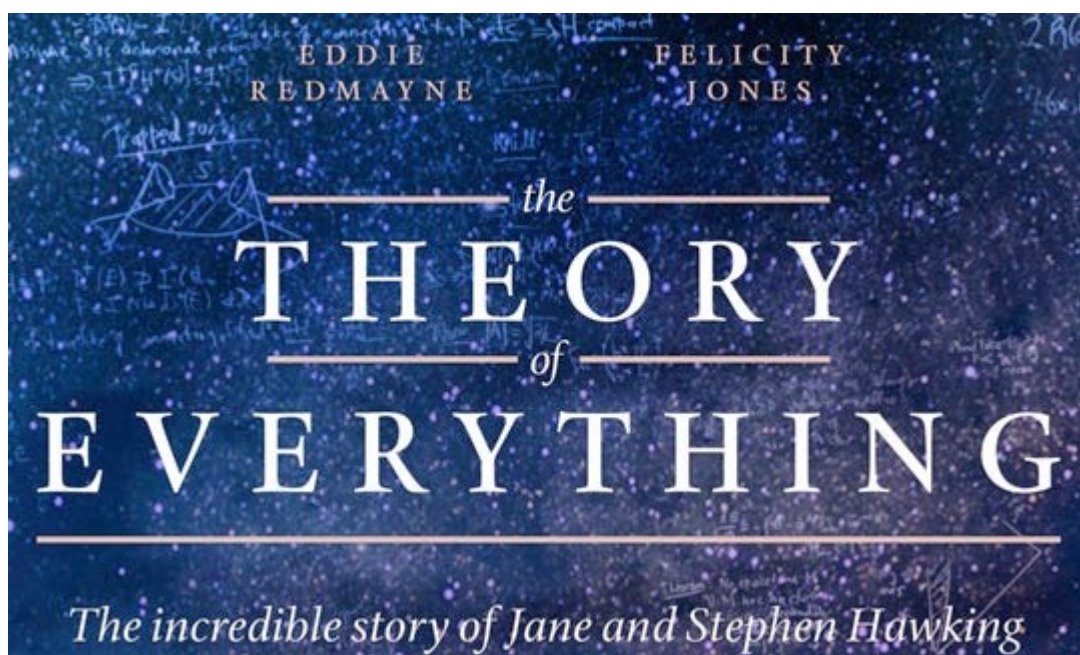
**3. Just relax:** Trying to plan a big family get together can be very stressed, especially if your loved ones haven't been in

the same room with each other for a long time. Instead of giving yourself anxiety, sit back and let things fall into place. When your family arrives for the holidays, watch television together, have a dance-off competition in your living room or eat ice cream and stay up all night catching up with each other. Christmas isn't about how much money and time you spend getting everything ready – it's about family and being thankful for what you have.

What are some other ways to bring a family together for the holidays? Comment below.

---

## Family is Everything in 'Homefront'



By April

Littleton

Directed by Gary Fleder, *Homefront* stars Jason Statham as former DEA agent, Phil Broker. He is widowed father who decides to retire and move to a small town for the sake of his 10-year-old daughter. The film also includes James Franco, Kate Bosworth and Winona Ryder.

### **Should you see it:**

Jason Statham is known for starring in some pretty action-packed thrillers and this film will be no different. So, if you're a fan of the action genre or you're familiar with any of the actors you'll see on the big screen, take a chance on *Homefront* – you won't be disappointed.

### **Who to take:**

Don't be surprised if this movie is the first one on your boyfriend's list of must-sees. If you're flying solo over the Thanksgiving holiday, grabbing a bunch of your friends or family members to see this film won't be too out of the ordinary – just make sure they don't mind the fight scenes.

**Related:** [Jennifer Lawrence is Back in Hunger Games Sequel \*Catching Fire\*](#)

**How do you help a child get over the loss of a parent?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

The loss of a loved one is hard on anyone, especially if that person was a parent to a child. For children, a death is harder to understand and it may become more difficult for them to grieve properly and eventually accept that their mom/dad is gone. Cupid is here to help:

**1. Help them understand:** Whether your daughter/son is old enough to understand or not, the actual death of a parent will



take him/her by surprise. When the time comes, it's important that you take the time to answer any and all questions your child might have. You need to help them understand why and how the loss of their family member happened. Acceptance won't happen over night and you shouldn't expect it to – be patient.

**2. Don't punish:** After the loss of your loved one, your child might act out. The sudden change from good to bad behavior is normal in this situation. He/she is just trying to work out all of their feelings and they don't really know how to react at a time like this, especially if this is the first death in the family. Give your son/daughter some time to try to work out their emotions on their own. If you noticed that nothing has changed for the better after awhile, think about seeing a professional therapist.

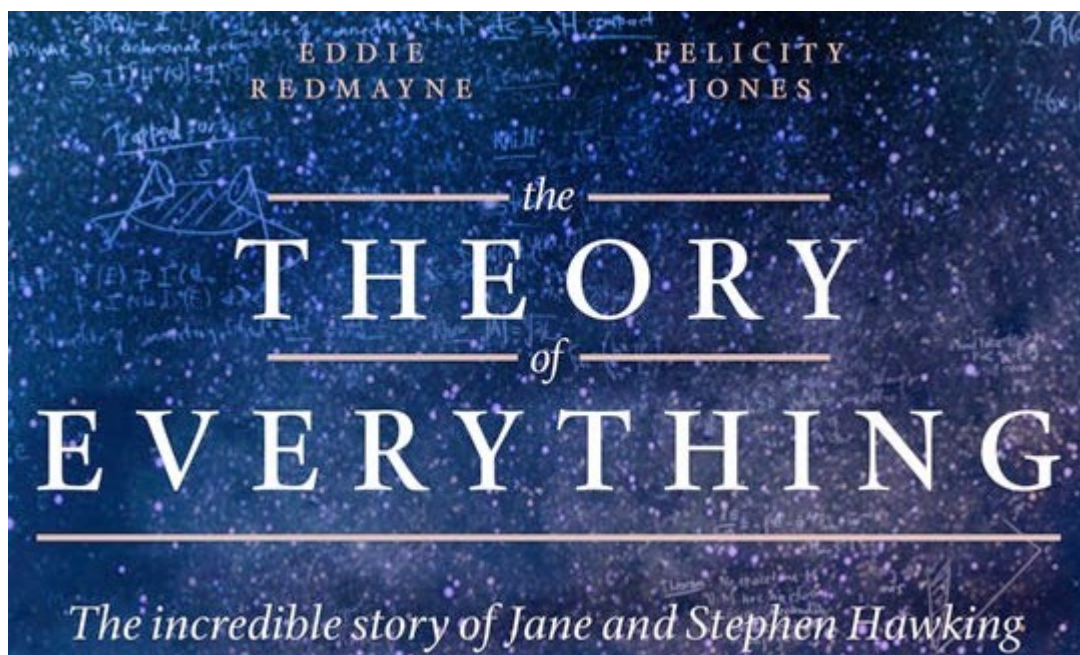
**Related:** [How to Support a Partner Whose Ex Passed Away](#)

**3. Support them:** Your child will need the support from you and the rest of your family now more than anything. All of you will need to be behind each other 100 percent. You can grieve together, help each other accept what's going on and stop each other from doing anything harmful to one another. Being supportive won't just benefit your child, but you as well. Remember, you'll be dealing with the loss just as much as anyone else.

**What are some other ways to help a child get over the loss of a parent? Comment below.**

---

# Jennifer Lawrence Is Back in 'Hunger Games' Sequel 'Catching Fire'



By April

Littleton

The sequel to *The Hunger Games* begins right where the first left off. Katniss Everdeen (played by Jennifer Lawrence) returns home after winning the 74th Annual Hunger Games with Peeta Mellark (played by Josh Hutcherson). After a brief celebration, the pair must once again leave their friends and family in order to embark on a "Victor's Tour." While visiting the other districts and preparing for the 75th Annual Hunger Games, Katniss realizes that a rebellion is slowly creeping its way into her world.

**Should you see it:**

This film will obviously be the first on your list to see if you've already watched its predecessor. *The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* is one of the most highly anticipated movies to be released this month, so you should definitely stop by your favorite movie theater or drive-in and see what all the fuss is about.

### **Who to take:**

*The Hunger Games: Catching Fire* would be great to see with a boyfriend since it's guaranteed that there'll be plenty of action to keep his attention. Plus, who wouldn't want to see Jennifer Lawrence on a big screen for a couple of hours? If you don't have a significant other to take, a few family members or some girlfriends will do the trick as well.

**Related:** [Top 5 Celebrity Couples That Live Across the Pond](#)

**What are some ways to stay connected with loved ones when you're miles apart?**

### **Cupid's Advice:**

Depending on the type of lifestyle you have, it might not be possible for you to see your family and friends on a regular basis. A situation like this can be tough for a person to handle, especially if they're used to spending time with their loved ones often. Thankfully, with the way technology is set up now, we are able to keep in close contact with the people we love. Cupid has some tips:

**1. Call regularly:** Whether it's for an hour or a quick five minutes, call your family and friends just to let them know you're thinking about – especially if you're on the road constantly. If your schedule doesn't really allow you the time for much conversation, send a few text messages. Your loved ones want to stay in the loop with your life and they want to make sure you're OK. Keep them updated, it's the right thing to do.

**2. Video chat:** Technology nowadays makes it possible for almost every individual to see each other face-to-face using a cell phone or laptop. Even if you by chance have neither of these, a portable webcam doesn't cost too much. Besides, seeing your family in real time will be worth the money you spend on the equipment.

**Related:** [How to Locally Sail the High Seas With Your First Mate](#)

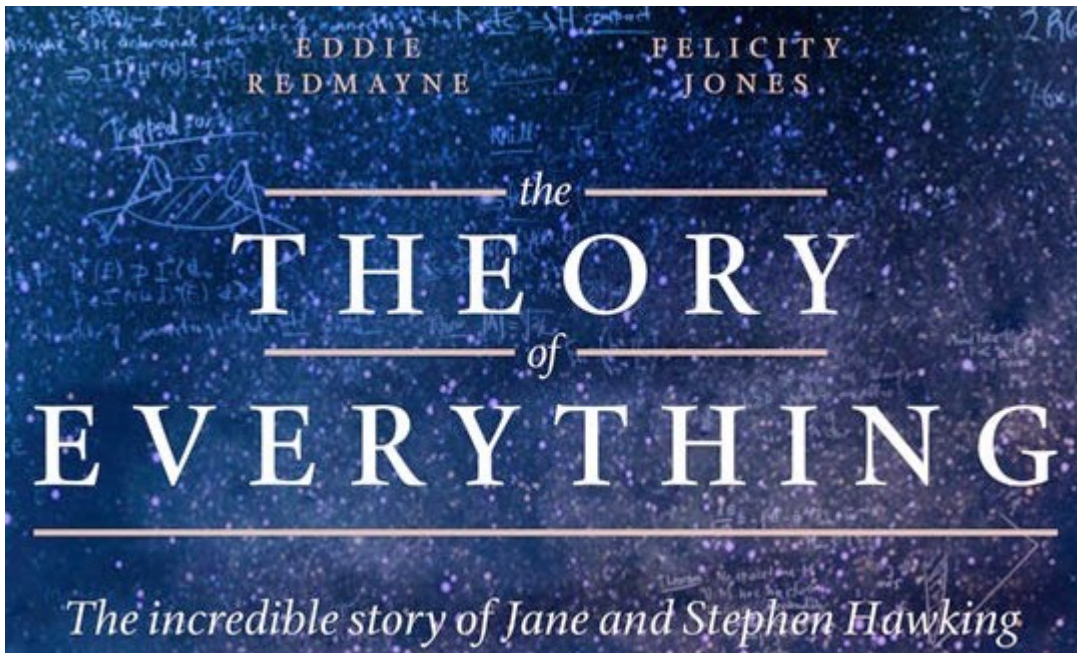
**3. Snail mail:** Sending a letter or postcard is your next best option when all else fails. Mailing off little gifts and/or notes to all of the people you care about is a little more personal than just a standard e-mail. Plus, your loved ones will have something of yours to really hold on to until you get back from your travels.

**What are some other ways to stay connected with loved ones when you're miles apart? Comment below.**

---

## 'Grace Unplugged' Shows the True Meaning of Success





By April

Littleton

*Grace Unplugged* is a moving film about a young woman, Grace Trey (played by AJ Michalka) who aspires to be a pop star. Her relationship with her father, Johnny Trey (played by James Denton), who gave up fame when he became a Christian is tested when he warns her that the glamorous life isn't what it appears to be.

### **Should you see it:**

If you want to see something a little different from the typical rom-com movies, this might be a good choice. *Grace Unplugged* is a faith-based film, so expect to take away a lesson or two when you leave the theater.

### **Who to take:**

This film would be good to see with anyone you're close with. Take your friends, family or girlfriend/boyfriend. If you can't manage to get anyone to tag along with you, you'll be perfectly fine going solo on this one.

**Related:** [Should You Listen When Your Parents Advise You to Break Up?](#)

## What are some ways to fix a strained family relationship?

### Cupid's Advice:

When you're on the outs with someone you care about it seems like everything else around you is falling apart as well. Sometimes, the smallest arguments can lead to even bigger problems, which can leave a once strong relationship in shambles. Cupid is here to help:

**1. Start talking:** The first step toward rebuilding your relationship is communication. You probably haven't talked to your loved one since whatever happened between the two of you. Now is the time to readdress the issue without exploding on each other. The first few conversations will be awkward, but you need to define where the two of you stand with each other and see what you need to do to fix the problem.

**2. Think positive:** Think about some of the things you appreciate about your family member. Keep those traits and good qualities in mind when you're in the middle of a disagreement. Remind yourself of all the times he/she has been there for you. The two of you might be going through a rough patch right now, but the love is still there.

**Related:** ['Things Never Said' is a Journey of Self-Discovery](#)

**3. Agree to disagree:** If you can't seem to settle the issue without fighting, just agree to disagree. Not every problem will have a clear resolution, especially if you can't see eye-to-eye on the topic. Don't let something silly ruin the relationship permanently. Move on from whatever is causing you so much trouble and start fresh.

**What are some other ways to fix a strained family relationship? Comment below.**