Celebrity Couples Who Let Social Media Run Their Relationship





By <u>Courtney Omernick</u>

With the Internet being so prevalent these days, some people make the argument that relationships are "not official until they're 'Facebook' official." And, it seems that many celebrities are taking this phrase to heart and publicizing their relationship on their Twitter, Instagram, Facebook, and other social media feeds. Below, Cupid has three celebrity couples that have let social media run their relationship.

1. Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom: Yes, even though this pair isn't technically together any more, professing their love via social media was always a constant. Whether it was Lamar

tweeting words of encouragement regarding a project Khloe was working on, or an Instagram shot of Khole wearing clothing from Lamar's line, these two couldn't get their devotion onto the Internet fast enough!

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2. Beyonce and Jay-Z: Yes, Beyonce's Instagram is usually filled with pictures of herself, but, she also uses it to showcase images of her and her hubby on stage and off. And, while Jay-Z isn't very active on social media, when he does participate, you can always find his pages filled with pictures of his wife and daughter.

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3. Heidi Montag and Spencer Pratt: As if their heavily televised romance wasn't enough, these two have taken their relationship to social media. Spencer is known for constantly tweeting about "how amazing" Heidi's body is, and, the two have staged online fights just to get the attention of gossip columnists.

Do you know someone whose relationship is fueled through social media? Let us know in the comments!

Celebrity PDA: Kisses and Cuddles





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Dax Shepard and Kristen Bell

This adorable couple, who married in 2013, shared a sweet kiss on the red carpet at the 2011 Vhl Do Something Awards. They have a baby girl named Lincoln and recently announced that

they're expecting their second child. Photo: Tina Gill / PR Photos

The Ex Factor: Songs After Heartbreak





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Paula Patton and Robin Thicke

Thicke attempted to win back his estranged wife with an emotional ballad off of his new album. "Get Her Back" is dripping with grovel as the crooner begs his ex to forgive him after his cheating scandal. Photo: David Gabber / PR Photos

Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Dating as a Single Parent





By Shannon Seibert

When you're dating as a single parent, each date seems to be the equivalent of a job interview. Will he get along with my kids? Does he mind me having kids? Does he even like kids? All of these questions are rational worries that every single mother faces in the dating game. We've pulled these five articles from our partners to help you play your cards right and find a love that's worth it:

- 1. Realize that it's okay to be dating: Single mothers often fear their children's reactions when they start dating. They don't want their kids to get attached to someone who may only be temporary or, even worse, hate someone who they want to be permanent. Relax and remember that this is about your happiness too. Soon, you'll find a man who will make you eternally happy like Savannah Brinson and her star-studded hubby LeBron James. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)
- 2. Consider online dating: Online dating is very convenient for single parents. It allows you to create a profile that will highlight all of your expectations for a mate. You'll be able to state whether or not you've been previously married, that you have children, and if you're looking for a long-term meaningful relationship. This will also allow you to check

out your matchs' profiles to see whether or not he'd be a good fit for you and your family. (GalTime.com)

- 3. Make it fun: Finding love as a single mother is hard enough, so you might as well not add to the pressure. Stay light on your feet and be prepared for anything. Though it may feel like a job interview, it's important to not treat it like one. You'll find out more about your partner by interacting with them in atypical environments, so feel free to be spontaneous with him. (YourTango.com)
- 4. Combining families is a wonderful thing: Dating someone else who has children can also work to your advantage. You both will understand that introductions may be delayed until you feel comfortable with one another and that your children are your first priorities. Guy Ritchie and fiancée Jacqui Ainsley are welcoming their third child together, making Ritchie a father of five. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)
- 5. If you're looking for long-term love, tell him: By being up front about what you want, you put the ball in his court. Establishing this desire early on in the relationship is a confident move that he'll either admire or run from. His reaction will show you what kind of man he is or the kind of man he could be. Be patient and understand each other's needs from the get-go. (GalTime.com)

What's your best tip for dating as a single parent? Share in the comments below!

Date Idea: Try Something New





By Maria Darbenzio

The summer weather won't last forever, so take advantage of it while it's still here! This weekend, learn a new skill with your honey with this fun date idea. Think of something you've always wanted to try and conquer it as a couple.

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If you live by the ocean or are willing to take the trip, you and your sweetie can get adventurous and go scuba diving. If submerging yourself among the brightly colored fish isn't your idea of a fun time, try your hand at deep-sea fishing instead. Both options are great ways to make lasting memories and to experience the ocean in its most beautiful moments. After your long day, sit back and relax on the beach as the sun sets over the water.

If you're not near the ocean, you and your partner can learn how to skeet shoot or maybe even go rock climbing. There are a number of classes available for both activities, and they'll be even more fun to take with your partner.

If you have a larger backyard or can visit a nearby park, you and your significant other can play disk golf. Learning together will turn confusion into laughter, and in the end, if you still don't understand all the rules, at least you had fun trying.

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To finish off the romantic weekend, turn your attention indoors. Take a cooking class with your partner to broaden your skills in the kitchen. If you don't want to take a class, you and your love can just prepare a meal at home using a new technique, like making your own pasta or cooking with curry. You never know what you might learn, and you may even discover new dishes for future date nights.

What new skill would you like to learn with your partner? Tell us in the comments below!

5 Celebrity Couples Who Started Off As Friends





By Courtney Omernick

Some argue that men and women CAN be 'just friends' and steer clear of a romantic relationship. However, sometimes friendships with members of the opposite sex can turn into something more. Below, Cupid has five celebrity couples who began their romantic journey in the friend zone.

- 1. Jordin Sparks and Jason DeRulo: At first, Jordin had a boyfriend and Jason was single. Then, Jason had a girlfriend and Jordin was single. The pair maintained a friendship while they both had different significant others, but once both of their status update's read 'single', they turned their relationship into something more!
- 2. Kate Middleton and Prince William: The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge met back in 2001 at St. Andrew's University in Fife while studying Art History. At first, they were just friends, but their friendship turned into romance when the pair shared a flat together with two other students during their second and third years.
- 3. Kim Kardashian and Kanye West: It seems as though their relationship moved quickly, but these stars were friends long

before their walk down the aisle. Kim and Kanye first met back in 2004 while Kim was married to Damon Thomas. After Kim's divorce to Kris Humphries in 2011, Kanye was there to pick up the pieces, and the rest is history!

- 4. Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher: They may have been Jackie and Kelso for years on 'That 70's Show,' but according to a source, the pair did not get along while playing each other's love interest. It wasn't until Ashton split from Demi Moore that these stars became friends! Now, Mila is pregnant with Ashton's baby and plans to take a trip down the aisle with him soon.
- **5. Beyonce and Jay-Z:** These A-listers were friends and talked regularly over the phone for 18 months before they went on their first date in 2000. In 2003, the couple finally admitted to the public that they were dating. Five years later, Beyonce became Mrs. Carter.

What other celebrity couples started off as friends? Share what you know in the comments!

Matching Couples on the Red Carpet





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Casper Smart and Jennifer Lopez

They might not be a couple anymore, but this former pair brought beauty and elegance to the Golden Globes with their matching white outfits. Of course, Lopez shines no matter what she's wearing! Photo: Andrew Evans / PR Photos

How to Turn a Friendship into a Relationship





By Courtney Omernick

You're out and about with your friend, and you start to notice a funny feeling in the pit of your stomach. No, don't worry, it has nothing to do with what you ate; it's probably butterflies. If you've been thinking about your interactions with this person for awhile, it's probably a good idea to assess whether or not you want to turn what you have into something more. And, if you do, Cupid has some food for thought.

1. Increase the physical contact: You might already be

affectionate towards one another, but now it's time to dial up the flirtation without being too physical. For example, set a goal to touch the other person at least three times when you're together. Make sure that the touch lasts no longer than two to three seconds and that you're only touching the shoulder, neck, or hand.

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2. Leave them wanting more: Spending a lot of time with them lately? Try intervals. For example, spend a lot of time with them, then none for awhile, then more again. While you're gone, your friend has a chance to think about and miss you. Also, remember to include the flirtation and physical contact while you're with them.

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3. Avoid the 'friends with benefits' situation: Some individuals think that if they apply this concept, it will be a quick transition from friend to a relationship. However, this situation only proves to the other person that you're a fun, casual fling, and they won't take you seriously.

Have you ever turned a friendship into a relationship? Share your story in the comments!

Cupid's Weekly Round-Up:

First Date Ideas





By Shannon Seibert

First dates are both nerve-racking and exhilarating. You want to impress the new person you're seeing while feeling them out to see if there is potential for something more. Unfortunately, the typical nice dinner can get old after a while, so we've pulled these five articles from our partners to help you pick out a fun idea for your next first date:

- 1. Go to the beach and have picnic: Picnics have an intimate setting without being super serious. The causal atmosphere with a scenic view will give you and your new guy a chance to catch a glimpse of nature's paradise while bonding over homemade sandwiches. You can take long walks along the water and even plan for future outdoor activities. (GalTime.com)
- 2. Go to a ball game: America's favorite pastime can set the scene for your first date together. Whether it's a local

team or a professional one, the competition will liven up your day. He'll feel in his element, and you'll be able to be comfortable with him cheering on your favorite team. (YourTango.com)

- 3. Go on a double date: Double dates are the magical answer to any first date nerves. You'll have two extra people to act as a buffer just in case you can't find anything interesting to say. Plus, double dates allow you to split into teams for something like a flirty game of laser tag with women versus men. Then, you can celebrate your victory over a group trip for ice cream. (GalTime.com)
- **4. Go to the fair:** The fairgrounds are a great place for fun and for feelings to grow. You can really get to know someone during an aggressive bumper cars match or while chatting over gooey cotton candy. The playful atmosphere will encourage easy conversation and allow you to be yourself. Kourtney Kardashian and her beau Scott Disick enjoyed time together at the fair this past week with their son Mason. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)
- **5. Go see a romantic comedy together:** Yes, it's a typical movie date, but you can put a twist on it by sneaking in your favorite snacks. Make a game out of making weird candy-snack combinations and see who can come up with the best movie treat, such as M&Ms and popcorn. The comedy will have the two of you laughing all night, and you won't have to worry about awkward silences. (YourTango.com)

What's your favorite first date idea? Tell us in the comments below!

Celebrity Couples Who Love Fourth of July





By Shannon Seibert

Tis the season to take pride in your homeland and rock the colors of vigilance, perseverance and justice. It's also the day where we sport killer bikinis, chow on barbecue and watch amazing fireworks displays. The best part about the holiday, though, is that it's a day in which our entire country takes pride in their homeland, especially our celebrities. We've pulled together the envy-worthy patriotic plans and traditions of these stars to hopefully inspire a little Independence Day tradition in your own household:

Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson: Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson will have two reasons to celebrate this weekend. After being engaged since 2010, the couple has chosen to wed on

July 4th. This all-American occasion will definitely be a party worth remembering.

Idea for you: You may not have been married on the Fourth, but that doesn't mean you can't celebrate your love. Have an intimate anniversary party underneath the fireworks with your love. Get silly and stuff American flag cake in each other's faces, wedding style.

Beyonce and Jay Z: Queen B has always been a fan of the holidays. With Blue Ivy around B and Jay Z are bound to have some Fourth of July fun. Last year the singer struck a pose against a vintage car in flag-print denim shorts. Looking forward to this year's photoshoot B!

Idea for you: Have your own star-studded photoshoot! Together with your love dress up in all of the patriotic attire you can find. Then take your man around town and find your most historical sites. Snap some selfies together, or strike your best model poses.

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Eddie Cibrian and LeAnn Rimes: Last year the couple attended Rimes' Fourth of July performance with Cibrian's two sons. The family of four gathered around for a quick photo of them decked out in holiday attire. Rimes had tweeted about how happy she was to spend time with her man and the boys.

Idea for you: Nothing says 'America' like a good 'ole country concert. This time of year, tours are in full swing. Hop on Ticketmaster with your man and surf the web for some neat Independence Day deals on your favorites, such as Miranda Lambert.

Selena Gomez and Justin Bieber: The past year has been plenty rocky for Jelena, but this time last year the couple was in full-swing of celebration. Gracing Instagram with an adorable selfie, the pair sent fans screaming about their Fourth of

July return.

Idea for you: Connect with old friends while celebrating your freedom. The Fourth is a great day to reach out to your "neighbors" under law and check in to see how they are doing.

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Josh Kelly and Katherine Heigl: The Kelley family spent July 4th of 2013 poolside at their home in Utah, making a splash in the holiday's festivities. The former *Grey's Anatomy* actress posted adorable photos of her two daughters and her hubby on Twitter, wishing the nation a happy birthday.

Idea for you: Host a pool party with your family- friends. Have a potluck and ask your guests to bring an item along to share. This way there will be plenty of food and fun to go around.

Kim Kardashian and Kanye West: The Kardashian family has never disappointed on the subject of partying. This year there are rumors of a Kardashian family get-together which will include all of the usual prospects. The Wests will be celebrating their daughter North's second Independence Day this year.

Idea for you: Take the day to just be with the family. Set up a barbecue buffet for you and your man's closest family members. This way you can see whether your Uncle Joe's fireworks outshine Grandpa Jim's this year while spending time with your loved ones.

How are you celebrating Independence Day? Share with us in the comments below!

Celebrity Tell-All Authors





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Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi

Both of these lovely ladies have written books that give insight into the struggles they've had to face. The funny lady wrote about coming out in Hollywood and her career as an actress, host, and comedian, while her wife wrote about her journey to overcome anorexia and bulimia. Photo: Andrew Evans / PR Photos

Ten Steps for Acting Like a Married Couple on a Friday Night





By Taylor Jenkins

Reid

Before I got married, I thought married couples spent their weekends doing things like double dates and cocktail parties. But being married has taught me that marriage is a little bit more low key. Here are 10 steps for acting like a married couple on a Friday night:

- 1. Get home from work and be ecstatic that you didn't make any plans. Change into your stained sweatpants.
- 2. Ask your spouse if they want to go out to dinner even though you know you're going to talk them into staying in. Realize there was never any chance they'd want to leave the house anyway. Remember this is why you fell in love with them.

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- 3. Open up the food delivery app and go back and forth about whether to get Chinese food or Pizza. Opt for pizza because, hello, it's pizza.
- 4. Inhale the food on the couch. Even though you both have overeaten, look at each other and say, "Do you want ice cream?" Drive to the store.

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- 5. Hold hands in the freezer section. Each of you buy your own pint of Ben & Jerry's.
- 6. Come home and eat ice cream while turning on Netflix. Cycle through all 100 of the movies in your queue and then say, "There's nothing to watch." You must believe this wholeheartedly no matter how absurd you know it to be.
- 7. Look at each other with regret that you've finished your pints of Ben & Jerry's. Be disgusted with yourself for finishing yours while telling the other one not to be disgusted with themselves for finishing theirs.

- 8. Settle on watching a documentary about spelling bees or athletes. Get the blanket and pull it over you both. Place pillows under your heads. Press play. Fall asleep within the first twenty minutes.
- 9. Wake up when the movie is ending. Grab your spouse and lead them into the bathroom so you can brush your teeth together and then get in bed.
- 10. As you turn the light out, tell each other you had a great night. Because you did. After all, you just spent a solid five hours with the only person in the world that will watch you eat a pint of ice cream and still think the sun shines out of your butt. If that's not something to smile about, what is?

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5 Creative Fourth of July Proposals





By Whitney Johnson

According to WeddingWire, about one third of engagements in the United States happen between Thanksgiving and New Year's Day. So guys, if you're ready to pop the question, why not surprise her with an engagement ring on the Fourth of July instead? Make your own fireworks on this red, white, and blue holiday with one of these five creative Independence Day proposal ideas:

1. Throw a party: If you want to include your friends and family in your engagement, throw a party to cover up your true intentions. As the sun sets, head to a spot nearby — private enough so that the two of you can have a special moment but public enough so that everyone can still see you. Wow your partner with a sweet speech, get down on one knee, and ask her to be with you forever. After she says yes, you'll love being able to celebrate your big day with all of your loved ones!

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2. Take your love on parade: Invite her to your city's Fourth of July parade, but make plans for you to be in the parade

instead merely a spectator. Jump on a float with a banner that asks that all-important question, and as you drive by your lucky lady, walk over to her with the ring in hand. Then, you can spend the rest of the day celebrating more than America's birthday.

- 3. Plan a Fourth of July picnic: This laidback holiday is the perfect time to sneak away for a private lunchtime picnic. Fill your basket with red, white, and blue-themed foods. For an appetizer, grab a bowl of red pepper hummus, a thick slice of Dubliner, a bunch of red grapes, and some crackers. For lunch, make each other's favorite sandwiches (keeping the color-theme in mind if possible). For dessert, pack some strawberries, blueberries, and whip cream. As you finish up your romantic meal, pop the question and watch the sparks fly!
- 4. Go on a scavenger hunt: To make your proposal even more personal, plan a scavenger hunt that takes her through your love story. Hide the first clue at the café where you met each other, the second clue at the spot where you had your first kiss, the third clue at your favorite date night restaurant, and so on. When she gets to the last clue, be waiting for her on bended knee.

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5. Wait for the grand finale of the firework show: She'll feel brighter than the sky when you whisper "Will you marry me?" in her ear at the end of the fireworks. You can even use the gorgeous light display as inspiration for your proposal. Tell her that she lights up your life and you can't imagine being without her.

What's your favorite Fourth of July proposal idea? Tell us in the comments below!

'The Bachelor' Winner Courtney Robertson Tells All In New Book About Love: "I Really Didn't Hold Back!"





Interview by Lori Bizzoco. Video by Damian Kolodiy. Everyone knows that with every episode of *The Bachelor* comes plenty of heartbreak and drama. However, one name has stood out during recent seasons: Courtney Robertson. Even though she was known as one of the most notorious villains of the franchise, *Bachelor* Ben Flajnik proposed to her at the end of season 16. Unfortunately, after the finale aired, the drama

didn't stop for Robertson. She and Flajnik split, and the celebrity dating rumors about the former contestant continued.

Courtney Robertson Talks About New Book About Love

In her new book about love I Didn't Come Here to Make Friends: Confessions of a Reality Show Villain, the reality TV star reveals the whole story, including intimate details about life before, during, and after her time on The Bachelor. "I wrote this book for fans of the show," she says in our celebrity video interview. "I really didn't hold back. If it pertained to me finding a relationship and love and what led to me to go on the show, I put it in!"

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After the roller coaster of drama, Robertson is now "happily single," focusing on her book, which she sees as her "labor of love," and her modeling career. Of course, The Bachelor will always be a part of her life. She remains friends with former contestants and is enjoying this season of The Bachelorette (she thinks Josh is "pretty cute!"). Fans can also catch her on a future episode of Untold With Maria Menounos where she'll spill even more behind-the-scenes reality TV secrets.

You can purchase I Didn't Come Here to Make Friends on Amazon or at your local bookstore.

Update: The paperback version of I Didn't Come Here to Make Friends is available from Dey Street Books as of January 6, 2015 for \$15.99. Buy it now!

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Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: Why You Argue with Your Man





By Shannon Seibert

Couples don't seek out arguments, but they are bound to arise from time to time. Many different factors come into play during a fight, and a healthy relationship is all about being able to handle them in the best way possible. We've pulled together five articles from our partners to explain why you and your love may be arguing:

1. You're hearing what you want to hear: Sure, you're hearing them speak, but that doesn't necessarily mean that you're listening. You have to consider the emotions behind the words. For instance, your man may be saying that his boss is unfair,

but what he's *really* saying is that he wants to feel like his work is appreciated. So pay attention and be the shoulder he can lean on. (GalTime.com)

- 2. You're using the wrong tone of voice: What you say and how you say it go hand in hand. Your tone of voice can add a multitude of connotations to a single phrase. Couples tend to misinterpret the different tones in the heat of the moment, but then they fail to talk about it. Open communication with your love is one of five important steps to a strong relationship. (YourTango.com)
- 3. You're asking already answered questions: Nothing is worse than asking a question that's already been answered, so sometimes, it's best to refrain from asking questions at all. If he's upset about something and you can't quite understand what he's saying, let him finish telling you what's wrong. Or just take a cue from Kanye West, who supports his wife Kim Kardashian in everything she does, including throwing their baby an over-the-top birthday party. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)
- 4. You're avoiding the root of the problem: He's probably not picking a fight about dirty dishes just because he despises your lack of care for clean cutlery. There's usually a deeply-rooted problem in disagreements that a lot of couples fail to address. Try finding the source of the problem before the tension becomes unbearable. (GalTime.com)
- 5. You're having the same unresolved arguments: You're going to keep fighting about the issue until you come to a conclusion. As a couple, you need to sit down and discuss what's really going on. Make sure you're on the same page at the conclusion of the discussion so it won't happen again. (YourTango.com)

How do you handle arguments with your man? Share your stories with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Tour a Chocolate Factory





By Leslie Chavez

Chocolate and romance are two things that go together oh so well. The sweet, dark candy is considered to be an aphrodisiac and can add a little passion and sensuality to any relationship when used correctly. If you have a sweet tooth, these chocolate-filled date ideas are sure to satisfy it!

Change your general romance routine by spending the day at a chocolate factory. Most visits include a short tour of the chocolate factory and free tastings of a variety of the company's most popular chocolates. There might even be a

chocolate-making demo included with the tour.

If you're interested in getting a more hands-on approach, try taking some classes at a chocolate school. You can learn how to manufacture chocolate, produce candy and confections, use chocolate molds, and create professional chocolate recipes. Have fun with it! Tease each other and flirt your way to the best chocolate soufflé you've ever made.

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Take the skills you learned in your chocolatier class and use them at home. Spending the night with your love baking, drizzling, and melting the decadent treat is a perfect way to add romance to the date. Make some chocolate-dipped strawberries, white chocolate fudge, hot cocoa, or truffles. And don't worry about making a mess — you can clean it up later!

Not only can you treat your stomach to a chocolate treat, you can also treat your body, mind, and spirit. Visit a chocolate spa where you can experience the latest in massages, skincare, and other chocolate-based services. There are a number of spas that have these options, but the most popular is — where else? — Hershey, Pennsylvania. There, a cocoa massage, whipped cocoa bath, and a chocolate bean polish are offered.

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If you can't make it to Hershey this weekend, you can always make your own **chocolate romance** bath for two. Now, all you need is a little champagne and some chocolate-scented candles for a scrumptious evening at home.

This weekend, forget the diet and indulge in a sugary treat with your man. As if you needed another excuse to eat chocolate!

What sort of chocolate-filled date would you enjoy? Tell us in

10 Signs That You're in Love





By Courtney Omernick

Ah, love. The subject is covered on television, in books, movies, magazines, and now, here! Sometimes, it seems that we receive an overwhelming amount of suggestions on how to love our partner's better, express our love, etc. from every form of media. But, what if you don't even know if you're in love in the first place? Never fear, Cupid to the rescue!

Cupid's Advice:

1. Everything they do is perfect: From the way they dance to how they brush their teeth in the morning, there is no flaw in any action they make whatsoever. And, you're completely smitten while watching their every single move. Seriously, this person can do no wrong!

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2. They've consumed your thoughts: Can't figure out what to eat for breakfast? Finding it hard to study? If the person you're with is starting to cloud your thoughts, you might be in love.

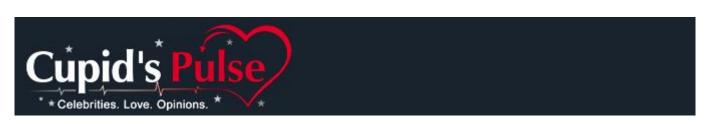
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- 3. You slowly retreat from society: Before your partner, it was all about your friends, family, and having "me" time. Now that you're together, you've started to spend less and less time with others and more time with your "other." It's not that you hate your friends and family, it's just that being away from your partner feels so…wrong.
- **4. Being with them is what matters:** You could be scuba diving, at the movies, hiking, grocery shopping, or just lying in bed; it doesn't matter. As long as you have them by your side, one activity is just as great as the next.
- 5. You don't mind having to compromise sometimes: If you can't be flexible regarding something simple, you should probably start packing your bags. However, if you don't mind a little give and take, it's probably a good sign that you're in love.
- 6. You've forgotten about your ex: John who? If you're in love, you're no longer wondering about whether or not you made the right decision to break it off with your ex. In fact, the thought is the furthest thing from your mind. You might not even remember why you were with your ex to begin with.

- 7. You're happy...about everything: Your life feels like it's all rainbows and butterflies. Nothing can bring you down. Stuck in a traffic jam on the way to work? No problem! This only gives you more time to think about your partner.
- 8. You're reordering your priorities: Let's face it, you've started to put your partner's needs before your own. You might have even changed your clothing, habits, mannerisms, or values in order for them to better match your partners. Guess what? Love is in the air!
- 9. You feel the words slipping out of your mouth: It could happen when the two of you are simply walking down the street. Your partner looks at you, and without saying anything, you feel the phrase, "I love you" on the tip of your tongue. If those words are crying to leave your lips, it could be love.
- 10. You'd do anything for them: If you're in love, you generally feel a sense of empathy and think of the other person's pain you their own. Because of this, you feel that you'd be willing to sacrifice anything for the other person.

How did you know you were in love? Tell us in the comments!

First Comes Love, Then Comes Baby...Then Comes Marriage?





By Shannon Seibert

When you were a child and jumped rope, singing along to the popular carol, we were taught that in a relationship the correct timeline was love, marriage, and baby in a baby carriage. But in today's day and age, society is going about things quite differently. We've pulled some facts from a recent study by Zoosk that shines light on the underlying truth on how the current generation approaches their relationships in contrast to how they're idealistically projected.

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One shocker that was uncovered is that sex before love is normal. The days of women waiting until marriage are waning. In fact, a lot of couples sleep together before they are even officially dating. Sexual compatibility has become an increasingly definable characteristic for relationships. If a couple doesn't feel passion for each other in bed, then they are less likely to make a relationship work because they will just look for better sex elsewhere.

But on the other hand, marriage before moving in is more

common, especially with younger people. This is understandable because people like to be their own person until they officially attach themselves to another. What if things don't work out? What if you move in, just to move back out? Whose place do you choose? There are a lot of questions that require complex answers, so it's generally easier to hold off until marriage, after which most decisions are made together.

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Another matter to consider is having children. The relevancy of baby talk is more common since people are having sex earlier in their relationships. The study shows that, on average, couples begin stirrings of baby talk around the 7-month marker; however, the average life commitments are made around 14 months.

As seen in the media, couples often get pregnant before they are married, essentially speeding into making a family together. Many celebrity pairs, like Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie or Eric Johnson and Jessica Simpson, begin a family before getting hitched. What had once been a biting scandal is now the norm.

In terms of scandal, the juiciest is right here: Men are looking for love, not just sex. That's right! Women accuse men of only being after one thing, but that isn't necessarily true. Contrary to popular belief, men are prone to searching for love and the right woman. Men are actually quicker to push the relationship milestones, such as saying "I love you," going on vacation together, and putting a ring on it. So don't fear, ladies. He is thinking about a future with you.

Tell us what you think about these Zoosk study results in the comments below!

10 On-Screen to Off-Screen Romances





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Channing Tatum and Jenna Dewan-Tatum

Since their fairytale began on the set of 'Step Up' in 2006, the couple has given everyone hope for a chance of true love. The way the dance together and act together is enough to make your heart melt. The gorgeous pair is now happily married with a beautiful daughter named Everly. Photo: Andrew Evans / PR Photos

From Bestseller to Film comes 'The Fault in Our Stars'





By Laura Seaman

Based on the best-selling novel by John Green, *The Fault in Our Stars* is a charming, emotional story about Hazel Grace Lancaster (Shailene Woodley), a girl dying of cancer. She meets the one-legged heartthrob Augustus Waters (Ansel Elgort) and, after a few close calls and an adventure that takes them across the world, falls in love with him. These star-crossed lovers must learn to live and love despite their illnesses and the oblivion that faces us all.

Who Should See It: This movie is an absolute must-see for anyone who has read the novel or is a fan of John Green's previous works. Anyone who is a fan of cute, romantic movies will enjoy this movie, but should probably read the book first. The movie will be much better for those who have read the book. Just have some tissues ready!

Who to Take: This is a great movie to see with your girlfriends, but only those who have no problem with crying or getting emotional at the movies. This might not be the best date movie, as men may not enjoy it quite as much. It could also be a good mother-daughter movie, as long as your daughter is old enough to understand the movie's message.

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What are some tips for dating someone who is extremely sick?

Cupid's Advice:

Dating someone with a severe illness like cancer can be difficult. Your partner might have limitations, and sometimes the illness can take its toll on someone emotionally. But despite these challenges, an illness doesn't change the fact that they're the person you've fallen for. Here are some of Cupid's tips for dating someone with a severe illness.

- 1. You need to know that they are not their illness. Sometimes a person's disease can take up a lot of their time with hospital trips, treatment, or just resting. However, this doesn't mean their life has become their disease. Talk to them just as you would with someone who's healthy. Check out their hobbies and interests so you can really talk to them about things they like.
- 2. You should enjoy the time you have with them. This is something everyone should do regardless of their partner's health. People pass away or become sick all the time, and there's no way of knowing when that will happen. Maybe your partner has a better idea of when that time will be, but that shouldn't stop you from getting the most out of your time together.

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3. You need to plan dates accordingly. Sometimes sickness can bring a lot of limitations with it, including mobility, diet, and stamina. If your partner has any of these limitations, it's important to plan dates that can accommodate these limitations. Just because they might not be able to do everything, doesn't mean they can't do anything. Don't let disease keep you from going out and having fun. Show you care by being extra creative with your ideas!

What are some other ways to support a partner who is dealing with disease? Let us know in the comments!

5 Celebrity Divorces That Turned Nasty





By Courtney Omernick

No one ever said that getting a divorce is fun, but imagine your divorce being in every magazine and broadcast all over the television on the evening news. With the stress and pressures that Hollywood brings, it's no wonder so many star's marriages are over before they even started. Below are five of the nastiest celebrity divorces thus far.

1. Jon and Kate Gosselin: It seems the couple was getting ready for a divorce within a few months of America meeting their eight children. Kate ended up accusing Jon of taking \$230,000 of the \$231,000 they had in their joint bank account. Jon denied Kate's claims stating that he only took \$22,000 and that Kate is "hiding money." For this couple, there were multiple accusations followed by a denial, then a rebuttal.

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2. Denise Richards and Charlie Sheen: The breakup of this power couple was one of the ugliest Hollywood has ever seen! After three years of marriage, Richards filed for divorce in 2005 stating that Sheen was unfaithful, abusive, and addicted to prostitutes. Soon after, Sheen told Richards to "rot in ****** hell" and called her a "sad, jobless ****."

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- 3. Christie Brinkley and Peter Cook: After almost 10 years of marriage, Brinkley filed for divorce after learning that Cook had an affair with his 18-year-old assistant, Diana Bianchi. During the divorce trail, there were accusations that Brinkley raided Cook's office, scratched his face out of family photos, and copied his hard drive. Brinkley ended up paying Cook \$2 million, but she got to keep her 18 properties and was given custody of their two children.
- 4. Liza Minnelli and David Guest: These stars were married less than two years before Guest sued Minnelli for \$10 million claiming that his wife beat him so badly during rages (spurred by alcohol) that he had suffered neurological damage and had to be hospitalized. From there, Minnelli countersued and accused Guest of stealing \$2 million while he produced her shows. Over the next few years, more allegations surfaced, and the pair decided to call it quits in 2007.
- 5. Britney Spears and Kevin Federline: While the divorce itself wasn't so much of a disaster, the custody battle was

unbearable. Spears's breakdown involving Kevin and their two sons, Sean Preston and Jayden James happened in January 2008 when she refused to turn the boys over to Federline for a scheduled visitation. Spears ended up hiding the boys in her home for four hours until police physically removed her and put her into a medical center.

What are some other nasty celebrity divorces? Share in the comments!

Celebrity Interview: 'You & A' Music Host Clare Galterio Shares Dating Advice and Says, "Give Everyone a Chance"





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Clare Galterio is the newest face on the Music Choice Network and host of the hit show You &A, where she gets the scoop on today's hottest artists while listeners play along at home by asking their own questions via Twitter. She has chatted with dozens of chart-topping artists, including Hunter Hayes, NeonTrees, Nick Cannon, and Imagine Dragons, just to name a few. In addition to interviews with musicians, the 30-minute talk show features live performances.

Celebrity Interview with Clare Galterio

While most people would be intimidated interviewing today's biggest music stars, Galterio has no problem holding her own on camera. "I remember my friends always being like, 'I want to be Britney Spears; I want to be the artist.' But I always wanted to be the one hosting the show — that's what I wanted to do," the bubbly TV personality confesses in our celebrity interview. Her inspiration comes from Mel B, not just because she was a huge Spice Girls fan — although that may have helped

- but because of the host's outgoing and approachable personality.

While the New York City native has enjoyed speaking with numerous stars, she's hoping she'll one day have the opportunity to interview infamous pop princess, Miley Cyrus. "I love that she's her own person. I think she would be so much fun."

No newcomer to the performing world, Galterio is a former elite competitive dancer who won multiple awards before becoming a dance teacher. She credits dance as the reason she is so involved in music today: "My family believes in everyone doing their own thing and making their own way, so it was a natural progression for me to go from being a dancer to becoming involved in music."

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Speaking of her family, fans may be surprised to learn that it's not music that runs in her blood, it's sports. Her great grandfather Art Rooney founded the Pittsburgh Steelers, and her celebrity family continues to own and maintain the team. Because football is a major factor in her life, it makes sense that Galterio has an interest in someday doing sports broadcasting. "I would love to do sports because it's such a big part of my life and my family!" she reveals. "But they know if I'm interviewing Terri Bradshaw, I'm going to somehow bring music into the forefront because it's a natural thing for me to talk about."

Of course, we had to ask the music guru about her favorite tunes. While she loves classic relationship and love songs likes Whitney Houston's, "I Will Always Love You," she also enjoys songs that "aren't so happy." Currently, her favorite is "Stay" by Rihanna. "Although it's about a one night stand and the complete opposite of love, it's such a

You & A Music Host Talks About Her Relationship and Love

Despite her fondness for unhappy love songs, the host makes it clear that her own love life is far from depressing. Having been in a long-distance relationship for over three years, she believes that "communication is the most important thing. Even if it's just sending a sweet little text or making sure you speak before going to sleep, it's important to talk to your partner every day. It's nice to have that time together on the phone." While managing a busy career and maintaing a strong relationship and love seems next to impossible, Galterio says that "balance is something you learn over time."

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As for her best dating advice, she encourages people to "give everyone a chance. You never know what's going to bring you together, so don't just turn somebody down." She came to this realization through her admiration for the band Karmin's relationship. "They went to college together and actually didn't like each other in the beginning. Then, through music, they found each other and are now engaged."

There's no summer break for Galterio. Not only is she working on the second season of her show, which premieres at the end of this month, but she is also starting a web series. Personal experience with gluten intolerance has inspired her to create a YouTube web series called "The Gluten Free Chick," where she gives advice on what to eat at certain places in New York City.

Keep an eye out for this young up-and-comer!

You can follow Clare on Twitter @ClareGalterio. Be sure check

her out on new episodes of You&A Saturdays at 12 EST on the Music Choice Network!

Cupid's Weekly Round-Up: 5 Men You'll Meet Before Mr. Right





By Shannon Seibert

To get to Mr. Right, you have to go through all of the Mr. Wrongs. There are many types of men that women will encounter on their journey to find The One. The struggle is training the brain to differentiate between the good and the bad. Check out these five articles from our partners that will clarify why

each type of man below is not who you're looking for:

- 1. Mr. High School Sweetheart: Ah, your first love. He'll always have a special place in your heart. One mistake women make is thinking that there is only one kind of love out there and latching on tight to their first boyfriend. With this guy, you'll realize all of your good memories are in the past, and it's getting harder to connect as you get older. You're too familiar with each other and where is the excitement in that? (GalTime.com)
- 2. Mr. Bad Boy: There is nothing sexier then the stereotypical bad boy. The problem is, women want a bad boy who is good for her and her alone. He doesn't play by the rules, though, and no matter how much he may care for you, it's all about him. Yes, the motorcycle and the "don't care" attitude may be alluring, but you are above his silly games. Stay away from Mr. Bad Boy, and go for someone with a more royal quality. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)
- 3. Mr. Good Guy Friend: He's probably one of the nicest men you'll ever meet. He'll show up with soup when you're sick; he'll rub your feet when they're sore; and he'll go with you to all of the awkward family gatherings that require a date. The truth about Mr. Good Guy Friend is he's trapped in the friend-zone, and there's no way out. (GalTime.com)
- 4. Mr. Baggage: Women have a maternal tendency that isn't easily turned off. So when a sad puppy comes along and needs taking care of, we are the first to the rescue him. Don't let Mr. Baggage fool you. His "commitment issues" and the fact that he has been "really hurt" isn't cute. You don't need to be in charge of a charity case while you're on a mission to find love. Guys like Marc Anthony, who openly have self esteem issues, are the men you want to avoid. (YourTango.com)
- **5. Mr. Not Right Now:** He may also be called Mr. Excuses. When he's with you, he's so in the moment, and the world seems to

revolve around you and him. But the next day he is MIA and ignoring your texts. What gives? Mr. Not Right Now is weighing out his options, and you are not a Plan B kind of woman. He needs to take a cue from Eli Manning, who tries to spend every moment he can with his family, the top priority in his life. (CelebrityBabyScoop.com)

Have you ever had a run-in with one of these men? Share your story with us in the comments below!

Date Idea: Visit a Tarot Card Reader





By Leslie Chavez

If you're strolling around that little beach town you visited

for the weekend and looking for something different to do, check out that **tarot card reader** you spotted on the street. Come on — you know you're a little curious! Take a look into the crystal ball and see what the future holds for you and your love.

It seems like everywhere you go, you can count on some sort of psychic, tarot card reader, or the like to be around the second corner or down that quiet alley. You should finally take the plunge and see what all the fuss is about! Couples readings can be a fun and illuminating experience. They can also be very healing, providing you with a neutral space to work through issues and look at the bigger picture of your relationship. However, in order to avoid a tense situation, make sure that your partner is comfortable and open to the idea.

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The tarot card reader encourages you to ask questions that move your situation in a healthy direction rather than asking something like, "Should we move in together?" She also suggests talking with your partner beforehand to discuss what questions you will ask in order to avoid any surprises. Consider having separate readers for you and him if you feel uncomfortable going in together. After determining which option is best for you, relax and get ready to gain insight into your past, present, and future.

One of the most common approaches are tarot card readings, a method that uses a symbolic deck of cards with specific drawings that are believed to be guided by spiritual forces. The forces are believed to help interpret a current situation someone is going through or uncover something about their future. Is there a walk down the aisle in the cards for you? Tarot card readings are a great way to find out.

Another sought-after method of seeing the future is palm

reading, which evaluates a person's character or future by studying their hand. There are three major lines — the heart, the head, and the lifeline — that tell you more about yourself than you ever imagined. Getting your beau's palm read can be a good way to get some insight into his emotional stability and romantic perspective. Sneaky girl!

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These psychic options are fun ways to explore the spiritual and supernatural realm with each other. You may even gain some interesting insight into yourselves and your relationship. Whether or not you choose to truly believe the messages in the stars is totally up to you.

Have you ever gotten tarot cards read with your partner? Share your story in the comments below.