

# Annette Bening Stars in 'The Face of Love'



By April Littleton

Directed by Arie Posin, *The Face of Love* is about Nikki (played by Annette Bening) who still can't seem to get over the death of her husband. While still mourning the loss of her late spouse, she falls for an art teacher who happens to look exactly like her deceased partner. As Nikki grows increasingly delusional, her new lover Tom (played by Ed Harris) starts on a journey to figure out the mystery behind her loss.

## Should you see it:

Even though this movie falls under the romance genre, *The Face of Love* is sure to be filled with unexpected laughs considering the fact that Robin Williams, Amy Brenneman and Jess Weixler are just a few of the A-lists who will be included in this film.

## Who to take:

*The Face of Love* would be great to see with a group of your closest friends. If your boyfriend/girlfriend doesn't mind a sappy movie here and there, think about taking them along as well.

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**What are some ways to get over the death of a partner?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Losing someone you love is tough. It's natural to feel as though you'll never be able to share your heart with another person again, but eventually you'll have to move on and start to live your life. Nobody will ever take the place of the love you lost, but maybe you can make room for something completely different than what you had. Cupid is here to help:

**1. Take you time:** There's no pressure when it comes to how long it takes for you to grieve and get over your tragic loss. Don't rush the process just because you think that's what your late honey would want. He/she would want you to heal on your own time. Dating should be the last thing on your mind while you get yourself back together. If you're looking for a bit of company, spend more time with your family friends.

**2. Distract yourself:** Instead of letting yourself wallow in sadness, take up some new hobbies to help distract yourself from the pain. Start hiking, take a painting class, join a support group or show some interest in things that you used to before the tragedy happened. Anything you can do to take your mind off of what happened will help you in the long run.

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**3. Remember the good times:** When you find yourself thinking about your late loved one, reminisce on all of the good times instead of the bad. Focusing on the positive of your

relationship rather than the negative will help you with any feelings of guilt or resentment. It'll take some time, but you will get through this.

**How did you get over the death of a partner? Share your experience below.**

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## **'Things Never Said' is a Journey of Self Discovery**



By April Littleton

Directed by Charles Murray, *Things Never Said* is about an aspiring poet who is still haunted by a past miscarriage and a dangerous marriage. Daphne, Kal's best friend is also dealing with romantic issues. Her boyfriend, Steve regularly takes advantage of Daphne's kindness. Kal is soon surprised when she begins to develop feelings for Curtis, a man who has a damaged past and an estranged daughter. Together, Kal starts to find

her voice and her self worth.

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

If you're interested in dramas, think about checking this movie out when it opens in theaters. Fans of the hit television show, *Shameless* will see a familiar face. Shanola Hampton plays one of the lead roles. Michael Beach, Tamala Jones and Omari Hardwick will also appear on the big screen.

### **Who to take:**

If you get bored on a Saturday night and you haven't seen your girls in awhile, think about going on a dinner and movie date with a group of them. This film definitely isn't the best for a first date because of its intense, emotional content, but if you've been in a relationship for quite awhile, go ahead and take your honey to see this movie. The two of you might learn a thing or two.

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### **How do you support a partner whose had a miscarriage?**

After losing a child, it might be difficult to know how to help someone who is in so much pain. How do you show your support, but still allow your partner (and yourself) some space to grieve? Cupid has some advice:

**1. Offer an ear:** Every couple is different, but if your significant other is the type who likes to talk about the situation at hand (whether it be good or bad), then take the time to listen. If they want to talk about the loss of their baby, then let them. Let your partner know you're there for them, but don't force any sudden conversations. Let your companion come to you first and then take the lead from there.

**2. Give them space:** When your honey is ready to spend some time alone, don't push the issue. Instead, pick up some of the

slack around the house. Cook all of the meals, do the laundry and clean up any messes you see laying around. This would also be a good time for you to grieve properly. Go over to a loved one's house. If you don't feel like talking, fine, but just being around someone who cares about what you're going through will make you feel better.

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**3. Say goodbye:** When you and your boo are ready, commemorate your baby's memory. Hold a memorial service or funeral. If preparing for this becomes too difficult, start a journal or write a letter to let out all of your feelings. Acknowledging your loss and providing yourself with some closure will help you come to terms with what happened.

**Have you been through a miscarriage? How did you support your partner? Share your experience below.**

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## **'Austenland': Whimsical World of Fantasy Shows the Beginnings of Love**





By April Littleton

A 30-something-year-old woman's lifelong obsession with Jane Austen leads her to to a theme park based on the writer's stories and there she meets a handsome suitor. Although she is unable to enjoy the same luxury perks as the wealthier bachelorettes who are currently staying at Austenland, she decides to make the most of the trip anyway. During her stay, she falls in love with a servant and all of her dreams begin to come true.

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

Keri Russell, Jane Seymour and Jennifer Coolidge are just a few of the A-list stars who are signed up to play a part in this film. If you're a fan of rom-com movies, *Austenland* will be the perfect flick for you to see before summer ends.

### **Who to take:**

This movie would be great to see with a bunch a friends or if you know someone who is interested in any of Jane Austen's works, they might find *Austenland* interesting as well. It is a romantic film, so taking a date who doesn't mind your choice of genre wouldn't be a bad idea either.

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## How do you know when someone is “The One?”

### Cupid’s Advice:

You might be in love for the first time or you’ve simply just never had strong feelings for anyone before until you met your current partner. Either way, you’re wondering if he/she may be the love of your life. Nowadays, it’s hard to peg out the sincere boyfriends/girlfriends from the illegitimate ones. Don’t worry, Cupid has your back:

**1. Communication:** How well do the two of you communicate with each other? Is your significant other a good listener? If the answer is yes, your partner may be thinking about a long-term [relationship](#). Only those who are really invested in a solid relationship will be attentive, so keep that in mind the next time you start to notice your love dozing off in the middle of your conversation.

**2. Respect:** If your honey really is The One, he/she will treat you like a queen. Does your partner cater to your every want and need? Are you able to fully express your opinions and thoughts? Does your love keep all promises? You should be able to say yes to all of these questions without hesitation. You might have a keeper on your hands, but if you have any doubts about his/her feelings for you, you need to rethink the status of your relationship.

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**3. Family and friends:** What do your family and friends think about your significant other? Good or bad, your loved ones may be able to see things in your boo that you wouldn’t be able to see because of your romantic feelings. If there’s any concern coming from your family or friends, take it into consideration before you make any solid commitments.

**How did you know your partner was “The One?” Comment below.**

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# Lindsay Lohan Shows a Different Side in 'The Canyons'



By April Littleton

Directed by Paul Schrader, *The Canyons* is a story about a young couple trying to work through a past infidelity. Christian (played by James Deen) is a movie producer who works to maintain his trust fund by creating films. When he becomes aware that his actress girlfriend, Tara (played by Lindsay Lohan) is hiding an affair with another actor from him, his life takes a violent turn, filled with twists and unexpected misfortunes.

**Should you see it:**

Lindsay Lohan has been out of the game for awhile. Fans of



hers will more than likely rush to local theaters to see this film. *The Canyons* falls under the mystery and suspense category, so if you like to be kept guessing until the very end of a movie, this would be the one for you.

### **Who to take:**

Unfortunately, this movie is unrated, but rumors have been swirling around about sexually explicit scenes and plenty of nude flashes from *The Parent Trap* actress herself. So, naturally, it's not recommended to take young children to this movie. Would a movie about infidelity make a good date movie? Probably not. If you're still heartbroken over a breakup yourself, take a few of your close friends to see this movie. The destructive love story portrayed in the film might make you feel better about your own situation.

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## **What do you do when your partner has cheated on you?**

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

Knowing that you've been cheated on is probably one of the worst feelings in the world. You end up blaming yourself for your partner's actions and for everything that went wrong in the relationship. You're not sure if you want to forgive your significant other for his/her infidelities, or move on with your life and find someone who would treat you with the upmost respect. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Confront them:** In order for you to make a clear decision about your relationship, you need to confront your partner about their wrongdoings. If you have solid proof, show them. Ask them why they did what they did. Be prepared for whatever answers they may give you. Your love may lie to you or he/she may admit to having cheated on you in the past. In any case, make sure you are mentally ready for the discussion before you go through with it.

**2. Think about it:** It's easy to cause on a scene the instant you find out your boo is cheating. Before you make any mistakes you'll regret, think about what you've just found out. Take a couple of days to let the information sink in before you bring it up. You might even want to share the bad news with some close friends you trust. They might have been through a similar situation and will have plenty of advice for you.

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**3. Let go:** Do you think your relationship is worth saving? Can you see yourself mending a relationship with someone who has cheated? You need to decide if you're willing to forgive or if you want to move on. Trust will always be an issue once infidelity becomes a problem in a relationship. If you can't trust who you love, what kind of future will you have with them?

**Have you had a loved one cheat on you? How did you deal with it? Share your experience below.**

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## **'Girl Most Likely' Shows the Ups and Downs of the Healing Process**





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Kristen Wiig plays Imogen, a failed New York playwright who has lost her self-confidence after a horrible breakup. After a fake suicide attempt performed on stage to try to win back the affections of her former flame, Imogen is forced to live with her estranged mother, Zelda (Annette Bening). Desperate to get back to the glitz and glam she once knew so well, Imogen realizes she must come to terms with her family, including her brother (Christopher Fitzgerald), her mother's new boyfriend (Matt Damon) and a random stranger who just happens to have taken over her room (Darren Criss).

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

Fans of the comedy genre will find plenty of laughs in this film. Lead performances by Kristen Wiig, Matt Damon and Annette Bening will not go unnoticed by the audience either. Once fellow Gleekers realize Darren Criss (who plays Blaine Anderson on *Glee*) has a predominant role in this film, they will fall in love with the star all over again.

### **Who to take:**

This film falls into the PG-13 category for sexual content and language, so it's safe to say that the movie may not be entirely kid-friendly. *Girl Most Likely* would be best to see with a group of friends, some older family members or a

potential love interest. If you already have a significant other, drag them to the movies on your special date night together.

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**How do you regain your confidence after a bad breakup?**

**Cupid’s Advice:**

Enduring a bad breakup can put a big damper on your self-confidence. Dealing with the pain of rejection and heartache can have a negative impact on the way you see yourself. If you let these feelings fester for too long, you’ll never get back to your fabulous self. It’s time to move on from the guilt you feel over your breakup and get your life back. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Stop blaming yourself:** After the end of a relationship, it’s perfectly natural for you to blame yourself for what happened, especially if you were the one who was dumped. However, you need to realize the entire breakup doesn’t just fall on you. Your ex has a part in what happened as well. It takes two people to make a relationship work. The relationship didn’t fail because of one person. Beating yourself up over something you have no control over will only make you feel worse about yourself.

**2. Get a makeover:** You’ve probably let yourself go a little bit while grieving over your former boo. Now it’s time to show them what they’ve been missing! Clean yourself up, buy a whole new wardrobe and put on a brave, new smile. A smile is the most attractive attribute on a person’s body, so give it your best shot. Once you get all dolled up, all eyes will be on you in a positive light and you’ll feel like a million bucks.

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**3. Remind yourself of the good:** Every time you start to feel down, keep in mind all of the positive traits you possess. Are you good at making people laugh? Do your friends say you're the best cook in town? Can people come to you for non-judgemental advice? Remind yourself of all of the great things about you and if it's hard for you to see yourself in such a positive light, your friends and loved ones will be more than happy to help.

**How did you regain your confidence after a breakup? Share your experience below.**

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## 'Grown Ups 2' Stirs Up More Trouble



By April Littleton

The big kids are back in this sequel to the box office hit *Grown Ups*. Lenny (played by Adam Sandler) moves his family

back to his hometown where he grew up. Once he returns home, Lenny, along with his old school friends, are forced to deal with the past they thought they left behind – old and new bullies, party crashers and crazy bus drivers. Surprisingly, the old gang learn a valuable lesson from their own children on a day full of twists and turns – the last day of school.

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

If you love to laugh and watch family-related comedies, this is the movie for you. The all-star comedy cast is back in this film, including the faces of Adam Sandler, David Spade, Kevin James and Chris Rock. Besides, if you already have the first installment stored away somewhere in your DVD collection, why wouldn't you see the sequel?

### **Who to take:**

For a film like this, you should think about taking someone with a good sense of humor. Take a date or tag along with a couple of your best friends for a fun night out. If you know someone who is a fan of *Saturday Night Live*, they'll find some satisfaction in this movie – *SNL* alum Maya Rudolph is a part of the cast.

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### **When is it time to relocate your family?**

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

Moving is never an easy thing to do, especially when it's not just your things you're packing up. Certain circumstances need to be taken into consideration when a family is added into the equation. Do you have children? Does your spouse have a job they can't bare to leave? Is the rest of your family even in agreeance with the move? You may be ready for a drastic change, but you have to put your family first. Cupid has some

advice:

**1. School's out:** If you're going to go through with this move, it's best you wait until after your children are done with the school year. Wait until the summer before you pack up your family and move across town. Moving during a school year can have a negative impact on your child. His/her grades may suffer and they may feel left out around other kids their age. If you give your kid the summer to get used to a new environment, they'll be able to feel everything out and might even make a few friends along the way.

**2. Short on time:** If you're moving because of a change in career, your new job might not give you enough time to get settled in before expecting you to return to work in your business suit. Moving at such a quick haste will disrupt your family's daily routine, but if you've already talked about it with your partner and they support your decision, the move should run fairly smoothly.

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**3. You're feeling cramped:** Sometimes a house just gets too small. Your family may have grown over the past few years and you no longer have any extra space for yourself. If this is your reason for moving, wait until the rest of your family is free of responsibilities. You'll have some extra hands to help you pack up those boxes in the moving van.

**When did you know it was time to relocate? Share your experience below.**

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# 'Between Us' Tests the Boundaries of Old Relationships



By April Littleton

In this comedy drama directed by Dan Mirvish, two couples reunite over two evenings. Grace and Carlo (played by Julia Stiles and Taye Diggs) are newlywed New Yorkers who decide to visit their old friends Sharyl and Joel (played by Melissa George and David Harbour) in their Midwestern home. Behind closed doors, the hosts are in a disastrous marriage, but an unlikely meeting between the couples years later, shows the roles have reversed.

## Should you see it:

If you're a fan of Hollywood actresses like Julia Stiles and Melissa George, then this is the movie for you. Let's not forget to mention the eye candy that comes in the form of Taye Diggs. If you're familiar with David Harbour and some of his previous roles in films such as *W.E.* and *Kinsey*, you won't



be disappointed with his performance in *Between Us*.

### **Who to take:**

This film will be perfect to see with a best friend, family member or spouse. Don't feel left out if you're in the early stages of a new relationship, you and your new boo will be able to relate to some aspects of this movie as well. *Between Us* isn't just your typical "chick flick." Considered a dark comedy, this film is sure to have intense moments and plenty of comedic scenes, so the fellas won't be sitting in the back of the movie theater bored out of their minds.

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### **How do you turn a failing marriage around?**

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

Marriages begin to self-destruct for many reasons – whether it be from lack of trust, intimacy or communication. When your marriage reaches a certain point, it's time for you to decide whether you're going to fight to save the relationship or let it go. If you choose to take the steps toward reconciliation, you have to know where to start first. Cupid has some advice:

**1. No fighting:** When you and your partner have an issue to address, don't resort to verbal abuse. Think about what you say before you say it, no matter how emotional you may be feeling at the time. If you feel yourself reaching your boiling point, take a step back and cool off. Don't let your rash decisions and emotions ruin a relationship you considered perfection not so long ago.

**2. Get to know each other:** Sometimes you have to start all over to get back to the relationship you used to have with someone. You've probably been out of touch with your partner for so long that you don't even remember the little things that make him or her smile. Start from scratch. Let go of all

the bad memories and try to rebuild from the good ones. Talking to each other again – even if it’s just about the basics (like your spouse’s new favorite song) is taking a step in the right direction.

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**3. Be patient:** Don’t assume your marriage will be fixed overnight and don’t give up at the first sign of struggle. It’s going to take some time to gain back the love and trust the two of you once had in each other. When you do finally bounce back, the two of you, as a couple, will be stronger than ever.

**Are you in a marriage that almost didn’t last? How did you turn the failing relationship around? Share your experience below.**

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## Rom-Com ‘Finding Joy’ Is a Journey





By April Littleton

In this film directed by Carlo De Rosa, Kyle Livingston (played by Josh Cooke) is a self-absorbed writer until he gets the chance to rediscover all aspects of his life through the meeting of Joy Bailey (played by Liane Balaban). Joy is a spirited woman who helps Kyle come to terms with himself and guides him on the journey to happiness – all the while asking him to write her obituary.

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

If you're a fan of independent films and seeing fresh faces up on the big screen, this is the movie for you. If you enjoy the work of Nicholas Sparks, Rob Reiner (think *When Harry Met Sally...*) and Cameron Crowe, *Finding Joy* will surely make you gush and maybe even cause you to tear up a bit as well.

### **Who to take:**

You should take someone who appreciates the occasional indie film. This movie is perfect for a night out with a hot date, or can be viewed with a relative as a little afternoon splurge. *Finding Joy* is both romantic and family-oriented, so it can be enjoyed with an array of people.

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## When is it time to change your ways for a new love interest?

### Cupid's Advice:

No one is perfect, but there are times where a person's flaws or behaviors can cause a new relationship to self-destruct. It's even worse when your partner is the type of person who doesn't tell you exactly what they want – they just hope change will eventually come. If that's the case, it's up to you to take responsibility and make some changes for the sake of your new relationship. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Change will help you improve:** It's time to make some changes for yourself as well as for your significant other when you know it will help you become a better partner and become a happier person. Don't be resentful toward your love, especially if you know your bad behaviors are not only causing damage to your relationship, but also harming you internally as well.

**2. Your partner is threatening to leave:** If it's the early stages of relationship and your new boo is already threatening to call it quits, you may need to think about what you could be doing to cause your partner to feel this way. Communication is key in all aspects of a relationship. You want to show your significant other the best and worst side of you, but if your worst is just too much to handle, you may need to tone it down.

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**3. You're ready to be committed:** You think to yourself "This is it. This is 'The One.'" You're ready to fully commit to another person and you want to make sure you do all you can to keep your partner happy. If you're aware of the not so desirable traits you have, find the tools you need to improve on yourself and become a more capable person. Seek outside help, do whatever is necessary to make your new relationship last. Show the person you love you're ready to become the

person they know you can be.

When did you know you had to change some of your bad habits?  
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## Classic Novel Turned Movie, 'The Great Gatsby'



By Meghan

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Nick Carraway (Toby Maguire) is a stockbroker in the 1920's, on the outskirts of New York. He moves to West Egg, Long Island after fighting in World War I. Nick meets back up with his cousin Daisy Buchanan (Carey Mulligan) and husband, Tom (Joel Edgerton) who live in East Egg. Next door to Nick is Jay Gatsby's (Leonardo DiCaprio) mansion. A man known for throwing extravagant parties yet living a very mysterious and relatively unknown life. As Nick begins to friend Gatsby, he

realizes a love Gatsby has for his cousin, Daisy. A love broken by World War I. Nick finds himself between the two, not knowing which way to turn. Madness, tragedy, and love emerge from the mysterious shadow of Gatsby and the colorful and dangerous 1920's New York life style.

**Should you see it:** Leonardo DiCaprio. *Titanic, Shutter Island, The Departed, J. Edgar, Django Unchained*. This legendary man has seen his Hollywood days, and by the amount of awards on his shelves...he rocks it, and the audience loves him. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald is a timely piece of work. If you read the book and enjoyed it, even if it was only the slightest bit...go out and see this movie. It is Leonardo DiCaprio ladies and gentlemen.

**Who to take:** Here here, literature enthusiasts and Leonardo DiCaprio fans. This is your movie to see if you like either of those. You absolutely must see this soon-to-be award winning film if you love literature and Leo.

Couples everywhere, gather your money and prepare for date night. With *The Great Gatsby* being one of America's most well-known and classic novels, people of all ages should see, embrace, and enjoy this film.

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**When should you try and win back the love of your life?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Some people in your life just slip away from you. As much as you tried to hold on to them, and plead for them never to leave...some just do. Or maybe you left and are now realizing how much of a fool you are for it. No matter the case, trying to win back your ex is difficult. Cupid has some advice on if you should do it or not:

**1. Soul mates:** You know you should try and win back your past beau if you believe they are your soul mate. Soul mates are not something you should take lightly, if you think someone could be your other half...hold them close. It is said that you have one person who equals you, a person you can morph into and become one. Fight as much as you can to get that person back if you've lost them.

**2. Waiting:** Have you ever been in a position where you've had to wait for a person before? They weren't available, or they were moving, a situation causing you to wait for them. Were you in love with someone so intensely, yet they loved another person? If you've answered yes to these, and your scenarios of waiting are over...go and get them. Go out there, do whatever you have to do to have them in your life again.

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**3. Wrong partner:** Did your ex get together with the wrong person? Are they now realizing what a mistake they made by choosing them over you? This is your time to shine, to show them how right you are for them. How you two should of been together in the first place, how they will be happier with you instead of their current partner. Show them that they chose the wrong partner and live happily ever after.

**Have you ever won back the love of your life? Explain below.**

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## **Star-Casted Romantic Comedy, 'The Big Wedding'**



By Meghan

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*The Big Wedding* has a vamped up cast, including Diane Keaton, Robert De Niro, Susan Sarandon, Robin Williams, Katherine Heigl, Amanda Seyfried and Topher Grace. This new romantic comedy directed by Justin Zackham is about a modern family attempting to remain sane for the weekend of Alejandro (Ben Barnes) and Missy O' Connor's (Amanda Seyfried) wedding. Don (Robert De Niro) and Ellie Griffin (Diane Keaton) are a long divorced couple who are playing "happy" for their adopted son's wedding. Alejandro's biological mother is also in attendance, after deciding to fly halfway around the world. Not only does she not approve of divorce, but she also doesn't know that Alejandro's foster parents are adopted. The Griffin family tries to keep their cool as they are bombarded with the past, present and future throughout the weekend.

**Should you see it?:** This movie will be one for the books. One that people will remember for years to come. With this cast, how could you not see it? With the soft hues of humor intertwined with an old and new story of love, you can not miss it. It has the dysfunctional family attempting to keep it together, old romance, comedy, and a real story.



**Who to take:** All people who enjoy Rom-Com's should without a doubt see this movie. It has Katherine Heigl in it: Queen of Rom-Com city. *27 Dresses*, *The Ugly Truth*, *Life as We Know It*. The list goes on and on. Do you love the humor of Diane Keaton, Robert Williams, and Robert De Niro? Than you need to see this movie as soon as possible.

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**How do you avoid wedding chaos?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It seems that wedding chaos is inevitable if your family is the slightest bit dysfunctional. Any wedding malfunctions are common, even if it seems drastic and not normal. To keep the slight malfunctions from turning into complete chaos, you need a leader. A person to put everyone in line, to keep calm and organized. Cupid has some more advice on this:

**1. Keep the bride calm:** As much as men can say they have equal part involvement as the bride, they're wrong. Most women have been thinking about their wedding since they were young. They have been checking over the table arrangement, moisture of the cake, songs played at the reception...all since day 1. They know their wedding like the back of the hand, and if a slight problem occurs; the bride must remain calm.

**2. Unwanted guests:** At some wedding, unwanted guests may arise. Ex-husbands, old friends, abandoned family members; they all could pop in at any moment. With these unwanted guests showing up at your perfect wedding, chaos may loom. The best thing to do here is stay perfectly calm, and have a responsible and unbiased adult exit them out of the venue. No chaos if there are no unwanted guests.

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**3. Caterer/flowers:** Check in with your caterer constantly days

before your wedding. Make sure they have the right times, addresses, and menu. Chaos will emerge if there is no food at the wedding. The same thing goes along for flowers. It is necessary to keep in contact with your florist and be aware of what you ordered, how much you ordered, the colors, and anything else essential.

**Have you ever been to a wedding resulting in chaos? Share your experience below.**

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## American Romance Film, 'To The Wonder'



By Meghan

Fitzgerald

In this new movie, 'To The Wonder,' Ben Affleck plays Neil, an American traveler who winds up falling in love with Marina (Olga Kurylenko). Marina is a Ukrainian divorcee raising her

ten year old daughter Tatiana in Paris. The newlyweds take their romance to Mont St. Michel, with Neil making a firm commitment to his love, Marina. Marina and her daughter Tatiana move to Oklahoma for Neil's sake, and settle down as a family.

**Should you see it:** This is not some measly star actor here ... it's Ben Affleck ladies and gentleman. He's got scruffy facial hair, superb eye for producing, and is an all-in-all phenomenal actor. Plus, he's the director and actor of *Argo*, and *The Town*. If you are completely infatuated with Ben Affleck, or simply enjoy his impressive acting skill...see this movie.

**Who to take:** For this movie, take someone who thoroughly enjoys cinema. Someone who appreciates great acting, a strong romance story, and is willing to shed a few tears in the theaters. This is a great movie for a date night out. With warm weather rolling its' way in, take your partner to dinner somewhere outside. Than treat them to this tear-jerking, heart ache of a romance film.

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The relationships cools off as Marina and Tatiana go back to Paris because of visa expiration. Neil rekindles a past relationship, Jane. An old flame who he inevitably falls in love with again. Drama ensues with Marina and Neil is left to decide what to do. Who to love. Where to go. What is life supposed to be.

**When should you get back together with an old flame?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

There will usually come a time after a breakup when you'll want to get back together with your ex. You have to handle this situation carefully because you may get back into the

relationship for the wrong reasons. Make sure your head is clear when you reconsider the two of you. Cupid has some more advice:

**1. Soul mate:** Many believe that there is a person out there in this enormous universe which is yours. Your other half, the person who keeps you sane, keeps you happy, and keeps you in love. If you know that your ex is your soul mate, make sure of it. Don't hop back into the relationship because you're lonely or jealous. If you know you two should be together, do something about it.

**2. Responsibility:** There are certain responsibilities attached to relationships. Especially if children are put into the equation. If your ex is suffering, both physically and financially. There comes a time where it may be your responsibility to rekindle the relationship for your partner's sake. Only you know what these situations are, and only you can determine if it is worth the risk.

**3. Change:** Did you and your mate end things because they weren't what you thought they were? Have they now changed and you are considering getting back together? This is common throughout breakups everywhere. It is possible for a person to change. You may not want to believe it, however it is true. If your ex really has changed, rekindling is a superb idea.

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**Stephanie Meyer's Novel  
Turned Into a Movie, 'The**

# Host! ’



By Meghan

Fitzgerald

Aliens, called 'souls' invaded Earth and have begun to take control of people's minds! The new upcoming supernatural movie, *The Host*, is adapted from Stephanie Meyer's novel. Written and directed by Andrew Niccol, the stars on deck include Saoirse Ronan, Max Irons, Diane Kruger, and Jake Abel. Souls can only survive through inserting a host into another person's body. Melanie Stryder (Ronan) was inserted with one of these 'souls.' Melanie begins to feel sympathetic towards humans, discovers what love is, and is trying to run away from the people trying to kill her.

**Should you see it:** Are you a huge fan of the *Twilight Saga*? Are you completely obsessed with the love story of Edward and Bella? Are you interested in the movie, *Beautiful Creatures* currently in theaters? If answered yes to any of these questions, you should absolutely see this movie. If you have read the book by Stephanie Meyer, this movie better be number one on your list.

**Who to take:** When I endured a *Twilight Saga* opening night, I was immersed in teeny-boppers. Since Stephanie Meyer is responsible for *Twilight* and *The Host*, an I think this may be a 'bring your kids' kind of movie. People who enjoy supernatural beings, and a sci-fi romance should also go. The age level may vary with this movie compared to *Twilight*, bring anyone with an open mind!

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**When do you know a friendship can loom into a relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

This type of relationship is the trickiest kind to get into. Turning a friendship into a relationship is more than challenging. The main dilemma here is if the relationship fails, your friendship is gone. And if you're considering getting into a relationship with your friend, they are definitely one of the best. Although this may be a sticky situation, there are many ways where a friendship can blossom into a relationship. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Love:** Love is everywhere you go. In super markets, restaurants, movie theaters, work places, the park, dinner table, almost everywhere you look. This being said, it is not uncommon that you fall into love with your best friend. If you have fallen into love with one of your friends, and wish for it to turn into a relationship, make sure it is real love. Don't think it's love because they are around all the time or you tell them everything. Make sure you can't spend a day without them and wish to be with them romantically.

**2. Subtle hints:** If you do want to turn a friendship into a relationship, you need to know if the other person feel the same way. If they already drop hints, such as, casual touches, strong eye contact, constant blushing; they may feel the same

way. If they don't, than you need to drop these hints and see how they react to them. This reaction will determine whether or not you can turn your friendship into a full blown relationship!

**3. No change:** A great thing with turning a friendship to a relationship is how little change there will be. Obviously you both will now be involved romantically. However, you two most likely already know every little thing about each other, have a routine, nick names, favorite restaurants. You and your mate do not have to worry about meeting each others parents because you already did! The relationship would be effortless since you both are already comfortable with one another!

**Has a friendship of yours turned into a relationship? Share your experience below!**

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## **New Comedic Romance Film, 'Admission' Starring Tina Fey**





By Meghan

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Tina Fey, *30 Rock* star, and Paul Rudd, recent star of *This is 40*, are joining together on the screen for the first time together. Director, Paul Weitz, nominated for an Academy Award shows what occurs on the route to happiness. Tina Fey's character in the new romance comedy, *Admission*, is a cookie-cutter, straight edged Princeton admission officer, Portia Nathan. A promotion is open for Portia, and she takes off on a recruiting trip for the upcoming year. On the road, she reconnects with her mother, expressing love for one another again. Portia heads off to New Quest school.

**Should you see it:** This is Tina Fey ladies and gentleman! SNL superstar, comedian of a myriad of skits, author of *Bossy Pants*, star of *Baby Mama*. And Paul Rudd! Starring in big shot movies such as *Knocked Up*, *I Love You Man*, and *Role Models*. Comedian extraordinaires! If you like to laugh yourself off the chair, see this movie! If you enjoy a twist of comedy and romance, see this movie! If you like either of these all star comedians, see this movie!!

**Who to take:** Take people who enjoy comedy, people who like to laugh for five minutes on end, or cry at the sincerity of Fey's character, Portia. Take your more mature children to the PG-13 movie, or your mother for shared laughs. Take your husband after a long week, or take yourself! All the people



above the age of thirteen are encouraged to see this comedic romance film!

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At New Quest, she meets up with former college classmate, the optimistic John Pressman (Paul Rudd). He informs Portia that Jeremiah (Nat Wolff) the extremely gifted yet slightly unconventional student may be the child Portia secretly gave up for adoption. Twists spiral out, Jeremiah is applying to Princeton University. Portia re-evaluates the admission requirements, Jeremiah's application and the binding rules of the Ivy League school. Portia finds herself bending the rules for her possible child's admission to Princeton, and for the love she finds turning up in her life.

**When should you take a professional risk for love?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

It is always challenging to know whether or not you should take a professional risk for love. The possibility of losing your job is a frightening thought. However, don't you want a little danger in your life? A little risk? Don't you want to discover if this person could be the love of your life? Even if it may risk your life, do you want to risk your chance of losing love? Cupid has some more advice:

**1. Soul mates:** You know that feeling when you just simply know you and your partner mesh together? It is hard to describe when you're in it, you don't believe you could get along with one person so much. This feeling is when it would be acceptable to take a professional risk for love. Even if it is still scary for you, and you may not want to jump out of your comfort zone, you absolutely should! When these feeling are present, it is ridiculous to ignore them.

**2. Danger:** Are you looking for a little danger in your life?

Is the person you are currently seeing going to cause a risk in your profession if you continue the relationship? If you want to spice a few things up in your life, than take the risk. Who knows what it will lead you to! Everyone needs a little suspense, mystery, and secrecy once in a while. Continue on the relationship with your mate will ensure all three of these.

**3. Feelings are mutual:** You do not, and I repeat, do not want to put a risk on your job for love if the feelings are not mutual! This is where most people fall down hill and spiral out of control. Do not be naive, ask your partner how they honestly feel and what they foresee out of the relationship. If your mate thinks you should take the risk because they care for you more than life itself, take that risk!

**Have you ever taken a professional risk for love? Share your experience below!**

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## **French-Canadian Science Romance, 'Upside Down'**





By Meghan

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Juan Diego Solanas directed and wrote the French Canadian romantic science fiction film, *Upside Down*. Starring Jim Sturgess and Kirsten Dunst, this futuristic love story is one for the books! Adam (Jim Sturgess) is searching through an alternative universe for the love of his childhood, Eden (Kirsten Dunst). The movie begins with Adam telling the story of his universe, the story of two planets next to each other; pulled in opposite directions by gravity. The 'Up' is the rich and prosperous while the 'Down' is the poor. The people down are strictly forbidden to go up. The only way they are able to communicate is through a company called 'TransWorld.' Adam finds a mountain which gets close to 'Up.' He meets Eden, and years later form a relationship as teenagers. Adam is able to pull Eden down by rope however, they get caught, Adam gets shot and drops Eden. He believes her to be dead but ten years later sees her on TV. He then begins his quest to find Eden, the love of his life.

**Should you see it:** This is a different twist on your typical romantic love story. Juan Diego Solanas forms a love story around different universes, you can't say that isn't incredible! With the stunning Kirsten Dunst, and grungy yet adorable Jim Sturgess, how could you pass on seeing this movie? For all Science Fiction lovers, you should see this movie immediately when it comes out!

**Who to take:** Coming out on March 15th, warm weather will be in the air! Love will be in the air! This is a perfect movie for you and your significant other. With suspense, romance, and a phenomenal cast, you two will enjoy it! Go grab lunch with your mom and then check this movie out! Or go by yourself on a rainy afternoon, either way see this movie!

Although it is challenging for Adam to make it in the 'Up' world, he finds help through friends at, TransWorld. It is evident in the trailer that he will fight gravity as long as he can to be with Eden. It shows the strong difference between the 'Up' and the 'Down.' The trailer shows how futuristic and different this movie is. Adam (Jim Sturgess) ends the trailer stating that "Gravity, they say you can't fight it, well I disagree."

**When do you risk yourself for love?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Putting yourself in a position of risking yourself for love is challenging. You will inevitably come into a situation where you want to reach out of your comfort zone for your partner. The problem here is when you should do this. Cupid has some advice:

**1. Passion:** Our passions in life need to be followed! Some people have not followed their own passion because it frightens them. Get out of your comfort zone ladies and gentlemen. If you love your passion, if you think about it every single moment of your life, take a step. Even if you may get hurt or there is a possible danger in the future, pursue it! It is simple, if you love something, take that risk. Go for gold.

**2. Love:** Loving another person is absolutely terrifying. As much as people say it is easy as one, two three; it isn't always. With the beginning of a relationship, or even in any

situation, you will have to take a jump. Yes it is scary, and you may not want to do it..but you must! If you could see your relationship strengthening with love, or blooming into love-risk it! Don't be worried of getting hurt, or losing the person you've been with, a risk is always healthy for people.

**3. Danger:** A little danger here in there is not only exhilarating, but necessary! Every once in a blue moon, put yourself in something you wouldn't normally. Go out on that blind date your mom set up. Move in with the guy you've been seeing. Have a one night stand with the mysterious, dark man staring at you in the bar. Love is everywhere and you need to risk yourself a little to find it.

**Have you risked yourself for love? Share your experiences below.**

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## **Supernatural Love Story, 'Beautiful Creatures' Hits Theaters!**





By Meghan

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Richard LaGravenese, Oscar nominee, directs the new supernatural love story, *Beautiful Creatures*. The movie is based off the first novel from the series by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl. Ethan Wate (Alden Ehrenreich) is a 17-year old boy in a small Southern town of Gatlin, South Carolina. He constantly has the same dream surrounding a mysterious girl standing in the middle of a Civil War Battlefield. He wants to meet her, however, a lightning bolt erupts and kills Ethan before he can get to her. Ethan is trapped at home with his father, his father still in despair from the death of Ethan's mother. His town is not up to date with the 21st century. Ethan's way to escape is through books. One day, his life is shaken up when Lena Duchannes, (Alice Englert) comes into town. He is immediately drawn to the mysterious character. It is apparent that being around her is dangerous however, he ignores the thought. Ethan begins to get in over his head.

**Should you see it:** Would we mention a movie you shouldn't see? Of course not! Over here at Cupid's Pulse, we know that the cast, plot, and producer shows how great of a movie this will be! Do you love Edward Cullen and Ron Weasley? Do you enjoy a romance story that will keep you on your seat? If you loved *The Twilight Series*, or any of the *Harry Potter's* you will love this new star-dropping movie!

**Who to take:** Hello girls night! This is the perfect movie to spend your Friday girls night on. Enjoy this new twist of a love story with the people you love most in life. Hitting theaters on Valentines Day, this is also the perfect date movie. Suspenseful enough where you can grab your mate's hand for support, and also romantic enough where you want to share the feeling with your beau. This movie is also for all ages; having something in it for anyone! Definitely a movie to see ladies and gentlemen!

Ethan realizes that Lena has super powers which puts himself in danger with his life and the town. Ethan discovers that Lena is a Casper, with supernatural powers she is not capable of controlling. Their romance is threatened by Lena's dark past and her upcoming sixteenth birthday. A life changing event called The Claiming, deciding her fate: Light or Dark. The trailer shows the deep southern love between characters, Lena and Ethan. Florence and the Machine directs the flow of events throughout the trailer. It is obvious of the strong magical power throughout the movie. There is a difference between the Light and the Dark which is prominent in the trailer. The love amongst Ethan and Lena is portrayed in the trailer, even with outside forces attempting to pry them apart.

**When should you undergo a change for love?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Experiencing love in life is a revolutionary event. Your life twists and turns by love, making you a better person in the end. In each relationship your encounter, you will change a little bit each time. Whether it be substantial or not, you will change. When you change, and why you change is the challenging part of love. You do not want to change everything about yourself, however, there will be minute things which you might change. Changing yourself for love is hard, determining

how much to change is harder. Cupid has some advice:

**1. "The one":** In your life, you shall find "the one." Finding "the one" in life is not easy, you have to rummage your way through the bad ones to find your love. When you do find the one person who you can not live without, you may have to change some things. Not saying that you need to change your entire self however, if they are worth it; it is acceptable to change a little.

**2. Compromise:** Relationships require full attention and communication with two people. It is inevitable that you and your partner will not agree on everything. To make the love stronger, it is sometimes necessary to change using compromise. If you don't like monster truck rallies and your beau does? Make a slight compromise and attend a couple events. Do you think your partner really loves your parents? Or the other way around? When you love someone, it is okay to compromise.

**3. Change is beneficial:** Change makes you smarter, it makes you more flexible, it makes you realize that anything is possible. Change is not only beneficial to you however, it is beneficial to your mate. Change helps you go with the flow, helps you float along with your relationship and make the love come easier.

**Have you ever changed from love? Explain below!**

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**Nicholas Sparks' 'Safe Haven'**



# Soon to Be In Theaters!



By Meghan

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Once you hear the name Nicholas Sparks, you're automatically in, right? *Dear John*, *The Last Song*, *Nights in Rodanthe*, *The Notebook*; who wouldn't be thrilled for yet again another phenomenal love story on screen? In Sparks' new movie *Safe Haven*, the hunky Josh Duhamel stars alongside the beautiful Julianne Hough in a love story. Katie (Hough), moves into a small town in North Carolina, Southport, looking to run away from her past and start over. Katie's mysterious and sudden arrival is noticed by many, especially widowed store owner, Alex (Duhamel). As much as Hough tries to distance herself from people, she begins to set roots down in the town, particularly with Alex and his two children. As Katie begins to fall in love with Alex, her past begins spiraling into her life, leaving her terrified and struggling to feel safe. She knows she must make a decision: a life full of safety and minimum troubles, or a life slightly more dangerous, but full of love? Fellas, include this in your perfect Valentines Day plans, as the movie comes out on February 14th.

**Should you see it:** Guys, it's Nicholas Sparks! Of course you should see it, there should be no hesitation on whether or not you will be seeing this movie. Josh Duhamel! Just his name makes womens' insides melt, let alone his face and body in its entirety on screen! *Safe Haven* even has a guest appearance from the one and only, Cobie Smulders! With this cast, the movie will be incredible!

**Who to take:** This movie comes out on Valentines Day, it will definitely be a tear-jerker. Since *Safe Haven* comes out on Valentines Day, your options on who to take are vast. No Valentine this year? Don't worry about it, gather together a group of other single ladies and go out with each other. Have a Valentine this year? Buy two tickets, one popcorn, snuggle up together in the comfy movie chairs, shed a few tears, and laugh together.

In the trailer, we see how incredible both Duhamel and Hough are as actors, and also how compatible they are together. It is pretty clear of the chemistry amongst the two costars. You can star into their eyes and know that they are destined to play alongside each other. Nicholas Sparks has a way of connecting his characters through his text and director, Lasse Hallstrom has carried this through. The trailer shows the intensity of their love in the movie, the way Katie looks at Alex when he's around his kids. You can see their love, the chaos of Katie's life, how frightened she is, all in the rapid scenes of fire, running, kissing, and passion. This movie is a must see for all ages and all genders!

**When should you risk your life for love?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Love is an aspect of life most people strive for. Determining what you should sacrifice or drop for love is a hard line to discover. Of course with every relationship, you have to put yourself out there. You need to open up, accept the fact that

your partner wants to fully love you, you simply need to open up. Having a haunted past can affect how you react with risking your life with love. Similar to Katie (Hough) in *Safe Haven*, risking your life for love is sometimes necessary. Cupid has some advice:

**1. You need to move on:** Having a rough breakup, or a past relationship where you were frightened and not comfortable, can make going into a new relationship challenging. Fortunately for these people, there are better men out there! If you are scared to start dating another person because of your ex, you need to move on darling. There are other people out there who are going to treat you better than the last did, you just have to let them break down your walls.

**2. You have found 'the one':** So many people discuss about 'the one,' and when you've found 'the one,' nothing else in life matters. This may be true, if you do nothing but think about the love of your life, if all you want to do is be around them, and know they're 'the one'; risk it. Why would you want to lose your other life because you may be scared to open up, or let go of your past. If he is 'the one,' don't think about it twice, go for it.

**3. You want danger:** Some women tend to stick themselves in a safety net, putting their life tucked safely away. This is only good for a person for so long, it is not healthy to always know what is going to happen because you won't allow anything else. If you're in a rut, spending all your time with your Netflix account, be dangerous. Risk yourself for love, we promise it's worth it.

**Have you ever risked your life for love? Explain below!**

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# 'Breaking Dawn Part 2': The 'Twilight' Finale Is Finally Here



By Nicole Weintraub

The long awaited conclusion to the *Twilight* saga has finally arrived with the final installment of *Breaking Dawn Part 2*. Who else is not jumping in their seat from sheer anticipation? Real life couple Kristen Stewart and Rob Pattinson reunite on the big screen as Bella Swan and Edward Cullen. In the first part of the last installment, our favorite vampire and human couple tied the knot. Low and behold somehow Bella became pregnant and in order to save both her life and their baby's life, Edward turned her into a vampire. Now, officially a Cullen and a vampire, Bella will stand by Edward through thick and thin to protect her new family and new husband. The Volturi, the official authority of vampires, has learned of the birth of a half human half-vampire child and fears for the safety of vampires as a whole. They seek out to destroy the child, but the Cullens stand together and will fight before they let that happen. In the epic conclusion of the *Twilight*

series, the Cullens will rally troops to go head to head against the Volturi to protect all that they love. Ashley Greene, Nikki Reed, Jackson Rathbone and Kellan Lutz return as the Cullens. You won't want to miss this as, it already hit theaters November 16<sup>th</sup>.

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**Should You See It:** Is that even a serious question? Who has not been waiting for this release since the original movie of *Twilight* hit theatres? Not only will this be the first onscreen appearance for the real life couple of Stewart and Pattinson since their break up and rekindling, but also it will be the last time to see our favorite couple of Bella and Edward. The trailer alone sends chills down your spine and lures you in just a bit closer to the screen, wanting to watch the entire movie.

**Who To Take:** Anyone! It has action and gore for the boys while still having all of that romance and vampire glamour for the girls. Go with a parent, girlfriends or your partner. Just make sure to make it known that you will not stand for talking or kissing during the movie; this is a movie you will not want to miss a second of after all the waiting you have done.

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In the trailer, not only does your heart start pumping but we are also given a glimpse into the lives of Bella and Edward Cullen as a newly married couple of the same species. In the last movie we were introduced to the couple as an official husband and wife, but not as a vampire husband and a vampire wife. The two seem to be closer than ever as Edward explains that the two are now the same temperatures. It seems that with now being the same species, the two have a deeper connection. This deeper connection is also further developed with the

arrival of their daughter and the desire to protect her from the Volturi. The Cullens ban together as a solid family unit to stand for their own, allowing Bella and Edward to come together as a newly married couple with a fantastic support system.

**What are some ways to strengthen a relationship emotionally?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

What are some possible ways to further advance as a couple – emotionally? Here are some tips on how to deepen your connection to your significant other:

**1. Time investment:** The more time you spend with someone, the stronger your connection will be come automatically. By experiencing new things together and creating new memories, the two of you will have something to laugh about and look back on. Take some dancing lessons or go ice-skating and create a scrapbook together afterwards.

**2. Emotional investment:** In order to be completely open to strengthening and deepening your relationship, you have to be honest with yourself and with your partner. Keeping secrets is only going to push them further away which will not result in deepening a relationship.

**3. Physical investment:** Physical attraction and displays of affection (notice I did not say public displays of affection) is a great way to build on an emotional level. For many people relationships are a mixture of physical needs and emotional needs, not just one or the other.

**What are some ways you bond with your partner on a deeper level? Share your stories with us in the comments below!**

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# 'Smashed': A Lesson Learned



By Nicole Weintraub

In the upcoming film *Smashed*, married couple Kate and Charlie are exactly that – smashed all the time. The epitome of their whole relationship revolves around their love for drinking. Though, all of that changes when Kate played by Mary Elizabeth Winstead starts attending AA meetings in order to get sober with her job as a schoolteacher on the line. With his drinking partner now turning over a new leaf, Charlie who is played by Aaron Paul is left drinking by himself. If Kate thought giving up drinking was going to be easy, she has another thing coming as she is now faced with a plethora of new problems. Without alcohol to suppress her issues, her problems with her mother start to arise and the entire nature of her relationship with Charlie is questioned. This flick comes out October 12 and you definitely don't want to miss it. Just remember not to be smashed while watching it.

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**Should You See It:** Well duh. We have all gone out and perhaps have developed relationships with people while intoxicated so we can all relate. Plus, we all know we want to see if Kate and Charlie are able to work out their marital problems or if drinking tears them apart ultimately.

**Who To Take:** Sorry girls, but I would say to leave the boyfriend at home for this one. This is a girls' night out kind of movie that you and your girlfriends can take a pointer or two from. Though, if it's your turn to pick the movie this time, then drag your beau with you.

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In the trailer, glimpses of the happily married Kate and Charlie are revealed. Whether it be bicycle riding or playing golf with a coffee mug on the floor, the pair seem to be blissfully happy. All is turned upside down though when Kate's job is on the line and she has to turn over a new leaf by going sober or else she will lose her teaching job. She starts by attending AA meetings and when she reveals her plan to her husband, he assures her that he will support her. Though, in the same breath he takes a gulp of his own drink. Kate opens up and tells her husband that she would prefer it if he not drink since it will be difficult for her to go cold turkey if she sees him still with alcohol. With Kate's sudden decision to turn to sobriety, their whole marriage is questioned. Was their entire relationship based on their love for drinking? Do they have anything in common while sober?

**What are some ways to deepen a superficial relationship?**

**Cupid's Advice:**

Here are some pointers on how to take your relationship to the next level so that it's not just a superficial relationship like the one Kate and Charlie have in *Smashed*:

**1. Do something different:** Try something the two of you have



never done before together. This will help to strengthen the relationship and create new memories to deepen the bond between you and your partner. Take a cooking class or go to a museum.

**2. Play a game:** There are tons of fun couple friendly games out there. It could be as simple as a game of Would You Rather or as out there as blindfolded trust building exercises. Learning about one another does not have to be like you're back in the classroom, make it fun.

**3. Communicate:** This word is probably the most overused word when it comes to relationship advice – communicate. But it's so true! Open up and tell your partner what is wrong. They can't read your mind just like you can't read theirs.

**Have you ever been in a superficial relationship? Share your experiences below!**

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**The Upcoming Movie 'The Oranges' Will Have You Laughing Hysterically**





By Nicole Weintraub

Love is in the air this fall as Leighton Meester graces the big screen. In the new film *The Oranges*, Meester plays a 24-year old college student who is coming home for the first time in five years for Thanksgiving. Her family is thrown when her mother catches her sneaking off to be with none other than sexy Mr. Walling (*House* star Hugh Laurie) who happens to be Meester's parents' best friend! The two start a relationship that throws both families for a loop in this comedic drama. Watch as both families struggle to deal with mixed feelings and awkward scenarios that they never thought they would find themselves dealing with when this movie hits the theaters on October 5.

**Should you see it:** Obviously! With a cast like this, you'd be crazy not to see this one in theatres. Sexy and mysterious Hugh Laurie gets steamy on screen with *Gossip Girl*'s Leighton Meester. Plus, Adam Brody plays Hugh Laurie's son. With a cast like this, *The Oranges* is surely a movie to see.

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**Who to take:** This type of movie has a little something for everyone. Go with a group of your friends for a girls' night out, go as a movie date with your partner. You can even go with your parents and laugh over the absurdity of dating one

of their best friends.

In the film, Meester and Laurie fall for one another much to the dismay of everyone around them. Never expecting to fall for one another, the two begin to sneak around at first for fear of their families finding out. Eventually, the truth comes out and both families have a difficult time grasping the concept of the two dating. Meester's parents are torn between defending their daughter's honor and hearing out their best friend. Laurie's wife is reeling from her recent divorce and the fact that her estranged husband is dating their best friends' younger daughter. One of the biggest concepts to grasp is the huge age gap between the two lovebirds. We have all had a crush on an older individual, but many of us have not pursued it.

## **What do you do when your parents don't approve of your relationship?**

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

Getting the parental approval is one of the most difficult aspects of a new relationship. Here are some tips on what to do when you don't get the approval:

**1. Don't sweat it:** It's not the worst thing in the world if your parents do not automatically approve whom you are dating. They may want to get to know your partner first before making any judgments. No one is going to be good enough for you in your parents' eyes.

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**2. Family bonding time:** One of the biggest reasons as to why parents do not approve is because they know nothing about your partner. Schedule some family bonding time whether it is game night or Sunday dinner so that they can get to know how serious your relationship really is.

**3. Talk about it:** Be open and honest with your parents and your partner. Make sure your partner is on their best behavior and ask your parents to be open-minded since you truly care about your partner.

Have your parents ever disapproved of your relationship? What did you do? Share with us in the comments below!

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## “The Perks of Being a Wallflower”: A Quirky Story About Friendship



By [Jessica Smith](#)

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is all about self-discovery, and Charlie (Logan Lerman) enters his freshman year of high school determined to be less of a loner. He dreams of being a writer, but he's not sure what he would write about. When he finds friends that invite him to be a part of their island for

misfit toys, his life takes off into the adventure he's been waiting for. He learns that everyone has a different story and his unique friends Patrick (Ezra Miller) and Sam (Emma Watson) give him something to write about. As high schoolers, the three experience ups and downs along with relationship problems and feelings of self-doubt. With the help of one another, they realize that being themselves is good enough. The movie comes out September 20th.

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**Should You See It:** We wouldn't write about it if it wasn't worth your time! And for all you Harry Potter fans, it's a chance to see the adorable Emma Watson back on the big screen.

**Who To Take:** This is going to be a cute movie to go see with your girl friends. It's a movie that guys will be able to enjoy, but it's leaning towards the chick-flick department.

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In the trailer, Sam is having boy troubles and asks why her and the people around her chose to be with people that treat them poorly. Charlie tells her that "we accept the love we think that we deserve." A lot of the time people are so quick to settle for someone who doesn't treat them the way they should, and people should never think that way. So if you take anything from this remember: Do NOT just settle, ever. If you're in a bad relationship there's no reason to believe that what you have is as good as it's going to get. Cupid has some tips to help you look for the right kind of person that you can hopefully spend the rest of your life with:

**1. Honest:** If you keep catching your partner in a lie, there's something fishy going on. If you can't trust 'em, ditch 'em because future problems are guaranteed. Don't fall into a trap of manipulation because it's going to be mentally unhealthy for yourself.

**2. Genuine:** Does your partner sincerely love spending time with you and vice versa? If you feel like the relationship is being forced there's no point in putting work towards something that won't last long term anyways.

**3. Respectful:** Aretha Franklin sang it best. R-E-S-P-E-C-T is what you deserves and it's what you shall get! This is something that should be mutual throughout the relationship. If you really love one another (and of course arguments happen) then neither of you should ever say or do anything that makes you feel downgraded.

**How did you know when you found Mr. Right? Share your comments below!**

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## The Upcoming Film 'The Words' Will Leave You Speechless



By Jessica Smith

Oh the drama! Bradley Cooper is back on the big screen with his upcoming film *The Words*, and we even get to see the hunk get teary eyed (whose heart doesn't melt when they see a man cry?). Not only will there be enough romance to fuel our fantasies, but we'll also get to see the sexy smirk of Dennis Quaid and envy the beautiful Zoe Zaldana and Olivia Wilde for having these boys under their spell. Cooper plays a struggling author who stumbles upon another man's love story. He publishes the story as his own and quickly strides to the top, but he'll learn that there's a serious price to pay for stealing another man's work and essentially his life. The movie recently came to theaters on September 7, so don't miss your chance to see the beauty, drama, romance and suspense of how the story ends!

**Should You See It:** Definitely. It looks like a movie that will keep you guessing, and there are a lot of A-list actors and actresses to ensure a stellar performance.

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**Who To Take:** This is a movie for a wide range audience. Go see it on a girl's night out. Take your significant other. Go with your mom and watch her swoon over Dennis Quaid. Regardless of who you take, it will be a movie you can enjoy together.

In the film, Cooper's character and his significant other are having serious money problems. He can't seem to get his career to take off, and he fears he might not have the capability to become the person he thought he was destined to be. Self-doubt is a terrible feeling, but luckily he had Zoe's character to encourage and inspire him. Experiencing money issues is one of the most common struggles from couple to couple. Money is something that we all need, but don't always have.

**How can you avoid feeling hopeless and bring positive energy to a bad situation?**

**1. Keep things in perspective:** The world is not ending and the sky is still in tact so don't overreact! If you blow things out of proportion not only will you stress yourself out unnecessarily, but you'll also create unneeded tension between you and your partner. Instead, keep calm and carry on!

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**2. Encouragement vs discouragement:** If your partner's going through a tough time, the last person they want to be torn apart emotionally by is their loved one. If you bring them down, you're likely to go with them. Remember for better or for worse? Well, even if you're not married this should still apply. Now's your time to spark a flame under their heiny and get them moving and motivated! If you want a better life go work for it!

**3. Don't give up:** This is probably the best advice anyone could ever give you. We've all heard it. Nobody like a quitter. If you've hit rock bottom just remember the only place you can go from there is up. Don't be afraid to take chances! Believe in yourself and your partner to succeed, and when you do, all the hardship will only make your triumph sweeter.

**How have you and your partner worked together to make a bad situation better? Share your comments below!**

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**‘Hit and Run’: A Comedy to**



# Close the Summer



By Jessica Smith

When couples move in together they often find out that their partner isn't the person they originally thought they were. You might be taken by surprise when you realize they're OCD about the dishes or they're a control freak when it comes to their possessions, but none of that compares to finding out that your partner is a member of the Witness Protection Program because they have a dirty past. Kristen Bell's character Annie handles the element of surprise like most women would – she panics. *Hit and Run* is an action rom-com that will keep you guessing and definitely have you laughing. The film was written by funny man Dax Shepard who also stars as Charlie, the ex-bank-robber-getaway-driver-boyfriend, who does his best to protect Annie when she's caught up in his mess. While you watch Charlie try to untangle the issues of his past, you might have to deal with seeing ladies man Bradley Cooper as a bad boy with some pretty bad dreads. In between the two hunks taking shots at each other, their bickering back and forth like an old married couple is the perfect comic relief.

**Should You See It:** Well yea! Why not? It's going to be funny and the onscreen chemistry between Shepard and Bell is sincere and so cute considering the two are also in an offscreen relationship! Since this flick comes out on August 22, it will be a great escape to take your mind off the end of a spectacular summer season or the fact that school is just around the corner.

**Who to Take:** With an "R" rating, and the continuous banter of prison butt-rape, this won't be a movie for children. This is going to be a great film to see with your friends or out on a date.

The majority of us don't find out something as dramatic as a criminal past about our partners when we move in together. Instead, it's typically things like the gross sound they make while brushing their teeth or the strange ritual they have before bedtime. During *Hit and Run*, Kristen Bell, whether she had a choice or not, stayed with her man regardless of his major flaw. Moving in with a partner is a HUGE step, and it shouldn't be taken lightly. This will be a true test of your relationship, and you'll discover if this is someone you could live with forever. Here are some red flags to watch out for when you move in with your loved one:

**1. Overly Possessive:** Your partner doesn't want to share. Don't touch that. What's theirs is *not* yours. With an attitude like this, it's going to be impossible for you to feel at home or even welcomed for that matter. If they have trouble sharing they may have some deeper trust issues going on, and if you're comfortable enough to move in together this should be an issue that you can confront them with.

**2. Disgustingly Sloppy:** You probably didn't realize you were taking a second job as a maid when you moved in. If they like to live a pigish lifestyle it's not your job to clean up after them, instead whip them into shape! This is your home now too, and both of you should take enough pride in your living space to keep it livable. If your partner knows their slobby nature

bothers you, they will make an effort to keep you happy if they love you.

**3. Disregards You:** Now that you live together communication is definitely going to be key for a healthy relationship. If there's something, anything about your living situation or how the move has affected you as a couple that you feel needs discussing, then you deserve to have that talk. If your partner continuously puts it off or says they don't want to talk about it, perhaps your relationship (or your partner) isn't mature enough to handle this adult circumstance.

**Have you experienced any red flags after moving in? Share your comments below!**

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## **'Hope Springs' Is This Summer's Guide to a Healthy Relationship**





By: Jessica Smith

Love is a funny thing. Talking about intimacy can be even funnier. *Hope Springs* is a movie with the perfect mix that will keep you laughing, but will also make you think. Everyone's relationship is different, but so many of the issues are the same. An older couple, Kay (Meryl Streep) and Arnold (Tommy Lee Jones) are devoted to each other, but they're missing the spice that they had in their relationship when they were younger. To learn a few tricks to revamp the magic in the bedroom, Kay somehow convinces her stubborn and reluctant husband to hop on a plane to Great Hope Springs where they receive marriage counseling from a renowned couples specialist played by funny man Steve Carell. On their retreat, Kay and Arnold learn not only how to spark the flame in their physical relationship, but in their lives as a whole.

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**Should You See It:** I wouldn't miss it! Between Streep and Jones, the two A-list actors have four Oscars and 40 years of experience that guarantee this movie will be great. The film debuts August 10th, and it could be just the film you need to spark your own adventure to a better love life.

**Who To Take:** Ladies take your men, men take your ladies, girls go with your girlfriends, but guys go see Batman with your boys instead. The movie is going to be a must-see for anyone

in a relationship, but keep the kids at home since the flick is rated PG-13. This is going to be a film that parents and grandparents can appreciate!

**In an interview with *AARP The Magazine*, Meerly Streep said that “...Built into it [the movie] was something really funny but lodged in something very real.” Her statement is very true. Whether you’ve only been together for a few years or a couple of decades, it’s common for couples to fall into a boring routine and bury the energy that once kept their relationship so alive. Well, if you and your partner have lost some of that oh-so-necessary fizzle in your love life don’t give up because Cupid has some tips to help you out:**

**1. Confront the issue:** If you have a problem, you should be the first to acknowledge it. Don’t wait around for your partner to notice because you just might wait forever. Whether your partner notices the problem or not, they may choose to ignore it because they don’t want to deal with it, so make them!

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**2. Reminisce:** There was a time when you and your partner couldn’t keep your hands or thoughts away from each other. As a couple, go places that you used to go and do things you used to do. Rekindle the passion that used to be so easily passed between the two of you.

**3. Experience new things:** Often we get bored with each other because we’re bored with ourselves. Go on a vacation, pick up a new hobby, do something kinky, do something exhilarating that is going to spark a light within yourself, and in turn it will bring you closer as a couple and restore some of that excitement.

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# 'Step Up Revolution' Makes You Want to Move



By Jessica Smith

Defying parents has always been a theme in the *Step Up* movies, but in *Step Up Revolution*, young adults put up the ultimate protest. Emily, who hopes to be a professional dancer, moves to Miami, where she encounters the dance mob that's been taking over the city. Once she proves herself to Sean, the oh-so-sexy leader of the mob, falls in love with him and joins their crew, she brings even more meaning to their dancing by suggesting they use it as a form of protest against the city-destroying plans of her father. As the awareness of their mission to save the city elevates, so does the relationship between Emily and Sean. It's a perfect flick to give the audience a little taste of that Miami heat, and like all *Step Up* films, there's a plethora of hot sculpted male bodies. Come join the revolution July 27!

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**Should You See It:** Why not? Even though the film lacks any big celebrity names, it will leave you twitching in your seat wishing you could dance like the Miami mob.

**Who Should You Take:** Anyone over the age of thirteen of course! This is an exciting summer movie that has the potential to entertain a wide range audience young and old, boys and girls alike!

**What do you do when your parents don't approve of your partner? Here are some ways to make your parents like your loved one as much as you do:**

Oh the joy of dating: introducing your date to your parents. Whether it's the terror you feel as a father shakes your partner's hand and stares deep into their soul, or the frustration at the mother who's convinced that she's the only one who can really take care of her child, parent introductions are always nerve-wracking. However, you shouldn't lose hope! Even if the introductions don't go as planned and your partner failed to meet their expectations, there's still time to change their mind. Here are some tips to help prove your partner to your parents:

**1. Be stubborn:** When it comes to their kids, parents can be ruthless. If your parents have nothing but bad things to say about your significant other and you disagree with them don't just let them bury you in insults. Scream your protest from the rooftops! Don't let them get away with being rude and overprotective.

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**2. Be persistent:** Just because one night went wrong doesn't mean that all hope is lost. Both you and your partner need to be persistent in your attempts to gain the parents' approval and respect. Show your initiative and visit again with confidence.

**3. Be mature:** Your parents' love is their excuse for driving you crazy and making your life more difficult. Don't retaliate to their verbal abuse of your partner by giving them a taste of their own medicine. This won't get you anywhere. Instead, you might have to trade places with your parents and be the adults. Often, parents just need time. Let them have it, and they're likely to come around.

**How did you and your partner handle meeting each other's parents? Share your comments below.**