

Dating Advice: Movies to Get You In the Mood for Valentine's Day



By [Katie Gray](#)

Cupid strikes! Now that it is officially February, we are in the month of love. That means that Valentine's Day is just around the corner. Bring on all of the chocolate and champagne! While we make plans with our significant others, families and friends, [celebrity couples](#) are doing the same. There's no better way to get into the Valentine's Day spirit, than by watching your favorite [celebrity relationship](#) and love stories on screen. In preparation for Valentine's Day, fall in love with these films!

In this [dating advice](#), Cupid has compiled six movies to get you in the mood for Valentine's Day:

1. *Valentine's Day*: The title says it all! The 2010 box office hit film, *Valentine's Day*, revolves around a group of people as they deal with their love struggles and strengths on Valentine's Day. This commercially successful movie was directed by legendary romantic-comedy filmmaker, Garry Marshall. The ensemble cast included: [Jessica Alba](#), [Bradley Cooper](#), [Jessica Biel](#), Patrick Dempsey, Julia Roberts, Jamie Foxx, [Jennifer Garner](#), George Lopez, Emma Roberts, and many more. [Taylor Swift](#) even made her film debut and her song "Today Was A Fairytale" is in it!

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2. *Pretty Woman*: It's always a good time to watch the 1990 hit romantic-comedy, *Pretty Woman*. However; it's especially essential to view it during the Valentine's Day season. The film stars Julia Roberts and Richard Gere, and is directed by Garry Marshall. It depicts a love story between a Hollywood hooker, Vivian, and Edward, a wealthy businessman. She is hired to be his escort for several social outings, and they end up having a deep connection and develop a loving relationship.

3. *Dirty Dancing*: Now I've had the time of my life! *Dirty Dancing*, is one of the most successful films of all time. In 2009 it had grossed over \$214 million dollars worldwide. The romantic dance drama, stars Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. It takes place in the summer of 1963 at a resort in the Catskill Mountains, and follows the stories of the guests and employees.

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4. *When Harry Met Sally*: The 1987 romantic comedy, *When Harry Met Sally*, has become a cultural hit. The film stars Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal. It's about the path of the main characters, Harry and Sally, on their adventure to New York City. The film became wildly popular and is full of humor, perfect for Valentine's Day vibes.

5. *Breakfast At Tiffany's*: What better film to watch for Valentine's Day, than the classic film, *Breakfast At Tiffany's*? It won two Academy Awards and has been critically acclaimed. Audrey Hepburn, Tiffany & Co, and New York, is all you need to feel the love. This 1961 film, is based on the book by Truman Capote.

6. *Sleepless in Seattle*: Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan dazzle in the romantic comedy, *Sleepless in Seattle*. This 1993 romantic movie, has garnered critical and commercial success, grossing over \$220 million. This touching and heartfelt movie will have you feeling lots of love. Most importantly, it provides viewers with hope that true love is out there and soulmates are real. It gives the perfect vibes for Valentine's Day.

What are your favorite movies to get you in the mood for Valentine's Day? Comment below!

Find Your Balance On Date Night With Stand Up Paddle Boarding In New York



By [Cortney Moore](#)

Remember how Orlando Bloom made [celebrity news](#) earlier this month while paddle boarding nude? We bet you do! Aside from Bloom's outrageous antics, you might have noticed an increasing number of celebrities on vacation standing on boards and having paddles at hand. What is this sport that has celebrities like [Jennifer Aniston](#), Cameron Diaz and Julia Roberts so ready to jump in the water? Well, [stand up paddle boarding](#), also known as SUP, is a leisurely way to get in a good workout while also seeing the sights, making it a great option for [date night](#)! Avoid getting love handles while you're falling in love. SUP works out your core, legs, back, shoulders, arms and neck by exercising your endurance, strength and balance. In fact, you can burn anywhere from 500 to 1,000 calories in one hour! Challenge your sweetheart to a race, or do yoga at sunset. The possibilities are surprisingly endless when you're on a paddle board.

Stand up paddle boarding is a date night activity that can get you fit. Check out some of the best places in NYC to begin your paddle boarding experience!

1. Manhattan Kayak + SUP: Zero experience is needed at Manhattan Kayak. It's a complete paddle sports center located in the heart of NYC. With beginner, intermediate and advanced classes taught over 40 times a week, you'll definitely find time to paddle out to the city sights. This location also offers paddle tours to iconic NYC destinations, day or night, and instructional classes for speed demons and cross fit/yoga lovers.

2. A-Team Paddleboarding: Offering group and private lessons at Rockaway beach in Queens, students are taught by a Rivera Paddlesurf team rider and other certified paddle board instructors. This location provides classes for those just learning how to paddle board, and those who are more experienced and want to learn how to paddle surf or race. SUP yoga and Pilates are also fitness options that are available. There's even a limited number of TRUCK-A-FLOAT sustainable living pods open to those who wish to stay overnight, ideal for a memorable date night. Book these in advance because they go quick!

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3. New York Kayak Co.: With a beautiful view of the Statue of Liberty, New York Kayak Co. offers a number of kayak and paddle boarding related options for native New Yorkers. Beginner and intermediate classes are available, along with SUP yoga and tours throughout the day. Students have the

option to learn in groups or private lessons. Club memberships offer special perks such as storage, rentals, discounts and exclusive access to facilities.

4. Rockaway Jet Ski: Home to all of your water sport needs, Rockaway Jet Ski is nestled right in the Jamaica Bay. Here you can try your hand at paddle boarding and other paddle activities, such as yoga and sightseeing tours. After your lessons, you can enjoy food, cocktails and live music at the Thai Rock deck bar and restaurant. Just imagine a romantic date night at sunset with your significant other and the NYC skyline.

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5. Skudin Surf Inc.: The Skudin Surf school has multiple locations throughout New York. However, their SUP branch is located on Long Beach. Here you'll be able to enjoy group, private or semi-private paddle boarding lessons in flat water or the ocean. SUP yoga and other fitness classes are also available. There's even a full moon paddle tour that could be a romantic trip for couples. Package deals and registration for adult surf camp are also an option for avid fans of paddle boarding.

6. Kostal Paddle: All the way in Port Washington and Island Park Long Island, Kostal Paddle is an ideal spot to learn how to paddle board. Surround yourself by the beauty of nature, and take lessons in standard paddle boarding, SUP touring and yoga. Classes are taught in the summer on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, so if you want to learn how to paddle board, then you need to reserve spots soon! Their last lesson for the year will be on September 16.

Have you heard of paddle boarding? Would you give this a try on date night? Share your thoughts in the comments below!

Famous 'Couples' Star in Best Movies for a Rainy Day



By [Katie Gray](#)

The weather is always unpredictable, but how we spend our time during a rainy day doesn't have to be. When it's dreary outside, the best thing to do is stay inside and watch a movie. Watching [celebrity couples](#) on screen with your significant other is the perfect bonding experience. Plus, a movie date is classic! Many of these storylines involve love, celebrity engagements and celebrity babies. You'll be happy you have your love by your side during these films. Watch [celebrity relationships](#) in movies unfold, snuggled up with

your partner!

Cupid has compiled the 10 best couple movies for a rainy day:

1. ***The Proposal***: This 2009 romantic comedy starring [Ryan Reynolds](#) and Sandra Bullock will have you laughing and feeling the love. It shows us that sometimes we fall in love with someone who we least expect. The plot revolves around Margaret, a powerful publishing executive, and her assistant Andrew. In order to continue working in the United States as a Canadian, Margaret convinces Andrew to marry her, and in return he would get a promotion. We meet his family and get to see this story unfold. Bonus: Betty White plays the Grandma! Hilarious!

2. ***Juno***: Diablo Cody outdid herself when she wrote this masterpiece film. She even won the Academy Award for Best Screenplay for it! The film stars Ellen Page, Michael Cera, Jennifer Garner, Jason Bateman, Allison Janney and J. K. Simmons. It's a film you can watch as a couple and/or as a family. The comedy-drama is set in Minnesota and revolves around a teenager who finds herself pregnant and is giving the baby to a couple who can't get pregnant through adoption. It's fresh, funny and heartfelt. The film was so popular it earned over \$231 million dollars, when the budget was only a little over \$6 million. In fact, [Jennifer Garner](#) loved the script so much, she took on the role even though her salary alone is usually way over what the entire budget was for this production.

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3. ***The Wedding Singer***: Who doesn't love Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore? This 1998 rom-com, is about a wedding singer in the 80's in New Jersey and a waitress at the reception hall he

performs in. He sings catchy songs like, 'You Spin Me Round' and 'Love Stinks.' They form a friendship, although they're both in different relationships. However; it shows us that sometimes being friends first leads to the best relationships. This is one wedding singer you don't want to miss perform!

4. *Couples Retreat*: Why not watch *Couples Retreat* as a couple? This movie is a 2009 American romantic comedy starring Jon Favreau, Vince Vaughn, Jason Bateman, Faizon Love, Kristin Davis, Kristen Bell, Malin Akerman, Kali Hawk and Jean Reno. It was written by two of its stars, Favreau and Vaughn. This movie will make you laugh out loud, and maybe even teach you some tips for your own relationship.

5. *Walk The Line*: Fall into this burning ring of fire! This film is based on the true story of Johnny Cash and June Carter – country music royalty. It's a beautiful love story, and it is full of love songs. The movie stars [Reese Witherspoon](#) and Joaquin Phoenix, who have so much chemistry on screen! In fact, Witherspoon even won an Oscar for her portrayal of June. This film shows us that sometimes we go through ups and downs with our soulmate, but that doesn't mean we won't end up with them. What is meant to be, will be!

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6. *Breakfast At Tiffany's*: Indulge in this classic film with your partner on a rainy day. Audrey Hepburn is forever a Hollywood icon, and this film is one of her most famous roles. Set in New York City, this love story will keep your eyes glued to the screen. The best packages come in little blue boxes from Tiffany & Co., and the best things in life are the relationships we have with people.

7. *The Spectacular Now*: Based on the novel of the same name written by Tim Tharp, this film is spectacular. It stars Miles Teller and Shailene Woodley. It tells the story of two high school students who typically wouldn't be a match, but end up

making a pretty pair. The main character Sutter is a fun, party boy, who avoids the future, and Aimee a shy, nerdy, introvert who tends to be a pushover. They end up learning a lot from one another. Sometimes the best relationships are when we can teach our partner different things.

8. *Runaway Bride*: Julia Roberts and Richard Gere shine in this romantic comedy. Celebrity weddings, engagements and babies are always fun topics. In this film, it makes for great storylines. It's a cute love story full of small town characters that will entertain you. It is also very realistic and truly makes you feel real emotions. Bond with this movie and characters, while bonding with your own partner!

9. *How To Lose A Guy In 10 Days*: Despite the title, this film is actually a heartfelt love story that packs the humor! It stars [Kate Hudson](#) and [Matthew McConaughey](#), and they make a pretty pair. It's a funny flick that tells the tale of two people who think they are both playing the other. However; games played in love are put to the test in this film!

10. *The Wedding Planner*: [Jennifer Lopez](#) plays a wedding planner who takes care of everyone, but herself. She makes everyone's big day extra special, but her own love life is nonexistent – until one day it changes. Fall in love with the woman who helps everyone else in love.

What are some of your favorite movies to watch as a couple? Comment below!

Relationship Advice: 10

Actresses To Look To For Guidance



[By Katie Gray](#)

Lights. Camera. Action. There are so many talented actresses in Hollywood who represent strong, beautiful, classy, hard-working, empowering females. They not only play strong female leads on screen, but they are strong females who lead in the real world by their actions. These women are great role models whom we can seek [relationship advice](#) from in our love lives, as well as in our careers.

Need relationship advice? Cupid has

compiled the 10 actresses to seek guidance from:

1. [Jennifer Lawrence](#): This leading lady in Hollywood has accomplished so much. The Oscar winner is all about empowering women and creating wage equality between genders. She even wrote a wage inequality essay that all women can relate to! The *JOY* star has also maintained the right amount of publicity when it comes to her intimate [celebrity relationships](#). She doesn't hide anything, but doesn't publicize everything either. There was also a revealing leaked photo incident, which she handled like the class act that she is!

2. [Kate Hudson](#): This beauty has made films we all love, and so has her mother, Goldie Hawn. The release of her new book *Pretty Happy: Healthy Ways To Love Your Body* also encourages women to embrace themselves. She's a great mentor for health and fitness, and she even has a line of athletic gear called Fabletics.

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3. [Mila Kunis](#): *That 70's Show* never gets old! This actress is happily married to fellow actor, Ashton Kutcher. The married pair has a beautiful daughter together who they dote on. We can learn a lot about their [celebrity relationship](#) by watching their dedication to parenting!

4. [Jennifer Garner](#): This television and film star has had many hits. Do *Alias* and *13 Going On 30* bring back any memories? Although she's going through a divorce from Ben Affleck, she shows us how to maintain maturity even after you're separated and not a famous couple anymore. Jennifer really just lives for her children, and it's something we can all strive for!

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5. **[Reese Witherspoon](#)**: As America's Sweetheart, Reese Witherspoon can play literally any role. Whether she's singing as June Carter in *Walk The Line*, being a lawyer on *Legally Blonde* or an innocent Catholic student in *Cruel Intentions*, she brings her heart and soul to her work and the role she is playing. She has two children with her ex-husband Ryan Phillippe, and remarried in 2011 to Jim Toth (talent agent and co-head of motion picture talent at Creative Artists Agency where Witherspoon is a client.) The pair have a son together, Tennessee James, who was born in 2012. She's the perfect example of having a career and making love the second time around work.

6. **[Jennifer Aniston](#)**: Jennifer Aniston will forever have a place in Hollywood. She won the world's hearts for her portrayal of Rachel Green on the hit series *Friends*. She is also one of the highest paid actresses in the industry, and in 2012, she received a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. Her marriage and subsequent [celebrity divorce](#) from Brad Pitt, had everyone talking for years. Now, she is happily married to Justin Theroux as of 2015. She's a great example of having a career first and then finding love when you're mature and ready. It's never too late and honestly, she is still young!

7. **Julia Roberts**: Julia Roberts will go down in Hollywood history as one of the best actresses of all time. The Academy Award and Golden Globe winner, broke out with the romantic comedy *Pretty Woman*. She also played another iconic female lead, Erin Brockovich. She was married for a couple years to Lyle Lovett in the 90's, but she has been happily married to Daniel Moder since 2002. They have three children together. Roberts is also the aunt to actress, Emma Roberts, who is inspiring to young girls. It runs in the family!

8. **[Angelina Jolie](#)**: The proud mother of six and wife to Brad Pitt, Angelina Jolie proves that having a good heart will always prevail. She has adopted multiple children and has had biological children as well with husband Brad Pitt. She is

also known for her humanitarian work, women's rights efforts and spreading positive messages about inner beauty.

9. [Gwyneth Paltrow](#): Actress Gwyneth Paltrow is the proud mom of two children and is very into healthy eating. She's divorced from Chris Martin, the front man of the hit band, Coldplay. The pair are a great example on how to stay cordial and friendly with one another after separating, for the sake of their children. They still have a good friendship.

10. [Tori Spelling](#): Donna Martin graduates! The daughter of legendary television icon, Aaron Spelling, is Tori Spelling who has inherited her father's work ethic. Outside of her career as an actress and author, she shows us that family is the most important thing. She has four children with her husband Dean McDermott. She puts her efforts into parenting and her marriage, this is her first priority!

Who are your favorite actresses to look to for guidance? Share with us below!

Celebrity Photo Gallery: 15 Stars Who Are Surprisingly Related





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Oliver and Kate Hudson

It's easy to see the family resemblance between the 'Almost Famous' actress and celebrity mom Goldie Hawn, but did you

know her older brother Oliver is also an actor? Most recently, he appeared in 'Nashville' and 'Scream Queens.' Photo: Girlie/FAMEFLYNET PICTURES

Secret Celebrity Weddings





Justin Theroux and Jennifer Aniston

After a three-year engagement, this celebrity couple finally tied the knot in a secret celebrity wedding at their Bel Air home. They surprised their famous friends -- like Lisa Kudrow and Ellen DeGeneres -- by claiming it was a birthday party for Theroux. Photo: Emiley Schweich / PR Photos

Top 10 Unlikely Hollywood Couples

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by Molly Jacob

Ever look back on past [relationships and love](#) and wonder, “What was I thinking?” Don’t worry, celebs do that, too. While classic Hollywood couples like Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie just seem meant to be, there have been many mismatched celebrity couples that stand out in the Hollywood dating scene.

See what 10 unlikely Hollywood couples made our list!

1. Joel Madden and Nicole Richie

He’s the tattooed rocker from the band Good Charlotte, she’s infamously childhood best friends with *The Simple Life* costar Paris Hilton. This celebrity couple seems like an unlikely match, but the pair got hitched in 2010 and have two kids.

2. Sam Taylor-Johnson and Aaron Taylor-Johnson

Avengers: The Age of Ultron star Aaron Taylor-Johnson is only

23 but his wife of three years, Sam Taylor-Johnson, is 46. This celebrity couple doesn't care about this huge age gap, though. He was only 19 when they started dating, but as for the age gap, he told *The Times*, "I never noticed it when we fell in love with each other. And I don't notice it now...We just instinctively gel."

3. Mary-Kate Olsen and Olivier Sarkozy

Besides just the obvious difference in height (Olsen barely exceeds 5 feet while Sarkozy towers over her at 6'3"), there is also an 18-year age gap between the celeb love birds. This secretive Hollywood couple became engaged over a year ago.

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4. Marilyn Manson and Evan Rachel Wood

One look at this couple may make you think, "How on Earth did those two date?" This mismatched couple dated in 2007, and they were briefly engaged before splitting up in 2010. Wood, who is 19 years younger than Manson, told *People* that she was attracted to Manson's use of heavy black eyeliner.

5. Ryan Reynolds and Alanis Morissette

Think Ryan Reynolds and you probably think about a pretty boy who gets all the ladies. It's hard to imagine the *Deadpool* star dating soulful and infamously angry singer Alanis Morissette, but they were a big couple in 2002 and even got engaged in 2004. Morissette admitted that her album, *Flavors of Entanglement*, was all about their messy break-up.

6. Josh Groban and Kat Dennings

When the incredibly talented singer, Josh Groban, and "foulmouthed" Kat Dennings started making public appearances as a couple, most people were wondering what these two celebs had in common. Apparently, they get along well, even if Dennings isn't a huge fan of musicals. The Hollywood couple

was spotted at the Tonys last week looking madly in love.

7. Chris Martin and Jennifer Lawrence

Martin and Lawrence seemed to be an unlikely pair when the Hollywood couple got together after Martin's highly publicized split from Gwyneth Paltrow. The pair had a 13-year age gap, and they seemed to run in different Hollywood social groups. While they split last fall after only a few months together, there are bits of celebrity gossip floating around about the two getting back together and moving in together.

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8. Tom Cruise and Cher

Before Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes were taking over Hollywood, apparently the *Mission Impossible* star and Cher were an item in the '80s. Cher has been quoted as saying that Tom is on the list of her top best 5 lovers.

9. Sarah Silverman and Michael Sheen

What happens when a profane comedienne and a British actor who studied at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Art get together? We're finding out as more news about Silverman's and Sheen's relationship appears in celeb magazines! This celebrity couple has been together for over a year and seems to be going strong.

10. Julia Roberts and Daniel Moder

Julia Roberts is one of Hollywood's royalty for sure, so many expected her to marry another famous movie star or celeb. But Roberts, after a string of highly publicized break-ups, got married to cameraman Daniel Moder in 2002. This unlikely duo is still together after nearly 13 years.

What other weird or unusual Hollywood couples didn't make our list? Let us know in the comments section below!

Celebrity Couples: Did She Really Date Him?





Brody Jenner and Avril Lavigne

This surprising pair started dating in 2009 after the singer filed for divorce from her first husband, Sum 41 singer Deryck Whibley. They split after nearly two years together but have remained friends. Jenner even wished Lavigne the best of luck in her most recent marriage to Chad Kroeger. Photo: Andrew Evans / PR Photos.

Celebrity Baby News: 10 Famous Couples Who Had Twins





By [Whitney Johnson](#)

Nobody can resist [celebrity baby news](#) – especially when there are two bundles of joy! As if these famous couples aren't busy enough with their lives in the spotlight, they're also juggling twins and everything that comes with them: two bottles, two strollers, two wardrobes, and more. Below, we've pulled together a list of 10 celebrity parents who were doubly blessed in the baby department:

Exciting Celebrity Baby News

1. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: This Hollywood couple welcomed their twins, son Moroccan and daughter Monroe, in April 2011. After an extremely difficult pregnancy, including preeclampsia and gestational diabetes, the diva says she's done having kids.

2. Elsa Pataky and Chris Hemsworth: Already parents to 25-month-old daughter India, the *Thor* star and his leading lady welcomed twin boys, Tristan and Sasha, this past March. The proud mom has been showing off her adorable celebrity family

on Instagram ever since.

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3. [Jennifer Lopez](#) and Marc Anthony: Although this famous couple split in 2011 after seven years together, twins Max and Emme seem to be doing just fine. The cuties celebrated their sixth birthday in February with a trampoline party.

4. Ricky Martin: In 2008, the Puerto Rican singer became a father to twin boys, Matteo and Valentino, born via a surrogate mother. Luckily, his sons have a great role model in their father, who has been honored multiple times for his humanitarian work.

5. Julia Roberts and Danny Moder: The *Pretty Woman* star married her cameraman hubby in 2002, and two years later, the Hollywood couple welcomed twins, daughter Hazel and son Phinnaeus. Since then, their family has grown to five, with the addition of son Henry in 2007.

6. Sarah Jessica Parker and Matthew Broderick: The talented couple's twin daughters, Loretta and Tabitha, were born via surrogate in 2009, seven years after the *Sex and the City* actress gave birth to their first child, son James Wilkie.

This Famous Couple Has Six Kids, And Two of Them Are Twins!

7. [Angelina Jolie](#) and Brad Pitt: This globe-trotting family of eight includes twins Knox and Vivienne, born in July 2008. This celebrity baby news got a lot of attention: The rights for the first images of the babies were sold to *Hello!* for 14 million dollars – the most expensive celebrity photos ever taken.

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8. Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka: The *How I Met Your Mother* actor and his fiancé welcomed twins, son Gideon and daughter Harper, in 2010, born via a surrogate.

9. Rebecca Romijn and Jerry O'Connell: The Hollywood couple became parents to fraternal twin daughters, Dolly and Charlie, in 2008, just over a year after they married. Dolly is named after singer Dolly Parton, and Charlie is named after her dad's brother (a former *Bachelor* star!).

10. Julie Bowen and Scott Philips: The *Modern Family* actress and her husband of a decade are parents to three sons: Oliver, born in 2007, and twins John and Gustav, born in 2009.

Who are your favorite celebrity babies? Tell us in the comments below!

Sabra Ricci Couples Astrology with Food in 'Sexy Star Sign Cooking'





By Whitney Baker

Learning your sweetheart's favorite foods is something that takes a lot of trial and error – and it may even involve throwing your hard work in the trash. However, celebrity chef and acclaimed astrologist Sabra Ricci knows a secret: if you pay attention to your partner's astrology sign, you'll have a better chance of pleasing his or her picky palate. Her newest book, *Sexy Star Sign Cooking*, which was released on January 8, 2013, is the perfect guide if you're hoping to impress your girlfriend or boyfriend and make your next date night unforgettable. As Jenny McCarthy said of the book, "Sabra Ricci's passion for cooking for Hollywood stars and her lifelong fascination with astrology come together."

Ricci took some time out of her busy schedule to share why astrology and cooking go hand in hand as well as her tips for cooking a romantic meal.

Your first book, *Lobster for Leos, Cookies for Capricorns*, told readers how to use star signs to prepare delicious and healthy meals. Why is your new book, *Sexy Star Sign Cooking*, a logical follow-up?

While health is important, everyone is interested in improving his or her love life. So I wanted to provide a fun and entertaining guide to help people find their perfect match.

Can you define “foodstrology” for our readers?

“Foodstrology” is a word I coined for combining food and astrology. Each sign rules different parts of the body, so I created recipes based upon foods that support each part.

How do you determine the “romantic foods” for each sign?

The romantic foods are aphrodisiacs. I chose aphrodisiacs that support each part of the body – brain, heart, immune system, etc. – to put any sign in the mood for love.

Are there any astrological signs that are most compatible when cooking together?

Generically speaking, like attracts like, so all three fire, water, earth, and air signs are compatible with each other. Opposites also attract, but if you really want the magic formula for compatibility, have your chart done by a professional.

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Let’s say a couple is on their second date – what’s the safest bet if the man decides to cook for the woman? Is it important that he know her sign before determining the night’s menu?

We’ve been playing it by ear for most of our lives, sticking with the following formulas: candlelit dinners of steak and champagne, lasagna and wine or some other delicious meal. If he knows her sign beforehand, he will be more assured of cooking what she will love, but it is not crucial.

What about a woman who is hoping her long-term boyfriend proposes? What should she cook for dinner?

They always say the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. So by choosing the right aphrodisiacs for his sign, he will be putty in her hands, and she will soon have a big rock on her ring finger!

What's your all-time favorite meal to cook for your husband?

Ossobuco, a Milanese specialty of cross-cut veal shanks braised with vegetables, white wine and broth.

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Have you ever been a chef for celebrity couples (like Julia Roberts and Danny Moder or Jenny McCarthy and Jim Carrey before they split)? Any fun stories to share?

I've actually worked for both couples several times. They are amazing, and it's always a memorable experience. One occasion that comes to mind was Julia and Danny's third anniversary party with twins in tow and 10 of their best friends for a tropical extravaganza.

And finally, do you have any plans for future books?

Yes, there will be additional books as part of the series. In conjunction with the cookbooks, there will be an exciting announcement too, so stay tuned!

To purchase 'Sexy Star Sign Cooking,' visit Amazon. For more information on Ricci, visit her cookinproductions.com or follow her on Twitter.

Behind-the-Scenes Guys Who Became the Leading Man



By Melissa Caballero

It's very common and predictable when co-stars and celebrities start dating each other. They meet on the set of their new hit films and attend the same award ceremonies. They surround each other on a regular basis so why wouldn't they find another who they are interested in? I mean, who else are they going to meet and date? Then you hear news like the fact that Natalie Portman was engaged and pregnant, and you think, "But with who? How could that be?" Well, it turns out you don't have to be an A-lister to date one.

Here are five of your favorite female celebrities who found love with behind-the-scenes guys:

1. Natalie Portman and Benjamin Millepied: Portman and Millepied met during the filming of the *Black Swan*. Sure enough, Millepied served as choreographer for the film and was blown away by Natalie's talent and grace on the dance floor. Millepied is a principal dancer in the NYC ballet and is now this ballerina's Cavalier.

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2. Jennifer Lopez and Casper Smart: After working together for some time, their professional dancing relationship turned a bit more personal. Lopez and Smart connected only a short time after her split with Marc Anthony, but they seem to be getting along better than ever. It is obvious that there's a lot of love and attraction between the two – and boy does she deserve it!

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3. Julia Roberts and Danny Moder: Roberts met Moder while filming the movie, *The Mexican* in 2001 – he was the cameraman! While he may not have been her leading man in the film, Roberts said after meeting him that she was “born to love and be the wife of this man.” Ten years later, this notion still proves true and they have three beautiful children together.

4. Whitney Port and Tim Rosenman. We first met Whitney on *The Hills*, where she worked side-by-side with Lauren Conrad in the fashion biz, and then we followed her to the Big Apple where she starred in her own reality show, *The City*. Whitney then announced that she was dating *The City*'s Associate Producer, Tim Rosenman. While the show is no longer on the air, it was a still a success for Port's love life.

5. Kandi Burruss and Todd Tucker: We heard of the news that *Real Housewives' of Atlanta* star Kandi Burruss was dating one of the show's cameramen during last year's reunion show, and

it was all thanks to her cast-mate Phaedra Parks for encouraging him to pursue Kandi. I guess Phaedra knew best, because rumor has it that the two have secretly engaged.

What are some other behind-the-scenes guys who found love with an A-list sweetheart? Share your comments below.

Women Who Are the Breadwinners of Their Celebrity Relationship



The ladies of Generation X were some of the first to trade the

domesticity of the housewife for the slacks of Corporate America. Powerful and confident women are sexy, but society hasn't completely caught up with us yet, and it's still uncommon for a female salary to outweigh that of her spouse's. That's where Hollywood comes in with a good message for once, as stunning starlets are throwing off the national average by earning more than their celebrity loves. Below is a list of sexy female celebs empowering themselves through healthy relationships *and* hefty paychecks:

Women's Upper Hand in Celebrity Relationships

1. Gisele Bundchen: Other than her svelte silhouette and pristine profile, Bundchen impresses with a net worth of \$200 million. Her hunky husband Tom Brady is known for his jockey skills on the football field but is only worth \$100 million. While both salaries are envy worthy, Bundchen makes far more than the man she shares her bed with. Regardless, this celebrity relationship is picture perfect, and Brady doesn't look at all emasculated by his wife's high salary.

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2. Jessica Simpson: We've watched Simpson transform from a young singer and clueless newlywed into a confident entrepreneur. With a net income of \$100 million and a shoe line that wracks in over \$500 million annually, she would be hard pressed to find a man wealthier than she. Fortunately, she's has found happiness with ex-NFL player Eric Johnson. Though his salary hasn't been reported, he *is* currently unemployed. Regardless of their paychecks, the two are expecting their first child this year, proving that money is not an issue with this celebrity relationship.

3. Oprah Winfrey: Whether you're an Oprah devotee or totally

impartial, there's no denying this woman grabbed life by the reigns when she began her journalism career in the mid 1970's. Forty years and one huge following later, Winfrey is worth a staggering \$2.7 billion. Longtime partner Stedman Graham may not make as much, but he isn't loafing off of Winfrey's riches either. As CEO of S. Graham and Associates, Stedman has wracked in an impressive \$10 million of his own.

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4. Julia Roberts: Roberts, America's *Pretty Woman*, has a hefty income of \$140 million. Her husband, however, Danny Moder, is a camera man. Though his salary has not been reported, it has long been known that Roberts is the money maker in the Moder home. Regardless, after ten years of being a married celebrity couple and having three children, the two have shown that true love trumps any jealousy over income.

Actress Earns More Than Celebrity Love

5. [Angelina Jolie](#): From dominatrix to domestic diva, Jolie is another star we've had the pleasure of watching grow up in front of our eyes. While her days of drinking blood have passed, she continues to make celebrity news by adopting children, working as a humanitarian and starting foundations to help combat poverty. Somehow, this busy mother and activist also has time to star in movies and grosses nearly \$150 million. Her equally famous and good-hearted soon-to-be husband Brad Pitt makes only a little less than her at an annual salary of \$130 million. These two aren't sitting home comparing paychecks though. Instead, they combine their incomes to help better the world around them.

6. Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi: Outside of partying, tanning and going to the gym, Snooki found her fame by starring on MTV's

Jersey Shore. Though her wild antics have made her somewhat infamous, she wasn't downing tequila shots for nothing. At an annual salary of \$2 million, the tiny beach bum can at least impress with her bank statements. Fiancé Jionni Lavelle chose a more modest lifestyle and is currently studying to become a teacher. While his salary may never match Polizzi's, the two were able to work past the drama of the shore and are currently expecting a baby.

Do you think salaries matter? Do you make more than your man? Comment below.

Top 10 Qualities George Clooney Looks for In a Woman





By Greg Buckskin

Single ladies around the world can now rejoice! George Clooney has officially separated from his latest girlfriend, Elisabetta Canalis.

The couple has called off their relationship, leaving the dating pool wide open for Clooney, one of Hollywood's most attractive men. If you've got your eye on this "sexiest man alive," you're not alone. But do you have what it takes to attract this notorious bachelor? Here are the top 10 qualities he looks for in a woman. See if you measure up!

1. Foreign beauty: If you're from a country outside of the U.S., your odds of landing Clooney have significantly gone up. Celine Balitran (France), Mariella Frostup (Norway) and Canalis (Italy) are just a few of his "foreign affairs."

2. Big name actress: One of the most successful men in Hollywood would surely be attracted to an equally successful actress. And rightfully so, since both understand the demands and stresses that come with the job. Clooney's past women have resumes almost as impressive as his; just take a look at

Julia Roberts, Charlize Theron, Kelly Preston and Renee Zellweger. But don't plan on starring in a movie alongside George to win his affection. It appears he doesn't date his co-stars – at least, not during filming.

3. Piercing eyes: Clooney prefers a few physical features on women, one of them being incredibly piercing eyes. Preston, Roberts, Theron, Lucy Liu and Canalis all share the striking eyes trait.

4. Pouty lips: Going along with physical features, Clooney's also attracted to a pouty lips. Exes Karen Duffy, Roberts, Theron, Zellweger and Canalis have incredibly full lips that they use to their full advantage.

5. Exotic: This actor gravitates toward exotic looking woman. We need to look no further than Huma Abedin, Liu and, of course, Canalis to determine that this is certainly a look that draws George.

6. Astrological sign? Scorpio: Yes, it must be in the "stars" for a relationship with Clooney to work. Three of his ex-girlfriends – Celine Balitran, Roberts and Mariella Frostrup – are Scorpions. He certainly likes a determined, passionate and exciting woman in his life – all famous Scorpio characteristics.

7. Age: No cougars need apply! Clooney tends to date women much younger than himself. Sarah Larson was 18 years his junior, while he had a good 17 years on his latest ex.

8. Not the marrying kind: If you're the kind of person who wants a commitment that ends with a diamond on your finger, go ahead and look elsewhere. This bachelor is notoriously famous for steering clear of husband-territory. In fact, out of all of his exes, Clooney has only married one – Talia Balsam. After their relationship ended, he declared that he would never marry again. So far, no other woman has been able to

convince him otherwise.

9. Attention seeking: When you're with Clooney, all attention is on him. If it's your time to shine, move on to the next man. He's dated some pretty famous names, but when it's time for the red carpet or movie premieres, all eyes, all attention and cameras immediately focus on him.

10. Model-esque looks: And lastly, if you don't have long lean legs, stunning facial features and gorgeous hair, don't waste your time. This man is definitely attracted to model-type women, including Vendella Kiresbom Thomessen, Traylor Howard and Lisa Snowdon.

Do you measure up? If you can count yourself among at least a few of the top 10 qualities Clooney covets, then what are you waiting for? It's time to see if you can catch the most recent eligible man in Hollywood!

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Larry Crowne featuring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts





Larry Crowne (Tom Hanks) did what most people 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 into 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.

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Is Brad Pitt Ruining Your Love Life?





We know how effective media is in shaping our perspective and even our values, including our self-image. We know that being bombarded with images of beautiful men and women molds our vision of attractiveness. As we mature, we know it's fantasy, and that even Hollywood beauties don't look that stunning without professional hair, make-up, wardrobe and lighting.

By now, you've probably seen the Dove video called "Evolution." It shows how an attractive woman morphs into a fabulous knockout through professional hair, make-up, lighting, and yes, even Photoshop.

How do these unrealistic images affect your dating life?

1. They can influence your expectation of a man's looks. Very few men, especially middle-aged men, look anything close to George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Johnny Depp, Colin Firth or Pearce Bronson. While we realize these men personify an unattainable ideal, some small part of many women want – and perhaps expect – their guys to look as yummy.

2. The Photoshopped images of pencil-thin people on magazine covers and in movies exacerbates women's feelings of

inadequacy. Actresses like Cher, Teri Hatcher, Vanessa Williams, Julia Roberts, Helen Mirren, Glenn Close and Ellen Barkin are sparkling in their perfection – with personal trainers, private chefs, and perhaps a bit of nip-tuck. How many real-life middle-aged women do you see looking like that?

Just as women have unrealistic expectations of a man's looks, so, too, men have an idealized expectation that women should look like these air-brushed fantasy females.

So it seems like a lose-lose for both genders.

We think (hope?) that as one matures, people realize that these movie star looks are really just fantasy. But unfortunately, I've found both men and women hold themselves and their potential dates to standards that nearly no one meets in real life.

So what can you do?

1. Play up your own physical attributes: Got beautiful eyes? Don't hide them behind glasses. Get a makeover if you haven't had one in years, or make an appointment with a free personal shopper at a department store to help you dress to look your best.

2. Realize that there are many good people underneath a few bags, sags and extra pounds: While we know that goodness has nothing to do with outer appearances, we sometimes get caught up or put off by what we see. I've gone out with many wonderful men who aren't gorgeous. The thing is, they got more attractive as I got to know their kind hearts, senses of humor and caring natures.

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Julia Roberts In 'Eat, Pray, Love'



Julia Roberts stars in this week's *Eat, Pray, Love* as a modern wife who realizes she's missing something in her life. Deciding that her soul is unfulfilled, she divorces her husband and takes a yearlong, life-altering journey. She first stops in Italy, where she finds ethereal joy in the art of eating. She then goes to India, where she studies with yogis at an ashram, finding strength through prayer, as well as gaining inner tranquility. Finally, she heads to Bali, where she meets her true love.

What can you do to lead a fulfilling life?

Cupid's Advice:

Eat, Pray, Love was adapted from Elizabeth Gilbert's memoir, where she chronicled her own personal choices to change her way of life. Below are some of Cupid's suggestions to help you figure out how to get your life where you want it to:

- 1. Assess your situation:** Categorize every aspect of your life, and summarize each section. When complete, read through it to see if there's room for improvement. With family or friends, figure out ways to work on what's missing.
- 2. Think of yourself:** Most people put others before themselves, leading to unresolved resentments that get tucked away in the subconscious. If you take a few moments each week to reflect on your personal choices, and how they have, or will affect you, you might find positive ways to resolve any conflicts that arise ahead of time.
- 3. Be true to your opinion:** This may sound corny, but if you don't believe in yourself, or if you let others provide your opinion for you, you'll end up miserable. Offer your insight to the conversation and make your voice heard.

Life can be a challenge. What you make from the cards you've been dealt is up to you and the choices you make.

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