

Favorite Celebrity Wedding Dresses



By Jennifer Harrington

For those of us who love to follow celebrity news, it's always fun to follow what the stars wear on their wedding days. Some celebrities choose styles that establish the future trends for other brides, and others choose dresses that more closely mirror their persona, unique sense of style. Given we are in the midst of summer wedding season, here is a look at some of Cupid's favorite celebrity wedding dresses:

Kate Middleton

As soon as Prince William and Kate Middleton announced their long-anticipated engagement, the world began speculating about

what Kate would wear on her wedding day. April 29, 2011, as two billion people around the world watched, the royal wedding dress was revealed. Kate chose a dress designed by Sarah Burton for Alexander McQueen. The dress was described by *The Telegraph* (UK) as “a model of sumptuous simplicity, perfectly suited to the sweet and serene style of the woman who is now Duchess of Cambridge and is destined to be the future Queen of England.”

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Katie Holmes

Let's forget for a moment that Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise are now divorced, and remember that back in 2006, the couple had a whirlwind romance and welcomed daughter Suri before they celebrated their wedding in Italy. To exchange wedding vows with her movie star husband November 18, 2006, Katie chose a romantic off-the-shoulder gown designed by Giorgio Armani. The designer remarked when Katie first appeared, “It was, by far, the most charged moment of the evening.” Seven-month-old Suri wore an ivory silk dress designed to match her mom's iconic gown.

Jessica Simpson

When pop star Jessica Simpson married fellow singer Nick Lachey October 26, 2002, she chose a Vera Wang custom strapless dress with a 11-carat Harry Winston pave diamond headband attached to her veil. While the dress was fit for a princess and the wedding seemed like a fairy tale, the marriage between Jessica and Nick did not last. As Jessica looks toward the future and has plans to marry her current beau, Eric Johnson, she speculates when it's time to pick her next dress, she will choose something low-cut and said, “I want it to be different from what I've had before.”

Gwen Stefani

Gwen Stefani has her own rock star style that is often colorful, bold and daring. When she married fellow musician Gavin Rossdale September 14, 2002, she chose a custom-made dress that was girly and punk – a perfect mix for her fashion taste. Her dress was John Galliano by Dior and was pink ombre. Gwen liked her dress so much she had a second wedding ceremony, just so she could wear the dress again!

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Lisa Ling

Journalist Lisa Ling exchanged wedding vows with Paul Song, a physician, May 26, 2007. The invitation to the wedding provided a sneak peek of what guests could expect from Lisa's wedding dress, reading "If you're cool, you'll dress Asian chic." Lisa walked down the aisle wearing a red dress with a metallic print, designed by Vivienne Tam. The breathtaking dress, while seemingly an unconventional choice, was true to the couple's Asian-roots and their Asian-inspired wedding ceremony.

Who would you say is the best-dressed celebrity bride? Should we add anyone to our favorite celebrity wedding dress list? Comment below.

Finding Yourself Again





By Molly Reynolds for [Hope After Divorce](#)

Months after my very messy divorce, I found myself sitting in a greasy diner with my friend Christi, and I was at a total stand still. I was staring across the table at her, trying not to cry into my grilled cheese sandwich as a million thoughts ran through my mind.

Christi had never been married before. In fact, she had been single since I'd known her. She is beautiful, funny, smart, a great friend – and one of the happiest people I know.

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I finally opened my mouth.

“How do you do it?” I asked her.

“How do I do what?”

“How do you be single?”

She smiled. “You just do.”

I wanted to take notes. “No, tell me. What do you DO? Like, what does your typical day look like?”

I got married when I was twenty and was now pushing thirty. It didn't seem like an odd question to me at the time; I had never been single as an adult. My marriage was isolating and highly emotionally abusive. My days were wrapped up working, spending time with my husband, cooking, cleaning, paying the bills, helping him with whatever he needed. I had so much free time now and didn't know what to do with myself. More honestly, I didn't know who I was as a single person.

Thank God for good friends. “You do whatever you want!” she said with a laugh. “If you want to stay out all night, you do it. If you want to spend the weekend watching *Desperate Housewives* on Netflix, you do it. If you want to eat a jar of olives for dinner, you do it. It's actually pretty awesome.”

The thought of this absolutely terrified me. Battle lost. Soggy grilled cheese.

This story illustrates co-dependency at its finest. Unfortunately, co-dependent women often find themselves with a narcissistic husband. Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise are a prime example. A narcissist systematically makes his partner give up who she is in order to serve his own ideals and needs. If you are fortunate enough to break free from the abuse of a narcissist – as Katie was – you're going to have to take a lot of time to rebuild yourself.

I hate labels, but a lot of us are co-dependent. If we're partnered with the wrong person, the effects can be devastating. We think giving absolutely everything over to our marriage and forgetting ourselves makes us a better partner. It doesn't. It doesn't even make us a better person. Luckily for us, it's a bad habit and *not* a life-threatening disease.

One of the hardest things about any kind of breakup (even if your spouse was a total loser) is that you have to learn how

to relate to the world differently. There's no partner to call and check-in with when you have to make a decision or if something good happens. You find yourself with a lot more alone time, and if you're not careful, your mind can go to a very dark place...which is why it is imperative that you find yourself again – or find yourself period, whatever the case may be.

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Fill those empty moments in your life with people and things that you [love](#). And if you don't know what you love, find out! A fun, cheap way to do that is sites like Groupon or Living Social. Maybe you've always wanted to take belly dancing class – do it! Or if you've always loved cooking or boxing, find a Meetup in your area. This is also a great way to make new friends and remind yourself that this tough time in your life will absolutely pass.

Learn how to do you. Habits are tough to break but fight against co-dependency as hard as you can. You are a whole, perfect person on your own. You don't need anyone else to be complete. Later on, if you choose to have another relationship, do it because you want to, not because you need to.

Be happy with who you are because life is too good to waste. Live as hard as you can.

Following her work as an actress, Molly Reynolds began her writing career covering scripts for film producers and working in commercials at Tombo Films, a boutique production company that created spots for the likes of Apple, Petco, and Coca Cola. Since then, she has written anything from ads to children's books to musical theatre, with a special emphasis on socially conscious material. Her latest musical, Benny (book and lyrics), has been performed in Los Angeles and New

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Celebrity Couples Where Opposites Attracted



By Meghan Fitzgerald

It's true – opposites do attract, but it's odd for outsiders to look in at these partners because it seems so...strange. Although it's unknown for others, the ones involved in these types of relationships are usually the couples who have it all together. Opposite attraction is new, exciting and can result in a strong and healthy relationships. Cupid takes a look at a few cases where opposites attracted in popular celebrity couples:

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Megan Fox and Brian Austin Green:

Once *Transformers* hit theaters and Megan Fox began to be known as the hot it girl, Brian Austin Green was just that 90210 guy who had a kid with Vanessa Marcil. Even though she became one of the world's biggest sex symbols, they have still managed to keep their relationship going strong. In fact, the couple has been married since 2010 and have a son, Noah Shannon Green, together.

Mariah Carey and Nick Cannon:

Mariah Carey has had quite the extensive dating record, from her first marriage, to record executive, Mottola, to a Latin pop singer and briefly to Derek Jeter. The bold and bodacious singer settled down to a small, lanky rapper, Nick Cannon. The duo has been married for five years now. They are also parents to fraternal twins, Monroe Cannon and Moroccan Scott Cannon.

Brody Jenner and Avril Lavigne:

The born Californian *Hills* star, Brody Jenner didn't seem to fit right with punk rocker Avril Lavigne. Although others thought they wouldn't mesh, they dated from February 2010 through 2012.

Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher:

Golden Globe and Emmy nominee Demi Moore found an unlikely match in *That '70s Show* star Ashton Kutcher. Despite the 16-year age difference, the pair began dating in 2003. They married on September 24, 2005, but the happiness didn't last for long. Kutcher filed for divorce in December 2012 after a year of separation and rumors of his infidelity hit the newsstands.

Hayden Panettiere and Wladimir Klitschko:

The 23-year-old petite blonde known for her breakout role in *Heroes* settled down with the 37-year-old, 6'6" heavyweight boxing world-champion Wladimir Klitschko from Ukraine. Despite the 1'4" height difference, the odd duo make it work with their relationship.

Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes:

The ex tomboy from *Dawson's Creek* was interviewed to be Tom Cruise's real life girlfriend after her engagement with Chris Klein ended. Holmes seems to be the more down- to-earth type while Cruise stars in super thrillers and actions films.

Lindsay Lohan and Samantha Ronson:

The *Mean Girls* actress dated DJ Samantha Ronson in 2008 and 2009. When questioned about her sexuality, Lohan said, "I don't want to classify myself." Since the brief romance the couple shared together, Lohan has been recently linked to Avi Snow.

David Cross and Amber Tamblyn:

The 26-year-old actress best known for her parts in *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* and *Joan of Arcadia* tied knots with now-hubby David Cross in 2012. The 43-year-old comedian has quite the ego boost with dating a woman 19 years younger than him.

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Rachel McAdams and Michael Sheen:

The *Midnight in Paris* co-stars were rumored to be a couple far before they announced their relationship. Sheen has a past relationship with Kate Beckinsale. The two have a daughter, Lily Sheen, together.

Who are some other celebrity couples with opposite personalities? Share your thoughts below.

Celebrity News: Tom Cruise Celebrate's Suri's 7th Birthday





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Even though 50-year old actor, Tom Cruise has been travelling the world to promote his latest movie *Oblivion*, UsMagazine.com reports that Cruise still schedules family time with his daughter, Suri. Most recently, that means helping her celebrate her 7th birthday. [E! Online](http://E!Online) reports that he phoned into *On Air With Ryan Seacrest* and discussed how big of a planner he really is with her celebration. "Done already. All done," he said. "I take care of the kids early. You'll know – you have to plan ahead for these things. It's all done and all celebrated."

How do you stay involved in your child's life post-divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Even if it may seem very difficult to remain in your child's life after a divorce, it is still possible. You can still be in their lives and not exactly be in your ex's life. Your marriage is obviously over, however, that doesn't mean in any sense that your family is over. Cupid has some more advice:

1. Remain civil with ex: It is essential to remain in a relatively civil relationship with your ex after your divorce. It is not going to be any easier to stay involved in your child's life if your relationship is constantly a battle. Although it will be challenging to do, attempt to stay in a healthy relationship with your ex, for your child. You now have to realize that it is not about your ex anymore, only about your child.

2. Talk consistently: It is easy to stay involved in your child's life post-divorce if you are always talking to them. Even if they do not wish to talk to you, talk to them five or ten minutes a day. Ask them how they are doing with everything. How their school life is. If they want to express any repressed emotions or feelings. Make sure they're aware that you are not in an way leaving their life.

3. Day trips: Create day trips with your child after your divorce. If they enjoy creativity and art, take them to a museum or an art lesson. Take them to the park and bring a frisbee, or play outside games. Pack a basket for lunch, and have a picnic outside. Plan trips your child may want to go in, it will increase your relationship with your kid and keep your involvement steady.

Have you stayed involved in your child's life post-divorce? Explain below.

Celebrity News: Tom Cruise Opens Up About Divorce From

Katie Holmes



By Andrea Surujnauth

Tom Cruise finally speaks out about his 2012 divorce from actress, Katie Holmes. After a 5 year marriage, Holmes filed for divorce 5 days before Cruise's 50th birthday. "I didn't expect it," he confesses to German TV Network *ProSieben*. According to UsMagazine.com, Cruise admits "To be 50 and to have experiences and to think you have a grip on everything, and then it hits you – this is it, what life can do to you. Life is a tragicomedy. You need to have a sense of humor." Holmes, who now resides in New York with the couple's daughter Suri, is moving on with her life as well. She is in a new Broadway play and also has a fashion line. Director and friend of the couple, Adam Shankman, says "They are incredibly happy. I've just been emailing with [Tom]. He's coming back. He's shooting [*All You Need Is Kill*] in London and seems as happy

as a clam. I know he sees his daughter.”

What do you do if your partner springs an unexpected split or breakup on you?

Cupid's Advice:

No one ever expects their marriage to come to an end. But what do you do if your partner suddenly wants a divorce? Cupid is here with some advice for you.

1. Don't seek revenge: If your partner springs divorce on you, never act out in revenge. Not only does it make you look crazy but if law officials are brought into the situation, you might lose a lot more than your marriage.

2. Protect your assests: If you and your ex have joint bank accounts or anything along those lines, contact a lawyer to help sort out the financial situations.

3. Therapy: Divorce or seperation can be hard and many people find themselves falling into a endless black hole of depression. Try getting therapy. Therapy can help you get over the depressed feelings and help you get your life back on track.

What would you do if your partner sprang an unexpected split or breakup on you? Share your ideas below.

Celebrity Couples Keeping the Faith Alive



By Jennifer Harrington

Hollywood is a glamorous place that can most certainly be a challenging place to raise well-adjusted, grounded children. Over time, we have seen celebrity couples try unique parenting tactics to bring up their children right, while in the spotlight. In fact, some celebrities turn to faith and religion as they navigate parenthood. Here is a look at a few stars who have relied on spirituality during their parenting journeys.

Tom Cruise

Tom is undoubtedly the most famous Scientologist, and his controversial religion was rumored to be a primary cause of his recent divorce from Katie Holmes. While their young daughter Suri spends the majority of her time with her mom, Tom is still committed to being a strong influence in his

child's life (in fact, Suri frequently calls her father when he is on-location filming). It's likely he will try to pass along his core religious beliefs to his daughter. Tom also raised his two oldest children (with ex-wife Nicole Kidman) in the Scientology faith.

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Mel Gibson

Before recent scandals tarnished Mel's reputation, he was most well-known for being an established Hollywood actor and devout Catholic. In fact, he directed and produced *The Passion of the Christ* in 2004. Mel is the father of eight children, and is very outspoken about his religious convictions. Despite the rumors that persist that some of his offspring are wild and fun-loving, there's no doubt Mel attempted to raise the kids with a Catholic-based foundation.

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Kirk Cameron

Kirk, who was a major star in the 1980s on the hit television show *Growing Pains*, abandoned his teen heartthrob status after became a born-again Christian at age 17. In fact, after he developed a relationship with Jesus, he began to insist that storylines be edited to remove anything he thought too adult or inappropriate for the show. He is now a husband and father of six children, as well as a full-fledged evangelist. He currently co-hosts a religious-themed television show.

Like everybody else, celebrities have different beliefs, but it's not often you see celebrities outspoken about their dedication to a given religion, and even less frequently you can cite a parent in Hollywood guiding their offspring with faith.

Tell Cupid: what are the biggest benefits for celebrities keeping the faith alive, and raising their children in a religious home?

Celebrity News: Katie Holmes Says She's 'Open' to Having More Kids



By Meghan Fitzgerald

The beautiful, single actress, Katie Holmes, 34, has her life entirely wide open. After separating from her ex, Tom Cruise,

she has made her way to the cover of *Allure*. Although the two remain civil, reports [Huffington Post](#), Holmes hopes this upcoming year will be a peaceful one. The April issue of *Allure* discusses Holmes's future. [UsMagazine.com](#) reports that Katie Holmes is open to having more children! She's even considering becoming a lawyer! You go Katie.

How do you decide how many kids to have?

Cupid's Advice:

Kids are great, they're funny, they love you, you love them, you created them, they're your world. However, there is a certain amount of children one couple should have. The Duggars decided that they want a trillion kids, and it works for them. The big deal here, is what works for you and your partner. Cupid has some more advice on this:

1. Personal: Deciding to have children is a joint effort, between you and your mate. If it wasn't, you could have as many kids as you damn please. However, this is not the case, and you have another person you have to communicate with. When deciding whether or not to have more kids, or kids in general, think about your relationship with your partner. Can they handle one kid, three kids, six kids? Can you deal with your partner as a parent? Can you be a parent with six kids? Three kids? One kid?

2. Financial: Kids are expensive! And not just a few paychecks here and there, try almost something from each paycheck. The more children, obviously more of your paycheck goes. Can you and your beau handle two children with your current financial situation? Make sure you are able to balance your children's lives, and your bank accounts. As much as you may want to have more kids, you need to keep reality in check.

3. Medical: I know many people who were told they could not have any more children, that it was a serious danger to

themselves and the doctor didn't advise it whatsoever. Yes, having a lot of children is great for you and your kids. However, you can not put yourself in jeopardy medically. Your kids need a mother, and that is that. Do not go for another child if your life is on the line.

Did you decide to have more kids? Explain below.

Celebrity Divorce: Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes Are 'Incredibly Happy' Post-Divorce





By Andrea Surujnauth

Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise seem to be having a very happy post-divorce period. The ex-couple's infamous divorce was finalized last year and since then, everything seems to be running smoothly. Adam Shankman told UsMagazine.com that the ex-couple is doing very well living separate lives. "Katie seems really happy. You just fight through all the noise. And it's noisy!" he said. The couple's daughter, Suri, is still getting to spend time with both mom and dad. Shankman said of Cruise, "I've just been emailing with him. He's coming back. He's shooting [*All You Need Is Kill*] in London and seems as happy as a clam. I know he sees his daughter." Another source also told *E! News*, 'She spent five days with him. He has been working quite long hours on the set, but he was able to have some time off to be with her. They had a really lovely time.'

What are some ways in which divorce can be a good thing?

Cupid's Advice:

Divorce can be a very difficult thing to go through,

especially when you have kids. But what is the bright side of divorce? How can divorce be a good thing? Here are some ways:

1. No more tension: Before divorce, there is always tension in the house from fighting and being unhappy. Once you decide on having a divorce, the tension is gone! Getting rid of tension is good for you, your partner, and your kids. When there is stress and tension in the house, kids can pick up on that and it can make them depressed.

2. No more fighting: Fighting in a relationship is one of the biggest causes of stress. You go to work upset and stressed out which causes you to not be able to concentrate. When you are fighting with your partner everyday, it is difficult to find peace in any part of your day.

3. Chance at happiness: You were very unhappy in your relationship, that is what caused the divorce. Now you have the chance to find happiness and live the life you have been wanting to live. Divorce does not have to always be a sad time. Look at it as a new chance at life.

In what ways do you think divorce can be good? Comment below and let us know!

**Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise
Celebrate the Holidays
Together with Suri**





By Nic Baird

For her first Christmas since Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' divorce, Suri split the holidays between both parents, [People](#) reports. Suri spent Christmas Day with her mother in Ohio, and then joined Cruise and his two older children, according to a source. "We have got lots of very special things planned," Cruise said at the premiere of his new film *Jack Reacher*. He mentioned he was looking forward to spending the holidays with his kids. "We are all going to be together," he said.

What are some ways to present a united front to your children post-split?

Cupid's Advice:

It's difficult to maintain a positive relationship with an ex, but when they co-parent your children you must set aside your differences. Find ways to work together, and avoid any slips that will add tension to your already worn dynamic:

1. Respect: No matter how you tailored your relationship in the past, it should have included respect. This must continue

even now. You should be careful to treat each other well when your children are around, and avoid instigating any fights or arguments. Appreciate them as an important part of your child's life and foster a mutual respect.

2. Team Decisions: A united front means making decisions as a parenting unit. It's important both you and your ex understand that there has to be a consensus between the two of you before discussions with your child. Undermining a parent will make them less respected, so be careful what you say in front of impressionable eyes. Don't negate their input!

3. Sharing Responsibility: Make sure your child is able to experience special occasions with both parents. A child will have an easier time with a separation if both of you can offer positive feedback during their development. Even if you don't want to attend soccer games with your ex, rotate the responsibility game by game. This is how you keep a family intact after separating.

What are good strategies for parenting after a divorce? Share your experiences below!

Celebrity Break-Ups That Broke Our Hearts





By Jessica Nappi

We've all gone through our own break-ups, and no matter how painful they can be, sometimes, seeing [celebrities break-up](#) is even worse. These splits involve not only the two in the celebrity relationship but also their entire fan base. Break-ups in Hollywood mean more than just broken hearts; they also mean no longer seeing them pose together on the red carpet, waving goodbye to those PDA-filled paparazzi shots, and saying sayonara to those lengthy interviews where they gush about how much in love they are. Here are three celebrity break-ups that had us crying:

Three Celebrity Break-ups

1. Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes: Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes's split is the most recent and therefore the most sensitive of topics. From the moment Cruise not-so-humbly jumped on the couches of *Oprah* proclaiming his love for Holmes, we all envisioned a happy ending to this celebrity love story. There was the birth of TomKat, followed shortly by the actual birth

of their daughter Suri. The famous couple had a six-year run before Holmes shocked the world by filing for divorce in New York City earlier this month. What will we do without seeing ever-so-cute family photos of the duo with their fashionable little girl?

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2. Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston: This golden Hollywood couple married in 2000, and everyone dreamed of watching their picture perfect celebrity love story play out. From [Brad Pitt](#)'s guest appearance on Jennifer Aniston's show *Friends* to always walking hand-in-hand on the red carpet, it seemed like this celebrity couple was as strong as could be. Then came the 2005 movie *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*, in which Pitt co-starred with the one and only [Angelina Jolie](#). The rest is history: Pitt and Jolie are now engaged with six kids. Aniston isn't doing so bad either: She has found a new man – Justin Theroux – and was recently voted hottest woman of all time by *Men's Health* magazine.

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3. Sandra Bullock and Jesse James: It seems like a woman can't win the Academy Award for Best Actress without subsequently splitting with her man. Kate Winslet, Reese Witherspoon, Halle Berry and now Sandra Bullock are just a few of the many actresses who won big in their career yet fell short in their love life soon after. Bullock's marriage to TV's *Monster Garage* host Jesse James seemed better than ever, especially due to the heartfelt award speech she gave about him. But just days later, Bullock and the entire world discovered James' cheating rampage. As if we couldn't feel any worse for America's sweetheart, the famous couple was in the process of adopting a baby boy, whom Bullock now solely cares for. However, she now seems very happy as a mother.

What celebrity break-up broke your heart? Tell us below.

Single Celebrities We Want to See Hitched



By Nic Baird

Whether single by choice or by broken heart, the prospect of marriage for the unattached seems distantly hypothetical. If you're a free spirit looking for flings, fun and flirting, you'll avoid even the thought of it at all costs. For those recovering from a lost love, it's important not to give up, because Prince Charming will come again. In fact, there are

some Hollywood bachelors and bachelorettes who are in desperate need of true love as well. Others are devoted to such a carefree life of casual hookups that it makes one wonder if even the most glamorous single celebrity could lock them down. Here are the stars we'd like to push down the aisle:

1. Robert Pattinson: Shying away from public appearances, steady drinking and tales of heartbreak characterize the media vampire since his split from Kristen Stewart. Robert Pattinson is known for his legion of Twi-hards, and it's only a matter of time before a Hollywood lady gets close to Team Edward. Katy Perry, a mutual friend of Robsten, took the bruised *Twilight* hunk out to cheer him up shortly after news of Stewart's affair broke. Whether it's a shoulder to cry on or, less likely, a fresh love to sink his fangs into, Pattinson deserves the fairy tale romance he portrays.

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2. Cameron Diaz: She's been romantically linked to the likes of Matt Dillon, Jared Leto, Justin Timberlake and Alex Rodriguez, but Cameron Diaz is currently single. The freshly 40-year-old actress is still a blonde bombshell at the box office, but her most recent appearance in the pregnancy comedy *What To Expect When You're Expecting* makes us wonder if a family is on the horizon. "I've never said I don't want children," Diaz explained to *InStyle* magazine. "I just haven't had children yet." The simple truth is that a long marriage seems daunting to the powerful starlet, according to a *Stylist* interview. "Have someone for five years and another person for another five years. Life is long and lucky and yes, love might last forever, but you don't always live with the person you love forever."

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3. Gerard Butler: While his adoring female fan base would probably send truckloads of hate mail his way if it happened, we all wonder what type of woman could get this Hollywood bad boy to commit. Party antics got Butler fired as a lawyer and have also kept him from serious coupling. *"I'm not a big relationship guy,"* the 300 actor told *Men's Journal*. "One of my vices is, I'm too wrapped up in myself and not always in a good way." That said, as of last spring, Butler has been seen with Madalina Ghenea, a Romanian model who helped him promote a brand of razors. Is the rowdy Scott breaking his old habits?

4. Katie Holmes: Not that the young actress has to start rehearsing her dating scene so soon after her summer divorce, but Katie Holmes still has plenty of time for future love, and even marriage. As a single mother with Tom Cruise's powerful shadow looming over her, future suitors might have an easier time trying to date Batman's ex. Last week, she insisted in *Women's Wear Daily* that the important things were to keep trying and not be afraid to fail. Holmes has welcomed some male attention since her split: a friendly kiss from an unidentified dinner date. It would be nice to see a happy ending follow her foray into Scientology.

Which Celebs would you like to see tie the knot? Share your comments below!

How Raising a Child Can Bring you Closer Together as a Couple



By Nancy Parker

If you speak to any number of parents today about how parenting has affected their marriage, you may be surprised to hear many tell you that it has solidified their marriage. They will almost certainly tell you that parenting is hard work and incredibly stressful, but at the same time, they will tell you that they feel closer to their spouse after having kids than before. This may seem paradoxical. After all, enduring intensely stressful situations and bringing responsibility and hard work into your relationship seems like it may pull a couple apart. In many cases, however, the opposite is true. There are a number of key reasons why raising a child can solidify your marriage despite being stressful:

1. Shared Love

In most cases, no two individuals love a child more than his

biological parents. The love for a child may begin to grow almost as soon as the parents learn of the pregnancy, and this love deepens with each passing day. This is a love that the parents together share for the child, and they both work to provide the child with the best childhood experience possible. Sharing the same intense feelings for another person is a bonding experience, and this is a bond that can indeed solidify a relationship.

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2. Teamwork

Raising a child together is about more than just feeling intense love for the child. It takes a lot of hard work to care for and raise a child, and this hard work begins as soon as the child is born. During infancy, the couple must work together as a team to ensure that the baby as well as both parents meet their basic needs regarding feeding, sleeping and more. An infant is dependent on the care of the parents, and the parents work together as a team to fulfill those needs while also watching out for the health and well-being of each other. As the child grows, the teamwork approach transitions into different aspects of parenting such as discipline, education, childcare and more.

3. More Than Just a Couple

Before the first child is born into the marriage, the couple is simply a couple bound together by love and perhaps wedding vows. When you bring a child into the relationship, however, your relationship transitions into something more significant. You are no longer a couple, and instead, you have transitioned into a family. There is a bond that deepens between a man and a woman when a family is formed. The deep feelings associated with creating a family with another person deepen the bond you have with that person.

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It is interesting to take note that giving birth to a child will not heal a relationship that is already on rocky ground. In fact, the hard work and stress associated with raising a child may be the tipping point in an already shaky relationship that could lead to the couple breaking up. On the other hand, when a couple that has a solid relationship brings a child into their lives, the experience of raising the child can provide a deeper bond than the couple previously had. With a look at celebrity couples, you may see how relationships like that between Victoria and David Beckham have been solidified with the addition of their children in their lives. On the other hand, other relationships that may have been on less steady ground to start with, such as that Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, were not solidified with the birth of a child.

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Sources Say Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise's Divorce Has Been Hard on Suri





By Nicole Weintraub

Ever since Katie Holmes filed for divorce from her former beau Tom Cruise, their six-year-old daughter has been acting out, according to UsMagazine.com. Ever since the power couple decided to call it quits, Holmes has been toning down her lavish lifestyle and is trying to spoil her daughter, Suri, a little less. Cruise has been known to spoil his little girl to pieces, for example, spending over \$6,000 on their recent helicopter excursion to The Hamptons. Holmes, though, is taking a different parenting route by enrolling her daughter in an elementary school that calls for a strict dress code. The young Cruise is not too happy about the recent changes, though. According to Holmes, she still needs time to adjust.

How do you keep the drama of a split from affecting your children?

Cupid's Advice:

A separation can be brutal and ugly, especially when young children are involved. Here are some tips on how to shield

your children from the drama of your split:

1. Don't drag the kids in: Under no circumstances is it ever okay for a child to think that they caused their parents to split up. Assure your children that this was a decision made by the two of you as adults and had nothing to do with them.

2. Don't badmouth: Don't badmouth your former partner in front of your children. Not only will that affect your child's relationship with that partner, but also you're only going to get yourself into trouble with the other person.

3. Remain civil: Children absorb everything, especially things that they pick up from their parents. You don't have to like each other, but try to be civil with one another and "play nice" while in front of your kids.

Have you gone through a split with kids involved? How did you deal with shielding the kids from the split? Tell us in the comments below.

Reports Reveal Katie Holmes Visited Ohio 'Many Times' Pre-Divorce from Tom Cruise





By Sarah Ribeiro

While Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise may have had a rocky marriage, Holmes still kept a close bond with her family. A source has reported that Holmes visited Ohio “many times” while married to Cruise, according to [People](#). The pair announced their split early last month.

What can being homesick tell you about your marriage?

Cupid’s Advice:

Even in the best marriage, you may find yourself missing your single life – and your bed at home. Here’s what being homesick can tell you about your marriage:

1. You’re normal: It’s perfectly acceptable and *normal* to miss home every now and then. Even if your husband is your perfect match, he can’t make your mother’s famous breaded chicken. Remember that your family is important, and that it’s okay to miss them.

2. Stress: Sometimes, when life gets too stressful, you just

want to curl up in your old bed and sleep your troubles away. If your stress is coming from your married life, though, you should address the problem before it grows rather than running home and avoiding it.

3. You're unhappy: If all your relationship is doing is making you miss home, you have to reconsider your marriage. No one can be happy when they want to be somewhere else.

What can being homesick tell you about your marriage? Tell us below.

Sources Say Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes Are Still Talking





Even though all of the hype over Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes' divorce has made it seem messy, the two have remained civil for Suri's sake. A source told [People](#) that the two have worked out a "civil routine" and "are talking." Regardless of the ex couple's differences, they still have to do what's best for their six-year old. Suri has spent most of the summer in New York City with Holmes, and has taken various trips with Cruise. Now with the approaching the school year, Holmes has decided to enroll Suri in a private school nearby, and Cruise was okay with her decision.

How do you remain civil with your ex when kids are involved?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes things just don't work out with your partner, and a divorce is inevitable. But, it's not so easy to just move past it when children are involved. Here are some ideas on how to stay civil with your ex when you have children together:

1. Set up a schedule: You should both agree on a schedule, so there aren't any arguments or misunderstandings. Specific

times will make it easier to share equal time with your kids.

2. Don't get the kids involved with your breakup: You and your ex have to spend time with your kids, but don't get them involved in your breakup. Your kids shouldn't feel like they have to choose sides or keep secrets for anyone, so just leave them out of it.

3. Keep conversation strictly about your children: If you know you are always arguing with your ex partner and just can't get along, keep conversation simply about your children. This is when you both push your other issues aside and make more important decisions about your kids.

How do you keep a civil relationship with your ex when you have children? Share your thoughts below.

**Katie Holmes Kisses
Unidentified Man After
'Great' Dinner**





After divorcing Tom Cruise a month ago, Katie Holmes seems to finally be back in the dating game. On July 27, Holmes was spotted dining with an unknown man in New York City. Before she left, she kissed the man on the cheek. UsMagazine.com reported that Holmes told a reporter from TMZ that she had a “great night.” In addition to this date, Holmes has also been working on a new life with her daughter Suri, including a new apartment in Chelsea. It’s clear that Holmes isn’t letting divorce slow her down.

How do you know when to jump back into the dating scene after a breakup?

Cupid’s Advice:

Breakups can be difficult for everyone, but they shouldn’t keep you from looking for happiness. Although it helps to wait before dating again, eventually you’ll be ready to give it another try. Here are some ways you’ll know you’re ready:

1. You aren’t always thinking about your ex: After a breakup, especially if you were dumped, it’s likely that everything

reminds you of your ex. When you're finally able to distance your thoughts from their memory, you're ready to find someone new.

2. You've found someone interesting: There's no need to rush into a rebound relationship after a breakup. Don't go for the first person you meet after your split. Instead, try to find someone genuinely interesting in order to ensure your new relationship lasts.

3. You're feeling confident again: Breakups can severely damage your self-esteem at first. Try to build up your confidence and comfort again by hanging out with friends and doing things you've always wanted to do. Once you feel good about yourself again, people will take notice.

How did you know when it was time to start dating again after a breakup? Tell us below.

Miss Independent: The Joys of the Single Life





By Audrey Melnik

Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise have been the center of a media circus since they announced their divorce. A number of rumors have surfaced about why their marriage ended, but no matter what the true causes were, it's clear that Holmes is doing what she thinks is best for her daughter, even if that means ending her marriage. Going through a divorce isn't easy and it always takes time to recover, but it should never be avoided when you think a split is important for you and your family. Thankfully, being single allows you to focus on what makes you a better person. Here are some great ways Holmes, and other singles, can enjoy their independence:

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1. Work on your career: Now that you're single, you won't have any commitments other than your own. This will let you give your job the time and attention it deserves. Work hard, focus and you'll be able to rise to the top.

2. Take time for yourself: Singles can make their own rules,

so be spontaneous. You don't have to worry about anyone but yourself. Enjoy this time, it won't last forever. Find a hobby, read a book or do something you've never done before.

3. Travel: When you were in a relationship, you always had to coordinate schedules before you could travel. When you're on your own, you can just pack your bags and go.

4. Have a girl's night: Whether your girlfriends are single or not, plan a night every now and then to go out with just them. Have fun, go dancing and let loose. You'll see that even though you might not have a partner, there are still plenty of people who care about you.

5. Be a flirt: There's no better way to build confidence than to flirt. When you see someone staring at you from across the bar, go talk to them. Even if you don't wind up dating, it'll be good to give yourself a chance.

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7. Buy yourself something nice: Without a partner, your money belongs to no one but you, and you know you worked hard for it. Find something luxurious that you love and splurge on it!

8. Be an awesome parent (if you have kids): For you single parents, devote more time to your kids. They'll make you happier than any partner could. Plan a fun day with them and do something you all love.

Sure, being in love is wonderful, but so is being strong and independent. You can pave your own way, make your own decisions with your own money and you don't need a man to do it.

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Rumor: Is Katie Holmes Planning to Change Suri's Name?





There couldn't have been a divorce between Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes without some drama over their daughter Suri. Does Holmes hate Cruise so much that she plans to change their daughter's name after the divorce? British magazine [Now Daily](#) printed a story in which a close friend of the family claimed Holmes planned to change Suri's last name to "Holmes." The source also mentioned that Holmes hates the name "Suri" and has been referring to her daughter as "Scout." Although this information is unclear, it still has been making things harder for a couple still in the middle of a difficult divorce.

What are some ways to decide what to name your child?

Cupid's Advice: Choosing your baby's name is an incredibly important decision, and everyone has a different way of making a selection. Here are some creative ways on how to finally make a decision:

1. Baby names book: This is probably the least original and easiest way to choose your child's name, but it almost always helps. If you go through a couple of pages of the book every

day, you'll eventually find yourself stumbling upon one that you love.

2. Name them after you or your partner: Let your new child carry on your name or your partner's, or at least something similar. You're sure to be proud that they have your name, making this a choice you aren't likely to regret.

3. Name them after someone who you look up to: Choose the name of a figure who has inspired you, whether it's a character in a book or a historical figure. Using this name will carry on a much deeper meaning to you and your child than one that just has a sound you like.

What are some ways you would decide to choose a name for your child? Share your comments below.

When One Partner's Needs Are More Important





By Jane Greer, Ph.D. for GalTime

Why has it been so surprising to us that Katie Holmes filed for divorce last week in an effort to end her marriage to Tom Cruise when so many of us had a hard time taking their union seriously in the first place?

Maybe it's because despite the public's initial cynicism, people eventually embraced the couple as an example of a true Hollywood love story.

According to the papers, Tom was as blindsided as we were by the news, but, unlike the couple's fans who watched from a distance, he was close to the action. How is it possible that he was chugging along, seemingly happy, when she was evidently so unhappy that she secretly planned her exit?

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Tom might have been looking through only one lens, which he does in his role as a director and producer, and was seeing things working according to his vision. Is it possible that he

didn't consider her needs at all? Tom's previous two wives, Mimi Rogers and Nicole Kidman, have each said that during their marriage their concerns were incidental to his, especially when it came to his religion, Scientology.

It has been reported that Katie wanted out because their daughter, six-year-old Suri, has reached the age at which she would begin to be educated in the ways of Scientology, and Katie did not seem to want that for her child. In fact, in addition to the divorce she has filed for sole custody. If it really is Scientology that made her want out, then she must never have fully accepted it in the first place or this wouldn't have emerged as a problem. Her concern over Suri's education may have been simmering on the back burner for some time.

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The push and pull around Scientology might not be so different from what any couple struggles with if one person wants to raise a child one way, and the other partner has a strong commitment to a completely separate religion. As I wrote about in *What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship*, whenever there are two people who want two different things, one person is going to feel that they've given up more than the other. But for a marriage to be successful, there has to be an attempt to hear the other person and work out a compromise. With Tom and Katie, it appears that wasn't happening. Tom's way seems to have been the only way.

The other thing that may have been going on is that Katie stopped fighting for what she wanted. I see this over and over again with my patients. One partner gives up, realizing that all the conversation in the world is never going to make a difference. But the other partner takes that silence to mean the first partner is now okay with the situation, when in

reality they have shut down. They may be waiting for the right time to sever the relationship, or become vulnerable to romantic involvement outside the marriage. This myopic vision, in other words, “my” view, on one person’s part, leads them to believe that everything is just fine.

Whatever the case, Tom seems to have left no room for the necessary give and take that a healthy marriage demands. It might be just the right time for him to be making a movie called *Oblivion* since that seems to be exactly where his third marriage is headed.

Find Out How Nicole Kidman Helped Katie Holmes With Her Split from Tom Cruise





As Tom Cruise's third marriage comes to an end, Katie Holmes surprisingly reached out to ex-wife number two, Nicole Kidman, for advice and guidance in her effort to divorce Cruise, sources told [Us Weekly](#). It's not extremely common to become friends with your partner's ex, but in Holmes's case, the 45-year-old Kidman, "has been supportive, saying she's been through it too and to hang in there." The *Dawson's Creek* star apparently even contacted Kidman via a disposable cell phone in order to keep Cruise from catching on. The ladies' relationship is what really gave Holmes the edge she needed against her ex-husband, because she ultimately gained everything she hoped for in their rapid one-week settlement.

How can you be supportive of a friend going through a divorce?

Cupids Advice:

No one can go through their life without a friend to be there for them, especially when going through something as devastating as a divorce. Here are some ways to be a great friend in this situation:

1. Call first: Instead of waiting for your friend to come to you for help, reach out to him or her. They'll appreciate the effort, even if they're not exactly ready to talk about it. You never know if they've needed to talk to someone the whole time, but didn't want to be a burden.

2. Take them out: If your friend is upset, try taking them on a weekend road trip or host a movie-marathon sleepover at your place. Getting your buddy out of that negative atmosphere will free their mind from their ex, letting them handle their problems more easily.

3. Give advice: Whether you've been through your own split or not, there's still always some suggestions or influence to provide. Maybe you know a great divorce lawyer or have a relative who's a therapist. You can always give some assistance.

What are some ways to help a friend who's going through a divorce?

Tom Cruise Heads Back to Work Post-Divorce Deal





It's all work and no play for Tom Cruise following his Monday morning divorce settlement. He has been continuing to film his new movie *Oblivion*. However, he isn't on location in Iceland any longer, as he was when the paparazzi first snapped pictures of him after news broke of Katie Holmes' divorce file. Now the superstar is in California's High Sierras, where the sci-fi flick will film for another week. Cruise can go back to work so quickly because the divorce settlement was reached after mere days. [People](#) reports that Holmes' lawyers simply said, "The case has been settled and the agreement has been signed."

What are some things to take your mind off of a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Whether it's mutual or it came unexpectedly, no split is easy. However, it's important to try to move on, not to just isolate yourself while watching sad romantic movies. Following these helpful tips can make coping with a breakup a little more manageable:

1. Throw yourself into work: Vacation time after a split can often just give you more time to think about your newfound loneliness and the stresses that come with it. Throwing yourself back into work will let you feel accomplished and satisfied.

2. Surround yourself with friends: Being around your family may be a reminder of your breakup. After all, your ex was once a part of the family. Instead, hang out with all of your best friends, who will surely make you laugh, cry and just be yourself again.

3. Start dating again: After a split, you'll need time to find and rediscover yourself as an independent person. However, you should also try to find out what you may or may not like in others by dating. Plus, this will help you forget about your split. Although you don't want to find your next long term relationship right away, it's always a healthy experience to realize that your ex isn't the only person out there for you.

How would you take your mind off of a split? Tell us below.

Judge Lynn Toler of 'Divorce Court' Says Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise Had "Too Much to Lose By Dragging Out Their Divorce"



By [Whitney Baker](#)

Earlier this week, Katie Holmes and Tom Cruise signed their divorce settlement, reaching an agreement faster than most Hollywood couples. While details of the arrangement remain private, sources say that Suri, the couple's six-year-old daughter, will live in New York with her mother, while her father will have generous visitation rights.

In order to better understand the ins-and-outs of this process, we spoke with Judge Lynn Toler, who hosts 'Divorce Court,' the longest-running court show on television. Since 2006, Judge Toler has brought both tenacity and compassion to the courtroom, focusing on the relationship at hand and dispensing helpful advice to real litigants.

The media has paid much attention to the role of Scientology in Holmes's decision to divorce Cruise. And for good reason, according to Judge Toler. While it's not something that she

sees frequently in her courtroom, she understands why it's very intense when it does happen. "Religion doesn't often have a role in divorce cases, but when it does, it is very difficult to deal with because people's beliefs aren't something you can really compromise on."

Another point of interest in this divorce case is Holmes's request for full-custody of Suri. Judge Toler, though, isn't surprised by her bold approach. "She knew what she wanted, and she moved quickly and decisively. I think that she asked for what she wanted because of the concerns that she had for her daughter."

She adds, "After all, isn't that a mother's job?"

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In a joint statement, Holmes and Cruise said that they are doing whatever they can to keep Suri's best interests in mind. By agreeing to the terms of their divorce in such a rapid manner, Judge Toler believes that they already did a tremendous thing for their daughter. "Sometimes, the best thing you can do for your children is to *not* get everything you want. Tom gave up legal custody but settled for generous visitation rights."

While it may seem like Cruise should fight for more time with his daughter, Judge Toler supports the resolution to their custody battle. "You have to ask yourself if dividing their time between you and your ex is the best thing for you or the best thing for your kids," she explains. "Children need a stable environment, some place they can call home where the rules are always the same."

Perhaps the most surprising part of this celebrity divorce is the swiftness of their settlement. "I believe that both of them had too much to lose by dragging it out," Judge Toler explains. "I also believe that the church of Scientology

didn't want to get involved with it, which certainly would've happened. Tom didn't want to expose himself or his church to that kind of scrutiny."

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Next up for Holmes and Cruise: They will present their settlement to the courts and wait for it to be approved before they'll be granted a divorce decree. Judge Toler doesn't foresee any future issues though, explaining that "the courts love when couples settle as quickly and amicably as these two. They really like the parties to come to a resolution on their own."

As for any advice for the pair as their divorce continues to play out, Judge Toler says she has none. "I think they're doing it right! They didn't let their emotions get ahead of what they needed to do. I say continue on and good luck."

Visit DivorceCourt.com for local listings of 'Divorce Court,' which is currently airing its thirteenth season in syndication nationwide. Keep your eyes open for Judge Toler's new book, 'Making Marriage Work: New Rules for an Old Institution,' set to be released later this summer.

Katie Holmes Goes Back to Work on Film About Single Mom





Katie Holmes is taking no time after her split from Tom Cruise to get back to her career. Holmes, who filed for divorce from Cruise last week, is set to work on a new film, *Molly*, about a single mother and her daughter, according to [People](#). Holmes co-wrote and is co-producing the film, which will be filming in New York City, where Holmes lives with her daughter Suri.

How can going back to work help you cope with a split?

Cupid's Advice:

Breaking up is tough stuff. Sometimes finding yourself deep in your work can help you out. Here are some ways going back to work can help you cope with a split:

1. Distractions: You can't be constantly moping about and missing your partner if you're focusing on projects and business. Use your work as a distraction, and you may find yourself not even thinking about the breakup after work.

2. Catharsis: Just like exercising when you're angry, working hard after a split can be relieving. You'll feel accomplished and important, and won't care about what your ex thinks of

you.

3. Opportunities: Being single gives you the chance to be selfish for the first time in a while. Got a chance to move across the country for a promotion? No one's holding you back now. Go ahead and take it.

What are some ways going back to work can help you cope with a split? Let us know below.

Source Says Tom Cruise Is in 'Major Crisis' Mode Post-Split from Katie Holmes





Since Katie Holmes filed for divorce from her husband of five years, Tom Cruise, the award-winning actor and father to their daughter Suri, is in “major crisis mode,” according to UsMagazine.com. Sources say that “Tom’s whole life is being torn apart,” which was something he never saw coming. While Cruise is constantly consulting with lawyers in an effort to deal with custody of the six-year-old and division of their properties, he tries to remain as private as possible because he “doesn’t want his entire life laid out for everyone to dissect anymore.”

How do you remain private in the midst of a divorce?

Cupid’s Advice:

Celebrities may be used to the spotlight, but when it comes to divorce no one wants their failed marriage to be the center of attention. Famous or not, here are some ways to have control over your privacy in the midst of a divorce:

1. Don’t make a scene: If you want things to go as smoothly as possible, it’s important not to give people a reason to talk.

Go about your business in the most mature manner, which means refraining from throwing your spouse's clothes and belongings all over the front lawn.

2. Stay away from gossip: Venting is healthy during a divorce, but make sure to only go to the people you trust for advice. Don't dish out the details to anyone who's willing to listen, because you never know who's going to repeat something you may have already regretted saying.

3. Keep mutual friends out of it: You and your husband probably have a lot of the same [friends](#), and if this is the case, don't make them pick sides. By making sure your friends don't find their way into the crossfire, it will give you and your husband more [control](#) over what you're both going through, instead of allowing others to meddle.

How do you keep your divorce from being the talk of the town? Share your experiences below.