


'Magic Mike': A Steamy Summer Flick



By Jessica Smith

Ladies: your dreams have come true. For the price of a movie ticket, you can get a front-row seat for a Channing Tatum striptease. The Hollywood hunk is returning to cinemas in *Magic Mike*, a film where he plays an extremely successful male stripper who seems to have everything a guy could dream of: women, money and a good time. Even so, he's looking for something more and he may have found it in Paige, played by Cody Horn. It seems like she can't help falling for this fun-loving bad boy, but she doesn't agree with his career choice. As the trailer shows, the two appear to have just the right amount of chemistry to flirtatiously and humorously banter back and forth, which sets flame to a potential romance. But will their differences tear them apart?

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Should You See It? This is a film that’s going to be as hot as summer itself. You’re not going to want to miss your chance to see these sculpted bodies, including Matthew McConaughey and Alex Pettyfer, on the big screen.

Who To Take: The world of male strippers is no place for children , but it does make this a great flick to go see with your girlfriends. You can joke with them about what you would do for the chance to have Tatum strip for you without your partner getting jealous.

Are there aspects of your partner that you have a hard time accepting? Here are some tips to help you love their flaws without changing who they are:

In the movie, Paige has a hard time grasping the thought of dating a male stripper, but Mike tries to convince her that Magic Mike isn’t his full-time identity and that there’s more to him than stripping. Similarly, it can be easy for us to like someone, but it’s more difficult for us to love someone, especially when they have characteristics that we might view as flaws. Here are some ways to settle your differences:

1. Surface the issue: If you don’t tell your partner you have an issue, they’re not going to know there’s a problem. Keeping your concerns secret could create tension in your relationship.

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2. Work on the problem: The easiest way to fix most issues is to work on them together as a couple. Doing this will strengthen your relationship. If it doesn’t, you can at least know that you’re too different to make it work in the long term.

3. Accept their differences: Remember that everyone made their own unique journey to adulthood. Your partner's might be very different from yours, but that doesn't make either wrong. Sometimes, you have to understand where someone has come from in order to accept their characteristics that you believe are negative.

How did you and your partner work out your differences? Share your comments below.

'That's My Boy' Can Teach You a Thing or Two About Surviving Your Crazy In-laws



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Adam Sandler has been playing “dad” throughout his career, ranging from an unlikely role model in *Big Daddy* to a fun-loving parent in *Grown Ups*, but *That’s My Boy* might be his most unconventional role yet. At thirteen, Sandler’s character knocks up his teacher and then becomes a single parent when she’s put in jail. His son, played by Andy Sandberg, leaves as soon as he’s eighteen and becomes incredibly successful, but his new life is threatened when his low-life dad stumbles back into the picture. As the boys attempt to develop the father-son relationship they never had, tension builds with Sandberg’s fiancée, played by Leighton Meester. The trailer is full of laughs and the slapstick humor that has become Sandler’s signature, which should make this a great choice for people looking for a laugh among the summer’s more serious films.

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Should You See It? This movie has some great A-list actors and an outrageous plot that will create a conversation you’re going to want to be a part of.

Who To Take: This would be a great film to see with some friends who are looking for a good laugh. There’s going to be some great humor coming from all the actors with some special appearances from stars like Vanilla Ice.

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Do you have a hard time getting along with your in-laws? Here are some tips to help you out:

In *That’s My Boy*, Sandler plays the role of a hardly-lovable soon-to-be in-law, and Meesters’ character, her family and her friends are forced to embrace Sandler’s wacky personality.

They have a hard time adjusting to this unpleasant surprise, especially since they're in the midst of engagement celebrations and wedding plans. Here are some tips to keep your in-laws from driving you crazy:

1. Be Civil: You're not always going to agree with your in-laws, and giving in to their wishes isn't the best solution either. Whether you decide to take their advice or not, you should at least be civil and take their thoughts into consideration.

2. Be Understanding: It may seem like your in-laws are trying to make your life hell, but they actually just want what's best for their child. Sometimes letting someone else make those decisions can be difficult for them to grasp, so avoid pointless bickering and try to see the situation from their point of view.

3. Be Positive: Instead of constantly trying to find ways to bother your in-laws, be proactive! The easiest way to keep them from driving you insane is to build a better relationship with them so you can eventually see eye-to-eye on things. This will make life easier for both you and your partner.

Do you know the secret to a happy relationship with your in-laws? Share your comments below!

**'Snow White and the Huntsman'
is a Blockbuster Rooted in**

Romance



By Matthew Dougherty

Yeah, yeah, yeah, it looks like an action movie, but you and your youth know that any story about Snow White must be centered on romance. The film actually focuses on a love triangle between Snow White, the Huntsman and Snow White's childhood love, Prince William. The evil queen orders The Huntsman to kill Snow White, but he takes pity on her and decides to help her defeat the queen. But who will Snow White choose? The Huntsman or the safety of the prince?

Starring *Twilight*'s Kristen Stewart as Snow White, this is likely to be one of the highlights of the summer:

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Should You See It? Yes, considering the romance, the action and the visuals, this is a must-see film for the summer.

Who To Take: Anyone really. Your significant other might enjoy the action and special effects. Your friends might enjoy the romance. With a PG-13 rating, you can also take your younger siblings or even your mother. It's a blockbuster designed to appeal to everyone.

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Do you have two people vying for your affections? Here are some tips on how to handle the situation:

In *Snow White and the Huntsman*, Snow White has two men for which she has feelings. These choices can be extremely difficult in life as two people usually offer completely different things. Here is how you can decide which one is “fairest of them all”:

- 1. Consult the people who know you best:** Sometimes our friends and family know what is good for us more than we do. Perhaps they can point you in the right direction.
- 2. Think of the future:** What is your future with each of these people? Does one look a lot brighter than the others? If so, then you have your answer.
- 3. Know yourself:** Look at both people and simply figure out who makes you happiest. You have to determine who is best for you. If you don't do this, you could end up regretting your decision for the rest of your life.

Have you ever had experience with a love triangle in your own life? Share your experiences below.

'What to Expect When You're Expecting' Has an All-Star Cast!



By Matthew Dougherty

This comedy features an all-star cast including Jennifer Lopez, Cameron Diaz, Matthew Morrison, Elizabeth Banks, Dennis Quaid, Chris Rock and Anna Kendrick. The plot follows five couples, all expecting children, who must overcome the issues that couples all face when expecting a child. The trailer is quick on the laughs and the heart making for what could be a fun summer comedy stuck in between all the big action blockbusters. With a cast of respectable actors like this all signing on to do the same film, the script has to be good.

Should You See It? If you need a break from robots, aliens, superheroes, or all three this could be a great film with

which to just go and have a laugh.

Who To Take: Anyone really. The comedy seems light enough to bring your mother or little sister. But it could also be a great date movie or outing with friends. Your significant other will like that the jokes are not all directed at women and expecting mothers.

Do you have a big decision to make in your relationship? Here are some tips on how to keep away from trouble:

In *What to Expect When You're Expecting*, all five couples' problems stem from one thing: the decision to make a baby. Having a child isn't the only major decision that couples have to make, however. Here are some tips on how to make sure you and your significant other are making the right decision with the least amount of turmoil possible:

1. Make sure both parties are on board: One way you can run into trouble is if your significant other does not completely agree with a decision. Talk to them and make sure that you both are getting what you want.

2. Plan it out: Do not rush into things. Instead, plan as much as you can out beforehand so there are no unexpected surprises. You can be spontaneous, but by planning enough things out, the spontaneity can only be positive.

3. Do it for you: Make sure this is a decision you want to make. Do not take pressure from your friends, family, or even your significant other. Take a step back and make sure this decision is right for you, because if not, you can harm a lot of other people in the process.

Have you dealt with a major decision in a relationship? Share your experiences below.

Which Avenger Would Be the Best Date?



While *The*

Avengers certainly doesn't cater too much to the romance crowd, it does feature a cast of burly and charismatic superheroes that will have people swooning over them for months to come. Whether you want to be them or be with them there is no question that this cast is pretty incredible. But which Avenger is the best contender for a candlelit dinner?

Contestant #1: Iron Man-

Bio: Tony Stark (Robert Downey Jr.) used to be in charge of a major weapons manufacturer but changed his ways after a run in

with terrorists in Afghanistan. Now he spends his money, which he has a lot of, creating and modifying his suit as Iron Man. Personality wise, Stark seems not to care about a lot of things, but if you get close enough you could mean the world to him.

Pros: With Stark's insane amount of money, you could have dinner in Rome once a week! Also, the guy has a great sense of humor, and when it comes down to it, he will do whatever he needs to to protect what he loves.

Cons: Stark is known for being a playboy, so if you don't feel a real connection with the guy, he will move on to the next one. Plus he's a superhero, his job isn't exactly the safest in the world.

Contestant #2: Captain America-

Bio: Steve Rogers (Chris Evans) used to be a skinny nobody back in the early years of World War II. But after a doctor saw potential in him, he received the Super Soldier Serum, which put him at the peak of human potential. However, he ended up getting frozen in ice and waking up again in the present. Tough break.

Pros: Steve Rogers is genuinely a great guy. He will fight for whatever he believes in no matter how trivial or potentially devastating it may be. He is also perhaps the most humble of the Avengers.

Cons: The guy knows nothing of the world we live in today. The way the world works has changed a lot since the 1940s, something that may be a bit frustrating when trying to [connect](#).

Contestant #3: The Hulk-

Bio: Dr. Bruce Banner (Mark Ruffalo) became the Hulk after a freak accident involving Gamma radiation. Since then, he has

had trouble controlling when he unleashes this horrific beast and remains in hiding from the government.

Pros: Banner is a pretty timid and overall nice guy. He could also defend you against just about anything.

Cons: You won't like him when he's angry. But seriously, your first fight could end in you getting crushed.

Contestant #4: Thor-

Bio: Thor (Chris Hemsworth) is literally a god. From the Norse realm known as Asgard, Thor was sent down to Earth by his father to learn how to be anything but arrogant, which he did before returning to his realm.

Pros: Thor has learned to be humble and proved in his own movie that he can handle a [date](#) pretty well. He could also show you the beauty of the cosmos like no one has seen before.

Cons: Since he's a god, he can be a little arrogant, even after he learned his lesson. He is also a little intense at times and doesn't have much of a sense of humor. Oh, and his brother is an evil mastermind that tried to take over the universe.

Contestant #5: Hawkeye-

Bio: Clint Barton (Jeremy Renner) is an agent for S.H.I.E.L.D. and known as the world's greatest marksman, wielding a bow and arrow as his weapon of choice. Not too much is known about him otherwise since he only had a brief cameo in last summer's *Thor*.

Pros: Barton is a confident man, one who is aware of exactly what he is capable of, a good quality in any significant other. Also, since he has no superpowers, he may not be as cocky as, say, Tony Stark.

Cons: As a part of the secret agent organization S.H.I.E.L.D.,

he probably has very little free time where he isn't battling the forces of evil.

Contestant #6: Black Widow-

Bio: Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson) is also a spy working for the secret agent organization S.H.I.E.L.D. Previously appearing as a side character in *Iron Man 2*, Black Widow is known to be able to kick some butt, and looks great while doing it.

Pros: She is beautiful, and a good person to have in a tight spot. Personality wise, she is pretty relaxed and has a fun sense of humor.

Cons: Like Hawkeye, the secret agent thing probably leaves Black Widow with very little free time. Also, if you are a guy, she is way stronger than you, and in some cases that might not be okay with you.

And the Winner is...Captain America!

Steve Rogers is an absolute dream come true. He's hot, he's smart, but most of all, he has more heart than the rest of the Avengers combined. Who cares if he is still in a 1940s mindset? That leaves him room to discover this far more advanced world by your side.

(*Runner Up:* Thor, just because much of his dialogue sounds like poetry.)

Disagree with our love for Captain America? Which Avenger would you want to date the most? Sound off below.

'The Five-Year Engagement' is the Rom-Com of the Season!



Jason Segel and Emily Blunt star in this romantic comedy about a couple who keep having to put off their engagement for reason after reason. Coming from the director of *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, one of the funniest movies of the last decade, this movie seems to have a lot of laughs just in the trailer. Much of the film's appeal comes from the two leads, who both have great chemistry no matter who they are playing off of. The two of them together can only mean good things.

Should You See It? Yes, this is a comedy not to be missed just before the big summer blockbuster season.

Who To Take: Anyone really. Guys will like the comedy. Girls will like the romance. This is a great date film on all accounts but also one that you could take a group of friends

to. It should be noted, however, that the film has an R rating, so you may want to steer clear from taking your mother in case there are raunchy scenes that might be awkward.

Are you in a relationship with someone who just won't commit? Here are some tips on easing them into territory they might not be so comfortable with.

In *The Five-Year Engagement*, Jason Segel and Emily Blunt keep finding reasons to put off their wedding date. But eventually one decides that enough is enough and that after five years now is the time. This of course leads to some conflict. Check out our tips on how to prevent these problems.

1. Make your intentions clear. Perhaps they don't want to scare you away by saying exactly what their intentions are for the future. So make sure that they know exactly where you want this to go so that there can be no confusion when the time for commitment comes.

2. Don't guilt them into anything. If you are ready and they are not don't push them. You will make them feel trapped and that could very easily cause the relationship to end.

3. Be patient. Good things come in time. Of course there is a point where two people just do not work together, but if you truly believe in the relationship, be patient and full commitment will come in time.

Do you have any experiences with a significant other neglecting to commit? Share them below.

'The Lucky One' is Perfect for Spring Romance



From Nicholas Sparks, the author who wrote *The Notebook* and *Dear John*, comes this romantic tale starring heartthrob Zac Efron. The *High School Musical* star plays Logan, an Iraq war veteran who claims to have survived for one reason, a picture he found a girl he does not know. After the war, he goes to find his savior. It turns out her name is Beth, and Logan ends up working at her family's kennel. Romance develops between the two and could lead to true love. *The Lucky One* looks to be a perfect spring romance film.

Should You See It? If you need a romance fix or just feeling having a good time at the movies then absolutely. This film should be a fun romance flick to get away from reality for a few hours.

Who To Take: This is a great one to take your mom to. It should be a fun bonding experience, but you could also take your friends. Unless your significant other is a big romance fan, this is a date movie that might bore them.

Do you have trust issues? Here are some tips on how to be more trustworthy so that love can enter your life more freely.

In *The Lucky One*, Beth does not immediately trust Logan when he shows up on her doorstep. But the story develops in a way that she learns to trust him. This reflects how a lot of people live their lives, except they fail to let their guard down for someone who could be very special. Here are some tips on how not to do that.

1. Don't judge them right away. There is a lot under the surface of a person, but sometimes when we first see someone all we perceive is the surface. Try to be open minded and give them a legitimate person if they had the courage to personally seek you out.

2. Listen to your friends. Sometimes our friends have better insights into our own lives than we do. If they think someone is right for you then perhaps you should give it a try.

3. Trust yourself. Do you keep making excuses for why it wouldn't work? That usually means you are scared. Let them in and give this thing a shot. You never know until you at least try. If any part of you wants to try it, then it is worth it.

Have you gotten over trust issues before? Share your experiences below!

'American Reunion' Is a Nostalgic Love-fest



The gang is back! After almost a decade of absence Jim, Kevin, Oz, Finch, and of course Stifler are finally heading back to the big screen. On the surface these films may not seem much like a romance, but the true heart of the series is in the relationships that help these characters grow. In 2003's *American Wedding*, Jim tied the knot with Michelle, proving that this series is all about romance. Now, in *American Reunion*, the entire cast of the 1999 original is back for their high school reunion. Old flames reunite and long term relationships are tested. But all in all, this film is going to be a lot of fun and a great slice of nostalgia for everyone who grew up with these classic characters.

Should You See It? If you loved the original three, you should be really excited for this reunion. But *American Pie* isn't everyone's cup of tea.

Who To Take: While *American Reunion* would make a great date movie, perhaps the best way to see this is with a bunch of old friends from high school. This is a big nostalgia flick and could be worth a reunion of your own.

Afraid of a run-in with an old flame? Here are some tips on how to get through the situation with ease.

In *American Reunion*, the main characters of the original film are all forced to face their old high school flames. The trailer shows a lot of potentially awkward moments, which is pretty accurate to how these things can be handled. Here are some tips on making this situation as unpainful as possible.

1. Just be yourself: Don't try and go back to the person you were when you guys dated, you both have changed and the last thing you want to do is show them that you haven't grown. Plus, who knows, if the stars align and you both grew into completely different people, maybe you can find something in each other again.

2. Keep the conversation light: High school relationships almost never end well because you are young and naïve. So seeing this person will likely bring up some bad memories. So simply just don't bring those up and you will have a pleasant reunion. Talk about the good things in your life.

3. Remember that it has been years: A lot of time has passed since your relationship. If they did something bad to you that might not be something they would do anymore. The same goes for you. A lot of growing happens after high school. Forgive and forget and just be as nice as possible. You never know what might come of it.

Do you have any experiences reuniting with an old flame? Share them below!

Check Out the First Blockbuster of 2012: 'The Hunger Games'!



2012's first big movie is right around the corner. *The Hunger Games* not only features a strong female heroine, it also features a complex love triangle. The upcoming action film stars Jennifer Lawrence, Liam Hemsworth, and Josh Hutcherson as the love struck teenagers who may be forced to take each others' life. Katniss and Peeta (Lawrence and Hutcherson respectively) are both selected for the Hunger Games, a reality TV sensation in a dystopian future where teenagers fight to the death. But the two of them suffer a connection as they are supposed to play up their relationship to get more viewers. However,

Katniss also has Gale (Hemsworth), a hunting partner that she has suppressed feelings for. Who will Katniss choose? Will she have to kill Peeta?

Should You See It? In a word, yes. *The Hunger Games* looks to be an exciting movie and could be a great date movie that both parties will enjoy.

Who To Take: You or your significant other may enjoy the action, but *The Hunger Games* also has a loyal fanbase who read the book. A group of friends may work for this one as well. Just don't take your mother, the gore factor is pretty intense.

Are you forced to kill your significant other? How to get out of that and other difficult situations.

In *The Hunger Games*, Katniss is potentially forced to kill someone she has a connection with. While you may not share this problem with her, in many ways it's a classic *Romeo and Juliet* style problem. Here are some ways to get through really tough situations that test your relationship like nothing else could.

1. Prove everyone else wrong. People pit you against each other just to prove that it cannot work. If you and your significant other can prove them wrong then you have won.

2. Stick together. If you can't stick together and be there for each other then you have nothing. If you can comfort each other and only worry about yourselves rather what everyone else thinks, you two have the right stuff to pull through these difficult times.

3. Do what is best for them. If it is meant to be then do whatever it takes. Sometimes that includes leaving until things can get better. If it is meant to be then it will happen, but maybe now there is simply too much going on for

any one person to handle. Do what you have to do and hopefully things will work out for the best.

Have you had to get through some really difficult times? Share your experiences below.

'Bridesmaids' + 'Friends with Benefits' = 'Friends with Kids'



By Matthew Dougherty

Off the heels of last year's smash hit *Bridesmaids*, comes this romantic comedy which happens to contain many of the cast members of that film. Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Jon Hamm

and Chris O'Dowd all return from that already classic comedy for this movie about six friends, four of whom are married to another member of the group. The two left over decide to have kids without relationship problems getting in the way. But is that ever really possible? This movie can be seen as *Friends with Benefits* for people in their 30's, and it could be the birth of yet another great movie romance.

Should You See It? Yes. Even though the plot is typical, the cast is fantastic and the trailer provides some funny moments. With the R rating, many of the film's funniest moments likely could not make it into the trailer. Also, how can you resist seeing Kristen Wiig and Jon Hamm on screen together again?

Who To Take: This could be a great date movie or a simple outing with your friends. That said, the R rating means that a lot of the humor may be vulgar, so maybe don't ask your mom to this one.

How do you tell if a friend can be made into more?

In *Friends with Kids*, the two main characters trying to conceive a child seemingly have no romantic connection.

Naturally, one seems to develop anyway, leading them to consider something more than friendship. This is something that does not just happen in the movies. Sometimes the right person for you is hiding behind a cloud of friendship. Here is how to tell when try out a romance:

1. You have a lot in common: Do you like the same movies, restaurants, or activities? If so, on some level you know how much fun you will have dating this person.

2. You have the same friends: If you have all of the same friends, you know that you like the same type of people, including each other. However, you also need to be able to be comfortable hanging out with each other one-on-one.

3. They already treat you like their significant other: Look at how your “friend” treats you. Is he nicer to you than anyone else? Are you the same way to him? Are there things that only you two know about each other? Are you comfortable with each others’ families? These are all possible signs that your friend might be relationship material, and perhaps even the best relationship you’ve ever had.

Do you have experience with a friend becoming more than a friend? Share with us below.

Jennifer Aniston and Paul Rudd Join a Commune in ‘Wanderlust’





By Matthew Dougherty

This one comes from the director of the hit comedy *Role Models*, which is already a good sign. The film stars two great comedic actors, Paul Rudd and Jennifer Aniston, as a married couple who find themselves victims of the economy when Rudd's character gets fired from his job. Forced to leave their pricey sanctuary in Manhattan, the couple ends up joining a commune of sorts and begin living among them. Naturally, comedy ensues. The trailer has some pretty hysterical moments. Also, it should be noted that the movie is rated R, which is usually a good sign for comedies like this.

Should You See It? Yes, this is going to be a nice, lighthearted romantic comedy right in the middle of the all too serious Oscar season. If you like either of the stars or the director's previous film *Role Models*, then this is a must-see.

Who To Take: The movie looks to pack enough comedy to please the guys. Its R-rating should stir you away from seeing it with your mother. However, this might be the most fun with your group of friends on a Friday night.

Looking for a romantic getaway? Just don't join a cult.

In *Wanderlust*, the main couple is just looking to find a new place to let their relationship blossom. Sometimes it's necessary in relationships to escape from your everyday lives and experience something new. Here are some suggestions for romantic getaways that you will both enjoy:

1. Anyplace with a beach: Who doesn't like the beach? Plus, it can be extremely romantic at anytime during your trip. You can hang out there during the day then after dinner return for a moonlit walk in the sand.

2. An unfamiliar place with culture: Go someplace where neither of you have any connections. Immerse yourselves in the culture and walk away with new, unique experiences that are just your own.

3. Someplace that you both want to be: Compromises are a part of every relationship. Yeah, Paris might sound great to you, but he wants to see the Coliseum in Rome. Don't force him to go someplace he doesn't want to and don't just do whatever he wants. It should be a place that you both can enjoy and will remember forever.

Do you have any great trips you've gone on with a significant other? Share your experiences below.

Check Out 'The Vow' This Valentine's Day



By Matthew Dougherty

With Valentine's Day coming up, this movie is sure to be a hit. Rachel McAdams and Channing Tatum star as Paige and Leo, a happily married couple whose lives could change forever after a fateful car accident leaves Paige without the memories of their entire relationship. To make matters worse, Paige believes she is still engaged to her ex, who likes the idea of having her back. Leo must make her fall in love with him all over again.

Should You See It? Don't expect quality cinema here, but it should be a fun way to spend a night at the movies.

Who To Take: Take your mother to this one, or maybe your best friend – someone you know will enjoy the movie as much as you will and enjoy spending time with you. This is probably a bit too sappy to bring a boyfriend to, especially since the same weekend a *Star Wars* movie is getting re-released in 3D.

Don't want a forgettable relationship? Here are some tips to

make memories that neither of you will ever forget.

Cupid's Advice:

In *The Vow*, all of Paige and Leo's great memories are gone, but Leo is willing to relive them to get her back. In the unlikely chance that this happens to you, you want your boyfriend or husband to do the same thing! Here are some ways to create memories you will want to revisit all the time.

1. Do something different. Typical dates are a lot of fun but there are only so many times you can do dinner and a movie. To mix things up go to an amusement park or take a day trip to somewhere neither of you have been before.

2. Keep it simple. Not every date has to be an extravagant affair. Some of the best memories can be made by doing something you would never think of doing. Stuff like stopping by the local toy store or going to the beach at night are simple, yet different enough to stand out when you think back on them.

3. Chemistry. Memories can be made simply by having great chemistry with your partner. This is where inside jokes come from that you could be joking about in your twilight years. The memories you are making will only be worth it if you have good chemistry.

What are some of your greatest date memories? Share your experiences below.

Top 10 Most Romantic Movie

Locations



By Matthew Dougherty

The big day for romance is coming up, which means it's time to figure out where you might spend the holiday. Here are ten locations from great movies that if you can afford to visit, and if they are real, they would be a perfect spot to spend Valentine's Day with your significant other.

10. Hawaii- *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*

In *Forgetting Sarah Marshall*, Jason Segel's character goes to Hawaii to get over his recently ended relationship. On the trip he finds a new love in Mila Kunis. They spend their time together going to bars, hanging out on the beach, and exploring the beautiful islands. Hawaii proves to be a land of love in this great romantic comedy.

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9. Forks, Washington- *Twilight*

The atmosphere may be gloomy, but love is in the air in this small northwestern town. Whether you are into vampires or werewolves, Forks has everything you would need for a perfect Valentine's Day. The true challenge will be trying to find a date who won't bite.

8. Aboard the Titanic- *Titanic*

Unfortunately, the Titanic is buried under water, but it was such a beautiful ship. And, while the plot may be mostly fictional, Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio make their love so believable that you forget what has to happen in the end, making that iceberg all the more tragic. Titanic was a perfect place to meet someone and if it hadn't sunk, it would have made a great Valentine's Day vacation.

7. Hogwarts- *Harry Potter*

Like any other high school, Hogwarts is a place full of drama. Whether it's the return of the Dark Lord, or the hero's first kiss, Hogwarts never feels too far off from your ordinary Muggle high school. The second half of the series saw Harry date his best friend's sister while Ron and Hermione finally get together. No love potion required.

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6. 1920s Paris- *Midnight in Paris*

Paris on its own is perhaps the most romantic city in the world, but as portrayed in *Midnight in Paris*, the 1920s was the time to be there for true romance. Running into such legends as Ernest Hemingway and F. Scott Fitzgerald, Owen Wilson's character eventually falls for a beautiful French girl, played by Marion Cotillard. This beautiful city becomes the stem from which their love blossoms.

5. The American South- *The Notebook, Gone With the Wind,*

Forrest Gump

A lot of great love stories take place in the South. One of the earliest and most famous is *Gone With the Wind*, which took place in Georgia. *Forrest Gump* and *Jenny* both grew up in Alabama. *The Notebook* took place in South Carolina. Clearly, the South is the place to be for love.

4. Beast's Castle- *Beauty and the Beast*

In this tale as old as time, Belle is taken to a beautiful castle full of lively characters and one beast. But as the story goes, the beauty falls in love with the beast in this magical place. Furniture speaks when Belle and the beast choose not to.

3. Any 1980s High School- *Sixteen Candles*, *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *The Breakfast Club*

High school is a time where everyone at least partly grows into who they are meant to be. A lot of that has to do with relationships. In the 1980s, director John Hughes made three movies that got high school perfectly, while having that '80s stamp on them. *Sixteen Candles*, *The Breakfast Club*, and *Ferris Bueller's Day Off* all showed high school romances at their best.

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2. New York- *Manhattan*, *When Harry Met Sally*, *Spider-man*, *New Year's Eve*

New York City is the setting for numerous love stories. Woody Allen saw the romance of the Big Apple in his film *Manhattan*. *When Harry Met Sally* shows Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan fall for each other in the populated borough. Plus, who can forget the upside down kiss Spiderman and Mary Jane shared? The most recent romance in New York was *New Year's Eve*, a film showcasing a large number of romances. Clearly Manhattan is

the place to be for love, but one other movie location beats it out...

1. Casablanca- *Casablanca*

Arguably the best love story ever told aside from Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, *Casablanca* is a classic film that is all about its location. Humphrey Bogart stars as Rick Blaine, the owner of a nightclub in Casablanca. An old flame comes back into his life, and they end up rekindling their love. It is the ultimate love story, but since Casablanca is in Africa, you may just want to rent this one instead.

What other movie locations would you want to visit on Valentine's Day? Share your thoughts below.

Katherine Heigl Falls For A Bad Boy in 'One For The Money'





Katherine Heigl is back in a romantic comedy with an edge: *One For The Money*. Based on Janet Evanovich's sixteen-book mystery series, Heigl plays Stephanie Plum, a newly divorced and unemployed New Jersey girl. Stephanie talks her cousin into giving her a job at his bail bonding company as a recovery agent to get gain some cash. Stephanie agrees to catch Joe Morelli (Jason O' Mara), a former cop, murder suspect and the [ex](#) who dumped her in high school. With no idea how to handle a gun and pay back on her mind, she begins to fall for Joe all over again.

How do you get over a bad boy?

Cupid's Advice:

Women love rebels, but sometimes they can be a bad idea. Here are some ways to get over your bad boy tendencies:

1. Personality: It's okay to like a guy who can hold his own, but it can be bad if he uses his strength against you. Look for a nice guy with the positive qualities of a rebel.

2. Become a bad girl: Bad boys do what they want to do. You need to find your inner bad girl, and leave the relationship if you're not happy.

3. Illusion: Bad boys are all about portraying an image to the world. Once you see through the act, say goodbye to the false relationship, and find a real partner.

How have you gotten over a bad boy? Share your comments below.

'Loosies' Starring Peter Facinelli Teaches Love is Not a Crime



A New York City pick pocket, Bobby (Peter Facinelli), who lives life on the fast lane with no commitments, bumps into his past one night stand, Lucy (Jaimie Alexander) in the new movie *Loosies*. When the girl of his dreams drops the bombshell that she's pregnant with his child, Bobby must make a life changing decision to let his partner in on what he does for a living. Not sure if she's ready to raise a child with a criminal, Lucy decides to raise her child without Bobby.

Realizing that he wants to have a family, Bobby must decide if he can give up stealing and running from police officers for his relationship. *Loosies* premieres in theaters on Jan. 11.

How do you give up your single lifestyle to start a family?

Cupid's Advice:

Being single usually means a life of late nights, a lot of alone time and decisions that only affect you and no one else.

When you enter a relationship or add a new addition to your family, nights are spent with someone else and decisions are made for a better relationship with your partner. Here's how to embrace the changes:

1. Accept them: Recognize that the change from being selfish in decision making to thinking about your partner is a positive change.

2. Take time: It may be hard at first, but getting into a new routine will allow you to become more serious about life. Take the time you need to come to terms with it.

3. Think of the rewards: When losing weight, doctors suggest picturing a skinnier version of yourself every time you think about eating a slice of cake. Every time you think that it will be hard to change your lifestyle, picture yourself with

your family or partner. Make sure that you and your partner are both making sacrifices in order to better the relationship.

Have you ever had to change your lifestyle to better your relationship? Share your experiences below.

Matt Damon and Scarlett Johansson Learn to Love in 'We Bought a Zoo'



Benjamin Mee (Matt Damon) is a single parent, journalist and widow. While attempting to balance school lunches, fight off single moms and deal with a lousy editor, Mee spontaneously quits his

job. Instead of worrying about how to pay bills and get by raising his 14-year old son and 7-year old daughter, he buys an old house in the countryside with amenities like lions, tigers and bears. His zookeeper, Kelly (Scarlett Johansson) is often his saving grace. *We Bought a Zoo* highlights the fact that a small amount of courage and a lot of love can get people through any number of tough situations.

How do you support a loved one in tough times?

Cupid's Advice:

Stress on a relationship is like carrying a heavy weight on your shoulders. It slows you down, but the will to keep moving is the best way to survive. Here are some tips on how to do so:

- 1. Get involved:** The best way to show your significant other support is to get involved with projects in which they are involved. It will also give you both some time together.
- 2. Give an ear:** Some days, your partner just needs to vent and have someone listen to them. Offer a shoulder for them to lean on.
- 3. Spin the cynicism:** It's okay to have doubts and to share them. It's more important for a relationship to have no hidden truths.

Release Date: 12/23

How do you support your significant other? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrities + Love + New York City = New Year's Eve



Remember the celebrity-filled movie *Valentine's Day* and the classic film *Pretty Woman*? Well, just in time for the holiday season, stars are lending their talent again for another film full of love on a very special holiday. This movie tells the various stories of multiple couples and singles on New Year's Eve in New York City. Jessica Biel plays a woman with a baby on the way, Lea Michele and Ashton Kutcher get stuck in an elevator together, Josh Duhamel is on a journey to find a woman he met a year ago, and Michelle Pfeiffer needs to fulfill all her New Year's Day resolutions. The star studded cast will have you yearning for that magical New Year's kiss that happens at the stroke of midnight. Happy New Year!

What are some ways to spend New Year's Eve with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

You don't have to travel to the city that never sleeps to have a romantic New Year's Eve. Here are some fun ways to spend the holiday:

1. Inside: Watching the ball drop in your warm living room with egg nog and confetti is a great way to ring in the new year and the perfect place to share a steamy New Year's Eve kiss.

2. Outside: If you live in New York City or want to travel, how about being in Times Square when the ball drops? Yes, you might freeze your toes off, but that gives you even more reasons to snuggle up with that special someone.

3. A New Place: A fun way to spend New Year's Eve is in a place you have never been before. Start the new year off fresh by trying a new restaurant, movie theater, lounge, park or city.

Where do you and your partner plan on spending New Year's Eve? Share your comments below.

Charlize Theron Tries To Rekindle an Old Flame in 'Young Adult'



In *Young Adult*, a fiction writer, Mavis Gary (Charlize Theron), has just finalized her divorce and is heading back to her hometown in Minnesota. When she reconnects with her ex, Buddy Slade (Patrick Wilson), she wonders if they can rekindle the relationship they use to have in high school. The problem? Her ex is married with children! This is going to be a good one, and we can't wait to see Theron back in action on December 9th.

How do you know when to rekindle an old flame?

Cupid's Advice:

Ending a long term relationship can cause you to start reminiscing about past loves. Bumping into an ex after breaking up with your partner can cause you to think fate is at play. Be careful! Here's when you should rethink those thoughts:

1. He's happily married: This should be an obvious one, but you would be surprised. Even though you want to give the relationship another try, it's probably not worth breaking up a happy home.

2. He shows no interest: If you're doing all the work to make old memories a reality, move on.

3. You just feel lonely: Feeling lonely doesn't mean you should try to get an ex back. Move on with someone new, and don't look back. If it's meant to be, it will be.

Have you ever tried to get an ex back that was spoken for? Share your experiences below.

'The Exes'



This November, check out the all new comedy *The Exes*, starring David Alan Basche, Donald Faison, Wayne Knight and Kristen Johnston. When three divorced men end up sharing an apartment across the hall from their landlord and female divorce attorney, Holly (Johnston), chaos occurs among the new roommates. Although Holly assists the guys in steering clear of disasters, it doesn't take them long to realize that the problems they have with one another are the same ones they endured with their ex-wives.

Bella and Edward Are Back in Twilight Saga: 'Breaking Dawn Part 1'



The Twilight Saga is slowly, but surely, coming to an end.

But don't start feeling sad too quickly, because the last book of the series, *Breaking Dawn*, is being broken into two movies. On November 18th, *Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part 1* will bring Jacob (Taylor Lautner) and Edward (Robert Pattinson) fans together for a drama packed finale. After watching Bella (Kristen Stewart) decline Edward's proposal in *New Moon* just to accept it again in *Eclipse*, the long awaited wedding is here. On top of that, Bella becomes pregnant with a half human half vampire baby that poses threats to both the wolf pack and Cullen vampire family. Get excited!

How do you know when it's time to say "yes" to a marriage proposal?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be tough to really *know* when you're ready to marry someone you've been dating. The step between partners and spouses is a big one. Cupid has some things to consider:

1. Are you in love?: If you're truly in love with your partner, it may be time to make it official. If you have doubts, it's probably best to wait it out a while.

2. Why not?: If you're not getting married because of a reason like financial issues, chances are you're not ready. Go with both your gut and your heart.

3. It's just a ring: Saying "yes" to a proposal doesn't mean you'll be signing a wedding certificate the next day. If the love is there, say "yes" and continue working on your relationship. If you change your mind, call the wedding off. It's not preferable, but at least the option is there.

Have you ever said "no" to a marriage proposal? Share your experiences below.

Movie Review: 'Jack and Jill' is Full of Family Fun



Adam Sandler is at it again! The comedic genius and actor has come out with a Thanksgiving family fun movie, *Jack and Jill*. Sandler follows in the footsteps of Eddie Murphy by playing both the parts of Jack Sadelstein and his identical twin sister, Jill. Jack dreads when his needy sister, Jill, visits his family every Thanksgiving, because she always seems to ruin everything. Jack's wife (Katie Holmes) and kids, must deal with the sibling bickering. If Sandler can pull off Eddie Murphy's *The Nutty Professor* routine, *Jack and Jill* will have you laughing from start to finish.

How do you handle your partner's family feuds?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating someone means dating their family-especially during the holidays. It can be hard to know your place when your partner and his family feud over the dinner party. Here's how to be supportive of your partner without disrespecting his family:

1. Don't jump in: Your partner will tell you if they need to tag you in on a family fight. Keep your thoughts to yourself, unless you're asked to share them.

2. If asked, keep it neutral: When put in the middle of a feud, state facts that will make both sides happy. Never pick a side.

3. Don't play dumb: If you get in the middle, don't walk away without attempting to help diffuse the situation. It may seem like minding your own business is a good idea, but your partner may lose faith in you, and his family may abandon their respect for you.

Release Date: Nov. 11

Footloose featuring Julianne Hough, Kenny Wormald and Dennis Quaid





Get prepared for a guilty pleasure flick! In the 2011 remake of the 1984 film, [Footloose](#) brings back city kid Ren McCormack (Kenny Wormald) who moves from Boston to a small town where dancing has been banned after a tragic accident. McCormack isn't as readily willing to give up dancing as the rest of the town, and he sets out on a mission to bring it back. When he unexpectedly becomes attracted to the preacher's daughter, Ariel (Julianne Hough), it causes drama as the preacher is the main culprit in the ban against dancing and rock 'n roll. Although remakes are rarely better than originals, there's no doubt that the quality dance moves in this flick will leave you with a great feeling.

What do you do if your partner's parents don't like you?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be difficult to make a relationship work if your significant other's parents don't like you. Cupid has some tips:

1. Make amends: Although you may not be able to fully solve the problem, it's important to encourage your partner's parents to come around to you. Send them flowers or have a

heart-to-heart conversation if need be.

2. Analyze the situation: Find out the facts about why your mate's parents aren't a big fan of you. If there are legit concerns, address them directly. If the concerns seem unwarranted, talk to your boyfriend or girlfriend about it.

3. Change: If your partner's parents are right in their view of you, then it might mean you need to change the way you go about doing things. Sometimes change can be a good thing.

How did you deal with your partner's parents didn't like you? Share your experience below.

What's Your Number? featuring Anna Faris and Chris Evans





Ally Darling (Anna Farris) can't seem to find "the one" in new movie [What's Your Number?](#) After reading a magazine article that reveals her dwindling marriage aspirations, she begins hunting down her ex-boyfriends – all 20 of them – to find out if she missed her future spouse. She brings along her mischievous neighbor (Chris Evans), who Ally is helping to *avoid* his exes. Based on the book "20 Times a Lady," *What's Your Number?* should be a romantic comedy that keeps you smiling with a typical-goofy Farris who keeps you laughing.

How do you distinguish "the one" from "the last one"?

Cupid's Advice:

It's always difficult to sort out your feelings after a breakup. Cupid has some suggestions:

- 1. Give it time:** Whether it takes a week or a year, you need to get some space in order to reset your mind and feelings.
- 2. A stand-out:** Once the dust settles, find out what makes your ex someone you at one point wanted to date. Also, ask yourself why things ended.

3. Think happy thoughts: If whenever you think of your former lover and you smile while reminiscing, then it's a good sign. You may want to jump back in to explore more of the relationship.

Release date: Sept. 30

Rating: 3 out of 5 kisses

'I Don't Know How She Does It' featuring Sarah Jessica Parker, Pierce Brosnan and Greg Kinnear



The job, the husband, the family and the body: Kate Reddy (Sarah Jessica Parker) has it all – at least on the surface. Reddy, a financial executive for a big New York company in Boston, is also the main breadwinner and mother of two in [*I Don't Know How She Does It*](#). Problems she has juggling this already busy lifestyle become worse as Reddy makes an ambitious pitch to her boss (Pierce Brosnan) while her husband (Greg Kinnear) lands a new job. Based on a book of the same title, Parker's character has to learn that everything she aims for has a price.

How do you know when you've put your career ahead of family?

Cupid's Advice:

Although this is difficult to determine because each person's situation is different, here are some ways to determine whether work is taking over your life:

1. Necessity: It's one thing if you're bringing in all of the income for your family and it's another thing if you don't necessarily need to be away from them. Try to keep a balance if at all possible.

2. Kids are suffering: Should you choose to focus on your career and less on your partner or family, you need to make sure your kids will be well taken care of; if not, you need to tone the work down a notch.

3. Future repercussions: It's not always a question of what you love more (family or career), but often a question of your emotional attachment. Decide which you would miss more if you were to give it up.

Release Date: Sept. 16

Rating: 2.5/5