

Dating Advice: The Pros and Cons to Taming a Bad Boy



By Andrea Surujnauth

There is nothing like the thrill of dating a bad boy. He is exciting to be around and is always taking chances. They give you goosebumps every time you're around them. He is spontaneous and always knows the right thing to say or do to send shivers up your spine. You dated him for fun but what happens when you discover that you are beginning to feel real feelings for this bad boy? Can you eventually tame him and make him boyfriend material? If Angelina Jolie could do it to Brad Pitt then why can't we do it? We decided to weigh in the pros and cons of dating a bad boy to help you come up with an answer to your question, is it worth it to attempt to tame

a bad boy?

Pros:

1. Best of both worlds: By taming your bad boy, you will be able to have a guy that is both exciting but also loyal. You can teach him to cut out the bad boy aspects that don't work for you while keeping the ones that do. You will be able to have a bad boy that is good for you!

2. Confidence: By taming a bad boy that many girls before you have always been running after, your confidence level sky rockets. You bad boy beau changed for you, you were the one that was able to get him under control. That's enough to make any girl feel good about herself.

3. Life changer: By helping your sweetie become a good boy, he will be thankful to you for helping him turn his life around. Getting his life on track towards a successful future will make him see how good you are for him and how much you care for him. He will see you as his savior and is sure to fall for you because of it!

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Cons:

1. Relapsing: This guy is a naturally a bad boy, those are his instincts. By attempting to tame your honey, you are risking him relapsing and going back to his bad boy ways. You might stop him from breaking the law or being a player, but you never know how strong the pull is for him to return to his old lifestyle. You are at risk of getting hurt.

2. Tables may turn: When taming a bad boy, you are also risking becoming a bad girl. If you let yourself get sucked into his lifestyle while in the process of trying to tame him, you might find yourself breaking laws, becoming irresponsible, or enjoying the recklessness of being bad.

3. Unwillingness: There may be certain things about the bad boy lifestyle that your new man may not want to give up. This may cause a fight about your desire to change him. No one is ever happy about changing who they are, so this may cause your relationship to expire.

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So are bad boys worth taming? After weeding through the pros and cons, we still don't have a straight answer for you. Whether it is worth it is an answer only you can decide for yourself. Take all of this into consideration when deciding if you really want to tame your bad boy. Make sure you are confident in yourself and stick to your values if you decide to do it. Some bad boys can be tamed but take care of yourself first and don't lose your self respect or sanity while trying to tame the stubborn ones.

What are some of your pros and cons of taming a bad boy? Comment below and let us know!

Dating Advice: When Do Opposites Not Attract?





By Courtney Allen

'Opposites attract'... a saying you've heard from your supporting best friend as you desperately try to put the puzzle pieces together in order to explain why you find interest in the 5'9" college freshman, instead of the tall, stacked senior track star that runs alongside you. Well, don't waste your time trying to figure it out; it happens to the best of us! The truth is: dating someone who is opposite from you is quite the learning experience if you have the right combination of differences. Sometimes opposites are not so hot, and can backfire at first sight or first discussion. If you meet someone whose opposite from you in the following three ways, your red flag will most likely go up:

1. Religion: Religion can be a killer when it comes to attraction. It's the one thing that many people are not willing to compromise on. If you and a potential love interest are on two completely different pages when it comes to religious beliefs, the attraction between you will suffer.

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2. Physical attractiveness: Physical attraction is the first and usually most important rules of attraction. It's very rare that you spot a picture-perfect model with someone who is short and seems to be out of shape. We are typically attracted to those we consider just as attractive as ourselves.

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3. Needs: Having different needs can ruin attraction right off the bat. People that are independent and needy, in search of a relationship and in search of a good time, the desire for kids and the desire to not have kids... all of these needs most likely need to be aligned.

What qualities that are opposite from your own do you find unattractive? Share your ideas with us!

Celebrity Pregnancy: 'My Girl' Star Anna Chlumsky Is Expecting





By Meghan Fitzgerald

According to [People](#), 'Veep' star, Anna Chlumsky, and husband Shaun So are expecting their first child this upcoming summer! I'm feeling pretty good so far, Chlumsky, 32, tells *People*. I was really lucky I did not have any morning sickness which was great because I was working. [CNN](#) reports that the couple since 2008 are getting their nursery ready and preparing for their baby! The two are keeping the gender of their baby a secret...guess we'll have to wait until summer!

What are some ways to have a worry-free pregnancy?

Cupid's Advice:

It is essential to have a worry-free pregnancy so your child will come into a non stress, loving environment. Being pregnant is not always the easiest thing you will do in your life. However, there are ways to keep it non stressful. Cupid has some more advice on a worry-free pregnancy:

1. Yoga: In most aspects of life, yoga relieves stress and creates a worry-free life. Yoga increases your sleep schedule,

it reduces anxiety, increases strength and flexibility. It decreases any pain you may be having, and risk the chance of labor problems. Prenatal yoga strengthens your muscles, but it also strengthens your mind! Prenatal yoga only involves breathing, stretches, postures, and relaxation.

2. Preparation: A worry-free pregnancy can be had if you prepare for your pregnancy! With a few easy steps, you can organize yourself and have a relatively easy pregnancy. Prepare your child's room-to-be, their clothing, the baby shower. Organize a sleep schedule, when you will get back to work, any doctors appointments or parties. Plan months and months ahead and you won't worry about a thing.

3. Support: Having a worry-free pregnancy is easier to uphold if you have a person by your side, preferably a significant other. You want your partner to be with you all along the steps of your pregnancy. Having your mate by your side will release all the weight off your shoulders. Any problems you may have can go straight to them. Support will come right along in your relationship.

Did you have a worry-free pregnancy? Share your experience below.

**Stephanie Meyer's Novel
Turned Into a Movie, 'The
Host!'**



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Aliens, called 'souls' invaded Earth and have begun to take control of people's minds! The new upcoming supernatural movie, *The Host*, is adapted from Stephanie Meyer's novel. Written and directed by Andrew Niccol, the stars on deck include Saoirse Ronan, Max Irons, Diane Kruger, and Jake Abel. Souls can only survive through inserting a host into another person's body. Melanie Stryder (Ronan) was inserted with one of these 'souls.' Melanie begins to feel sympathetic towards humans, discovers what love is, and is trying to run away from the people trying to kill her.

Should you see it: Are you a huge fan of the *Twilight Saga*? Are you completely obsessed with the love story of Edward and Bella? Are you interested in the movie, *Beautiful Creatures* currently in theaters? If answered yes to any of these questions, you should absolutely see this movie. If you have

read the book by Stephanie Meyer, this movie better be number one on your list.

Who to take: When I endured a *Twilight Saga* opening night, I was immersed in teeny-boppers. Since Stephanie Meyer is responsible for *Twilight* and *The Host*, an I think this may be a 'bring your kids' kind of movie. People who enjoy supernatural beings, and a sci-fi romance should also go. The age level may vary with this movie compared to *Twilight*, bring anyone with an open mind!

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When do you know a friendship can loom into a relationship?

Cupid's Advice:

This type of relationship is the trickiest kind to get into. Turning a friendship into a relationship is more than challenging. The main dilemma here is if the relationship fails, your friendship is gone. And if you're considering getting into a relationship with your friend, they are definitely one of the best. Although this may be a sticky situation, there are many ways where a friendship can blossom into a relationship. Cupid has some advice:

1. Love: Love is everywhere you go. In super markets, restaurants, movie theaters, work places, the park, dinner table, almost everywhere you look. This being said, it is not uncommon that you fall into love with your best friend. If you have fallen into love with one of your friends, and wish for it to turn into a relationship, make sure it is real love. Don't think it's love because they are around all the time or you tell them everything. Make sure you can't spend a day without them and wish to be with them romantically.

2. Subtle hints: If you do want to turn a friendship into a

relationship, you need to know if the other person feel the same way. If they already drop hints, such as, casual touches, strong eye contact, constant blushing; they may feel the same way. If they don't, than you need to drop these hints and see how they react to them. This reaction will determine whether or not you can turn your friendship into a full blown relationship!

3. No change: A great thing with turning a friendship to a relationship is how little change there will be. Obviously you both will now be involved romantically. However, you two most likely already know every little thing about each other, have a routine, nick names, favorite restaurants. You and your mate do not have to worry about meeting each others parents because you already did! The relationship would be effortless since you both are already comfortable with one another!

Has a friendship of yours turned into a relationship? Share your experience below!

New Comedic Romance Film, 'Admission' Starring Tina Fey





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Tina Fey, *30 Rock* star, and Paul Rudd, recent star of *This is 40*, are joining together on the screen for the first time together. Director, Paul Weitz, nominated for an Academy Award shows what occurs on the route to happiness. Tina Fey's character in the new romance comedy, *Admission*, is a cookie-cutter, straight edged Princeton admission officer, Portia Nathan. A promotion is open for Portia, and she takes off on a recruiting trip for the upcoming year. On the road, she reconnects with her mother, expressing love for one another again. Portia heads off to New Quest school.

Should you see it: This is Tina Fey ladies and gentleman! SNL superstar, comedian of a myriad of skits, author of *Bossy Pants*, star of *Baby Mama*. And Paul Rudd! Starring in big shot movies such as *Knocked Up*, *I Love You Man*, and *Role Models*. Comedian extraordinaires! If you like to laugh yourself off the chair, see this movie! If you enjoy a twist of comedy and romance, see this movie! If you like either of these all star comedians, see this movie!!

Who to take: Take people who enjoy comedy, people who like to laugh for five minutes on end, or cry at the sincerity of Fey's character, Portia. Take your more mature children to the PG-13 movie, or your mother for shared laughs. Take your husband after a long week, or take yourself! All the people above the age of thirteen are encouraged to see this comedic romance film!

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At New Quest, she meets up with former college classmate, the optimistic John Pressman (Paul Rudd). He informs Portia that Jeremiah (Nat Wolff) the extremely gifted yet slightly unconventional student may be the child Portia secretly gave up for adoption. Twists spiral out, Jeremiah is applying to Princeton University. Portia re-evaluates the admission requirements, Jeremiah's application and the binding rules of the Ivy League school. Portia finds herself bending the rules for her possible child's admission to Princeton, and for the love she finds turning up in her life.

When should you take a professional risk for love?

Cupid's Advice:

It is always challenging to know whether or not you should take a professional risk for love. The possibility of losing your job is a frightening thought. However, don't you want a little danger in your life? A little risk? Don't you want to discover if this person could be the love of your life? Even if it may risk your life, do you want to risk your chance of losing love? Cupid has some more advice:

1. Soul mates: You know that feeling when you just simply know you and your partner mesh together? It is hard to describe when you're in it, you don't believe you could get along with one person so much. This feeling is when it would be acceptable to take a professional risk for love. Even if it is

still scary for you, and you may not want to jump out of your comfort zone, you absolutely should! When these feelings are present, it is ridiculous to ignore them.

2. Danger: Are you looking for a little danger in your life? Is the person you are currently seeing going to cause a risk in your profession if you continue the relationship? If you want to spice a few things up in your life, then take the risk. Who knows what it will lead you to! Everyone needs a little suspense, mystery, and secrecy once in a while. Continuing on the relationship with your mate will ensure all three of these.

3. Feelings are mutual: You do not, and I repeat, do not want to put a risk on your job for love if the feelings are not mutual! This is where most people fall down hill and spiral out of control. Do not be naive, ask your partner how they honestly feel and what they foresee out of the relationship. If your mate thinks you should take the risk because they care for you more than life itself, take that risk!

Have you ever taken a professional risk for love? Share your experience below!

Desiree Hartsock Is the New 'Bachelorette'!





By Meghan Fitzgerald

Starting out as one of the 26 girls in *The Bachelor*, Desiree Hartsock was fan-favorited as the new *Bachelorette*. [People](#) reports on the *After the Final Rose* special, Hartsock stated, “Just can’t even believe I’m here. With the support of everyone, it’s just such a blessing.” [Entertainment Weekly](#) reports that Hartsock shocked many when she sported a no bangs look, especially the *Women Tell All*. Hartsock will continue to shock many with drama, love, and passion on this summer’s ninth edition of [The Bachelorette](#).

What are some out of the box ways to find love?

Cupid’s Advice:

Finding love is a relatively hard thing to do. Love does not usually spring itself at you, some effort is required to find the love of your life. The ways to find have love seem to be around the same thing; going to bars, blind dates, online dating, and what not. Are you tired of the same pattern over and over again to try and find love? You deserve a different,

out of the box way to find love. Cupid has some advice on this:

1. Yoga class: Yoga class is great for many things in life. Obviously it is a form of exercise, resulting in happiness. Which inevitably leads to a boost of confidence, and gives you more courage to talk to people of the opposite sex. It also balances your inner self with the natures of the world and others around you. Meeting new people at yoga will give you a look into people who are practicing the same life as you, relatively. Which will make finding love easier!

2. Volunteering: Would you ever suspect to meet the love of your life while volunteering? Most likely not. However, volunteering is full of generous, kind-hearted people looking to help the world. Looking for someone to love. Spark up a conversation with an opposite sex at the food pantry, or clothe drive, or helping out with the local blood drive. You never know what will come of the new interaction. So go out and do some good ladies and gentleman!

3. Friends: Scratch a blind date, hang out with your friends and converse with someone you don't know. If they're hanging out with your friends, you both must have something in common. If you two hit things off, it could loom into a full blown relationship. Also, if a date occurs from your meeting, it won't be strange because you two will already know each other. Go ahead and be social!

Have you ever found love in an out of the box way? Explain below!

French-Canadian Science Romance, 'Upside Down'



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Juan Diego Solanas directed and wrote the French Canadian romantic science fiction film, *Upside Down*. Starring Jim Sturgess and Kirsten Dunst, this futuristic love story is one for the books! Adam (Jim Sturgess) is searching through an alternative universe for the love of his childhood, Eden (Kirsten Dunst). The movie begins with Adam telling the story of his universe, the story of two planets next to each other; pulled in opposite directions by gravity. The 'Up' is the rich and prosperous while the 'Down' is the poor. The people down are strictly forbidden to go up. The only way they are able to communicate is through a company called 'TransWorld.' Adam

finds a mountain which gets close to 'Up.' He meets Eden, and years later form a relationship as teenagers. Adam is able to pull Eden down by rope however, they get caught, Adam gets shot and drops Eden. He believes her to be dead but ten years later sees her on TV. He then begins his quest to find Eden, the love of his life.

Should you see it: This is a different twist on your typical romantic love story. Juan Diego Solanas forms a love story around different universes, you can't say that isn't incredible! With the stunning Kirsten Dunst, and grungy yet adorable Jim Sturgess, how could you pass on seeing this movie? For all Science Fiction lovers, you should see this movie immediately when it comes out!

Who to take: Coming out on March 15th, warm weather will be in the air! Love will be in the air! This is a perfect movie for you and your significant other. With suspense, romance, and a phenomenal cast, you two will enjoy it! Go grab lunch with your mom and then check this movie out! Or go by yourself on a rainy afternoon, either way see this movie!

Although it is challenging for Adam to make it in the 'Up' world, he finds help through friends at, TransWorld. It is evident in the trailer that he will fight gravity as long as he can to be with Eden. It shows the strong difference between the 'Up' and the 'Down.' The trailer shows how futuristic and different this movie is. Adam (Jim Sturgess) ends the trailer stating that "Gravity, they say you can't fight it, well I disagree."

When do you risk yourself for love?

Cupid's Advice:

Putting yourself in a position of risking yourself for love is challenging. You will inevitably come into a situation where

you want to reach out of your comfort zone for your partner. The problem here is when you should do this. Cupid has some advice:

1. Passion: Our passions in life need to be followed! Some people have not followed their own passion because it frightens them. Get out of your comfort zone ladies and gentlemen. If you love your passion, if you think about it every single moment of your life, take a step. Even if you may get hurt or there is a possible danger in the future, pursue it! It is simple, if you love something, take that risk. Go for gold.

2. Love: Loving another person is absolutely terrifying. As much as people say it is easy as one, two three; it isn't always. With the beginning of a relationship, or even in any situation, you will have to take a jump. Yes it is scary, and you may not want to do it..but you must! If you could see your relationship strengthening with love, or blooming into love-risk it! Don't be worried of getting hurt, or losing the person you've been with, a risk is always healthy for people.

3. Danger: A little danger here in there is not only exhilarating, but necessary! Every once in a blue moon, put yourself in something you wouldn't normally. Go out on that blind date your mom set up. Move in with the guy you've been seeing. Have a one night stand with the mysterious, dark man staring at you in the bar. Love is everywhere and you need to risk yourself a little to find it.

Have you risked yourself for love? Share your experiences below.

Supernatural Love Story, 'Beautiful Creatures' Hits Theaters!



By Meghan Fitzgerald

Richard LaGravenese, Oscar nominee, directs the new supernatural love story, *Beautiful Creatures*. The movie is based off the first novel from the series by Kami Garcia and Margaret Stohl. Ethan Wate (Alden Ehrenreich) is a 17-year old boy in a small Southern town of Gatlin, South Carolina. He constantly has the same dream surrounding a mysterious girl standing in the middle of a Civil War Battlefield. He wants to meet her, however, a lightning bolt erupts and kills Ethan before he can get to her. Ethan is trapped at home with his father, his father still in despair from the death of Ethan's

mother. His town is not up to date with the 21st century. Ethan's way to escape is through books. One day, his life is shaken up when Lena Duchannes, (Alice Englert) comes into town. He is immediately drawn to the mysterious character. It is apparent that being around her is dangerous however, he ignores the thought. Ethan begins to get in over his head.

Should you see it: Would we mention a movie you shouldn't see? Of course not! Over here at Cupid's Pulse, we know that the cast, plot, and producer shows how great of a movie this will be! Do you love Edward Cullen and Ron Weasley? Do you enjoy a romance story that will keep you on your seat? If you loved *The Twilight Series*, or any of the *Harry Potter's* you will love this new star-dropping movie!

Who to take: Hello girls night! This is the perfect movie to spend your Friday girls night on. Enjoy this new twist of a love story with the people you love most in life. Hitting theaters on Valentines Day, this is also the perfect date movie. Suspenseful enough where you can grab your mate's hand for support, and also romantic enough where you want to share the feeling with your beau. This movie is also for all ages; having something in it for anyone! Definitely a movie to see ladies and gentlemen!

Ethan realizes that Lena has super powers which puts himself in danger with his life and the town. Ethan discovers that Lena is a Casper, with supernatural powers she is not capable of controlling. Their romance is threatened by Lena's dark past and her upcoming sixteenth birthday. A life changing event called The Claiming, deciding her fate: Light or Dark. The trailer shows the deep southern love between characters, Lena and Ethan. Florence and the Machine directs the flow of events throughout the trailer. It is obvious of the strong magical power throughout the movie. There is a difference between the Light and the Dark which is prominent in the trailer. The love amongst Ethan and Lena is portrayed in the

trailer, even with outside forces attempting to pry them apart.

When should you undergo a change for love?

Cupid's Advice:

Experiencing love in life is a revolutionary event. Your life twists and turns by love, making you a better person in the end. In each relationship your encounter, you will change a little bit each time. Whether it be substantial or not, you will change. When you change, and why you change is the challenging part of love. You do not want to change everything about yourself, however, there will be minute things which you might change. Changing yourself for love is hard, determining how much to change is harder. Cupid has some advice:

1. "The one": In your life, you shall find "the one." Finding "the one" in life is not easy, you have to rummage your way through the bad ones to find your love. When you do find the one person who you can not live without, you may have to change some things. Not saying that you need to change your entire self however, if they are worth it; it is acceptable to change a little.

2. Compromise: Relationships require full attention and communication with two people. It is inevitable that you and your partner will not agree on everything. To make the love stronger, it is sometimes necessary to change using compromise. If you don't like monster truck rallies and your beau does? Make a slight compromise and attend a couple events. Do you think your partner really loves your parents? Or the other way around? When you love someone, it is okay to compromise.

3. Change is beneficial: Change makes you smarter, it makes you more flexible, it makes you realize that anything is possible. Change is not only beneficial to you however, it is

beneficial to your mate. Change helps you go with the flow, helps you float along with your relationship and make the love come easier.

Have you ever changed from love? Explain below!

Ring In The New Year With A New Relationship



By Jennifer Ross

The New Year is always that time to let go of the old and stagnate parts of your life to make room for the new and

exciting ones. With all the spine-tingling sensations coming your way, now is a good time for you to start a new relationship. This does not mean that you dump your current relationship to find a new one. Rather, view this as making a new start with your current partner. To create a memorable 2013, filled with an invigorating romance to last well beyond the year, here are five steps to lead you to a “new” relationship:

1. Your mindset: The number one step to starting a new relationship with your current love is to mentally vow to have a new relationship with your current love. Sound too simple? It actually is that easy. You don’t need to know all the answers on January 1. Instead know this. Your relationship is on a new journey, with you and your partner as co-pilots. Once your new relationship takes off, there is no going back! Feel yourselves veering off course? That doesn’t matter; just nudge your relationship slowly back on track. And remember, as long as you and your mate are still heading towards the direction of love, you are always making progress to your final destination.

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2. A new language: With a new relationship comes new vocabulary or rather a new way to speak to each other. Think of this as your relationship’s very own language of love, fluently spoken by only you and your partner. Instead of saying “I” or “you,” use the word “we.” Instead of saying “problem,” use the word “challenge.” Instead of saying “but,” use the word “and.” Instead of saying “can’t,” use the word “can.” Finally, instead of saying “why,” use the word “how.” An example of the old language is, “You have a problem but I can’t fix it. Why can’t you fix it?” Your new language is, “We have a challenge and we can fix it. How can we fix it?” The difference is to focus on a solution and not the problem. With a little practice, it will come natural.

3. Remember what year it is: If you are holding on to issues from 2012, it is time to let go. That doesn't necessarily mean you act as if the issues never happened. Can anyone do that? Instead, have those conversations with your partner, talking about how each of you feel. The best way is to listen to your mate without interrupting. Don't keep a tally, while he/she is speaking, of what you think he/she has done wrong. Honestly try to understand only from their perspective before reacting. Remember, you love each other. No one is deliberately hurting the other. Often the case is, both of you are reacting to preconceptions of intentional pain.

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4. Be Open: In the late 1800's, inventor Thomas Edison, and his team, experimented with thousands of different filaments in order to get the right material to make a long-lasting light bulb. What does this have to do with your relationship? Throughout 2013, you and your partner will also experiment with thousands of different ways to make a long-lasting relationship. Just like Edison, be open to other interpretations or ideas. More importantly, ask for help or advice when needed. Edison didn't succeed alone and neither will you.

5. Control only what you can: Realize that just like last year, there will be situations to create setbacks in 2013, times where you will feel personally hurt or your relationship threatened. That doesn't have to halt all progress. Make the decision to continue forward. Just because someone or something has attempted to hurt you does not mean you are required to react negatively. You cannot control what happens but you can control how you react. Once you master this, you will see that the negative issue is only 10% of the situation and how you react is 90%.

How do you plan to re-new your relationship in 2013? Share your ideas with us below.

DWTS Judge Len Goodman Secretly Marries Longtime Girlfriend Sue Barrett



By Jennifer Ross

On the Sunday just before the New Year, *Dancing With the Stars*' judge Len Goodman married his longtime girlfriend Sue Barrett in London. The news was confirmed to UsMagazine.com by an ABC rep for Goodman. The 47 year-old dance instructor and 68 year-old judge dated for 10 years and invited only 30 friends and family members to what was called an "intimate lunch." Married by Westminster superintendent registrar Alison

Cathcart, the couple wore blue for the nuptials. When asked about his wedding, Goodman told *the Daily News*, "I've had a marvelous day, and now my gorgeous Sue is the new Mrs. Goodman." Although the wedding plans were a secret, Goodman did tell one person – his mother. "I wanted it to be a low-key affair, so we didn't tell anyone except my 96-year-old mum as I didn't want her having a heart attack with the surprise."

How do you pull off a secret wedding?

Cupid's Advice:

Although your wedding day is one of the most important days of your life, planning a wedding can be too much to handle. As a result, some couples opt-out to having a secret or surprise wedding. If this sounds appealing to you, here are a few ideas when saying, "I do":

1. A simple party: If you and your fiancé want to have a wedding without inviting the naysayers, plan a simple party, giving your invitees a different reason for the occasion. Whether you say it's a pet's birthday party or some other celebration, be sure to let them know their presence is important.

2. Destination: An easy way to keep your wedding day a secret is to have the ceremony performed far away from home. Plan a destination wedding in you and your mate's favorite country and tell everyone it is just a simple vacation. No one will suspect you two are getting married.

3. Elope: If your idea of a perfect wedding is inviting no one at all, eloping at the courthouse is the way to go. You and your spouse-to-be can simply get dressed, grab a small flower bouquet and a couple of rings, then say "I do" in privacy.

How did you pull off your secret wedding? Share your story below.

Taylor Swift and Beau Harry Styles Kiss at Midnight for the New Year



By [Jennifer Ross](#)

It was definitely a “[rockin’](#)” night for Taylor Swift and Harry Styles on New Year’s Eve. The swooning duo celebrated the evening in Time Square with an official [kiss](#) that was captured by a [witness’](#) fuzzy photo, which has now gone viral. Swift, 23, was in New York City to perform “I Knew You Were Trouble” and “We Are Never Ever Getting Back Together” that Monday night on Dick Clark’s New Year’s Rockin’ Eve with Ryan

Seacrest. With millions of people watching that night, Swift and Styles' New Year's kiss was a romantic moment seen round the world.

What are some ways to welcome the New Year with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

Who doesn't want to start a New Year perfectly by stealing a [kiss](#) from your beau at the stroke of midnight?! If standing for endless hours jam packed with thousands of strangers, waiting for the Big Apple's ball to drop, don't worry. Here are a few optional ways to celebrate the New Year with your partner:

1. Host a party: Just like you and your [mate](#), there are probably other couples that enjoy a great glass of champagne at midnight. If so, host a small party at home with great friends, hors d'oeuvres and plenty of bubbly to go around.

2. Make reservations: To take the party out on the town, make reservations for a [romantic dinner](#) for two at your favorite place. It doesn't have to be a fancy place; so be creative. Also, be sure to book months in advance.

3. Stay in: If Dick Clark is your idea of fun but can't be in Time Square that night, a great option is to stay in with your [partner](#). Watching the NYE countdown with a glass of champagne and sexy pajamas will surely be a night worth remembering.

How did you welcome the New Year with your partner? Tell us below.

How to Find Love Amidst Holiday Craziness



By Courtney Allen & [Jessica DeRubbo](#)

The ever-so jolly holiday season sets the stage for one of the most romantic times of the year. But no worries, single gals and guys! There is more than enough love to go around. Even in the midst of the frantic, last minute gift shopping and preparations for throwing an unforgettable party to kick off the New Year, love is in the air ... and not just for the ones who are taken. The holiday season provides plenty of opportunity to meet a honey just in time to snag a kiss under the mistletoe.

Anything can happen during the holidays, so follow this [relationship advice](#), and keep your eyes and options open for potential love in these places:

1. Christmas party: [Celebrity couples](#) don't have all the fun around the holidays – you can, too! Holiday parties are an absolute must during the Christmas season. Take complete advantage of the endless party invites this year. Throw on a fancy red dress or suit, and go to a Christmas party or two. Make the extra effort to introduce yourself to the attendees. Sip on eggnog, and embrace the holiday spirit with new friends... and maybe even a future date!

Related Link: [Date Idea: Volunteer Together this Holiday Season](#)

2. Speed dating: Speed dating may be year-round, but the holiday season makes the experience extra special and will bring out twice as many people. Take a chance, and explore a new way of meeting potential love interests. You never know who you might meet as you shuffle from table to table, enjoying the company of other singles. If you're worried about going alone, bring some adventurous friends along for the ride.

3. The mall: There is no place that is packed with tons of people during the holidays quite like the mall. Slow down your hectic Christmas shopping and truly enjoy others around you as they collect items to mark off their own list. Chat with the tall, handsome guy shopping for a Marc Jacobs watch or the sweet brunette bagging your tennis shoes. Love can find you anywhere- even in the mall.

Related Link: [10 Holiday Gift Ideas for Someone Special](#)

4. Singles night: Although you may feel like you're the only one flying solo during the holidays, you're most definitely not. Classy clubs, snazzy lounges, and even church groups often have specific nights dedicated to those who are single and ready to mingle. Grab a few of your girlfriends or best guy friends and have a fun night out with singles just like you.

How do you plan to find love this holiday season? Share your ideas with us!

Scarlett Johansson Debuts New French Boyfriend Romain Dauriac





By Jennifer Ross

Scarlett Johansson has got a new man. Just one month after splitting from advertising exec Nate Naylor, Johansson has been spotted out with French journalist Romain Dauriac. Johansson and her new beau were out on Sunday Nov. 18 in New York City for the premiere of her latest film, the making of *Alfred Hitchcock's Psycho*. According to [Pure People](#), the love birds were introduced to each other by a mutual friend and tattoo artist Fuzi Uvtpk. Since then, reports claim that the couple has also frequented several bars and clubs in both France and New York within the past several weeks.

What are some ways to introduce your new partner to family and friends?

Cupid's Advice:

When you begin a love relationship, you naturally want to involve him/her in every part of your life. This will include introductions to your colleagues, friends and family. Be warned that this can be a tricky when dealing with judgmental

people who care about you. In order for things to work out well, here are three ways to bring your important people together:

1. Private brunch/dinner: Before your new partner is thrown to the family pack, smooth things over with a pre-introduction brunch/dinner for you two and your parents. It will be difficult enough for your mate to answer questions from your parents in front of the family. A private brunch/dinner for four will allow your parents to get to know him/her without the scrutiny of a family audience.

2. Sports gathering: A great time for your partner to meet your friends is when you all get together for a sports event. This will be a way for him/her to mingle with everyone without being the center of attention. Also, bonding moments can happen when your sport team is winning.

3. Vacation trip: If you feel you two are ready, consider inviting your partner to a family or friend vacation trip. This will allow everyone to be in a neutral and stress-free environment with plenty of days to get to know him/her. Just remember to go easy on the alcoholic beverages during the trip.

How did you introduce your new partner to family and friends? Share with us below.

Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis Share a Romantic Night in

Rome



By Jennifer Ross

A little rain doesn't stop these two from romancing the night away in Rome. On Sunday, Hollywood couple Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis was spotted dining at Rome's Antica Pesa Restaurant. The lovebirds ordered an array of mouth watering delights, such as Parma ham crudo and mozzarella, eggplant parmigiana and a salad with marinated anchovies. The pièce de résistance – a thousand layer pastry with cream and fresh berries. Kutcher and Kunis were also seen walking hand-in-hand in the center of Rome. Sharing their love for each other around the world, it's exciting to wonder where their next stop will be.

Where are three of the most romantic locations to visit with your partner?

Cupid's Advice:

When you are in love, you want to tell the entire world. As a result, many lovers take a romantic trip together, creating lasting memories. Whether you decide to shout your love from the highest mountain or write "I love you" on a white sandy beach, here are a few destinations to get your journey started:

1. Aspen, Colorado: More than just a celebrity hot-spot, Aspen is a lover's paradise all year-round. With miles of hiking/skiing trails and romantic carriage rides boasting stunning sceneries, you and your mate can adventure all day and curl up cozily by a fireplace at night.

2. Paris: Known as the city of lovers, Paris overflows with romance. Fall in love again with your partner through their beautiful public park. Share a lovely meal for two at a sidewalk café and walk hand-in-hand in their many museums.

3. Kauai, Hawaii: Kauai is nature's perfect landscape for lovers. Everywhere you look, you and your partner are surrounded by beautiful beaches, poem inspiring sunsets, gorgeous tropical flowers and dramatic cliffs and canyons to set a romantic mood.

What romantic vacation did you have with your partner? Share your story below.

Kirstie Alley Reveals Her Past Secret Relationship with

Patrick Swayze



By Jennifer Ross

Whatever her reasons were, Kirstie Alley just had to confess. In a surprise even to *Entertainment Tonight's* host Chris Jacobs, Alley revealed on Monday night's episode that she had a very emotional and secretive relationship with then costar Patrick Swayze, while they were filming the 1985 movie, [*North and South*](#). What makes this gossip even juicier is that the *DWTS* contestant, 61, and Swayze were both married! To clarify the details, Alley stated how their "affair" was emotional and not physical. "We did not have an affair. But again, I think what I did was worse. Because I think when you fall in love with someone when you're married, you jeopardize your own marriage and their marriage. It's doubly bad."

What are some reasons to keep your relationship a secret?

Cupid's Advice:

There's no doubt, secret relationships are filled with excitement. You and your secret lover arrange to meet in new places, away from your usual hang outs. You program each others' phone number with a secret name. Besides having an affair, there are many legitimate reasons why people engage in such activities. Here are a few to think about:

1. You two are family friends: Suppose you and your best friend of 10 years fall in love with each other AND your families are extremely close, even celebrating holidays together. It's understandable not wanting to share your relationship with everyone just yet. Holding back the info gives you two the time to grow your love and prevents the unwanted family pressures.

2. Family approval: If you come from a Roman Catholic family and your secret partner is a devout Muslim, many feelings could arise when informing your family. Also is the case with interracial relationships. With many hearts at stake, it may be worth it to keep hush about your love until you know a future marriage is certain.

3. Same-sex: Sometimes the approval need not come from family. Sometimes, it's from you. There are instances when a person is not ready to admit their sexual preference to their family for fear of banishment. Often times, complete out casting is not the case. Even so, it's alright to take your time in gaining the courage to show your true self.

Why did you keep your relationship a secret? Tell us below.

Pippa Middleton Is Dating Investment Banker James Matthews



By Jennifer Ross

Rumor has it, Pippa Middleton may be taken. For the past three weeks, the younger sister to the Duchess of Cambridge, Middleton has been seen out on several occasions with Investment Banker James Matthews, according to the U.K's [Daily Mirror](#). The two were even photographed having dinner at the Queen's Club tennis center in West London. A close source confirmed to [Usmagazine.com](#), "It's very early days but James really likes her." On one of their last outings, Middleton was photographed wearing a black dress, lace jacket, black tights and heels.

What are some signs that you have a lot in common with someone?

Cupid's Advice:

In order for a relationship to have a chance at survival, both parties involved will need to have things in common besides mutual attraction. Personal goals, lifestyles, moral grounds and intimacy are important factors to consider. While having too much in common can lead to a very boring relationship, a healthy amount in each of you is at least 50%, leaving plenty of room to grow. To help you understand where you two stand, here are a few clues to look for:

1. You have unusual things in common: Many new couples have ordinary things in common and are mistaken that this means they are a match. A clearer sign is when you and your new partner have many unusual things in common. The more quirky habits or likes you two share, the better the relationship can grow.

2. "We" terms when times are bad: While all new couples will eventually think in "we" terms, the real clue is when you think this way when the chips are down. If one of you has a sudden problem and both of you think of it as a joint issue, you two are on your way to merging lives together. It is terms like these that will keep you two together through the hard times.

3. You finish each others' sentences: Suppose you begin a sentence and your mate is able to finish it with little effort, then your relationship has a great chance of surviving. Being able to finish each others' sentences shows that you both have more in common than not.

**What convinced you that you had a lot in common with someone?
Tell us below.**

Recently Reunited Rob Pattinson and Kristen Stewart Are Caught Being Cozy on Camera



By Jennifer Ross

In another sign that things are moving forward, recently reunited Robert Pattinson and Kristen Stewart were photographed warm and loving to each other, according to UsMagazine.com. To *Twilight* fans, this is just more proof that their number one couple is back! During their Monday night

outing with friends, the pair was affectionate to each other with “no sign of tension,” according to an eyewitness. In the months before their reconciliation, no matter how much Pattinson resisted her, Stewart, 22, fought very hard to win back his affection. With Stewart’s persistence, Pattinson, 26, eventually gave in and started answering her calls again. Here’s hoping they remain strong.

What are some ways to know you can trust your partner after a betrayal?

Cupid’s Advice:

Trust is a main element in a strong relationship. When your partner violates that trust, often it is much harder to ever trust him as much as before. Even so, to stay together AND never trust him again is only torturous for you both. Explore the ways to learn to trust again with these three tips:

1. You are no longer blind: In experiencing this betrayal, you open your eyes to the red flags and lies you used to deny. You realize that he was able to lie to you because along with his dishonesty, you too were dishonest with yourself. In being truthful to yourself, you can now expect your partner to do the same.

2. You know what he will do: In reconciling, your partner is open and honest about the necessary steps he is taking to regain your trust. In him doing this and being consistent, you are able to slowly release your fear of him betraying you. You both are aware that this isn’t easy for him; yet, you guys support each other in this venture to unite strong again.

3. You have seen examples of trust again: In all this, you and your partner are beginning to reach a point where you can trust him again. Little instances that are equally important to major ones have happened and your mate has not failed you as before. You see that he is honest with you and can trust

it.

How were you able to trust your partner again? Share your story below.

3 Ways to Fit Romance into Fall Madness



By Rebecca Garland

It's time to don your sensible shoes and grab the day planner, because the frenzy of fall is upon us. Little Johnny has football practice five nights a week that don't always overlap

with Susie's drill team practice. The weekends are full of football games and dance competitions and that's before you make it to the grocery store and sew on the newest badges for the scout meeting next week. Life is crazy when we get back into the swing of school and extracurricular activities, so how can we ever keep romance alive in the madness?

Add Romance to Your Routine

The easiest way to stay romantic is to find places to actually feel romantic together with the things you're doing. If you have to fill out thousands of forms for the beginning of school, why not sit down with your man on the couch, turn on some soothing music, grab a bottle of wine and fill in all of the necessary contact information and health insurance numbers?

It may not make it into the movies, but sitting close, having wine and music – even when coupled with dress codes and parent contact forms – can be sexy.

Related Link: [Top 10 Romantic Winter Getaways](#)

Enjoy Early Bedtimes

The kids are going to be worn out by the end of the week and you probably are, too. There's no rule saying that you have to stay up until eleven o'clock every night of the week.

Make it a new routine in your household to send the kids to bed at eight (or even seven!) on Friday nights to help them get caught up on rest. Meanwhile, the two of you should climb into your bed armed with a movie, some snacks and some serious cuddling.

Watch your movie, or create your own fun in the stillness of a peaceful Friday night – this may easily become your favorite night of the week. It's horribly unproductive in terms of shopping lists and multitasking, but it's a glorious way to

relax and spend time together.

Related Link: [It's Time to Stop Asking, 'When Will It Be My Turn?'](#)

Arrange Date Nights (And Keep Them Holy)

It can be hard to tear yourself away, but call up a babysitter and make it work. Take at least two hours one night of the week or every other week and go to dinner together. Try a new restaurant every time you go out to keep things interesting while still getting home in time for bedtime routines and a good night's sleep.

If you can't spring for the babysitter, have a light dinner and then plan on cooking together after the kids go to bed. A late supper with candles, drinks and charming company in the comfort of your home is always relaxing as well – and is a bit more flexible with a crowded schedule.

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Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis Spend a PDA-Filled Weekend Together



By Jennifer Ross

It appears that love is still in the air. The PDA sightings of Ashton Kutcher and Mila Kunis last week in Central Park continued on through the weekend and were photographed throughout New York City. From holding hands through dinner at The Lion on Friday night to matching blue T-shirts and jeans while watching football in a sports bar on Sunday, Kutcher, 34, and Kunis, 29, could not go long without a hug or a kiss from each other. As reported to [People](#) by an observer, the love birds even had a cozy dinner with another couple at Spasso restaurant on Saturday night and were “all lovey-dovey.” It looks like the love that began April is still holding strong.

What are the benefits of being affectionate in public?

Cupid's Advice:

We've all done it. At one point in our lives, we have all either participated in a little PDA or watched from a distance. That feeling you get inside that makes you want to hold their hand or give them a sweet kiss, regardless of where you are, is a wonderful feeling. However, have you ever thought why do we do this? Here are a few reasons to understand what's good about PDA:

1. Confirming your feelings: Reaching out to hold your mate's hand, or give them a kiss, in public is a great way to confirm your feelings for them, if they are insecure about the relationship. It boldly states that you care and you what you don't care about is who knows. So the next time your partner questions your love for them, show it in public to get the message across.

2. It can boost a person's mood: Against what most people might think, being affectionate in public can have a positive effect on the people watching. A scientific study has shown that whether you are actively involved in PDA or simply watching, both have a strong and positive effect on your brain. So give your partner that extra kiss; it may lift someone else's spirit.

3. It just feels good: Let's not forget about ourselves. As the initiator of PDA, we do this simply because it feels good to us. With all the stresses of our world, why not allow ourselves to indulge in a little positive action with our loved one? After all, we are attracted to them and we genuinely care. So, if your urge is to give your mate a hug or kiss out in public, do it! Just remember to keep it "family friendly" for the little ones that may be watching.

What benefits do you get from being affectionate in public? Who initiates it more? Comment below.

Annie Lennox Ties the Knot for the Third Time



By Jennifer Ross

Annie Lennox has put a little love in her heart again, reports [People](#). The Scottish singer married Dr. Mitch Besser, an American gynecologist, Saturday in London. According to the [Daily Record](#), Lennox's two daughters, Lola, 22, and Tali, 19, along with a small group of friends and family members were present for the private ceremony. Dr. Besser, 57, is also founder of mothers2mothers, an organization in Africa aimed at helping prevent transmission of HIV from mother to baby. In 2009, it is through the organization that Lennox, also 57, met

Dr. Besser. Let's hope that Lennox's third time is the charm.

How do you know if your marriage will last after multiple divorces?

Cupid's Advice:

There are many statistics out there that state your chances of divorcing a second time around can be up to 90 percent higher than if you were in your first marriage. However, some remarriages do last, regardless of previous failures. Here are a few clues in knowing the difference:

1. Heal from the old marriage: Holding on to anything negative or unfulfilled from your previous marriage will only set you up for failure in the future one. Find closure in all aspects, physically, financially, socially and emotionally. If that means you must cry a river of tears, get it over with, and then leave it in your past.

2. Evaluate yourself: In evaluating yourself, take time to see what you did wrong in your previous marriage and what expectations you had. Remember, your ex was not the only one at fault. By knowing the good and bad in yourself, you can prevent repeating history.

3. Be the real you: In the new marriage, it is most important to be completely honest with yourself and your spouse about who you really are. Honesty about everything will show that there are no unexpected surprises with you. Also, your marriage actually has a great chance at forming a strong bond, stronger than before.

What are the differences in you between your remarriage and previous marriage? Is the marriage bond stronger than before? Tell us how below.

Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds Take a Mini-Honeymoon in Virginia



By Jennifer Ross

Keeping in theme with their South Carolina wedding, Blake Lively and Ryan Reynolds decided on a mini-honeymoon at Virginia's Inn in Little Washington, South Carolina, according to [People](#). Located an hour and a half west of our nation's capital, the Inn is operated by Chef Patrick O'Connell. It includes a French inspired restaurant, locally grown food and a 14,000 wine bottle cellar. As reported by the [Washington](#)

[Post](#), Reynolds, 35, wore a light blue shirt and khakis when he and his bride dined in the garden for a late dinner. The couple then spent Saturday night there before heading back to New York City.

What are some quick honeymoons to take as a couple?

Cupid's Advice:

Although a wedding is one of the most memorable moments in your life, it may come at a time when your work schedule is full. If this is your case, here are a few examples of how you can have a mini romantic honeymoon that is sure to please:

1. In your own backyard: No, this is not in reference to the yard behind your home. Rather, it's about creating a wonderful experience of enjoying what your town has to offer. Whether you live in rural town or a bustling city, every town has spas, fine dining, luxury hotels or resorts, along with events and nightlife that can make for a very exciting time. Plus, it includes the shortest drive home in the end.

2. Head west to wine country: Another honeymoon that does not require a passport is the wine regions of California. There are many wine resorts and villa rentals to set the romantic mood. Besides all the great wine tasting, there is also hot-air balloon rides, golfing, and spas. Just remember to hire car service to prevent any drinking and driving.

3. Beach destination: For a romantic beach destination without leaving the U.S., head over to Kiawah Island, South Carolina. While it is not actually an island, it is predominantly surrounded by water. Although Kiawah Island is known for their professional golf courses, you can also enjoy playing tennis, fishing, canoeing through the beautiful marsh-lined creeks, shopping, fine dining or simply laying on the beach. It contains all the joys of the Florida Keys, at a lower cost and without the over-crowdedness.

Did you and your spouse take a quick honeymoon? Tell us all about it below!

Rumor: Are Minka Kelly and Chris Evans Dating?



By Jennifer Ross

The rumors are true; Minka Kelly and Chris Evans are reportedly dating again, according to UsMagazine.com. The *Friday Night Lights* actress, 32, and the *Avengers* actor, 31, were seen together at Max and Dylan's Restaurant Bar in Boston holding hands and even kissing, according to the *Boston*

Herald. These two last dated back in 2007, where it ended with Kelly leaving Evans for New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter. Friends of Evans hope history doesn't repeat itself.

How do you know whether to trust an ex-partner again?

Cupid's Advice:

Sometimes there are mistakes an ex can make that break up the relationship, but are those mistakes so bad that you two cannot reconcile? Here's how to know when your partner may be worth trusting again:

1. They're willing to put in the effort: It may be time to trust your ex again if it's obvious they're putting in a consistent effort to make your relationship work the second time around, like with counseling or therapy.

2. The violation of trust was a one-time thing: If what made you distrust your partner in the first place was a one-time mistake and it hasn't happened since, time may be able to heal the wound.

3. Their sincerity shows through their actions: As the cliché says, "Actions speak louder than words." If what they're doing matches the sincerity in their words, that's a good sign.

What was your experience with your ex partner? When did you know it was time to trust your ex again? Tell us below!

Selena Gomez Celebrates Her

20th Birthday At the Teen Choice Awards



Selena Gomez no longer puts the “teen” in teen pop sensation after Sunday night’s Teen Choice Awards. The gorgeous triple-threat celebrated her birthday alongside her fellow musician boyfriend Justin Bieber and country star bestie in the Los Angeles’s Gibson Amphitheatre. According to [People](#), the now 20-year old singer received sparkled cupcakes along with an award for both her and her band, Selena Gomez & the Scene. Gomez referred to her super-new Teen Choice surf board as ‘the best birthday present ever,’ then returned to her front row seat with her man. With that said, sounds like Ms. Gomez brought in her 20th birthday just right.

What are some ways to celebrate your significant other’s

birthday?

Cupid's Pulse:

Birthdays are special and need to be celebrated with a bang! After all, they only come around once a year. Here are some great ways to create an unforgettable birthday for the one you love:

- 1. Surprise party:** Surprises are the best way to celebrate a milestone. Hang out with your sweetie and all your closest family and friends for a great time.
- 2. Romantic getaway:** Take a romantic trip for your honey's birthday. Spend some alone time and celebrate their day with alone time and new sights to see.
- 3. Spa day:** Treat your sweetie to a lovely, relaxing day at the spa. Allow them to relieve some of life's daily stress, and let them know the day belongs to them.

How would you want to celebrate your birthday with your love? Share your thoughts with us.

Kanye West Serenades Kim Kardashian at His Concert





Kimye is at it again. Bad-boy Kanye West held a solo concert in Atlantic City this weekend in which Ms. Kardashian attended. The rapper performed for thousands as the reality star sang and danced in the V.I.P. box. According to UsMagazine.com, West sang directly to his equally famous girlfriend as he performed his hit song “Way too Cold,” in which Kanye sings “I admit I fell in love with Kim.” The musician later yelled to the crowd, “If you love someone tonight... hold on real tight!” Although the pair weren’t side-by-side, it is clear the rapper is taking his own advice when it comes to his love for Kim K.

What are some ways to publicly show you care about your partner?

Cupid’s Advice:

Showing your significant other you care is important in every relationship because words are not always enough. Here are some great ways to express how you feel in more active ways:

1. PDA: Showing affection to your love is the simplest yet

sweetest gesture to show you care. Simply holding their hand or kissing their forehead can go a long way.

2. Recite a poem: Bring your honey to an open mic night and surprise them with your poem. Share your deepest feelings for them in front of a crowd of strangers.

3. Invite them to a special event: Take them to an awards show or a fancy business dinner. Sharing a special moment with them really shows how important they are and how much you want to show them off.

What does your partner do that shows they care about you? Share your experiences with us.