

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



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It's not hard to remember being a teenager, curling up on the couch with your mom, your best girlfriends, or your first boyfriend, hitting the lights, and watching a movie about first love. In those days, the stories of the star-crossed, wild-at-heart, or shy lovers were peepholes into what you hoped would be your own love story one day. They inspired you

to see the potential for love in each day and to be wholly devoted when you found it yourself. Even though you're a bit (or a lot) older now, you may find yourself in a situation and still think, "Oh my gosh, this is just like that scene from *The Notebook*!"

It's no surprise that film adaptations of novels by Nicholas Sparks have received widespread acclaim for portraying loves of the century. This Friday, yet another of these Sparks stories is premiering on the big screen: *The Best of Me*. Cupid was inspired by the new movie to bring you a list of our favorite films about first love (in no particular order). Spoiler alerts ahead!

1. *The Notebook*: We had to start our list with *The Notebook*. In the film, Allie and Noah meet as teenagers. Noah lives in a small town in South Carolina where Allie's family vacations in the summer. They are torn apart when Allie's parents, who despise Noah for his lower-class status, force their daughter to go home early. The ups-and-downs they endure through the years – both together and apart – make for an epic love story. The most beautiful part is that the tale is being told by an elderly Noah to his wife Allie, who has dementia. Cue the tears!

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2. *The Girl Next Door*: This one you probably didn't watch in your pre-teens, but it's still a pretty epic love story. Matthew, a high school student looking to attend Georgetown University, falls in love with Danielle, the girl who moves in next door. Matthew finds out from his friends that Danielle is an ex-adult film actress and accidentally insults her for it. He wins her back but not before an intense encounter with her ex-boyfriend.

3. *Never Been Kissed*: Josie Geller, a writer for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, poses as a high school student in order to write a

piece meant to inform parents on their kids' behavior. Josie, who was a nerd in high school, is forced by her boss to become one of the popular kids in order to beat out other newspapers with the more interesting stories. While working on the assignment, she falls in love with her English teacher Sam. She nearly loses him when he discovers her true identity but hopes that her newspaper article will win him back. You'll have to watch and see what happens!

4. *A Walk to Remember*: This Nicholas Sparks tale is the tear-jerker of all tear-jerkers. Landon and Jamie first meet when Landon is being punished for playing a horrible prank on a classmate. Despite teasing from Landon's friends, they become close when Jamie begins helping Landon with his lines for a school play. They begin a beautiful relationship, and Landon helps Jamie achieve her list of things to do in her lifetime, a lifetime that will be cut tragically short by terminal leukemia. He stays by her side as she battles her illness, and true to his dedication to help her achieve the items on her list, he marries her in the same chapel her parents were wed. Ultimately, his first love changes Landon for the better.

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5. *The Best of Me*: This film, being released this Friday, October 17th, has been widely anticipated by Nicholas Sparks fanatics and romance movie junkies alike. The story follows Dawson and Amanda, who were high school sweethearts. Twenty years after their split, they reunite in their hometown to attend the funeral of a close friend. Amanda is now married and a mother, but the passionate love she once felt for Dawson ignites again. We can already see ourselves curled up on the couch with our besties, rooting for these characters to find their happy ending (although we know better than to think that with Sparks at the wheel!).



A young Dawson and Amanda in 'The Best of Me'. Photo courtesy of Relativity Media / Mammoth NYC.

6. *Sweet Home Alabama*: Melanie and Jake fell in love as kids and eventually married. When Melanie left him to pursue a career as a fashion designer in New York City, Jake refused to sign their divorce papers. Melanie, who has hidden her Southern roots with a fake last name, travels home to Alabama upon becoming engaged to the mayor's son Andrew and hopes to end her first marriage. While in Alabama, she remembers what she loves about her friends and family. Soon enough, Andrew shows up and discovers the truth about his fiancé. What happens next is anyone's guess!

7. *Like Crazy*: Jake and Anna meet in college in Los Angeles, where Anna is an exchange student from London. They immediately fall in love, but as soon as graduation hits, her student visa expires. Anna's legal troubles continue, and the couple has to fight even more for the love they share.

8. *My Girl*: This tragedy is particularly heart-wrenching. Vada struggles with understanding life – because of her father's profession as a funeral director, because she lives in a

funeral home, and because she blames herself for her mother's death, which occurred shortly after she gave birth to Vada. Her best friend Thomas accompanies her everywhere, even on her frequent visits to the doctor's office (living in a funeral home has made her a hypochondriac). A tragic loss causes Vada to struggle even more but not before she discovers what true love is.

9. *Grease*: We all know the lyrics to this upbeat soundtrack, don't we? Sandy and Danny fell in love over the summer, but sadly, Sandy has to return to her home in Australia. Suddenly, though, her parents decide to stay, and Sandy heads to Rydell High School, where Danny attends. Danny, who is a greaser, tries to keep up his macho act in front of his friends, upsetting good girl Sandy. Of course, thanks to music, the two eventually end up back in each other's arms.

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10. *The Fault in Our Stars*: Hazel and Augustus meet in a cancer patient support group in Indianapolis. Augustus's illness caused him to lose his leg, while Hazel's cancer is slowly destroying her lungs. The two become close and agree to read each other's favorite novels. They track down the author of Hazel's nominated book down in an effort to find out answers regarding the sudden, mysterious conclusion of the book. Based on a true story, their journey is sure to tug at your heartstrings!

These wonderful movies can really help you understand what all different types of love can look like but even with hundreds of movies out there, it is sometimes extremely hard for a man [to know when a woman is attracted to you sexually](#) if there are no clues or signs. Hopefully, these movies will give you some tips and clues.

~~**GIVEAWAY ALERT: One lucky reader will receive a *The Best of***~~

~~Me prize pack, including a branded hoodie, branded lip balm, branded tote bag, branded Kleenex box, branded coffee mug, The Best of Me book by Nicholas Sparks, a soundtrack from the film, a mini poster, and a \$25 Fandango gift card. To enter our giveaway, email cupid@cupidspulse.com with your full name, address, email, and daytime phone number BEFORE 5 p.m. EST on October 30th. In the subject line, please write "The Best of Me Giveaway." You can also enter [via Facebook](#). You can enter the contest only once. Good luck!~~

Giveaway is now closed. Thank you to all who participated!



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5 of the Sweetest Movie Moments



By Tanni Deb

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

5. A Walk to Remember: If you're a hopeless romantic, this movie and its leading characters, Landon Carter (Shane West) and Jamie Sullivan (Mandy Moore), will leave you sobbing at the end. After a dangerous dare goes badly wrong, rebellious Landon is made to do community service, where he seeks help from bookish and religious Jamie – the girl he eventually learns to love. When he discovers the secret she's been carrying for two years, he plans a date at night to star gaze. He asks her to search for a specific star, and when she questions him about it, he says he had it named after her. The scene is sealed with a kiss.

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

3. You've Got Mail: If you think you can't find love online, then this is the movie to watch. Joe Fox (Tom Hanks) and Kathleen Kelly (Meg Ryan) are business rivals who began writing emails back and forth, without knowing each other's identities. Over time, romantic feelings develop, and Joe later realizes that the person he's been writing to the entire

time has been Kathleen. At the end, they decide to meet, and Kathleen is not only shocked, but also excited to know that her cyber friend was him all along. She admits that she was hoping it was him, and the two passionately kiss.

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

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

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