Movie Review: Dance along to 'Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again'





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In this entertaining comedy, which releases in theaters on July 20, 2018, 10 years after the events of Mamma Mia!, Sophie (played by Amanda Seyfried) is pregnant with her fiancé Sky's child on the Greek island of Kalokairi while running her mother's villa. But, Sophie is unsure she can do it all by herself, so she enlists the guidance of her mother Donna's friends and former bandmates, Tanya and Rosie (played by Christine Baranski and Julie Walters, respectively). Throughout the movie, Sophie learns more about Donna (played by Meryl Streep, with Lily James as Young Donna) and how she met each one of Sophie's dads (Pierce Brosnan, Stellan Skarsgård and Colin Firth) and raised her daughter bravely on

her own, without a mother's guidance. Of course, things are turned upside down by a surprise visit by Sophie's grandmother, Ruby Sheridan (played by Cher).

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again is all about the love between family and the true connection of a mother's bond with her daughter. Keep reading for our movie review and some tips on how to manage the stress of a first pregnancy:

Should you see it:

Yes! This fun musical romantic comedy is filled with fun ABBA songs that will make you want to dance out of your seat. The romantic storylines and bond between a mother and daughter will truly make you fall in love with the movie.

Who to take:

Seeing this movie is the perfect <u>date idea</u> for you and your special someone. The movie is romantic, but also tons of fun! Grab some popcorn and a soda and cuddle up with your beau in the theater for this exciting rom com.

Cupid's Advice:

Being pregnant with your first child is incredibly stressful. Cupid has some tips to help make it easier for you:

1. Reach out for help: You don't need to struggle alone in your pregnancy! Reach out to your close family and friends, just like Sophie did. They can help you get through all the rough patches and lend you the advice you need for raising

your child.

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2. Prepare in advance: Before actually giving birth to your baby, make sure everything at your home is ready for your bundle of joy's arrival. Make sure your baby's room is all setup, you've got plenty of diapers and you know the route to the hospital. It's never too early to start nesting!

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3. Take a breath: We know, having your first child is definitely scary. But take a deep breath and realize that you don't have to be a perfect parent right away. It's okay if you make mistakes, you're only human. You worrying so much is a clear sign your child is going to be raised in extremely caring hands!

Have any more tips on having your first child? Comment below!

Movie Review: Adrift





y <u>Jessica Gomez</u>

Adrift is a story of love and survival. Love birds Tami (Shailene Woodley) and Richard (Sam Claflin), set out to sale from Tahiti to San Diego and get caught in one of the most powerful hurricanes to ever happen. Their boat capsizes and is damaged, and Richard is badly hurt. Tami then takes on the fight for her survival and the love of her life's, not losing hope. Watch this breath-taking love story play out now that it hit theaters June 1st. A great watch for those who crave love with the chaotic, intense twist of the struggle to survive.

Adrift, although having a natural disastrous twist, is about the perseverance of love and not losing hope due to that love. Read on to continue reading our movie review

and get some tips on how not to lose hope when you're in love:

Should you see it: Yes! *Adrift* has a good story line that can keep our eyes glued to the screen. With the topics of love, hope, and fighting to survive with your loved one — we will get the intensity we are asking for.

Who to take: Take your other half or a friend. Grab some drinks and snacks, sit back, and enjoy the movie. The plot is good for whoever likes a love story and/or a movie of surviving a natural disaster.

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes we find ourselves in a situation that we feel has no remedy. And yes, there are times that this is true and we have no choice but to move on. However, there are also times where we shouldn't lose hope. Here are a few mental techniques to keep yourself hopeful in what feels like a hopeless situation:

1. Be appreciative: Evaluate the situation and see what you should be glad for. Think about the positives of the situation and how things could have been worse. Then, appreciate the situation you are in before fixing it. At the end, be glad you're learning from all this.

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2. Think it through: Most of the time — where there is a will, there is a way. This brings us to evaluating again, but this time in search of a solution or something to calm things down a bit. Sit down, think deep about what's going on, and ponder it all until an idea comes to mind. Don't be shy to ask for help either, two heads are better than one after all.

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3. Be positive: It is easier said than done, but whenever you think of the situation negatively, push it out of your head. Think about what is to come and how things will be okay again. Look ahead. Things may look glum now, but they will get better. Positive thoughts can bring positive outcomes — like the law of attraction states.

What tips do you have? Share below!

Movie Review: Check Out the Ultimate Game of 'Tag'





In this exciting comedy, premiering in theaters on June 15th, a group of five competitive friends play a constant game of tag for one month every year. These friends have risked it all for this 30-year-long ruthless game — including their jobs, relationships and physical health. The film centers around the current year's round of tag, this time coinciding with the wedding of the only player that has never been tagged, Jerry, played by Jeremy Renner. So, the other tag players set out on a mission to finally defeat Jerry once and for all. This laugh-out loud comedy also stars Ed Helms, Jake Johnson, Anabelle Wallis, Hannibal Buress, Isla Fisher, Rashida Jones, Leslie Bibb and Jon Hamm. This buddy comedy shows how far competition can go between life-long pals and it's actually based on a true story.

Tag shows how competition can keep a group of old friends close for many years. Keep reading to check out the rest of our movie review and some tips on how to stay close with your old friends.

Should you see it:

Definitely! This is a fun movie that is guaranteed to bring you lots of laughs. You've got to see the chaos that unfolds over the intense seemingly simple game these pals play.

Who to take:

This movie is about the power of long lasting friendships, so check out this movie with a few of your close friends! You can laugh together at the absurd situations the characters put themselves in in order to tag others. Your group can then also

bond after the film and talk about your old memories together. It could also be a fun <u>date idea</u> to go to the movie with your partner.

Cupid's Advice:

Making new friends is great, but everyone knows the friends you've known for forever will always hold a special place in your heart. Cupid has some tips on how to keep that close bond you have with old friends strong:

1. Keep in touch: It sounds obvious, but frequent communication is really one of the most important ways to stay connected to old friends. Make a texting group chat with your old friend group so you guys can update each other about what's going on in your lives. Plus, whenever you think of something funny, you can share it with all your old friends!

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2. Schedule meet-ups: There's nothing better than actually seeing your friends in person. Even if your friend group is living across the map, try to plan group gatherings a few times a year so you all can reconnect.

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3. Be there for them: When times get tough, old friends are truly who many people can fall back on. Make sure you're there for your friends when life gets rough and support them in any way you can. Whether it's a bad break-up, loss of a family member or money trouble, you should be someone your friends can talk through their issues with.

Do you have any tips on how to stay tight with old friends? Comment them below!

Movie Review: Book Club





y <u>Jessica Gomez</u>

In this fascinating comedy, which was released in theaters on May 18th, four successful older women in a book club read the infamous book *Fifty Shades of Grey* — and it gives them a whole new perception: It's time to change it up and seek out different kinds of pleasures. These four women are in different situations — one widowed, one playing the game with no strings attached, one working through a floppy 35-year marriage, and the other working through a 10-year old divorce! This lovely comedy starring Jane Fonda, Diane Keaton, Candice Bergen, and Mary Steenburgen, displays the journey to finding what was lost in love and sexuality, and showing us that

you're never too old to get it back. Outrageous choices are a must sometimes in order to find what you actually crave.

Book Club is all about being sparked by a particular something to go out and take life into your own hands. Read on to continue reading our movie review and for some tips on how to get the motivation to get you out there and get what you desire:

Should you see it:

Yes! This is a great feel-good movie! No matter how old you are, Book Club will make you laugh. You will follow the lives of these four older women and see that the golden years are not really what society makes them out to be.

Who to take:

Definitely take your girlfriends and anyone else who enjoys a good chick flick! It's the type of movie that can inspire women of all ages to aim and achieve what they want, while also having you laugh. Enjoy it with some popcorn and soda! If you're on a diet, make it your cheat day!

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes all we need is a little push, a little motivation. It happens. Sometimes we're in a slump and feel the need for more, but just can't get the energy to do so or don't even realize it! Here are a few things you can do to change that:

1. Update your look: When you look good, you feel good! Go shopping, change your hair, etc. Look through your closet and give it a good clean out. Check out what you want and don't, what you use and want to use, and what you will never use again. Go to the salon and get a hair cut or just get it done and grow your hair out — the choice is yours. Do what makes you feel good! It's time to get to work!

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2. Take care of yourself: You want to be healthy, and like said before: look good. Eat well, have a full breakfast and a decently small dinner. Eat snacks throughout the day to give you the energy you need to get stuff done. Exercise for energy and health — it also keeps you looking good and it releases dopamine and serotonin, chemicals that work together to make you happy and keep you in a good emotional state. Also, don't forget to pamper yourself! Go get a mani-pedi, a facial, etc. Stay on top of this and be consistent!

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3. Try new things: Continue doing the things you love and make you happy, but also try the new and foreign. You never know what you could be missing! There are just so many things to explore whether it be activities or new places. Be all about you. Take on these new adventures both alone and with friends and family. The list is endless and so are the possibilities for your self-realization and happiness.

Do you have any tips to add? Share with us below!

Movie Review: Midnight Sun





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Midnight Sun is no doubt another American romantic drama movie to add to your must see list! In this movie, 17-year-old Katie Price is played by Bella Thorne. Katie has a condition where she is extremely sensitive to sunlight. This leaves her indoors sleeping or playing music during the day, and outdoors exploring at night. That outdoor nighttime exploration becomes a little more intense when she meets the guy of her dreams, Charlie, played by Patrick Schwarzenegger. Things become difficult when Katie has to tell Charlie about her condition and then they have to figure out where they are going to go from there. How will they make this fiery true love work?

This movie can definitely cause a few tears to be shed. Check out our movie review below!

Should you see it:

If you enjoy a classic romantic film, go for it. Director Scott Speer showcases a rich summer romance while demonstrating the difficulties of making a love work when incurable medical conditions are present. This movie is to be released on March 23, 2018.

Who to take:

This movie is perfect to go see with your partner or your friends! It can be a <u>date night</u> or a girls' night. You can even see it with your mom as it is rated PG-13, so hopefully no embarrassing sex scenes arise.

Cupid's Advice:

This movie exhibits the real life struggle of obstacles getting in the way of love. Although, strong love trumps all. Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> on how to deal with relationships when there is an unchangeable circumstance that exists:

1. Communicate: If you have a situation similar to Katie in Midnight Sun, make sure you fully explain whatever your situation is to your partner when you feel comfortable. It is definitely a lot of pressure to disclose your circumstances on the first date, but you should open up to them as soon as you are ready so that they know what is going on.

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2. Do not take rejection personally: We all wish that if we were to tell a partner about a medical condition that they would be so loving and willing to make things work no matter what- although, that is not always the case. Sometimes, people have their own issues or things that they have to take care of and they may become overwhelmed once they are informed of your situation. This does not mean that you are any less of an amazing individual. This just means that you have come even closer to finding your soulmate now that this partner is out of the way.

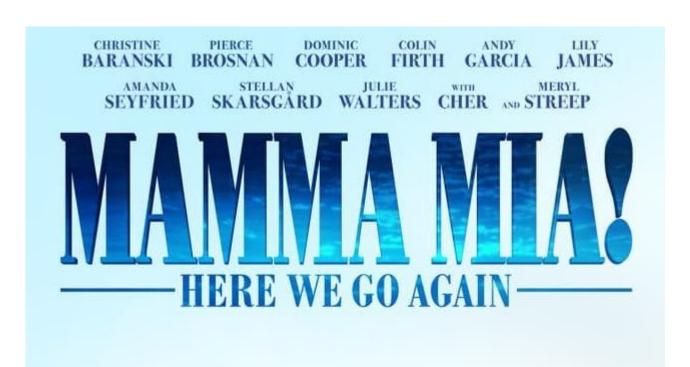
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3. Accept support: If you open up to your partner about your medical condition and they are willing to help and be there for you, accept it! It may feel a little uncomfortable if you are not used to your partner being supportive, but it is an amazing thing. If they want to help in any way, let them know that you really appreciate their comfort.

Are you interested in seeing Midnight Sun? Let us know below!

Movie Review: Love, Simon





y <u>Karley Kemble</u>

Love, Simon is a charmingly modern coming-of-age movie that tells a story about a teen struggling with his sexuality. Simon Spier (played by Nick Robinson) claims to live a "normal" life, and has a strong relationship with his family, great friends, and thriving academic life. But, the big secret he has yet to tell anyone is that he's gay. Simon so desperately desires to experience romantic love, but finds that his inability to come out of the closet is holding him back. Once he begins to correspond with an anonymous peer who is presumably gay through email, Simon begins to find full, true happiness: maybe even love! Will Simon embrace his identity? Is he actually finding comfort in a catfish, or is this person the real deal?

This movie is a very heartwarming, and puts a modern twist on classic coming-of-age films. It also

teaches us about relationships. Check out our movie review:

Should you see it:

Absolutely! You don't want to wait 'til this movie hits your local Redbox kiosk. This movie will open your eyes and will cause you think differently about how you interact with the world that surrounds you.

Who to take:

With a PG-13 rating, this is the perfect movie for teens, couples in need of a <u>date night</u>, and single adults. See it with anyone, or by yourself. All that matters is that you see it!!

Cupid's Advice:

Love, Simon is a comedy, romance, and drama that has themes related to love, acceptance, and self-discovery. It also touches on modern romances and finding love through the digital realm. If you've been wanting to dive back into the dating world and have been considering using an online dating service or mobile application, here is some relationship advice from Cupid:

1. Know what you're looking for: The online dating realm may sometimes seem like an endless cycle of tacky pick-up lines, boring conversations, and constant ghosting. It can be very tiring and cause you to feel hopeless. Don't give up: know what you want and engage in conversation! Take the chance and send the first message if you're usually the type to wait around.

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2. Be authentic: Yes, it's cheesy. Be yourself. We've heard that saying a million times, but it is an important one to stand by when you're seriously entering the online dating world. While it may seem tempting to tell little white lies from the onset, it's better to remain authentic and gradually reveal more details when you become more comfortable. By doing so, you'll attract authentic people, too.

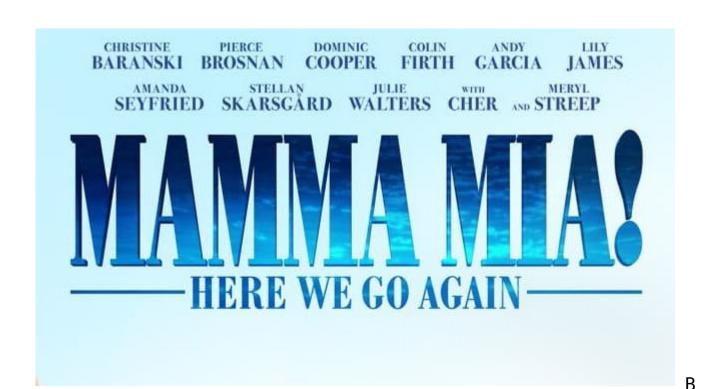
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3. Pictures, please!: Perhaps the most important component to your online profiles are the photos. Since you are eliminating the in-person element, pictures are key! Refrain from posting too many group photos, and be sure to choose the ones that show your personality. Selfies are okay, just make sure you show other dimensions of who you are! (Stay away from Snapchat filters!)

Will you be seeing *Love*, *Simon?* We want to know! Have any advice for online daters? Let's talk about it in the comments!

Movie Review: Every Day





y Jessica Gomez

Every Day is a drama/romance that tells the story of a teenager named "A" who wakes up in a different body everyday. "A" then has to live the day for the person whose body she currently inhabits. The plot thickens when a teenager named Rhiannon falls in love with "A". Because of their growing love, they try to find each other each day, facing this major obstacle that begins to take a toll on them both. How long can they keep it up, and will it last?

Every Day focuses on a complicated relationship, where a tough decision must be made. Continue reading for our movie review and advice on ways you and your partner can face tough choices together:

Should you see it:

Yes! This movie has a magnificent story plot. It's the type of movie that leaves you wanting more. Its original story line and relatable moments make it a must watch! The movie's plot is an intriguing one that definitely makes you wonder. Mark the release date on your calendar: February 23, 2018!

Who to take:

Since this is a romance drama, you can either go with your partner or friends. Not all guys will dig this type of movie because they'd be in for an emotional ride, but it's worth a try!

Cupid's Advice:

One of the answers you will always get for a question on facing tough times with your partners is to communicate. Cupid has some advice on how to communicate effectively, along with other tips, in order to take on what's coming together:

1. Listen to understand, not to respond: Many times we hear and don't listen because we are thinking about what we want to say next or what we want to say in response to what the person is saying. Communication is important, and listening properly is part of it. We must be open minded, empathetic, and listen intently to try to understand our partner's feelings, concerns, and opinions. Knowing where their mind is at helps put you both on the same page. And, once you're on the same page, you are a step closer to conquering obstacles and facing a big decision together.

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2. Create a pros and cons list: Create one together, or create two lists separately and then discuss them after. Writing stuff down can really help you see things for what they really are. A pros and cons list can help you organize your thoughts to see what outweighs what. Does the good outweigh the bad or vice versa? Pros and cons are things most of us consider when

making a difficult decision, so it would not be any different with a choice that needs to be made between you and your lover. Creating a list may sound easy, but it's not that simple. Why, you ask? Because not every pro and con will weigh the same or hold the same value. That's when it's time to put some real thought into it and begin your calculations.

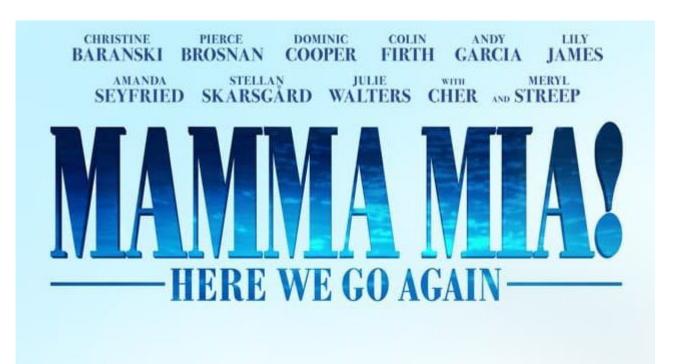
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3. Maintain harmony: Making a difficult choice can take a toll on people. It can be a very stressful thing. This is why you and your partner need to make sure that you both keep the peace. Be aware of your tones and attitudes. It's easier said than done, but very possible. The goal is for you both to come to a decision together, fighting and pinning yourselves against one another won't help that. So, remember: Take a breath and stay calm.

What are some ways you and your partner came to an agreement on a tough decision? Comment below!

Movie Review: Samson





y Jessica Gomez

Samson is a Hebrew chosen by God to deliver Israel. Because of his supernatural strength and impulsive nature, King Baleck of the Philistine empire desires him dead. Samson, as godlike and powerful as he is, is captured and blinded by his enemies due to the betrayal of an evil prince and the gorgeous temptress he confided in. He then, in his time of need, calls out to his God for the power he once possessed to deliver the wrath of God, resulting in his victory.

Samson is a story portraying the sting of deception and betrayal after confiding in someone, exposing his weaknesses. Some of us know that sting a little too well — read on for our movie review and

some tips on dealing with being double-crossed.

Should you see it:

Yes! This thrilling action movie will keep you in suspense. With a great storyline taking place in a richly historical period portraying power, battle, and betrayal, Samson will leave you at the edge of your seat.

Who to Take:

You can definitely take a guy. This action filled movie will keep them interested, for sure! It's the type of movie you can watch together for some intensity.

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes we're lucky and find someone who is trustworthy, and other times we trusted the wrong person. It's a very intense experience. Cupid has some advice on how to deal with betrayal and deception:

1. Face your feelings: Analyze the situation and dig deep to know what you're feeling. It's okay to feel emotions like anger and sadness. The faster you face your emotions, the faster you will begin the healing process. Try writing down what you feel or even doing a video diary (talking to yourself and recording it), it may sound cheesy, but it can help because you're spilling your feelings out. Writing and talking are both quiet therapeutic. Some of us bottle up our feelings and then later explode like a recently shook can of soda. Don't be that can of soda. Dealing with an experience like one of being hurt and deceived can be hard, but giving it time helps after reflecting and letting go of negative emotions.

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2. Don't blame yourself and others: Sometimes we want to blame our gut. We feel like our extincts have let us down. We also sometimes lose trust in ourselves when we no longer trust another. However, if you were loyal and honest, there is no reason to allow negativity to consume you. See the situation for what it is and don't dwell in self pity. Don't lose confidence in yourself, your relationships, or your choices. And of course, we sometimes become mistrustful of others around us. Just like you shouldn't blame yourself for another's disloyalty, you shouldn't blame someone else either. That being said, feel free to make others earn your trust.

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3. Take care of yourself: Mentally and physically. Eat well, exercise, and seek peace of mind by doing things like reading and meditating. If you feel like you can't handle it alone, seek professional help. Don't be afraid or ashamed. Speaking to a therapist or psychologist can really help. Speaking to someone whose an outsider (someone not involved in your personal life), who won't judge you, and whose expertise are mental health and counseling, will help create a safe space for you to explore your feelings, unravel them, and dig deeper.

What ways have you coped with deception and betrayal? Let's share our stories below!

Movie Review: Fifty Shades Freed





y <u>Rachel Sparks</u>

The final installment of the *Fifty Shades* phenomena is here and we're beyond ecstatic! Mr. Grey weds Ana, making our dream celebrity wedding come true. While the Greys move forward in this exciting venture together, problem after problem hits the couple, challenging them to the end of this series. Despite the off-screen animosity between the two stars, Jamie Dornan and Dakota Johnson still get us very, very excited.

Fifty Shades Freed is the perfect steamy movie for you and your partner on Valentine's Day!

Should you see it:

If you're looking for barely publicly allowed excitement, this

film will be perfect for you. It's got sex, romance, and car chases to keep you on the edge of your seat. We'll be there opening day.

Who to take:

Girlfriends, boyfriends, friends, anyone is great to take, except your mom. Whether you're trying to have some time with friends or trying to inspire some passion back into your relationship, this movie is a lot of fun.

Cupid's Advice:

We're all inspired by the searing passion between Ana and Christian. But let's be honest, that passion doesn't always stick around in a relationship. We're inspired by the Greys. Here's the <u>relationship advice</u> we've learned from the dreamy couple:

1. Try new stuff: Whether it's in the bedroom or as a new hobby, trying new stuff with your partner builds a stronger bond. It sparks a new excitement, builds trust, and makes your relationship stronger. Push the fear aside, get brave, and get strong.

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2. Share new things: Christian let go of the past when he let Ana touch his chest, forging a deeper connection. Sometimes we have to push ourselves to open up to our partner more, changing the dynamics of the relationship for the good.

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3. Spoil each other: No one can deny that Christian spoils Ana. We all need to be treated like kings and queens at some point. Enjoy seeing your love smile because of your passion for them. Take turns making each others' dream dates come

true.

How have you reignited passion when things feel a bit stale? Share you relationship advice below!

Movie Review: 'Phantom Thread'





y <u>Karley Kemble</u>

Phantom Thread takes place in 1950's post-war London, and follows the lives of Reynolds Woodcock (played by Daniel Day-Lewis) and his sister Cyril (played by Lesley Manville). The dynamic duo own London's hottest dress shop, House of

Woodcock, and dress esteemed royalty, celebrities, and socialites. Known for his playboy-esque ways, Woodcock's is challenged when he meets Alma (played by Vicky Krieps), a confident and assertive woman. After he falls in love, Woodcock faces many changes in his life and demeanor — and things just get more complicated from there!

This movie is packed with drama and can teach us a lot about relationships. Check out our movie review below!

Should you see it:

If you're a fan of time period dramas, elaborate costumes, or complicated romances, this movie is certainly up your alley! Also: this is rumored to be Daniel Day-Lewis's final film, so if you're a fan of his, then you should definitely check it out. This film opens in theaters everywhere on Christmas Day 2017.

Who to take:

Though there's an element of romance to this movie, it's no chick flick. This film is the perfect <u>date night</u> outing for you and your partner! If you have kids, call a sitter; this film is rated "R" due to language and adult themes.

Cupid's Advice:

Phantom Thread's protagonist, Reynolds Woodcock is a chronic bachelor and has problems with commitment. What are some tips or precautions to take when entering into a relationship with a long-term bachelor? Can these relationships work? Cupid has some <u>relationship advice</u> that should help ease some of your anxieties:

1. They might push you away: It's natural for somebody with commitment issues to try and push people away. It's a toxic defense mechanism and horrible habit. If your partner is aware of their issues and willing to try and fix them, you should feel comfortable holding them accountable for their actions. If they isolate themselves from you, be sure you kindly point it out, so they can become aware of how to improve.

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2. They're fiercely independent: People who have spent a large chunk of their lives without a partner tend to be very independent. They're used to doing things on their own and don't like to ask for help. Don't take it personally if they forget to include you into their life right away — they're just rusty! It can be a bit of a struggle to adjust to being responsible for more than one person.

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3. They might not change: Yes, it's possible that a chronic bachelor will never *fully* change their ways. While it may be a challenging reality to accept, it's important to focus on the positives. Do not try and force them to change — that will only create rifts in your relationship. Instead, you should accept your partner for who they are, and be realistic about your situation. You'll find better success and will be a much happier couple.

Is Phantom Thread on your must-see list? Let us know below!

Movie Review: Forever My Girl





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Forever My Girl is a story about star-crossed lovers. Liam Page (played by Alex Roe) has to choose his love for music over his love for his bride Josie (played by Jessica Rothe). Leaving his bride-to-be behind for his music dreams, Liam never overcomes his love for his ex-bride. Pursuing his musical career forced Liam to leave the small town where he grew up, but the death of his childhood best friend takes him back home and forces him to face everything he left behind.

Forever My Girl is a movie about dreams, lost love, and facing your

demons. Check out our movie review.

Should you see it:

Yes. Who hasn't been faced with the difficult decision between one's own dreams and love? Filled with music, what more can one ask for in a heart-warming story?

Who to take:

We have a feeling that the men in your life won't be big fans. This film isn't action-packed nor does it have any explosions. Instead, the movie focuses on matters of the heart, and for some guys, this makes them uncomfortable. Go with a group of friends to have something to discuss over drinks after the movie!

Cupid's Advice:

Facing the decision between love and personal dreams is a difficult one that we hope no one has to face. Ideally, your love will support your dreams, but sacrifice is a part of any relationship. Does that mean you have to give up your goals? Read Cupid's <u>relationship advice</u> to help you through the tough decisions relationships face:

1. Patience: Sometimes it's just not the right time. That sounds terrible, right? Dreams are something to work on, constantly. They're life-long goals. As much as we may want a dream to come true right away, there are good reasons dreams may take longer than we want. You may want to blame your partner for your dreams taking longer than you would like, but consider the benefits of waiting. You'll be more capable and ready for your dream whenever it comes. In the meantime, keep working and be ready for the opportunity.

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2. Compromise: When you're in a relationship, compromise is expected. If your family is having a hard time staying afloat, whether it's finances, time, affection, you may have to put your dreams on the back burner. That doesn't mean completely give up on your personal dreams. Find a way to invest a little time in for yourself, even if it's only a couple of hours a week.

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3. Leave: If you're feeling controlled or unsupported, it may be time to consider if the relationship you're in supports the vision you have for your life. It's important to evaluate expectations versus reality. Do you have expectations that are destroying your happiness? Become grateful for what you have. But if you evaluate reality and realize that you're not receiving the support you need for your dreams, if you're being treated like your goals don't matter, then it's time to leave and fight for your own happiness.

How have you fought for your dreams in a relationship? What advice do you have for couples so that they can be successful in their partnership and their individual dreams? Share below!

Movie Review: 'Pitch Perfect 3'





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The Bellas are back in this second follow up to *Pitch Perfect!* After winning the World Championships, the all-girl group have split, but they're coming together for one last competition: the USO tour overseas. The catch is the groups they compete against have started using instruments. Follow the amazing vocals of Emily (Hailee Steinfeld), Beca (Anna Kendrick), Calamity (Ruby Rose), and Fat Amy (Rebel Wilson). Watch this story of friendship, frenemies, and competition

'Last Call Pitches' has relationship advice to get you through romantic partnerships and friendships!

Should you see it:

If you've loved the past two *Pitch Perfect* movies then this third one won't disappoint. There's going to be competition,

arguments, friends overcoming obstacles together, global tours, and of course, a grand singing finale.

Who to take:

This isn't a chick flick, so you can brings guys or gals. The sense of community and girl power is definitely something to bring a group of your girlfriends to, but if it's time for a date night, your significant other will still have a great time.

Cupid's Advice:

Relationships can be hard, but *Pitch Perfect 3* portrays the struggle of every kind of relationship. Whether it's romantic or friendly, the Bellas set the stage for some serious <u>relationship advice</u>. This is what we've learned from *Last Call Pitches* about the importance of all your gal pals:

1. When competition strikes: The Bellas are all about competition. The first movie showed them fighting amongst each other but the second movie showed them banding together for the ultimate stand-up performance. Competition can hurt a friendship, but it's not insurmountable. Encourage each other's strengths and find a way to combine your gifts and passions into something you can do together.

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2. Life has made you distant: The Bellas have split but they're coming together for one last show-stopping performance. Life can tear friends apart. You take different jobs, move for work, marry before your friend, have a baby, make new friends. It can feel hard to maintain a friendship when life places obstacles and makes time a hot commodity. Talk to your friend about how you want to spend more time together, learn each other's schedules and what times work best, and make it a priority.

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3. Always have their back: Just like in a romantic relationship, you need to show your loyalty and support to a friend. You may not always agree with them or may even doubt them, but supporting them despite the potential for failure will only make your relationship stronger.

Are you dying to watch the third movie in this vocally spectacular trilogy? How have the Bellas changed your view on friendship? Share your thoughts below!

Movie Review: 'Wonder Wheel'





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Wonder Wheel is a tale about lost dreams and new dreams, estranged family, and hard-working love all set up against a 1950's Coney Island filled with gangsters. Kate Winslet plays Ginny, the former actress-turned-clam-waitress. Emotionally wild, Ginny's rough-around-the-edges husband Humpty (played by Jim Belushi) has to deal with his wife's emotional break-downs and the discovery of his estranged daughter, Carolina (played by Juno Temple) hiding from gangsters in his apartment. Throw into this cast <u>Justin Timberlake</u> as the lifeguard heartthrob who dreams of being a playwright, and you have a complex, winding story full of great actors. Kate Winslet, best known for her role in *Titanic*, recently starred in *The Mountain* Between Us. Jim Belushi, a well-seasoned actor with an extensive filmography, recently played in the TV series Twin Juno Temple is known for her in Maleficent and The Dark Knight Rises. Musician turned actor, Justin Timberlake, is constantly working. He's been on The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon, The Voice, and *Girls* recently.

Wonder Wheel is full of love advice and fighting for your dreams!

Should you see it:

If you're looking for an emotionally filled drama about life and love, this is your movie. It's slower moving but well scripted with even better acting.

Who to take:

This isn't the movie to bring someone to if all they want to see is flashing bombs, fast cars, and intense fight scenes. The plot moves slowly, and there's little physical action. It's PG-13 rating is for brief sexuality and cursing, so if your friends are expecting intensity like *Game of Thrones*, this won't be for them. Take your mom or some girlfriends for a girls' night out!

Cupid's Advice:

Wonder Wheel is a movie packed with distant relationships. It's normal for people in long-term relationships to wander away, whether it be with family, like Humpty's estranged daughter, a significant other, or friendship. How can you reconcile distance or time to heal a broken relationship? Here's what Cupid learned about relationship advice from this movie:

1. Small touches: Humans are physical beings and we feel more connected with a person when we touch them. Consider handshakes. Do you judge a person based on how they shake your hand? This safe initial contact breaks the walls down that we often have around strangers. It's just as beneficial for people reconnecting to use small touches to help break the ice. You don't have to say something, just hug your best friend or hold your partner's hand.

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2. Actively listen: Communication is one of the biggest fails in any relationship. It's very easy to get lost in the stresses of your own day and unintentionally ignore the person you should be listening to. Making a conscious effort to actively listen to what someone is saying is one of the biggest ways to show you care about them, and they will notice.

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3. Positivity: It's true no one likes to be around someone negative. While friends, family, and partners want to listen to your day, complaining incessantly is a turn off for anyone. Talk about your day, vent your frustrations, but don't wear your frustrations like a coat. Positivity attracts people, so if you're trying to reconcile a relationship, remaining positive will help move things forward.

How have you reconnected lost relationships? Share your advice below!

Movie Review: 'A Bad Moms Christmas' Is A Spirited Sequel Full Of Laughs





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Bad Moms was the just beginning for the hilarious mom squad. A Bad Moms Christmas is the follow-up feature that shows the lives of Amy (Mila Kunis), Carla (Kathryn Hahn), and Kiki (Kristen Bell) during the chaotic winter holiday. The friends decide to rebel against the tradition of coordinating the holiday for their families and new love interests. Plans to relax during the holiday seem to go haywire once their own mothers stop by for a visit.

This holiday movie can provide us with <u>relationship advice</u> for the holidays!

Should you see it:

If you laughed over the crazy shenanigans from the last movie, you are bound to giggle over the raunchy humor and relatable mom jokes this film will provide.

Who to take:

This is definitely a girls' night out movie. Take a break from shopping, and go with your friends! Due to the adult humor in this film, it's best to let someone watch your kids instead of bringing them to the theater with you.

Cupid Advice:

In A Bad Moms Christmas, Amy's love interest Jessie Harkness (Jay Hernandez) has his children celebrate Christmas with Amy's kids. Amy tries to juggle looking after their children, getting ready for the holidays, and maintaining a relationship with Jessie. Like Amy, the holidays can be stressful for anyone in a new relationship. Here are some ways to keep your family and new partner happy during the holidays:

1. Take two large shopping trips separately: Shopping with your partner and your family can be stressful. Between secretly buying gifts for each other or losing each other in large crowds, it can make you want to pull your hair out! Instead of going together, plan two shopping trips. One trip can be spent with you and your partner, and the other trip can be spent with your family. It will be less stressful and you get to surprise each other with the gifts that you get!

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2. Decorate your home together: Bring out your holiday decorations, and let your partner and family bond over getting into the spirit of Christmas! You partner can help your children put a star or angel on the top of the tree or wrap the tree with lights. Everyone will enjoy getting festive as a family!

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3. Prepare a meal as a family: Instead of leaving all the

cooking up to you, let your partner and family help. They can join in on creating christmas cookies or even mashing the potatoes. You will be less stressed out and your partner will get to know your family traditions when it comes to food!

What do you plan on doing with your family and partner during this holiday season? Let us know in the comments!

Movie Review: Mother!





y <u>Melissa Lee</u>

Word has been buzzing around <u>Jennifer Lawerence</u>'s upcoming film *Mother!*, though most details have been kept on the downlow. What we do know, however, is that her boyfriend, Darren

Aronofsky is the director, with actors like Michelle Pfeiffer, Kristin Wiig and Ed Harris starring in it. This psychological thriller isn't set to be released until October 13, but keep your eyes peeled for more specifics.

Although this movie is greatly under wraps, Cupid still has details on the movie along with some relationship advice!

Should you see it?:

This thriller film centers around a couple who unexpectedly receive guests at their home, ultimately causing turmoil and disorder. With a star-studded cast (Lawerence, Wiig, Pfeiffer, Harris, Brian Gleeson, Domhnall Gleeson) and a fascinating plot, mother! doesn't sound like a movie you're going to want to miss.

Who to take:

This movie may not be ideal for a first date, but this shocking film could be fun to see alongside your best friends.

Cupid's Advice:

In mother!, complete chaos wreaks havoc on the couple due to unpredictable guests entering their home. Although this plot isn't the most relatable, it is possible to have other people affecting your relationship's stability. If this scenario sounds familiar, Cupid has relationship advice for you:

1. Avoid over-thinking: If you're constantly paying attention to what other people are potentially saying or thinking about your relationship, do yourself a favor and avoid these thoughts altogether. Over-thinking and over-analyzing can be a

tumultuous factor that can ultimately ruin your relationship, so be sure to take a step back and collect yourself before letting your thoughts run wild.

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2. Confide in your partner: Don't face this problem alone, especially since it's not only affecting you, but your significant other as well. If there are specific people that have a rather negative impact on your relationship, communicate the problem to your partner and talk about it. It's important to reassure one another when either person reveals their concerns, but above all, it's even more important to be talking about the issue in general.

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3. Cut the person out: If you've done both of these things and this person is *still* affecting your relationship's stability, maybe it's time to just cut ties with them. Realistically, you don't need a negative person actively trying to ruin things for you or your relationship — that's just unnecessary. However you choose to shut the person out, make sure that you're completely at peace with your decision and doing it for the right reasons.

What are some of your tips? Share your thoughts below.

Movie Review: Blake Lively

Stars in Drama Film, 'All I See Is You'





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Marc Foster's All I See Is You (starring Blake Lively and James Clarke) tells the story of a blind woman and her husband. When Gina's (Lively) sight miraculously returns, she starts to discover the previously unseen details about themselves, including things about their marriage she'd never even thought of.

This drama film is filled with jaw-dropping moments, all because

shocking details about their relationship continue to get revealed — luckily, Cupid has some relationship advice for any similar situations!

Should you see it:

The onscreen chemistry between Lively and Clarke is something you're not going to want to miss. Plus, this movie has a super unique and interesting plot line that you're definitely going to want to see.

Who to take:

Since this isn't your typical romantic comedy, *All I See Is* You might not be the ideal date night movie. If you're in the mood for a drama filled film, think about going out with your friends to go see this flick.

Cupid's Advice:

In All I See Is You, information regarding Gina's relationship is brought to her attention in a rather non-traditional way. While the circumstances of this situation are less than likely, it isn't unrealistic to find out things about your relationship you weren't aware of — if this dilemma sounds familiar, Cupid has some advice for you:

1. Confront your partner: When confronting your significant other about the revealed information, try to tone down the anger you may be feeling. Instead, attempt to have a productive conversation so your partner feels comfortable enough to be completely honest with you about the situation.

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2. Talk it out: After the problem has been acknowledged, it's best to talk everything out regarding the details that were divulged. Ask all the questions you have in an effort to bring closure to the situation. If there is a solution either one of you see, be sure to talk about that as well.

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3. Move on: Whether you decide to stay together or end things based on this incident, it's important to move on from it. If you two are staying together, acknowledge your partner's feelings and concerns and make sure to stay aware of them. If it has been decided to end the relationship, move forward with your life and be sure to take care of yourself.

What are some of your tips? Share your thoughts below.

Movie Review: 'Home Again' is a Hopeful Tale About Moving On





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John Debney's newest drama/romance film, *Home Again*, focuses on a recently divorced mother of two (Reese Witherspoon). She decides to start over and move to L.A., but her life gets thrown upside down when she allows three young guys to move in with her.

This romance movie is sure to pull at your heart strings along with offering some valuable relationship advice!

Should you see it?:

This movie is star studded with actors like Reese Witherspoon, Michael Sheen, and Nat Wolff all making appearances throughout. *Home Again* is a relatable film about trying to start over after a divorce, so if this kind of situation appeals to you, this may be the perfect summer blockbuster.

Who to take:

Know someone going through heartbreak? This would be a great movie to see together! Witherspoon's character slowly gets back on her feet, but not without another love interest post-divorce — show your friend that there *is* life to be had after that tough breakup.

Cupid's Advice:

In *Home Again*, Witherspoon struggles to find herself after going through a divorce with her husband. Going through a breakup is always difficult, but Cupid has some tips to help you get by:

1. Rely on your support system: Whether it be family members or friends, have a support system that will be there for you at your time of need. Have someone that you know you can talk to, or have that shoulder to cry on. It'll make the process a little bit easier, plus you won't feel as alone.

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2. Occupy yourself: The worst thing you can do is sit around, crying and thinking about the relationship and breakup. Allow yourself a few days of grieving, but after that, it's time to occupy your mind. Take up a new hobby, go work-out, or hang out with friends — but it's important to find healthy ways to keep yourself distracted.

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3. Use this time to focus on you: Take advantage of the breakup process and use the time to focus on yourself. If there's a project you've been meaning to complete, now is the time to do that. Want to start eating healthy and working out? Now is the perfect time! Take care of yourself, and be proud for being able to do that.

What are some of your tips for getting through a breakup?

Movie Review: 'Tulip Fever' Shows What a 17th Century Affair Looked Like





y <u>Melissa Lee</u>

This shocking film takes place in 17th century Amsterdam, when an orphaned girl is forced into an unhappy arranged marriage, resulting in her eventually embarking in an affair with the painter of a portrait that her husband purchases. The lovers decide to abandon everything they know and run away, entering

the tulip bulb market in an effort to earn money to make their dreams come true.

Cupid has all the latest details on this scandal-filled movie, which shares some key relationship advice in this movie review:

Should you see it?:

Tulip Fever is another one of the summer's drama-romance films. This movie is absolutely chock full of scandal and shocking scenes, so be sure not to miss it.

Who to take:

This film would be great to go see with your friends! The cliffhangers will leave you all in awe, wondering what could possibly happen next.

Cupid's Advice:

In *Tulip Fever*, the wife of a powerful merchant decides to begin an affair and eventually run away with him. Though this movie is set in the 17th century, cheating should never be the way out of a relationship — if you're questioning how to end things with your partner, Cupid is here to offer some advice:

1. Be as honest as possible: If you spent a decent amount of time with your significant other, then they most likely deserve an honest explanation as to why you feel the relationship should end. Be honest about your feelings and maybe even the flaws that occurred, perhaps suggesting things they could do differently.

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2. Try to leave things on good terms: Breakups can be rough, but leaving things civilly can be beneficial. There won't be as much pain or sadness, and it can make the breakup process a little bit easier. At the end of the day, acknowledging your time together and knowing that it's ending for a good reason may help both of you move forward.

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3. Don't rush into a friendship: If you decide to stay friends after breaking up, it's important not to just rush into this. Recognize that the two of you just spent a certain amount of time being romantically involved, and it won't be beneficial for either one of you to immediately rush into being friends.

What are some of your tips? Share them below.

Movie Review: 'The Beguiled' Brings Back Historic Romance





y <u>Melissa Lee</u>

In Sofia Coppola's latest drama film *The Beguiled*, an all girls' school in Virginia during the Civil War is tossed upside down when the young women decide to shelter a wounded Union soldier. The result? A plethora of rivalries and sexual tension as the girls fight over the soldier.

Check out our movie review on *The Beguiled*, and go see it for <u>date</u> <u>night</u>:

Should you see it?:

Coppola is known for her edgy filmmaking style, so this electrifying film surely won't be one to miss. Plus, stars like Colin Farrell, Nicole Kidman, Elle Fanning, and Kirsten Dunst star in it. Talk about some big acting chops!

Who to take:

This movie may be fun to see with your significant other, but

it would also be great for a girls' night.

Sometimes it's nothing if not full of drama when you're competing with other girls for the affections of one guy. Is the drama worth the guy?

Cupid's Advice:

In this Civil War-era flick, the young women live a relatively normal life until they make the choice to take in a wounded soldier. His presence ultimately causes drama between the girls, which is a fairly common situation. How do you know when to cut the drama — and the guy responsible for it?

1. Reflect: As cheesy as it may sound, make a pros and cons list and think about how his presence has affected your life. Has he *only* caused problems? Is he a toxic person? Make the executive decision and figure out if he's being a positive influence.

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2. Talk to friends: When you talk to friends that have your best interests at hand, they may be honest with you about whether or not they see this person's true colors. If they've noticed some shady activity, take their opinions into account too.

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3. Communicate: Having a calm, productive conversation about your concerns with this person may be beneficial, too. However, it's important not to forget your own viewpoint — don't let them sway you away from the fact that you are still questioning their motives.

What are your tips for cutting out a dramatic person? Share your thoughts below.