## Michelle Williams and Jason Segel Take a Romantic Stroll in NYC





Michelle Williams

seems to be no joke to the ever-so-comical Jason Segel. The two were seen strolling on quite the lovely day in downtown New York City last weekend. Williams was rocking a lightweight, white top and cut off jean shorts while Segel sported a button-down with pants. But this isn't the first time the two have been spotted spending quality time together. The stars were also caught getting cozy back in March. The news of their day out in NYC came just in time after a source told <code>People</code> just days before that Williams "hasn't been this happy in forever" and Segel is "totally smitten" with the 31-year old actress. With that said, feelings seem to be running mutual with this unexpected couple.

What are some very basic yet extremely romantic date ideas?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Romantic dates often keep the firing burning in both new and old relationships, but it is possible to keep them simple. Here are some great ways to have a relaxing, fun date still filled with romance:

- 1. Picnic in the park: Picnics in the park are always a fun, romantic idea. You don't need a ton of candles or a tux and evening dress to create romance. The thoughtfulness behind the picnic speaks for itself.
- 2. Carnival trip: Going out to a great local carnival with your sweetie is perfect for a romantic night. Share a funnel cake and take a lovely ride on a ferris wheel with the lights shining all around you.
- **3. Drive-in movie:** Take your honey to see a classic love story at the drive-in. The drive-in keeps the date personal and romantic.

What are some basic yet extremely romantic dates you've been on? Share your stories with us.

# Justin Bieber Rents a Helicopter for Romantic Ride with Selena Gomez





Justin Bieber makes

his mark as the king of romance once again when it comes to his pop star girlfriend Selena Gomez. The 18-year-old treated his lady to a lovely helicopter ride in Toronto on Saturday while the two were in town to perform at Sunday night's MuchMusic Awards. According to <u>People</u>, a source from Toronto says their five-star date in the air was "a relaxing and romantic break from work" and the two "were very excited." The couple's helicopter ride adds to a long list of unique dates Bieber has planned for Gomez since the teen stars started dating publicly last January. With that said, the next date the Biebs will plan is sure to be a step up from the rest.

How do you show your mate you care with a grand gesture?

#### Cupid's Advice:

The best way to show someone how much you care is through your actions. Here are some tips to effectively get your deepest feelings across without saying a word:

- 1. Plan a surprise: Surprises are extremely thoughtful and show how much you value the happiness of the one you love. Surprise your sweetie with tickets to their favorite concert or even a trip to their favorite place.
- 2. Breakfast in bed: Take the time to cook a wonderful meal

first thing in the morning. Show them you thought of them before they ever stepped out of bed.

**3. A thoughtful gift:** Buy a gift your honey has wanted for quite some time. Not only will the purchase show you that listen to them, but it'll show you care enough to follow through.

What grand gesture would you use to show how much you care? Share your ideas with us.

# Five Top Tips On How To Find "The One"





By Chris Owen

If you're single, bored and playing the field, there's never been a better time to get the job done and find a new person to date. Though most relationships start in the workplace, you can still find love anywhere if you're willing to work at it. By acting the part and grabbing fate by the throat, you can easily find "the one" and be happy in love. Here are some simple tips to help bring you closer to the object of your affection:

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- 1. Be caring. Even if you're a mean or moody person, you still have a heart, so show it and get involved! Find out how you can run, walk, swim or cycle for charity. As soon as you're passing around that sponsorship form and subtly letting colleagues know you've turned over a new charitable leaf, you can guarantee that you'll be raising both dollars and pulse rates.
- 2. Be nice. Don't just care about causes, care about the people around you as well! Even little things like opening doors, giving compliments and being nice are all great ways to get yourself noticed by members of the opposite sex. Fill your day with smiles, laughs and cheery greetings and you're sure to be well-liked. If you adopt a pleasant attitude towards everyone, the object of your desire is sure to notice you sooner or later.
- 3. Be there. If your intended "catch" always takes the same bus, always brings lunch to the park or they're hitting a particular bar at five o'clock every Friday, then learn that pattern and make sure you're there, too. Of course, I'm not advocating stalking, but if you just so happen to be in the park, on the bus or down at the bar once a week, then there's no harm in that. If you slightly adjust your own schedule, you won't even have to acknowledge them. Just be there, and after a while, they'll speak to you and romance can blossom.

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- **4. Be interesting.** How hard is it to read a great novel and leave it casually on the corner of your desk or go to the theater and drop it into a conversation within earshot of your "partner-in-waiting?" Learn a language, play the guitar or go on vacation to an exotic country. If you make what you want to do seem interesting, you'll be noticed for sure.
- 5. Be exciting. If you're the kind of person who enjoys warm baths, NPR and an early night, then good for you. There's a lot to be said for the comforts of home, and I hope you'll be very happy with your partner Tim the cat. However, for all of you who are still looking for someone who's slightly less feline, you need to actually get out there and make it happen. Being perceived as exciting doesn't mean you have to ride a Harley Davidson or go on adventure holidays every other weekend. Stay out late every so often, watch a few live rock bands, do the odd bungee jump or get yourself pierced or tattooed. Even small things like these can make you seem like a great person to date. Plus, the more out of your comfort zone you step, the more likely you are to book some safari holidays down the road.

Remember, if you're hoping to date someone, the only one who can get you there is you! Keeping simple ideas like these in mind can turn you from single to taken before you know it.

Chris is happily married after meeting his wife in the middle of the jungle while undertaking his adventure holidays in deepest darkest Asia.

### Jenny McCarthy Is Dating

### NFL's Brian Urlacher





An upcoming *Playboy* 

photo shoot for 39-year old Jenny McCarthy isn't the only new and juicy detail in the star's life. According to <code>People</code>, <code>E!</code> confirmed through McCarthy's publicist that she has been dating linebacker Brian Urlacher of the Chicago Bears for about a month. The two were spotted enjoying dinner together in the city her new beau resides in, specifically at Giuliana and Bill Rancic's restaurant. The actress took to the media herself on Thursday of last week at Generation Rescue autism charity event in Chicago to make the special announcement. Although McCarthy did not go into detail about her relationship with the NFL star to <code>Chicago's NBC 5</code>, she made sure to display support for her new man by simply stating, "Go Bears, that's all I can say."

What are some ways to announce your new relationship to friends and family?

Cupid's Advice:

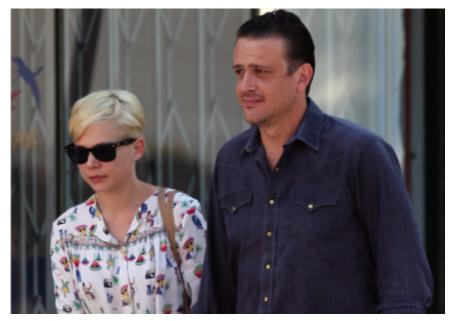
New relationships are both exciting and nerve-wracking when it comes time to sharing the news with the people you love. Here are some great ways to announce your new relationship:

- 1. Invite them to a family dinner: A setting where a nice conversation can be held will allow your family to get acquainted with your new love, and vice-versa.
- 2. Bring them to a party hosted by a close friend: The atmosphere will be fun and relaxed. All eyes won't be on you and your new babe, but it's enough to know you are a duo.
- 3. Host a game night: Invite family and friends over for a great time. Give them the opportunity to enjoy your significant other the way you do.

How have you introduced new relationships with the ones closest to you? Share your stories with us.

# Do Fairytale Relationships Only Exist in Hollywood?





By Keryl Pesce

When Richard Gere came galloping back on his white horse (AKA stretch-white limo) to rescue Julia Roberts (AKA Cinderella), a not-so-small piece of the dreamer in us melted as we sighed and secretly wished real life were just like that. I mean, fairytale relationships only exist in childhood stories and movies, right?

If you want to get closer in touch with what relationships are really like, tune in to *The Real Housewives of NJ, NY, Atlanta* or wherever. That's more like it. Relationships are hard work, next to impossible to maintain and filled with drama, jealousy and cruelty. Umm, how about not!

I'm going to let you in on two very big secrets:

Secret #1. What you believe equals what you receive.

Secret #2. Fairytale relationships DO exist in real life.

There. I said it. I know it's not what you're used to hearing. That's precisely the problem.

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We're bombarded with statistics, negative news stories and a personal thorn in my side — reality TV which hammer into our

brains that divorce, affairs, selfishness and crap relationships are the norm and what we should expect. Make a note. What we focus on expands.

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If you're wondering why you've had a difficult time finding Mr. Right or why your "was hoping he would turn into Mr. Right" made a left, I've got good news for you. There are fantastic people and amazing relationships waiting to be had. They exist. They are real. I know, because I'm in one.

I had the "get married in case no one better comes along" relationship. He cheated. I left. And truthfully, I'm not knocking him. It was simply the wrong two people coming together.

Fast forward to today and the newer, younger (by 8 years — go me!) version is quite frankly, a fairytale. My happiness is more important to him than his own. He cooks, helps with laundry, is generous in bed and yes, calls me "Baby." Hate me if you wish, but I'm not here to brag. I'm here to raise your expectations. Because that is the one and only thing you need to do to bring yourself closer to the same thing.

The problem isn't you, life or the lack of quality people. The problem is that we believe (wrongly) that we should expect all the negatives about relationships. That's the bad news. The good news is that the solution is pretty simple. Hit reset.

You attracting an amazing relationship begins with deciding what you want and believing you can get it. When I crawled out of the pitiful depths of despair, I began to think in terms of what I wanted, not what I didn't want. From there, it was simply a matter of training myself to stay focused on that and to trust. Think and act out of faith that what you want will come to you, not fear that it will not. Make this one small shift in your thinking, and watch what happens.

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# 'Bridesmaids' + 'Friends with Benefits' = 'Friends with Kids'





By Matthew Dougherty

Off the heels of last year's smash hit *Bridesmaids*, comes this romantic comedy which happens to contain many of the cast members of that film. Kristen Wiig, Maya Rudolph, Jon Hamm and Chris O'Dowd all return from that already classic comedy for this movie about six friends, four of whom are married to

another member of the group. The two left over decide to have kids without relationship problems getting in the way. But is that ever really possible? This movie can be seen as *Friends with Benefits* for people in their 30's, and it could be the birth of yet another great movie romance.

**Should You See It?** Yes. Even though the plot is typical, the cast is fantastic and the trailer provides some funny moments. With the R rating, many of the film's funniest moments likely could not make it into the trailer. Also, how can you resist seeing Kristen Wiig and Jon Hamm on screen together again?

Who To Take: This could be a great date movie or a simple outing with your friends. That said, the R rating means that a lot of the humor may be vulgar, so maybe don't ask your mom to this one.

#### How do you tell if a friend can be made into more?

In Friends with Kids, the two main characters trying to conceive a child seemingly have no romantic connection. Naturally, one seems to develop anyway, leading them to consider something more than friendship. This is something that does not just happen in the movies. Sometimes the right person for you is hiding behind a cloud of friendship. Here is how to tell when try out a romance:

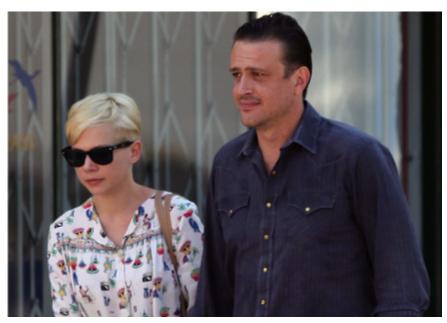
- 1. You have a lot in common: Do you like the same movies, restaurants, or activities? If so, on some level you know how much fun you will have dating this person.
- 2. You have the same friends: If you have all of the same friends, you know that you like the same type of people, including each other. However, you also need to be able to be comfortable hanging out with each other one-on-one.
- 3. They already treat you like their significant other: Look at how your "friend" treats you. Is he nicer to you than

anyone else? Are you the same way to him? Are there things that only you two know about each other? Are you comfortable with each others' families? These are all possible signs that your friend might be relationship material, and perhaps even the best relationship you've ever had.

Do you have experience with a friend becoming more than a friend? Share with us below.

## Kristin Cavallari Is 'Radiant' at Lunch with Jay Cutler





Expectant parents,

Kristen Cavallari and Jay Cutler, shared a romantic lunch together at Marble Lane Restaurant in New York. According to

<u>People</u>, after both ordering tomato soup, the two ordered salads. A source said they seemed "super happy, chatting the entire time. She was very smiley and looked radiant." A few days prior to visiting New York for Fashion Week, Cavallari attending a bridal shower for a friend's upcoming wedding. The shower took place at a West Hollywood gay bar, The Abbey.

What are some ways to keep the romance in your relationship during pregnancy?

#### Cupid's Advice:

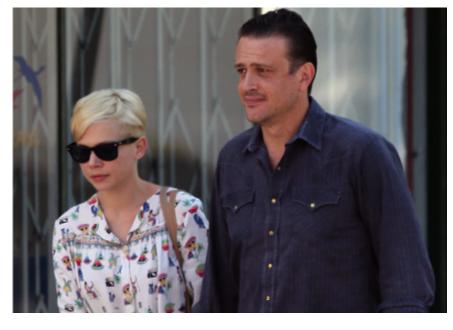
Being pregnant can be stressful for both members of the relationship. Don't forget to show each other some love throughout the entire pregnancy.

- 1. Don't give up on date nights: Once the baby comes, spending a Friday night alone together is going to nearly impossible. While you still have the time be sure to show your sweetheart some love. Do something unique every weekend, even if it's baby related, like painting the soon-to-be baby's room.
- 2. Stay intimate: Don't give up on being intimate just because you're pregnant. If you are feeling uncomfortable, about it talk to your man and tell him. It's a guarantee he will be accommodating to your needs so that the two of you can continue sharing private and intimate moments.
- **3. Communicate:** Talk to your partner about any fears or uncertainties you may be having. Keep yourselves on the same page. Communicating will allow you to sort through any problems and allow you to have time keep the romance level up.

How did you keep the romance going in your relationship during pregnancy? Share your stories below.

## Valentine's Day Advice: Romantic Home-Dates for Busy Parents





By Rebecca Garland

Forced to stay home for Valentine's Day with the hubby? You're not alone, as many celebrity families prefer to stay close rather than head out on romantic dates while dealing with the hassles of a babysitter or, in the celebrity case, overtime pay for the nanny.

Can you imagine Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie turning up for a special with the papparazi underfoot looking for clues about the latest celebrity plastic surgery? No — celebrity parents, especially in big families like the Jolie-Pitts, are looking for a bit more privacy when it comes to celebrating

Valentine's Day. And you can enjoy romance at home, too. Here's how:

#### Cook Together

Often parents focus on getting food on the table rather than the simple joys that baking can bring. Feed the children early, and pack them off to bed. Then, come back to the kitchen for an evening with entrees and wine just for the grown-ups. Cooking together can be intimate by preparing the meal together, setting the table for two and feeding each other bites in exactly the same way you would if you were paying \$100 per plate.

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#### Dinner and a Movie

If the idea of cleaning the kitchen twice is overwhelming, take the easy road and send out for take-out. While one of you puts the kids to bed, the other drives to the local steakhouse or seafood restaurant for some delicious food to go. Those waiting for a table might realize you have the right idea as you hurry home with your fine dining. Set the table in the living room, and enjoy the meal by candle light. Then, with the leftovers put away, pop in your favorite romantic comedy and put your home theater to good use.

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#### Casual Romance

Valentine's Day deserves a bit of special treatment, but if setting tables and driving out for food doesn't put you in the mind for romance, why not keep it casual? Busy parents know that the most romantic thing you can do is simply spend time together without any obligations or interferences. Order a pizza with your favorite toppings — you don't need to make concessions for the kids this time — and kick back to watch an

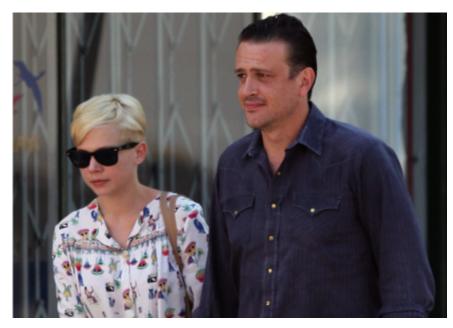
uninterrupted marathon of all of those shows the two of you have recorded on the DVR.

Picture the two of you on the couch, your feet in his lap while both of you hold a container of delivered Chinese food or pizza for dinner. If you think the evening needs a bit more of a kick, throw your normal sweatpants over some silky lingerie, and use those commercial breaks wisely...

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# Five Signs Your Relationship Won't Make It Until Valentine's Day





By Whitney Baker

For many couples, the lead-up to Valentine's Day is an exciting time filled with promise and possibility. The cold weather offers an excuse to snuggle up, while the holidays are the perfect reason to shower each other with love and affection. Unfortunately, many relationships aren't so lucky. According to a recent study in *Men's Health*, the time span from Christmas to Valentine's Day is one of the most common break-up times of the year.

Regardless of the month or season, when your relationship is over, you just *know*. But if you're still on the fence, unsure what to do about your love interest, here are five red flags you should watch for in your relationship. Otherwise, you probably won't make it to Valentine's Day:

1. Too much fighting: The holidays are a special time to share with your significant other; they should be filled with fun, <u>food</u> and family, not fighting. If you find yourself unhappy more often than not, it may be time to <u>call it quits</u>.

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2. Finding other priorities: New Year's Eve marks the start of a new year and the chance for a new beginning. That said, who better to kick things off with than the one you love? If

you'd rather hang out with your friends or spend a low-key night with your family, you need to consider why. Spending time with your partner should be a priority, especially on such a fun holiday.

3. No connection left: Lack of similarity emerges over time, and these differences can either bring you closer together or tear you apart. You need to feel connected to your partner, and something as simple as an impersonal present or thoughtless holiday card can be enough to make you feel distant and misunderstood.

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- 4. Nothing to say: When your relationship is new, you always have something to talk about, but as time goes on, conversation may become stale and forced. Remember that communication is key for every successful relationship. With nothing left to say, it may be time to start looking somewhere else for love.
- **5. Making plans alone:** The beginning of January is typically a time to reflect on the year behind you and plan for the year ahead. If you and your partner have a strong and stable relationship, then the two of you will make plans *together*. Thinking about events, vacations and getaways that take you away from your significant other could mean you're ready for a fresh start in more ways than one.

Cupid wants to know: How did you know when your relationship was over?

# Rumor: Are Derek Jeter and Minka Kelly On-Again?





It looks like Derek

Jeter and Minka Kelly might be rekindling their 3-year romance, as they vacationed in Paris over the holiday weekend. The Yankees all-star and *Charlie's Angels* actress stayed with friends while taking in some of the city's most popular tourist attractions. "They look very much in love, " an observer told *People*. "They were always very, very close [and] very playful as a couple with each other."

What are some ways to decide whether to rekindle a romance?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Deciding to date an ex again can be a tough decision, but there are three important parts of yourself to consider:

1. Your gut: Take your initial feeling into account, because more often than not your first instinct on a situation may be

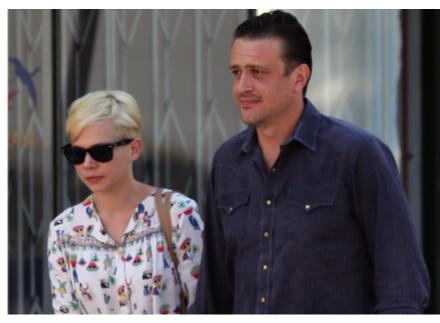
the right one.

- 2. Your heart: Your heart may feel broken from the breakup, but make sure being back together is what's going to heal those wounds.
- **3. Your mind:** Often our hearts make us act irrationally, so try to think logically about the situation and weigh your options.

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

### Romance Resolutions for 2012





By Steven Zangrillo

With the New Year right around the corner, many of you may be starting to stress about those ten pounds you stacked on

courtesy of Grandma Anna's sugar cookies; or how you'll manage to get those last minute gifts shipped to your beloved in-laws and cousins you don't know very well. Instead, take a deep breath.

Now is a great time to step back, look around and re-evaluate your relationships. Whether you're a wife, husband, boyfriend, girlfriend or in the throes of a fleeting fling, there's never been a better time to understand your tendencies (good or bad) as a lover and a partner.

Right under our noses lie some of the most common and simple adjustments we can make that will help get you started on the path of relationship improvement. Take to heart some of these "romantic resolutions" that you may want to put into practice as 2012 approaches:

#### 1. "I will not expect the world of my partner."

To be clear, you should expect your partner to make the effort to give you the world. We all want our special someone to feel happy and satisfied at all times, and vice versa. However, it's borderline lunacy to expect that person to actually deliver on all of your wildest dreams. Newsflash: this isn't an Old Spice commercial, and no, we're not going to bake you a triple chocolate mousse cake in your dream house kitchen while singing your favorite song. But we'll try, or at least give you a great foot massage.

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## 2. "If they want to go to the movies, then take them to the movies."

Your significant other loves a hobby that you purely loathe. It could be going to cheesy romance movies or ridiculous action flicks, blasting gangster rap at earth-shattering volumes from your apartment, or eating at a restaurant that

triggers your gag reflex. If they know you hate these things, they probably shouldn't make you experience them. But that's selfish, wouldn't you agree? So stick it out... sit down and watch "The Notebook" with her. You'll reap the benefits later when she buys you those Eminem tickets next month.

# 3. "I will tolerate his or her friends, even if it doesn't go smoothly at first."

This is particularly difficult in new relationships where you may not have many mutual friends. Say you've moved to a new city with your flame and just met his friends. Because they are his or her friends, not yours, territoriality plays an integral role in this situation.

What's key to remember is that these people care for the person that you love, just like you do — albeit in different ways. Maybe they aren't your type of people, but if you treat each other with respect, the relationship with your significant other can grow. Integrating into each others' lives will be much smoother if you go into this with an open mind. And who knows, eventually you may grow to love them.

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# 4. "I will allow myself to be present when I am away from you."

Ever have that friend who, whether it's at the club or in a study group, that is constantly and obnoxiously in contact with their significant other? You may even be guilty of it yourself. It's an all-around annoying disposition.

If you're always on your cell phone, shutting out the world around you, you are probably aggravating all of the other people that enjoy your company in the process. Don't be the guy leaning on the bar, texting his girl, while everyone else is having a great time.

Furthermore, this could be a warning sign to you that you don't trust each other. Do you really want to be in a relationship where you find yourself having to give a detailed explanation of how dinner is going with your parents? If not, it's probably time to shed that relationship.

5. "I will put myself first, but not at the detriment of my partner. I'll support everything they are passionate about."

This rule speaks for itself. No one worth being in a relationship with would ever make you feel bad for pursuing your interests, on both professional and personal levels. If the dynamic of your partnership is that of mutual respect and support, your significant other will be your biggest cheerleader.

It is, indeed, easier to give the previous advice than it is to follow it. However, if you adapt an attitude that incorporates a little bit of everything discussed above, there's a good chance that you and your lover will have a relationship that will stand the test of time in the New Year!

# Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag Lock Lips On a Ski Trip





It looks like Speidi

is still going strong! Former Hills stars Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag were spotted loading on the PDA on top of a mountain in Mammoth, Calif. The duo were snowboarding and skiing, respectively. But they didn't stop there in the way of winter activities, as they were also spotted sledding and snowmobiling on their affectionate trip, as well. "It was so much fun," Montag told <code>UsMagazine.com</code>. "There is no better way to get in the Christmas spirit than being out in the snow and skiing." The notoriously drama-ridden couple were on school vacation, as Pratt is studying political science at the University of Southern California. "It helped get us in the Christmas mode. It was the best trip ever," added Montag. "This has been the best year of my life, and I'm very excited to see what 2012 is going to hold."

How do you make a ski trip romantic?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Ski trips can either be an intense sporting event or a relaxing romantic getaway, depending on your mood and actions. Cupid has some way to get the romantic sparks flying:

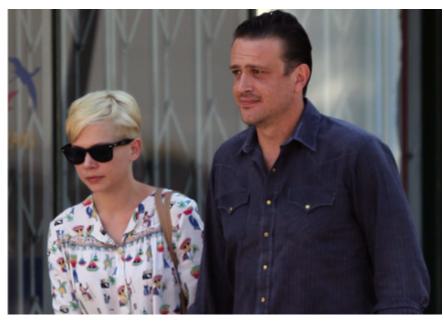
1. Warm up by the fire: The best part about a couples ski trip is getting cozy by the fire after a long day of weathering the

- cold. Grab a blanket, and snuggle up next to your partner.
- 2. Hold hands on the way up: The chair lift ride is a great time to bond with your significant other. Hold hands and partake in the scenery below.
- **3. Share a kiss on top:** Once you make it to the top of the mountain, share a quick smooch before heading back down. Take a look at the rolling hills beyond you, and briefly enjoy the moment together.

How did you make your ski trip more romantic? Share your experiences below.

# The Most Romantic Hotels for Couples —and Celebrities!





By Isabel Eva Bohrer

Finding a secret hideaway as a famous couple is difficult. Paparazzi follow you everywhere, and you need some good fences and security to really make that vacation a relaxing one. Despite these difficulties, there are some places that make it possible. Read on for information on the most romantic hotels and which famous couples have stayed the night there. To make your very own reservation, check out www.luxury-hotels.com.

#### 1. GoldenEye Hotel & Resort (St. Mary, Jamaica)

Once owned by James Bond creator Ian Fleming, this hotel is a purely romantic experience with a celebrity twist. It is not an ordinary hotel, but instead a compound of luxurious private villas. Each of them offers its own private world, set amid spectacular tropical gardens and embellished with extraordinary comforts, amenities and service. Fleming's three-bedroom villa is particularly popular as it still contains the writer's Jamaican red bullet wood desk. This also includes three individual bedrooms (each with outdoor garden bath and rain shower), a private swimming pool and a secluded beach. During the day, you can explore the coves and at night, sit at Fleming's old desk to write a love letter — or perhaps even the next great spy novel.

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#### 2. Chateau Marmont (Los Angeles, USA)

Ever since its opening in 1929, the Chateau Marmont hotel has been a discreet movie star getaway. In addition to the private guest bungalows, the establishment comes with the popular Bar Marmont, and a see-and-be-seen restaurant. Kate Bosworth and True Blood's Alexander Skarsgard were spotted kissing at Chateau, while Lindsay Lohan and Avril Lavigne had

a bar brawl here. Twilight stars Kristen Stewart and Robert Pattinson spent the night together at the hotel, whilst Tila Tequila and Meghan McCain were seen lunching.

The courtyard has welcomed Jennifer Aniston, John Mayer, and Billy Crudup, and the patio has been home to Eva Longoria and Christina Applegate. The restaurant's living room is where Sienna Miller and Josh Hartnett cozied up and on one single night, actresses Lindsay Lohan, Charlize Theron, and Mary-Kate Olsen all graced the halls. You won't just feel like a star at Chateau Marmont, you may actually see some while you're here.

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#### 3. Oyster Box Hotel (Umhlanga, South Africa)

Prince Albert and his wife Charlene Wittstock went all the way to South Africa for their honeymoon (after all, the bride is a native). Here, they decided to stay at the Oyster Box Hotel. Set on the Indian Ocean and opened in 1947, this hotel quickly gained a legendary reputation thanks to its combination of colonial charm, impeccable service, lush tropical gardens and breathtaking seaside setting. If you want the presidential suite where Prince Albert and his wife stayed, be prepared to splurge — it has its own terrace and private dining area for \$7,350 a night.

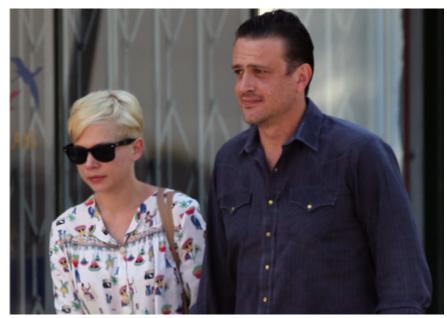
#### 4. Gramercy Park Hotel (New York City, USA)

The Gramercy Park Hotel is the place to be if you want to be hip, famous and beautiful. Even if you're staying the night elsewhere, you can still visit the Rose Bar, whose velvetheavy décor has made it the epicenter of the New York bar scene. Janet Jackson was recently there to admire the artwork on view at the Rose Bar, while Kid Rock smoked a cigarette outside. Chace Crawford, in turn, met some business partners there, while Sting was also seen staying at the hotel. The celeb legacy dates all the way back to Humphrey Bogart who got

married here, and Babe Ruth who was a regular among the bar guests.

# Rumor: Are Ashton Kutcher and Lea Michele Dating?





Co-stars Lea Michele

and Ashton Kutcher were very friendly and hands on at a red carpet premiere of their new holiday film, New Year's Eve. According to Hollyscoop, the two had nothing, but admiration for each other. Although, Michele may have been a little more star-struck than newly divorced Kutcher, as the Glee actress said her co-star was out of her league. Will Michele and Kutcher will be kissing at the stroke of midnight on New Year's Eve?

What are some ways to attract the attention of someone "out of your league"?

#### Cupid's Advice:

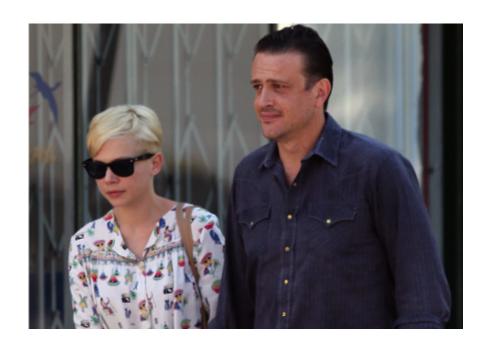
Sometimes we may feel that someone is out of our league because of money, status, age or education. The truth is, you can make anyone fall in love with the real you. If these steps don't work, then you may be dating someone who doesn't appreciate the genuine you:

- 1. Smarts: There is nothing sexier and equalizing than a person's brains. Show off your smarts, but don't be cocky.
- 2. Conversate: A person who has a lot to say can win over anyone. Just be sure that you know what you're talking about! Communication is key to any relationship.
- **3. Be yourself:** Since we don't have gene altering machines like Steve Urkel, be yourself. Lies will just lead to a break-up even before your relationship starts.

Have you ever changed to get the attention of someone you liked? Share your thoughts below.

# Food Network's Anne Burrell and Geoffrey Zakarian Talk Holiday Cooking and Love





By Steven Zangrillo

As the Holidays draw closer and families get together, it's easy to get roped into the manic hustle and bustle. Cooking with your loved ones, especially your special someone, can act as a great escape from all of the stress. It can even bring you and your partner closer. CupidsPulse.com spoke with Food Network's Anne Burrell and Geoffrey Zakarian and got their take on whipping up some holiday romance in the kitchen.

For more videos from CupidsPulse.com, check out our <u>YouTube</u> <u>channel</u>.

# Tough Love Miami: Steve Ward Talks About A "FunSexyCool" Way To Find Love In The

### **Digital Age**





By Andrew Pryor

Simply put, Steve Ward knows his way around the human heart so well it's a wonder he's not a cardiologist in his spare time. Having joined the family matchmaking business straight out of Drexel University, he's currently the CEO of Master Matchmakers, working alongside his mother, JoAnn Ward. They also co-host the breakout VH1 series Tough Love, now in its fourth season.

Being a co-host of *Tough Love* helped Steve share his relationship expertise with a much wider audience, and the show itself provided VH1 with a reprieve from the stigma of past shows like *Flavor of Love and Rock of Love*. "The executives over at VH1 were looking for more transformative programming," says Steve, "so that was kind of our hook." And that "hook" turned into a successful program that brought him and his mother into the limelight.

# Related Link: VH1's Flavor Flav Says Keep it Real to Make Your Relationship Work

So what's a big part of their success, both on-and-off-camera? Well, in Steve's opinion, a lot of it has to do with the way their business melds hands-on relationship advice with new technological developments. "I really enjoy being on the cutting edge of technology, especially when it comes to the dating world," he says. "We just have to keep up with the times. Dating and mating are evolving faster than we are." This particular subject made its way onto a recent episode of Tough Love, where the women were taught how to text responsibly and were ambushed during dates with photos from their Facebook pages.

And Steve's newest innovation: a smartphone app named FunSexyCool. It combines technology and matchmaking in a way that's accessible and fun to use. It's an app that let's you upload a photo of yourself, look at the photos of other users, and rate them as Fun, Sexy, or Cool, hence the name. It's also one of the few social romance networks that actually rewards you for being active—the more pictures you rate, the more conversations you can have with other members of the site. It also includes a feature where you can contact a user in your general vicinity and chat with them.

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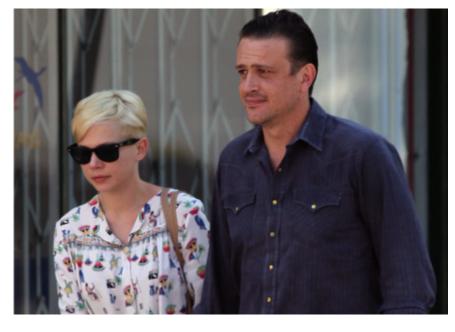
"Me and a couple of tech developers I know were talking about how people seemed frustrated with the options that were out there for finding love, so we worked together to come up with something new," he says.

Interested daters can sign up for the app at funsexycool.com. And for those who want more of Steve Ward, visit MasterMatchmakers.com or watch *Tough Love* at 8 ET/7 CT.

Steve may be a practitioner of tough love, but it's definitely not difficult for people to fall in love with all that he's

# 5 of the Sweetest Movie Moments





By Tanni Deb

Whether we admit it or not, we all enjoy a good love story — the ones that make our hearts beat, our pulses race, and the tears flow. We love getting caught up in the magical moments and gushing over romantic scenes. You probably have your own top Sweetest Movie Moments, but join us as we count down some of ours:

**5. A Walk to Remember:** If you're a hopeless romantic, this movie and its leading characters, Landon Carter (Shane West) and Jamie Sullivan (Mandy Moore), will leave you sobbing at

the end. After a dangerous dare goes badly wrong, rebellious Landon is made to do community service, where he seeks help from bookish and religious Jamie — the girl he eventually learns to love. When he discovers the secret she's been carrying for two years, he plans a date at night to star gaze. He asks her to search for a specific star, and when she questions him about it, he says he had it named after her. The scene is sealed with a kiss.

- 4. 50 First Dates: When Henry Roth (Adam Sandler) meets Lucy Whitmore (Drew Barrymore) in a café, they decide to meet again the following day. However, when Henry returns, Lucy doesn't have a memory of him, or their previous meeting. When he's told that since the day she got into a car accident she's been unable to retain new information, he devises new ways to meet her every day, hoping that one day she'll remember him and will return his feelings. The sweetest and most powerful scene in the film comes when Henry discovers that Lucy has been singing, and she might remember who he is. He runs to the hospital and asks her if she recognizes him. She says "no," but explains that she has been dreaming of him every day. When she leads him into her studio, it is filled with paintings she drew of him! Believing that this is proof of their love, they reunite.
- 3. You've Got Mail: If you think you can't find love online, then this is the movie to watch. Joe Fox (Tom Hanks) and Kathleen Kelly (Meg Ryan) are business rivals who began writing emails back and forth, without knowing each other's identities. Over time, romantic feelings develop, and Joe later realizes that the person he's been writing to the entire time has been Kathleen. At the end, they decide to meet, and Kathleen is not only shocked, but also excited to know that her cyber friend was him all along. She admits that she was

hoping it was him, and the two passionately kiss.

- 2. The Notebook: This love story is one you'll watch repeatedly with a box of Kleenex next to you. It's the tale of small-town boy, Noah Calhoun (Ryan Gosling), who falls in love with rich and beautiful Allie Hamilton (Rachel McAdams). Even after Allie is diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease and fails to recognize her family, or him, he never leaves her side. Instead, he decides to grow old with her in a nursing home and attempts to bring her memories back. Sure, this romantic film has many sweet moments, but perhaps the scene that makes you realize how much he truly loves her is when, many years later, his children ask him to leave the rest home and return home with them. He says, "Look guys, that's my sweetheart in there. I'm not leaving her. This is my home now. Your mother is my home." Quick, pass me one of those Kleenexes.
- 1. The Wedding Singer: This is another romantic comedy film, once again teaming Adam Sandler and Drew Barrymore together, who always manage to create some of the most romantic movie scenes. In this film, Sandler is a wedding singer who falls in love with Barrymore a waitress. When he discovers that her fiancé is cheating on her and doesn't plan on stopping after marriage, he attempts to pursue her. There are plenty of sweet moments in this movie, but the one that will make your heart melt is at the end, when Sandler sings a song for Barrymore on an airplane. Who wouldn't fall for a man like that?

If one of your favorite sweetest movie moments didn't make it onto our list, let us know in a comment below! In the meantime, make sure to check out the movies mentioned above and let us know what you thought about them.

## 'Twilight' Star Kristen Stewart Talks Love and Relationships





Actress Kristen

Stewart has had a lot of experience with love, playing half of one of the most tumultuous on-screen relationships in the movie saga, *Twilight*, and being in love with her co-star, Robert Pattinson. *UsMagazine.com* reports that her advice on relationships was pretty simple. "Don't be an a-hole. Don't be mean. Don't take s-t. Don't settle," she said. The star continued on to say, "Good relationship advice for me tends to being honest and knowing yourself." Although Stewart is very into all things *Twilight*, she reveals her boyfriend does not have the same appreciation. "Me and Taylor [Lautner] are actual *Twilight* fans, so we can sit there and be so totally

into it! Whereas I sit there with Rob…He likes it, but he has just such a different energy."

How do you know when you're settling for a mediocre relationship?

### Cupid's Advice:

When settling in a relationship, you mind may be saying, "yes," but your heart is definitely saying, "no". Be sure to take notice of the signs that you're not happy in your relationship:

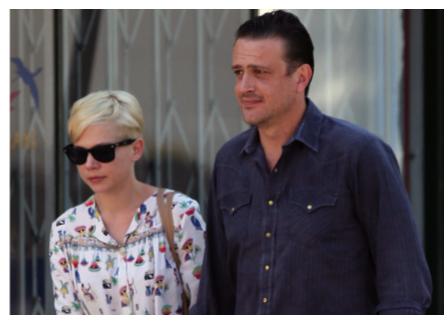
- 1. No conversation: Communication is key in every relationship. If you and your partner's conversations are rare, take this as a warning that maybe you aren't clicking like you should be.
- **2. People take notice**: If others can see the tension and awkwardness in your relationship, then you probably should take some time to analyze your connection.
- **3. No feelings:** If you feel nothing for your significant other when you kiss, touch or even look at them, you're most likely settling. It's probably best to move on.

How do you know when you're settling? Tell us your story below

# Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel Rekindle Romance in

### **Vegas**





On-again, off-again

couple Justin Timberlake and Jessica Biel were spotted in Las Vegas most likely attending Timberlake's Shriners Hospital for Children Open golf event. The two were seemingly back together as they were seen dining at Mastro's Ocean Club with a group of other people. <u>People</u> reports that the duo were seen sitting close together during their meal and then afterwards, they drove off together. Good luck to the them this time around!

What do you do if your career is starting to take over your relationship?

### Cupid's Advice:

It's easy for your career to take over your life. If you feel this happening, it's important to take a step back and reprioritize to make time for your relationship:

1. Set aside time: When setting up your schedule for the week,

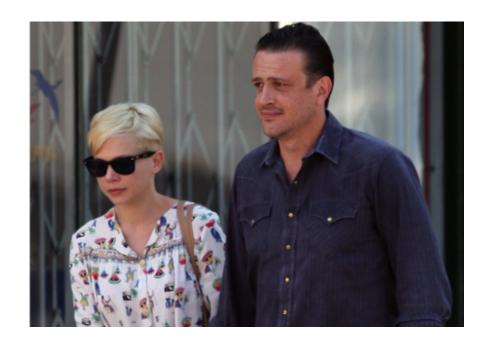
make sure to put in time to spend with your partner. Whether it's a date night or simply leaving work early to spend some quality time at home, it's important to show your partner you care.

- 2. Include your partner: Often times it helps your relationship to include your partner in your work. If your career comes with a lot of dinners and black tie events, invite your mate along once in a while to show that, despite your work, you want to be with them.
- **3. Surprise them:** Surprise your partner by taking a a couple days off from work and doing something fun. It reminds them that they are a top priority in your life as well as your career.

What do you do if your career takes over your relationship? Give us some ideas below.

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





## How do you distinguish "the one" from "the last one"? Cupid's Advice:

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

- 1. Give it time: Whether it takes a week or a year, you need to get some space in order to reset your mind and feelings.
- 2. A stand-out: Once the dust settles, find out what makes your ex someone you at one point wanted to date. Also, ask yourself why things ended.
- 3. Think happy thoughts: If whenever you think of your former

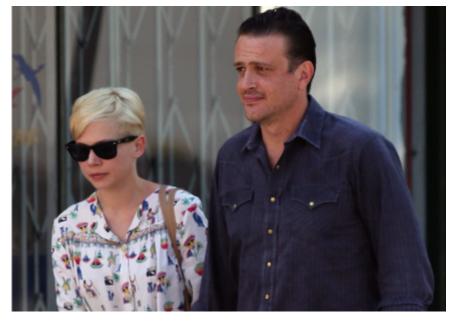
lover and you smile while reminiscing, then it's a good sign. You may want to jump back in to explore more of the relationship.

Release date: Sept. 30

Rating: 3 out of 5 kisses

### Make Your Romance a Home Run





By Diamon Hall

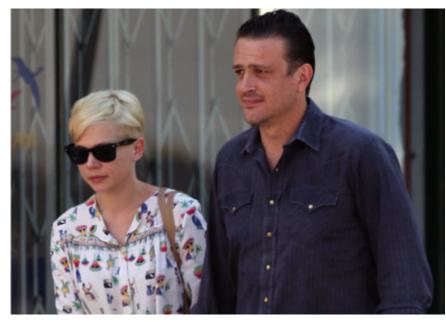
Baseball season is winding down, but there's a lot couples can learn from the game to help keep their romance alive. In the beginning of a relationship, hardly anybody complains about romance, since you're still on Cloud 9. And if you don't know how to keep things flowing, it can eventually start to die down the longer you're together. Here are five tips to rejuvenate and enhance you and your honey's relationship

and keep it as romantic as possible:

- 1. Relive your first date: Go back to where you started. Have dinner at the very spot you had your first date and relive that moment. Talk about the memories and the feelings you had at that point. This is always a sweet way to score a home run with your honey.
- 2. Be your relationship's biggest fan: You can never go wrong with pouring out your heart to the one you love. Your partner will fall for you all over again every single time if you just remind him or her how much they truly mean to you. Join your significant other's booster club and watch your relationship soar!
- 3. Announce it on the Jumbotron: Not only is it a good idea to let your partner know how you feel, but it's also a plus if you let everyone else know. People will have a brand new outlook on your relationship when you display your love to the world. Plus, if the world knows about it, then it's definitely true love.
- 4. 7th Inning Stretch Renew your vows: Whether married or not, renewal of vows is a committment on both ends. You don't necessariy have to be married to do this. It can simply consist of a few words, letting him or her know that you are theirs and they are yours and nothing should be able to come between your bond.
- **5. Show up to every game:** There is just no easier way to turn up the romance in a relationship than through three simple words. You guessed it: "I love you." Who doesn't want to hear those words everyday from his or her significant other? They are the "Grand Slam" of one-liners.
- If you follow these tips, you and your lover can be sure to have one of the highest-scoring relationships ever. What tips do you have to keep your romance alive? Share your ideas

## Three Ways to Find Love in School





By Lindsey P.

As challenging as the college-dating scene may seem, many people do meet and enter into a long-term relationship during their college years. We all know the story of how Kate Middleton lucked out when she met her future husband, Prince William, in college. Their relationship stayed strong throughout school and resulted in one of the most talked about weddings of the decade.

Of course, not everyone finds their Prince Charming on campus, but there are plenty of ways to leverage your chances of

meeting the right guy while you're busy shuffling off to class, eating a bowl of cereal in the cafeteria or watching the school's basketball team take it to the finals.

Here are a few tips to study up on:

#### Discovering Non-Intimidating Techniques

If there's someone in your class or on your campus that you're interested in, find natural ways to let them know. There's more to introducing yourself than a simple "hello." Strike up a conversation about your class assignment or homework, and once the discussion gets rolling, ask if they want to get together for a study session. Be specific about making plans; don't just say it rhetorically. Ask them to get together that night or the following night. For young women who aren't used to being assertive in dating situations, this technique is a non-intimidating way to get to know someone.

### **Sending Clear Messages**

Many college students date more than one person at a time. In fact, it's a part of the college experience for many young people. When you're dating a guy at school, make sure there's open communication about what he wants, what you want and where the relationship is headed. Many women tend to avoid "the talk" out of fear that the relationship will end if they say anything. But a person's intentions are usually staring us in the face; it's just a matter of whether or not we choose to accept them. By being clear with the person you're dating, it can save a lot of wasted time with the wrong person and open the door for someone new and serious to come into your life. If you're not sure what you want, that's okay. Just know that if you're open and honest with the guy that you're dating, it'll save you headaches and maybe a broken heart later.

### **Setting Priorities**

Of course, you're in college to earn your degree, so that should be your first priority. However, learning to balance a relationship with your school work can actually make you better at work/life balance once you leave college. For now, concentrating on your classes should be at the top of your list, so if you're in a situation where your relationship or dating life is monopolizing your time, it's probably best to step back a bit and reassess things.

Dating while you're in school can be a lot of fun and can be a chance to meet new people and decide what you want in a long-term relationship for the future.

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## Pink and Carey Hart Take Their Daughter on Dinner Date





Lovebirds Pink and

Carey Hart sure know how to keep the firing burning in their relationship. The couple was spotted on a dinner date at hotspot Nobu in Malibu with who else, but their daughter Willow Sage, according to <u>People</u>. According to onlookers, the couple seemed very attentive to the three-month-old baby and seemed to be having a great time. The Harts weren't the only celebrities at the popular eatery. As they were leaving, Balthazar Getty and his kids were spotted there as well.

What are some ways to keep the romance alive when you have a baby?

### Cupid's Advice:

Just because you have a child, that doesn't mean you can't keep the fire burning in your relationship. Cupid has some ways you and your boo can keep the romance alive even after you have a baby:

- 1. Include them: What better way to embrace this new found joy in your life than by bringing your child along on date night? Head to a nice dinner or even a movie and show your child and your boo that you can still maintain a great relationship even when they're both there.
- 2. Make time: Even though you have a new member of the family,

that doesn't mean you can't make time for just you and your honey. Plan a date night for just the two of you, and have a family member or sitter watch the baby.

**3. Go on a trip:** Head on a vacation with your baby so that you can all have new experiences together. Whether it be to a tropical island or simply a weekend getaway, try something new, and create memories you will cherish forever.

What are some ways to keep the romance alive when you have a baby? Share your thoughts below.

## Celebrity Lighting Designer, Bentley Meeker Offers Advice for the Perfect Date





By Whitney Baker and

#### Krissy Dolor

You spent hours preparing tonight's meal. You carefully selected the background music. You even pulled out the "special occasion" dishes. With your date set to arrive at any moment, you quickly — and without any real thought — set the lighting: you turn off the overhead lights and ignite a beautiful scented candle in the center of your table. You step back to admire your efforts; everything's perfect, right? Not quite. With help from lighting expert, Bentley Meeker, a little bit of tweaking can add just the right touch.

"If you're going to use candles, use them sparingly and keep them out of the direct line of you and your partner's vision," advises Meeker, event lighting extraordinaire and president of Bentley Meeker Lighting & Staging, Inc. "I do recommend using candles because of the quality of light and how flattering they can be, [but] a little thought needs to be put into the placement."

If you haven't heard of Meeker, no doubt you've heard of the places and events that he's touched. He's staged designs for a multitude of soirées, ranging from Chelsea Clinton's wedding, concerts for Kanye West and Elton John, runway shows for Victoria's Secret, birthday parties for celebrities like P. Diddy to events and dinners at The Plaza, and The White House. This man is one of the top, if not the top, lighting designers in the country. His new book, Light X Design: 20 Years of Lighting, is a compilation of all his work, in which he shares his inspirations and motives for the wonderful illuminations he produces.

It's no surprise, then, that he also knows just the right kind of effect to make your date a splendid success. "Lighting that is too bright and uncomfortable can kill the mood very easily and quickly. Even if it's the street light shining in through the window," he says.

If you're having trouble setting the room just right for that special date, you're not alone. It can take a little trial and error to figure out how to make things perfect. Meeker has had his own dating experiences where the lighting was just not right.

"I've been in situations where bad lighting kills the mood, and I've been in situations where great lighting just makes you feel so good that anything can happen."

Fortunately, Meeker has some suggestions for couples who want those sparks to fly. He recommends Blue Hill and Erminia, both in New York City. In his own words, Blue Hill "nailed it!" and Erminia "is an amazing Italian restaurant [in which the] lighting is so conducive to the environment, it actually makes the whole place and the experience romantic."

Lighting is more than just a switch flicked on and off. It's about creativity; it's about romance; and it's about achieving the mood that you desire. "You'll know when the lighting is right," Meeker says. "It just feels unbelievable, and there's a feeling of resonation that you can't find anywhere else!"

His Website beckons visitors to enter with a simple thought in mind: "Light is the energy of truth." Meeker's work truly embodies this idea, with his past projects ranging from The Museum of Modern Art to the ravishing wedding of Catherine Zeta-Jones and Michael Douglas. He is a creator of more than just romance, and his book will tell you so; he is a man of innovation.

To learn more about Meeker, you can check out his website at www.BentleyMeeker.com or purchase his illuminating book on Amazon.