

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



By [Jessica Smith](#)

*The Perks of Being a Wallflower* is all about self-discovery, and Charlie (Logan Lerman) enters his freshman year of high school determined to be less of a loner. He dreams of being a writer, but he's not sure what he would write about. When he finds friends that invite him to be a part of their island for misfit toys, his life takes off into the adventure he's been waiting for. He learns that everyone has a different story and his unique friends Patrick (Ezra Miller) and Sam (Emma Watson) give him something to write about. As high schoolers, the three experience ups and downs along with relationship problems and feelings of self-doubt. With the help of one another, they realize that being themselves is good enough. The movie comes out September 20th.

**Related Link:** [The Upcoming Film 'The Words' Will Leave You Speechless](#)

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

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

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

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

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

**3. Respectful:** Aretha Franklin sang it best. R-E-S-P-E-C-T is what you deserves and it's what you shall get! This is something that should be mutual throughout the relationship. If you really love one another (and of course arguments

happen) then neither of you should ever say or do anything that makes you feel downgraded.

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

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## Giveaway: Win Tickets to See Divorce – The Musical



*This post is sponsored by Divorce – The Musical.*

By Deanna Atkins

Whether you're divorced, married or single we can all relate to the heartbreak and fury one in every two married couples are facing these days. One thing to keep in mind is that it's "better to be mad than sad" – as Ruthe Ponturo, creator and

co-producer of [Divorce – The Musical](#), says.

After a blissful, 34-year marriage Ponturo had her life turned upside down the day her husband unexpectedly told her that he no longer wanted to be married to her. She was left in complete shock with many thoughts running through her mind: Is he having an affair? Is there a younger woman? Is this just a part of his mid-life crisis? Instead of spiraling into depression, getting plastic surgery or wallowing in self pity, Ruthe made the bold choice to express her boiling emotions through comedic songs.

Partnering up with musical director, John Thomas Fischer, they created 'Divorce – The Musical': a cabaret show which showcases Ponturo's "get on with life" attitude through a variety of hilarious songs all from different genres. The musical offers something for everyone, especially an opportunity to laugh until you cry.

Dying to see how this strong woman triumphed despite hardship and heartache? Well, one lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will have the chance to win two tickets to see the show in NYC by following the details below:

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: To enter for a chance to win two tickets to see 'Divorce – The Musical', go to our Facebook page, click on the "[Like](#)" button and leave a comment under the giveaway post, saying that you want to enter to win. We will contact the winner on his or her Facebook page when the giveaway is over. The deadline is 5:00 p.m., Friday September 21st. Remember to click the link, [here](#) to enter.**~~

**Congratulations to Lynette Barbieri for winning two tickets to 'Divorce – The Musical!' Enjoy the show!**

If you're interested in purchasing tickets for *Divorce – The Musical*, [click here](#)! Don't wait – The show will be at the Triad Theater in New York City between Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>,

and Saturday, October 13th.

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# Giveaway Alert: Win a Boostcase for Your iPhone So You Can Text and Talk Longer with Your Loved Ones



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By Daniela Agurcia

It's difficult to manage a busy schedule and a relationship at the same time, but Boostcase is here to help. Bollare's Boostcase is a portable iPhone charger that allows you to extend the life of your iPhone and charge it on the go.



Although our cell phones allow us to keep in touch with our loved ones throughout our hectic work days, the battery life just can't keep up. That's why everyone is getting their hands on this hot new accessory.

Celebrities such as Emmy Rossum, Vanessa Hudgens, Miley Cyrus, Selena Gomez and Zooey Deschanel have been spotted around town with this new "must have" gadget, and they're obsessed! Personalize your Boostcase with your favorite colored "Snap On Case." Now, you can send pictures to your long-distance beau in Europe or just spend your day texting your hot crush without worrying that your phone will run out of juice before you get a response back from him.



Miley Cyrus with Boostcase. Photo: INFDaily.com via Just Jared

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Congratulations to our winner, Katie Picklesimer! Enjoy your new Boostcase!

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## Giveaway: Housewives Jewelry



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By Daniela Agurcia

Ever wonder how the women from *The Real Housewives* always look

so fabulous? In addition to their wardrobe, they seem to have a little secret called accessorizing, and with the right piece of jewelry, any outfit can go from shabby to chic in the matter of minutes. But how can we find or even afford the same great accessories that give the housewives their playful elegance? Look no further than [Housewives Jewelry](#), a company that sells designs inspired by the dynamic personalities of the celebrity housewives for a fraction of the cost. Additionally, many of the pieces by Housewives Jewelry have been worn by the housewives themselves! Even more exciting is the fact that we are giving away two amazing pieces from the collection, including the Newport Necklace in Denim Blue Swarovski Crystals and the Flower Cluster Chandelier Earrings.

~~GIVEAWAY: Just go to our Facebook page and click on the "Like" button. Then, leave a comment saying that you want to enter the giveaway, and you will automatically be entered to win! The contest ends at 5 pm on Friday, August 24th, and the winners will be contacted via their Facebook page. The Newport Necklace, inspired by Gretchen of 'The Real Housewives of Orange County,' or the Flower Cluster Chandelier Earrings, as seen on 'The Real Housewives of New York City,' can be the perfect accessory for your summer outfit!~~

Congratulations to the winners of our Housewives Jewelry giveaway: Lynette Barbieri won the Newport Necklace, and Leanne Conway won the Flower Cluster Chandelier Earrings! Enjoy your new jewelry, ladies!

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## Two New Ways Women In High



# Heels Can Stay Sexy and Comfortable



*This post is sponsored by Foot Petals.*

By Sarah Ribeiro

After running around the office all day and standing for two hours to give a presentation to a new client, your new man calls and asks you to dinner. You embrace the chance to sit down, but after your meal, he suggests that you take a nice stroll around the block to get some fresh air. You don't want to appear high-maintenance or out-of-shape for that matter, so while your feet cry in pain, you hold his hand and smile.

After all, you really like this guy. But, then the unthinkable happens! You're walking on the sidewalk and your shoe gets stuck in a crack, scuffing the heel of your expensive leather shoes. You can't take it anymore and you begin to cry, your date now thinks you have some very big emotional issues. If only you had known about Foot Petals!

Foot Petals, the brand known for their fabulous and fashionable shoe inserts and shoe cushions just launched two new revolutionary products to bring comfort to women in high heels.

The first new product, Stiletto Shieldz, solves the annoying problem of when your stiletto heels get scuffed or scratched. Stiletto Shieldz is a clear plastic shield that adheres to your heels (works on leather, synthetics, wood, etc.) and will protect them from scuffs while appearing invisible to the eye.

The Stiletto Shieldz for high heels retails for \$6.95 and is sold at [www.footpetals.com](http://www.footpetals.com) and department stores, including Nordstrom.

The second new Foot Petals product, Pressure Pointz, adds comfort to trouble spots. Pressure Pointz are small shoe cushions that women in high heels can stick in a specific spot of their shoes to create a defense layer between their shoe and skin to avoid blisters and uncomfortable rubbing. Many women in high heels currently use band-aids or tape to try to solve this problem, but Pressure Pointz is a more permanent and practical solution that also provides more comfort than at home solutions. Pressure Pointz for stiletto heels retail for \$6.95 and are available at [www.footpetals.com](http://www.footpetals.com) and in department stores, including Nordstrom.

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## Giveaway: Reese Witherspoon's Sexy Sophisticated Style





*This post is*

*sponsored by Bliss Spa Products.*

By Ann Csincsak

Since we first watched her in *Legally Blonde*, Reese Witherspoon has caught our eye with her simple style. Although her style is quite different from the flashy California-girl look of her character, Elle Woods, she still knows how to turn heads with her bold outfits.

This first look I love because it shows her sophisticated yet girly personality. She is right on trend with her floral print top and dark washed jeans and dresses it up with some gold jewelry and a fabulous clutch.

- 1.Modcloth.com Run and Hydrangea Top, \$34.95**
- 2.Luck Brand Sofia Skinny Jeans, \$99**
- 3.RayBan Original Wayfarer Glasses, \$149 MUST HAVE!**
- 4.BCBG Tess Foldover Clutch, \$83**
- 5.Kendra Scott Drew Bangles, \$120 SPLURGE!**

The second look is the ideal date look. A cute, feminine skirt, simple top and accessories are all you need to look and feel sexy and confident. Men love when women wear dresses, and this one is a great option if you want to dress to impress. Keep your accessories neutral with your hair in an easy-to-manage style if you're hoping to catch his eye.

1. Nicoli Beige Handbag, \$138
2. Rachel Zoe Beau, \$188
3. H&M Navy Tank, \$7.95
4. J. Crew Postage Stamp Mini, \$98
5. Tory Burch Colorblock Glasses, \$148

Whether this blonde starlet is dolled up for a movie premiere or spending the day with her husband and children, she always looks stunning. Take some tips from Reese's effortless style and look put together for any occasion without seeming like you tried too hard.

For lots of these great style and accessories, check out Vintage Sweet and Chic.

#### **PLUS: BLISS SPA PRODUCTS GIVEAWAY**

This week, we are doing an amazing GIVEAWAY from Bliss Spa Products, one of my favorite product lines. The giveaway includes a ton of Bliss Spa products and a tote bag to keep them all together.

All you have to do is follow @BlissSpa on Twitter and tweet them, saying you're there for the #giveaway!

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## **'Step Up Revolution' Makes You Want to Move**





By Jessica Smith

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

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

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



boys and girls alike!

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

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

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

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

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

they're likely to come around.

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

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## Giveaway: Win a BikiniaBella Beach Bag to Match Your Teeny Weeny Bikini!



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It's finally time to show off your bikini-ready bod that you've worked so hard to perfect! Hit the beach or the pool, but don't forget to pack your sunblock and shades in this fabulous, functional and customizable ClaireaBella's BikiniaBella Beach Bag. You can customize your bag by tacking

on all the glitter and sparkles you want while picking out your own bikini, skin, hair and eye color for your BikiniaBella.

Reality stars have been spotted carrying their ClaireaBella bags this summer! Teresa Giudice from 'The Real Housewives of New Jersey' posted an adorable photo of her daughter Audriana holding her mom's bag, while Tracy and Christy from 'Jerseylicious' have been toting their bags around town.



Can't wait to get your hands on one? One lucky CupidsPulse.com reader will do just that!

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**This giveaway is now closed.**

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# How to Stand Out from Every Other Girl and Get Him to Notice You This Summer



*This post is sponsored by Rori Raye.*

By Sarah Ribeiro

The dating world is an endless competition. You're constantly

up against crowds of girls launching themselves at the same guys as you. But worst of all, you're up against yourself.

Last Wednesday, June 13, 2012, SingleEdition hosted a UStream broadcast with relationship coach Rori Raye about standing out, getting noticed and experiencing a real summer love.

Raye focuses on teaching you to have the relationship YOU want and gives some great tips on doing just that. Her leading piece of advice? "Actually fall in love with the way you are right now, even if you think you made mistakes." Then, you will see that finding love is easy.

### **How can you stand out in a group of women?**

According to Raye, there are four roads you can take in a relationship. Three of them are most commonly used, but they are the wrong ones.

**Related Link:** [How to Ease Your Nerves Before A Blind Date](#)

What are these three wrong roads?

**The Physical:** This road refers to focusing too much on your body and sexuality. Getting too involved with what you look like makes you a sexual competitor, which means you are not viable for a relationship. As Raye explains, "Men are used to women being really provocative now," and that makes it too easy for them to get what they want and dismiss any notion of a relationship. "It gets you the booty call" but prevents any type of romance from developing.

**The Mental:** The second road means discovering what you have in common. The common ground, says Raye, isn't important except for the core values you share: honesty, being a good person, wanting a relationship. What you both like in the world, according to Raye, is irrelevant. Connecting with a man's brain "creates a friendship, but he will not feel connected emotionally."



**The Energetic:** Too many women make the mistake of finding a spiritual bypass – using the mantra that “you’re angry, but you’re above that”. Being a **reasonable** woman, making excuses and closing yourself off is only going to keep you cold and unable to express your true feelings, making dating miserable.

The fourth road is one that Raye says we’ve been told to avoid. However, it’s the right one.

**Related Link:** [Five Top Tips On How to Find “The One”](#)

**The Emotional:** If you key into your feelings and share them, you can show a man that you have the ability to be in touch with yourself emotionally. “The second he can feel your openness,” says Raye, “he’s going to open up” and fall in love with you.

Raye believes that if you open your heart and have a warm personality, a guy will make a beeline for you.

*There are specific, effective ways to communicate to a man your interest without chasing him. To learn how to do this so that a man will feel inspired to pursue you, subscribe to Rori’s free [e-newsletter](#). You’ll discover a completely different way of expressing yourself that will get you a man’s full attention and interest.*

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**Giveaway: Towne & Reese  
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Bachelorette’ Star Emily**

# Maynard



*This post is sponsored by Pea Pod Paper & Gifts.*

By [Whitney Baker](#)

If you've been watching this season of 'The Bachelorette,' you've surely taken note of Emily Maynard's fabulous wardrobe. Week after week, she continues to impress us with her easy sense of style, transitioning effortlessly from date to date. Whether she's wearing jean shorts and a crochet sweater for a day by the water or a one-sleeve gown at the Rose Ceremony, one thing remains the same: her eye-popping jewelry. And now, CupidsPulse.com readers have the opportunity to win one of two Towne & Reese jewelry giveaways OR receive **15 PERCENT OFF the entire Towne & Reese collection**, including the highly-anticipated Fall 2012 Collection, from Pea Pod Paper & Gifts. Use the discount code **cupidspulse** at checkout.

**Related Link:** ['The Bachelorette' Season 8, Episode 5: The Dos and Don'ts for Taking Your Relationship To The Next Level](#)

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**Congratulations to our winners, and thank you to everyone who signed up!**

**Ashley Grulich** won the Daisy Turquoise Ring, and **Elizabeth Gottier** won the Brooke Earrings in either Mint Green or Crystal.



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Daisy Ring in  
Turquoise. Photo:  
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Towne & Reese  
Brooke Earrings  
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## With Claritin, The Difference is Clear



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By [Whitney Baker](#)

Your cute neighbor – who you’ve been crushing on since he moved in – *finally* asked you out on a date. He even planned the evening for you: an al fresco dinner at your favorite restaurant followed by a romantic stroll through a nearby

park. Sounds perfect, right?

It is...until your allergies show up (uninvited, of course) and you can't stop sneezing. Itchy eyes and a red nose is *not* how you hoped to end your night.

If only you would've learned from Brooke Burke-Charvet's mistakes. Merck teamed up with the *Dancing with the Stars* host to create the video below, showing you how easy it is to live your life with your allergies instead of constantly battling against them.

Thanks to non-drowsy Claritin®, Burke-Charvet can survive her busy day – and you can make the most of your relationship with that new man in your life. The difference is clear.

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# Hear Him Loud and Clear, No Matter Where You Are



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Whether you're video chatting with your loved one, or maybe just listening to music, these Lenovo M0520 speakers will ensure that you are hearing the best-quality sound possible.

They can be used both on your laptop or at your desktop computer, and these compact, convenient speakers are portable.

All you have to do is attach the convenient USB-powered connection with an energy saving function to whichever device you're using at the time.

When traveling, no one wants to bring along his or her oversized, awkwardly shaped speakers, so the Lenovo speaker allows for easy storage, without taking up precious space in your suitcase. To even take the sound experience further, the speakers also attach to smartphones and MP3/MP4 players, so you can bring them with you to the beach and play you and your

partner's favorite playlist. Their chic, elegant look makes them that much better than the competition too. Available in red or black, it suits both sexes, achieving the look of either classy or cute.

Have a Skype date with your man on the road? Great! These speakers will make it seem like he is in the room with you, as you hear his voice booming through the amps. Even if you're not technologically savvy, setting up these speakers is a no-brainer. Just plug them into your computer and you're ready to jam out or chat it up, while listening to the other person loud and clear- thanks to the four watts of power they work off of and the built-in amplifiers.

This product proves that bigger isn't always better, so enjoy the top-notch sound at a reasonable cost, and reap the benefits at home or on the go.

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## **'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:

**Related:** [Which Avenger Would be the Best Date?](#)

**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.

**Related:** ['I Don't Know How She Does it,' Featuring Sarah Jessica Parker](#)

**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.**

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## **‘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.**

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## 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.**

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## **Ashton Kutcher Goes Online to Look for Love!**





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By Daniela Agurcia

Insiders tell us that Kutcher is in search of love (again). Could this be proof that he and Mila Kunis are just friends? You be the judge! We got our hands on Ashton Kutcher's dating video below. We aren't matchmakers but we know a thing or two about celebrity relationships and we are here to help him sort things out. In fact, there are several bachelors in this video that we could help. Let's meet our bachelors right now:

What these Bachelors all have in common is that they all share a slight resemblance to Ashton Kutcher, no?



Darl is the over the top, vain diva. He shares what he's looking for by telling us what makes him so special, and he loves his dog, Pupu. Is this Ashton Kutcher in this dating



video? You tell us...



I never thought I'd see the day that Ashton Kutcher would need a dating video in order to get a girl, but hey, he is looking good on that motorcycle.

Check out Ashton's profile on [WorldWideLovers.com](http://WorldWideLovers.com), let us know if you like what you see on the new dating site.

What do you think it would take to date Ashton Kutcher? What type of girl would he like? Tell us in the comments below.

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## '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.**

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## **'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!**

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# Let Perfect 10 Introductions Help You Find Your Perfect Match





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Are you tired of the online dating process? Can't seem to find the right woman (yes, ladies this one is geared toward our male audience!) or not sure where to find that special lady?

Well, **Perfect 10 Introductions** is a matchmaking service that makes finding a partner exciting. They also have a process that adjusts to your active lifestyle. Perfect 10 works hard to introduce you to the best of the best: beautiful, sexy, intelligent women from 21-60. This professional matchmaker service is responsible for making over a hundred marriages in the past 4 years and they have tons of positive testimonials from clients all over the world. What makes this service so unique is that they not only guarantee weekly in-person or over the phone check ins, their executive matchmakers will travel anywhere in the world to meet with you.

One client on the site claims, "I want everyone to know that I found the woman of my dreams through the excellent matchmakers at Perfect 10!"

Perfect 10 offers a flexible contract and intensive recruiting process that can potentially give you results in a matter of weeks. Whether you chose their basic package or the full



blown VIP package you will receive complimentary date coaching and wardrobe consultation. Gentleman, what are you waiting for?

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## Giveaway: Nicole Richie “Fashion Star” Casual Chic Style



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By Ann Csincsak

One of the hottest new shows on television and a personal favorite of mine is Fashion Star! Nicole Richie shines every week with fashion forward styles and gorgeous Jewelry from her company “House of Harlow.” Although her ensembles may be a

little out of most people's price range, I have developed some great styles from her that everyone can afford and look spectacular in.

The first look (image above) is a classic casual get-up that maintains some of spring's favorites trends...Bangles, Pops of color, and Headbands. Pair this daytime look with some heels and your ready for an evening out on the town.

The next outfit sports spring's hottest trend and that's the romper. Nicole shows us that although shorts are mostly considered casual, this romper takes your look from daytime drag to everyday chic! Wear this on any date and make your guy's jaw drop with how you can make casual look SEXY!

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and leave a comment saying you want to enter.  
You can also follow them on twitter and leave a comment as well. Either way you are entered.

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# '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!

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## Count Phone Numbers, Not Calories!



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By Daniela Agurcia

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# **Platinum is a Celebrity's Best Friend, It Can Be Yours**



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By [Lori Bizzoco](#)

When it comes to celebrities and their diamonds, nothing makes them glow better than when they're set in precious platinum.

Whether it be diamond rings, earrings or bracelets, platinum is a celebrity favorite. Ann Hathaway, Mila Kunis Halle Berry, Sandra Bullock, Nicole Kidman and many more have worn it over and over again on the red carpet. In February, Jennifer Hudson who gave an emotional tribute to Whitney Houston at the Grammy's, wore a radiant pair of platinum and onyx earrings by Neil Lane.

But, what happens if you don't have a movie stars budget? Well, your are in luck because for the first time in recent history, the price of gold per ounce has risen higher than that of Platinum. So, now platinum is more attainable than ever before.

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## 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.**