

Most Romantic Movies of 2010



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2010 has been a big year for movies. Sequels like *Iron Man 2* and *Toy Story 3* have ruled at the box office, while animated films like *Despicable Me* and *How to Train Your Dragon* have made their marks as well. Those aside, the year was also particularly crammed with many a chick flick. From romantic comedies (*When in Rome*, *Knight and Day*) to romantic dramas (*Dear John*, *Remember Me*), nearly all of the movies have had easily identifiable themes and laughs that we learned from and enjoyed. Out of all the great romantic movies we have seen this year, the following have had lessons that effortlessly apply in the real world:

Easy A: This romantic comedy had us rolling in the aisles. Emma Stone masterfully portrays Olive Penderghast, the teenage protagonist whose sarcasm is as razor-sharp as it is endearing. After pretending to lose her virginity to help out a friend, Olive's reputation begins a downward spiral as nasty rumors circulate around her school. Eventually, her childhood crush helps her regain her reputation and her happiness.

Though based in high school, the film manages to support an overarching theme; the idea that those who really care about you will stick by you, no matter what.

Blue Valentine: This drama will have you on the edge of your seat. While the basic romance in this film is not immediately detectable, this tale of two troubled lovers is one of the most heart-wrenching films we've seen in a while. The film follows the now-broken couple of Dean (Ryan Gosling) and Cindy (Michelle Williams) over different points in their relationship. MTV's NextMovie.com calls the film, "A meditation on the nature of romantic relationships that's undeniably depressing yet incredibly insightful." It's safe to say that the flick is not a cheerful one, but it does present a viable warning. Be cautious when entering a relationship. Don't progress too quickly, and thoroughly examine your values before making a serious commitment.

Eclipse: The third installment in the *Twilight Saga* was also the most successful, both with critics and at the box office. Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) is forced to choose between her steadfast vampire boyfriend, Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson), and her best friend-turned-new flame Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner). The film gave us an important lesson about the dangers of jealousy (especially if you're caught in a tumultuous love triangle between a shirtless werewolf and a sparkling vampire). The movie is undeniably entertaining, and the sheer gorgeousness of the cast left us reeling.

Emma Stone in Easy A



In high school, where everyone knows everyone else's business, [Easy A](#) takes an inside look at the ongoing wheels of the rumor mill in a California high school. Loosely inspired by the novel *The Scarlett Letter*, protagonist Olive's (Emma Stone) reputation goes from respectable girl to down-right floozy – in a matter of a week. What started out as good intentions by accepting gift cards as payment for boosting another student's reputation around school soon throws Olive's life and reputation into question. As one rumor turns into another and that rumor turns into yet another rumor, Olive risks losing her best friend (Alyson Michalka) and secret crush (Penn Badgley). To set the record straight, Olive decides to go online and tell the world her side of the story, in hopes of redeeming her image and righting her wrongs.

What's the best way to redeem your image in the eyes of the one you love?

Cupid's Advice:

Chances are that something will come up between you and your

beau during your relationship that will require an apology.

You may even need to redeem yourself a little. If you handle the situation with grace and poise, you'll save yourself some major time and embarrassment:

1. Come clean: Even if it comes to something that your partner probably doesn't want to hear, lying will always come around to get you in the end. It's best to be completely open and honest after making a mistake in your relationship. Admit that what you did was wrong, and prove that you have integrity by owning up to it.

2. Do it in privacy: Make sure that when you're attempting to redeem yourself, you do it in a private place. If the subject comes up in a public area, carefully maneuver the conversation into seclusion. By keeping your intimate conversation away from prying ears, your partner will realize the importance of the discussion and will be more apt to take you seriously.

3. Keep a cool head: If you're in a situation where you feel the need to save face, chances are that your partner is pretty angry with you at the moment. During your discussion, your mate may lose his temper. Try to stay reasonable, because the worst thing you can do is dish him anger in return. If you need to, take a break and come back to the conversation when you're both level-headed again.