

'The Secret Life of Walter Mitty' Hits Theaters on Christmas Day



By April Littleton

Ben Stiller stars and directs in this film based on James Thurber's short story about a daydreamer who escapes reality by sinking into his world of fantasies that involves romance, action and heroism. Walter decides to stop living in his imaginary world when his job, along with his co-worker's, becomes threatened.

Should you see it:

Ben Stiller fans and Kristen Wiig fans won't have a doubt in their minds about seeing this film. Also, if you have no set plans for the holidays, why not spend the day enjoying a new comedy at your favorite movie theater?

Who to take:

If it's possible, bring the whole family along with you when you're ready to hit up the nearest Cinemark. After all, it is the holidays. You can fly solo if that's what you prefer or if your loved ones are out of town. This film would be good to see with a boyfriend/girlfriend who has a good sense of humor as well.

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How do you build up the courage to ask the person you're interested in on a date?

Cupid's Advice:

Putting yourself out there to another person can be tricky, especially if you're shy or you've experienced a recent heartbreak. Everyone who has experience with the game of love knows that rejection isn't a fun feeling to experience, but sometimes it's worth it. You don't want to be left wondering 'what if', and at least you'll have an idea of where you stand with your crush. Cupid has some tips:

1. Be straightforward: Don't play games with a potential love interest. If you're considering another person on a romantic level, let them know how you feel. Being open and honest is considered a turn-on, so don't be shy and go after what you want.

2. Show you're interested: Your crush won't know that anything is different between the two of you if you don't show or express your feelings. Make sure you're making clear that you're interested in them. Call them from time to time. Get to know them on a more personal level. Ask them out for coffee or a simple lunch date. You don't have to move too fast, but you do want to make sure the feelings you have for them are reciprocated. Also, keep in mind that you need to move forward with the relationship at a pace comfortable for both you and your potential honey.

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3. Be creative: When it comes to date ideas, you want to keep things simple for awhile. That doesn't mean you can't spice things up and come up with something unique. As you start to get to know your boo, incorporate some of the things they like with your dates. If your love interest is really into the outdoors, go on a hike or try out a mountain bike trail. Visit a local museum if he/she enjoys culture and fine arts.

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Florida Georgia Line's Brian Kelley Marries Brittany Cole



By April Littleton

Florida Georgia Line's Brian Kelley secretly wed his serious girlfriend, Brittney Marie Cole, Monday in an outdoor ceremony at his Nashville home. "The whole process has been non-traditional," Kelley told [People](#) about his surprise wedding. "There was no official proposal or exchanging of rings. We had just fallen in love, and I knew I couldn't live without her. It sounds like a terrible cheesy movie, but when you know, you know!" Before tying the knot, the couple dated for seven months, but have known each other for over three years.

How do you know when you've found "the one"?

Cupid's Advice:

You've been seeing someone for awhile now, and you're starting to believe you may have finally found the person you're supposed to be with forever. How do you know if your feelings are true? What are some signs to look for when you're thinking you found someone special? Cupid has some tips:

1. Great communication: If you and your new love can talk for hours without getting bored of each other, then you might have found something special. Good communication is essential for a long-lasting relationship.

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2. New feelings: Compared to all of your other past relationships, you can sit back and honestly say that you've never felt the way you do about your current partner with anyone else. When you're with your girlfriend/boyfriend, you can't imagine living the rest of your life with another individual. You can picture a future with your honey, and inside of your head and heart, you know there isn't any other option for you.

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3. Through thick and thin: You acknowledge all of your significant other's strengths and weakness and you still love them unconditionally. When your partner makes a bad decision, you don't criticize them for it. In fact, you know what you have to do in order to build up their self-confidence. Only couples who are truly in love will stand by their companions no matter how good or bad things may get.

How did you know when you found "the one?" Share your experience below.

'Glee' Star Naya Rivera Says She and Fiance Are 'On the Same Page' About Wedding Plans





By April Littleton

Wedding plans for *Glee* star Naya Rivera and Big Sean seem to be going very smoothly. “At the end of the day, he knows ‘happy wife, happy life!’ Rivera told [People](#). “So, he’s kind of like, ‘Whatever you want, babe!’”

What are some ways to compromise with your partner about wedding plans?

Cupid’s Advice:

Your big day is slowly approaching, but there are still so many details left untouched. You and your significant other can’t seem to agree on much these days and it’s not from lack of trying. Don’t worry, Cupid is here to help:

1. Share ideas: Let your significant other what you have in mind for your wedding and vice versa. Once all ideas are out on the table, try to find a way to combine the two to make something new and unique. If mixing plans isn’t what you’re looking for, maybe the two of you can think about what you’re willing to give up. For example, your partner might want fresh flowers, while you could settle for artificial.

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2. What’s important: When you and your partner end up in an argument about the details of the wedding, think about what’s

really important. At the end of the day, the marriage you have with your significant other is what counts not the wedding. Yes, you still want to be able to look back and have fond memories of your reception and ceremony, but do you really think 10 years from now you'll still be upset over what flavor your wedding cake was?

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3. Keep an open mind: You might not be a fan of your honey's ideas for the reception and ceremony, but keep in mind that it's their wedding too. When your family and friends come to your wedding, they should be able to recognize the elements you incorporated and what your partner chose as well.

How did you compromise with your partner about wedding plans? Share your experience below.

Ben Affleck Says Wife Jennifer Garner Is 'the Most Important Person to Me'





By April Littleton

According to [People](#), Ben Affleck only has one person to thank for all of his success – his wife, Jennifer Garner. “She is by leaps and bounds the most important person to me in that respect,” Affleck said in an interview with *Playboy* of Garner’s resolute support. “Over the past 10 years she has allowed me to have a stable home life while accomplishing my professional goals.” The couple married in 2005 and have three children together, son, Samuel, 21 months and daughters Violet, 7 and Seraphina, 4.

What are some ways to show your appreciation for your partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

After awhile, it can be hard to find different ways to show your partner you still love and care about them. Sometimes, the smallest gestures can make your loved one feel over the moon. Cupid has some tips:

1. Thank them: The simplest way to show your appreciation for your significant other is just by thanking them often. Does your partner take out the trash everyday? Does he/she cook and clean the most out of the two of you? Sure, a sweet “thank you” will do the trick, but think about giving your partner a nice gift. Surprise your love with a special meal or take them out for a night out.

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2. A day out: Plan out a day where you and your partner do everything he/she likes to do. Whether it be going swimming, seeing a movie or simply lounging at home all day – let them pick out the activities for the day. When the day is over, your honey will feel appreciated and know you care about their wants and desires.

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3. Physical contact: Make sure you shower your significant other with hugs and kisses. When your partner does something nice for you, show your love with a sweet kiss and a hug. A little physical contact can mean the world to your love and it will also keep the spark between you and him/her alive.

What are some other ways to show appreciation for your partner? Comment below.

‘Family Ties’ Star Meredith Baxter Ties the Knot





By April Littleton

Family Ties star Meredith Baxter and her longtime partner, Nancy Locke tied the knot in an intimate ceremony in Los Angeles Sunday afternoon. A friend sang and played guitar at their wedding ceremony, and during the reception, Locke's band took to the stage. The lovebirds have been together for seven years. "Now I understand why marriage caught on!" Baxter told [People](#).

What are some ways to make music a central theme to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Music can either bring a wedding celebration together, or cause the whole occasion to crash and burn. When it comes to showing musical creativity in your reception and ceremony, you and your partner have plenty of options to choose from. Cupid has some tips:

1. Spin the tunes yourself: If you're having your wedding on a tight budget, you might want to think about handling the music all on your own. Plan out some of your favorite songs, along with your partners and get a iPod playlist ready. As long as you have the essentials – a laptop, speakers, audio cables, etc, it shouldn't be too hard to keep things running smoothly throughout your special day. Of course, a friend can always

help you out when you're ready to hit the dance floor yourself.

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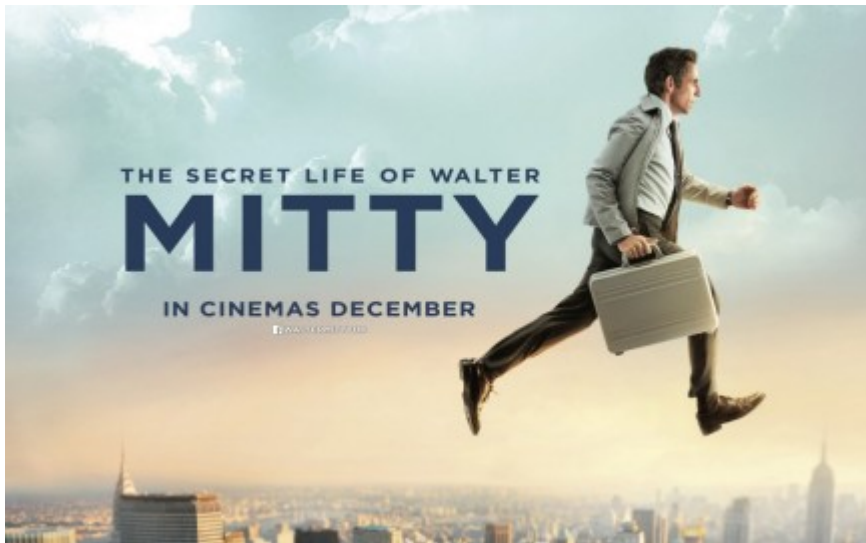
2. Live band: There's nothing like a live performance to get the crowd's adrenaline going. Yes, the option will probably cost more than DIY tunes or a professional DJ, but you'll walk away with an experience of a lifetime. A band will be able to set the tone for your wedding reception and ceremony and keep the party going without any hiccups.

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3. DJ: With a DJ in hand, you'll be able to hear all of your favorite tunes, plus a dozen more you didn't even think to add to your playlist. If you decide to go this route, pay close attention to who you pick for the gig. A DJ might not understand what kind of "feel" you're going for at your wedding and could possibly ruin the day for you and your honey.

What are some other ways to make music a central theme to your wedding? Comment below.

Katy Perry and John Mayer Pose for First Portrait Together



By April Littleton

According to [People](#), John Mayer and Katy Perry posed for professional photos to accompany the release of Mayer's latest album, *Paradise Valley*. Debuting the cover shot on his Instagram, Mayer captioned the image, "Proud of this song, proud of this artwork, proud of this girl." The couple have been in an on-and-off again relationship since the summer of 2012.

What are some ways to showcase your love?

Cupid's Advice:

You're in love and you want everyone to know it! Showing your love someone doesn't necessarily mean spending all of your money or displaying too much public affection. You can just as easily show your partner you care for them with subtle gestures. Cupid has some tips:

1. Quality time: Show your significant other that they're a priority in your life by spending some much needed time together. You don't ignore the person you love, or make excuses to why you can't see them on a regular basis. If that

special someone in your life is important to you, show them by making time for them no matter how busy your schedule is.

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2. Say it: You don't need any fancy gimmicks to show your partner you care. All you really have to do is say those three magic words. Some couples forget how good it feels to hear and say "I love you." All the gifts in the world couldn't replace hearing your loved one actually tell you how they feel. So, tell your honey you love and them and do so often.

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3. Commit to the relationship: Your significant other should be the only special someone in your life. Appreciate them and accept them for all that they are. Nothing shows true love than by staying invested in the relationship you chose to be a part of in the first place.

How do you showcase your love for your partner? Comment below.

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis Step Out After Demi Moore Divorce News





By April Littleton

Two days after Ashton Kutcher's divorce from Demi Moore was finalized on Nov. 29, Mila Kunis and her former *That '70s Show* co-star stepped out together. The couple were spotted getting foot massages together in Los Angeles. Moore and Kutcher announced their separation after infidelity rumors surfaced in 2011. The *Jobs* actor filed for divorce December 2012. Kunis and Kutcher began dating in April of that same year. "They are very much in love," an insider told UsMagazine.com. "They are inseparable and try to spend as much time together [as possible]."

How do you move on after your divorce?

Cupid's Advice:

People don't get married just to get divorced, but sometimes it's the only option for couples who find themselves in a deteriorating relationship. Getting over a divorce can be painful, stressful and challenging. Cupid has some tips:

- 1. Acceptance:** In order to completely move on from your divorce, you first need to accept the situation. Continuing to harbor feelings for your ex won't help you or him/her get on with their life. Give yourself the chance to start fresh. Sometimes two people aren't meant to be together in the long run. Your marriage ended for a reason. You might not

understand or see the positive in the situation just yet, but give yourself some time – don't make the same mistakes twice.

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2. Do something for you: Remember that vacation to Jamaica you always wanted to take? Maybe you thought about switching up your hairstyle often but couldn't because of your former flame. Now is the time to do something that will make you happy. Take some time off from work and go see the world, or get a whole new makeover – a new look means a better you.

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3. Get back out there: You don't have to start dating right away, but don't be afraid to meet someone new when you feel like you're ready. Most likely, you won't be looking for anything serious for quite awhile, but it's always nice to have someone to talk to and even cuddle with.

How did you move on after your divorce? Share your experience below.

Lady Gaga Says Boyfriend Taylor Kinney Is a Weirdo Like Her





By April Littleton

According to UsMagazine.com, Lady Gaga is finally spilling the beans about her boyfriend, Taylor Kinney. During an interview on *The Ellen DeGeneres Show*, the *Applause* singer revealed that her and her beau have similar personalities. “He is extremely strange, actually, and we complement each other’s weirdness,” Gaga said to DeGeneres. The episode is set to aired Monday, Nov. 25.

What are some important things to have in common with your partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

Everyone’s heard the saying ‘opposites attract,’ but it doesn’t hurt to have a thing or two in common with the person you love – especially if you plan on spending a lifetime together. Cupid is here to help:

1. Long-term goals: You may not know how you want your life to be like in the next few years, but you should at least have an idea. Do you want kids? A house of your own? Do you plan on moving for the sake of a new job? All of these things are important to discuss with your significant other because what they want in the future might not be what you’re hoping for. When it comes to your relationship, the two of you should be in sync with each other and know what the other is looking for

in the long run.

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2. Similar interests: If you and your honey don't have at least a few common hobbies, there won't be much for you to talk about or agree on when it comes to dates. If your boyfriend/girlfriend is a movie junkie, rent a few of their favorite movies and spend the night cuddling on the couch. If you prefer to do something that gets your adrenaline pumping, maybe you and your partner can try water skiing or hiking – just make sure it's something both you and your loved one can enjoy together.

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3. The feelings you have for each other: You shouldn't be in a relationship with someone if they don't share the same feelings as you. If you're not sure how your partner feels, ask them. If it's obvious that they don't feel the way that you do, then you need to take a step back before you end up getting hurt.

What are some other things you should have in common with your partner? Comment below.

'The Host' Star Jake Abel Marries Allie Wood





By April Littleton

According to [People](#), The Host star Jake Abel married screenwriter Allie Wood, Saturday Nov. 9 in New Orleans. The ceremony featured a traditional second line parade. The bride and groom twirled around a pair of umbrellas as they walked down the street. The couple, who have known each other since they were teens, got engaged on New Year's Eve at Times Square.

What are some unique musical touches you can add to your wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Your special day is right around the corner, but there are still a few finishing touches left to wrap up. What kind of music should be included at your reception and ceremony? Should you hire a band, a wedding singer, etc. Everyone has their own set of preferences, but Cupid has a few tips:

1. Personal wedding singer: If someone in your family is a good singer or if one of your good friends can belt out a nice tune, ask them to sing at your wedding. You can choose to pay them or ask them to sing at your ceremony and reception as a favor to you and your spouse.

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2. Live band: What's your partner's favorite band? What's your favorite song? Think about the different possibilities and see if you can hire a live band to perform at your wedding. The band can play a combination of all of your favorite hits as well as your honey's.

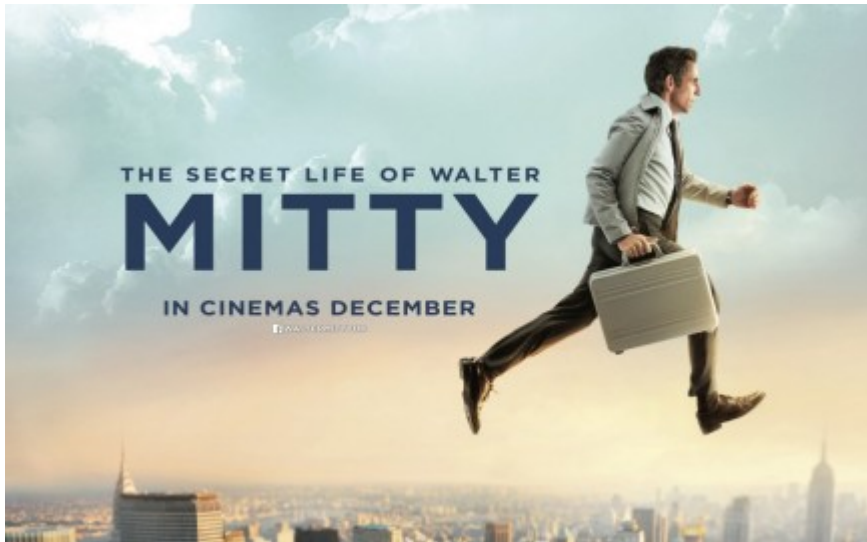
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3. DJ: If you want to hear a bit of everything at your reception, hire a DJ. Of course, you'll need to give your preferred disc jockey a list of dos and don'ts to play at your wedding. Once they get a feel of what you and your significant other like, he/she will be able to keep everyone on their feet all night long.

What are some other musical touches you can add to a wedding? Comment below.

What to Do When Your Mother Doesn't Like Your Partner





By Jennifer

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Relationships are tricky, and romances can become even more difficult if your mother does not approve of your significant other. Previously, Cupid explored if you should listen when your parents advise you to break-up. Let's assume you have made the decision to stick with your partner and disregard your parents counsel to end the relationship. What happens next? You have to move forward and try to enjoy your life. Here are some tips that may help you keep the peace, if your mother doesn't like your partner.

Focus on the positive

Your mother may not like your significant other, but that does not mean you should act like your relationship does not exist. Avoiding discussion about your partner is only going to make things more awkward as time passes. You can still share with your mom positive updates about your romance and your partner, because at the end of the day, your mom values your happiness – whether or not you are dating someone she likes. Also, your mom's opinion about your love may change over time; some positive reinforcement from you about your guy and all of the great things he is accomplishing might help transform her view of the situation.

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Play peacekeeper

Do your best to keep the peace. Acknowledge and respect your mom's opinion about your relationship, but don't bring it up and try to change her mind every time you are with her. This will likely only create further conflict and frustration for everybody. Another important part of playing peacekeeper is ensuring your mom and significant other can get along when they spend time together. Think about what you can do to make both parties comfortable, and when everybody is together, do your best to minimize drama or confrontations.

Spend quality time with your mom

You had a long, meaningful relationship with your mom long before you started dating your current partner; don't make the mistake of abandoning this very important relationship because you disagree with her opinion about this issue. Focus on other pastimes and things the two of you have always enjoyed (check out [this article, http://oureverydaylife.com/good-ideas-mother-daughter-bonding-outing-16090.html](http://oureverydaylife.com/good-ideas-mother-daughter-bonding-outing-16090.html) if you need ideas of bonding activities). Carve out time for your mom on your calendar, and commit to spending quality time with her. It is so important to continue to enjoy her company because romances come and go, but your mother will always be just that.

Reflect on her concerns

Don't forget that your mom only wants what is best for you. It is easy to get wrapped up in a romance, but if your mother spots red flags, you should carefully reflect upon her concerns. Your mother has more life experience than you, and has known you your whole life. If she's vocalized her dislike of your partner, it's crucial you take the time to process and reflect upon her analysis.

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Don't badmouth your mother

Your mom's issues with your relationship are likely to weigh heavily on your mind, and will probably frustrate you. After all, you adore your partner – or otherwise, you wouldn't be dating them! No matter how wrong you feel your mother is, do not turn her into the bad guy in this situation. Resist temptation to vent about your mom to your other family members, friends and partner. Your mother has a right to her opinion, and she's only concerned about your relationship because she loves you.

Need another perspective? Check out this article, www.yourtango.com/experts/evan-marc-katz/what-do-you-do-if-your-parents-dont-approve-your-partner from Your Tango, which provides another viewpoint of what to do when your parents don't approve of your romance.

Have you ever dated someone your mother didn't like? What are your best tips for dealing with the situation?

Muse Media Manager Thomas Kirk Marries at Kate Hudson's House





By April Littleton

Congratulations to Muse media manager Thomas Kirk and Jaclyn Ferber who married at Kate Hudson's Pacific Palisades home Saturday, Nov. 9. A source told UsMagazine.com that the wedding took place in the front yard of Hudson's home, which had been decorated with bistro chairs and an ivy-covered altar. The new bride wore a strapless gown and walked down a white wood plank aisle.

What are some ways to make a wedding at home special?

Cupid's Advice:

When it comes to a wedding, nothing can be as special as having it in the comfort of your own home. Just because you decide to hold your special day in a familiar place doesn't mean it can't be mesmerizing and over-the-top if that's what you're expecting. Cupid is here to help:

1. Decorations: If you plan on having your wedding outside of your home, hire a professional landscape to tend to your yard. Get some fresh, unique flowers planted just in time to be in full bloom for your wedding. You can also hang up lanterns, lamps or other different types of lights to really help your wedding ceremony and reception stand out.

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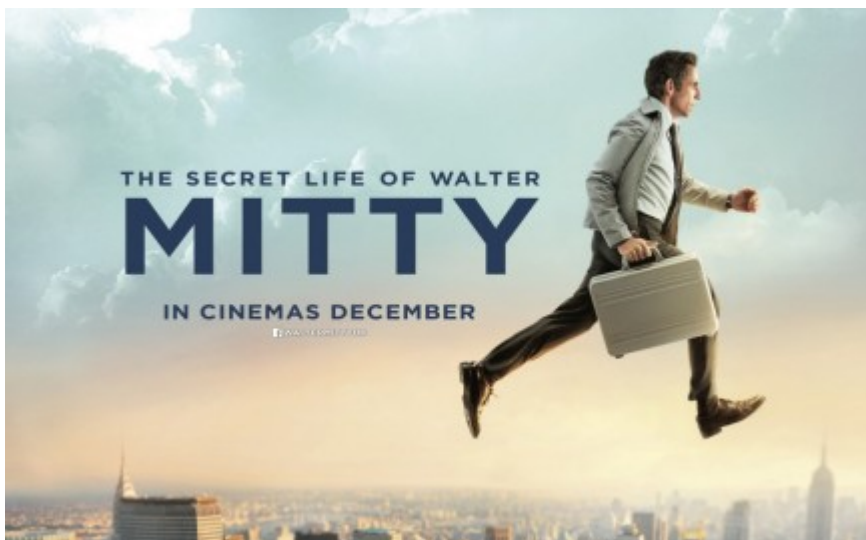
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2. Food: Instead of hiring a caterer have some of your most trusted friends and family members help you prepare the meals for your big day. The menu options you come up with can be inspired from your significant other's favorite food or yours.

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3. Keepsakes: Provide all of your guests with disposable cameras so that they can capture precious moments throughout the reception and ceremony. Once the photos are developed, you and your new spouse can create a scrapbook together or you can pass out the pictures to your loved ones.

How Celebrity Chefs Love Their Mates With Food



By Kerri Sheehan

Everyone knows that the way to your lover's heart is through his or her stomach! Imagine dating a celebrity chef, they would win your love in no time. Check out how these four celebrity chefs love their mates with food:

1. Giada De Laurentiis and Todd Thompson: Giada De Laurentiis and her husband Todd have been together for over 20 years and they still find ways to keep the romance alive. The couple tries to hire a babysitter when they can and plan memorable date nights at home. She does the cooking and Todd takes care of every other detail. Italian born De Laurentiis believes that making someone food is the perfect way to show them who you are. She enjoys serving up authentic Italian meals like she grew up on.

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2. Ina Garten and Jeffery Garten: Ina Garten of *Barefoot Contessa* has a nurturing nature and creates elegant dishes with a small amount of ingredients that are packed with quality products. Her show is often more about making the people you're cooking for happy than making complicated dishes. Jeffery is often on the program to enjoy the food that Garten dishes up. Sounds like a delicious marriage to us!

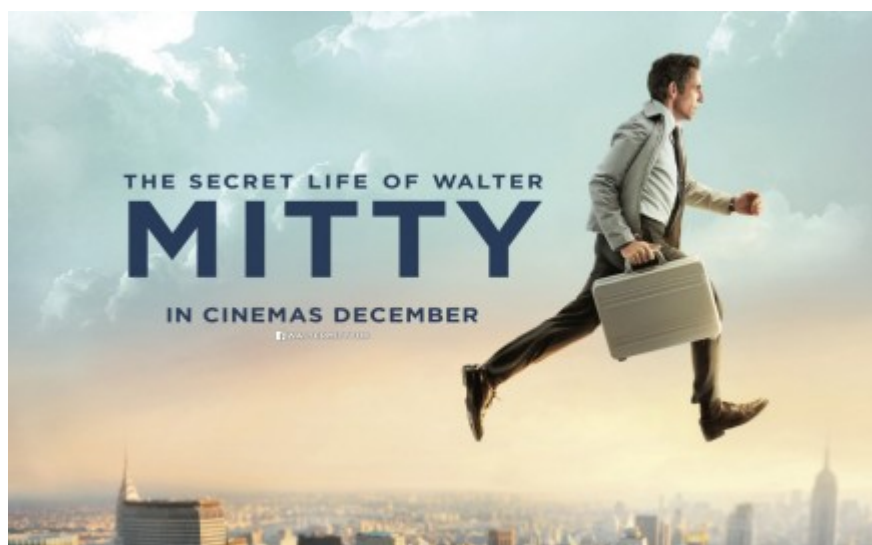
3. Bobby Flay and Stephanie March: You may recognize food master Bobby Flay as one of the four Iron Chefs on the show *Iron Chef America*, but he's been grilling up flavorful American favorites since way before that. Him and wife Stephanie March recently built their dream home in the Hamptons and he let her take control of everything except when it came to the design of the indoor and outdoors kitchens. It includes a commercial 10-burner stove, two ovens, a fryer, a griddle, and a salamander. With all of those appliances Flay is sure to wow March with his cooking every night.

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4. Mario Batali and Susi Cahn: Chef Mario Batali is known for his flavorful food and amazing restaurants. Him and wife Susi Cahn currently live in New York City with their two sons, Leo and Benno. Other than the once a week that they order take out from one of Batali's New York restaurants, he makes time to cook dinner at home. The one time his wife takes control of the cooking is on Batali's birthday every year when she makes him a birthday cake.

How do you wow your mate with food? Share below.

Kanye West Says He Wants 'Fighter Jets' at Wedding to Kim Kardashian



By April Littleton

The way UsMagazine.com sees it, Kanye West wants an over-the-

top wedding. During an interview with Big Boy Neighborhood, he hinted that there would be some big surprises when he marries Kim Kardashian. "Two words," he said. "Fighter jets."

What are some ways to make your wedding unique?

Cupid's Advice:

There are a lot of common beliefs about what a wedding should be like, but consider adding some personal flair to your big day! Cupid has some advice:

1. The invitations: Go the extra mile and personalize your wedding invitations. Make them by hand or simply add something that your guests would associate you with. You could even decorate the invitations based on the theme of your wedding. If you're holding the ceremony on the beach, why not add a drawing of a palm tree? Be as creative as you want. After all, this is your special day.

2. The food: Chicken or fish? That's usually the only two options guests get at a wedding reception. You and your partner can get really creative with the wedding menu. What are some of your favorite foods? What about your guests'? You can include some of the meals you'd like along with some of the suggestions your family and friends have.

3. The ceremony: The venue you choose to have your ceremony and reception at should be at a place that defines who you are and what your relationship is about. When your guests arrive to your wedding, they shouldn't be wondering why you would choose the place you did. Were you raised on a farm? Why not have your wedding there? The location possibilities are endless.

How did you make your wedding unique? Comment below.

Kanye West Displays His Love for Kim Kardashian



By April Littleton

According to [People](#), Kanye West sported a shirt with an almost nude shot of Kim Kardashian on the front last Saturday during the beginning of his “Yeezus” tour in Seattle. This isn’t the first time the new day showed his affection for his girlfriend. Last week, Kardashian posted a racy post- baby selfie via Twitter, which West complimented,” HEADING HOME NOW.”

How do you show your love for your partner publicly?

Cupid’s Advice:

Whether you’re out in public or not, you always want to show your significant other that you love and care about them.

However, you don't want to be seen doing something that should be left behind closed doors. Cupid has some tips:

1. A simple gesture: You don't want to go too overboard with the PDA, but a warm hug and some hand holding will do the trick. These gestures are not only cute, but you'll be showing the rest of the world who you have your eyes on.

2. Pay attention: When you're out in public with your significant other, pay attention to what they're wearing, what they want to do and what they talk about. There's more to love than just the physical aspect. Instead of grossing everyone out with an inappropriate make out session at the mall, show your partner your affection for them by simply being attentive.

3. Say it: There's no better way to show your love for your partner than by saying it. You can tell your honey 'I love you' as many times as you want and wherever you want. It'll make your boo smile and you'll feel good about it too.

What are some other ways to show your love for your partner publicly? Comment below.

5 Simple Ways to Turn Your Relationship Around





By Elliot Connie

No one likes to talk about problems with their love partner. That's not surprising, because problem-focused talk starts with a negative statement and assumption: *We have a problem.*

For many years, I've been working with couples and training couples' therapists using a different approach. It's called solution-focused communication. When we turn problem-focused talk on its head and look to find a solution instead, the results are dramatic, positive and surprisingly quick.

The next time your partner says, "Honey, we need to talk," see if you can steer the conversation in an upbeat, solution-focused direction. Here are five ways to do it:

1. Discuss it as a goal, not a challenge: When you partner says, "I'm not happy when you do XYZ," gently suggest to him or her that you could talk about ways to make things better. Discuss the issue in terms of a goal—what you both like, what makes you happy. When you begin the conversation with goals, it gets both partners thinking about solutions, possibilities and opportunities for change.

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2. Notice "did wells" and "did rights": Sometimes when we get into a negative pattern with our partners, it's too easy to

notice all the things we don't like—pet peeves, annoying habits, even his or her tone of voice. See if you can think back over the last few days and name some things your partner did well and got right. Maybe he reminded you about your doctor's appointment, or she took the time to fix you breakfast. Share these observations with each other. Doing so helps each partner feel noticed, valued and appreciated.

3. Establish a true partnership: In business, people are assigned to the specific jobs for which they are best qualified. Couples who divide their roles in terms of who is equipped to do the job better have fewer problems in their relationships. Talk to your partner about what you're each good at (your strengths) and what you're not so good at (your weaknesses). Then match the household jobs with your respective strengths. This will create an effective and high-functioning relationship dynamic that brings out the best in both people—and minimizes conflict.

4. Recall your honeymoon phase: Couples spend a lot more time talking about conflicts and problems than they do about all the qualities that made them fall in love with each other in the first place. Sit down with each other and retell the story of how you first met. Try to remember details from those first few months—everything that surprised and delighted you. Having this conversation will stimulate many good ideas and feelings.

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5. Continue to date: Remember what it was like to date your partner? Maybe he brought you your favorite take-out. Or she wore that dress you loved. When you were dating, both of you said and did things to make each other happy. It's simple to get out of a relationship rut by reintroducing some of those early behaviors, from kissing each other when you leave for work in the morning, to sending the occasional love text, to surprising your partner with a night out. The key is to do these romantic things daily and regularly.

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8 Kissing Techniques That Will Make You an Unforgettable Kisser



By Anna Karimo

Kissing is an excellent way of connecting with someone you care about. Although some people take kissing very casually, kissing has more meaning when it's between couples or people with strong romantic feelings for each other. According to relationship experts, kissing is an excellent way to express love and affection. However, it's important for individuals to

recognize that kissing requires conscious tact and technique. You can't give magical kisses if you don't know how to kiss. Below are some effective kissing tips that will teach you how to kiss the right way:

1. Keep your lips soft: This is by far one of the best kissing tips for giving magical kisses. Nobody wants to kiss tense, rough lips. Use chapstick or lip gloss frequently if your lips are usually dry and cracked. This always does the trick for both men and women.

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2. Start off with a few soft, slow kisses: This kissing technique is perfect for avoiding common kissing mistakes like lip-smacking or being too loose with your tongue. Soft and slow kissing at the start helps set the right mood. It also allows you to gauge your smooching partner's kissing interest and style. Once you gauge the other person, you are in better position to know when to change up the intensity of your make-out session.

3. Manage saliva levels: If you can't keep your spit under control, you run a very high risk of ruining a good kiss. Although there are people who don't mind sloppy kisses, you should make a point of managing your saliva levels just to be on the safe side, especially at first.

4. Lock lips: This tip is effective when the first few kisses have gone well and you want to initiate a closer connection and body contact with your partner. The best way to lock lips is putting the other person's lower lip between yours. More advanced pro-tip: lightly suck and nibble on their bottom lip to be a playful, sexy kisser.

5. Remember to breathe: For some reason while you're kissing, it's easy to forget to breathe. But it's impossible to commit to a good kiss if you're uncomfortably oxygen-deprived.

Regardless of how intense the kiss is, take time to breathe softly or break away for a few seconds to catch your breath (which can be sexy—don't you like feeling the soft breath of your kissing partner grazing your neck?). Don't be afraid to breathe. Breathiness and excitement are crucial ingredients to giving magical kisses because they flatter your partner.

6. Use your hands: Don't be skittish with the rest of your body. Let your hands roam and feel. Restricting hand movement is unnatural and will most likely prevent you and your partner from getting lost in the moment. A hand on the back of the neck, a slight tug of the hair or a scratch down your partner's back can amp up the sexiness factor while you make out. Sometimes it helps to make your movements sequential, moving from the head downwards to create anticipation.

7. Try using your tongue: You're probably going to have to use your tongue, at least a little, if you want to give mind-blowing kisses. You must exercise tact for this technique to be effective. Start slowly and see how your partner responds. If your partner returns the gesture, you are clear to use your tongue to increase the kissing intensity. If your partner pulls away, stick to the lips only.

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8. Mix it up: You should also remember to mix everything up if you want to give exciting kisses. Don't just stick to one kissing style. Alternate light, fast kisses with slow, deep ones. You should break away for a few moments to give other areas of your partner's body a little attention. Kiss their neck, chest, eyes or cheek. Always remember that variety kills monotony and boredom. Mixing up everything will keep things spicy.

Follow these tips and you'll be an excellent kisser in no time. Being a good kisser isn't hard—and practicing is the

best part.

Love and dating expert Anna Karimo can see solutions to your relationship problems where others see only blind spots. She is the founder of Nouveau Dating, where experts strive to answer all of your dating questions and help you through your journey to finding love. Sign up for our newsletters to get the newest dating tips and advice right away!

Should You Have a Second Date When the First One Was OK?



By Kerri Sheehan

Everybody dreads first dates. They're awkward, uncomfortable, and how many times can you really tell a relative stranger about your life goals? Many people look for that initial spark when on a first date and without that present won't even consider a second date. How do you know when opting out of a

second date is a mistake? Here's some advice:

Is there some form of chemistry?

Some people needed immediate chemistry whereas others are content to go on a second date if the first date presented no red flags. Good chemistry can come from a lot of different ingredients. A strong physical attraction, shared interests, or compatible personalities can all be indicators of that wow factor sort of chemistry. Situations like these generally lead directly to second date. If you sensed some sort of chemistry, but you're not really sure that it was the strongest you've experienced then a second date couldn't hurt your cause. Maybe your date was having an off night that messed up the spark and the chemistry will be stronger the second time around. That second chance could land you a new lover.

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Don't stress

It's okay not to want to give a second chance. What if your date said or did something that really truly upset you? Did you have a battle with an eating disorder and your date happened to make a dig at girls who don't eat? Or maybe your date said something bad about teachers, not knowing that your own mother is a teacher? If so then it's more than okay to put this date in the dud pile. There is absolutely nothing wrong with knowing someone isn't right for you from the get-go.

Think of what you have to lose

Unless you're one date away from Mr. Right, then accepting the invitation for a second date doesn't impede your life in anyway. Dates can be pretty fun as long as you enjoy whom you're going on the date with. If you rated the date as okay then going on a second one could even produce better results. Even if the second date once again doesn't wow you then you

could have made a good friend in the process of trying to date him.

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Ultimately it's up to you whether or not you want to go on a second date when the first one wasn't all that special. Don't feel bad about turning down the offer for a second date, but also don't say no too soon as your feelings may change after you get to know the person better.

How do you decide if you should go on a second date? Share below.

**'Bachelorette' Desiree
Hartsock Says 'Love Can Be
Unpredictable'**





By April Littleton

Desiree Hartsock took to her blog on [People](#) to thank everyone who watched her journey to find love on the latest season of *The Bachelorette*. " I appreciate the encouraging words from many and the understanding that love can be unpredictable." Ultimately, Hartsock chose Chris over Drew because she felt her relationship with him "didn't move forward" after their date in Antigua.

How do you roll with the ups and downs of a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

Dealing with the ups and downs of a relationship can be complicated, but love isn't perfect. In order for you and your partner to be happy you must learn how to properly handle any bumps in the roads that you're bound to hit. Cupid has some tips:

1. Don't ignore the issue: When you realize that you may have a problem, confront it head on. Some couples choose to neglect the problem, but this will only make matters worse. You may even end up breaking up because of it. Take the time to sort out why the two of you may be having issues. The sooner you talk about what's bothering you, the quicker you can find a way to solve the problem and get back to being the happy couple you once were.

2. Don't bring up the past: Once you decide to forgive each other for whatever wrongdoing may have occurred, leave that issue in the past. Constantly bringing up problems that aren't relevant to your relationship anymore is immature. Of course, couples fight, but that doesn't mean you have to bring up conflicts that occurred months ago. Let the past be the past.

3. Stay positive: When you and your honey are on the outs, think about all of the positive things the two of you have done together and how much the both of you have overcome. Don't focus on the negative. Rather than obsessing over the things your partner may do wrong, draw your attention to all of the things he/she does right. Your relationship will be better for it.

**How do you roll with the ups and down of your relationship?
Comment below.**

Best Selling Author Sylvia Day Discusses Crossfire Series, Love and Having it All





By Nicole Cavanagh and [Lori Bizzoco](#)

#1 New York Times Best selling author, Sylvia Day chats with CupidsPulse.com about her new novel, and shares where her inspirations come from. A true romantic herself, Day knew she wanted to be a romance novelist when she was just twelve years old! She speaks about current trends between relationships, love, and reading and tells us how she wants to spread her message about happy endings. Plus, find out about her newest project, the upcoming groundbreaking collaboration with Cosmopolitan and Harlequin. Day believes women really can have it all and reinforces pursuing your dreams both in life and in love.

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Jimmy Kimmel Celebrates

Bachelor Party with Vancouver Getaway



By April Littleton

Jimmy Kimmel and about 20 of his friends went to Vancouver for a bachelor getaway. The late night talk show host spent the weekend at the Opus Hotel in Yaletown. Some of his guests included comedian Jeff Ross and former *Mad Men* cohost Adam Carolla. The bachelor party consisted of a weekend of bike rides, champagne and seafood. A source told UsMagazine.com, "The bike ride was really awesome, (and) they ended up at a food truck called Fresh Local Wild. The guy who runs the food truck did a spread for the group – all local – crab cakes, oyster sandwiches."

What are some creative ways to celebrate a bachelor/bachelorette party?

Cupid's Advice:

The bachelor and bachelorette party is considered the last

hooray when it comes to living the single life. These parties are a great way to celebrate the end and the beginning of two different aspects of your life. Are you looking for your last night of singledom to be exciting and memorable? Cupid has some advice:

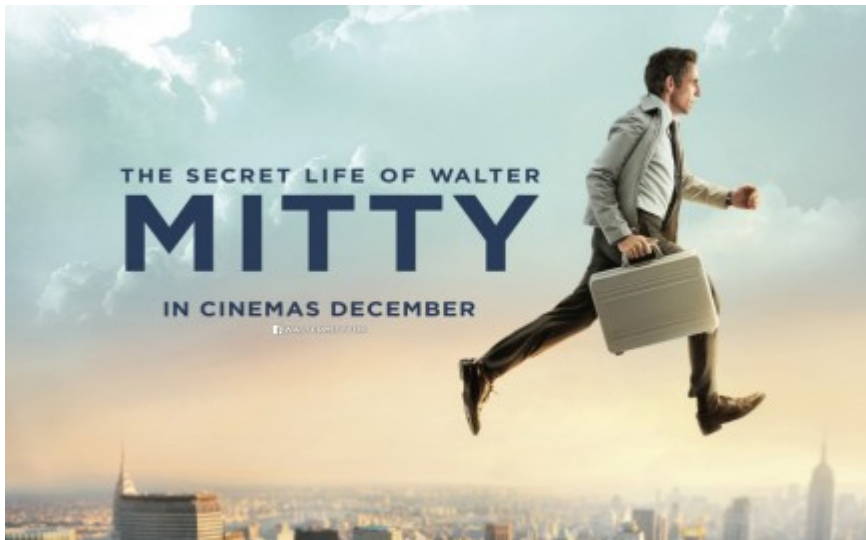
1. Scavenger hunt: Running around town all night looking for a hidden “treasure” may be the perfect way to celebrate your upcoming wedding. You’ll stay active throughout the game and a little friendly competition never hurt anyone. As for the list of locations and tasks, include questions based on your spouse-to-be’s likes and dislikes and search around areas where you and your partner share special memories together.

2. Go co-ed: Celebrate your love by celebrating together. Grab your whole gang of friends and family for a night out. Go the movies or have a special dinner. Go back to the place where you had your first date and share romantic stories with your party guests. If as a couple, you prefer a more active environment, rent out a skating rink or spend the day doing outdoor activities – like go carting, miniature golf or swimming.

3. Stay in: If you’re not much of a party animal, ask a couple of your closest friends over for a slumber party. Watch some of your favorite movies, cook some of your favorite meals and pig out on cake and ice cream. Talk about each other’s first crushes and the moment you knew you met the love of your life. It’s guaranteed you’ll have a night full of laughter and fun.

**How did you celebrate your bachelor/bachelorette party?
Comment below.**

Single Advice: Can You Handle Casual Dating?



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Here's a question for all the single ladies and gentleman out there – do you think you are capable of casual dating? Casual dates usually start off a relationship before it blooms into something more. Casual dating is nonchalant, laid back and non-committal. It is a form of dating that comes without any serious intention or definition, allowing you to explore the field and keep your options open for a possible partner. This type of dating gives you the opportunity to be fun, open and discover the type of person you should be with for the rest of your life.

If you believe you can handle casual dating, read the questions below and think again:

– **Do you have the ability to put aside your emotions from acts of sexual relations?** Make sure you are able to handle the casual aspect of this type of dating, and don't allow your

feelings to get in the way.

– **Are you able to experiment with relationships?** With casual dating, it is common that you will experience different types of partners. You will not like all of them, but with casual dating – experimentation is essential.

– **Can you be honest?** With dating, it's usually a little game played back and forth until you both agree you like one another. If you are not interested in a serious relationship and solely want to casual date, you need to be able to tell the person you may be involved with up front.

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– **Are you emotionally independent?** Casual dating will not give you the same emotional fulfillment as a serious relationship would. Hence, you need to be able to take care of yourself and not depend on your casual partner.

– **Can you go with the flow?** For this style of dating, going along with whatever the dating world throws at you is necessary.

– **Are you able to constantly go on dates?** With casual dating, you will spend nights at the movies, your local restaurants and bars and you may even try your hand at miniature golf. If you prefer to sit on your couch, eat leftovers and watch Netflix – casual dating may not be for you.

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– **Can you handle rejection from a person of the opposite sex?** Casual dating is not for everyone, and sparks don't fly every time. Don't be upset if someone rejects you because the chemistry simply isn't there.

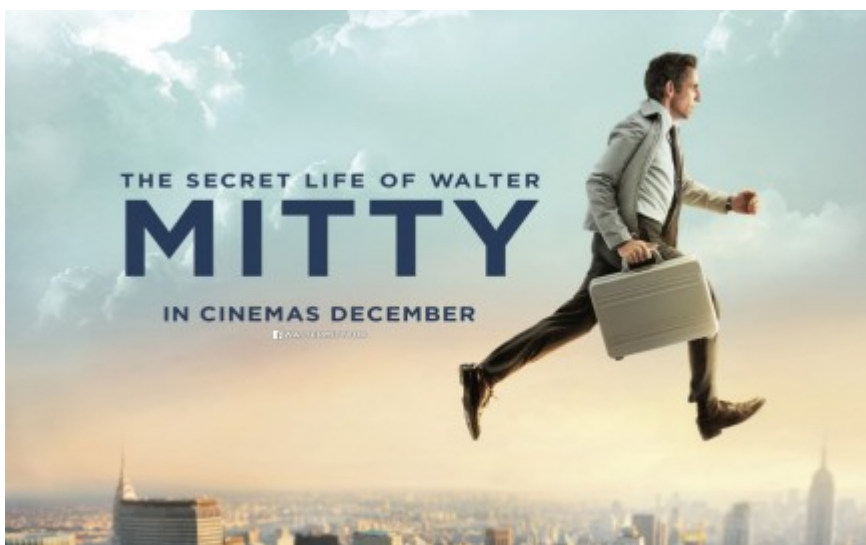
– **Do you have the ability to stay true to yourself?** If you don't have a connection toward someone, you need to be able to

stick to your thoughts and confront them about it.

– **Can you think carefully about who you let in?** You should have the ability to make sound choices on who you choose as a partner, as well as who you choose to date and allow to come into your life.

Have you tried casual dating before? Share your experience below.

Celebrity Couple: Mila Kunis Introduces Ashton Kutcher to Her Parents in London



By April Littleton

According to UsMagazine.com, Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher were spotted hanging around the streets of London with two

unexpected visitors – Kunis’ parents! On Saturday, May 18th, the foursome enjoyed *Billy Elliott: The Musical* followed by dinner at Duck & Waffle the next day. Before meeting Kunis’ parents, the couple spent the holidays with Kutcher’s family in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The lovebirds have been publicly dating since last March.

How do you know when it’s time to introduce your partner to your parents?

Cupid’s Advice:

Introducing your significant other to your family is a big step. As a couple, the two of you are headed toward a solid, committed relationship. Before you make the decision to show your special boo off to your parents, Cupid has some tips you should take into consideration first:

1. Define your relationship: Do you think the relationship has the potential to be long-term? If you’re the type of person who breaks up with a partner if a family member doesn’t approve, you should introduce your love to your parents as soon as you get that, “Maybe this is really going to be something serious” feeling, but there’s no sense in urging a guy to meet your parents when you know in your heart he will end up just being a friend.

2. Discuss it with your partner: You might be ready to take the relationship to the next level, but your significant other may feel differently. Talk to your man about the possibility of him meeting your family and see how he reacts. If he’s a little hesitant, you may be moving too fast for him. If you rush him into something he isn’t ready for, be prepared to call it quits sooner than you would like.

3. You’re thinking about marriage: If you can hear wedding bells ring in the near future, or you already have a ring on your finger, it’s definitely time to introduce your beau to

your family. Your parents may freak out if they have to witness a wedding between you and a stranger!

When did you know it was the right time to introduce your love to your parents? Comment below.

Celebrity Couple: Jessica Alba and Cash Warren Celebrate Five-Year Anniversary



By Kerri Sheehan

Jessica Alba and husband Cash Warren are still happy in love five years after walking down the aisle! The two met on the set of *Fantastic Four* and have two daughters together, Honor, 5, and Haven, 3. According to UsMagazine.com Alba dished to

iVillage, "Making time for our relationship in our daily routine – even though it's surprisingly predictable and may not seem as spicy as our spontaneous pre-kiddo days – [it] really helps keep the romance alive."

What are some little romantic things you can do to make your anniversary special?

Cupid's Advice:

There are many ways to make your anniversary special. Here are some suggestions from Cupid:

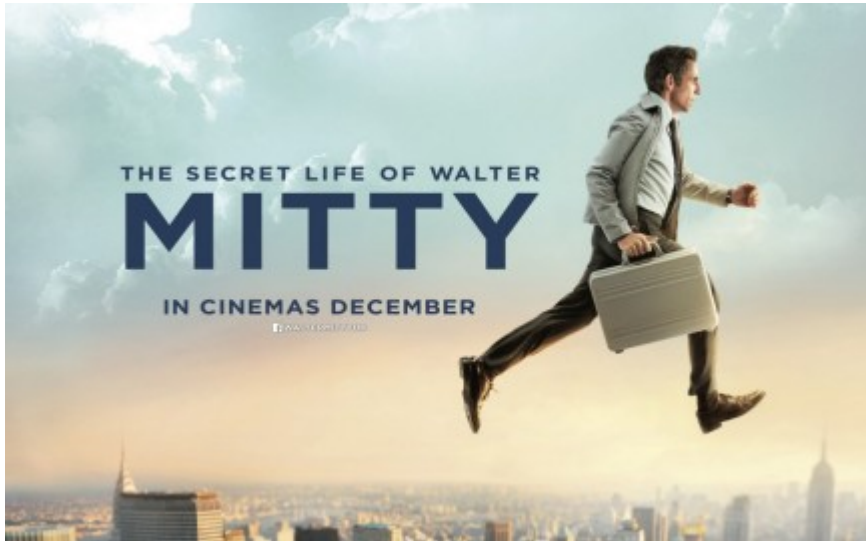
1. Hidden envelopes: After being married for five years the honey moon phase tends to dull down a bit. Take this day to remind your partner of the reasons why you love them by stashing hidden messages around the house. Their morning cereal box, their brief case, and taped to their shampoo bottle are some clever places to hid them!

2. Make a mixed CD: Almost everyone uses music to express their feelings and mark special times in their life. Include songs that remind you of your partner and songs that define your relationship.

3. Do a scavenger hunt: Leave clues where your spouse will see them and bring them to all of the places where your "firsts" happened, ex. First date, first kiss etc. Be sure to be waiting at the end of the hunt with flowers and big smile.

How do you make your anniversary special? Share below.

Classic Novel Turned Movie, 'The Great Gatsby'



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Nick Carraway (Toby Maguire) is a stockbroker in the 1920's, on the outskirts of New York. He moves to West Egg, Long Island after fighting in World War I. Nick meets back up with his cousin Daisy Buchanan (Carey Mulligan) and husband, Tom (Joel Edgerton) who live in East Egg. Next door to Nick is Jay Gatsby's (Leonardo DiCaprio) mansion. A man known for throwing extravagant parties yet living a very mysterious and relatively unknown life. As Nick begins to friend Gatsby, he realizes a love Gatsby has for his cousin, Daisy. A love broken by World War I. Nick finds himself between the two, not knowing which way to turn. Madness, tragedy, and love emerge from the mysterious shadow of Gatsby and the colorful and dangerous 1920's New York life style.

Should you see it: Leonardo DiCaprio. *Titanic*, *Shutter Island*, *The Departed*, *J. Edgar*, *Django Unchained*. This legendary man has seen his Hollywood days, and by the amount of awards on

his shelves...he rocks it, and the audience loves him. *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald is a timely piece of work. If you read the book and enjoyed it, even if it was only the slightest bit...go out and see this movie. It is Leonardo DiCaprio ladies and gentlemen.

Who to take: Here here, literature enthusiasts and Leonardo DiCaprio fans. This is your movie to see if you like either of those. You absolutely must see this soon-to-be award winning film if you love literature and Leo.

Couples everywhere, gather your money and prepare for date night. With *The Great Gatsby* being one of America's most well-known and classic novels, people of all ages should see, embrace, and enjoy this film.

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When should you try and win back the love of your life?

Cupid's Advice:

Some people in your life just slip away from you. As much as you tried to hold on to them, and plead for them never to leave...some just do. Or maybe you left and are now realizing how much of a fool you are for it. No matter the case, trying to win back your ex is difficult. Cupid has some advice on if you should do it or not:

1. Soul mates: You know you should try and win back your past beau if you believe they are your soul mate. Soul mates are not something you should take lightly, if you think someone could be your other half...hold them close. It is said that you have one person who equals you, a person you can morph into and become one. Fight as much as you can to get that person back if you've lost them.

2. Waiting: Have you ever been in a position where you've had to wait for a person before? They weren't available, or they

were moving, a situation causing you to wait for them. Were you in love with someone so intensely, yet they loved another person? If you've answered yes to these, and your scenarios of waiting are over...go and get them. Go out there, do whatever you have to do to have them in your life again.

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3. Wrong partner: Did your ex get together with the wrong person? Are they now realizing what a mistake they made by choosing them over you? This is your time to shine, to show them how right you are for them. How you two should of been together in the first place, how they will be happier with you instead of their current partner. Show them that they chose the wrong partner and live happily ever after.

Have you ever won back the love of your life? Explain below.