

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



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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!

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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.

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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.

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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!

~~**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@cupidspulse.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!



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Source Says Ryan Gosling Is an 'Incredibly Sweet Boyfriend'



By Nic Baird

Ryan Gosling “is an incredibly sweet boyfriend,” according to a source for [People](#). *The Notebook* leading man seems to be just as engrossing off-screen based on these recent testimonials. Another insider said he and girlfriend Eva Mendes “get along so well because she’s not needy or smothering. They just work.” To top it off, the *Gangster Squad* director, Ruben Fleisher, calls Gosling, who stars in the film, “funny and charming.”

What are some important characteristics to look for in a mate?

Cupid's Advice:

For your own sanity of mind you should look for some characteristics above others. You need to evaluate the aspects you idealize in a partner and make those a priority. Though these are some essential examples of what you should focus on:

1. Similar values: It's important to be aware of your partner's priorities. Are they the type who can enjoy a monogamous relationship? Even if you're just casually dating, you should make sure you're both on the same page. At the very least, any relationship should have honesty and trust.

2. Upfront attitude: As you grow closer, it's natural that you'll learn more about your partner's life. Eventually you should have a good idea of how your significant other spends their day. If you're often surprised by your partner's actions, then you should question how much you know. For your own dignity you shouldn't invade your partner's privacy, but if they should not be resistant to communicating, and dispelling your doubts.

3. Demonstrates respect: No matter how you've tailored your relationship dynamic, it should include respect. When you feel your significant other's respect, trust comes more easily. Your partner should treat you well in public, and consider your feelings when acting.

What are some important characteristics you look for in a mate? Share your comments below!

5 of the Sweetest Movie Moments



By Tanni Deb

Whether we admit it or not, we all enjoy a good love story – the ones that make our hearts beat, our pulses race, and the tears flow. We love getting caught up in the magical moments and gushing over romantic scenes. You probably have your own top Sweetest Movie Moments, but join us as we count down some of ours:

5. A Walk to Remember: If you're a hopeless romantic, this movie and its leading characters, Landon Carter (Shane West) and Jamie Sullivan (Mandy Moore), will leave you sobbing at the end. After a dangerous dare goes badly wrong, rebellious Landon is made to do community service, where he seeks help

from bookish and religious Jamie – the girl he eventually learns to love. When he discovers the secret she's been carrying for two years, he plans a date at night to star gaze. He asks her to search for a specific star, and when she questions him about it, he says he had it named after her. The scene is sealed with a kiss.

4. 50 First Dates: When Henry Roth (Adam Sandler) meets Lucy Whitmore (Drew Barrymore) in a café, they decide to meet again the following day. However, when Henry returns, Lucy doesn't have a memory of him, or their previous meeting. When he's told that since the day she got into a car accident she's been unable to retain new information, he devises new ways to meet her every day, hoping that one day she'll remember him and will return his feelings. The sweetest – and most powerful – scene in the film comes when Henry discovers that Lucy has been singing, and she might remember who he is. He runs to the hospital and asks her if she recognizes him. She says "no," but explains that she has been dreaming of him every day. When she leads him into her studio, it is filled with paintings she drew of him! Believing that this is proof of their love, they reunite.

3. You've Got Mail: If you think you can't find love online, then this is the movie to watch. Joe Fox (Tom Hanks) and Kathleen Kelly (Meg Ryan) are business rivals who began writing emails back and forth, without knowing each other's identities. Over time, romantic feelings develop, and Joe later realizes that the person he's been writing to the entire time has been Kathleen. At the end, they decide to meet, and Kathleen is not only shocked, but also excited to know that her cyber friend was him all along. She admits that she was hoping it was him, and the two passionately kiss.

2. The Notebook: This love story is one you'll watch repeatedly with a box of Kleenex next to you. It's the tale of small-town boy, Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling), who falls in love with rich and beautiful Allie Hamilton (Rachel McAdams). Even after Allie is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and fails to recognize her family, or him, he never leaves her side. Instead, he decides to grow old with her in a nursing home and attempts to bring her memories back. Sure, this romantic film has many sweet moments, but perhaps the scene that makes you realize how much he truly loves her is when, many years later, his children ask him to leave the rest home and return home with them. He says, "Look guys, that's my sweetheart in there. I'm not leaving her. This is my home now. Your mother is my home." Quick, pass me one of those Kleenexes.

1. The Wedding Singer: This is another romantic comedy film, once again teaming Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore together, who always manage to create some of the most romantic movie scenes. In this film, Sandler is a wedding singer who falls in love with Barrymore – a waitress. When he discovers that her fiancé is cheating on her and doesn't plan on stopping after marriage, he attempts to pursue her. There are plenty of sweet moments in this movie, but the one that will make your heart melt is at the end, when Sandler sings a song for Barrymore on an airplane. Who wouldn't fall for a man like that?

If one of your favorite sweetest movie moments didn't make it onto our list, let us know in a comment below! In the meantime, make sure to check out the movies mentioned above and let us know what you thought about them.

The 5 Best Steamy Movie Kisses



By Tanni Deb

From the spaghetti dinner kiss between Lady and the Tramp to John and Savannah's passionate liplock in *Dear John*, Hollywood love scenes never fail to make our hearts race. Although there are plenty of romantic movie kisses that are list-worthy, here are our five favorite onscreen smooches ever:

1. *Titanic*: James Cameron made us laugh, cry and fall in love with leading characters Jack (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Rose (Kate Winslet) in his most romantic movie to date. Coming from different classes, Jack, a penniless American who won the tickets in a poker game, and Rose, the uptight daughter of an

English aristocrat, fell in love and sealed their first kiss on the bow of the movie's namesake.

2. *The Notebook*: This love story is another tale of love that knows no boundaries, with country boy Noah (Ryan Gosling) and southern socialite Allie (Rachel McAdams) finding themselves in a heated summer romance. After seven long years of no communication, the two find themselves passionately kissing in the rain. This long awaited kiss, filled with both unrequited love and ashes of a teenage angst, is fit for anyone's teen dream.

3. *Pride and Prejudice*: Although Elizabeth (Keira Knightley) and Mr. Darcy (Matthew Macfadyen) had nothing but distaste for each other when they first met, sparks flew when they fell in love. After taking a stroll at dawn on a field, Mr. Darcy expresses his undying love for Elizabeth. Since the two went from resenting one another to finally holding hands, their kiss at the end of the movie was gladly accepted by the audience, who has come to know this classic Jane Austen movie quite well.

4. *Spider-Man*: Who would have thought that watching a man wearing a spandex hanging upside down in the rain while kissing his heart's desire could be romantic? Since he's a superhero, anything's possible! The smooch between Tobey Maguire's alter ego and Kirsten Dunst's Mary Jane was so amazing that they were awarded the best screen kiss by MTV in 2003.

5. *Breakfast at Tiffany's*: Locking lips in the rain must make for a great kiss, since this is the third smooch on our list that occurred during a shower! When Paul (George Peppard) leaves Holly (Audrey Hepburn) in the car after wondering how and why people fall in love and belong to one another, she runs after him. As rain pours down, their lip lock expresses the love they have for each other – and sort of answers Paul's question! *The Sun* reported that the 1961 film was voted

cinema's best snog in 2004 by a poll of 4,000 movie fans for Valentine's Day.

Which of these movie kisses is your favorite? Share with us in a comment below!

5 Memorable Summer Fling Movies



By Andrew Pryor

It's true that movies take inspiration from real life, but real life can also take inspiration from a good movie. So if you're not looking forward to this summer because you think

the passion's gone away, get inspired by these five movies about summer romance. These tales of fair-weather flings are sure to raise your temperature and make you want to go looking for your own co-star – or create a love scene with the one you already have:

1. Grease: Starting off senior year with some passion-filled “summer lovin,,” there’s no way this movie wasn’t going to top our list. John Travolta is greased lightning in a bottle all throughout this rocking tribute to Rydell High, and his duet with Olivia Newton-John is the perfect ode to all that is loved and lost in the summer months.

2. Dirty Dancing: The movie that launched a thousand dance programs, this sizzling dance-floor drama defined Patrick Swayze’s career through his dynamic moves, along with his chemistry with his dance partner (and future *Dancing With the Stars* contestant and winner), Jennifer Grey. Watch it and be amazed at how much grace and passion is in one summer movie romance.

3. Body Heat: William Hurt is a womanizing lawyer and Kathleen Turner becomes his vice. When they meet, sparks fly and things begin to burn – including their chemistry. A reminder of the all-encompassing – and sometimes dangerous – nature of passion and romance, *Body Heat* depicts what happens when a torrid affair turns into “all is fair in love and war” during a dry and unforgiving summer.

4. How Stella Got Her Groove Back: For every woman who needed a vacation and found so much more, *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* centers around Stella’s (Angela Bassett) summer fling with an exotic islander (Taye Diggs). It’s a reminder to every lady that love can be found in the most unexpected places.

5. The Notebook: This tried-and-true tale of mismatched love between Noah, a lowly country boy with a modest upbringing and

Allie, a girl from the upper-crust of society with the world at her feet, is a movie-interpretation of romance king Nicholas Sparks' bestseller. This 2004 hit proves that happiness with your soul mate trumps sticking to class ranks any day!

Rachel McAdams and Michael Sheen Hit the Red Carpet Together



Expect to see more photos from this celebrity couple. Rachel McAdams, star of *The Notebook*, was seen on the red carpet with

Tron's Michael Sheen Wednesday at the Cannes International Film Festival, according to UsMagazine.com. The two stars of *Midnight in Paris* became a couple last year and were spotted making out at the Toronto Film Festival in September. Despite her broken engagement with Ryan Gosling in 2007, the 32-year-old actress said she hasn't given up on true love yet. "My parents are together and still in love. I'm very blessed that way," she said in *ELLE's* June issue. "I had a great example of love in front of me, and that's probably what makes me such a romantic, because I've seen it firsthand."

What are some appropriate ways to introduce your partner to your co-workers?

Cupid's Advice:

We'd all love to show off our lover on the red carpet, like Sheen and McAdams; however, there are some fairly simple to find an appropriate way to introduce your significant other to co-workers. Cupid has a few examples:

- 1. Let's do lunch:** If you go out to lunch with some coworkers, maybe your partner could meet up with you and join your lunch group. It's a casual and natural way to go about it.
- 2. Spice up the work party:** Not only is bringing along your significant other going to help entertain you at boring work parties, but he or she will be able to meet all of your coworkers that you talk to/complain about.
- 3. Delivery services:** You may have forgotten something from home and your partner might just be able to swing by your office and hand it to you, while saying 'hello' to all of your coworkers.

Know of any other ways to introduce your partner to your coworkers? Leave a comment below.