### Ashlee Simpson Says There's "Plenty of Time" Before Jessica Simpson's Birth





Though her sister

Jessica Simpson is very much pregnant and ready to become a mom, Ashlee Simpson had no worries she's miss the birth when attending an event in Australia recently. According to <a href="USMagazine.com">USMagazine.com</a>, Simpson brushed off concerns, saying, "I have plenty of time and I'm going home [today] so it will be fine." Jessica Simpson was heard saying that she still had "a month to go" so Ashlee will definitely be in attendance at the birth of her sister's first child.

How do you decide who you want with you when you give birth?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's not always clear who should be with you in that hospital room when it's finally time for the baby's arrival. Cupid has

#### some advice:

- 1. Focus: During childbirth you'll want all the focus on you. Make sure to choose people who are able to focus on you entirely during the birth as support. Perhaps choose a sibling or parent.
- 2. Coach: Just because you want your partner there doesn't mean you have to have them there as your coach during the birth. Have someone else important to you take on that role if your sweetheart isn't quite ready to be around the action.
- 3. Friends/family: Beyond having a coach and your partner there during the birth, you may want some other people present during the birth such as your mother. Have them there for a reason though, as childbirth is not a show and they should know they're there as a support team.

How did you decide who you wanted present during birth? Let us know in a comment below.

# Why Celebrities Fall In and Out of Love So Quickly





By <u>Whitney Baker</u>

In recent years, the divorce rate in America has hovered around 50 percent, and in Hollywood, this statistic appears to be closer to 70 percent.

For some celebrity couples, rushing into a serious relationship or even marriage is no big deal; they can always break up or file for an annulment or divorce, knowing that their family, friends and fans will stand behind them. They are not held accountable by their vows, viewing any "easy way out" as an acceptable solution.

But why do so many Tinseltown twosomes approach romance with such a wavering attitude, in such fleeting terms? Here are just a few reasons why some celebrity relationships change with the seasons:

1. Publicity: They say that all you need is love, but in the case of some celebrity relationships, all they want is publicity. And some celebrity couples continue to demand attention even after the break-up. Take Jon and Kate Gosselin, for example. The Jon & Kate Plus 8 stars are still garnering media attention for their failed marriage and exceptionally large family.

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2. Rushing things: Many celebrity couples mistake lust for love and rush into something too serious when they're still in the "get to know you" phase of their relationships. Beyond their own feelings, there may be outside pressure from family, friends and perhaps the media. For instance, Kim Kardashian's whirlwind romance with Kris Humphries lasted only 11 months, but included a made-for-television proposal, wedding and divorce. As this relationship's quick demise proved, infatuation can easily outweigh true love, but it doesn't last nearly as long.

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- 3. Time apart: Relationships require both time and effort to flourish. For celebrities, time together isn't always possible. Their busy schedules often keep them apart; such was the case with Katy Perry and Russell Brand. After only 14 months of marriage and a Christmas spent 7,000 miles apart, Brand filed for divorce. As celebrities focus on their individual careers, they fail to make the proper commitment to build a lasting and meaningful relationship.
- 4. Just because they can: Among some celebrities (such as Britney Spears in her younger years and Brandi Glanville of The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills fame), there's a sense that they can do anything they want. Spears married childhood friend Jason Alexander in a Las Vegas ceremony, only to have it annulled a mere 55 hours later. Glanville a divorced mother of two rushed into Las Vegas nuptials with a close friend on New Year's Eve. Calling it a "drunken BFF thing," she later admitted that they were just having fun.
- **5. Constant media attention**: Sure, some celebrities fall in and out of love for publicity's sake, but on the opposite note, too much media hype can also lead to heartbreak. Back in 2003, Nick Lachey and Jessica Simpson seemed to be living a fairytale romance until MTV cameras invaded their home for the reality hit *Newlyweds: Nick and Jessica*. Similarly, Taylor

Swift and Jake Gyllenhaal dated for only two months at the end of 2011 and sources blame the short-lived romance on aggressive media coverage.

Why do you think some celebrity romances don't last? Share your comments below.

### Jessica Simpson Celebrates Her Baby Shower





Jessica Simpson is

making the most of the time before her due date. Simpson, 31, attended her star-studded baby shower on Sunday, reports <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. Her sister, Ashlee Simpson, and old friends like Odette Annable and Jessica Alba attended the Los Angeles bash. "It was a kid friendly shower with many of her friends bringing babies," said a source. "Jessica [Alba] brought her

baby Haven, 7 months, and Ashlee brought Bronx, 3." Earlier this month Simpson and fiancé Eric Johnson told *ELLE Magazine* that they are expecting a girl.

What are some ways to make your pregnant partner's baby shower special?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Throwing a baby shower can be a daunting task, especially if you're spearheading the planning process. Here are a few ways to make your partner's baby shower special:

- 1. Find what they like: Chances are, your partner is expecting a baby shower. Don't be afraid to partially ruin the surprise by asking your partner what she would prefer. Ask her about general themes, the guest list, etc. By asking vague questions you will be able to throw the ideal shower without giving too much away.
- 2. Add a surprise: If you do ruin part of the surprise, be sure to make up for it. Invite a faraway friend she hasn't seen in years or have guests bring old photos of your partner. Touching surprises like these will make her shower all the more memorable.
- **3. Give your own gift:** Though it's only customary for the guests to give gifts, surprise your partner with a present of your own. Give her something heartfelt and meaningful that will differentiate your gift from the others.

How did you plan your partner's baby shower? Feel free to leave a comment below.

# 4 Wedding Styles of the Rich and Famous





By Lauren Martina,

ASID and Katherine Shell Benson

When it comes to upcoming trends, we can guarantee that the hottest engaged celebrity couples will be showcasing the latest and greatest. In fact, we had so much fun pairing the most talked about celebrity brides-to-be with the wedding styles that everyone is talking about! Here's our forecast for what we think we will see in 2012!

Anne Hathaway: When we think of Anne Hathaway, we think of vintage elegance. Between her classic fashion style and the grace she exudes each time she walks out of her door, we believe that a *Vintage Elegance* wedding is what fits her best. Although her wedding will be in NYC, this very popular style can be scaled up and used in any setting from penthouse rooftops to grand hotel ballrooms.

Jessica Simpson: Very Southern and hand done outdoor weddings are huge right now and are not going away any time soon. One of the things we love about Jessica Simpson is that she is authentic, and this is the type of wedding we can see her having this time around ... very intimate, Southern and hands on.

Britney Spears: Although this is not her first rodeo, we believe she has found the one this time! With two adorable boys, and the reputation of sometimes going against the grain (which isn't so bad sometimes when an electric razor isn't involved), we can't imagine Ms. Spears in a traditional white dress. This is why we are pairing her in a colored Vera Wang dress, which is one of 2012's hottest trends.

Jessica Biel: Luxe Weddings are all the rage right now, and if you go to any Canadian wedding source (Canada is always a step ahead when it comes to wedding trends), you will see what we mean. Who better to have one than Jessica Biel? We envision her wedding very luxe with champagne and gold trims, acanthus leaves and lots of layered texture. We can see her and Justin Timberlake with this fabulous Luxe cake from The Cake Opera Co. Love this!

For more of the hottest trends and wedding day ideas, come see us on our blog at www.bellabaxterevents.com/blog.

# 5 Celebrity Couples Who Should Rekindle Their Romance





By Samantha Mucha

There are some things in life that go together like peanut butter and jelly or a refreshing glass of lemonade on a hot summer day. Some of our favorite celebrity couples compliment each other in the same way. Although many of our most loved duos have split and moved on, there's no shame in wishing they would reunite. Think way back to Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake; they always seemed like the perfect couple on "The Mickey Mouse Club." What would life be like if all of our favorite Hollywood couples got back together? Here are a few Tinseltown twosomes we would love to see respark their old flames:

1. Jennifer Aniston and Brad Pitt: So maybe Pitt allegedly cheated on Aniston, but who didn't love them together? This seemingly perfect blonde couple seemed as if they were going to live happily ever after, but that changed once Pitt filmed Mr. and Mrs. Smith, and Angelina Jolie stepped into the picture. Both Pitt and Aniston denied that Jolie was the reason for their divorce filing in 2005.

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- 2. Jennifer Lopez and Marc Anthony: A recent split for this dynamic duo came as a surprise to most. With such high intensity careers, however, it was almost expected that the couple would eventually butt heads. Although Lopez approves of Anthony's new girlfriend, it's simply not possible to replace this previously successful and passionate couple.
- 3. Demi Moore and Bruce Willis: This former duo's divorce came as a shock to the public. The pair had three children and a seemingly happy marriage, so a separation seemed almost impossible. After over 10 years of marriage, though, the couple agreed to divorce without disclosing a reason and came to a fair settlement. They're close friends to this day.

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- 4. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: With this pair, a reality television series had no positive outcome other than revenue. According to People, Joe Simpson, Jessica's father and manager said, "Do they fight? Hell yes, they fight. Have there been moments when Nick has wanted to leave Jessica or Jess has wanted to leave Nick? Absolutely." Their reality show, "Newlyweds," was a first of its kind, allowing a look into celebrity marriage bliss; but apparently the show falsely depicted the couple. Life on the show appeared happy, but behind the scenes, these two were arguing to the point of demise.
- **5. Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake:** This former young couple met as members of "The Mickey Mouse Club" in front of the cameras as teenagers. After three years of dating, it seemed that Spears and Timberlake were meant for each other. Unfortunately, fame and fortune took a toll on their relationship, as they battled drama sparked by rumors.

What other celebrity couples do you think should rekindle their romances? Share your thoughts below.

### Nicole Richie Motherhood Advice to Pregnant Jessica Simpson





Fashion Star mentor

Nicole Richie has some motherhood advice for her new coworker. The Winter Kate designer, 30, offered Jessica Simpson a crash course in parenting, reports <a href="UsMagazine.com">UsMagazine.com</a>. "I offered for her to take my kids up until she has hers," joked Richie. "That didn't really work, but the offer still stands because she hasn't had her kid yet. If she wants to take [daughter Harlow, 4, and son Sparrow, 2], go ahead. I will go to Cabo, no problem."

What are some ways to prepare yourself for parenthood?

Cupid's Advice:

Parenthood gets easier with time, but the first few months with your newborn can be the most challenging part of your new role. Here are a few ways to prepare yourself:

- 1. Buy the essentials: It's surprising how many things new parents leave for the last minute. Prepare in advance as much as you can. Buy a car seat, baby formula, diapers, a crib, etc. You'll be too occupied with your newborn to be doing much shopping after the birth.
- 2. Find a doctor: Finding a pediatrician you're comfortable with before the baby arrives can save a lot of time. Make appointments with several local doctors and talk to your friends until you find one that suits your needs.
- 3. Organize a support system: The first few weeks will be tough on you and your partner. Arrange for a friend or family member to stay with you and help out. You'll be able to enjoy their company and a large load will be taken off of your shoulders.

How did you prepare yourself for parenthood? Feel free to leave a comment below!

# Engagement Rings of the Rich and Famous





By Nan Gibbons

If we're being honest with ourselves, we know that a 2 million dollar engagement ring probably isn't in our future. Although you may not be able to afford a multi-million dollar rock, you can still channel inspiration from celebrities to choose a quality, stylish ring for your upcoming engagement. Your personal taste and style mixed with the splendor of celebrity rings will result in the perfect look for you. Here are some styles to consider:

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#### **Classic Elegance**

You can never go wrong with classic engagement rings. The timeless beauty of a studded band like Carrie Underwood's or a simple set of diamonds will always do the trick. Underwood's ring combines the style of a wedding ring with the sparkle of an engagement ring and makes for a pretty amazing result! Standard rings with diamonds in the center of a plain band never fail to draw "oohs and aahs" from family and friends.

#### Vintage Charm

If you're drawn to the idea of a vintage ring, there are several ways you can work this angle. You can choose to go

with an older style or base it off of family history. Prince William combined both of these tactics when he gave his then fiancé, Kate, the same ring his mother Diana wore when she was engaged. The gem had the splendor of an older style, plus the emotional value of family tradition. Going for an older style ring or re-purposing a family heirloom can be a great way to re-create the style of Kate's gorgeous ring.

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#### **Bright and Colorful**

Thinking outside the box and considering a less traditional ring is great for couples who enjoy being one-of-a-kind. For her recent engagement, Jessica Simpson was given a stunning bright red ruby framed by two diamonds and set in a gold band. It looks much more unique than the standard, but still incorporates the classic timelessness of diamonds.

No matter what your style preference, there is a great and affordable ring with your name on it. Whether you prefer sparkly diamonds or colorful gems, you can use celebrity styles to inspire you in order to find the perfect ring for your budget.

# How to Avoid the Reality Show Relationship Curse





By Brea Gunn

One more Hollywood divorce has entered the official records. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries' fairy tale marriage lasted less than three months. Say what you will, but I think that this whole mess could have been avoided if they made their relationship more private. When you live your life so publicly, I'm sure that it's difficult to separate reality ... from reality TV. Even so, it seems that many stars have been swept away with the ratings, only to realize that they aren't as perfectly matched as they originally thought.

Why don't we start at the beginning of the end? Here are seven former celebrity duos whose relationships may or may not have dissolved as a result of being featured on reality TV:

- 1. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: We all fell in love with Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey on their series, Newlyweds. She was so sweet and innocent, and he was her protector. Unfortunately, they split shortly after their show wrapped in 2005.
- 2. Carmen Electra and Dave Navarro: This former couple took a run at reality television, too. They split while planning their wedding because they had agreed to air their plans on MTV and couldn't make up their minds.

**3. Hulk Hogan and Linda Hogan:** Hulk and wife Linda split after filming multiple seasons of *Hogan Knows Best*.

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- **4. Jon Gosselin and Kate Gosselin:** This duo lasted longer than most, but split during their series that focused on them and their eight children.
- 5. Travis Barker and Shanna Moakler: Remember Meet the Barkers? The former couple filed for divorce after only two seasons ... and two and a half years of marriage. This on-and-off again couple is still a little confused about whether they should be together or not.
- **6. Christopher Knight and Adrianne Curry:** Christopher Knight, a.k.a. Peter Brady, and his love, *America's Next Top Model* winner Adrianne Curry, split in May of this year. Apparently their show, *My Fair Brady* wasn't enough to keep them together.
- 7. Kim Kardashian and Kris Humphries: Let's face it: This whole debacle is going to be well overplayed while their divorce is pending.

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The question is, what can you learn from all of these couples? A lot, actually. And your other half will thank you. Here are a few quick tips:

#### Have a Courtship

It's old fashioned, but it's necessary. Kim and Kris dated for six months and look where it got them. Yes, Khloe and Lamar were engaged and married much faster and they are happily married, but they're the exception, not the rule. So take your time and date your mate a while before deciding on mariage. You'll learn more about each other, and be more prepared for a lifetime.

#### Watch for Warning Signs

I don't want anyone to be paranoid, but think about this: how often did Kim and Kris fight during their relationship? I'm not talking about the little disagreements, like where to have dinner. I'm talking about kids, your home, and money. If you can't come to an agreement that makes you both happy, you're not going to be happy, and you'll follow in some pretty famous footsteps.

#### Discuss the Big Stuff

Before the wedding, hash out all of the big issues. Discuss kids, money, location, pets and general life preferences. These are big items that you need to agree on before you walk down the aisle.

And after you've tied the knot, how do you keep your relationship going strong? The most important thing is to remember three simple words: I love you. Say them, and then say them again.

Brea Gunn writes about the best Westchester wedding venues. Check out what these wedding business marketing insiders have to share.

### Jessica Simpson Will Wed Eric Johnson After Baby is Born





After months of

tabloid rumors about Jessica Simpson's potential baby bump, she has finally confirmed that she is indeed pregnant with her first child. According to <u>People</u>, the new baby with fiance, Eric Johnson, wasn't exactly planned, but wasn't something they were trying avoid either. The singer/fashion designer and former NFL player are still completely committed to getting married, although it will now probably happen after the baby is born. "It's just going to be at a later date now [because] they really want to enjoy this time in their lives," said a source close to the couple.

What are the advantages to waiting until after your baby is born to tie the knot?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Since every wedding is unique, there's no perfect formula for a wedding. But, if you're pregnant before the wedding, there are some advantages to waiting until after the baby is born to have the ceremony.

- 1. Your child can be part of the ceremony: It's both adorable and meaningful to make your child an active part of your wedding. If they're old enough, they can even be the flower girl or ring bearer.
- 2. The dress is a better fit: It's hard to fit into a wedding dress with a baby bump, but once you get your figure back, you'll look fabulous.
- 3. A kid-friendly wedding: At most weddings, the kids are left at home. If your child is part of your wedding, however, your guests can bring their kids along, too.

How long should you wait after having a child to get married? Share your ideas below.

# Ashlee Simpson and New Beau Spend PDA-Filled Night on the Town





After her divorce

from Pete Wentz in February, Ashlee Simpson is now in a new hollywood relationship with *Boardwalk Empire* star, Vincent Piazza. On a recent date, the two attended a charity event and then a prohibition party for the the television show. While Piazza's castmates mingled, the duo was busy cuddling up in the VIP area. An observer told *People* that the new couple were kissing and flirting until the early hours of the morning.

What are some unique ways to spend a night out with a new crush?

#### Cupid's Advice:

- 1. Comedy club: Laughter relaxes everyone. A night at a comedy club will bring the two of you closer and will ease any nerves.
- **2. Jazz club:** Jazz clubs are full of romantic candlelight and music. Beyond feeling romantic, if you say something dumb or run out of things to talk about, the music will save you. It beats going to an embarrassing karaoke bar.
- **3. Cooking class**: Pick a dish that you're both clueless about cooking. If you're learning something new, then the date will be fun and full of bonding.

What did you do on your first date with a crush? Share your experiences below.

### Jessica Simpson Holds Belly While on Walk with Eric Johnson





Jessica Simpson's

protruding belly have proved the rumors to be true. Although Simpson has continuously denied pregnancy rumors until recently, she was spotted holding her stomach while walking with fiance, Eric Johnson. The couple were seen by RadarOnline in Beverly Hills happily holding hands. Johnson walked with his arm around Simpson and helped her into the car. Between planning a wedding and a new addition to the family, the two have a lot to look forward to in the future.

As a father-to-be, how do you protect the mother of your child during pregnancy?

#### Cupid's Advice

The best way for men to protect the mother of their child during pregnancy is to make sure that she's happy. An unhappy pregnant woman makes for an unhappy nine months for everyone surrounding her:

- 1. Compliments: With all the changes women experience during pregnancy, all they want to hear is that they are still loved and considered attractive. Make sure that you tell her she is beautiful on a regular basis. Even if she denies it, this still makes her feel good about herself.
- 2. Food: There's nothing a pregnant woman loves more than food. Keep her favorite foods stocked in the kitchen and life will seem easy for the time being. Be on call for random spur of the moment cravings, though!
- 3. Be there: Whether it's a doctor's appointment or simple quality time, as a father-to-be, it's important to let your partner know that you're there for them during this next step in life.

How would you protect the mother of your child during pregnancy? Let us know below.

### Rumor: Jessica Simpson Is

### Pregnant





According

t o

RadarOnline, Jessica Simpson is allegedly showing off a baby bump! Although the singer has refused to publicly comment on whether she is indeed pregnant with her fiancé Eric Johnson, she was seen walking through LAX with her jacket open, and revealing a suspiciously sized belly on Sunday.

How do you keep your pregnancy a secret?

#### Cupid's Advice:

When you're pregnant, everyone — including co-workers — want to know. If you aren't ready to announce the big news to anyone just yet, here are three ways you can keep your pregnancy a secret:

1. Clothes: Wear long dresses and shirts with various prints on them that will cover your stomach. Or, if you're asked if you're pregnant, say you've just gained weight.

- 2. Secret between you and spouse: Make sure your spouse doesn't announce it to anyone until you're ready to do so.
- **3. Excuses:** If anyone asks, say, "We're trying, and when I do become pregnant, you'll be one of the first to know."

Share with our readers if you know other ways to keep your pregnancy a secret.

# Jessica Simpson Puts Wedding to Eric Johnson on Hold





Singer gone fashion

designer, Jessica Simpson, is in no hurry to walk down the aisle. According to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, she has decided to postpone her wedding to former footballer Eric Johnson. This delay is due to the fact that Simpson can't seem to decide

what kind of a wedding she wants. One minute she'll have her heart set on a big ceremony in Hawaii and the next she wants a small ceremony at home. Though it is rumored that the wedding delay may be a result of cold feet, this rumor has yet to be confirmed.

What do you do if you can't make a decision about a wedding venue?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Planning your wedding is a huge and very personal experience where you feel like you have to please everyone. Though you no doubt want everything to be perfect, it's not the ceremony that's truly important; it's the love between you and your partner:

- 1. Go to Vegas: Having a spur of the moment wedding in Las Vegas takes the planning and pressure out of everything. If you're tired of it all, Vegas is always an option.
- 2. Hire a wedding planner: If everything seems to be moving in a million directions and you just don't know what to choose anymore, it might be time to bring in the professionals.
- **3. Re-evaluate:** Take a moment to think. Make sure that it's really that you can't choose a wedding venue and not that you're having doubts about the union.

If money weren't an object, what would be your dream wedding venue? Share your ideas below.

### Jessica Simpson's Best Friend Cacee Cobb Is Engaged





It seems like

Jessica Simpson won't be the only one heading down the aisle soon. RadarOnline reported that the singer's best friend Cacee Cobb is engaged to her longtime boyfriend Donald Faison. The excited groom tweeted, "If you like it you better put a Ring on it. — Beyonce." Cobb responded with, "If she likes it then she better say YES!!" Faison revealed his feelings for Cobb in an interview last November. "I'm sure I know in my heart I love her and I definitely want to be with her forever, but sometimes you throw marriage in situation and it ruins everything," he told Vibe.com. Fortunately, he got over his fear and proposed to his girlfriend of nearly six years.

How do you support your best friend with wedding plans?

Cupid's Advice:

Since a wedding day is one of the most important days in a woman's life, your best friend will count on you to support her throughout the planning process. Here are three ways to do so:

- 1. Support: Assist her in finding the perfect dress and organizing the ceremony and reception. Celebrate with her at the bachelorette party and bridal shower.
- 2. Ceremony: Help her get dressed and ensure that she looks elegant. Give her a reassuring grin whenever she glances your way.
- **3. Reception:** Stay until the very end to assist your best friend with anything she needs.

What are some other ways to support your best friend with wedding plans? Share your thoughts below.

### The Dating Double Standard





By High Yield Hottie

Ever thrown a drink in a man's face because he said something piggish? I have (and highly recommend it). However, while recently out to dinner with a male friend — let's call him Master Key — I curbed my natural reflex and listened to what he had to say. As we cocktailed, our conversation turned to how many intimate partners were acceptable for men and women in this day and age. Master Key crudely summed it up as follows:

"It's a key/lock situation. Well, a man is naturally the key. The woman is the lock. A key that opens many different locks is an amazing key. But a lock that is opened by many different keys isn't worth anything at all."

Cue my desire to give him a martini facial and poke his eyes out with the plastic olive skewer.

Yet despite my disgust for his sexist point of view, he has a point. While women have been tirelessly shattering glass ceilings and income bracket double standards professionally, there's one area where the double standard seems to persist, and that's in dating. Even as adult women, in the eyes of many men (and women, too), we're still held to the binary categorization of "slut" or "nice girl." So what's a gal like you to do with this infuriating double standard? Take a cue

- from some of our celebrity friends and choose to own it, call it out, hide it or accept it.
- 1. Own It: In the words of Rihanna, "I might be bad, but I'm perfectly good at it!" You're comfortable with your sexploits and prefer to flaunt them.
- Ex. Madonna: Not only was she the "material girl," but she was the ultimate alpha female. She embraced her sexuality and made a whole career out of it, which has since been emulated by many.
- 2. Call It Out: Not quite rising to the level of an "Own It" woman, you operate in a gray area between "nice girl" and "slut." You prefer to fight the double standard with verbal double entendres, rather than with double Ds in people's faces.
- Ex. LeAnn Rimes: Labeled a home wrecker, she spoke out against this double standard. While I certainly don't approve of dating a married man, her comments are right on the mark; a cheatin' woman is always lambasted more than a cheatin' man. This woman might slink around, but she never slinks away in silence.
- **3. Hide It:** This woman seems to be your classic "nice girl" on the surface, put together and demure looking. While she might not show her naughtiness to the world, someone has seen it. There might even be irrefutable proof!
- Ex. Natalie Portman: Knocked up. Is there any other way to say it? Despite her good girl image, she shocked us when she got herself prego (sans ring) with her *Black Swan* co-star.
- **4. Accept It:** If you can't beat 'em, follow along. You're the type of woman who adheres to the Sandra D 1950's nice girl code: "Keep your filthy paws off my silky drawers!"

Ex. Jessica Simpson (well, before Nick Lachey): She took Master Key's lock/key theory to heart and kept her own lock key-less until marriage.

While Master Key may disagree, there's no universal right choice when it comes to how you feel about the dating double standard and how many keys unlock your lock!

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# 5 Celebrity Couples We Want to Reunite





By Tanni Deb

We've all had a moment when we've stared wide eyed in utter shock at the TV screen after finding out our favorite celebrity couple has split, trying to figure out what went wrong. After all, this pair seemed to be in such a happy relationship!

There will always be famous duos that we think about months (or ever years!) down the line, wondering if they'll ever reconcile. While the possibility may be a long shot, no one can help wishful thinking. With that said, here are five celebrity couples we would like to reunite:

- 1. Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake: The famous singers first met in 1993 on the sets of *The Mickey Mouse Club* and began dating five years later. They were everyone's favorite celebrity couple in the late 90's, but their relationship ended in 2002. After their breakup, Timberlake released 'Cry Me A River,' a revenge song for Ms. Spears herself. As much as everyone loved this musical duo it doesn't seem like they'll ever get back together romantically, at least. We can hope for a musical collaboration, right?
- 2. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: Although wedding bells are ringing for both performers, who wouldn't like this

aesthetically pleasing couple to reunite? The pair met in 1998 and within weeks of meeting each other, Lachey told his 98 Degrees band members Simpson would be his future bride. He proposed in 2002 and the marriage lasted for three years. Could *Newlyweds*, MTV's reality show which aired the couple's married life, be to blame?

- 3. Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe: This blonde coupling were married for seven year when they split in 2006. While they seemed to have a successful relationship, they spoke openly about having to work on their marriage, and underwent couples therapy in 2002. Despite Witherspoon's recent nuptials, we can't stop thinking of what a beautiful couple she and Phillippe made.
- 4. Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds: After only two years of marriage, the pair called it quits in 2010. Rumor had it that Reynolds had an affair with *Gossip Girl* star Blake Lively, and Us Weekly reported that he told friends Johansson "treated him badly." Though the *Lost in Translation* actress has certainly moved on, we wonder if she and her ex-husband will ever reconcile.
- **5. Courteney Cox and David Arquette:** They fell in love on the set of *Scream* in the mid-90s, tied the knot in 1999, had their first child in 2004 and then shocked the world when they announced their separation in 2010. However, the couple isn't giving up, as they're currently undergoing marriage counseling. We wish these two the best of luck!

These are just a few of the many celebrity couples we'd love to see together again. Which celebrity do *you* want to see back with their ex? Let us know in a comment below!

### Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson Ride A Bicycle Built For Two





There are few better

ways to enjoy the Venice boardwalk scene than on a bicycle for two. Jessica Simpson and her fiancée Eric Johnson were seen over the weekend racing with friends and enjoying the area, according to Pink is the new Blog. Simpson said she's working on slimming up for the big day. "I'm still trying to figure out what to wear," she said. "I don't know if I want the big boom, or the curvy thing, but it will be something beautiful. I kind of have a couple of ideas in my head, and I have a date; I'm really excited!" Other ways she plans to get in shape are to dance around in her bedroom and lift some weights.

What are some ways to enjoy the warm weather with your mate?

#### Cupid's Advice:

With summer coming up quickly, there are plenty of things to do to bond over the lovely weather. Cupid has a few modest suggestions:

- 1. Picnic: A picnic may be a great way to enjoy some weather, food and your significant other ... just make sure to bring the bug spray.
- 2. Go-kart riding: It's a little unorthodox, but a little competition is healthy in a relationship. So long as you don't race dirty, you should be safe from sleeping on the couch.
- **3. Swimming:** You, your lover, bathings suits and a pool? This could be a lot of fun and a great opportunity to show off your sweet dives or epic cannonballs.

Have some other great ways to enjoy the weather with your mate? Share a comment below.

# Will Jessica Simpson Elope with Eric Johnson?





Now that Jessica

Simpson and Eric Johnson are engaged, we may end up seeing them as husband and wife when we least expect it. According to <code>People</code>, Simpson says that her second wedding ceremony may be a bit more low key than her previous wedding to singer Nick Lachey. In a recent interview with <code>Women's Wear Daily</code>, Simpson says, "We've both been married before, we're enjoying our commitment to each other. We want to take our time … We might elope if it gets to that point." So, don't be too surprised if you see Simpson and Johnson sporting wedding rings without an elaborate ceremony.

#### What are the advantages of eloping?

#### Cupid's Advice:

A wedding can be the best day of you and your soon-to-be spouse's lives, but it can also be one of the most stressful. Cupid has some reasons eloping could turn out to be your best bet:

- 1. Money: As a brand new couple, the two of you may not have a lot of cash to spend on an elaborate ceremony. Eloping gives you the flexibility to have a small gathering on your own budget.
- 2. Privacy: Sometimes when creating the guest list, you may

feel as if you need to invite your Uncle Harry's third cousin once removed. Sneaking away with your hubby gives you the opportunity to tell whomever you choose, without the added quilt.

**3. Time:** Many couples who have been dating a while, and even some who haven't, don't want long engagements. Eloping allows you to have your wedding on your own time, whenever you and your partner choose.

### Jessica Simpson Says She Could Get Married in Sweats Right Now





Although it seems

that Jessica Simpson has been more consistent with her gym

regimen in anticipation of her wedding to Eric Johnson, Simpson denies the allegations, according to <u>UsMagazine.com</u>. "Yes, I am working out, but why is that worth any sorta press? I always take care of myself," Simpson wrote on her Twitter page Thursday, adding, "Eric and I could get married right now in sweats!"

#### Why is your wedding day so important?

#### Cupid's Advice:

There are a handful of defining moments in your life, and your wedding is definitely one of them. Cupid has some reasons why your wedding day is so important:

- 1. You've been dreaming about it your whole life: Your dreams of a perfect man/woman and your big day are two things you imagine all your life, and the day it all comes true makes it one of the most memorable days of your life.
- 2. Sharing your love: Your wedding is the day you get to celebrate your love with not only your significant other, but with everyone else important in your life.
- **3. Beginning of your new life:** The day you get married is the day your new life with your now husband/wife begins.

### Jessica Simpson Talks Up Eric Johnson's 'Perfect Tush'





Jessica Simpson

isn't shy about letting her fans in on the details to what she finds attractive in her fiance, Eric Johnson, according to UsMagazine.com. In fact, Simpson tweeted on Saturday, "Saying my prayers before bedtime...Thank you Lord for blessing me with a Man that has the perfect Tush." This isn't the first time Simpson has made a public declaration about her love and attraction to free agent Johnson. The duo have been captured in the past locking lips in Italy as well as licking frosting off of each other's faces.

#### Are physical attributes important in a partner?

#### Cupid's Advice:

The rules of attraction are vague, as people have their own preferences. Sometimes we don't like to admit that our boyfriends won us over initially with their looks (and then later his personality), but there may be more to it than just an easy pair of eyes:

1. It's all science: While we may swoon for a man with a strong jaw, what our subconscious is seeing is a man with good genes who is a potential mate. Even though we think we're choosing our partners, our primal instincts may really be running the show.

- 2. It's not just looks: Sometimes after you've been in a relationship for awhile you sit and joke with your girlfriends about how you landed your flame. Pheromones, or a subtle scent that every person emits like a perfume, can attract you to your match more than looks alone.
- 3. Physical attraction is important: No matter the reason, there's no denying that you need to be physically attracted to your partner in order to be in a successful relationship. As long as you like him for more than his good looks, that's all that matters. That said, there's nothing wrong with appreciating his assets!

### Jessica Simpson Calls Eric Johnson 'Perfect Addition to Our Family'





Jessica Simpson was

very active on her Twitter account this past week, wishing all of her followers a very merry Christmas, reports <u>RadarOnline</u>. Simpson revealed that her entire family gathered at her parents' home in Encino, California for a Christmas celebration. Simpson's fiancé, football player Eric Johnson, was also there for the celebration. "Eric is the perfect addition to our family," tweeted Simpson. "I'm so grateful this holiday season!!! I hope everyone had a magical Christmas! Love you X."

#### Is it important that your partner fit in with your family?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Having your family accept your partner is only half the battle. The other half is getting your family to actually like him. While some deem this effort unnecessary, having a significant other who fits in with your family makes life much easier. Here are some benefits:

- 1. Peace of mind: When families get together, especially during the holiday season, it's nice to know that there aren't any snide or frustrated conversations occurring behind your partner's back.
- 2. Willing favors: While your family would never turn their

back on you and your partner when the two of you are in need, they will be more likely to grant a favor with a smile on their face if they genuinely approve of your relationship.

3. Frequent visits: When your partner feels comfortable visiting your family with you, you're able to spend more time with all of the people you love.

# Jessica Simpson to Marry Eric Johnson Without Prenup?





After dating for

only six months, Jessica Simpson and former NFL player Eric Johnson announced their exciting decision to walk down the aisle together. The couple's newest announcement? According to <a href="PopEate">PopEate</a>r, they're doing it without a prenup! This isn't the first time Jessica Simpson will put on a wedding dress

without signing the agreement. In her past divorce from Nick Lachey, who just days ago announced his engagement to Vanessa Minnillo, Jessica Simpson lost \$10 million dollars for saying "I do" without a prenup. The singer's father, though very happy for the two of them, does not want to see his daughter make the same mistake twice and plans on trying to change her mind when the excitement dies down. But for now, the couple is running on love!

#### Should you get a prenup when you get married?

**Cupid's Advice:**Like many other couples in love, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson don't think a prenuptial agreement will be necessary. Cupid has some instances where it may be a healthy choice:

- 1. You're wealthier: Believe it or not, having more money than your partner and insisting on a prenup doesn't make you selfish! It's a harmless way to guarantee that he is marrying you for the right reasons and isn't interested in your bank account.
- 2. You've been married before: If this isn't your first venture down the aisle, the situation becomes more complicated. If you have kids from a previous marriage, a prenup can ensure that when/if you pass away, everyone in your family receives their share of your assets.
- 3. You don't want the stress: Money issues are one of the most common reasons for divorce. A prenup can help to halt the stress. If you're fighting less, you're most likely never going to have to use it!

### Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson Are Engaged





Free agent NFL

player Eric Johnson has officially proposed to Jessica Simpson. The good news is that she's accepted, according to *People*. After being introduced by mutual friends in May, the pair started dating. Recently, they celebrated Jessica Simpson's 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in romantic Italy. Fans can look for this athlete and singer/fashion designer combo at the upcoming Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. "I'm gonna be on a [Macy's parade] float. It's not always the best way to spend a Thanksgiving, but it's a great way to celebrate. So, maybe I'll just have all families on the float," said Jessica Simpson.

What are some ways you can meet your future mate?

Cupid's Advice:

Like many other couples, Jessica Simpson and Eric Johnson were introduced through mutual friends. Though there is no best way to meet your future partner, the secret is to put yourself out there. Cupid has a few options to explore:

- 1. Online dating: The use of the Internet can expand your dating pool many times over. If you're having trouble meeting people the traditional way (in person), getting to know potential partners via online dating sites may be the answer.
- 2. Singles' mixers: Speed dating and singles cruises are great options for those looking to meet their next love interest. It takes the guessing out of the situation because you know everyone is attending for the same reason.
- **3. The friend connection:** Whether you're being introduced to someone new through friends or playing wingman for a pal, friends play a huge role in helping you find a happy relationship. Utilize your network!

### Pete Wentz Says Jessica Simpson Is In Love with Boyfriend, Eric Johnson





It looks like

Jessica Simpson and beau Eric Johnson have the seal of approval from Simpson's brother-in-law, rocker Pete Wentz. According to <u>People</u>, Pete Wentz said, "He's a really smart guy, and Jessica really loves him." He explained, saying, "I think that's the most important thing, seeing her happy."

#### What are some ways to tell if your love is the real thing?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Many relationships come and go, but how do you know when it's not just lust — it's love? Cupid has a few things to look for:

- 1. You can talk: You and your partner can talk for hours without getting bored. Conversation becomes second-nature and requires little effort.
- 2. There's no stress: When you no longer stress over bad hair days or an unflattering outfit, then you know that your relationship is for real. You're completely comfortable with your beau.
- **3. You can be yourself**: When you are more yourself around your mate than you are around any of your other friends, then you know that you're truly in love.