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# The best love movies that will make your significant other melt into your arms

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For Valentine's Day, romantic movies become part of the daily lives of people across the globe, particularly in America. Romantic movies compliment Valentine's Day perfectly, they are like chocolate and peanut butter, a combination that is also popular throughout the month of February.

Romantic movies are popular in general, but once this time of year comes around, the popularity exponentially grows. "Rom-Coms" are notoriously known for being sappy, melodramatic films that only attract women. But contrary to popular belief, Romantic movies can also be smartly written, well acted, and moving, without coming off as corny.

*Never Been Kissed*, which was released in 1999, received mixed reviews from critics upon release, however it has reached cult status since then. *Never Been Kissed* stars Drew Barrymore as a journalist who ventures back to high school in order to write an article for the newspaper she works for. While under cover, she falls in love with one of the teachers at the school.

*Never Been Kissed* was criticized for its lack of originality, and Rottentomatoes.com's synopsis of the film summarized how many critics of that time felt. "Unoriginal and unremarkable high school satire adds little to the genre", although it was full of clichés, and critics panned the film, the general public responded positively to it. Sixteen years later

and the film is still popular with people across the world for a reason, it may be unoriginal, but it sure is fun to watch.

Another classic Rom-Com from the 1990's is *Clueless*, a witty comedy based upon the Jane Austen novel, *Emma*. *Clueless* stars Alicia Silverstone as Cher, a "rich valley girl" who is looking for a boyfriend, and finds it in the least likely place. Unlike *Never Been Kissed*, *Clueless* was lauded by critics, who praised the film for its well written script, exceptional acting, and solid direction by Amy Heckerling.

Fast forward a decade later, and one of the greatest romantic comedies of the 21st century was released, *Legally Blonde*. Starring Reese Witherspoon as Elle Woods, who is seen as a vapid "Barbie" type character.

Elle Woods chases her ex-boyfriend to Harvard University, where she is then accepted. But through her own conviction, Elle Woods finds her true self, and finds love that she never could have imagined. *Legally Blonde* received universal praise from critics and audiences alike.

Whether you enjoy Romantic comedies or not, you'll probably be forced to watch at least one by your girlfriend sometime in the month of February, and most likely on Valentine's Day. No matter if you like these types of films or not, these Romantic comedies offer enough wit and charm to please people of all ages, regardless of gender.

Fall in love with these heart wrenching movies with the love of your life in your arms.

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# Donation Drives reveal loving hearts

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Many people get wrapped up in the idea of giving chocolates and jewelry to their loved ones on Valentine's Day. Along with the fancy gifts and tasty treats that stores constantly advertise, Valentine's Day gift giving is always typically associated with loved ones, close friends, or family members. However, not many people think about giving gifts to those they don't know.

There are many programs that allow the community to help brighten the lives of others by creating and delivering homemade Valen-

tine's Day cards to those that don't normally receive them. Unfortunately, countless people struggle with providing basic necessities for themselves and their families, which is why this Valentine's Day, everyone should focus on donating the items that many people take for granted to those in need. Real love will be spread when someone receives a gift that will help them survive.

This year, the Brighton Education Association of Public Relations Foundation (BEA PR) is sponsoring a donation drive throughout the month of February to help provide for those in need. The two causes that BEA PR is donating to this year

is the Bridge Alternative School and Area Meals on Wheels Recipients (Seniors) for their pet needs.

The Brighton Bridge Alternative School is asking for donations to help out the basic needs of the students at their school. The items being requested for donation are newly used clothing, hooded sweatshirts, t-shirts, pajamas, outer-winter wear, personal hygiene products, bathroom necessities (shampoo, conditioner, body wash), deodorant, and other hygiene products. Help students excel in their academics by allowing them to focus on their studies rather than struggling to find ways

for their basic needs to be met.

Area Meals on Wheels is a company that brings food to seniors in need. Many seniors are unable to carry out the daily tasks needed to maintain their health due to health or money reasons. Also, many senior citizens do not have any company living with them besides a furry friend. Pets often bring immense joy to people by developing a companionship. For those seniors that already have a difficult time providing for themselves, their pets' needs are not always properly attended to which is why BEA PR decided to promote a donation drive to this cause. Area Meals on Wheels is asking for

donations of wet or dry cat food, wet or dry dog food, dog treats/biscuits, cat treats, and dog or cat toys.

Donation items will be collected in bins around supporting schools. Collection bins will make their way into schools starting on January 30th and will stay until the end of February. There is also a contest between schools for the most donated items. The winning school will win a bench with a plaque honoring the school's participation in the donation drive.

Spread love this February by giving gifts of basic needs. True happiness will fill the hearts of those who help others survive.

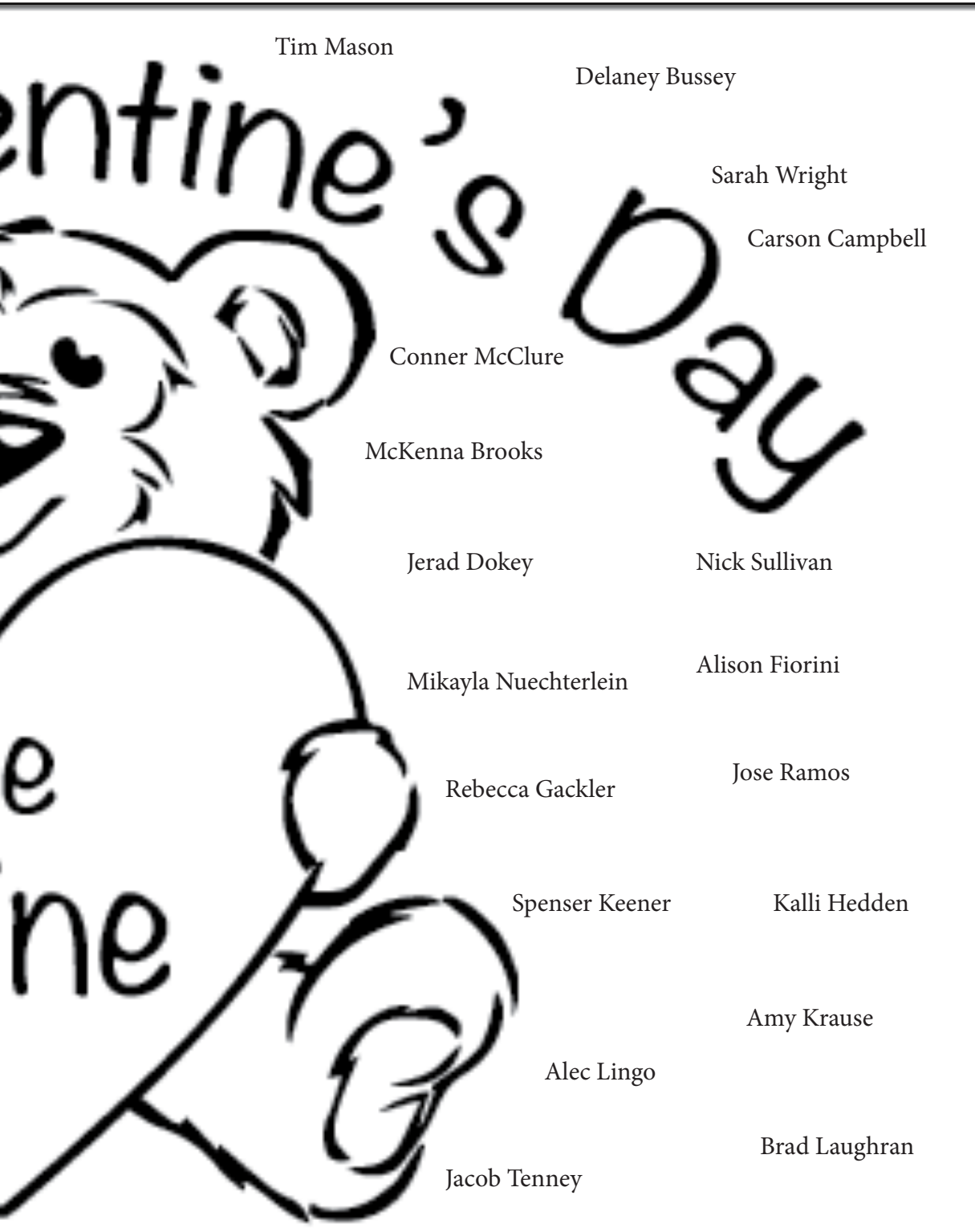
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# Love Doctor Tenney answers students' dying love questions

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Another Valentine's Day, another round of love problems. Adolescent love can be confusing, frustrating, and heartbreaking. Here is my advice for students struggling through the rollercoaster that is love.

"I've never had a boyfriend. I find it hard to talk to guys. I'm a weird and goofy girl and I don't think guys think of me in a romantic way because of that. I really want to find someone who likes me for me, but there doesn't appear to be anyone like that." - *Quirky Romantic*

It's good that you're holding out to find someone who likes you for you. You don't want to be with someone who you can't be one-hundred percent yourself with (or at least ninety percent). The hard truth is that you may not find the right guy in high school. And that's ok. You'll have your whole life to find someone. It's better to wait it out and find something healthy than to rush into something that won't last.

"There's this girl who I like but I'm not sure if she feels the same way about me. I'm nervous to ask her out because I don't know if she'll feel creeped out by it. I also feel intimidated by the fact that she's gone out with these really cool, macho guys who I feel I don't compare with. Why would she be interested in going out with someone like me after being with a senior football player?" - *Guy With a Crush*

Have some confidence in yourself. If you can't see a reason why she should go out with you then how can you expect her to? Also, her past dating history shouldn't matter. If she truly likes you for you that will

be all that matters. As for deciding what signals she's giving you, if you don't feel a natural comfortness with each other then you might want to hold off on asking her out. Try spending more time with her and try hanging out casually. You should be able to pick up from her body language and actions if she's interested as well. If it turns out she doesn't like you, then it's not the end of the world. Sure, you're probably feel crappy but all that matters is that you tried. You'll gain a lot just from attempting to form a connection with someone.

"I've been going out with this guy for a few months now. We get along really well and we like each other very much. I really enjoy being with him. Recently though, he's been starting to show some questionable behavior. He's started smoking cigarettes, which I didn't think too much of at first, but now he's smoking all the time. I don't want to tell him to stop because I don't think we've been dating long enough for me to command that of him. I don't like him smoking though, and I'd prefer it if he stopped. I'm afraid if I ask him to stop his friends will call me out as being controlling." - *Concerned Girlfriend*

If you feel your boyfriend is doing something that's detrimental to his health, you should tell him. He may not see it, but you're showing concern and care for him, something a girlfriend should do. As for his friends, if he puts their thoughts of you above his own, then his priorities aren't in order. You're showing strength and courage by stepping up and addressing the problem, he should be able to realize that and appreciate it.

# The single life versus the couple life on Valentine's

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Single or not Valentine's Day has its benefits and difficulties for both sides, but which one is better. I'll be searching deep into facts and going behind the scenes of relationships and asking questions on which side they'd rather prefer on Valentines Day. Single or in a relationship, this could get gritty.

There's no corny presents to buy. While roses may be nice, being single on Valentine's Day means you won't have to sell out half your paycheck for a huge bouquet or corny stuffed animal. Nope, you are free to spend that money on a nice gift for yourself. Perhaps a new set of golf clubs or a manicure. You won't have

to awkwardly say thanks. We've all received terrible presents at some point in our lives. Maybe it was an ugly tie with a cupid on it, or bright red tights with hearts running up and down them. When you're single on Valentine's Day, you don't have to worry about pretending to like the awkward gift your boyfriend/girlfriend has just given you. No annoying demands.

Being single means you don't have to worry about how you will spend the evening of Valentine's Day. No need to check in with your boyfriend/girlfriend because your entire evening is up to you. You can hang out with friends, work out at the gym, or take yourself on a romantic date

for one. You can treat yourself. Why not use Valentine's Day as a great excuse to treat yourself? Take yourself to a spa for a soothing massage, or head to the mall for a mini shopping spree. Bet you would rather be coupled up friends rather than be doing that typical Valentine's Day dinner date. There are no potential fights. If February 14th doesn't go well when you're in a relationship, it's not going to go well the next day. Singles, however, won't have to worry about this problem! If Valentine's Day doesn't go so well for them, February 15th is a whole new day and they're on to the next best thing, not worrying about yesterday's problems.

Being single on Valentine's Day isn't really all that bad but being in

a relationship has its positives too. Make your own valentines by creating a special gift for that someone. If it's with a box of chocolates with a card or a big stuffed teddy bear, I'm sure they'll love it because you took the time to put something together for them. Dinner and movie. Wow your loved one with a sweet homemade dinner or if you're not as good in the kitchen a special restaurant and after go out to the movies or put on a nice movie at home.

Sit down and play a two player card game. Nothing could be better than sitting down and going head to head in the card game you choose to play. Take a dance class together. Watch a television series together so you can talk about it. Mud wrestle together. Build a blanket fort and watch a movie in it.

Do a yoga class with each other. Go swimming together on a warm summer night. Create a jar of ideas with popsicle sticks. Mow the lawn, ones on the ride mower the other on a push. Put on a garage sale and sell all of her or his things as a joke. Gaze at the sun with each other and when you finally go blind you'll both see that you love each other not for the looks but for their personality. Go sledding. There's so many things to be done on valentines day with your boyfriend/girlfriend that are easy to do.

So don't worry if Valentine's Day comes around and you don't have anyone to celebrate it with because there are plenty of ways to still feel the love. Whether in a relationship or not, Valentine's Day has something to offer for everyone.

# Cute celebrity couples on Valentine's Day

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In the warm anticipation of the beloved Valentines festivities, nearly every Cosmopolitan/Teen Vogue reader anticipates their first hand scoop at the best and most romantic plans celebrity couples have in store for their significant other.

However, we, among others tend to undermine how compatible these couples are together, thus giving them the ability to continually starstruck nearly every conjoined

named celeb couple enthusiast.

To begin, it's my duty to uphold the superior dominance of Beyoncé and Jay-Z's power-couple status that ensures their spot on nearly every American's social media feed, and TV's. Not only have they graced nearly all of America with their precious heir to Queen-B's throne, but they've also proven to nearly every misspoken tabloid that they're wrong, as they exhibited to everyone that love can, in-fact, exist alongside fame. In fact in their case, sometimes works in their favor. Though not nearly as primitive to

the dominance of Bey and Jay, how could one possibly overlook the significance of the Coachella-risen & praised couple: Vanessa Hudgens and Austin Butler? As the power duo stuns nearly every guest at the numerous appearances they make; they manage to not only stand as a fashion icon for nearly every wannabe teen hipster, but they also make even the coldest of hearts feel the littlest of love with the pure romance the two radiate from one another.

Next is the alternative, but still significant Queen-B: Leighton Meester.

Though nearly every teenage girl heavily anticipated the superiority that Chuck and Blair should carry off screen, Meester has proven to be nearly the opposite of the character she poses as on the hit series Gossip Girl. As the vintage dressed queen struts the New York streets with her arm candy Adam Brody, the compatible duo may infact make up for the disappearance of her Chuck-and-shining-armor.

With all this premature love floating through the air, nearly every average Cosmo fashion magazine en-

thusiast is more than happy to live vicariously through the romance blooming from numerous celeb relationships.

Even if you spent V-day alone on your couch enjoying Netflix, it could be worse. Just remember Ariana Grande has now officially replaced the stunning Naya Rivera, who once 'slayed' alongside Big Sean.

With that being said, at least you haven't downgraded for the chance to vicariously relive your childhood!