

What's Your Number? featuring Anna Faris and Chris Evans



Ally Darling (Anna Faris) can't seem to find "the one" in new movie [What's Your Number?](#) After reading a magazine article that reveals her dwindling marriage aspirations, she begins hunting down her ex-boyfriends – all 20 of them – to find out if she missed her future spouse. She brings along her mischievous neighbor (Chris Evans), who Ally is helping to *avoid* his exes. Based on the book "20 Times a Lady," *What's Your Number?* should be a romantic comedy that keeps you smiling with a typical-goofy Faris who keeps you laughing.

How do you distinguish "the one" from "the last one"?

Cupid's Advice:

It's always difficult to sort out your feelings after a breakup. Cupid has some suggestions:

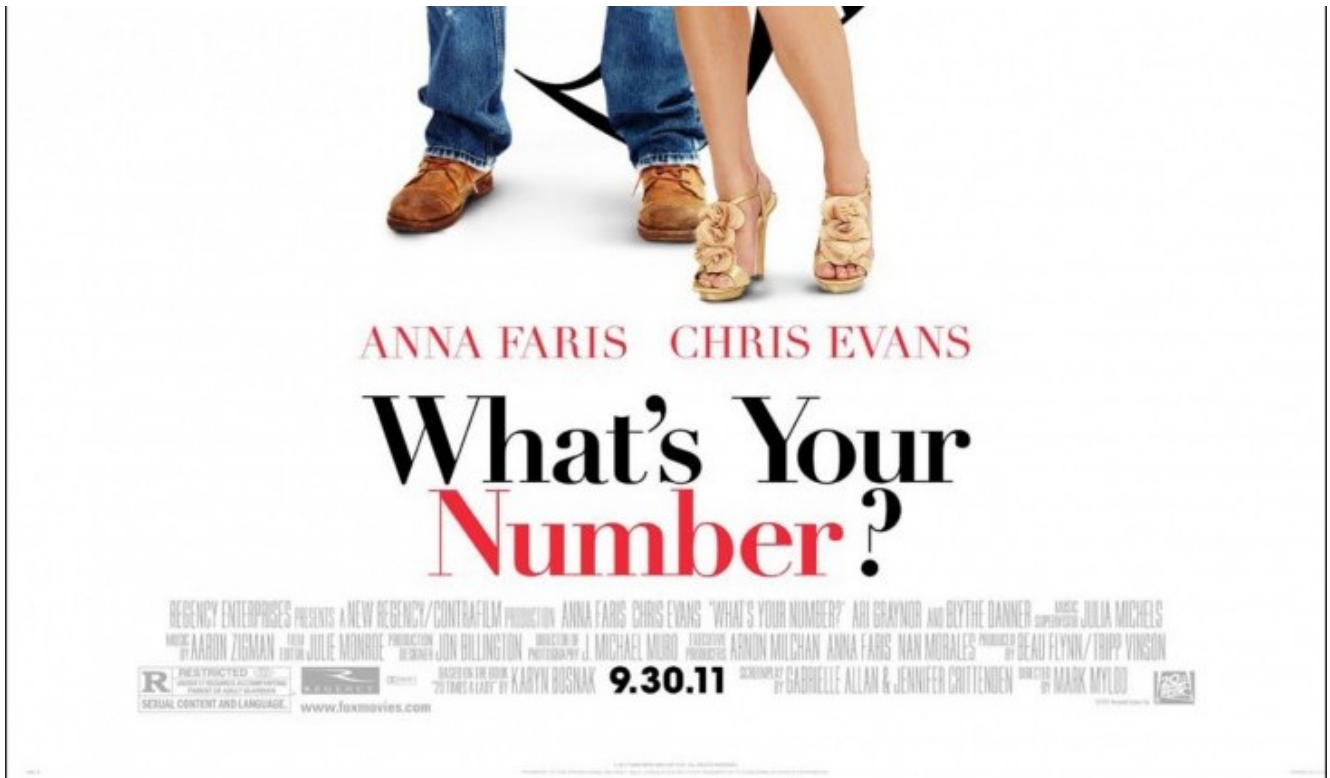
- 1. Give it time:** Whether it takes a week or a year, you need to get some space in order to reset your mind and feelings.
- 2. A stand-out:** Once the dust settles, find out what makes your ex someone you at one point wanted to date. Also, ask yourself why things ended.
- 3. Think happy thoughts:** If whenever you think of your former lover and you smile while reminiscing, then it's a good sign. You may want to jump back in to explore more of the relationship.

Release date: Sept. 30

Rating: 3 out of 5 kisses

'I Don't Know How She Does It' featuring Sarah Jessica Parker, Pierce Brosnan and Greg Kinnear





The job, the husband, the family and the body: Kate Reddy (Sarah Jessica Parker) has it all – at least on the surface. Reddy, a financial executive for a big New York company in Boston, is also the main breadwinner and mother of two in [*I Don't Know How She Does It*](#). Problems she has juggling this already busy lifestyle become worse as Reddy makes an ambitious pitch to her boss (Pierce Brosnan) while her husband (Greg Kinnear) lands a new job. Based on a book of the same title, Parker's character has to learn that everything she aims for has a price.

How do you know when you've put your career ahead of family?

Cupid's Advice:

Although this is difficult to determine because each person's situation is different, here are some ways to determine whether work is taking over your life:

1. Necessity: It's one thing if you're bringing in all of the income for your family and it's another thing if you don't necessarily need to be away from them. Try to keep a balance if at all possible.

2. Kids are suffering: Should you choose to focus on your career and less on your partner or family, you need to make sure your kids will be well taken care of; if not, you need to tone the work down a notch.

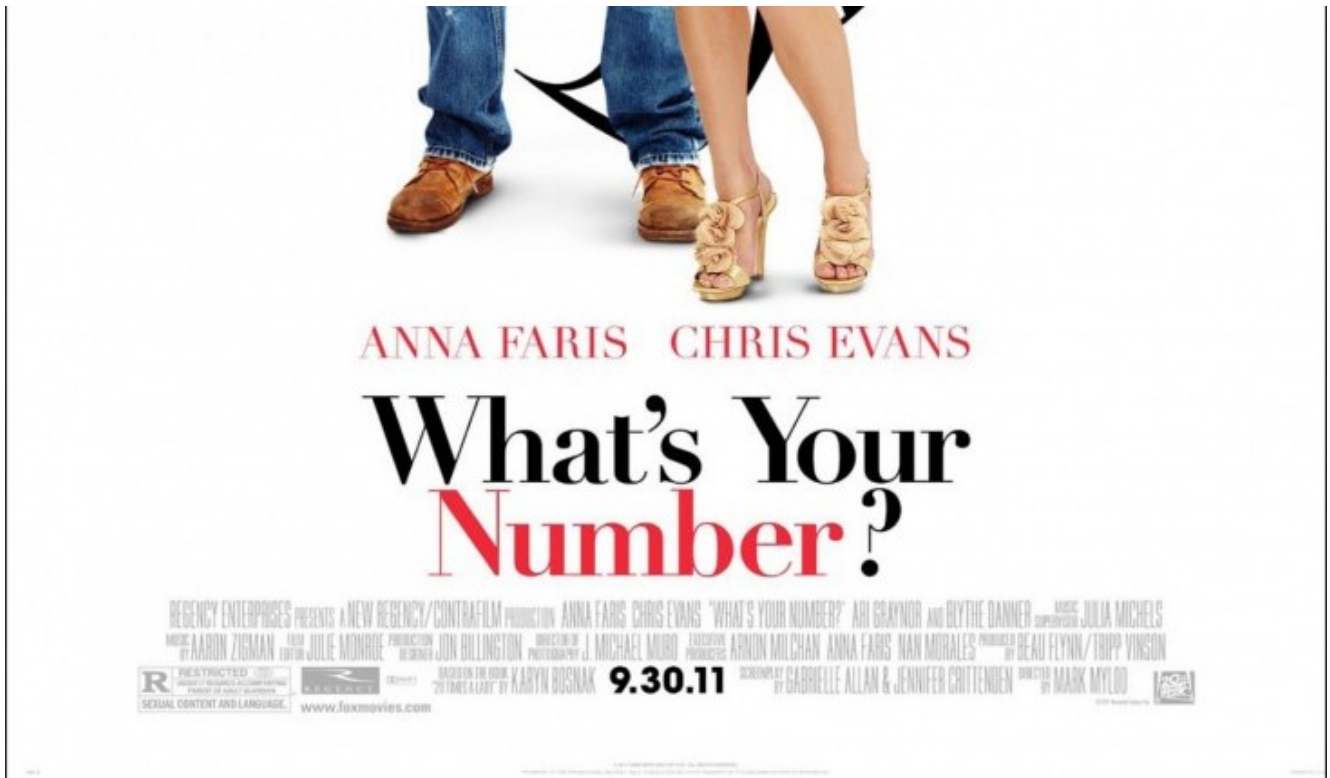
3. Future repercussions: It's not always a question of what you love more (family or career), but often a question of your emotional attachment. Decide which you would miss more if you were to give it up.

Release Date: Sept. 16

Rating: 2.5/5

Check Out Upcoming Hot Fall Movies





With the end of summer comes a new batch of films. Entertainment reporter Sara Edwards tells us her picks to look for at theatres:

9/2: **The Debt**

The espionage thriller boasts a stellar cast. The story centers around retired Mossad secret agents Rachel and Stephan played by Helen Mirren and Tom Wilkenson. They discover they need to settle unfinished business started 30 years earlier while on a secret mission for Israel. They were sent to track down a Nazi war criminal, using Rachel as “the lure” to draw him into a trap. Jessica Chastain plays the young Mirren who struggles with her duty when romantic feelings surface. The film bounces back and forth between two time periods with John Madden, who directed “Shakespeare in Love”, at the helm, this promises to be a winner.

9/9: **Contagion**

Another terrific cast is assembled, this time for a thriller about a highly communicable virus that wipes out millions of people worldwide in just weeks. Amidst the international

chaos, Matt Damon plays a Midwesterner whose wife, played by Gwyneth Paltrow, is one of the first to get the disease. Kate Winslet is a doctor for the Center for Disease Control and Marion Cotillard plays a World Health Official. Add Jude Law to the mix as a crusading blogger and Steven Soderbergh as director and you have a recipe for a heart pounding journey.

9/16: I Don't Know How She Does It!

Carrie fans will be thrilled that Sarah Jessica-Parker is back on the big screen in the romantic comedy about a working Mom who's high wire act is dangerously starting to come crashing down. The premise isn't original, but it will be fun to watch her navigate that slippery slope that all too many women cope with every day.

9/23: Moneyball

Based on a true story, Brad Pitt plays Oakland A's general manager Billy Beane as he struggles to reinvent his cash poor and undervalued team in the early 2000s. But don't call this just a baseball movie. Life lessons abound as Pitt and Jonah Hill, a clever young A's exec, toss out the rule book and realize that thinking outside the box gives everyone a chance to start again. Word is that Pitt hits this dramedy out of the park!

9/30: 50/50

I've loved Joseph Gordon-Levitt ever since he played the sweet and vulnerable guy in 500 Days of Summer. In 50/50 he plays a young man diagnosed with spinal cancer who bonds with his best pal played by Seth Rogen who helps him through the chemo and the tough diagnosis with heart and humor. In real life, Rogen's best friend went through this harrowing scenario and he asked his pal, now in remission, to write the screenplay. Poignant and funny.

10/7: The Ides of March

George Clooney stars in this. Need I say more? *Ides* is a political thriller that takes us inside the intense climate of a presidential campaign. Clooney plays Gov. Mike Morris, an inspiring Democratic candidate, who discovers that his young media strategist has a secret that could destroy his campaign. He's forced to choose between morality and winning. Clooney co-wrote the script. I'd like to see the Sexiest Man Alive run for office one day!

10/7: Footloose

Come on! Consider this a guilty pleasure, especially if you grew up with Kevin Bacon's 1985 version. The new "Ren" is played by 27 year old newcomer Kenny Worlmalld of MTV's *Dancelife*. And former *Dancing with the Stars* favorite Julianne Hough is the preacher's daughter who loves to shake things up on the dance floor.

10/28: Like Crazy

This love story won the Grand Jury Prize at the Sundance film festival this year. It's the tale of a long-distance relationship about college lovers who try to sustain that passion on opposite ends of the world. Felicity Jones and Anton Yelchin are the appealing couple who are determined to be together despite work, immigration laws, and their own insecurities.

11/04: Tower Heist

The comic dream team of Eddie Murphy and Ben Stiller stars in this caper. A group of employees at a luxury apartment complex decide to steal 20 million from one of the residents, a Bernie Madoff type who lost their pension funds in a Ponzi scheme. Given the recession, this stealing from the rich premise becomes even more satisfying, as well as hilarious.

11/18: The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn Part One

We finally see Bella and Edward's long-awaited wedding and passionate honeymoon consummation. And then, a half-vampire baby? That's the big news in the beginning of the end of the insanely popular series. If you have followed it this far, you will see it through until the bitter end.

11/23: The Descendants

George Clooney au deux! It's a busy fall for George on the big screen. I have high hopes for this drama helmed by Sideways director Alexander Payne. Clooney is a Hawaiian land baron whose life is turned upside down after his beloved wife goes into a coma and he learns that she'd been having an affair. A complicated affair of the heart.

12/16: The Iron Lady

Meryl Streep who has recently brought us the likes of Julia Child and Vogue's dragon lady Anna Wintour to the big screen, this time morphs into former Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher during her peak of power in the 1980s. The film is about her extraordinary political career, along with the love she sacrificed on the way. Hey, Meryl reading the phone book would be interesting.

12/21: The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

I loved the Swedish film based on Stieg Larsson's best seller, but I'm ready for the American version now. I just can't get enough of his trouble heroine Lisbeth Salander who is now played by Rooney Mara. Daniel Craig takes on the role of the Swedish journalist Mikael Blomkist. As a fan of the book I'm looking forward to this, but the pressure is on for director David Fincher to come through!

12/23: We Bought a Zoo

Matt Damon plays Benjamin Mee, a real-life London newspaper columnist who moved his family to a decrepit rural zoo, and

after the death of his wife from cancer, worked to reopen it. As the animals prosper, he finds his own healing gifts. This feel good tearjerker is perfect for the holidays.

12/28: **War Horse**

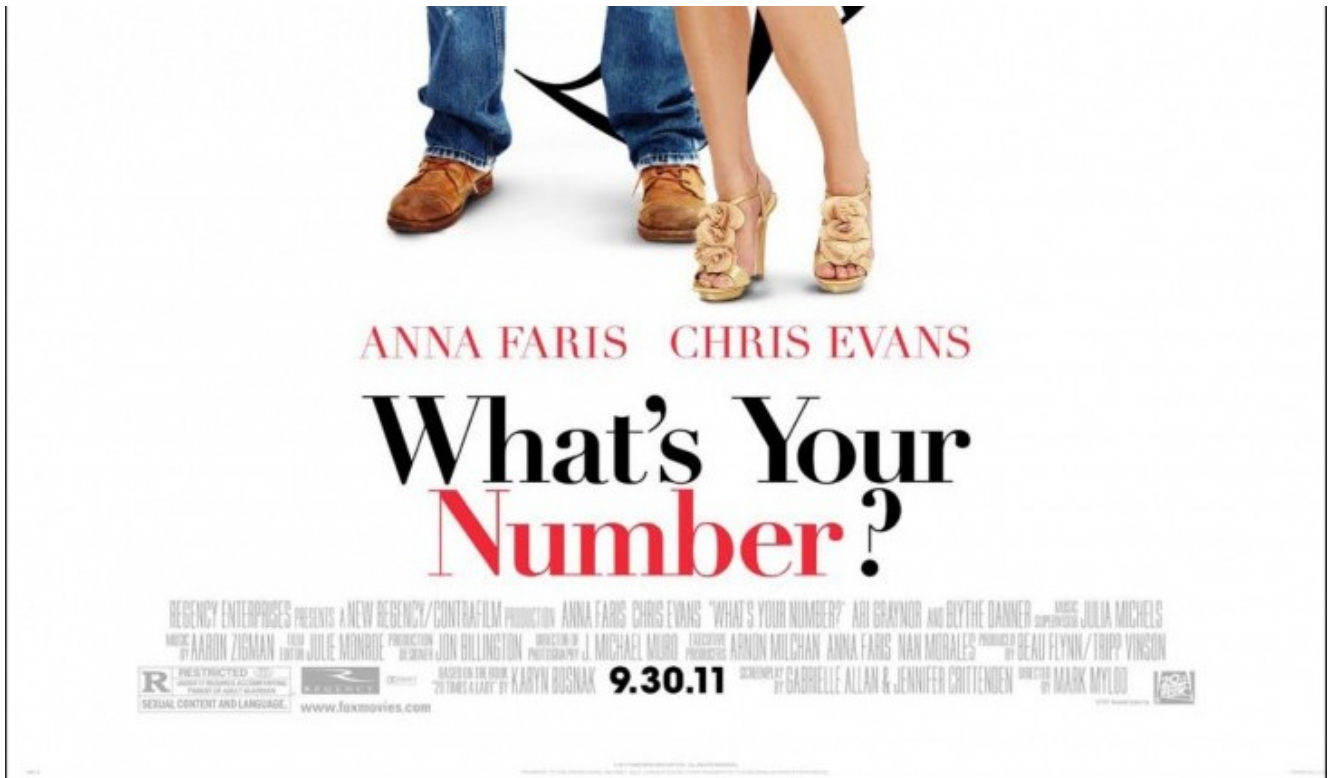
Steven Spielberg is back at the helm with a World War I story about a British farm boy who nurtures a pet horse until his father sells the horse to the British Army. He enlists as well and hopes one day to be reunited with his equine pal Joey. Bring hankies to this one too.

12/18: **Carnage**

Based on the hilarious and searing Broadway production God of Carnage, the top notch cast of Kate Winslet, John C. Reilly, and Oscar winners Christoph Waltz and Jodie Foster star in this film adaptation. Two couples meet to discuss the fight between their two sons. A civil discussion descends into an all out brawl between the parents that will have you laughing out loud. I just hope the movie is as good as the play!

‘One Day’ featuring Jim Sturgess and Anne Hathaway





Dexter and Emma (Jim Sturgess and Anne Hathaway) are two college-friends who sleep together on the night of their college graduation, and then they go their own ways while still remaining friends. Dexter goes into the entertainment business and Emma becomes a teacher. The film shows the two of them each year on the anniversary of their college graduation to see where the two are in their lives. Sometimes they're apart, and other times, they're together. An original idea for a romantic movie, "One Day" captures the power friendship has in a person's life.

Is it possible to remain just friends after it crosses the line once?

Cupid's Advice:

Yes it is possible, but it at times be difficult to keep it a platonic friendship. Cupid has a few suggestions:

1. Boundaries: It's important that you and your friend keep your distance and don't have your friendship turn into something more if you're not ready.

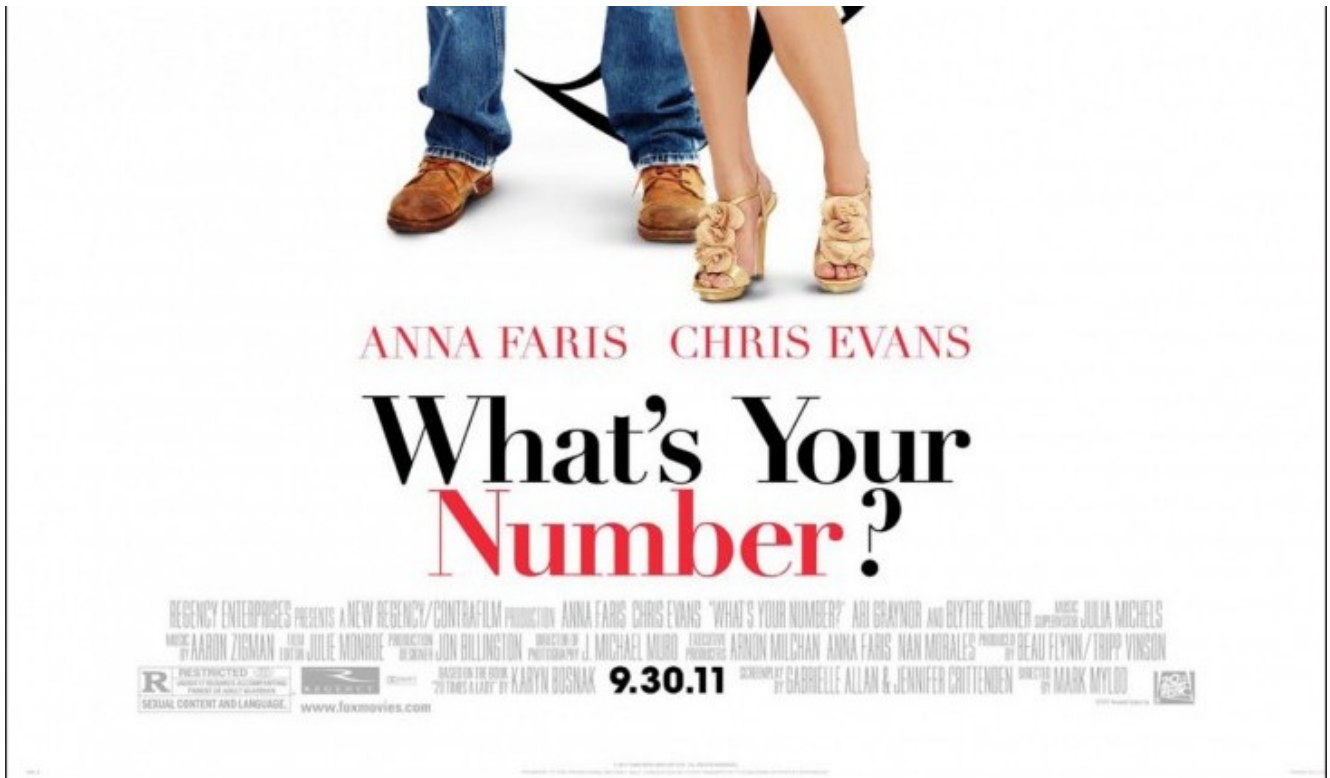
2. Talk to your lover: Your partner shouldn't feel threatened by a friendship, you just have to reassure them you are just friends.

3. Mutuality: You and your friend need to stay on the same page on the status of your friendship, meaning if feelings blossom, they need to know so you two can act accordingly.

Release Date: Aug. 19

Crazy Stupid Love featuring Steve Carell, Julianna Moore, Ryan Gosling and Emma Stone





Cal Weaver (Steve Carell) and his wife Emily (Julianna Moore) live a great life together – that is until she admits she had an affair and wants a divorce. Now Mr. Weaver is off to play the single world with some help as he plays wingman to Jacob Palmer (Ryan Gosling), a handsome player. Sure the makeover is helping Weaver play the field, but one thing that didn't change is his love for Emily.

What are the best ways to handle a break-up?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone responds differently when a relationship ends, but there are somethings to consider. Cupid's got some answers.

1. Patience is a virtue: Although there's no scientific method to determine the "mourning period," rushing into another relationship can be a quick fix, but in the end is more damaging.

2. Soul-searching: Take the “mourning period” to focus on yourself; evaluate your past relationship and find out what you’ve learned and what you can do differently when you are once again ready to date.

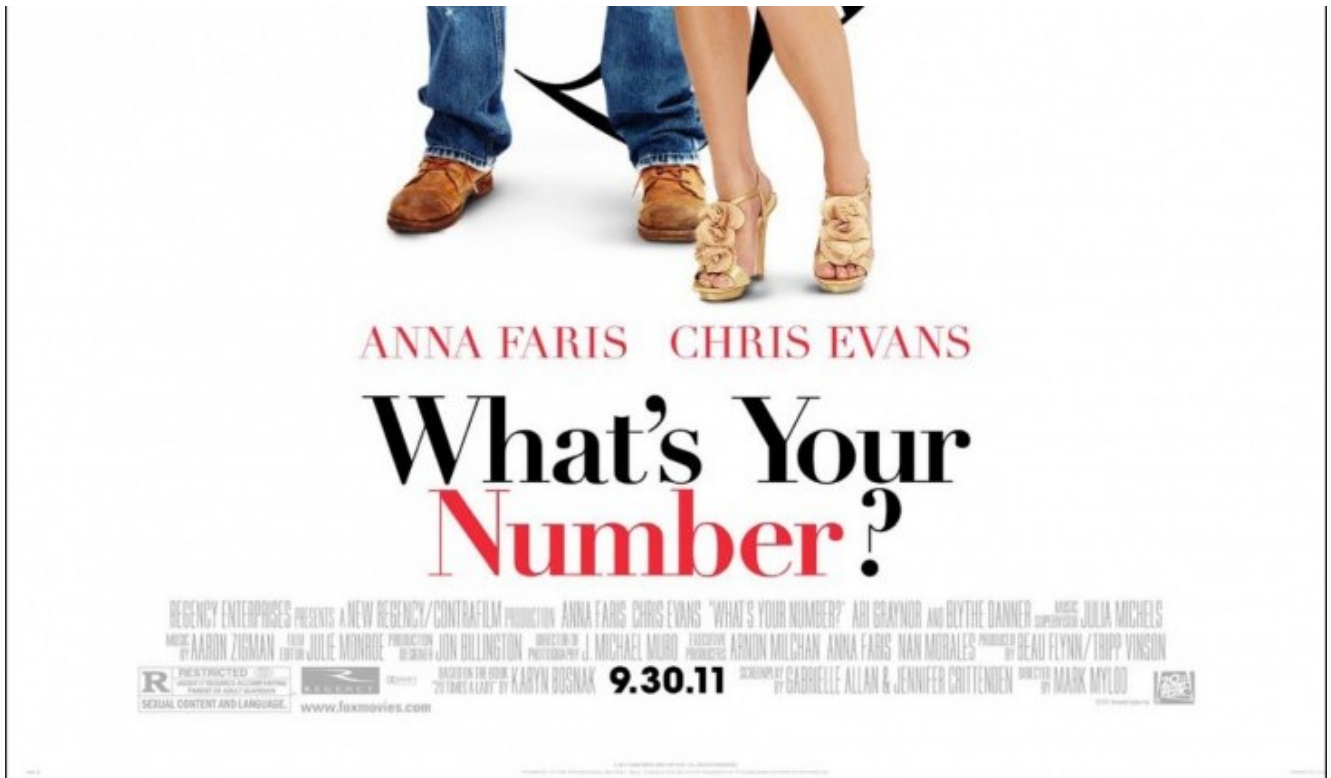
3. Closure is crucial: Whether it’s getting your favorite shirt back or keeping distance for a long time, it’s important to close the door on your relationship. Nobody wants to date someone else while they are thinking of a past lover.

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Cupid’s Rating: 4.5/5

New Movie Review: How to Cheat





By Ashley DelBello

What drives someone to cheat? Director and writer Amber Sealey sets out to explore this question in her independent and somewhat provocative film, *How To Cheat*, which was shown throughout June at the Los Angeles Film Festival. Typically, when we think of cheating we think of it happening after a night of drinking or unexpectedly, but what happens when a person actually sets out to cheat?

Meet Mark (Kent Osborne), an unhappy husband in his thirties, stuck in a marriage where he and his wife Beth (Amber Sealey) are trying to get pregnant, but are repeatedly unsuccessful. Mark feels like something is missing from his life and that his best years are behind him so he decides to try online dating while still married. Through these quick snippets of dates, we learn that Mark can't lie about being married.

Naturally, the majority of the women he meets have an adverse reaction to it. All, but one, Cue Louise (Amanda Street,) a free spirit with a drinking problem, who is also searching for something to fill a void in her life. She can tell almost immediately that Mark has someone at home, but still continues

with the date. As you can probably guess they end up sleeping with each other and a series of atypical events unfold.

As a single woman, I assume it's a fear that every woman has once they enter into a committed relationship – will my boyfriend/husband become bored and cheat? I know it's a fear of mine. However, I also have the opposite thought. Will I get bored and think about cheating? Does that make me a bad person because I have these thoughts? I don't think I would go through with it, but I am human. I've made mistakes too.

I spoke with Sealey about her film and she believes that cheating doesn't always happen out of the blue. Sometimes the individual does make a conscious decision to cheat. However, her film doesn't set out to portray Mark and Louise as bad people. "I wanted to look at the characters with the least amount of judgment and not lay the blame on any one of them," she said. Sealey explained that Mark's character is essentially a good guy who has always done the right thing. He doesn't necessarily want to hurt his wife, but he feels that being "the good guy" hasn't really gotten him anywhere.

Since Sealey takes such an objective stance toward each of the characters, the film is a very raw and real portrayal of what marriage and relationships look like today. This is made even more true by the fact that she didn't script out the entire movie. She only wrote an outline of it and guided the actors in the direction she wanted the film to go during production.

When I spoke with Street about how she was able to get into her character of Louise, the "other woman," given that there was no script or lines for her to follow. She said, "It was really important for me to find what part of me could connect to this dynamic and try to bring the humanity there." While cheating or entering into relationship with someone who is

married may not be something that one normally contemplates, *How to Cheat* does an excellent job in pointing out that relationships can be scary and that we as humans are very complex individuals.

For more information and updates on where *How To Cheat* will be played next, check out its Facebook page or www.howtocheatfilm.com.

Our 5 Best Summer Date Movies



By Diamon Hall

Going to the movies is a reliable, low-key date idea. However, they might be more enjoyable if the film has a love

or relationship theme to it. Want to know our top picks for you and your honey to look forward to this summer? Take a look at these five, which are sure to get your hearts' melting:

1. *The Ledge* (July 8): Terrence Howard stars as a police officer named Hollis in this sexy and suspenseful thriller. Gavin, played by *Sons of Anarchy*'s Charlie Hunnam, is tangled up in a love affair with his evangelical neighbor's wife Shauna (Liv Tyler). Suspense comes into play when Gavin is reeled into a life or death situation by Shauna's husband, Joe (Patrick Wilson). Hold onto your date until the end of this romantic thriller.

2. *Friends With Benefits* (July 22): This comedy stars Justin Timberlake as Dylan, a potential recruit who gets reeled into the Big Apple by headhunter Jamie (Mila Kunis). Despite their immediate attraction to each other, they realize they're everything they've been running away from in a relationship. Deciding to keep it strictly physical, this sexy duo learn that a "no strings attached" affair is almost impossible.

3. *A Little Help* (July 22): Dental hygienist Laura Pehlke (Jenna Fischer) not only loses the love in her marriage, but also loses her husband to a heart abnormality. Her mother, Joan (Lesley Ann Warren), and sister, Kathy (Brooke Smith), step in to help and offer advice on how to cope with her husband's death and deal with her angry and hostile son, Dennis (Daniel Yelsky). In the midst of all the confusion, Laura discovers that the only person she can truly confide in is Kathy's husband, Paul (Rob Benedict), who's had feelings for her since high school. Twenty years later, circumstances draw them closer to each other despite their obvious complications. Watch to see how this craziness ends.

4. *Crazy, Stupid, Love* (July 29): In this comedy, Cal Weaver (Steve Carrell) is in his 40s and life couldn't possibly get

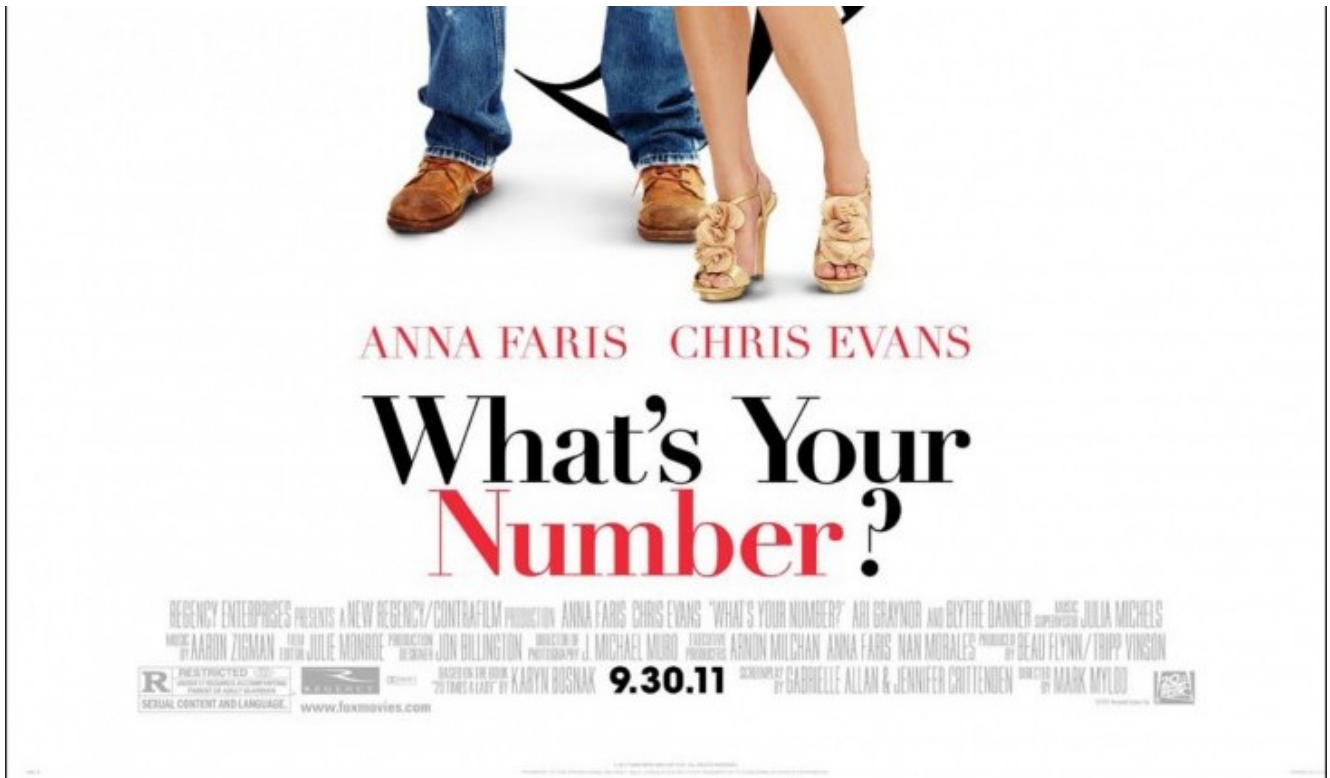
any better for him. After all, who wouldn't want to have a good job, big house, great kids, and married to his high school sweetheart? Unfortunately, his dream life quickly takes a turn for the worst when he discovers his wife cheated on him and wants a divorce. However, this corny guy can barely snag a date. Friend Jacob Palmer (Ryan Gosling) happens to be a player and tries to work his magic and get Cal to score with the ladies. See what happens when Cal realizes that no matter how he tries to change, his heart is one thing that can't be replaced – and it seems to keep leading him back to where he began.

5. *One Day* (Aug. 19): After only one day together (their college graduation), Academy Award nominee Anne Hathaway and Jim Sturgess (*Across the Universe*) begin an undying friendship. Their characters, Emma Morley and Dexter Mayhew, keep their friendship alive by remembering key moments of their relationship every July 15. But somewhere between their laughter and tears, the two discover what that graduation day really meant to them, which leads to a renewed passion for life – and love for each other.

Hopefully this list provided you with some good movie date ideas. Let us know what you think of each movie after you've seen them in a comment below!

Larry Crowne featuring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts





Larry Crowne (Tom Hanks) did what most people do when trying to improve their lives from the ground-up ... he went to college. Crowne was laid off from his big-box company, a job he had since he left the military. Now with bills to pay and lots of free time, he decides to enroll in classes at his local community college. While there, he befriends a group of scooter-riding outcasts who, like Crowne, are trying to better their positions in life. Meanwhile, he falls for his public speaking teacher, Mercedes Tainot (Julia Roberts), who has lost her passion for her marriage, career and everything else. *Larry Crowne* helps show the life of students in community college and the rising population of non-traditional college students. Plus, it shows that when someone's lost everything, he or she may just find a new purpose.

What are ways to help a crush grow?

Cupid's Advice:

"Crush" is a playful word, however it does have some risks if that crush were to grow into something serious. Cupid has some ways to help it bud safely:

1. Start in the 'friend's zone': Become friends, and see if there are any sparks from there. Build a solid foundation of trust and companionship at the base level.

2. Know your space: When you like someone, be aware that that person may not like you back, so pressing too much will cause he or she to back away. Keep some distance, at least initially.

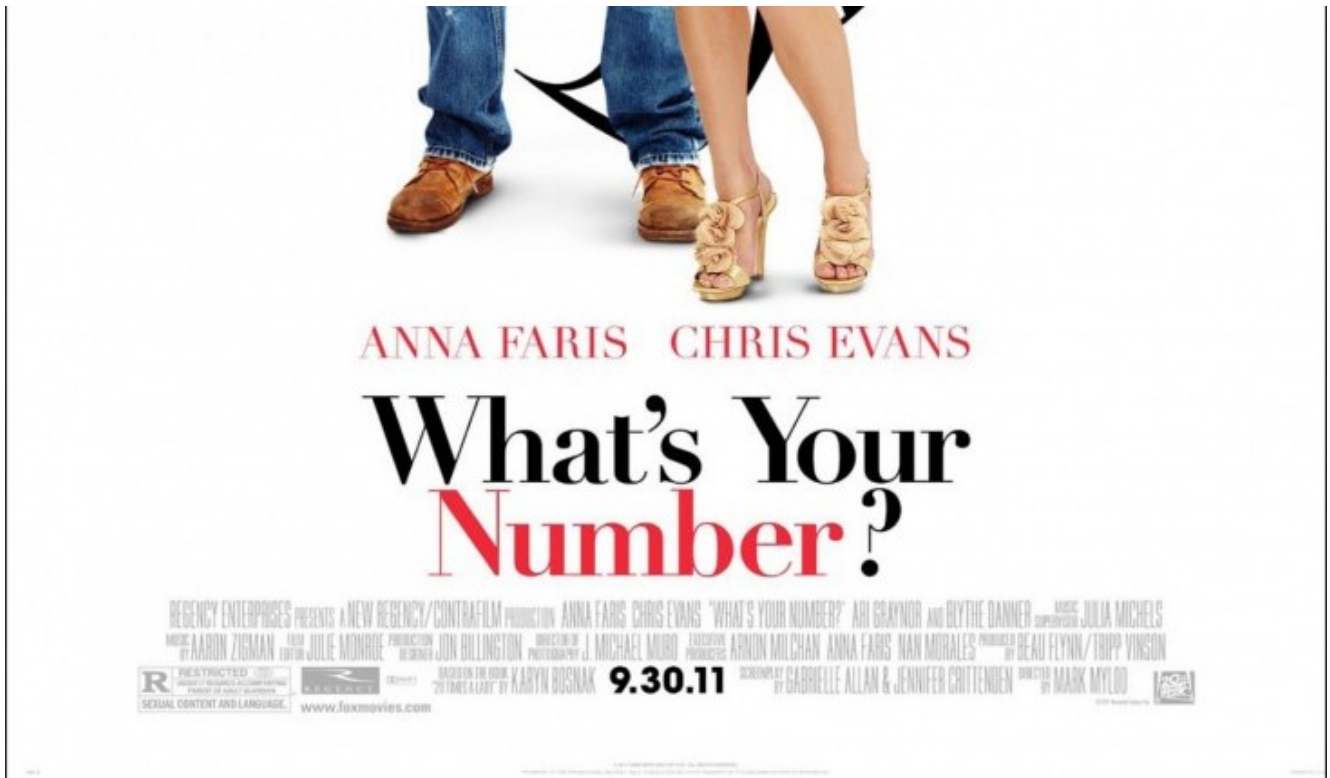
3. Patience is a virtue: When trying to 'make your move,' it's all about the timing. Make sure there's no other relationship you're intruding on and be aware it could take a lot of time before you can even be a potential lover.

Release Date: July 1

Cupid's Rating: 4.5/5

5 Best Wedding Movies Ever





By Jeanne Bowyer

If you love weddings – and let's face it, in their heart of hearts, who doesn't? – there's nothing like a nice wedding movie to fill up a quiet weekday evening, especially if you're spending a lot of time and energy planning a wedding of your own. Break out the popcorn, because we're about to give you a list of the five top wedding movies you won't want to miss!

1. 4 Weddings and a Funeral: How much funnier can you get than this movie? The opening scenes alone are enough to make grown men cry with laughter, and the rest of the film has long rendered it a comedy classic. Interlaced with moments of real humanity and poignancy, this film will have you laughing – and crying – all the way through. The characters are real and the storyline will touch your heart – and, of course, it's the first starring role for the swoon-worthy Hugh Grant, too!

2. The Wedding Singer: Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore make the silver screen come to life with their romantic antics in this gorgeously sweet comedy about love in the eighties! Set in 1985, the story follows the falling in love of Robbie Hart – the wedding singer – and Julia – a waitress – who are both

initially engaged to the wrong people. Possibly one of Sandler's finest career moments, this movie is bound to become a favorite and a resident in your DVD or Blu-ray collection.

3. Father of the Bride: Who could forget this absolutely awesome classic? A very fine remake of the 1950's original, this movie stars Steve Martin in an endearing and captivating role as the father of a bride-to-be (played by Kimberly Williams). His wife Nina, played by the ever-stunning Diane Keaton, is the perfect sidekick, and of course, who could forget the flamboyant Franck – the wedding planner – as he rushes around installing geese on the lawn? ... Unmissable!

4. My Big Fat Greek Wedding: This movie is one of the sweetest wedding flicks ever made. It's not sensationalist or bold in the classic Hollywood sense; it's simply the following of a couple as they fall in love and start planning their wedding. Of course, that doesn't mean there's no drama. It's quite the opposite, as it's full of real down-to-earth comedy as the bride's Greek family attempts to mesh with the groom's middle class white American family. The laughs are huge and the film worth every second spent watching it!

5. The Princess Bride: It's impossible not to put this utter classic on the list of wedding movies; it's just simply one of the most fun romantic comedies ever made! Follow Westley (played by Cary Elwes) and his Buttercup (played by Robin Wright) as they prove that the course of true love never does run smooth, but can be very entertaining! The Dread Pirate Roberts, the Six Fingered Man and an early appearance by Mandy Patinkin (who played Gideon in Criminal Minds) provide many a humorous moment. It'll have you kissing your sweetheart with gusto for days to come, as well as whirling around in the grocery store boldly declaring "you killed my father...prepare to die!"

Jeanne Bowyer writes tips about how to plan the best

Westchester weddings. Check out what the wedding business marketing insiders have to share.

The 5 Best Steamy Movie Kisses



By Tanni Deb

From the spaghetti dinner kiss between Lady and the Tramp to John and Savannah's passionate liplock in *Dear John*, Hollywood love scenes never fail to make our hearts race. Although there are plenty of romantic movie kisses that are list-worthy, here are our five favorite onscreen smooches ever:

1. *Titanic*: James Cameron made us laugh, cry and fall in love with leading characters Jack (Leonardo DiCaprio) and Rose (Kate Winslet) in his most romantic movie to date. Coming from different classes, Jack, a penniless American who won the tickets in a poker game, and Rose, the uptight daughter of an English aristocrat, fell in love and sealed their first kiss on the bow of the movie's namesake.

2. *The Notebook*: This love story is another tale of love that knows no boundaries, with country boy Noah (Ryan Gosling) and southern socialite Allie (Rachel McAdams) finding themselves in a heated summer romance. After seven long years of no communication, the two find themselves passionately kissing in the rain. This long awaited kiss, filled with both unrequited love and ashes of a teenage angst, is fit for anyone's teen dream.

3. *Pride and Prejudice*: Although Elizabeth (Keira Knightley) and Mr. Darcy (Matthew Macfadyen) had nothing but distaste for each other when they first met, sparks flew when they fell in love. After taking a stroll at dawn on a field, Mr. Darcy expresses his undying love for Elizabeth. Since the two went from resenting one another to finally holding hands, their kiss at the end of the movie was gladly accepted by the audience, who has come to know this classic Jane Austen movie quite well.

4. *Spider-Man*: Who would have thought that watching a man wearing a spandex hanging upside down in the rain while kissing his heart's desire could be romantic? Since he's a superhero, anything's possible! The smooch between Tobey Maguire's alter ego and Kirsten Dunst's Mary Jane was so amazing that they were awarded the best screen kiss by MTV in 2003.

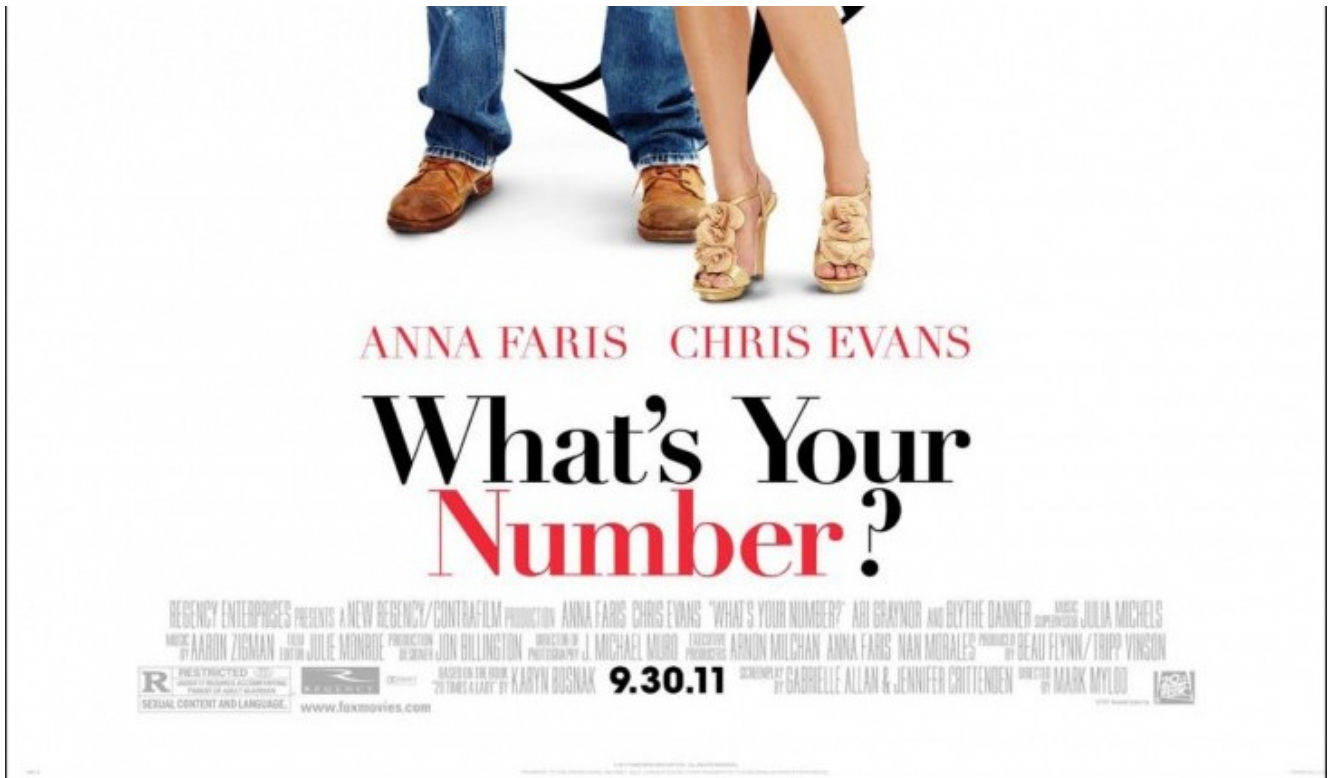
5. *Breakfast at Tiffany's*: Locking lips in the rain must make for a great kiss, since this is the third smooch on our list that occurred during a shower! When Paul (George Peppard)

leaves Holly (Audrey Hepburn) in the car after wondering how and why people fall in love and belong to one another, she runs after him. As rain pours down, their lip lock expresses the love they have for each other – and sort of answers Paul's question! *The Sun* reported that the 1961 film was voted cinema's best snog in 2004 by a poll of 4,000 movie fans for Valentine's Day.

Which of these movie kisses is your favorite? Share with us in a comment below!

The Art of Getting By featuring Freddie Highmore and Emma Roberts





Freddie Highmore and Emma Roberts star together as two teenage students in [The Art of Getting By](#). George (played by Highmore) is a slacking yet gifted artist who falls in love with his new friend Sally (Roberts), a popular yet complicated girl. George has never done a day of work in high school, even though he's now made it to senior year. Sally recognizes him as a kindred spirit and reaches out to form a deep friendship. The Sundance film premiered under the title *Homework*.

What are ways to express to someone that you love them?

Cupid's Advice:

Love can make you do things you wouldn't normally do as a way to express your feelings. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Surprise!:** Even if it's just as simple as bringing your lover lunch while he or she is at work, a nice surprise is a great way to show affection toward someone you admire.
- 2. Out of the ordinary:** If you're in a relationship, try to do something spontaneous for your partner, such as cooking dinner

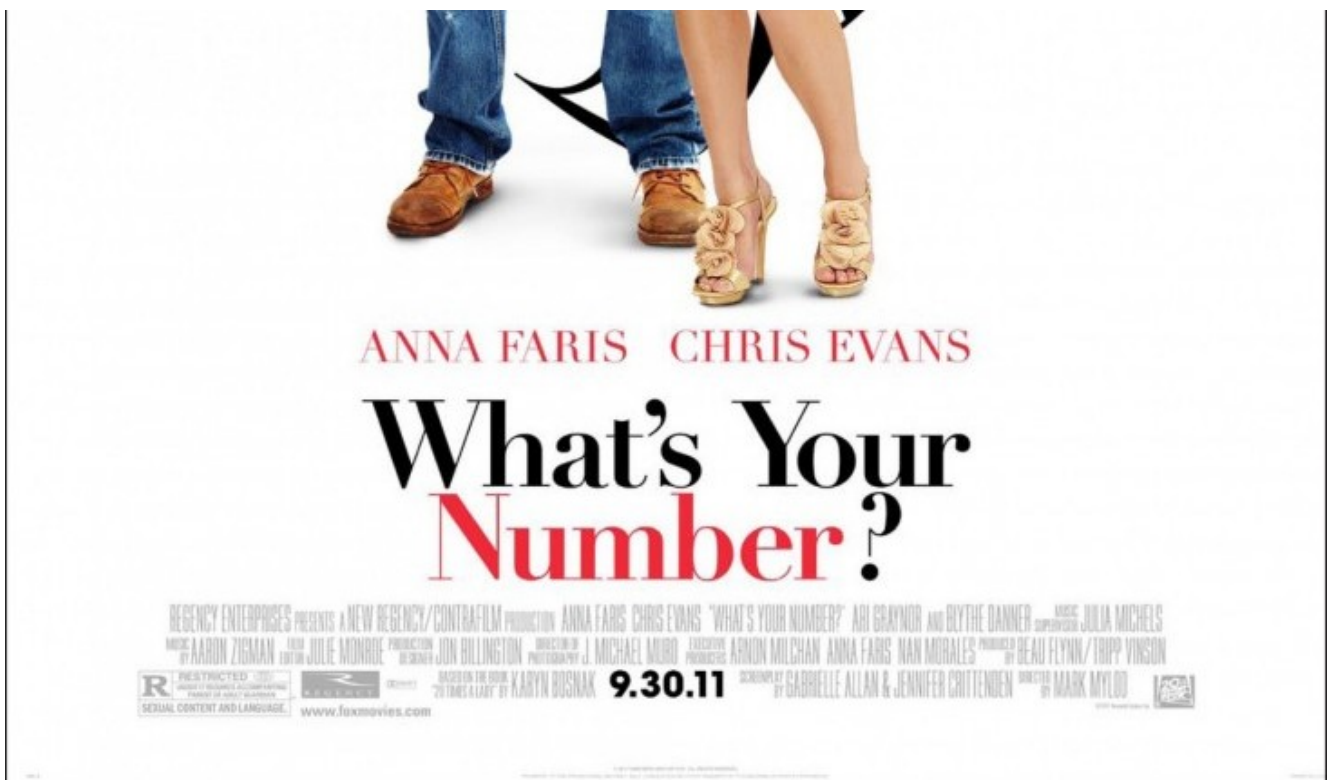
or taking him or her to a favorite restaurant. It may even be something as simple as letting him hold the remote control.

3. A work of art: If you're artistically inclined, write a song or poem. Perhaps even paint them a portrait showing your love for them.

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Cupid's Rating: 2.5/5

5 Memorable Summer Fling Movies



By Andrew Pryor

It's true that movies take inspiration from real life, but real life can also take inspiration from a good movie. So if you're not looking forward to this summer because you think the passion's gone away, get inspired by these five movies about summer romance. These tales of fair-weather flings are sure to raise your temperature and make you want to go looking for your own co-star – or create a love scene with the one you already have:

1. Grease: Starting off senior year with some passion-filled “summer lovin,′” there's no way this movie wasn't going to top our list. John Travolta is greased lightning in a bottle all throughout this rocking tribute to Rydell High, and his duet with Olivia Newton-John is the perfect ode to all that is loved and lost in the summer months.

2. Dirty Dancing: The movie that launched a thousand dance programs, this sizzling dance-floor drama defined Patrick Swayze's career through his dynamic moves, along with his chemistry with his dance partner (and future *Dancing With the Stars* contestant and winner), Jennifer Grey. Watch it and be amazed at how much grace and passion is in one summer movie romance.

3. Body Heat: William Hurt is a womanizing lawyer and Kathleen Turner becomes his vice. When they meet, sparks fly and things begin to burn – including their chemistry. A reminder of the all-encompassing – and sometimes dangerous – nature of passion and romance, *Body Heat* depicts what happens when a torrid affair turns into “all is fair in love and war” during a dry and unforgiving summer.

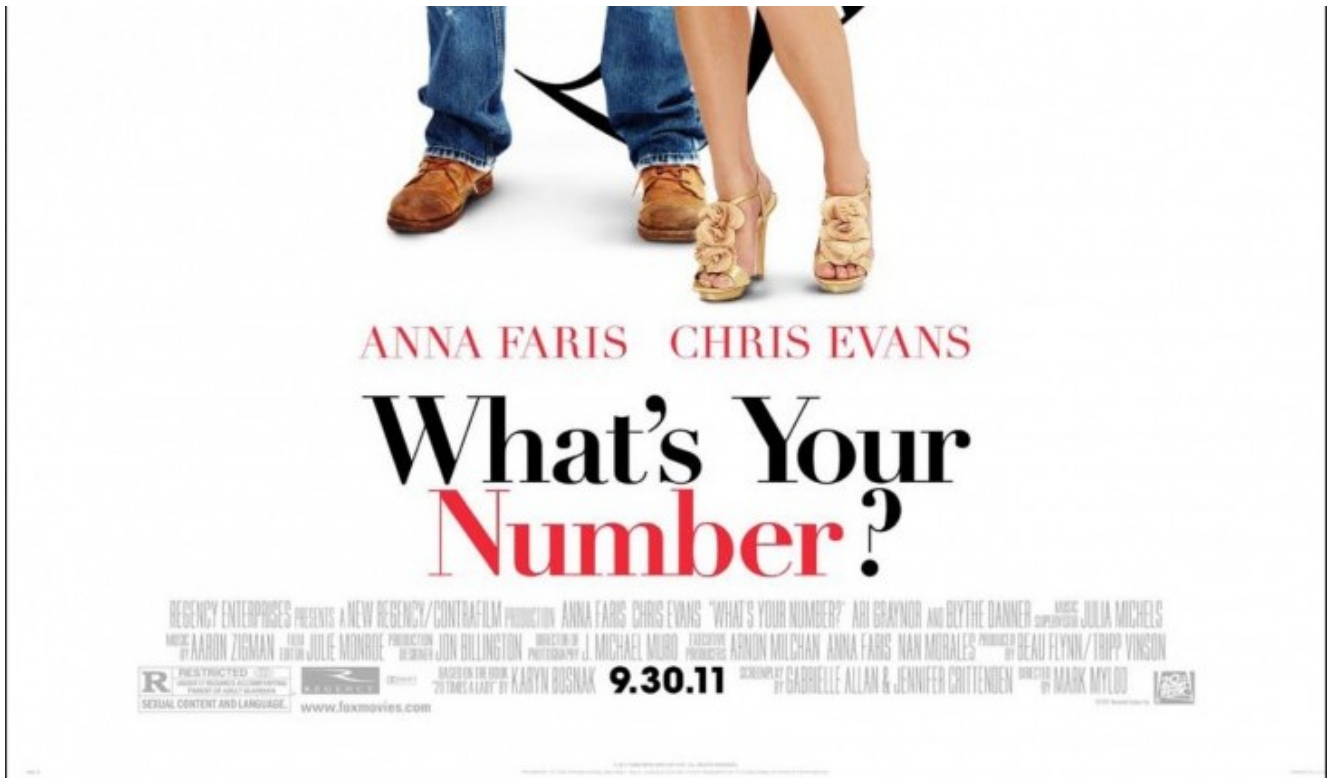
4. How Stella Got Her Groove Back: For every woman who needed a vacation and found so much more, *How Stella Got Her Groove Back* centers around Stella's (Angela Bassett) summer fling with an exotic islander (Taye Diggs). It's a reminder to

every lady that love can be found in the most unexpected places.

5. The Notebook: This tried-and-true tale of mismatched love between Noah, a lowly country boy with a modest upbringing and Allie, a girl from the upper-crust of society with the world at her feet, is a movie-interpretation of romance king Nicholas Sparks' bestseller. This 2004 hit proves that happiness with your soul mate trumps sticking to class ranks any day!

Love Wedding Marriage
featuring Mandy Moore, Kellan
Lutz and Jessica Szohr





A marriage counselor, Ava (Mandy Moore) is thrown for a loop when her parents decide to get a divorce in [Love, Wedding, Marriage](#), which hits theatres June 3rd. Ava, who has recently married Charlie (Kellan Lutz), is now questioning everything for which her marriage stands. To counter that feeling, she decides to get her parents back together by moving her father in with her and her new husband, much to Charlie's dismay.

Through laughs and tears, this family finds a way to make it work despite all the emotional struggles they're going through.

What are the benefits of marriage counseling?

Cupid's Advice:

Marriage counseling does not guarantee a lack of divorce, but there are definitely benefits to the process even if it doesn't work:

1. Communication: The main thing that counseling does is provide a place to air all of your grievances. You can tell your partner all of the things you've been holding in. That way, everything you need to work on is on the table ready to

be tackled.

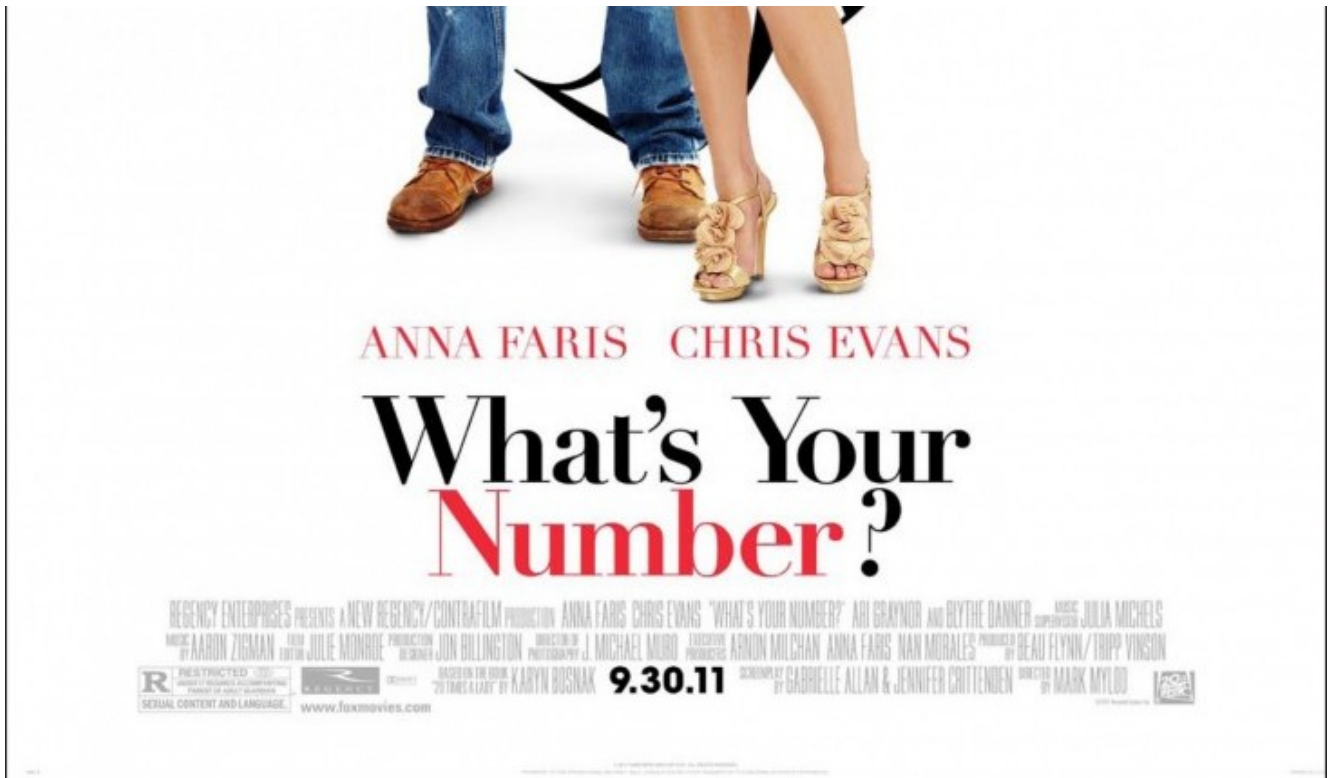
2. Solutions: Whether the solution ends up being a divorce or getting back together, a decision is definitely necessary when you're at odds with your spouse. Marriage counseling provides a neutral place to decide.

3. Last shot: Marriage counseling comes before a split so that if there's any chance whatsoever that you may be able to work out your issues, you can do it. It's the last stop shop before making the decision to call it quits.

Have you had experience with marriage counseling? Share your experience below.

Bridesmaids featuring Kristen Wig and Maya Rudolph





She's broke, she's single and now she's the maid of honor.

Annie (Kristen Wig) is set to be the maid of honor for her best friend Lillian (Maya Rudolph), and she's backed up by a rag-tag team of bridesmaids. Annie has to find a way to surpass her life situation to prove to Lillian and the other bridesmaids how far you'll go for a best friend. Critics are saying this is *The Hangover* fused with a chick flick.

What are the duties of a maid of honor?

Cupid's Advice:

It seems hectic leading up to the big day, but here are the three most important jobs if you're chosen to be the maid of honor:

1. Go-to-girl: From helping to pick out the venue to deciding on invitation design, you have a bigger say in planning out the little details ... maybe even more than the groom-to-be! Choose wisely.

2. The maid's speech: At the reception, you're going to have to give a big, heartfelt speech. A tip: avoid drinking too much alcohol prior to the address.

3. Party, party, yeah: Of course, you'll have to plan and host the bridal shower and bachelorette party. Try to keep it lighthearted and fun, whether that means bowling and beer or a night of Vegas-style debauchery.

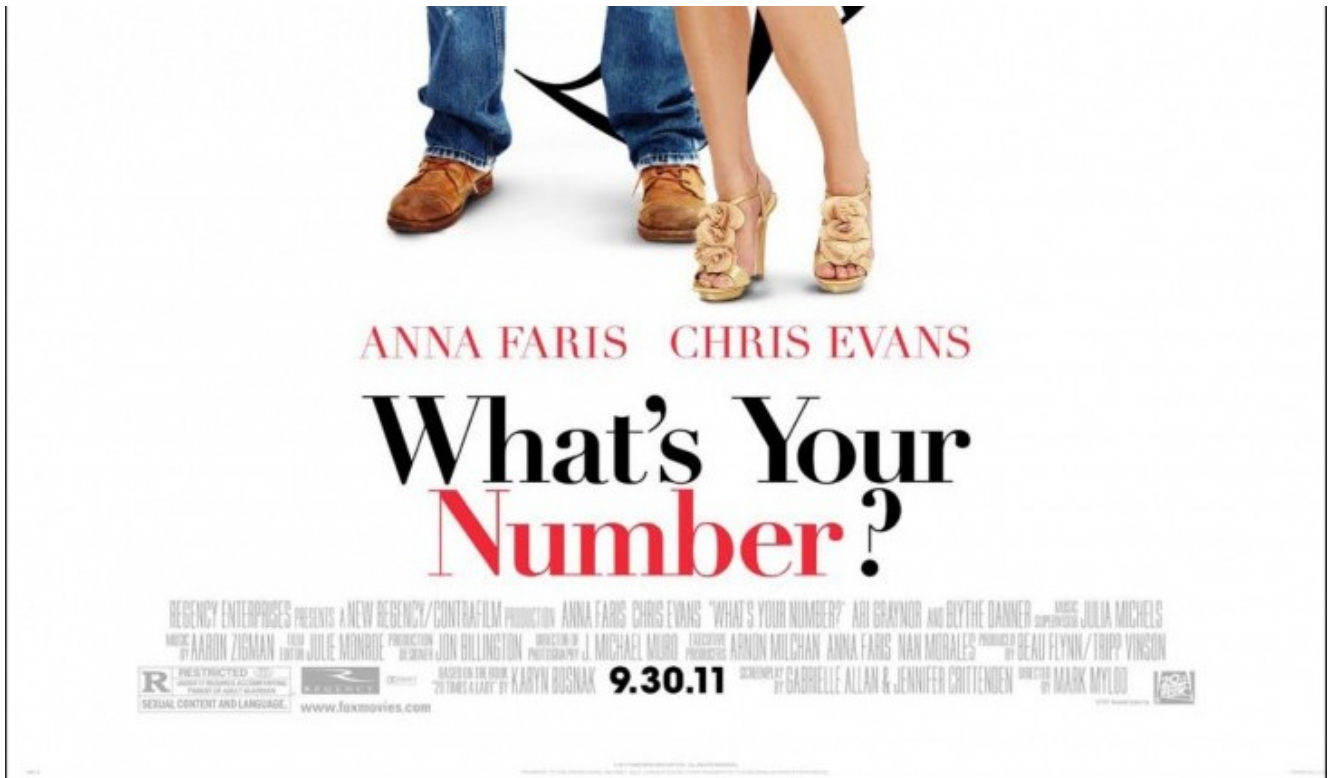
Release date: May 13

Cupid's Rating: 4/5

Have any good maid of honor stories of your own? Leave a comment below.

Something Borrowed with Kate Hudson, Ginnifer Goodwin, John Krasinski and Colin Egglesfield





Rachel (Ginnifer Goodwin) is a smart, talented and driven attorney at a top law firm in New York. She spends most of her free time with her best friend Darcy (Kate Hudson), who is a bride-to-be ... to-be married to Rachel's longtime crush from law school, that is. Friendships are tested when a series of unexpected events lead Rachel to sleep with Darcy's fiancé (Colin Egglesfield) after celebrating her 30th birthday. Rachel sucks her good friend Ethan (John Krasinski) into the mess, and the three of them try to clean things up while Darcy finds something old, something new, Something Borrowed and something blue.

What should you do if you find out your friend is being cheated on?

Cupid's Advice:

Knowing that a close friend of yours is being played by their partner is a tough situation. Figuring out what part you play in the messy situation can be difficult, so Cupid thought of some steps you can take:

1. Talk: It's always smart to talk to the cheater before anything else. Make sure you're right about what's going on, and try to figure out what he or she plans on doing about it.

If there's no plan to stop, give him or her the option of telling your friend. If not, tell your friend yourself.

2. Hint: A safe approach you can take is telling your friend ... without actually telling him or her. Make subtle comments about how their partner has been "working late a lot lately," and point out how it doesn't make sense with his or her schedule. This way you can help your friend without actually starting problems with the cheater.

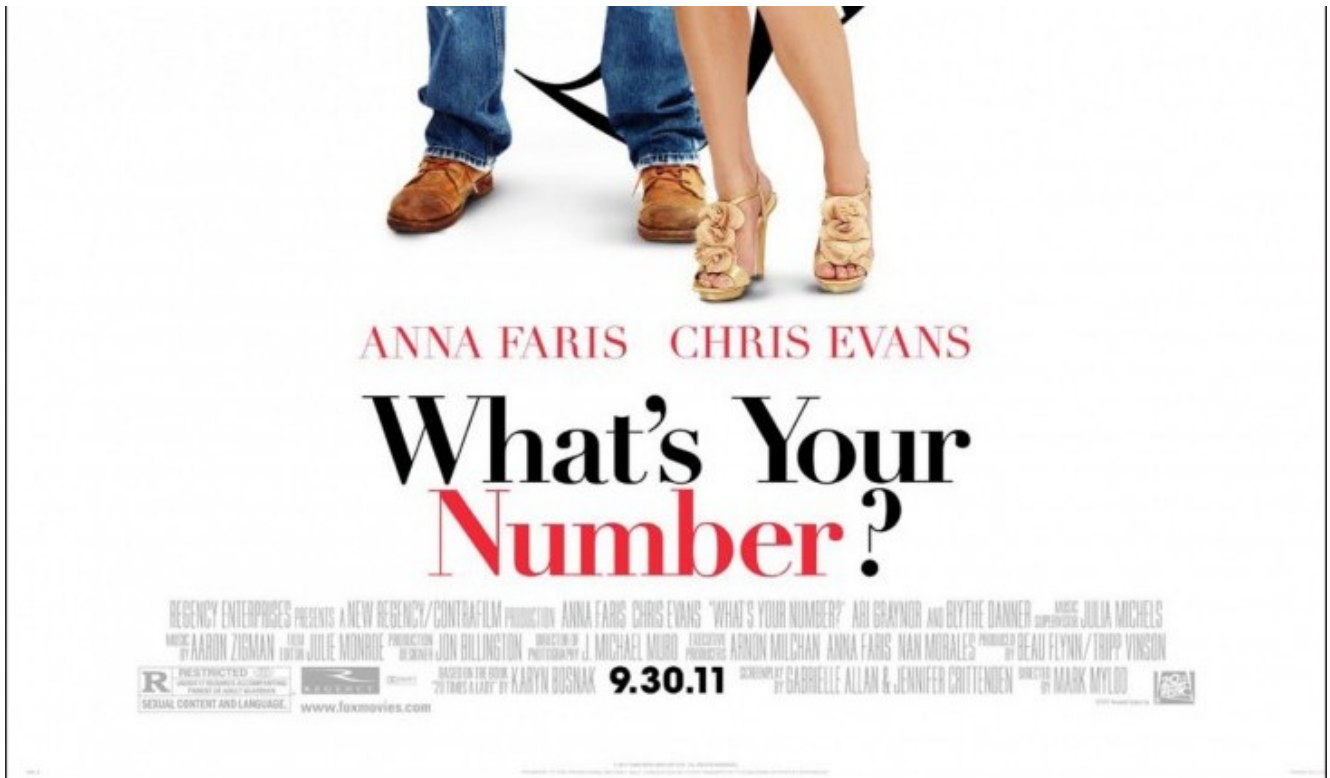
3. Tell: If the cheating doesn't stop and your friend still isn't getting the hint, just be up front. Don't stall! The longer the affair lasts, the more hurt your friend is going to be.

Release date: May 6, 2011

Cupid's rating 4/5

'Water for Elephants' featuring Reese Witherspoon and Rob Pattinson





Following the death of his parents, Jacob Jankowski (Robert Pattinson), a student who is almost finished with his veterinarian degree, jumps on the train that is home to Benzini Brothers Most Spectacular Show on Earth. Before he knows it, he's in charge of the caring for the circus menagerie. While at his "salvation and living hell," Jankowski meets Marlena (Reese Witherspoon), who is married to August (Christoph Waltz), described as the charismatic yet demented animal trainer who is unable to train a special elephant, Rosie. *Water for Elephants* has the elements of popular love stories such as *The Notebook* and *Moulin Rouge*, while set in a time period where love is something available to very few.

How far should you go in the name of love?

Cupid's Advice:

It's tough to know if you've gone too far for love. Cupid has a few things to keep in check when you're in pursuit:

1. Patience is a virtue: Although most love movies that depict a love triangle show them ending happily, in real life that's hardly the case. If things are truly supposed to be, then you'll have to wait for the opportune moment.

2. Don't quit your day job: There's a fine line between love and obsession, and dropping everything you have for true love is pushing that divide. It's one thing to make sacrifices for love and another to abandon your life.

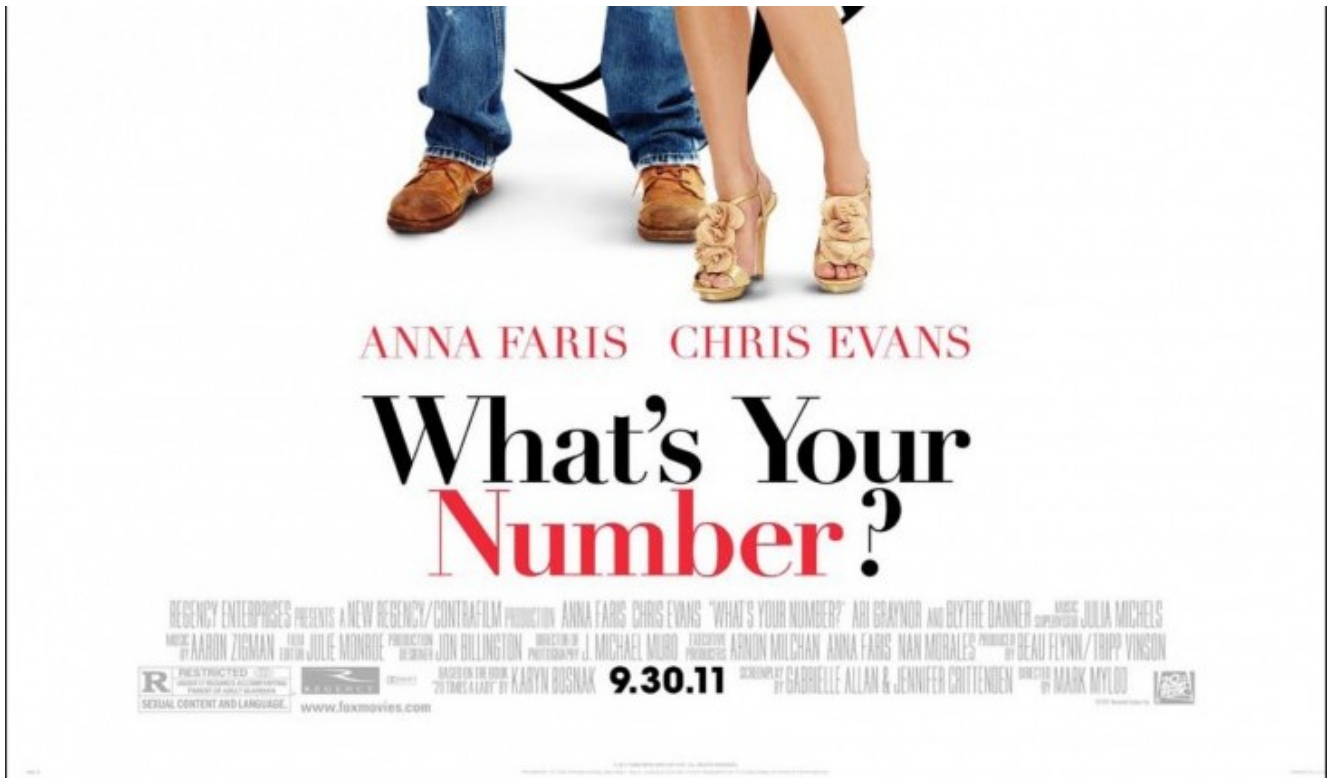
3. Blood runs thicker than water: When in doubt, talk to family or close friends. Even though they can't make your decision for you, they can definitely help give you insight for your decision.

Release date: 4/22

Cupid's Rating: 4/5

'Bad Teacher' with Cameron Diaz, Justin Timberlake and Jason Segel





After being dumped by her sugar daddy, outspoken junior high teacher (Cameron Diaz) starts making drastic attempts to woo a studly colleague (Justin Timberlake). The Bad Teacher's approach to getting his attention takes an unexpected turn as she slowly starts to get better at her job, and the decision causes her to be up against a highly respected co-worker.

Is it healthy to be in a relationship with a colleague?

Cupid's Advice:

Every school has that cute teacher couple, but it's not always as easy as they make it seem. If you're thinking about dating a colleague, Cupid has some things to consider:

1. Little privacy: When you're dating someone you work with, there's sure to be gossiping around the office. Not only do your co-workers constantly see the two of you during the day, but you or your partner are sure to tell someone about your Friday night. If you really want the relationship to work,

look into transferring. Otherwise, you're sure to be the hot topic at the water cooler talk for a long time.

2. Pressure: If you think there's pressure at work now, working with your significant other could do a number to your stress level that no deadline could. From wanting to look nice to being better at your job, you'll find yourself focusing more on impressing your mate than getting any work done.

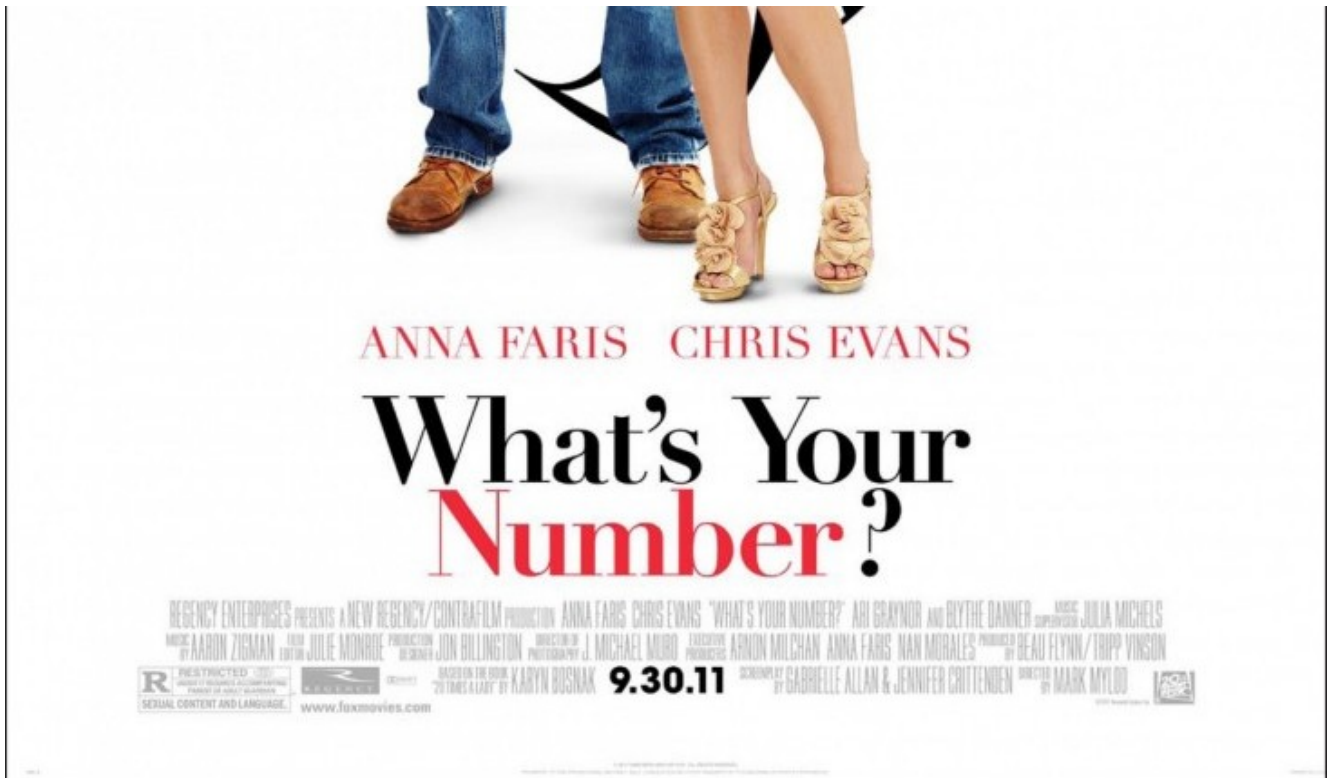
3. Awkward: Even though we avoid it all all costs sometimes, you have to look to the future. What if you break up? Having to see each other every day could be painful and awkward. If your partner is really worth the risk, it won't kill you to figure out a more healthy working situation.

Release date: April 4th, 2011

Cupid's rating 4/5

**Beastly featuring Vanessa
Hudgens, Alex Pettyfer and
Mary-Kate Olsen**





Beastly, a modern day depiction of *Beauty and the Beast*, tells the tale of Kyle Kingson (Alex Pettyfer), the ideal handsome high school student who has anything he could ever want. His only downfall is his love for picking on those inferior to him. Things take a turn for the worse after Kyle ditches a goth girl (Mary-Kate Olsen), who casts a spell and transforms Kyle into a hideous creature. The spell can only be broken if he can find someone who's able to love him for his inner qualities. Kyle's father (Peter Krause) isn't one who can do this, sending Kyle off to live in Brooklyn where he vows to protect a local addict if he lets his beautiful daughter (Vanessa Hudgens) live with Kyle. Over the course of the film, this couple forms a deep relationship unlike anything Kyle had in high school.

How important is physical attraction in a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Sure, good looks draw attention, but how far does that really

go? Cupid has a few things to consider and other important traits to look for when finding a long-term mate:

1. Old age: As gruesome as it sounds, everyone gets old, and looks will fade in time. Dating based entirely on physical attraction probably isn't the best idea.

2. Carrying conversations: Probably the best long-term commitment is one where you and your partner are able to sit down and talk for hours about anything ranging from current events to your deepest feelings. Once looks are gone, the only thing left is your ability to communicate.

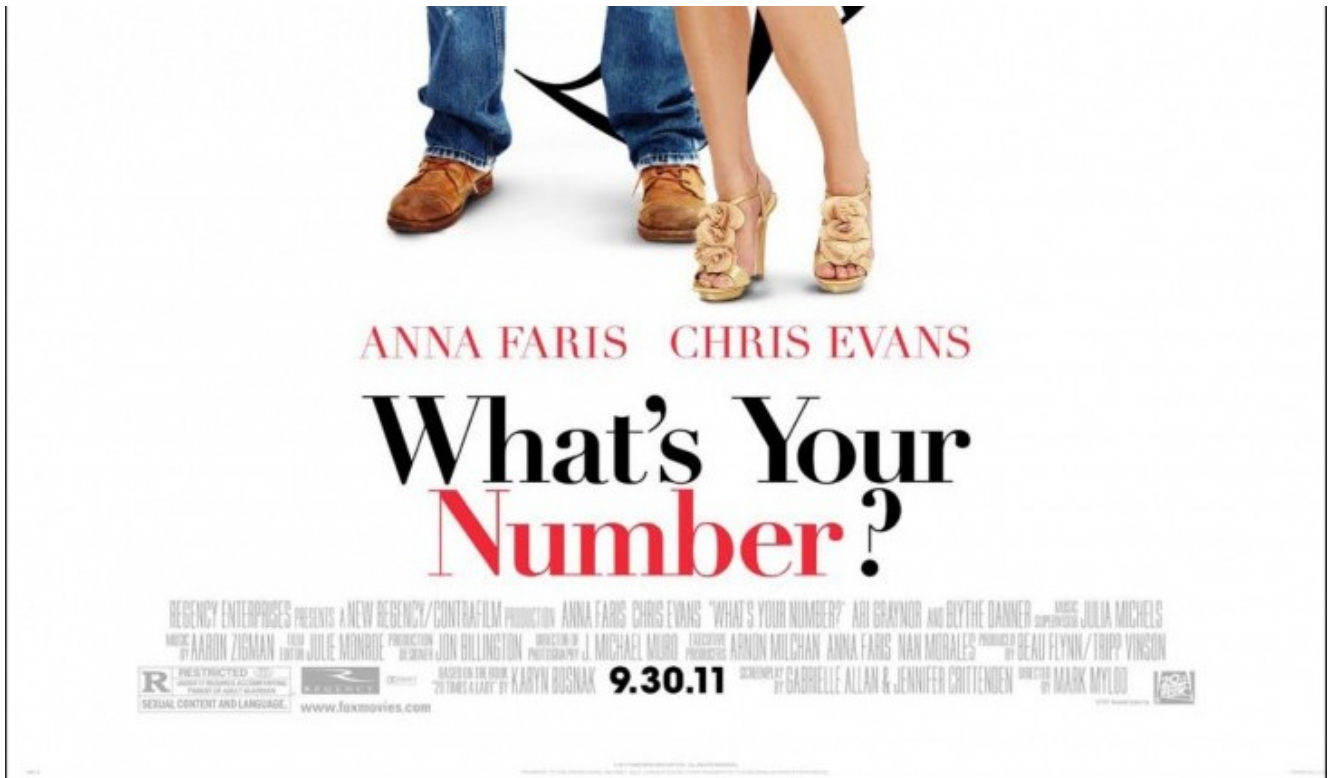
3. Moral character: You may get along with someone on the surface, but if you're not on the same page morally, your relationship may be doomed. The longer you're in a relationship, the more moral character plays an important part.

Release date: March 18, 2011

Cupid's rating: 3/5

Hall Pass with Owen Wilson, Jason Sudeikis, Jenna Fischer and Christina Applegate





Two married men (Owen Wilson and Jason Sudeikis) are given free week passes by their wives to do whatever their hearts desire with other women. The dream come true quickly turns into a nightmare when their wives (Jenna Fischer and Christina Applegate) start abiding by the rules of the *Hall Pass* as well. It doesn't take them long to discover that this agreement was more imperfect than ingenious as they realize that their marriages are put to the ultimate test.

Is it ever healthy to practice an open marriage?

Cupid's Advice:

Having consent to see other people while you're married doesn't necessarily mean there aren't going to be any problems. Cupid had some things to consider:

1. Jealousy: Whether they admit it or not, some people get jealous in a relationship when their partner is even so much as talking to the opposite sex, let alone sleeping with them. If you and your mate are considering having an open agreement, make absolutely sure that your consent isn't

halfhearted or the jealousy won't eat at you (and your marriage).

2. Attachment: When you spend time with someone that makes you happy, there's a good chance you'll want to keep them around. Therefore, if you or your partner are having an affair with someone refreshing and new, you may just find yourself too attached to say goodbye. In fact, you might have to say farewell to your marriage instead.

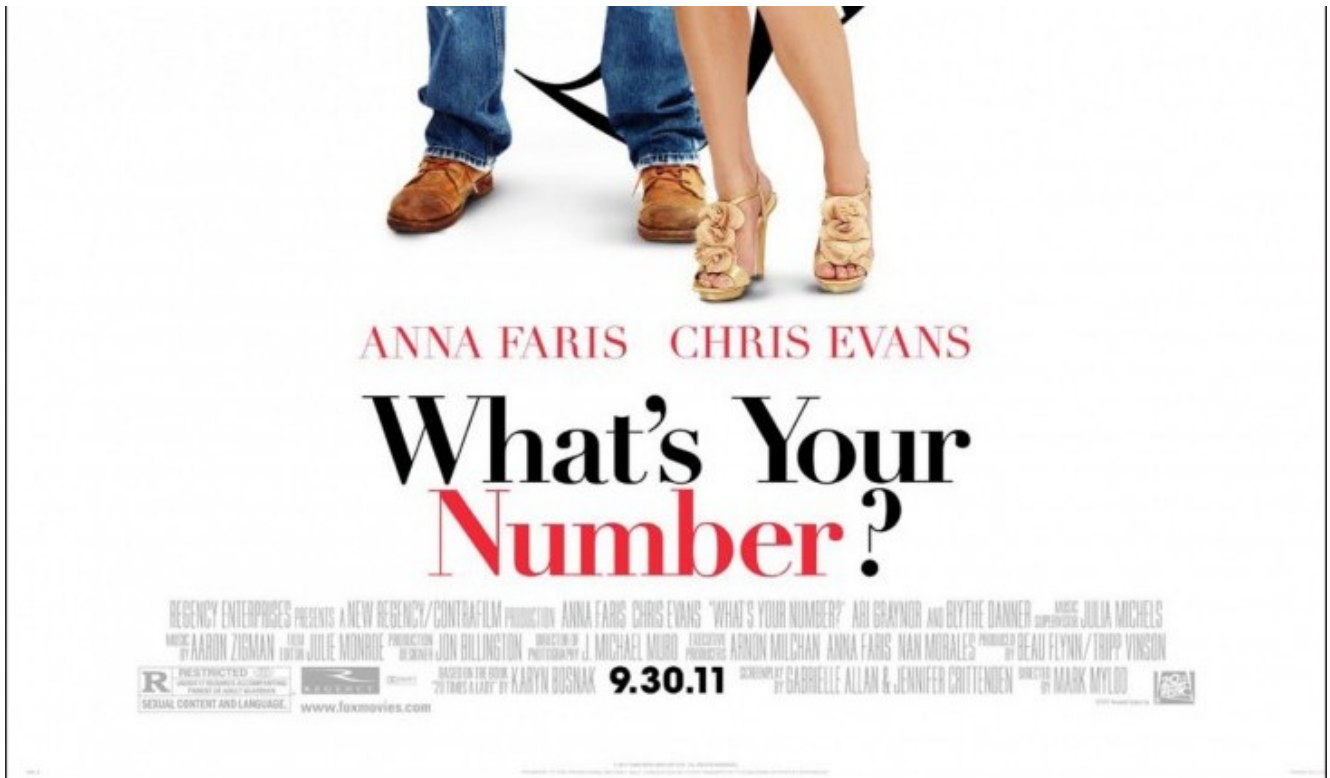
3. Children: Even if you and your partner don't have kids of your own, you probably have younger siblings, neices or nephews closely watching your choices. Being intimate with someone other than your spouse might confuse those looking to you for a role model.

Release date: 25 February 2011

Cupid's rating 3.5/5

**Just Go With It featuring
Adam Sandler, Jennifer
Aniston and Brooklyn Decker**





Plastic surgeon playboy Danny (Adam Sandler) attracts women in a rather unique fashion – by pretending he’s stuck in a bad marriage in order to ease tension and give them a false sense of trust. Then the unthinkable happens. Danny meets a woman (Brooklyn Decker) he actually sees a legitimate future with, and gets caught in his “bad marriage” routine. To try to repair the damage, he comes up with an off-the-wall plan and asks his loyal office manager (Jennifer Anniston) to play the role of his future divorcee. Eventually, even her two kids to get involved in his growing lie. *Just Go With It* comically begs the question: how far should you go to win someone’s heart?

How far should you go to make a relationship work?

Cupid’s Advice:

People do crazy things in the name of love, but there has to be some boundaries. Cupid has some thoughts on what yours should be:

1. Be honest: As easy as it is to create an alter-ego like Danny did in *Just Go With It*, when you're going for a real relationship, it won't work. Stay true to who you really are, and let things play out from there.

2. Respect boundaries: If you're really interested in someone, you're going to have to play by the rules. If he or she is already seeing someone, you'll have to be patient. Settle for being in the background until the time is right.

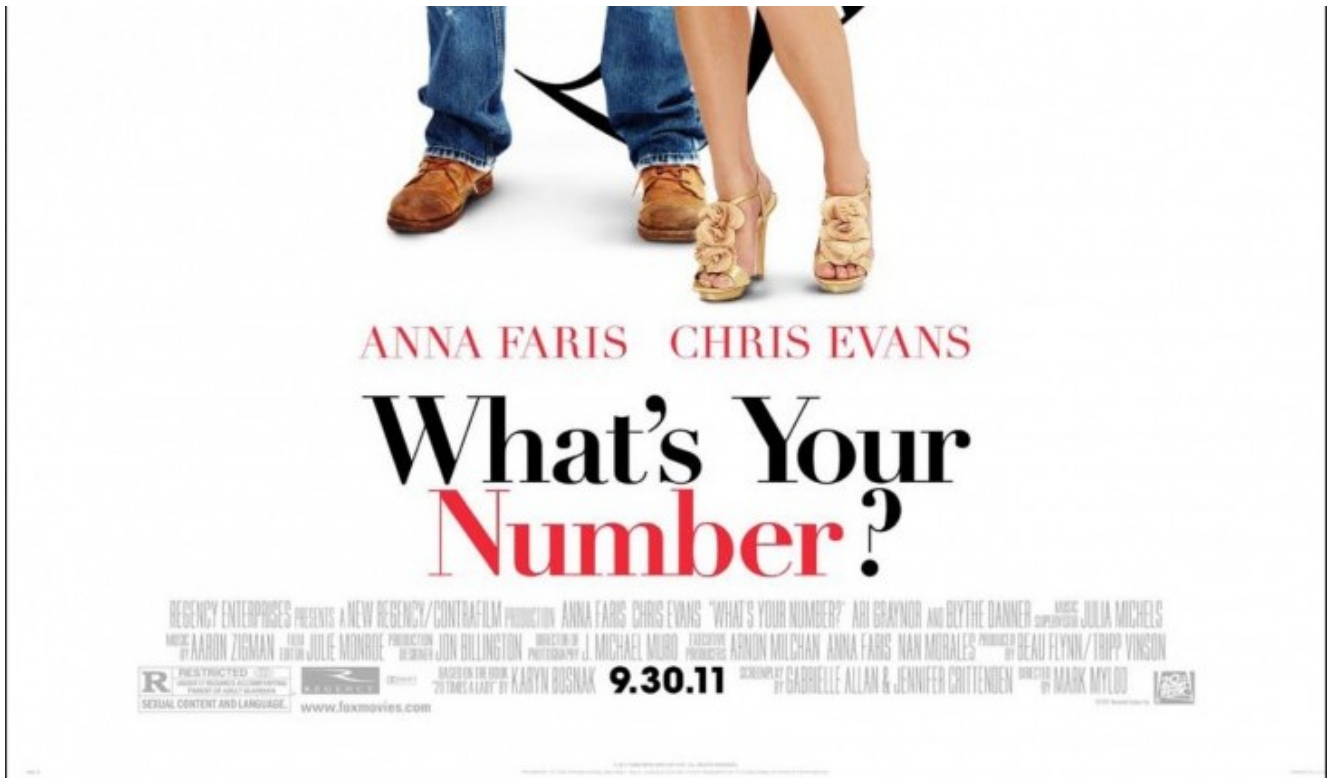
3. Simple gestures make a difference: When you're wooing someone, chances are he or she will remember you for your simple romantic gestures, such as opening the door or pulling out the chair. It's those little quirks in your personality that make all the difference.

Release date: February 11, 2011

Cupid's Kiss Rating: 3 out of 5

Waiting for Forever with Rachel Bilson and Tom Surridge





Childhood friends Emma Twist (Rachel Bilson, *New York I Love You*) and Will Donner (Tom Surridge, *Like Minds*) may have drifted apart as they grew up, but they always kept a special place for each other in their hearts. When Emma returns to her hometown to be by her ailing father's side, she reunites with Will once again. Confused and distressed about her failing career and rocky love life, can Will remind Emma that what they had growing up was more than best friend material? *Waiting for Forever* tells the unique love story of two best friends separated by life and brought back together for a second chance.

When is it okay to go from being just friends to something more?

Cupid's Advice:

Taking your friendship status to the next level is often tricky and can lead to sticky situations. After all, it can be hard to go back to being just friends after dating doesn't work out:

1. It's mutual: Sometimes feelings between friends can go unreciprocated. Make sure that you both want to take your relationship to the next level and that it's not just one-sided.

2. The timing is right: First he was in a relationship and you were single, then you had a boyfriend when he got dumped. If you two finally find yourselves in a situation where you are no longer obligated to be just friends, move right on ahead.

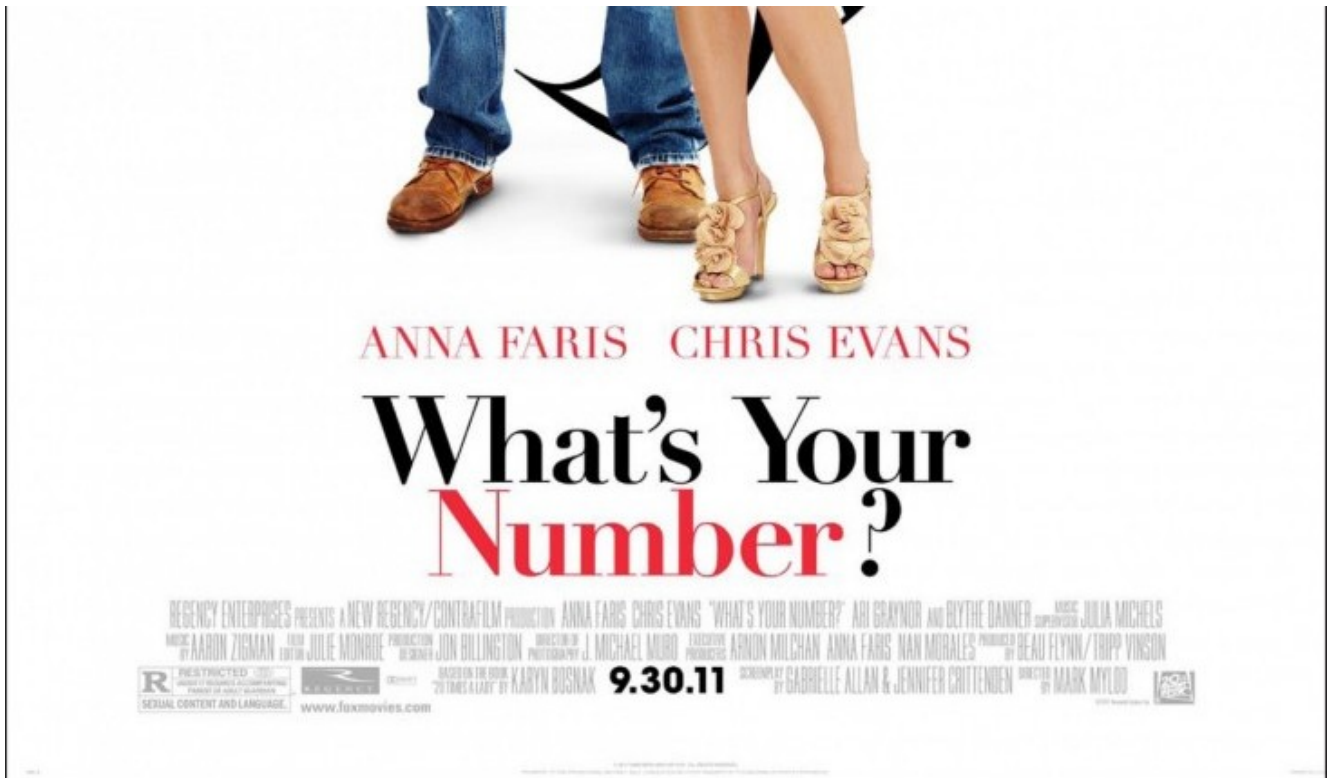
3. Ease into it: One day the two of you are spending Sundays watching old movies, and the next thing you know he's taking you out to dinner on Friday night. When you don't realize you're in a relationship, that's when it's the most right.

Release date: February 4, 2011

Cupid's Kiss Rating: 4 out of 5 kisses

No Strings Attached featuring Natalie Portman and Ashton Kutcher





Emma (Natalie Portman) and Adam (Ashton Kutcher) have been close friends for as long as they can remember. One morning they make the mistake of a lifetime; they sleep together. In an effort to keep their friendship intact, Emma proposes something that Adam would be a fool to refuse – a relationship with no strings attached. They can do whatever they want with whomever they want with no consequences whatsoever. It sounds great, right? Only one small problem: what happens if one of them actually falls in love? Filled with a cast who are hard not to love, *No Strings Attached* brings humor to one of life's most often debated questions. Can a friendship survive a relationship?

Should you date your best friend?

Cupid's Advice:

It can be really tough to decide whether to take a friendship to the next level, because there's a lot that can be lost.

Cupid has a few tips on how to decide:

1. Attraction levels: In order to actually date someone, you need to be physically attracted to him or her. Although this is one of the shallower things to base the decision on, there's no point in risking your friendship unless you're sure there's more than a platonic spark there.

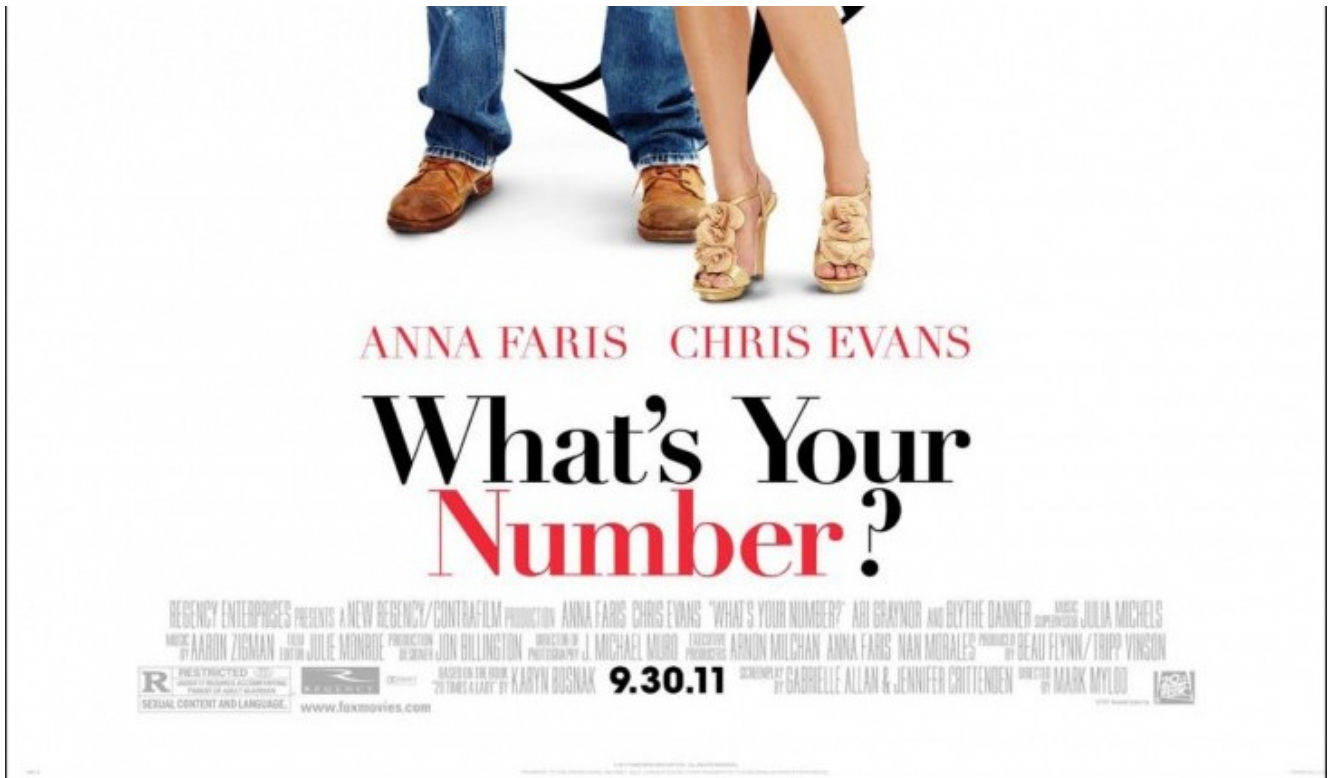
2. Matching morals and values: It's easier to be friends with differing values than it is to be partners where that's the case. If you plan on taking the next step with a close friend, make sure you talk about those basic things you never really thought about discussing before.

3. Future goals: Don't risk the friendship for a relationship if you don't both plan on being serious about the outcome. It's simply not worth it to put yourselves out there for a casual fling. Make sure you're on the same page about that.

Release Date: January 21, 2011

Vince Vaughn & Kevin James in 'The Dilemma'





From Academy Award winning director Ron Howard comes a tale of friendship in the January release of *The Dilemma*. This particular friendship, a bromance between Ronny (Vince Vaughn, *Wedding Crashers*) and Nick (Kevin James, *Hitched*) is stretched to the limit when Ronny catches Nick's wife, Geneva (Winona Ryder, *Black Swan*) with another man. Should Ronny tell his BFF the truth of his wife's indiscretions, or keep his lips sealed and wait for Geneva to come clean on her own? Packed with a star-studded cast, *The Dilemma* promises to bring bros closer than ever before in this year's winter rom-com.

Should you keep secrets from those you love?

Cupid's Advice:

It may be easier said than done when it comes to obeying the age-old rule that "honesty is the best policy," but nine times out of ten, it may be best to forge ahead and be upfront with

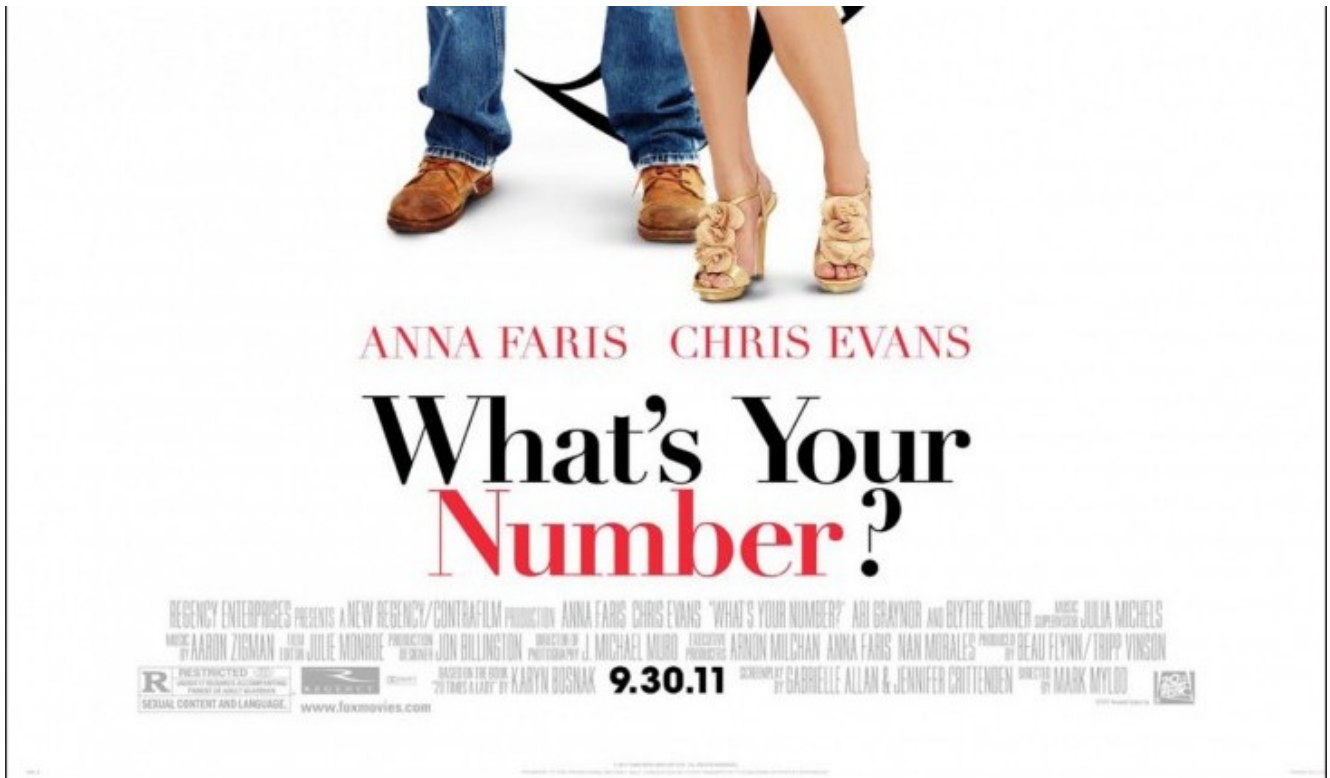
the one you love:

- 1. Switch roles:** Ask yourself how it would feel if your positions were switched. If you would want the truth no matter what, then your loved one deserves the same treatment. It may be hard to get the words out, but you'll feel better once you do.
- 2. Avoid piling on the lies:** Little white lies can come back to haunt you. One untruth can turn into another, which can then turn into an even bigger lie. Instead of trying to continuously cover your tracks, come clean from the beginning.
- 3. Look at the big picture:** If you picture yourself with your partner for a long time, you owe it to him to keep secrets from ruining your relationship. A little fib isn't worth destroying your happiness.

Release Date: January 14, 2011

Most Romantic Movies of 2010





By Erika Mionis

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

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

overarching theme; the idea that those who really care about you will stick by you, no matter what.

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

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