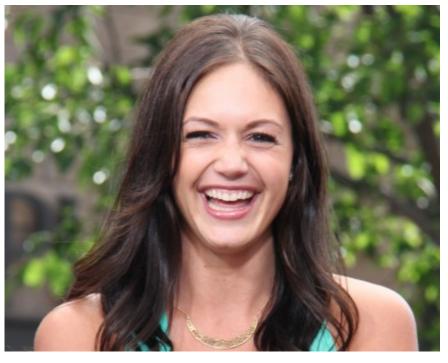
'Bachelorette' Desiree Hartsock Says 'Love Can Be Unpredictable'





By April Littleton

Desiree Hartsock took to her blog on <u>People</u> to thank everyone who watched her journey to find love on the latest season of *The Bachelorette*. " I appreciate the encouraging words from many and the understanding that love can be unpredictable." Ultimately, Hartsock chose Chris over Drew because she felt her relationship with him "didn't move forward" after their date in Antigua.

How do you roll with the ups and downs of a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with the ups and downs of a relationship can be complicated, but love isn't perfect. In order for you and your partner to be happy you must learn how to properly handle any bumps in the roads that you're bound to hit. Cupid has some tips:

1. Don't ignore the issue: When you realize that you may have a problem, confront it head on. Some couples choose to neglect the problem, but this will only make matters worse. You may even end up breaking up because of it. Take the time to sort out why the two of you may be having issues. The sooner you talk about what's bothering you, the quicker you can find a way to solve the problem and get back to being the happy couple you once were.

2. Don't bring up the past: Once you decide to forgive each other for whatever wrongdoing may have occurred, leave that issue in the past. Constantly bringing up problems that aren't relevant to your relationship anymore is immature. Of course, couples fight, but that doesn't mean you have to bring up conflicts that occurred months ago. Let the past be the past.

3. Stay positive: When you and your honey are on the outs, think about all of the positive things the two of you have done together and how much the both of you have overcome. Don't focus on the negative. Rather than obsessing over the things your partner may do wrong, draw your attention to all of the things he/she does right. Your relationship will be better for it.

How do you roll with the ups and down of your relationship? Comment below.

Absence Shouldn't Make the Heart Grow Fonder





By Matty Staudt for

GalTime.com

Recently I took a job that will require me to be gone 5 days a week and I will only see my wife on the weekends. Luckily it's only for a few weeks because I'm on day 3 and I can tell you it already sucks. I truly enjoy being with my wife and being apart is really tough on both of us.

I bring this up because I was thinking about that expression, "Absence makes the heart grow fonder." I've realized that that's not the way it should be. I appreciate all my time with my wife and all absence is doing is making us both sad. Heck, even our dogs are bummed I am gone. (At least that's what she tells me.) I think too many couples take for granted the time they spend together, and to be honest, most guys I know can't wait to do stuff without their wives. It's not that they don't love their wives, they just like to have that individual time away. I think society, in general, has kind of ingrained in people that it's an acceptable thought for men. I don't think it is.

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Now don't get me wrong, I think some time apart is healthy and I know my wife and I are that annoying couple that likes to do everything together. We do it for a few reasons that I'm going to share with you.

She's my best friend.

I know it's cliché that your wife should be your best friend, but I see a lot of couples that don't feel this way or have forgotten with time. Remind yourself that your mate is and should be the person you enjoy having fun with. Whether we are simply sitting together, watching TV, talking or out on the town, she is the person I want to do all of those activities with.

I am a better person with her around.

I know I am a better person with my wife by my side. If ever I don't think so, my friends are quick to remind me. Especially when I put on my jerk hat when I'm out by myself. If you are not a better person with your mate, think about why you aren't and whether or not it's something you can improve on.

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We make each other laugh.

Laughing together is KEY. If you meet a couple that doesn't make each other laugh, then I will guarantee you it's not a healthy relationship. Whether it's doing my underwear dance for her or sharing an inside joke, we laugh a lot. Are you laughing a lot with your partner?

So absence may make the heart grow fonder, but it shouldn't. You should enjoy every day and minute with the one you love. If this is not the case, then maybe you are not with the right person. Treat every day as if it were the last day you will see your mate for a very long time. Make each other laugh, be best friends and strive to bring out the best in one another.

What do you think? Do you travel or does your spouse? How do you keep the closeness?

5 Celebrity Couples that Waited for Marriage





By April Littleton

The decision to have sex isn't one that should be taken lightly, but it's a personal choice. You may choose to wait until the love of your life comes along or you may not (just make sure you're always safe). In Hollywood, many celebrities are quick to hop into bed with the next star they see standing next to them on the red carpet, but this isn't true for every person who has the spotlight shining down on them. Some celebrities pledge abstinence because of their religious beliefs, while others hold out until marriage out of respect for themselves. Here are five couples who waited until their big day:

1. Kevin Jonas and Danielle Deleasa: Kevin Jonas, the eldest of the Jonas Brothers was very outspoken about his decision to abstain from sex prior to getting married. As a symbol of his beliefs, he wore a punk rock purity ring from Tiffany's on his ring finger. Jonas married his longtime girlfriend and former hairdresser, Danielle Deleasa, on December 19, 2009. The purity ring was replaced with a wedding ring, and now, the happily-married pair is expecting their first baby.

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2. Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon: After her marriage with music executive Tommy Mottola came to a halt, Carey decided to remain celibate with Nick Cannon until they exchanged meaningful "I Do's." In a December 2008 interview for *Mirror*, Carey said, "I definitely don't want to push it on anybody else. But we both have similar beliefs, and I just thought that it would be so much more special if we waited until after we were married." The happy couple have been married for five years now and are parents to twins, Monroe and Moroccan Scott, age two.

3. Tina Fey and Jeff Richmond: The Saturday Night Live alum was a virgin until she met her husband and composer of 30 *Rock*, Jeff Richmond, at the age of 24. The couple dated for seven years before finally marrying in a Greek Orthodox ceremony June 3, 2001. The famous pair is now parents to two daughters, Alice Zenobia and Penelope Athena.

4. Adriana Lima and Marko Jarić: In 2006, Lima told *GQ Magazine* that she had no plans to have sex until after she was married. The Brazilian Victoria's Secret model married Serbian NBA player, Marko Jarić, on Valentine's Day 2009. Since then, the duo have become parents to Valentina and Sienna.

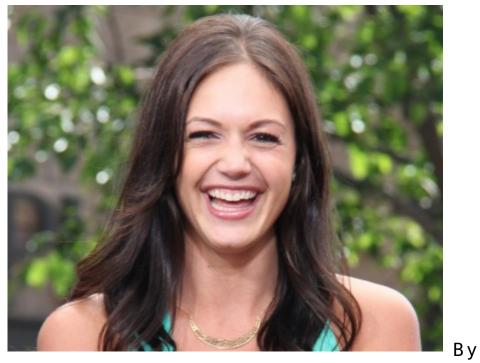
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5. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: Although this couple has since broken up and moved on to different relationships, no one can forget these lovebirds from the early 2000s. Because of her religious background, Simpson announced she would remain a virgin until her marriage to Lachey. The pop stars married October 26, 2002, but unfortunately, things ended in divorce only four years later.

What are some other celebrity couples who waited for marriage? Share below.

Celebrities That Lost Their Fame But Not Their Love





Jennifer

Harrington

For many celebrities, fame can be short-lived. It's easy to quickly list those one-hit wonder stars who quickly vanished from the spotlight. But, have you ever wondered about celebrities who managed to hold onto their romance after they disappeared from the A-List? Cupid did some investigation to figure out which stars lost their fame, but not their love:

Mike Tyson

During the 1980s and 1990s, Mike Tyson was one of the biggest

sports stars, and was frequently the topic of news because of both his numerous successes in the boxing ring, and the controversies that plagued him outside of the ring. Tyson's been legally married three times, fathered eight children and endured the loss of his child Exodus. He also faced a rape conviction, domestic abuse allegations, a bipolar diagnosis and bankruptcy. Despite Tyson losing the fame and star power he enjoyed in his early career days, he is currently a happily married man. In 2009, he married his longtime girlfriend, Lakina Spicer. Tyson told *The View*, "I have an awesome life…I'm very grateful. I don't deserve to have the wife that I have; I don't deserve the kids that I have, but I do, and I'm very grateful."

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Jennifer Grey

Her role in *Dirty Dancing* solidified Jennifer Grey as a movie star in the 1980s. However, after this iconic role, Grey underwent plastic surgery, which drastically changed her appearance and negatively impacted her career. During the 1990s and 2000s, Grey vanished from the Hollywood spotlight and faced long-term survivor guilt tied to a 1987 car accident she was involved in, which resulted in the death of two other people. In 2001, Grey married actor Clark Gregg and became a mother that year. Her marriage to Gregg remains strong, and in 2010, Grey won *Dancing with the Stars*.

Andrew Shue

Andrew Shue became a major heartthrob when he played Billy Campbell on *Melrose Place* in the 1990s. This was Shue's first and last major acting role. When the popular nighttime soap opera concluded, Shue quit acting and decided to pursue new ventures off-screen. While Shue is no longer acting or in the limelight, he is a happily married man to ABC news anchor Amy Robach.

Lea Thompson

Lea Thompson burst onto the Hollywood scene with several signature parts, including roles in the *Back to the Future* trilogy and *Caroline in the City*, a popular 1990s sitcom. As the 1990s concluded, Thompson's star power faded. Most recently, she has been seen on the ABC Family series, *Switched at Birth*, but otherwise, Thompson has been absent from the Hollywood scene. Married since 1989 to Howard Deutch, Thompson has acknowledged she took a break from acting in order to raise the couple's two daughters. After a quarter-century of marriage, Thompson and Deutch's romance remains intact!

Ice-T

Ice-T is a rapper and actor who held the most star power during the 1990s when gangster rap was the music of choice for teenagers across the country. He became a household name because of the controversy surrounding his 1992 song "Cop Killer". Today, Ice-T is absent from the radio airwaves, but he still is married to his wife, Coco. Coco is a swimsuit model who Ice-T married in 2001, and the couple's relationship has been featured on the E! television series *Ice Loves Coco*.

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Looking at the life stories of Tyson, Grey, Shue, Thompson and Ice-T, it's apparent that life doesn't always turn out the way we expect. While these celebrities may not currently have the fame or fortune they used to have, they are obviously successful in the love department.

Who else belongs on this list? Which celebrities have disappeared from news, but have gone on to be successful in other ventures or love? Comment below.

'Between Us' Tests the Boundaries of Old Relationships





By April Littleton

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

Should you see it:

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

Who to take:

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

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How do you turn a failing marriage around?

Cupid's Advice:

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

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

2. Get to know each other: Sometimes you have to start all over to get back to the relationship you used to have with someone. You've probably been out of touch with your partner for so long that you don't even remember the little things that make him or her smile. Start from scratch. Let go of all the bad memories and try to rebuild from the good ones. Talking to each other again – even if it's just about the basics (like your spouse's new favorite song) is taking a step in the right direction.

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

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

Rumor: Are Co-Stars Ellen Page and Alexander Skarsgard Dating?





By Marisa Spano

Some pictures are deceiving. In this case, a sweet photograph of Ellen Page and her *The East* costar Alexander Skarsgard surfaced via Twitter. In response, a source told <u>People</u> that the costars are just friends. Plus, it isn't exactly clear when this picture may have been taken.

What are some ways to keep rumors about your relationship at bay?

Cupid's Advice:

When you first start a relationship, you don't really know what the outcome of it might be and you certainly don't want rumors to ruin it. To keep this from happening, Cupid has some advice:

1.Keep it offline: Keep your relationship off social media. Take it from Ellen and Alex; one little photo of the two started a huge commotion. Don't make yourself look guilty.

2.Lock it: Put a password in your cell phone and computer. This way you do not have to change your new partner's name or allow others to see their messages. **3.Act the same:** When in the public eye be sure to act like you would as if you didn't have a new love interest, you would be surprised just how quickly people pick up on things.

How would you hide a new relationship? Let us know below!

Don't Settle: Get Him to Commit





By David Wygant

How do you get a man to commit? This is the one million dollar question I get asked every single day.

My answer is that first off, you need to make a commitment to yourself because it all starts from knowing and loving who you

are. You can't get a man to commit until you've accomplished this and until you've worked through any relationship issues. This includes dealing with all of your past relationships and knowing exactly what makes you happy.

How can you get a man to commit if you don't really know what makes you happy? The biggest mistake women make is that they don't know what they want from a relationship. They don't understand their own needs and desires. So ask yourself, what are your needs, wants, and desires?

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One of the biggest questions that I help women answer during my seminars is how do you want to be loved? You really need to think about this question. Take a moment right now and write down exactly how you want to be loved. What would it feel like to be with your perfect man? How do you want to be touched? How do you want to be held? How do you want to be listened to? What's the sex like? Write down every single detail about how you want this relationship to feel in your heart, because that's the key to understanding what type of man you want.

If you don't figure this out first then you're going to end up trying to get the wrong man to commit to you because you'll be dating men based on potential. Let me tell you, this is a huge mistake women make and they do it all the time. They think he's going to be more loving when he stops working or that he's going to be more attentive when he has less stress. Forget the excuses, forget what it will be like after. You need to know how you want to feel right now because that's the most important thing in the world.

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So, how do you get the right guy to commit once you know these things? You satisfy his needs, wants, and desires. You find out exactly how he wants to be loved. What's important to him? How does he like to be talked to? What's important to him sexually? What's important to him mentally? What's important to him emotionally? Then, you ask yourself can you meet those needs? Can you actually look this man right in the eyes and know that you can fulfill him and every desire he has?

A man commits to a woman when that woman fulfills his needs. One of the key things is that you need to love somebody the way they want to be loved and not the way you want to be loved. True love is allowing yourself to step outside of your boundaries. To step outside of your comfort zone and not be afraid to love them based on their needs, wants, and desires.

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As a man, I have no problem committing to a woman that will satisfy my needs, wants, and desires, because that's what I want to do for her and she should expect it from me. That's how simple this whole thing can be. That's how easy it is. That is how you meet each other's needs, with an open heart.

You'll know when a guy doesn't want to settle down with you if he's not trying to satisfy you on all levels and if you're constantly battling him to love you the way you want. Listen, relationships should be easy and fulfilling. You shouldn't settle for a boyfriend that gives you anything less. After all, why would you? The next time you're in a relationship if he's not satisfying you then he obviously doesn't want the same things as you. Maybe he's not ready to be in a committed, healthy, loving relationship. And if he isn't, why waste your time with him?

You deserve that healthy, committed, loving relationship that's going to make your heart pound; a relationship that's going to satisfy you; and above all a relationship that's going to make you feel complete.

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Best Selling Author Sylvia Day Discusses Crossfire Series, Love and Having it All





By Nicole Cavanagh and Lori Bizzoco #1 New York Times Best selling author, Sylvia Day chats with CupidsPulse.com about her new novel, and shares where her inspirations come from. A true romantic herself, Day knew she wanted to be a romance novelist when she was just twelve years old! She speaks about current trends between relationships, love, and reading and tells us how she wants to spread her message about happy endings. Plus, find out about her newest project, the upcoming groundbreaking collaboration with Cosmopolitan and Harlequin. Day believes women really can have it all and reinforces pursuing your dreams both in life and in love.

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Kristin Cavallari Wears Tiara While Celebrating Bridal Shower





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Kristin Cavallari wore a sparkly tiara and sash during her bridal shower at The London in West Hollywood over the weekend. The former *The Hills* star shared a picture of her bridal getup surrounded by friends to her Instagram account Tuesday, June 4. Cavallari is set to marry Jay Cutler this summer. She and Cutler are parents to Camden, who's 9 months.

How do you personalize a bridal shower?

Cupid's Advice:

A bridal shower is one of the most fun events you will get to experience as you're preparing for your wedding. The shower will be the opportunity for your friends and family to plan something that will pay homage to you. Your loved ones will get to showcase your personality through gifts, games and some unique activities. Want the day of your shower to be something you'll never forget? Cupid has some suggestions:

1. Pick a theme: Your bridal shower will show some character if there's a theme involved. Do you love to watch football with your partner? Pick a sporty theme for your shower. Maybe

you're more of a girly girl. Deck out your bridal shower in all pink. Are you a goofball? Ask your guests to wear silly costumes and hats.

2. Decorations: Instead of gathering a bunch of store-bought decorations, get your bridal party to help you create your own. Throw some cute cutouts around the room, like hearts, wedding bells and flowers. Fill your party favors with personal objects. Do your friends know you can't live without makeup? Pick out an assortment of lip glosses and fill bags with them. Anything that shows off your style will be the perfect gift for your guests.

3. The location: The bridal shower doesn't necessarily have to take place inside of your home. If you're considering a sporty theme, think about having your shower outside or maybe even at a bowling alley. If you're all about keeping the party mellow and casual, maybe take the girls out to a spa. No matter what you decide, throw the traditional "rules" out the door and plan the shower YOU want.

How did you personalize your bridal shower? Share your experience below.

Can People Really Fall In Love Too Fast?





By SMF Marcus

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All of our lives, we're advised against allowing ourselves to fall in love too fast. They (whoever "they" are) tell us love should happen deliberately, gradually, over a moderate amount of time to have truly legitimate long-term potential. That certainly sounds like sound advice. A cautious approach to new love is never in any way inappropriate. Better safe than sorry.

The problem is that even though this sounds like the right thing to do – *feels* like the right thing to do – it seems to me that there's very little control over our emotions. Yet there are those who truly believe we have some kind of real power and control over our feelings. Whenever I've heard someone proclaim they wouldn't "let themselves fall in love" with someone, I can only laugh. Certainly, as human beings we have the ability to make choices. As people, we can acknowledge feeling a certain way without acting upon whatever powerful emotions may be brewing.

Don't get me wrong, it's not easy.

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The experience of falling in love with someone is extraordinarily powerful – almost impossible to resist. We have no ability to just turn it off. If we could do that, there wouldn't be nearly so many shallow husks of decayed relationships strewn across the ages. But this notion that we can fall in love too quickly – that we somehow will fall in love too soon if we don't exercise some sort of discretionary power over that emotion, I theorize that has been all wrong for years.

I posted a question on my Facebook fan page asking the question, "On average, how soon after you begin seeing a new suitor do you realize that you're falling for them?"

The overall response was generally in the range of 3 to 7 dates. Now this was a small sample size so it's hardly scientific, but I think it's indicative of something nonetheless. It may indicate that most people fall in love far sooner than we would care to admit and definitely sooner than we would like.

Think of your current or past relationships. How many of them took you more than a few dates before you felt the opening pangs of what you would eventually come to realize was you falling in love?

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When you really fell for someone, how long did it take? Probably much sooner than you think. How many times have you heard people in successful relationships tell the story of how they "just knew right away?" I use myself as an example of this. My ex-wife and I moved in together two weeks after we met. We were together for the next ten years. Have you ever started to fall someone after more than ten dates? I'm guessing no. I theorize most of us know fairly quickly, in spite of how we're all told we *should* feel. There's always that awkward period where you're each waiting to see who says "I love you first." You want to say. You want to tell that person what you're feeling, but you can't, right? Why is it awkward? Because we're told not to. Too soon. May scare him off. May not feel the same way. Which may possibly be true in any given situation. But life is filled with risks. By the way, research shows that generally guys are the first to drop the L-bomb.

I guess my point in all this is that sometimes trying to adhere to conventional wisdom may not be the best route for you to take in a fledgling relationship. You should be cautious, but you can be cautious and still embrace the fact that you're falling for someone without concern over some artificial timetable. All these rules take the fun out of new love!

But I ask you again: How soon do you know you're falling in love?

Single Advice: Can You Handle Casual Dating?





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Here's a question for all the single ladies and gentleman out there — do you think you are capable of casual dating? Casual dates usually start off a relationship before it blooms into something more. Casual dating is nonchalant, laid back and non-committal. It is a form of dating that comes without any serious intention or definition, allowing you to explore the field and keep your options open for a possible partner. This type of dating gives you the opportunity to be fun, open and discover the type of person you should be with for the rest of your life.

If you believe you can handle casual dating, read the questions below and think again:

- Do you have the ability to put aside your emotions from acts of sexual relations? Make sure you are able to handle the casual aspect of this type of dating, and don't allow your feelings to get in the way.

– Are you able to experiment with relationships? With casual dating, it is common that you will experience different types of partners. You will not like all of them, but with casual dating – experimentation is essential.

- Can you be honest? With dating, it's usually a little game played back and forth until you both agree you like one another. If you are not interested in a serious relationship and solely want to casual date, you need to be able to tell the person you may be involved with up front.

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– Are you emotionally independent? Casual dating will not give you the same emotional fulfillment as a serious relationship would. Hence, you need to be able to take care of yourself and not depend on your casual partner.

- Can you go with the flow? For this style of dating, going along with whatever the dating world throws at you is necessary.

– Are you able to constantly go on dates? With casual dating, you will spend nights at the movies, your local restaurants and bars and you may even try your hand at miniature golf. If you prefer to sit on your couch, eat leftovers and watch Netflix – casual dating may not be for you.

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- Can you handle rejection from a person of the opposite sex? Casual dating is not for everyone, and sparks don't fly every time. Don't be upset if someone rejects you because the chemistry simply isn't there.

– Do you have the ability to stay true to yourself? If you don't have a connection toward someone, you need to be able to stick to your thoughts and confront them about it.

- Can you think carefully about who you let in? You should have the ability to make sound choices on who you choose as a partner, as well as who you choose to date and allow to come into your life. Have you tried casual dating before? Share your experience below.

Celebrity Couple: Stephen Amell Marries Cassandra Jean for the Second Time





By April Littleton

Arrow star Stephen Amell and the Hart of Dixie actress Cassandra Jean tied the knot for the second time in New Orleans Sunday, May 26. The happy couple originally married during a Caribbean vacation last Christmas. Before returning to shoot the second season of Arrow, Amell plans to travel the world with his wife. He told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "We're mixing in some international promotion for the show with a nice vacation. Stockholm, London, Monte Carlo, Toronto and China."

What are some creative ways to renew your wedding vows?

Cupid's Advice:

Renewing your vows is a way for you and your partner to declare your love for one another all over again. Getting your vows renewed expresses the fact that you're still interesting in keeping the commitment you pledged to your significant other all those years ago. Are you thinking about reaffirming your love in a special way? Cupid has some advice:

1. Go somewhere exotic: If your original wedding was close to home, take your renewal ceremony as an opportunity to plan a trip! Renew your vows in Hawaii or Italy! If there's a place you and your partner always wanted to visit, consider using that location for your special day.

2. Make it a surprise: Hide your vow renewal plans from your spouse until the big day! Trick your partner into getting dressed up and lead them to the renewal location. Make sure your friends and family show up ahead of time and have your vows in hand. This will surely be a surprise your loved one will enjoy!

3. Write your own vows: If you used traditional vows during your wedding, switch things up a bit and write your own this time around. Your personalized vows can say just about anything you want. Reminisce over your first date or talk about the birth of your first child. This is the time to look back on those special memories you and your partner share together and remind them you still love them just as much as you did when you first said "I do."

Have you renewed your vows? How did you make it creative? Share your experience below.

Relationship Advice: Your Partner Has Cheated. Should You Reconcile?





By Samantha Menjor

You notice that your partner has been acting differently lately. The occasional late night work meeting now falls on every day of the week. He or she has been constantly texting and having secret telephone conversations in the bathroom. The scent of a different perfume or cologne lingers on their clothing. There's an emotional distance in your relationship that ceased to exist before. You have a gut feeling of what is really going on, but you don't want to believe it. Plus, there is no proof ... until you get a call from a friend letting you know they have spotted your other half in a compromising position with another person at a local restaurant. You rush over to find your beau holding hands, kissing and gazing lovingly into the eyes of someone else. All you see is red through the blurred vision of your tears.

Fast forward to a few weeks later. You're feeling hurt, pain, betrayal, confusion and anger. Your partner has admitted their wrongdoing and has apologized countless times. Friends and family are all trying to give you their best advice, but you're hearing conflicting resolutions of what you should do.

If you've never been in this situation, you most likely know someone who has. It may not have happened exactly like the given scenario, but we've all had a friend come to us for advice on infidelity in their relationship. So what do you tell them? What would you do if you were in a similar situation? Here are some questions you need to ask yourself and your partner when deciding between reconciliation and a breakup:

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1. Was the affair short-term or long-term?

Some affairs last months, even years and others are just a night of poor judgment. While you may not want to know the details of your partner's infidelity, it's important to know how much time was spent cheating. This allows you to better understand whether there was an emotional investment, whether it was strictly physical or both. Either situation would be difficult to rectify, but it helps in getting to the root of the issue.

2. Why did this happen?

There had to be something your unfaithful partner felt was lacking in the relationship for an affair to happen. Did they

feel you were working too much and not showing them enough attention? Did having children cause you to lose your spark as a couple? A decision to reconcile is often dependent upon what caused the infidelity. Is it something that the two of you can fix through compromise, communication and counseling? If not, then the chances of reconciliation are slim.

3. Do you still love each other?

How did your spouse react to being caught? Did they express remorse and shame, or were they trying to justify their actions by putting the blame on you? A partner who shows regret for their actions is a better candidate for reconciliation than the latter. While their profession of love for you and endless apologies could be just words, it shows they are willing to try and do whatever it takes to get you back. It's imperative for you to consider your partners past behaviors in your relationship as well. Have they always shown their love for you or have there been signs of cheating before? More importantly do you love your partner enough to try and work it out? The answer to these questions will help you figure out whether you choose the path of reconciliation or separation.

4. Will you be able to forgive and move on?

For many people cheating is a deal breaker. No amount of love, good behavior or money will allow them to get past the fact that they were betrayed. Many couples try to stay together and work through their problems only to find out that trust was never regained and forgiveness was never given. Before you consider reconciling, sit and think about whether you can get past the infidelity. If not, it may be time to part ways.

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Countless other questions should be considered when deciding upon reconciliation. Each relationship has different factors to reflect upon after dealing with infidelity. Forgiveness and resolution take a lot of effort, time and healing for both parties involved. While many couples have split due to cheating, many have resolved their issues forming an unbreakable bond.

Have you ever found yourself in this predicament? Let us know how you resolved it below.

Celebrity Couple: Keira Knightley and James Righton Return to London Post-Honeymoon in Corsica





By April Littleton

After tying the knot May 4 in Mazan, France, <u>People</u> reports Keira Knightley and her new hubby James Righton, a keyboardist for The Klaxons, returning to London after spending their honeymoon in Corsica. The couple met after being introduced by fashion correspondent Alexa Chung. A year after being spotted together, Knightley and Righton got engaged in May 2012.

How do you decide as a couple where to honeymoon?

Cupid's Advice:

Your honeymoon is one of the most important trips you will go on. After all, it is the first of many trips you and your partner will take together as man and wife. After all of the stress of planning a wedding, the honeymoon is the time to relax and unwind with your beau. Many couples have a hard time deciding on the destination of their honeymoon, but not to worry — Cupid has some tips:

1. Set a budget: The first thing you should do as a couple is work out a budget. Both of you should agree on how much money you're willing to spend on the honeymoon. Can you afford that dream honeymoon in Fiji, or should you be looking at locations closer to home? Whatever the case, don't be discouraged if you can't go all out for the honeymoon. There are dozens of locations within an affordable price range just for newlyweds.

2. Research: You and your significant other should think about what kind of honeymoon you want. Do you want to spend most of the time relaxing by the pool and drinking cocktails, or do you want to live on the adventurous side? Once you figure out what kind of setting you both will enjoy, then you can narrow down your location search.

3. Get some help: Discuss some of your options with a couple who's been in your situation before, or get in touch with a travel agent. Mention your budget and what you're expecting out of the honeymoon. Not only will you get some valuable

feedback, but you might also get information on other possible destinations you and your partner didn't think of!

How did you decide where to honeymoon? Comment below.

Celebrity Couple: Tori Spelling Gets Spinning Diamond Ring from Dean McDermott for Anniversary





By April Littleton

Tori Spelling and Dean McDermott have been married for 7 years and are still going strong! For their recent anniversary,

McDermott wanted to created a special gift for his lovely wife. The result was a dazzling ring set in 18k gold with over 150 small rose cut diamonds and the most unique detail – the ring can spin! Neil Lane, McDermott's jewelry designer who created the ring told <u>People</u>, "Tori loved it! Dean is very romantic and sentimental and he totally adores her. The ring represents the significance of their relationship. She rocks his world!"

What are some ways to make your anniversary special?

Cupid's Advice:

Anniversaries are all about celebrating the commitment you made to your significant other and proving to each other that the love you share together is still as strong as ever. Every couple wants their anniversaries to be one-of-a-kind. Here are some ways to make that one day out of the year one to treasure forever:

1. Write a love letter: In today's world, lives are overrun by the usage of text messages and emails. Do something different by writing your partner a love letter the old-fashioned way. Pour your feelings out on paper and let your significant other know just how lucky you feel to have somebody like them in your life!

2. Plan a getaway: Plan a romantic getaway just for you and your boo. Travel to the Bahamas and have some fun in the sun together, or maybe a quiet weekend in the country side would be more your style. Wherever you decide to go, make sure it's somewhere you and your partner will be able to spend some quality time alone. This is the time to enjoy each other's company without any distractions.

3. Stay in: Decorate your living room with rose petals, pick out a bottle of wine and prepare a home-cooked meal. Pick some of your partner's favorite movies to watch and anticipate a

night full of romance, snuggling and whispering sweet nothing's in each other's ears. What could be better than that?

What are some other ways to make your anniversary special? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrity Wedding: Shenae Grimes Marries British Model Josh Beech Wearing Black Wedding Dress





By April Littleton

According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, Shenae Grimes, the 90210 actress, married British model Josh Beech on May 10. The couple went public with their relationship in July 2012 and announced their engagement last December. But what made her wedding so different from all the others? The star wore a black Vera Wang wedding dress down the aisle and a source said house music was playing as Grimes made her way to the alter.

How can you plan for a non-traditional wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Not every girl dreams of walking down the aisle wearing a fluffy, white dress. Some women just want to marry their significant other without having to deal with the tedious planning a traditional wedding would take. If you're a brideto-be who's thinking out of the box in terms of your wedding plans, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. The dress: Contrary to popular belief, your wedding dress doesn't have to be white! It's your wedding, pick out something you feel comfortable in and what you believe would suit you the best. Try not to think too heavily on what your husband-to-be would think. Naturally, he would love anything at this point! If you showed up in a trash bag, your partner would still think you're the most beautiful woman in the room.

2. Be creative: Skip some of the usual planning and make the details of your special day a little more personable! Use your iPod and have a friend be in charge of the music during the reception instead of hiring a DJ. Create your own invitations, and let the bridesmaids and groomsmen pick their own outfits. You'll save tons of money, and you'll have a wedding your friends and family members will remember for years to come.

3. Focus on the groom: At the end of the day, the purpose of your wedding is for you to marry the person you love. Don't

get caught up in the little things. Keep your focus on you, your beau and the life you're about to build together. In fact, you can skip the big ceremony all together and get hitched in Vegas! As long as the two of you exchange I Do's, there's not much else to worry about.

Did you have a non-traditional wedding? Share your experience below!

Celebrity News: 'Today Show' Co-Host Savannah Guthrie Is Engaged





By Andrea Surujnauth

The *Today Show's* Savannah Guthrie announced her engagement Monday morning during the show. According to <u>People</u>, her boyfriend of four years, Michael Feldman, proposed to her over Mother's Day weekend. "Good for you and congratulations to Mr. Feldman," said Guthrie's anchor mate Matt Lauer. "He's a great guy." Guthrie was previously married to to BBC News presenter Mark Orchard in 2005, but the two divorced in 2009.

How do you know when you're ready to get married?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage isn't something to step into lightly, and it can be hard to know when your relationship is ready for that next step with your partner. Cupid is here to help you figure it out:

1. You bring out the best in each other: Does your sweetheart make you strive to be a better you? If you find yourself consciously inspired to make a difference in yourself, wedding bells may be in the air.

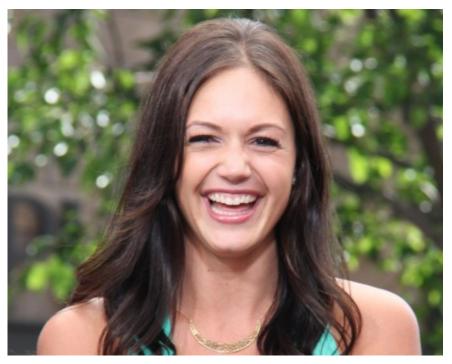
2. Think long-term: If you two lovebirds are already planning for the future together, it's a good sign that things are headed toward at least a very committed relationship.

3. You'd elope: If you want to marry your partner whether you two have a big wedding or not, then you truly love them and it may be time to walk down the aisle (or elope in Jamaica).

How did you know you were ready to get married? Comment below and let us know!

Classic Novel Turned Movie, 'The Great Gatsby'





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Nick Carraway (Toby Maguire) is a stockbroker in the 1920's, on the outskirts of New York. He moves to West Egg, Long Island after fighting in World War I. Nick meets back up with his cousin Daisy Buchanan (Carey Mulligan) and husband, Tom (Joel Edgerton) who live in East Egg. Next door to Nick is Jay Gatsby's (Leonardio DiCaprio) mansion. A man known for throwing extravagant parties yet living a very mysterious and relatively unknown life. As Nick begins to friend Gatsby, he realizes a love Gatsby has for his cousin, Daisy. A love broken by World War I. Nick finds himself between the two, not knowing which way to turn. Madness, tragedy, and love emerge from the mysterious shadow of Gatsby and the colorful and dangerous 1920's New York life style. **Should you see it:** Leonardo DiCaprio. *Titanic, Shutter Island, The Departed, J. Edgar, Django Unchained.* This legendary man has seen his Hollywood days, and by the amount of awards on his shelves...he rocks it, and the audience loves him. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald is a timely piece of work. If you read the book and enjoyed it, even if it was only the slightest bit...go out and see this movie. It is Leonardo DiCaprio ladies and gentlemen.

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

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

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

Cupid's Advice:

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

1. Soul mates: You know you should try and win back your past beau if you believe they are your soul mate. Soul mates are not something you should take lightly, if you think someone could be your other half...hold them close. It is said that you have one person who equals you, a person you can morph into and become one. Fight as much as you can to get that person back if you've lost them. 2. Waiting: Have you ever been in a position where you've had to wait for a person before? They weren't available, or they were moving, a situation causing you to wait for them. Were you in love with someone so intensely, yet they loved another person? If you've answered yes to these, and your scenarios of waiting are over...go and get them. Go out there, do whatever you have to do to have them in your life again.

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

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

Rejection Turns to Love for 'The Bachelor' & 'The Bachelorette' Cast-Offs Peyton Wright and Chris Lambton





By Kerri Sheehan

Celebrity couple Peyton Wright and Chris Lambton are both alumni of the popular reality TV show <u>The Bachelor</u> and its female counterpart <u>The Bachelorette</u>. Neither one found a lasting relationship and love with the final rose, but they later met through mutual <u>Bachelor</u> friends in 2010. Lambton told <u>People.com</u>, "Every day I thank my lucky stars I was on that show because I met the woman of my dreams, my wife." The celebrity couple celebrated their one-year wedding anniversary this month.

Celebrity couple Peyton Wright and Chris Lambton are together thanks to some friends from *The Bachelor*. What are some ways to meet a partner through your pals?

Cupid's Advice:

Meeting the person who is right for you is easier said than done. Cupid has some dating advice for finding someone

special through friends:

1. Be honest: Let your friends know that you're looking to add members of the opposite sex to your friendship circle. You never know who you're going to meet, and chances are, you'll find some awesome new pals in the process. A relationship and love may not come right away, but expanding your horizon never hurts.

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2. Be open: It's often true that our closest friends know us better than we know ourselves, so let them prove that by setting you up. The worst that can happen is you add another bad date to your list and move on to the next one!

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3. Build a foundation: Many of the best relationships and love blossom from friendships. Being buddies shows that you're already compatible on many levels, so why not give a romantic connection a shot?

Have you ever met a partner through your friends? Share below.

Relationship Advice: Finding Your True Destiny After Losing Love





By Susan Russo

The other day a friend asked me, "What am I going to do? I can't live without him in my life. How do I go on? He was my life." When faced with being alone after your relationship ends, it literally feels as if you don't know who you are, where you are and how you got there.

Your life was so intertwined with your partner's life that it seems that the two of you became one. No wonder people tend to use the cliché, "A part of me is missing."

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You're normal!

How do you think you're going to feel after you've spent years sharing *everything* together? That includes family, friends, vacations, pets, children, life ... and the most private and intimate details of who you are with the person you believed would be there forever. Is it any wonder you can't get your head on straight after this emotional volcano erupting in your life?

But rest assured, even though you feel like you'll never find your way out of the darkness, there is a light shining so bright at the end of the proverbial tunnel that you will bask in its glory when you're through it and this heartbreak is behind you.

I'll never forget the time Nicole Kidman was on *The Oprah Winfrey Show* after Tom Cruise had filed for a divorce. Her pain was so palpable you could hear it in her voice, feel it through her words, and see it on her face.

I was crushed and it wasn't even happening to me!

I'm sure millions of viewers could relate to Kidman's pain because they know there isn't anything quite like the devastation you feel when the person you love decides they don't want to be with you anymore.

But...look at her now!

PICKING UP THE PIECES

1. GRIEF: Cry until you're dry! Grief is a process. You can't go around it, under it or over it. You have to go through it. Get it out so you can get on with your life.

2. ACCEPTANCE: This is the first step in letting go of the past. You will begin to pick up the pieces when you finally let go of all of the lamenting of how you wished things would've turned out differently and accept the reality of your situation.

3. FORGIVENESS: This can be one the toughest things to do, but at the same time when you find forgiveness it is the most freeing thing you can do. It is a gift you give yourself.

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MOVING ON

The end is just the beginning. There is life after this relationship and it's going to be a great one. Look at all of the people who have loved and lost and who are now happy. You'll find your soul mate when you let go of the past. So, embrace the future one day at a time and before you know it you'll be living the life you so richly deserve.

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Celebrity Couple: Hayden Panettiere Supports Beau Wladimir Klitschko at Boxing Championship





By Andrea Surujnauth

Hayden Panettiere cheered on her beau Wladimir Klitschko on Saturday at his boxing championship fight, as he defended his WBA, IBF and WBO heavyweight titles. According to <u>People</u>, the couple was in Mannheim, Germany where Klitschko fought against Francesco Pianeta and won. Panettiere stood along the sidelines beaming from ear to ear as she applauded her sweetheart for his victory.

How do you support your partner's passion?

Cupid's Advice:

Your partner has a new passion, and you want to support it. Cupid is here to tell you how:

1. Cheer-lead: Stand on the sidelines and cheer your sweetie on. Be your partner's very own cheerleader! Make them feel that you believe in them.

2. Coach: Help your beau improve their skills by coaching them. Practice with them.

3. Participate: Join in with your honey and show that you are taking an interest in their passion.

How do you show your partner that you support their passion? Share your ideas below.

Celebrity Couples: Celebrity Women Involved with Non-Celebrity Men





By Ashley DelBello

Celebrity relationships always seem like they're over before they start, but for some women who look outside the world of entertainment it appears that long-lasting love becomes a possibility. Is that the key to finding love in Hollywood, or is it easier to date someone in the biz since they may be able to better understand the pressures of the industry? Cupid takes a look at a few relationships between celebrity women and "normal" men:

Scarlett Johansson + Romain Dauriac:

Scarlett Johansson has only been dating French creative agency manager Romain Dauriac since November, but whether she's dating a star or a non-celeb, ScarJo doesn't seem to stay single for too long. She was married to Ryan Reynolds for two years, quickly rebounded with Sean Penn, dated advertising executive Nate Naylor for about a year and then quickly moved on to her current beau just one month after her break up with Naylor. Considering Johansson's fame, the new couple appear to be trying to keep their relationship as <u>normal</u> as possible.

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Tina Fey + Jeff Richmond:

Tina Fey met Jeff Richmond in Chicago when he was a composer, while she was trying to make it big with the Second City improv group. According to UsMagazine.com, the key to this long-lasting relationship is to "never stop having fun." The couple has been married for more than eleven years and has two daughters.

Drew Barrymore + Will Kopelman:

Before meeting art consultant Will Kopelman, the actress was in a serious, five-year relationship with The Strokes' drummer Fabrizio Moretti – who is now dating Barrymore's close friend Kristen Wiig! However, this shouldn't bother Barrymore as she's now not only newly married to Kopelman, but gave birth to the couple's first child, Olive Barrymore Kopelman last September.

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Meryl Streep + Don Gummer:

Surprisingly, the three-time Academy Award winner has a leading man who is not in the entertainment business. Streep and sculptor Don Gummer have been married for nearly 35 years and have four children together. Keeping their relationship out of the public eye seems to have helped this marriage last.

What do you think? Do relationships between stars and noncelebs last longer? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrity Couple: Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez Confirm Rumors They're Back Together!





By Andrea Surujnauth

It seems that Jelena is back in the spotlight! Justin Bieber and Selena Gomez are back together and according to *Usmagazine*, they announced it by posted pics for the world to see. The pictures were posted on each of their Instagrams. One picture shows Bieber with his shirt off and Gomez hugging him from behind. The picture, captioned by Bieber, stated, "'You've been makin music for too long babe come cuddle' – her." Rumors about the couple rekindling their love have circulated ever since they were seen kissing backstage during Bieber's concert in Norway. Gomez also went on record to say that the fans should not take every move they make seriously. The couple broke up in December 2012, but a source close to Gomez said, "Justin pursued Selena and she gave in." Will the relationship last this time? "Who knows with them?" the source said. "They're always back and forth!"

How do you keep rumors at bay in your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Rumors can endanger even the strongest relationships. How do you keep your relationship above water in a sea of gossip? Cupid has some suggestions: 1. Comment: When a rumor is being spread about your love life, comment on the rumor if someone asks you. Let them know the truth. If you choose not to comment, the lies will spread and no one will know what is real and what isn't.

2. Closeness: You and your sweetie need to have a tight bond and trust each other. This way when rumors are being spread, neither of you will be insecure enough to fall for it.

3. Verbalize: Put the rumor out there for people to see. By acknowledging it in public, people will see that it is clearly just a rumor. Talk about the rumor with your partner so they know that the rumor is floating around so they can help publicly debunk it.

How do you keep rumors at bay in your relationship? Comment below and let us know!

Celebrity News: Miley Cyrus Says It 'Feels Right' to Wear Engagement Ring and Be Committed





By Andrea Surujnauth

Miley Cyrus recently opened up to *Elle UK* about her engagement to Liam Hemsworth. The couple got engaged a year ago. "We have a house together and dogs. It just seems right to be wearing this ring and to be committed," Cyrus said. "But we keep our relationship low-key and don't talk about it any more." According to <u>UsMagazine</u>, Cyrus has decided to keep her personal life and relationship to herself and away from the spotlight. "We were too nice to the world and gave them too much insight — into my life and my puppies and my house and I just don't feel they get that privilege any more," Cyrus explained. "Like on my Twitter, I'm much more . . . not conservative, but you don't see a picture of my dogs. You don't get that personal stuff any more."

How do you know when you're ready to get engaged?

Cupid's Advice:

Getting engaged is a huge step in a relationship. You love the person you are with, but how do you know whether or not you're ready for that step? Cupid is here with some ways to help you decide: 1. You enjoy every moment: If you enjoy the ups and the downs with your beau then you are ready for the long haul. Marriage is not always exciting and fun so you know you are ready for an engagement if you are happy with your partner no matter if you are having a bad, boring, or sad moment together.

2. No more dating: If you are ready to burn that little black book of yours, then you are ready to be tied down. If you feel that your honey is the only one for you and no one else could make you happier, then you are ready for that step towards holy matrimony.

3. Future plans: If the two of you are already planning for a future together, you are ready for that proposal. You two see a future together and are making plans together so you are both serious enough about the relationship to take this step.

How did you know you were ready to get engaged? Comment below and let us know!