David and Victoria Beckham Celebrate 12th Wedding Anniversary





July 4th is a day of extravagant celebration that's incredibly hyped every year. Not only is it America's Independence Day, but it also marks the day that David and Victoria Beckham said "I do." This year, the couple celebrated twelve years of marriage. The soccer star told RadarOnline.com, "It's a special day for us, it always has been and always will be." The couple has all the more reason to be ecstatic, with a baby girl on the way.

How do you make your anniversary special after a number of years together?

Cupid's Advice:

Your wedding anniversary is such a special day. It's a commemoration of the meaningful moments spent between you and your partner and your future together. Here's how Cupid thinks you can make your day truly unforgettable:

- 1. Relive your first date: Rekindle the romance and go to the same place where you spent your very first date together. Relive the day that marked the first of many special moments together.
- 2. Make a wedding day scrapbook: Gather up all the photos from your wedding day and arrange them into an album or scrapbook. You can also add new images by going for an anniversary photo shoot. Mark the passing time with a smile.
- **3. Prepare free love coupons:** Be romantic and make some free love coupons to give to your partner on your anniversary. It's a sweet idea. Just be creative!

What are some things you can do to make your anniversary extra memorable? Share your thoughts. Don't be shy!

'Teen Mom 2' Star Leah Messer Rekindles Romance With Ex-Boyfriend





It looks like *Teen Mom 2* star Leah Messer has patched things up with her ex-boyfriend Robbie Kidd just days after finalizing her divorce from Corey Simms in mid-June, according to *UsMagazine.com*. Following their ups and downs of parenting on the show, Messer, 19, and her ex-hubby Simms, 20, share custody of their 18-month-old twins, Aliannah and Aleeah. However, Simms doesn't seem to care much about having a family life with Messer. A source claims that Simms isn't fazed by his ex's new love and is "not interested in reconciling."

What are some things to think about when deciding whether to go back to your ex? Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes you have to forget what you want and remember what you deserve. Cupid has some things to consider before going back to an ex:

- 1. Make a list: Take a stroll down memory lane. Jot down a list of all the good you and your ex had, and then do the same for the bad. Obviously if the bad outweighs the good, you shouldn't want to go back.
- 2. Talk to them: Get the heaviest things on your chest off of it. Without playing the "Blame Game," tell him or her how you

feel about the break-up and see if he or she is on the same page as you.

3. Decision time: Put yourself first. How did your ex make you feel? How did he or she treat you? Before you make that choice, do some soul searching. Just because you love him or her, that doesn't necessarily mean that's who you're meant to be with. Stop. Think. Know your worth.

How did you decide to get back together with your ex? Share your experiences below.

Halle Berry Accuses Gabriel Aubry of Child Neglect





Halle Berry and ex Gabriel Aubry are involved in what is sure

to turn into a nasty custody battle. Berry has accused Aubry of endangering their daughter's life and violating their custody agreement. Her rep told <u>UsMagazine.com</u>, "Halle has serious concerns for her daughter's well-being while in the care of her father for any extended period of time and is prepared to take all necessary steps to protect her."

What do you do if your mate's parenting values don't match your own?

Cupid's Advice:

Everyone is brought up differently so it's possible that you'll fall in love with someone who doesn't have the same parenting values as you do. How do you deal? Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Compromise: Whether you're single or in a relationship with someone, parenting is a two-way street. You need to set aside your differences and think about what's in the best interests of your child. It can't always be one parent making the tough decisions.
- 2. Make a schedule: Adhere to a strict set of rules for coparenting. Set up a schedule and have a set plan that details how the two of you will make changes to that schedule without getting into an argument.
- **3. Be discreet:** Inevitably, as parents, the two of you will have disagreements. However, the key is to *never* argue in front of your child. This not only affects the child emotionally, but it will add negativity to your relationship as well.

What are some ways you have dealt with the issues that come along with co-parenting? Share your experiences with a comment below.

Rumor: Reggie Bush and Kim Kardashian Look-Alike Are Hanging Out





Breaking up is tough to do, but moving on to someone who looks exactly like your ex probably won't make it any easier. Rumors are flying that Reggie Bush is dating a Kim Kardashian look-alike. Kardashian's clone, Melissa Molinaro, is an actress/model known for appearing in an Old Navy commercial. E! Online confirmed that the rumors are actually true when they found a twitpic of Bush attending Molinaro's birthday party in Los Angeles.

How do you know if your current partner is just a replacement for your ex?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes when you think you've moved on after a relationship, you may be holding yourself back by dating someone who is just a replacement for your ex. Cupid has some tips on how know if you're still living in the past:

- 1. Similarities: If the your current partner's similar appearance or personality to your ex is what attracted you to him or her in the first place, you're not really moving on.
- 2. Reminders: When you find that your new mate constantly reminds you of your old boyfriend or girlfriend, it may be a sign that you subconsciously replaced him or her.
- **3. Making them jealous:** Dating someone just to get back at your ex may be fun at first, but it's also unhealthy. Don't just look for someone to take the place of your old flame; find someone new, different and better.

Have you ever dated someone who looks or acts like your ex? Tell us about your experience below.

5 Ways to Reignite the Spark In Your Relationship





By Andrew Pryor

There are always moments in a relationship when the sizzle fizzles out, the passion becomes predictable and burning desire turns into yearning for a simple spark. This weekend, take the initiative and find a new way to strike a match with your perfect match:

- 1. Light a bonfire: Keep your passion for each other from going up in smoke by lighting a roaring fire, whether you're at the beach or in your backyard. Nothing inspires and creates a warm and soulful connection like sitting together in front of a bonfire.
- 2. Take a camping trip: If you're super outdoorsy, try living off the land for a few days. Not only is it the perfect opportunity to be at one with nature, but you'll also be close to your significant other. Sparks are sure to fly when you're

cuddled up by the fire, roasting marshmallows and making s'mores.

- 3. Have dinner by candlelight: If neither of you like to get your hands dirty, why not spend the night in? The flickering candlelight allows you to see your partner in a new, smoldering light. Just make sure you've picked a designated dish washer before getting too cozy.
- **4. Go to a rock concert:** Sure it may be crowded, but when you hold your lighters up during that one special song, you'll each know whom your flame is burning for.
- 5. Revisit the past: The best way to reignite a dying flame is to take each other back to a time when your love burned bright. So take her to an old movie, play an old song for him on the piano, or drive to the hangout where the two of you first met. Remember why you fell in love, and hopefully, your engines will roar back to life.

What's your favorite way to get your relationship's spark back? Let us know in a comment below!

9 Frugal Dating Tips for Cost-Conscious Lovebirds





By Andrea Woroch

Summer is the season for romance as singles and couples seek magical moments amid the sunny and hot weather. However, creating a magical date can be a nerve-wrecking experience, depending on the dating situation. Thinking about what to wear, wondering if he/she will like you or stressing over what you will talk about is enough to make someone go crazy. With so much to think about, the last thing you need to worry about is your wallet.

Lucky for cost-conscious lovebirds, there are plenty of ways to spark a romantic connection without blowing your budget. Here are nine ways to enjoy a memorable yet inexpensive summer date:

1. Time-sharing babysitting: Finding a competent and dependable babysitter is often an expensive nightmare. It's almost enough to make a parent want to stay home. When you think about it, however, many others face the same situation. Why not swap services with neighbors, co-workers, family or friends for a free night or afternoon out? Otherwise,

consider sharing one babysitter among a coupe of families and splitting the cost. Consider searching SitterCity.com for vetted babysitters in your area who will match your needs and budget.

- 2. Avoid alcohol: Even if you find a cut-rate meal (early bird special, anyone?), a couple drinks can greatly add to the bill. You might want to hit a restaurant that doesn't serve booze or make it an afternoon date. Otherwise, plan to drink and dine at a restaurant or bar that offers happy hour prices which is usually in the early evening. You can enjoy most drinks and food at very reasonable prices.
- **3. Date with gift cards:** Buy a gift card at a discount from sites such as CardAvenue.com. They will save you anywhere from five to 50 percent on restaurants and other entertainment activities.
- **4. Plan a freebie:** Dating doesn't always have to mean dinner and a movie. Some activities like hiking, biking or visiting farmers' markets don't cost a dime and tend to reveal more about your partner than a standard date.
- 5. DIY date night: Create your own dinner with a picnic in a local park. For a romantic touch, pack portable speakers with a pre-mixed playlist on your iPod as well as a bottle of wine and a few chocolate-covered strawberries for dessert. Not only is this DIY date an inexpensive alternative to a night on the town, but you'll score extra brownie points for taking the time to plan this special event.
- **6. Get smart advice from smartphones:** Use your mobile phone to find local deals and date ideas. The Date Night iPhone app for example will help you find unique, interesting and affordable events that are sure to impress. The app randomly selects a "thing to do" for your next evening on the town, some of which won't bust your budget.
- 7. Dial into daily deals: Groupon, Living Social and other

group-buying coupon companies offer some great deals — up to 50 percent off — on such entertainment experiences as wine tastings, boat tours, museums and comedy clubs. If you're worried about appearing "cheap," redeem the offer when your date is in the restroom.

- **8. Go cultural:** Many libraries and coffee shops offer free poetry readings and musical entertainment. Look for art gallery tours or free museum days to improve your cultural IQ while impressing your date.
- **9. Create a thrifty movie night:** Instead of dishing out \$20 for two movie tickets plus cost of popcorn, candy and soda, plan a romantic movie night at home. Pick-up a free DVD from your local library or a new release for just a dollar from Redbox. Then dim the lights and serve some freshly popped popcorn or your date's favorite candy for a theater-like experience.

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Fran Drescher Says Gay Ex-Husband Is Her Best Friend





Fran Drescher has just announced that her gay ex-husband Peter Marc Jacobson is her best friend. After their 21 years of marriage ended, Jacobson admitted that he was gay. However, Drescher didn't find the news to be too surprising. She told <code>People</code>, "During our marriage he had told me he might be bisexual, but he wanted to stay married. By the time he told me, I had survived uterine cancer. Nothing could shake me." Over the years, the two were able to rebuild their relationship. "We're very tight. We're best friends," she said.

What are some ways to re-build a friendship after divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

Once your marriage ends, it might hurt to know that you've lost a great friendship. Although your romantic relationship didn't work out, it doesn't necessarily mean you can't be friends. Cupid has some tips:

1. Casual conversations: Strike up some small talk once in a while with your ex. While conversing, let him or her know

that your friendship means a lot, and that you don't want to completely write him or her off.

- **2. Hang out:** Go out for coffee or hang out in groups with mutual friends. Bringing some normality to the situation will help.
- **3. Closure:** The most important step to rebuilding a friendship after divorce is to talk about what led to your breakup in the first place and resolve your issues to a point where you're no longer bitter. As the old adage says, agree to disagree.

How did you rebuild a friendship after divorce? Share your experience below.

Why Jennifer Aniston Took Relationship With Justin Theroux Public





Far from the secretive approach she took before, Jennifer Aniston is now dealing with the paparazzi in a whole new way making it no secret that things are heating up between her and Justin Theroux. In an effort not to frustrate her new man, the *Friends* star is being more relaxed about the two being spotted by the press. According to *UsMagazine.com*, the couple were seen dining on June 2 at The Tower Bar in Los Angeles. After their three-hour date, they left in the same car. The last time Aniston and Theroux ate there together, her assistant drove her boyfriend to the restaurant in spite of the fact that they both came from Aniston's house.

What are some reasons to go public with your relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Hiding a relationship can be more time consuming than actually having one. Though it may seem like a big deal at the time, there are very few good reasons to keep your relationship under wraps. Cupid has some reasons to go public:

1. You want to share your happiness: When you're happy, you

want to share it with others. It's hard enough to keep something negative a secret, so imagine trying to hide something positive.

- 2. You have run out of excuses: When you're in love with someone, you're going to want to be with them all of the time. Therefore, you're bound to run out of excuses for why you're always together.
- **3. You are tired of lying:** Lying and sneaking about take a lot more effort than the repercussions of having everything out in the open. Taking your relationship public can be a huge load off of your back.

Have you ever been in a secret relationship? Spill your story below.

How To Approach Financial Issues In a Relationship





By Stephen L.

Being in debt can be an embarrassing situation, but talking about it can feel even worse; especially when discussing it with someone you plan to live with for the rest of your life. However, it's important that you explain any financial problems that you have with your partner and that they discuss theirs with you before you head down the aisle. There are many problems that can arise if you hide your situation and the deceit could cause the end of your relationship before it has the chance to begin.

Hiding Does Not Help

Hiding your debt will never help you or your relationship with your partner. Not to mention that the people you owe that money to will eventually find you. If you know you owe money, arrange to pay it off slowly; most people, even big companies will be more inclined to do this if you call them early on and let them know your situation. You also need to make a list of all of your debt, as scary as it may seem. When it's done, sit down with your partner and explain that you want to talk about finances. This will show them that you are serious about

the relationship; and it may give them the platform to open up and do the same. You should go through the entire list of debt with your partner and explain if and how you are trying to pay it off. This can help significantly when it comes to discussing living together and how much you can both afford in rent, or if obtaining a mortgage is out of the question.

Credit Cards are the Biggest Downfall

Having a credit card can be beneficial if you have an emergency, but you have to stay on top of payments and not let the debt and interest accumulate each month. Before you head into forever after, it's important that you ask your partner about their credit cards. If you both happen to own a Master Card issued by the same company, see if you can consolidate your cards and maintain a joint credit limit. Coming to an agreement to clear the debt as soon as you can, and making extra payments each month, will put you in a situation where the debt is worked off much quicker than you had anticipated.

Consolidate Your Debt

Another idea is to consider consolidating your debts with a bank loan. If you can't get a loan due to your credit rating, but your partner can, see if he will get the loan for the both of you. If you aren't married, and you're worried what will happen with the loan if you break up, ask your partner to sign an agreement to pay it off.

When you do marry, your credit ratings will be joined together; an unfair advantage if one of you has bad credit and the other person's credit is good. That's why it is important to talk this out and be open with one another. If your partner has hidden debt and you decide to put your home in both of your names, you could find it repossessed if you aren't aware of the situation. Discussing it does not have to be hard but it is one of the best things you can do for your relationship.

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Is Hayden Panettiere Dating NFL Star Mark Sanchez?





Hayden Panettiere, who just ended her relationship with Ukrainian heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko, might be on the rebound with yet another professional athlete. Less than two weeks after the breakup, the *Scream 4* star was spotted having fun with New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez at an In-N-Out Burger in Laguna Hills, California. *UsMagazine.com*

reports that Panettiere, 21, split from Klitschko, 35, after their long-distance relationship proved too difficult.

What are some ways to tell if your relationship is a rebound romance?

Cupid's Advice:

Jumping into a new romance right after ending a long-term relationship can be considered a rebound. Cupid has some questions you may want to ask yourself:

- 1. How much time has passed?: If you just broke up with someone and are already seeing someone new, you're probably in a rebound relationship. It's important to realize that these flings usually aren't permanent.
- 2. Do you still have feelings for your ex?: So you've started dating a new person, but everything they do reminds you of your ex. If this is the case, you might consider taking some time alone to heal and move past the breakup.
- 3. Is the new romance serious?: After ending a serious relationship, it's usually difficult to feel strongly for someone new right away. So if you find that your feelings aren't nearly as intense for your new partner, maybe you're still on the rebound.

Do you think it's a good idea to get into a new relationship right after a breakup? Share your comments below.

Joe Gumm Gives Husbands a Helping Hand with '150 Secrets to a Happy Wife'





By Loren DeLand

A sports enthusiast and former ESPN anchor, Joe has spent the majority of his career entertaining male audiences. When the work day ends, however, he heads home to a wife and four daughters. Needless to say, he has learned a thing or two about how to make women happy, and is now sharing this precious advice in 150 Secrets to a Happy Wife. Both comedic and touching, this book is a must-read for all couples looking to share a laugh and better understand one another.

We had the privilege of interviewing Joe via about his new

book last month. Here's what he had to say:

You've become something of an expert on women and relationships. What is it about this particular subject that appeals to you?

I love talking about it because I think marriage is a funny topic, especially when you throw in kids, pets, in-laws, marriage counselors and weird siblings. There are topics about marriage that are more serious, like divorce, but that's the whole point of being married — making sure it never gets to that point. As couples, we start off as being the number one priority, but then over the years we become number two, three and four. This book is perfect for all men, especially young men just starting out. It gives a humorous, upbeat outlook into the minds of women and what makes them really happy in life.

You and your wife have four lovely daughters. Do you think this has shaped the perspective you take when writing about how men interact with women? Would you have written the same book if you'd had four sons?

Yes and no to your first question because the book is actually about women, written for men. Do I think Bubba, down on the construction site, is going to take off lunch early so he can go buy it to show all of his friends? No, and I don't think men like being told by another man how they should act around their wives. I live with five females and grew up with two sisters, so I think I know a little about what women want. Of course, living with five females, what they want changes on a daily basis. I would say yes to the second part of the question. I would have written the same book for my boys, knowing this is the perfect book for young men getting married.

Many of your secrets don't advocate for grand, sweeping gestures, but call for men to take part in daily, mundane

tasks, such as doing the laundry, replacing the toilet paper roll and carrying in the grocery bags. Can you elaborate on why the small details matter the most?

I could get a speeding ticket, burn the house down because I left a candle burning and curse my mother-in-law and my wife would really not care. But for some reason, if I don't wipe off the two scraps of food left on the plate from dinner the night before and put it in the dishwasher, my wife acts like it's Armageddon. I think most women love the little things and depend and expect them. As far as the larger, sweeping gestures, I think they appreciate them when they eventually happen.

You're quite an accomplished TV/radio broadcaster in the sports world. Can your fans look forward to a sports-themed book in the near future?

Actually, I have written a sports-themed book called From Humor To Hormones. It's a book about birth, and for those who don't think the process of birth is a sport, you need to read For example, you have a baseball team (a pregnant wife expecting). That team has practice (three trimesters). That team has coaches (husbands). The game will have umpires (doctors, nurses, midwives). The game will have points (centimeters dilated). During the game, baseball players will grab their crotch in front of thousands of people on live TV (women deliver a baby from the crotch area in front of a lot of people in the delivery room). The team sweats during the game so they drink water to quench their thirst (the mom-to-be definitely sweats more, but instead of drinking water, her water actually breaks). The team has fans cheering them on (the wife has her husband and others cheering her to push). The team has uniforms (the wife has a hospital gown). The team holds up the championship trophy (the parents hold up their baby). Actually, there are a lot of sports analogies in the book, but NO, it's not a sports book and I don't see myself writing an official one anytime soon.

Is there any advice you can share with women about dating?

There are 10 types of men women marry. I'm going to give you five now and then your female readers can buy the book I'm currently writing to find out the other five. You have the ATHLETE, the NERD, the BUSINESSMAN, the ACTOR and the the WANNABE. In my book, it explains who the perfect man is to marry. He may be in this group or he may not. The point of the book is to literally breakdown everything each type brings to the table, as far as marriage. As far as advice, I would tell women to make a list of what makes them truly happy and start with the number one thing.

150 Secrets is now officially available nationwide. What is the next project you're excited about tackling?

I wrote a book about how couples not only deal with children with ADD/ADHD, but how they deal with each other's ADD/ADHD. It's a fun, humorous look about a man who not only had dyslexia when he was younger, but had a speech impediment as well. He had a seventh grade reading level when he graduated high school, was accused of cheating through college, and was rejected for his first book by 70 literary agents. Despite his dyslexia and ADHD, he went on to graduate college after 9 years, became an award-winning author of three books, has worked for companies like ESPN and Fox Sports, and ended up doing a fun online interview with the greatest website on the planet called CupidsPulse.com.

Cupid thanks Gumm for his time! You can find 150 Secrets to a Happy Wife on Amazon. For more on the author, visit his website at JoeGumm.com or follow him on Twitter: @JoeGumm.

Zimbio's Top 10 Sizzling Celebrity Couples





When it comes to celebrity couples, everyone wants to know which ones are hot and which ones simply don't make the cut. Zimbio came up with a list of their 100 Hottest Celebrity Couples. Celebs were rated on their levels of success, attractiveness, popularity and staying power. The total of the scores in the four categories determined each couple's rank on the list. Although one of the couples has since split, the other nine are still happily together — as of now. Let's take a look at how hot Zimbio's top 10 list is:

1. Angelina Jolie and Brad Pitt: Who other than "Brangelina" should get the number one spot? Jolie and Pitt's names have graced headlines ever since word got out that they were an

- item. On success, Zimbio said, "These two command the box office," and their attractiveness and popularity are self-explanatory. As far as staying power, Zimbio believes they have more reasons to stay together than the average celebrity couple.
- 2. Beyonce and Jay-Z: Parade magazine reported that this couple racked up a total of \$162 million this year, proving their obvious success. Also, this couple keeps their relationship strictly between them, giving their relationship longevity.
- 3. David and Victoria Beckham: Their attractiveness ranked a scorching 19 on the scale of one to 20. Posh Spice remains a feisty diva who has perfected her fashion tip, and the soccer player has always been noted for his good looks. Though rumors have circulated about the couple having affairs, they are still holding strong, 12 years later.
- **4. Gisele Bundchen and Tom Brady:** There's no need to speak on success, as Brady is one of the hottest names in the NFL and the former Victoria's Secret angel continues to land many cosmetic endorsements. This is a first marriage for this seemingly ageless couple one that will hopefully last!
- 5. Faith Hill and Tom McGraw: Though Zimbio doesn't think this couple is too hot, success sums them up in a nutshell. Hill had 1.2 million Google searches last month, and McGraw's 2.25 million was enough to put them in the top tier of most popular couples, according to the site. We predict that this couple will continue their happily ever after, as their staying power ranks 20 out of 20.
- **6. Will Smith and Jada Pinkett:** You should have known this hot Hollywood couple was coming! Smith and Pinkett are the epitome of the sweet, down-to-earth duo everyone loves. They have both spoken out about divorce before, and simply put, it won't happen.

- 7. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake: Although this couple gained a spot in the top 10 list, the fire to their flame has been blown out. However, the former pair ranked 19 out of 20 for both popularity and attractiveness.
- 8. Gwen Stefani and Gavin Rossdale: While they aren't as successful as the others, this musical couple ranks high in attractiveness. Though Stefani used to date No Doubt band mate Tony Kanal, there's "no doubt" she and Rossdale are a match made in heaven.
- **9. Johnny Depp and Vanessa Paradis:** According to Zimbio, "Johnny Depp became the highest-paid actor for a single role in the history of film" after shooting *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's* Chest. If that's not success, we don't know what is! These dark-haired lookers have an unpredictable staying power and didn't rank high in popularity, but made the top 10. Kudos!
- 10. Heidi Klum and Seal: Seal's album *Soul* ranked number one on the French album charts for 13 weeks straight last year, and Klum's 2010 income was said to be \$14 million, according to *Forbes* Celebrity 100. T hough Seal has a rare condition called discoid lupus erythematosus that caused the scars on his face, Klum, the bombshell Victoria's Secret model, only noticed his flawless personality.

This Top 10 list is just a small portion of what's on Zimbio's Top 100 menu; if you can't take the heat, stay out of the kitchen. For the rest of the list, visit Zimbio.com.

5 Celebrity Couples We Want to Reunite





By Tanni Deb

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

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

- 1. Britney Spears and Justin Timberlake: The famous singers first met in 1993 on the sets of *The Mickey Mouse Club* and began dating five years later. They were everyone's favorite celebrity couple in the late 90's, but their relationship ended in 2002. After their breakup, Timberlake released 'Cry Me A River,' a revenge song for Ms. Spears herself. As much as everyone loved this musical duo it doesn't seem like they'll ever get back together romantically, at least. We can hope for a musical collaboration, right?
- 2. Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey: Although wedding bells are ringing for both performers, who wouldn't like this aesthetically pleasing couple to reunite? The pair met in 1998 and within weeks of meeting each other, Lachey told his 98 Degrees band members Simpson would be his future bride. He proposed in 2002 and the marriage lasted for three years. Could Newlyweds, MTV's reality show which aired the couple's married life, be to blame?
- 3. Reese Witherspoon and Ryan Phillippe: This blonde coupling were married for seven year when they split in 2006. While they seemed to have a successful relationship, they spoke openly about having to work on their marriage, and underwent couples therapy in 2002. Despite Witherspoon's recent nuptials, we can't stop thinking of what a beautiful couple she and Phillippe made.
- 4. Scarlett Johansson and Ryan Reynolds: After only two years of marriage, the pair called it quits in 2010. Rumor had it that Reynolds had an affair with Gossip Girl star Blake Lively, and Us Weekly reported that he told friends Johansson "treated him badly." Though the Lost in Translation actress has certainly moved on, we wonder if she and her ex-husband will ever reconcile.
- **5. Courteney Cox and David Arquette:** They fell in love on the set of *Scream* in the mid-90s, tied the knot in 1999, had their first child in 2004 and then shocked the world when they

announced their separation in 2010. However, the couple isn't giving up, as they're currently undergoing marriage counseling. We wish these two the best of luck!

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

Dean McDermott Dazzles Tori Spelling With Anniversary Ring





Tori Spelling's husband, Dean McDermott, surprised her on their fifth wedding anniversary with a Neil Lane antique ring featuring a pink pearl from the 1800's. "Every year he gives me a 'wedding ring,'" Spelling tweeted. The couple had a romantic dinner at L.A.'s Scarpetta eatery for their anniversary. As for Mother's day, she received a red Goyard weekend bag from her man. "Obsessed!" she wrote.

What are some creative anniversary traditions?

Cupid's Advice:

Having creative anniversary traditions are exciting, but coming up with one can be quite difficult. But don't worry; Cupid has a few ideas:

- 1. Hers/His favorite items: What is your special someone obsessed with? Surprise her every anniversary with different varieties her favorite item (i.e. a specific piece of jewelery or part of a music box collection).
- 2. Vacation: Who doesn't love going on trips? He or she will definitely appreciate a vacation to can relax and de-stress. Visit a new location each year.
- **3. Frames:** Pictures are a wonderful way to capture memories. Why not gift your significant other with a picture of the best time you both spent together that year?

What is your anniversary tradition? Share with a comment below.

4 Celebrity Couples That Sailed Past Stormy Weather





By Tanni Deb and Molly Jacob

Did you ever hear the phrase, "April showers bring May flowers"? Believe it or not, it means something deeper than just storms and blossoming blooms. In life, dark clouds always eventually pass, allowing the sun to shine through. Focusing on the bright side when you're down can be difficult, but these five famous couples have gone through rough times (in the public eye, no less!) and these celebs are currently doing exceptionally well.

Cupid takes a look to see what celebrity couples made it through stormy times:

1. Prince William and Kate Middleton: The royal newlyweds dated for eight years, but they had an off-and-on relationship. 'Inside Edition' reported that the pair broke up in 2007 after five years of dating, stating William's "immaturity" was a major factor for their break. However, this famous couple soon got back together and had the wedding of the decade in April 2011, which more than two billion people watched worldwide.

Related Link: Prince William and Kate Middleton Celebrate 4th
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- 2. Cash Warren and Jessica Alba: The duo began dating in 2005, but called it quits two years later because Alba was ready for marriage and Warren wouldn't commit. The celebs reconciled in 2008, announcing that they were expecting their first child, and married in May 2008.
- 3. Carey Hart and Pink: This celebrity couple has had a tumultuous relationship. They met in 2001 and briefly split in 2003. The pair then got married in January 2006 but separated two years later. They began seeing each other again in 2009 and went through martial counseling since their divorce was never finalized. Carey even got an image of Pink's face tattooed on his leg.

Related Link: Pink Says the Key to Marriage Is Only Half Listening

4. Jessica Biel and Justin Timberlake: This famous couple finally seems to have found peace with their relationship. Their relationship was on again, off again for years until

they finally got married in 2012. While they've been at the center of celebrity gossip for rumors of cheating and divorce, they seem happily married now and their first child was born this past April.

It might have taken these celebrity couples some years and plenty of time to reconcile their relationship, but if they were able to sail past their own storms, so can you. Look at the positive side of your relationship with your significant other, and soon you will also be happier than ever.

What other celebs do you know of that have gotten through tough times? Let us know in the comments section below!

Mayday, Mayday! 5 Tips to Get Your Relationship Out of Sinking Waters





By Amber Belus

Trouble on the high seas? Not to worry. Every relationship, whether short-lived or long-lasting, hits shipwreck status at some point. While your sailing days may seem like they're over, this could just be a rough storm that makes you and your first mate stronger. Here are a few tips to help you get back on board:

- 1. Communication is key: If there's an issue, address it fast. Bottling it up will only hurt you in the end. If your partner is doing something you don't like or has made you upset, discuss the matter calmly. This will avoid a screaming match, an emotional breakdown and excess stress.
- 2. No third parties: Relationship problems are between you and your partner, not the entire ship's crew. You may think your friends know best, but you should follow your heart and do what you think is right. At the end of the day, it's your happiness and relationship on the line.
- 3. Don't be manipulated: Sometimes, you've already done

everything that can be done. If your partner expects you to steer the wheel and insists on laying back, it might be time to cut ties. Breakups are due to faults from both parties, and you each need to take responsibility for your actions. Don't flip everything onto one person.

- 4. In-person beats technology: Texts or emails can be easily misinterpreted and it's a cowardly way to handle problems. Talking one-on-one will avoid miscommunication, and you'll get a better sense of how your partner feels. Sparks may even fly during your conversation, reminding you both why you love each other in the first place.
- **5. Try to compromise:** However, there's just no agreeing on certain issues. You can either argue about them until one of you can't take it anymore, or try to strike a deal. If you're serious about fixing things, you should each learn to go with the flow of your relationship. After all, a ship can't sail without both partners on board.

If you and your beau can't get through these steps, it may be time to bury things at sea. Cupid wishes you fair weather and smooth seas ahead. Happy sailing!

Former 'Bachelor' Travis Stork Is Engaged





Dr. Travis Stork, the former *Bachelor*, and his girlfriend of two years, Dr. Charlotte Brown, are getting married, *People* confirms. Stork proposed to Brown while they were vacationing on the island of Lanai in Hawaii, and she of course accepted. Although the wedding date is yet to be scheduled, the couple's friends say the two are very happy.

Where should you propose?

Cupid's Advice:

Are you ready to propose to that special someone, but aren't sure exactly where? Cupid has some suggestions for you that might come handy:

- 1. First date: Almost everyone remembers their first date with their significant other. Add on more memories to the place you first met or had your first date by proposing there.
- **2. Favorite place:** Does your sweetheart have a favorite place? Then make that place more special by proposing to her/him there.

3. Vacation: Does your partner want to travel abroad? Buy two plane tickets and during your vacation, pop the question.

What creative place were your proposed to? Share your story below.

Michael Douglas Is Proud of Catherine-Zeta Jones for Facing Disorder





Michael Douglas opened up to Oprah Winfrey today about how his wife, Catherine Zeta Jones, attempted to hide her depression

from him while he was going through stage IV throat cancer, according to HollywoodLife. Douglas further expressed how upset Zeta-Jones was when she was "outed" with having bipolar disorder. "Once she was outed, she knew she had to get out her story," said Douglas. Douglas says he is proud of his wife for addressing the media and staying positive with the issues she has faced in the past few months. After surviving through throat cancer, Douglas is happy to support his wife who has been by his side through this whole ordeal.

What are some ways to show your support in the face of a partner's illness?

Cupid's Advice:

If there's one key to having a successful relationship, it's to be supportive of one another. A partner's illness is a painful experience to go through and is often a test to a relationship. Cupid has some suggestions:

- 1. Don't let the stress get to you: It's very important not to let the illness turn you negative. It's important to stay positive no matter what the circumstances, because having doubts won't help your partner stay brave.
- 2. Have faith in each other: Believe in each other and support each other. If you believe your partner will get through this difficult time, that faith alone may help.
- 3. Don't worry about what others have to say: Don't let what others, whether it be family, friends or doctors, say get to you and your partner. Those people aren't in your relationship and aren't going through the same situation.

What are some ways to show your support for your suffering partner? Share your experiences below.

Giveaway: Diana Kirschner, Ph.D. Discusses Building A Successful, Committed Relationship with 'Sealing the Deal'





This post is sponsored by Dr. Diana Kirschner.

By Tanni Deb

Are you or someone you know in a situation where you're having

difficulty finding love? Or if you've found The One, do you feel insecure about the future because you don't know where the relationship is heading? If so, psychologist Diana Kirschner, Ph.D., author of Sealing the Deal: The Love Mentor's Guide to Lasting Love can help guide you through your As a relationship expert and best-selling author of Love in 90 Days, Dr. Kirschner has helped thousands of women find true love. In her latest work, which is based on clinical research and experience, she reveals her strategies of building the perfect relationship, creating a deeper bond, getting him to commit and how to deal with infidelity. She also discusses how to avoid mistakes that can ruin a relationship, the importance of getting a love mentor, things to know if you're considering marriage and even 13 secrets that will make love last — no matter how long the relationship has been.

Cupid interviewed Dr. Kirschner last month via email about her book. Take a look at what she had to say:

Why did you choose to write a book geared towards women who are uncertain about the future of their relationship? What was challenging about writing the book?

I receive a lot of feedback from women who used my first book, Love in 90 Days: the Essential Guide to Finding Your Own True Love, to find a terrific man whom they considered to be the One. But sometimes, as they continued dating him, they had anxiety and uncertainty about where things stood. They asked for further advice on how to help things move along from casual to committed.

I have also gotten many emails from women who wanted to turn around a relationship — or even marriage — that was floundering. Sealing the Deal is designed to help women solve these love problems. And it works. You can watch the 31-Day Love Life Makeover Challenge, a video series in which I help

45-year old Nadette use *Sealing the Deal* to reignite her relationship with her ex so that they are madly in love.

In a brief summary of your book, you said that it is possible to "...deepen any relationship — even if you have been dating two months, on and off for 10 years, or in a relationship where you feel uncertain, tense, or afraid that it is ending. Even if your partner has cheated." Do you think that a relationship can truly survive and be healthy and loving if one of the partners has cheated in the past?

Yes, because people can realize that they have made mistakes, and grow as individuals. Also when the affair comes out they realize that they may be losing their partner. Which sets the stage to appreciate their partner in a whole new way! So it becomes worth it to them to step up, make apologies and reparations and create a whole new level of connection and commitment.

What do you think is the most important step in having a healthy, loving relationship?

Developing loving-kindness towards oneself and towards one's partner.

Did you write *Sealing the Deal* based on the experiences you've had in your relationship and the advices you received?

Yes. I had a brilliant Love Mentor who gave me the support and advice that I used to create my own passionate, lasting marriage of over 25 years. These are the same principles I write about in *Sealing the Deal*.

What is the best advice you can give to women who have a difficult time creating a loving, lasting relationship?

Find a Love Mentor or coach who can give you the support, smart advice and a bit of a kick in the butt as needed in order to help you move forward in a love relationship.

Cupid thanks Dr. Kirschner for her time! If you're searching for The One or are attempting to keep the passion alive in your relationship, visit Amazon to purchase Sealing the Deal: The Love Mentor's Guide to Lasting Love. For more information on Dr. Kirschner and her book, visit her website at www.LoveIn90Days.com.

GIVEAWAY ALERT: Cupid's Pulse has teamed up with Dr. Kirschner to give a copy of Sealing the Deal to one lucky reader! To enter, tell us what love problem you'd like to solve in a comment below. Please be sure to use your real email address so we have a way of contacting you if you've won — don't worry, your address won't be shown. If your email is not included you will automatically be ineligible to win. This giveaway will run until 11:59 PM EST on Tuesday, May 3. Good luck!

This giveaway is now closed.

Rachel Bilson Reunites with Ex-BF Hayden Christensen In Barbados





"This time, we're really done." We've all heard these famous last words in the midst of an on-again off-again relationship. Rachel Bilson seems to know this pattern all too well, as she was once again spotted with on-and-off beau Hayden Christensen. <u>UsMagazine.com</u> reports that the <u>Jumper</u> co-stars were caught in Barbados together on Friday. The two met on set in 2007, and were engaged a year later. Last June, their roughly two year engagement was called off. They took a month to decide if they should stay together, but wound up calling it quits in March. "They're done this time," said a source close to Bilson. "Engagement's over, relationship's over. She's really had it." Could things be better this time around?

What changes can you make to avoid an on-and-off relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

This is one cycle that once you're in, getting out can be tricky. Not to worry, though. Cupid's tips will ensure that you avoid this soon-to-be emotional train wreck:

- 1. Cut ties completely: If it's over, let it be. Exboyfriends may come back eventually, but fight the urge to text him or stalk his Facebook page. It's probably equally as hard for him, so let him be the one to take the initiative.
- 2. Don't be afraid of letting go: When you're with someone for a long time, it may be hard to imagine life without him or her. Develop a strong mind and focusing on yourself in order to move on and make the healing process easier.
- 3. Keep yourself busy: The more free time you have, the more you think about the issue and how you can fix it. Focus more on your studies or job, spend free time with people close to you and take up a new hobby. That way you won't be so consumed on your broken heart.

Tell us about your on-and-off relationship by commenting below.

Are Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart Ruining Their Relationship With Busy Schedules?





Rumor has it that *Twilight* stars Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart may have broken up after spending way too much time apart due to their busy schedules. According to <u>Hollywood Life</u>, a source told <u>UK's Mirror</u>, "The excuses why they couldn't meet up basically got weaker and weaker" and "Rob figured they should officially cool things off and have some time to figure out what they each want." The pair is currently shooting the final *Twilight* installment *Breaking Dawn parts* 1 & 2.

How do you make love work with little time?

Cupid's Advice:

In today's age, people are not only obsessed with their careers, but also with finding love. With busy schedules taking over lives, it can be difficult to make a relationship work. Cupid has some tips:

1. Make time: Being a workaholic can ruin a relationship, not to mention your life in general. Spare some time out of your busy schedule every day to be with your significant other, no matter what it takes.

- 2. Phone calls: Spending quality time might not be an option for many, so make phone calls or text each day during your breaks. This will let them know that although you're busy, you're thinking about them.
- **3. Take off:** If you have to, take work off to go on a mini vacation with your love. It's crucial to relax and not allow stress to get the best of you... especially when it might ruin your love life.

Khloe Kardashian and Lamar Odom Talk Reality Show





Another Kardashian, another reality show! Access Hollywood reports Khloe Kardashian and hubby Lamar Odom are currently promoting their new E! show, Khloe & Lamar. But with reality TV's long history of ruining relationships (like Jessica Simpson and Nick Lachey or Carmen Electra and Dave Navarro), the couple are taking a chance by letting cameras film every moment of their personal lives. However, Kardashian insists that the show has actually strengthened her family's bond. "This show has made [my family] closer and stronger, because it does make you spend time with each other, and also, this show is therapy to us." She added that watching herself on camera has helped her become a better person. "We do watch things and when we watch them we're like, 'Oooh — I hated how I treated you,' or, 'I hated how I said that,' and you learn to mature and change yourself."

Can a relationship in the public eye last?

Cupid's Advice:

While celebrities aren't known for having long-lasting relationships, there are some exceptions. Cupid has some

ideas on whether a public relationship can work:

- 1. Use it to your advantage: In rare cases, being in the public eye can actually improve a relationship. If you can make it work for you like the Kardashians do, then celebrity can make your bond stronger.
- 2. Just the two of us: Sharing your personal life with the rest of the world can make a relationship seem a bit crowded. If you just focus on the two of you and tune out all the naysayers, your union can thrive in the spotlight.
- **3. Avoid it:** In general, being in the public eye puts stress on a relationship and exaggerates problems. Unless your job requires it, try to avoid public life if you want your love to last.

Chris Brown Is Upset He Cannot Move On from Past With Rihanna





Rapper and R&B star Chris Brown can't seem to shake his past with former flame Rihanna, reports <u>People</u>. Brown became visibly upset and violent on Tuesday morning during an interview for <u>Good Morning America</u> when interviewer Robin Roberts began to inquire about his past with Rihanna. A source close to the actor says, "He's been trying to move on from his past and focus on his music, and he's finally putting out an album..." Brown tweeted later on that day giving a shout out to his fans, "Thank you to everyone who supports my music!!! Key Word (music)!!! Love y'all."

How do you start new after you cheat on someone?

Cupid's Advice:

Nobody can answer for you or explain why you cheated, but making sure that you don't repeat the past is imperative to your future. Cupid has some tips on how to start fresh:

1. Take some time: Take time off from dates and pick-ups. The down time will give you the opportunity to reflect on your recent relationships.

- 2. Figure it out: What was the reason that you cheated? Were you unhappy? Did you do it just because you could? Knowing the motive behind your actions is the first step to correcting any future decisions.
- **3. Be honest:** In your next relationship, be open and forthcoming. Before things get too serious, have a heart-to-heart and explain your past, what you did and why. Being up front from the beginning will show your new partner that you've turned over a new leaf.

Selena Gomez Admits Justin Bieber Is More Than a Little Brother





While appearing on *Ellen* this week, Selena Gomez had to defend some comments she made about her alleged boyfriend, Justin Bieber, according to *People*. Last September, when Ellen DeGeneres asked Gomez, 18, about Bieber, 17, she replied, "He's little. He's like my little brother." This time around, DeGeneres put her on the spot and asked, "He's like your little brother? ... What do you have to say now?" The couple was spotted kissing in the Caribbean in January and a month later, they attended the Vanity Fair Oscar party together. However, the Disney star still refuses to confirm they're dating, telling Ellen, "He's just sweet."

How do you stay quiet about a relationship without lying?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes you just need some privacy in a relationship, but it's hard to keep it a secret without hurting people's feelings or lying. Cupid has some ideas on what to do in this kind of situation:

1. Change the subject: When someone asks about your

relationship, casually change the subject. They should get the hint and stop asking about your significant other.

- 2. Avoid nosy people: You know that friend that can't keep a secret? You might want to avoid telling them about you and your mate if you want to keep it quiet. And not telling them is not the same as lying.
- 3. No PDA... for now: If you don't want to get into a situation where people ask you about who you're dating and you have to lie, avoid it all together by keeping PDA to a minimum. Once you're ready to tell the world about your significant other, you can get back to being affectionate in public.