### 'One Day' featuring Jim Sturgess and Anne Hathaway





Dexter and Emma (Jim Sturgess and Anne Hathaway) are two college-friends who sleep together on the night of their college graduation, and then they go their own ways while still remaining friends. Dexter goes into the entertainment business and Emma becomes a teacher. The film shows the two of them each year on the anniversary of their college graduation to see where the two are in their lives. Sometimes they're apart, and other times, they're together. An original idea for a romantic movie, "One Day" captures the power friendship has in a person's life.

Is it possible to remain just friends after it crosses the line once?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Yes it is possible, but it at times be difficult to keep it a platonic friendship. Cupid has a few suggestions:

- 1. Boundaries: It's important that you and your friend keep your distance and don't have your friendship turn into something more if you're not ready.
- 2. Talk to your lover: Your partner shouldn't feel threatened by a friendship, you just have to reassure them you are just friends.
- **3. Mutuality:** You and your friend need to stay on the same page on the status of your friendship, meaning if feelings blossom, they need to know so you two can act accordingly.

Release Date: Aug. 19

### 'The Change-Up' Starring Ryan Reynolds and Jason Bateman





Family man Mitch (Jason Bateman) and his best friend Dave (Ryan Reynolds), a swinger with minimal responsibilities, head out for a typical night of drinking. When they wake up the next morning, instead of having a hangover, their lives became magically switched. After experiencing each other's day-to-day routines, they both work to find a way to switch back to their normal lives, attempting to cause as little damage as possible. The Change-Up should have its funny moments, if you enjoyed movies such as The Hangover, Shanghai Knights and Wedding Crashers. Expect a fair share of crude moments, causing a date night to be either successful or awkward, depending on your tastes.

Is it okay to be jealous of your single friends?

Cupid's Advice:

Ideally the answer would be "no", but sometimes on bad days, it's easy to lapse into jealousy. Cupid has some positive suggestions:

- 1. Count your blessings: Take a page from the Christmas movie, It's a Wonderful Life. Try to recall all of the little blessings you take for granted and how your life would be different without them.
- 2. Hypothetically speaking: Take some time to really think about your alternative life if were were to trade places with your friends. Although it's easier to look at the pros, ask yourself about the cons and possible consequences that come with being single again.
- **3. Love stories:** If all else fails, try to vividly remember how you and your partner met and fell in love then ask yourself if that's really worth trading in for a life of debauchery.

Release Date: 08/05

Cupid's Kiss Rating: 3 out of 5 kisses

## Crazy Stupid Love featuring Steve Carell, Julianna Moore, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone





Cal Weaver (Steve Carell) and his wife Emily (Julianna Moore) live a great life together — that is until she admits she had an affair and wants a divorce. Now Mr. Weaver is off to play the single world with some help as he plays wingman to Jacob Palmer (Ryan Gosling), a handsome player. Sure the makeover is helping Weaver play the field, but one thing that didn't change is his love for Emily.

#### What are the best ways to handle a break-up?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Everyone responds differently when a relationship ends, but there are somethings to consider. Cupid's got some answers.

1. Patience is a virtue: Although there's no scientific method to determine the "mourning period," rushing into another relationship can be a quick fix, but in the end is more damaging.

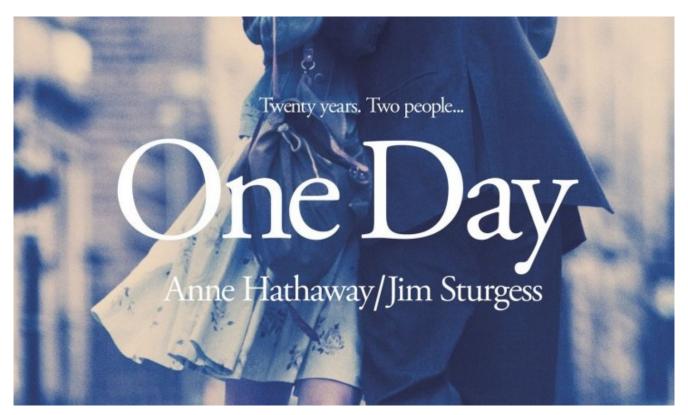
- 2. Soul-searching: Take the "mourning period" to focus on yourself; evaluate your past relationship and find out what you've learned and what you can do differently when you are once again ready to date.
- **3. Closure is crucial:** Whether it's getting your favorite shirt back or keeping distance for a long time, it's important to close the door on your relationship. Nobody wants to date someone else while they are thinking of a past lover.

Release Date: July 29

Cupid's Rating: 4.5/5

### New Movie Review: How to Cheat





By Ashley DelBello

What drives someone to cheat? Director and writer Amber Sealey sets out to explore this question in her independent and somewhat provocative film, *How To Cheat*, which was shown throughout June at the Los Angeles Film Festival. Typically, when we think of cheating we think of it happening after a night of drinking or unexpectedly, but what happens when a person actually sets out to cheat?

Meet Mark (Kent Osborne), an unhappy husband in his thirties, stuck in a marriage where he and his wife Beth (Amber Sealey) are trying to get pregnant, but are repeatedly unsuccessful. Mark feels like something is missing from his life and that his best years are behind him so he decides to try online dating while still married. Through these quick snippets of dates, we learn that Mark can't lie about being married. Naturally, the majority of the women he meets have an adverse reaction to it. All, but one, Cue Louise (Amanda Street,) a free spirit with a drinking problem, who is also searching for something to fill a void in her life. She can tell almost immediately that Mark has someone at home, but still continues

with the date. As you can probably guess they end up sleeping with each other and a series of atypical events unfold.

As a single woman, I assume it's a fear that every woman has once they enter into a committed relationship — will my boyfriend/husband become bored and cheat? I know it's a fear of mine. However, I also have the opposite thought. Will I get bored and think about cheating? Does that make me a bad person because I have these thoughts? I don't think I would go through with it, but I am human. I've made mistakes too.

I spoke with Sealey about her film and she believes that cheating doesn't always happen out of the blue. Sometimes the individual does make a conscious decision to cheat. However, her film doesn't set out to portray Mark and Louise as bad people. "I wanted to look at the characters with the least amount of judgment and not lay the blame on any one of them," she said. Sealey explained that Mark's character is essentially a good guy who has always done the right thing. He doesn't necessarily want to hurt his wife, but he feels that being "the good guy" hasn't really gotten him anywhere.

Since Sealey takes such an objective stance toward each of the characters, the film is a very raw and real portrayal of what marriage and relationships look like today. This is made even more true by the fact that she didn't script out the entire movie. She only wrote an outline of it and guided the actors in the direction she wanted the film to go during production. When I spoke with Street about how she was able to get into her character of Louise, the "other woman," given that there was no script or lines for her to follow. She said, "It was really important for me to find what part of me could connect to this dynamic and try to bring the humanity there." While cheating or entering into relationship with someone who is

married may not be something that one normally contemplates, How to Cheat does an excellent job in pointing out that relationships can be scary and that we as humans are very complex individuals.

For more information and updates on where *How To Cheat* will be played next, check out its Facebook page or www.howtocheatfilm.com.

### Larry Crowne featuring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts





Larry Crowne (Tom Hanks) did what most people to do when

trying to improve their lives from the ground-up ... he went to college. Crowne was laid off from his big-box company, a job he had since he left the military. Now with bills to pay and lots of free time, he decides to enroll in classes at his local community college. While there, he befriends a group of scooter-riding outcasts who, like Crowne, are trying to better their positions in life. Meanwhile, he falls for his public speaking teacher, Mercedes Tainot (Julia Roberts), who has lost her passion for her marriage, career and everything else. Larry Crowne helps show the life of students in community college and the rising population of non-traditional college students. Plus, it shows that when someone's lost everything, he or she may just find a new purpose.

#### What are ways to help a crush grow?

#### Cupid's Advice:

"Crush" is a playful word, however it does have some risks if that crush were to grow ito something serious. Cupid has some ways to help it bud safely:

- 1. Start in the 'friend's zone': Become friends, and see if there are any sparks from there. Build a solid foundation of trust and companionship at the base level.
- 2. Know your space: When you like someone, be aware that that person may not like you back, so pressing too much will cause he or she to back away. Keep some distance, at least initially.
- 3. Patience is a virtue: When trying to 'make your move,' it's all about the timing. Make sure there's no other relationship

you're intruding on and be aware it could take a lot of time before you can even be a potential lover.

Release Date: July 1

Cupid's Rating: 4.5/5

## The Art of Getting By featuring Freddie Highmore and Emma Roberts





Freddie Highmore and Emma Roberts star together as two teenage

students in <u>The Art of Getting By</u>. George (played by Highmore) is a slacking yet gifted artist who falls in love with his new friend Sally (Roberts), a popular yet complicated girl. George has never done a day of work in high school, even though he's now made it to senior year. Sally recognizes him as a kindred spirit and reaches out to form a deep friendship. The Sundance film premiered under the title *Homework*.

## What are ways to express to someone that you love them? Cupid's Advice:

Love can make you do things you wouldn't normally do as a way to express your feelings. Cupid has some tips:

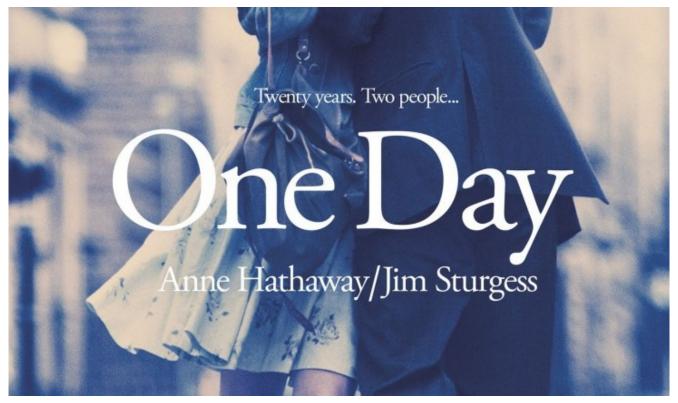
- 1. Surprise!: Even if it's just as simple as bringing your lover lunch while he or she is at work, a nice surprise is a great way to show affection toward someone you admire.
- 2. Out of the ordinary: If you're in a relationship, try to do something spontaneous for your partner, such as cooking dinner or taking him or her to a favorite restaurant. It may even be something as simple as letting him hold the remote control.
- **3. A work of art:** If you're artistically inclined, write a song or poem. Perhaps even paint them a portrait showing your love for them.

Release Date: June 17

Cupid's Rating: 2.5/5

## Love Wedding Marriage featuring Mandy Moore, Kellan Lutz and Jessica Szohr





A marriage counselor, Ava (Mandy Moore) is thrown for a loop when her parents decide to get a divorce in *Love, Wedding, Marriage*, which hits theatres June 3rd. Ava, who has recently married Charlie (Kellan Lutz), is now questioning everything for which her marriage stands. To counter that feeling, she decides to get her parents back together by moving her father in with her and her new husband, much to Charlie's dismay.

Through laughs and tears, this family finds a way to make it work despite all the emotional struggles they're going through.

### What are the benefits of marriage counseling? Cupid's Advice:

Marriage counseling does not guarantee a lack of divorce, but there are definitely benefits to the process even if it doesn't work:

- 1. Communication: The main thing that counseling does is provide a place to air all of your grievances. You can tell your partner all of the things you've been holding in. That way, everything you need to work on is on the table ready to be tackled.
- 2. Solutions: Whether the solution ends up being a divorce or getting back together, a decision is definitely necessary when you're at odds with your spouse. Marriage counseling provides a neutral place to decide.
- **3. Last shot:** Marriage counseling comes before a split so that if there's any chance whatsoever that you may be able to work out your issues, you can do it. It's the last stop shop before making the decision to call it quits.

Have you had experience with marriage counseling? Share your experience below.

## Bridesmaids featuring Kristen Wig and Maya Rudolph





She's broke, she's single and now she's the maid of honor. Annie (Kristen Wig) is set to be the maid of honor for her best friend Lillian (Maya Rudolph), and she's backed up by a rag-tag team of bridesmaids. Annie has to find a way to surpass her life situation to prove to Lillian and the other bridesmaids how far you'll go for a best friend. Critics are saying this is *The Hangover* fused with a chick flick.

#### What are the duties of a maid of honor?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It seems hectic leading up to the big day, but here are the three most important jobs if you're chosen to be the maid of honor:

1. Go-to-girl: From helping to pick out the venue to deciding on invitation design, you have a bigger say in planning out the little details ... maybe even more than the groom-to-be! Choose wisely.

- 2. The maid's speech: At the reception, you're going to have to give a big, heartfelt speech. A tip: avoid drinking too much alcohol prior to the address.
- **3. Party, party, yeah:** Of course, you'll have to plan and host the bridal shower and bachelorette party. Try to keep it lighthearted and fun, whether that means bowling and beer or a night of Vegas-style debauchery.

Release date: May 13

Cupid's Rating: 4/5

Have any good maid of honor stories of your own? Leave a comment below.

# Something Borrowed with Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin, John Krasinski and Colin Egglesfield





Rachel (Ginnifer Goodwin) is a smart, talented and driven attorney at a top law firm in New York. She spends most of her free time with her best friend Darcy (Kate Hudson), who is a bride-to-be ... to-be married to Rachel's longtime crush from law school, that is. Friendships are tested when a series of unexpected events lead Rachel to sleep with Darcy's fiance (Colin Egglesfield) after celebrating her 30th birthday. Rachel sucks her good friend Ethan (John Krasinski) into the mess, and the three of them try to clean things up while Darcy finds something old, something new, Something Borrowed and something blue.

### What should you do if you find out your friend is being cheated on?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Knowing that a close friend of yours is being played by their partner is a tough situation. Figuring out what part you play in the messy situation can be difficult, so Cupid thought of some steps you can take:

- 1. Talk: It's always smart to talk to the cheater before anything else. Make sure you're right about what's going on, and try to figure out what he or she plans on doing about it. If there's no plan to stop, give him or her the option of telling your friend. If not, tell your friend yourself.
- 2. Hint: A safe approach you can take is telling your friend ... without actually telling him or her. Make subtle comments about how their partner has been "working late a lot lately," and point out how it doesn't make sense with his or her scheduale. This way you can help your friend without actually starting problems with the cheater.
- **3. Tell:** If the cheating doesn't stop and your friend still isn't getting the hint, just be up front. Don't stall! The longer the affair lasts, the more hurt your friend is going to be.

Release date: May 6, 2011

Cupid's rating 4/5

## 'Water for Elephants' featuring Reese Witherspoon and Rob Pattinson





Following the death of his parents, Jacob Jankowski (Robert Pattinson), a student who is almost finished with his veterinarian degree, jumps on the train that is home to Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. Before he knows it, he's in charge of the caring for the circus menagerie. While at his "salvation and living hell," Jankowski meets Marlena (Reese Witherspoon), who is married to August (Christoph Waltz), described as the charismatic yet demented animal trainer who is unable to train a special elephant, Rosie. Water for Elephants has the elements of popular love stories such as *The* Notebook and Moulin Rogue, while set in a time period where

love is something available to very few.

#### How far should you go in the name of love?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's tough to know if you've gone too far for love. Cupid has a few things to keep in check when you're in pursuit:

- 1. Patience is a virtue: Although most love movies that depict a love triangle show them ending happily, in real life that's hardly the case. If things are truly supposed to be, then you'll have to wait for the opportune moment.
- 2. Don't quit your day job: There's a fine line between love and obsession, and dropping everything you have for true love is pushing that divide. It's one thing to make sacrifices for love and another to abandon your life.
- 3. Blood runs thicker than water: When in doubt, talk to family or close friends. Even though they can't make your decision for you, they can definitely help give you insight for your decision.

Release date: 4/22

Cupid's Rating: 4/5

## 'Bad Teacher' with Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake and Jason Segel





After being dumped by her sugar daddy, outspoken junior high teacher (Cameron Diaz) starts making drastic attempts to woo a studly colleague (Justin Timberlake). The Bad Teacher's approach to getting his attention takes an unexpected turn as she slowly starts to get better at her job, and the decision causes her to be up against a highly respected co-worker.

#### Is it healthy to be in a relationship with a colleague?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Every school has that cute teacher couple, but it's not always as easy as they make it seem. If you're thinking about dating a colleague, Cupid has some things to consider:

1. Little privacy: When you're dating someone you work with, there's sure to be gossiping around the office. Not only do your co-workers constantly see the two of you during the day, but you or your partner are sure to tell someone about your Friday night. If you really want the relationship to work,

look into transferring. Otherwise, you're sure to be the hot topic at the water cooler talk for a long time.

- 2. Pressure: If you think there's pressure at work now, working with your significant other could do a number to your stress level that no deadline could. From wanting to look nice to being better at your job, you'll find yourself focusing more on impressing your mate than getting any work done.
- 3. Awkward: Even though we avoid it all all costs sometimes, you have to look to the future. What if you break up? Having to see each other every day could be painful and awkward. If your partner is really worth the risk, it won't kill you to figure out a more healthy working situation.

Release date: April 4th, 2011

Cupid's rating 4/5

## Beastly featuring Vanessa Hudgens, Alex Pettyfer and Mary-Kate Olsen





Beastly, a modern day depiction of Beatuy and the Beast, tells the tale of Kyle Kingson (Alex Pettyfer), the ideal handsome high school student who has anything he could ever want. His only downfall is his love for picking on those inferior to him. Things take a turn for the worse after Kyle ditches a goth girl (Mary-Kate Olsen), who casts a spell and transforms Kyle into a hideous creature. The spell can only be broken if he can find someone who's able to love him for his inner qualities. Kyle's father (Peter Krause) isn't one who can do this, sending Kyle off to live in Brooklyn where he vows to protect a local addict if he lets his beautiful daughter (Vanessa Hudgens) live with Kyle. Over the course of the film, this couple forms a deep relationship unlike anything Kyle had in high school.

#### How important is physical attraction in a relationship?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Sure, good looks draw attention, but how far does that really

go? Cupid has a few things to consider and other important traits to look for when finding a long-term mate:

- 1. Old age: As gruesome as it sounds, everyone gets old, and looks will fade in time. Dating based entirely on physical attraction probably isn't the best idea.
- 2. Carrying conversations: Probably the best long-term commitment is one where you and your partner are able to sit down and talk for hours about anything ranging from current events to your deepest feelings. Once looks are gone, the only thing left is your ability to communicate.
- **3. Moral character**: You may get along with someone on the surface, but if you're not on the same page morally, your relationship may be doomed. The longer you're in a relationship, the more moral character plays an important part.

Release date: March 18, 2011

Cupid's rating: 3/5

## Hall Pass with Owen Wilson, Jason Sudeikis, Jenna Fischer and Christina Applegate





Two married men (Owen Wilson and Jason Sudeikis) are given free week passes by their wives to do whatever their hearts desire with other women. The dream come true quickly turns into a nightmare when their wives (Jenna Fischer and Christina Applegate) start abiding by the rules of the *Hall Pass* as well. It doesn't take them long to discover that this agreement was more imperfect than ingenious as they realize that their marriages are put to the ultimate test.

Is it ever healthy to practice an open marriage?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Having consent to see other people while you're married doesn't neccecarily mean there aren't going to be any problems. Cupid had some things to consider:

1. Jealousy: Whether they admit it or not, some people get jealous in a relationship when their partner is even so much as talking to the opposite sex, let alone sleeping with them.

If you and your mate are considering having an open agreement, make absolutely sure that your consent isn't

halfhearted or the jealously won't eat at you (and your marriage).

- 2. Attatchment: When you spend time with someone that makes you happy, there's a good chance you'll want to keep them around. Therefore, if you or your partner are having an affair with someone refreshing and new, you may just find yourself too attatched to say goodbye. In fact, you might have to say farewell to your marriage instead.
- **3. Children:** Even if you and your partner don't have kids of your own, you probably have younger siblings, neices or nephews closely watching your choices. Being intimate with someone other than your spouse might confuse those looking to you for a role model.

Release date: 25 February 2011

Cupid's rating 3.5/5

# Just Go With It featuring Adam Sandler, Jennifer Aniston and Brooklyn Decker





Plastic surgeon playboy Danny (Adam Sandler) attracts women in a rather unique fashion — by pretending he's stuck in a bad marriage in order to ease tension and give them a false sense of trust. Then the unthinkable happens. Danny meets a woman (Brooklyn Decker) he actually sees a legitimate future with, and gets caught in his "bad marriage" routine. To try to repair the damage, he comes up with an off-the-wall plan and asks his loyal office manager (Jennifer Anniston) to play the role of his future divorcee. Eventually, even her two kids to get involved in his growing lie. Just Go With It comically begs the question: how far should you go to win someone's heart?

How far should you go to make a relationship work?

#### Cupid's Advice:

People do crazy things in the name of love, but there has to be some boundaries. Cupid has some thoughts on what yours should be:

- 1. Be honest: As easy as it is to create an alter-ego like Danny did in *Just Go With It*, when you're going for a real relationship, it won't work. Stay true to who you really are, and let things play out from there.
- 2. Respect boundaries: If you're really interested in someone, you're going to have to play by the rules. If he or she is already seeing someone, you'll have to be patient. Settle for being in the background until the time is right.
- 3. Simple gestures make a difference: When you're wooing someone, chances are he or she will remember you for your simple romantic gestures, such as opening the door or pulling out the chair. It's those little quirks in your personality that make all the difference.

Release date: February 11, 2011

Cupid's Kiss Rating: 3 out of 5

## Waiting for Forever with Rachel Bilson and Tom Surridge





Childhood friends Emma Twist (Rachel Bilson, New York I Love You) and Will Donner (Tom Surridge, Like Minds) may have drifted apart as they grew up, but they always kept a special place for each other in their hearts. When Emma returns to her hometown to be by her ailing father's side, she reunites with Will once again. Confused and distressed about her failing career and rocky love life, can Will remind Emma that what they had growing up was more than best friend material? Waiting for Forever tells the unique love story of two best friends separated by life and brought back together for a second chance.

### When is it okay to go from being just friends to something more?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Taking your friendship status to the next level is often tricky and can lead to sticky situations. After all, it can be hard to go back to being just friends after dating doesn't work out:

- 1. It's mutual: Sometimes feelings between friends can go unreciprocated. Make sure that you both want to take your relationship to the next level and that it's not just onesided.
- 2. The timing is right: First he was in a relationship and you were single, then you had a boyfriend when he got dumped. If you two finally find yourselves in a situation where you are no longer obligated to be just friends, move right on ahead.
- **3. Ease into it:** One day the two of you are spending Sundays watching old movies, and the next thing you know he's taking you out to dinner on Friday night. When you don't realize you're in a relationship, that's when it's the most right.

Release date: February 4, 2011

Cupid's Kiss Rating: 4 out of 5 kisses

## No Strings Attached featuring Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher





Emma (Natalie Portman) and Adam (Ashton Kutcher) have been close friends for as long as they can remember. One morning they make the mistake of a lifetime; they sleep together. In an effort to keep their friendship intact, Emma proposes something that Adam would be a fool to refuse — a relationship with no strings attached. They can do whatever they want with whomever they want with no consequences whatsoever. It sounds great, right? Only one small problem: what happens if one of them actually falls in love? Filled with a cast who are hard not to love, No Strings Attached brings humor to one of life's most often debated questions. Can a friendship survive a relationship?

#### Should you date your best friend?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It can be really tough to decide whether to take a friendship to the next level, because there's a lot that can be lost.

Cupid has a few tips on how to decide:

- 1. Attraction levels: In order to actually date someone, you need to be physically attracted to him or her. Although this is one of the shallower things to base the decision on, there's no point in risking your friendship unless you're sure there's more than a platonic spark there.
- 2. Matching morals and values: It's easier to be friends with differing values than it is to be partners where that's the case. If you plan on taking the next step with a close friend, make sure you talk about those basic things you never really thought about discussing before.
- 3. Future goals: Don't risk the friendship for a relationship if you don't both plan on being serious about the outcome. It's simply not worth it to put yourselves out there for a casual fling. Make sure you're on the same page about that.

Release Date: January 21, 2011

## Vince Vaughn & Kevin James in 'The Dilemma'





From Academy Award winning director Ron Howard comes a tale of friendship in the January release of The Dilemma. This particular friendship, a bromance between Ronny (Vince Vaughn, Wedding Crashers) and Nick (Kevin James, Hitched) is stretched to the limit when Ronny catches Nick's wife, Geneva (Winona Ryder, Black Swan) with another man. Should Ronny tell his BFF the truth of his wife's indiscretions, or keep his lips sealed and wait for Geneva to come clean on her own? Packed with a star-studded cast, The Dilemma promises to bring bros closer than ever before in this year's winter romcom.

#### Should you keep secrets from those you love?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It may be easier said than done when it comes to obeying the age-old rule that "honesty is the best policy," but nine times out of ten, it may be best to forge ahead and be upfront with

the one you love:

- 1. Switch roles: Ask yourself how it would feel if your positions were switched. If you would want the truth no matter what, then your loved one deserves the same treatment. It may be hard to get the words out, but you'll feel better once you do.
- 2. Avoid piling on the lies: Little white lies can come back to haunt you. One untruth can turn into another, which can then turn into an even bigger lie. Instead of trying to continuously cover your tracks, come clean from the beginning.
- 3. Look at the big picture: If you picture yourself with your partner for a long time, you owe it to him to keep secrets from ruining your relationship. A little fib isn't worth destroying your happiness.

Release Date: January 14, 2011

### Little Fockers with Ben Stiller, Teri Polo, Robert DeNiro and more...





Greg Focker (Ben Stiller) was fortunate enough to meet his soul mate (Teri Polo), fall in love and get married. He is living the dream, but there's just one problem — his fatherin-law. Retired CIA Agent, Jack Byrnes (Robert DeNiro) makes Greg's life extremely difficult throughout the first two films before finally accepting him as a son-in law. Now, in the third installment of the hilarious Fockers trilogy, with a birthday bash for Greg and Pam's twins right around the corner, Jack must accept Greg as the man of the house. Will the inevitable accusations, fabrications and confusion finally get the best of Greg, or will his love for his wife and his Little Fockers shine through and prove his worth as the family's next "Godfocker?"

#### How can you deal with difficult in-laws?

#### Cupid's Advice:

There is constant tension between Greg Focker and his father-in-law. But even though it knocks him down, he gets back up

and overcomes it for love. If you find yourself in the same position, Cupid has some advice:

- 1. Set boundaries: Making the rules of the house is between you and your spouse. It's not between you, your spouse and their parents. Work as a team with your special someone to set limits and then communicate those to your in-laws. They don't have to agree, but make sure they understand.
- 2. Communicate directly: If something is bothering you about your in-laws, don't communicate with them via a third party. Don't ever get involve your spouse or kids. Go directly to the source, and they might even respect you for it.
- 3. Always be kind: Above all else, be kind and respectful. Even if it's extremely difficult, keep your friendly face on. When you really have nothing pleasant to say, hold your breath and smile.

Release date: December 22nd, 2010

## How Do You Know? featuring Reese Witherspoon and Owen Wilson





How do you know when you're in love? That's exactly the question new movie How Do You Know? is asking. Filled with an A-list cast, Reese Witherspoon, Owen Wilson and Paul Rudd promise to bring laughs and smiles to this romantic comedy. When Lisa Jorgenson (Witherspoon, Four Christmases) begins dating Manny (Wilson, Marley and Me) she seems to hit a wall when presented with the opportunity to further their relationship. Bring in George (Rudd, The Hangover), a former flame of Lisa's, and the three of them make for a little love triangle. Written and directed by James L. Brooks, How Do You Know? leaves Cupid wondering:

How do you know when you're in love?

### Cupid's Advice:

It's touch to know when lust turns to love. Here are a few tell-tale signs:

1. You aren't pretending: When you're not afraid to be yourself and can talk to him about anything, that means that

you really share a connection with this person.

- 2. He appears perfect to you: You can deal with his flaws. So what if he picks steak out of his teeth with his knife at dinner? That just shows you that he's comfortable around you.
- **3. You see your mutual future:** Suddenly you're thinking about things that you never thought about before. You're concerned where life is going to take you and if he's going to be a part of it. Suddenly, it's not just yourself in your future plans.

Release date: December 17

# Love and Other Drugs Movie Trailer with Jake Gyllenhaal & Anne Hathaway





Based on the novel "Hard Sell: The Evolution of a Viagra Salesman" by Cupid's guest author this week, Jamie Reidy, Love and Other Drugs brings former Brokeback Mountain co-stars Jake Gyllenhaal and Anne Hathaway back together again on the big screen. When Jamie (Gyllenhaal), a charming pharmaceutical drug rep meets Maggie (Hathaway), a seductive free-spirit, the two can't seem to shake each other. Soon they find themselves bitten by the love bug ... a bite so deep that no prescription can cure it.

How can you handle dating someone who is emotionally unattached?

### Cupid's Advice:

Being in a relationship with none of the emotional attachments that comes along with it may seem like a good idea, but it definitely poses some challenges. Here's how to deal:

1. Have a game plan: If you decide to involve yourself in a

situation where it's all action and no talk, discuss the terms and conditions first. Meeting expectations is easier when you're both on the same page.

- 2. Take small steps: Chances are that your partner is emotionally unavailable for a reason. Try to be patient, and content with the small steps that they may be making towards a more emotionally stable relationship.
- **3. Know when to call it quits:** If one of you starts wanting more from the relationship than the other can handle, it could be time to say goodbye. If you don't want the same things, there may be no other solution.

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### Morning Glory with Rachel McAdams





From the screenwriter of *The Devil Wears Prada* comes this November's Morning Glory, which is sure to be a hit. Packed with a star-studded cast, TV hotshot Becky (Rachel McAdams) plays a role we can all relate to at some point in our lives. Struggling with her career and her love life, nothing can ever go as planned. And when one area of her life is up, the other is down. Finally, Becky lands the role of a daily morning show producer, and she gives it her all to bring the last place show up front. She manages to grab a legendary, now-retired TV host, Mike (Harrison Ford), who doesn't seem to want anything to do with the morning show or his co-anchor, Colleen (Diane Keaton). With Becky's drive and determination, will she manage to get the show (and her love life) back on track?

How can you incorporate more personal time with your beau when faced with a demanding career?

### Cupid's Advice:

Trying to figure out that perfect balance between love and work can be frustrating. If you spend too much time with one, the other gets annoyed. Although both prospects are vital, it's equally important to set some rules and boundaries for maintaining a healthy relationship:

- 1. Make rules: If you're able to leave work at the office early, do it. Make it clear that when you're home for the night, your partner has your undivided attention. Work is work, and home is home.
- 2. Compromise: If you have a job that requires extra work outside of the office, set time limits for when that work can be done. Tell yourself that you'll devote an allotted amount of time to work, and then the rest of the time is yours to do as you please.
- 3. Hold the phone: Make a rule about taking work calls at home; when it's acceptable to take them and when it's not. Nobody enjoys a work call during dinner and much less during foreplay!

Release Date: November 10

## Due Date Starring Robert Downey Jr. & Zach Galifianakis





When Peter Highman (Robert Downey Jr.) finds himself on the no-fly list at the airport, he turns to other means of transportation in order to get back home in time for the birth of his child. In the new fall comedy *Due Date*, out November 5, 2010, Peter partners up with Ethan Tremblay (Zack Galifianaskis) for the road trip of their lives. What should be a harmless cross-country trip turns into a maze of obstacles for the two strangers to overcome. Will it all end in disaster? What seems to be a modern-day take on the late eighties classic *Planes*, *Trains and Automobiles*, *Due Date* reminds us that a bromance can be just as heartwarming as any traditional romance.

In a committed relationship, how can you make sure you don't ignore friendships?

### Cupid's Advice:

It can be difficult, especially in a new relationship, to make time for friends. But in order to maintain social equilibrium, it's important to cut out some quality time that is meant for you and your friends.

- 1. Time off: You may not realize how much you miss your friends until you're with them again. Setting aside specific blocks of time to reconnect with your pals is crucial to maintaining not only a friendship with them, but also a solid relationship with your partner. If you're dating someone who purposely makes it hard for you to spend time with your friends, perhaps it's time to reevaluate your relationship.
- 2. Schedule it: Everyone is busy, and sometimes it can be difficult to set aside time. Coming up with set times or dates, or making a pact to always get together for specific occasions (such as birthdays) will allow you to have something to get excited about. Even with all of today's technology outlets, nothing beats spending time together face-to-face.
- **3. Get a hobby:** If you and your friends have a common interest, you may be able to find time to pursue it together. Having some downtime from your partner will strengthen your friendships as well as your romantic relationship.

Release Date: November 5, 2010

### Emma Stone in Easy A





In high school, where everyone knows everyone else's business, <code>Easy A</code> takes an inside look at the ongoing wheels of the rumor mill in a California high school. Loosely inspired by the novel The Scarlett Letter, protagonist Olive's (Emma Stone) reputation goes from respectable girl to down-right floozy — in a matter of a week. What started out as good intentions by accepting gift cards as payment for boosting another student's reputation around school soon throws Olive's life and reputation into question. As one rumor turns into another and that rumor turns into yet another rumor, Olive risks losing her best friend (Alyson Michalka) and secret crush (Penn Badgley). To set the record straight, Olive decides to go online and tell the world her side of the story, in hopes of redeeming her image and righting her wrongs.

What's the best way to redeem your image in the eyes of the one you love?

### Cupid's Advice:

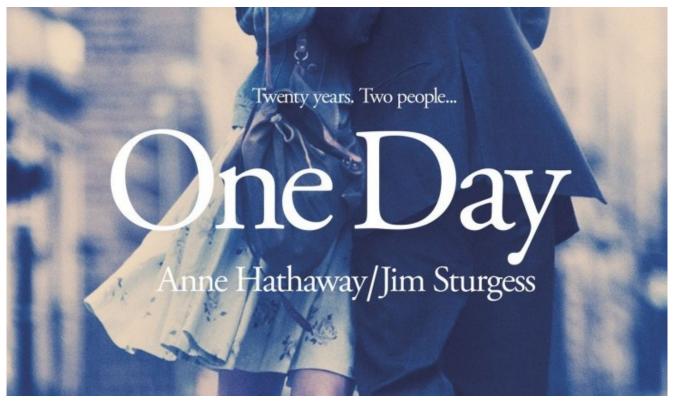
Chances are that something will come up between you and your beau during your relationship that will require an apology.

You may even need to redeem yourself a little. If you handle the situation with grace and poise, you'll save yourself some major time and embarrassment:

- 1. Come clean: Even if it comes to something that your partner probably doesn't want to hear, lying will always come around to get you in the end. It's best to be completely open and honest after making a mistake in your relationship. Admit that what you did was wrong, and prove that you have integrity by owning up to it.
- 2. Do it in privacy: Make sure that when you're attempting to redeem yourself, you do it in a private place. If the subject comes up in a public area, carefully maneuver the conversation into seclusion. By keeping your intimate conversation away from prying ears, your partner will realize the importance of the discussion and will be more apt to take you seriously.
- 3. Keep a cool head: If you're in a situation where you feel the need to save face, chances are that your partner is pretty angry with you at the moment. During your discussion, your mate may lose his temper. Try to stay reasonable, because the worst thing you can do is dish him anger in return. If you need to, take a break and come back to the conversation when you're both level-headed again.

## 'Life As We Know It' Starring Katherine Heigl & Josh Duhamel





For a story about romance cropping up in the most unexpected places (with often hilarious results), check out the new comedy Life As We Know It. In the film, two single adults are forced to raise a baby together after their mutual friends die in an accident and leave their daughter in their friends' care. The situation is complicated even more by the fact that Holly (Katherine Heigl) and Eric (Josh Duhamel) don't exactly get along. But for the sake of Sophie, their new baby girl, they must learn to live together. In the end, after going through all the challenges that new parents face together, their relationship goes from outright hostility to mutual

respect ... and eventually, maybe even love.

How can having a baby bring you together as a couple?

### Cupid's Advice:

Raising a child is the hardest job in the world, and children often change relationships forever. Cupid has some insight on what to expect after bringing home a baby, and how to make sure the bond between you and your partner stays strong:

- 1. Take a break: The chaos that a new baby brings leaves little time to focus on your partner (or yourself, for that matter). Make sure to take a night off once in awhile to destress. It'll also help you realize that you couldn't do it without your mate.
- 2. Learn new things: Becoming a parent can bring out a whole new side of a person. You might learn that your partner is more caring and responsible than you'd ever imagined. Don't forget to tell him how much you appreciate his new soft side.
- 3. Grow stronger: Raising a child presents so many new challenges to a couple that it can't help but strengthen a relationship. Every time you feel so tired and stressed out that you want to give up, remember that you are in this together.

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