### Bad Romance: 10 Toxic Celebrity Relationships





By <u>Katie Gray</u>

Sometimes love isn't all champagne and caviar, even for our favorite <u>celebrity couples</u>. Sometimes <u>celebrity relationships</u> have moments that can be a little toxic. In some instances the couples work it out, but in other cases the relationship ends in a split. We can take away <u>relationship advice</u> from this, though; sometimes things fall apart so better things can fall together.

### Cupid has compiled 10 toxic

### celebrity relationships:

- 1. Chris Brown & Rihanna: Chris Brown and Rihanna were a favorite celebrity couple for many. Then, in 2008, there were many reports that she was being abused and that the celebrity couple wasn't healthy. Bad gal Riri and Chris Brown ended up splitting, but one thing nobody including them denies is that they were passionate about one another.
- 2. Britney Spears & Kevin Federline: "I'm addicted to you, don't you know that you're toxic!" Britney Spears, pop princess, was married to her back up dancer, Kevin Federline. The celebrity couple even produced two celebrity babies. The "Toxic" singer had a reality show when they were married called Chaotic. That sums up their relationship, which ended in celebrity divorce. However, Spears moved onward and upward!

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- 3. Spencer Pratt & Heidi Montag: The Hills was a popular reality show that intrigued many. It made Lauren Conrad and Audrina Partridge celebutantes. On the show, and in real life, celebrity couple Spencer Pratt and Heidi Montag had the country buzzing about their celebrity relationship. Many people felt that it was toxic, as Pratt and Montag were very dependent on one another. It even damaged her relationship with her then BFF, LC (Lauren Conrad). The couple even released a book entitled How To Be Famous.
- 4. Eminem & Kim Mathers: Rapper, Eminem, is known for many things: witty lyrics, emerging from a humble background and his roller coaster relationship with Kim Mathers. The pair were married twice and have a daughter together, which led to a public custody battle that got ugly. The famous white rapper has many lines in his song about Kim, which are not pleasant.

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- **5. Tommy Lee & Pamela Anderson:** Rock artist Tommy Lee and actress and *Playboy* playmate, Pamela Anderson, will go down in history for being an iconic celebrity relationship. The Motley Crue rocker and the blonde bombshell were together in the late 90's and were married 1995-1998. They made a big stir in the media when a sex tape from their honeymoon was stolen from their home and shown for the whole world to see.
- **6.** Jersey Shore's Sammi "Sweetheart" & Ronnie: Love at the shore! The Jersey Shore couple, Sammi and Ron, proved to be one of the most dramatic celebrity relationships in MTV history. The majority of the episodes featured the two fighting over their problems and trust issues. Sometimes things were good though between the two. Nonetheless; they made for great television!
- 7. Tiger Woods & Elin Nordegren: Famous golfer Tiger Woods was married to model Elin Nordegren. The celebrity couple's world was rocked when it came out that Woods had been having affairs with multiple women. There were several women who came forward. Ludacris even released a song about the event entitled, "Sexting." The professional golfer asked her to remarry him again, although they split in 2010. She's living in a very nice mansion in Palm Beach. It's like the saying goes, "Don't get mad. Get everything."
- 8. Tina Turner & Ike: Tina Turner is a music legend and icon. However, her marriage to Ike was extremely tumultuous. There is even a film about her life and this celebrity relationship that ultimately ended. It was an unhealthy relationship, as he was addicted to cocaine and would sadly beat her up often. However; everyone can learn from Tina Turner. What doesn't kill us only makes us stronger.
- 9. Whitney Houston & Bobby Brown: Whitney Houston is known for hit songs like "I Want To Dance With Somebody" and "I Will Always Love You." In addition to her iconic songs and thriving music career, her relationship with Bobby Brown was widely

publicized. Her mother even wrote in a book about this relationship and how she feels that he influenced her to use drugs. Although the relationship wasn't healthy, we will always remember Whitney Houston for the beautiful and talented artist she was. RIP!

10. Dennis Rodman & Carmen Electra: Carmen Electra famously got her name from music legend, Prince. The actress and model has had a string of famous celebrity relationships. At one point, she married former Chicago Bulls player, Dennis Rodman, when they were intoxicated. Afterward, he filed an annulment. Sometimes your relationship ending doesn't work out, because there is an even better fairy tale ahead for you.

Which are your favorite celebrity couples? Comment below!

### Bobbi Kristina's Family Says Nick Gordon Was Offered the Opportunity to Visit His Celebrity Love





By Katie Gray

There have been new statements released in recent celebrity news, surrounding the late Whitney Houston's daughter, Bobbi Kristina Brown. She is currently in critical condition at a hospital in a medically induced coma. Bobbi Kristina's family say that, despite his recent remarks on social media, Nick Gordon was actually offered the opportunity to visit his celebrity love in the hospital. According to <a href="USMagazine.com">USMagazine.com</a>, Gordon's lawyer said, "He has respected the family's wishes and for that reason alone has not returned to the hospital and risked a public confrontation. But he desperately wants to be with the one he loves and continues to hope that his request will be granted." Bobby Brown, R&B singer and father of Bobbi Kristina, wants nothing, but for his daughter to get well. "We continue to request privacy in this matter. We thank everyone that supports Bobbi Kristina and God is hearing our prayers," he said.

Tragedy isn't isolated to celebrity love birds Bobbi Kristin and Nick Gordon. What are some ways to cope when your partner is ill or injured?

#### Cupid's Advice:

It's the worst thing imaginable to think of your partner in pain. Cupid has some ways to cope:

1. Stay positive: Whenever stressful times are occurring in your life, the most important thing is to stay positive. When your partner is ill or injured, you have to stay strong for them. Encourage them by helping them to believe they will overcome this obstacle. You need to provide them with hope! Hope comes in many forms. Talk to them, show support by being with them, play their favorite music, bring them foods they like, and always tell them how much you love them.

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2. Pray: Sometimes you can only do so much, and the rest is left in God's hands. Praying helps. No matter what religion you practice, prayers and thoughts are always welcome. There are even special prayers and oils for those who are injured and sick — look into those options. Have faith and believe, even under unfortunate circumstances.

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**3. Remember talking helps:** No matter what the situation is, remember that talking helps. Whether you need to vent to your friends and family or seek out advice — do it! You can even

join groups that are going through similar situations. Go to therapy/counseling, attend church and confession, or speak with an expert on the topic you are dealing with. There is always someone out there who will listen, and you need to use your voice and let everything out. You will feel much better after!

What are some ways you have dealt with a partner being injured and/or ill? Share your stories with us below.

## Bobbi Kristina and Whitney Houston's 'Adopted Son' Pack on PDA





Ever since the death of Whitney Houston, her daughter Bobbi Kristina Brown has been seen getting very close to her late mother's unofficial adopted son, Nick Gordon. Though Houston never officially adopted Gordon and Brown is the only beneficiary of her estate, people are questioning Brown and Gordon's PDA-filled pictures that have surfaced. According to People, the two were seen in the Starbucks in Atlanta right after Brown's interview with Oprah and have known each other for years. Gordon responded to the speculations, tweeting, "We're just close — just going through her mom's passing and grieving together."

What are some cases where someone is "off limits" to date?

#### Cupid's Advice:

In society, there are many cases where someone if off limits to date. Here are some examples of people in your life who you may want to keep it strictly platonic with:

1. Your friend's ex: Even if your friend claims to be okay with it, dating a friend's ex can never end well. After all,

you probably wouldn't want any of your friends dating one of your exes no matter how long ago you broke up.

- 2. A boss or teacher: Having an intimate relationship with an authority figure is inappropriate in so many ways. If you start to have feeling for someone such as a boss or teacher, wait until you no longer work under them to act on your feelings.
- **3. Someone who's taken:** Never get involved with someone who you know is already committed to someone else. If someone is willing to cheat on their significant other to be with you, then they don't respect you or their current partner.

Does someone being "off limits" make them more appealing? Spill your opinions in a comment below.

## Bobby Brown Rushes to Be with Daughter After Whitney Houston's Death





Bobby Brown dropped everything to be by his daughter's side after Whitney Houston's death. Brown, Whitney Houston's exhusband, canceled a Nashville concert and instead visited his daughter Bobbi Kristina, 18, upon her release from Cedars Sinai Medical Center, reports <u>People</u>. When asked why Brown chose to fly to L.A., his agent said, "[Brown's] love for his daughter and his daughter being in the hospital. He wants to go be with his daughter." Bobbi Kristina was hospitalized after "having a complete breakdown" Saturday night. She has since been cleared medically and released.

How do you help your children cope with a parent's death?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Though a loved one's death is hard on everyone, the situation is especially tough for a child. Here are a few ways to help your children cope with a parent's death:

1. Explain death: Understanding death is difficult at a young age. If your children are very young, you must find a way to explain it in terms they will understand. This is also a time

to share some of your religious beliefs with your child.

- 2. Mourn the loss: Don't try to put up a strong front for your children. Grief is more easily overcome when you are able to openly talk about it. Start the healing process by mourning with your children.
- **3. Ask for help:** Don't be afraid to ask for outside help. If coping with your loss while supporting your children is too big of a burden, hire a counselor. Professional help may enable progress when you are unable.

Have you and your children ever had to deal with the death of a loved one? Feel free to leave a comment below.

### "I Will Always Love You" by Whitney Houston





By Daniela Agurcia

Girls all over the world stood in front of their mirrors, hairbrush in hand, while singing along to Whitney Houston's hit single, "I Will Always Love You," when it first debuted in 1992. Houston's cover of Dolly Parton's "I Will Always Love You" was said to have transformed the original country song into a memorizing gospel-like song. It remained number one on the charts for weeks all over the world, a hit record. Houston's unique voice conveyed an inspiring emotion through this song about an everlasting love to a loved one who has At the 54th Grammy Awards, the day after the superstar's sudden death, Jennifer Hudson sang a replica of Whitney Houston's song as a tribute, leaving chills and tears in anyone who watched the beautiful performance. Always Love You" will continue to be one of the greatest songs of all time, and Whitney Houston will forever be remembered as an inspiration for love and music.

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How was Whitney Houston an inspiration to you? Share your

## Bobby Brown is 'Deeply Saddened' by Whitney Houston's Death





Whitney Houston's ex-husband, Bobby Brown, has finally spoken out about the late singer's tragic death. According to *People*, Brown released a statement saying, "I am deeply saddened at the passing of my ex-wife, Whitney Houston." He also asked for privacy during this difficult time, especially for daughter, Bobbi Kristina. On top of that, he thanked

everyone for their heartfelt condolences. Houston's ex was said to have been devastated by her loss when the diva was found dead in a Beverly Hills hotel. After hearing of her death, a tearful Brown proclaimed, "I love you Whitney" while performing with his band, New Edition, in Mississippi.

What are some ways to cope with a partner's passing?

#### Cupid's Advice:

Aside from the loss of a parent, dealing with a partner or even an ex-partner's passing is one of the hardest things to go through. Here are some ways to cope:

- 1. Take time to grieve: After the initial shock of losing a partner, it's okay to take a break for a while to deal with your loss.
- **2. Surround yourself with positive influences:** True friends will also be there when you need them to be. Keep them close during this difficult time.
- **3. Honor their memory:** Keep something to remember your late partner by, and share stories of all the great times you had together.

What other ways can you deal with the death of a lover? Share your thoughts below.

### Top 10 Whitney Houston Songs Inspired by Love





By Daniela Agurcia

The beautiful 48 year-old, Whitney Houston was found unresponsive in her Beverly Hills Hotel bathtub on Saturday, February 11. The six-time Grammy-winning legend's tragic death took our country by surprise, and only one-day before the 54th Grammy Awards. A tribute was paid to her last night by Jennifer Hudson. All around the world, people are mourning and celebrating the life of Whitney and her songs that will forever be remembered as some of the greatest of all time. She lived her life with an open heart and sang about love and passion. She wrote about love, all kinds of love more than any other artist we have come to know.

Here are Whitney Houston's top ten songs inspired by Love:

1. I Will Always Love You: Houston's "signature song" and number one on the singles charts in almost all countries.

- 2. Greatest Love of All: Houston based this song on family to represent the love and appreciation she has for those who has supported her throughout her singing career. The greatest love of all is family.
- **3. Saving All My Love for You:** A dramatic song about a love affair with a married man, and the singer is saving all her love for him.
- **4. You Give Good Love:** A sensual R&B groove for the one you love.
- **5. My Love is Your Love:** During a time of marital difficulties for Houston, she sings this to reassure us that she will remain strong with love.
- **6. Love Will Save the Day:** A fast tempo song, filled with love and excitement.
- 7. Nothin' But Love: A reminder that there's nothing but love for anything positive that has come out of the difficulties in life.
- 8. For the Love of You: All about the greatness of being in love.
- **9. Love is a Contact Sport:** These lyrics will veer you towards making the right moves towards the one you love.
- 10. I Was Made to Love Him: A song about how special people can fill your life with the inspiration and love.

Do you have a Whitney Houston song that has always been a love inspiration for you? Share below.

# Valentine's Day Advice: How Successful Women Can Ditch Dating Duds





By Jane Atkinson

A few weeks ago, on the new hit show Whitney, one of the characters was freezing her eggs in order to delay finding a partner and having children. Is this a sign of the times?

Both women and men are waiting longer and longer to get married for the first time, according to the Census Bureau, and fewer women are having babies before their 40<sup>th</sup> birthdays, the Centers for Disease Control reports. Interestingly, more and more women are having babies well into their 40s. Could it be that it has become more difficult for couples to connect

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"Women are likely to be more independent and professionally successful than they were a generation or two ago, and that's wonderful, but it can come with baggage," says Jane Atkinson, author of *The Frog Whisperer: A Three-Step Approach to Finding Lasting Love*. "We're less likely to think about the energy we're putting out to others, particularly the opposite sex, and that energy has a lot to do with how people react to us."

The thing is, finding Mr. or Ms. Right requires taking your eyes off of work and focusing on yourself more. What can you do to become the person *you* would want to date? Atkinson offers some tips for finding "the one."

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Figure out what you're looking for: Have you thought hard about what kind of person you're looking for? One trick is to visualize your perfect day. Are you at the beach? Traveling? Is the man with you quiet or chatty? Is the woman serious or funny? Does he want children? Does she go to church? This will help you identify the characteristics and values of your Mr. or Ms. Right so you can recognize them when he or she comes along.

**Get happy in your own head:** Once again, it's all about attraction. Putting out positive, confident energy will attract the same. Besides, it's never a good idea to rely on other people to make us happy. If you need to recover from old hurts, lose weight or find a job, take care of that business first.

Think you're ready? Test yourself with this quick quiz.

1. Are you happy with yourself? (Or are you miserable because you've put on 50 pounds since your divorce?)

- 2. Are you looking for someone to rescue you or take care of you? (If you answer "yes" to this one, you may not be ready.)
- 3. Is there room in your life for a relationship? (Or do you have three kids and work a 60-hour week?)
- 4. Has enough time passed since your last relationship? (Or are you still wounded?)

Now, get yourself fabulous. Rather than, "Why can't I find a good man?" ask yourself, "Who do I need to become to attract the man (or woman) who is perfect for me?" It's not about changing you; it's about being your best you. Part of that is your mojo — your self-esteem. If your mojo is slipping, you'll attract control freaks, players and jerks. Pump it up with a makeover, a workout, a sincere inventory of your attributes.

Get out there! Put on your sexy jeans get yourself out the door. Where to start looking? If you enjoy working with your hands, volunteer for a Habitat for Humanity project. If you've always wanted to learn Italian, take a class. If you love to do yoga, check out a new studio (ladies, you'll find a surprising number of guys there.) Perhaps you find a new church or take a class on Buddhism. The list of meeting spots for singles is a long one: bookstores, dance clubs, supper clubs, book clubs, gyms, golf courses, rowing clubs, dog parks.

Atkinson's tips come from real-life experience. At 40, she realized she'd been <u>kissing</u> a lot of frogs and found not one prince. She applied the model she developed for her business, tweaked it and came up with "The Frog Whisperer" — and a prince of a husband.

Although it was never in her playbook to have children, when she got married, she became an instant stepmom and grandmother (G-Ma) to now 4-year-old Jayden. Looking back, she realizes it sure beat freezing eggs and starting down the difficult road to conception in mid-life!

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