

DATING, BEST QUOTES ON

If she's not your first and last thought of the day, let her go. She deserves better.
--Dinesh Kumar Biran

Why do we close our eyes when we pray, cry, kiss or dream? Because the most beautiful things in life are not seen but felt by the heart.
—Denzel Washington

One may have a blazing hearth in one's soul and yet no one ever came to sit by it. Passers-by see only a wisp of smoke from the chimney and continue on their way.
—Vincent Van Gogh

I've been single for a while and I have to say, it's going very well. I think I might be the one.
—Rebel Circus

O love, O fire! once he drew
With one long kiss my whole soul through
My lips, as sunlight drinketh dew.
—Alfred, Lord Tennyson

Go and love someone exactly as they are and then watch how quickly they transform into the greatest, truest version of themselves. When one feels seen and appreciated in their own essence, one is instantly empowered.
—Wes Angelozzi

You will lose someone you can't live without, and your heart will be badly broken, and the bad news is that you never completely get over the loss of your beloved. But this is also the good news. They live forever in your broken heart that doesn't seal back up. And you come through. It's like having a broken leg that never heals perfectly—that still hurts when the weather gets cold, but you learn to dance with the limp.
—Anne Lamott

Courtship—The period during which the girl decides whether or not she can do any better.
—Unknown

If you ever fall in love, fall in love with someone who wants to know your favorite color and just how you like your coffee. Fall in love with someone who loves the way you laugh and would do absolutely anything to hear it. Fall in love with someone who puts their head on your chest just to hear your heart beat. Fall in love with someone who kisses you in public and is proud to show you off to anyone they know. Fall in love with someone who makes you question why you were afraid to fall in love in the first place. Fall in love with someone who would never ever want to hurt you. Fall in love with someone who falls in love with your flaws and thinks you are perfect just the way you are. Fall in love with someone who thinks that you are the ONE they would love to wake up to each day.

—*simplereminders.com*

Of all ghosts, the ghosts of our old loves are the worst.

—Arthur Conan Doyle

We need to teach our daughters to distinguish between:
A man that flatters her, and a man who complements her;
A man who spends money on her, and a man who invests in her;
A man who views her as property, and a man who views her properly;
A man who lusts after her, and a man who loves her;
A man who believes he's a gift to women, and a man who believes she's a gift to him.
And we need to teach our sons to be that kind of man.

—Internet Meme

To marry a woman for her beauty is like buying a house for its paint.

--Josh Billings

It is better for a woman to marry a man who loves her than a man she loves.

--Arab Proverb

What does it tell you about the intensity of admiration for the opposite sex when we call boys 'girl watchers' and we call girls 'boy crazy'?

—Dan L. Miller

There is a road from the eye to the heart that does not go through the intellect.

--Gilbert Keith
Chesterton

There is no get-rich-quick scheme equal to a poor girl marrying a rich man.

--Ed Howe

I think people still want to marry rich. Girls especially...It's simple. Don't date poor boys. Go where the rich are...You don't have to be rich to go where they go.

--Sheilah Graham

You see an awful lot of smart guys with dumb women, but you hardly ever see a smart woman with a dumb guy.

--Erica Jong

The young man who wants to marry happily should pick out a good mother and marry one of her daughters—any one will do.

--J. Ogden Armour

This I set down as a positive truth. A woman with fair opportunities and without a positive hump, may marry whom she likes.

--William Makepeace
Thackeray

If you want to know how she will talk to you after marriage, listen while she talks to her younger brothers.

--Unknown

Don't go looking for the ideal man. A husband is much easier to find.

--Unknown

If you can't get someone off your mind, they are probably supposed to be there.

—Ellen Ingrid Barksten

The worst feeling you'll ever feel is sitting next to the person who means the world to you knowing that you mean nothing to them.

--Unknown

Anyone can make you smile or cry, but it takes someone special to make you smile when you already have tears in your eyes.

--Unknown

Females are still programmed to look for older men with resources, while males are still programmed to look for younger women with adoring gazes.

--Maureen Dowd

Don't marry him until you see how he treats the waitress.

--Connie Schultz

Don't smother each other. No one can grow in the shade.

—Leo Buscaglia

Find a husband on campus before you graduate. Smart women can't (shouldn't) marry men who aren't at least their intellectual equal. As Princeton women, we have almost priced ourselves out of the market. Simply put, there is a very limited population of men who are as smart or smarter than we are. And I say again—you will never again be surrounded by this concentration of men who are worthy of you.

--Susan Patton

How did it happen that their lips came together? How does it happen that birds sing, that snow melts, that the rose unfolds, that the dawn whitens behind the stark shapes of trees on the quivering summit of the hill? A kiss, and all was said.

—Victor Hugo

Kiss me and you will see how important I am.

—Sylvia Plath

One day someone is going to hug you so tight that all of your broken pieces will stick back together.

—Unknown

Until you get comfortable with being alone, you'll never know if you're choosing someone out of love or loneliness.

—Mandy Hale

Every time I thought I was being rejected from something good, I was actually being re-directed to something better.

—Steve Maraboli

Raise your son to be a gentleman. Raise your daughter to accept nothing less.

—Ged Backland

If your boyfriend/husband ever says anything rude or disrespectful to you, tell him to write it down on a piece of paper, get in his car, drive, and deliver it to his mother or simply hand it to his daughter. If he can't say it to his mother, or doesn't want another man to one day say it to his daughter, he shouldn't be saying it to you.

—Internet Meme

Stop running to those who ignore you and start running to those who adore you.
—Joseph Simmons

Surround yourself with those who bring out the best in you, not the stress in you.
—*quotesonly.net*

If you want kids, choose your girlfriend like your future child has the deciding vote.
—Stefan Molyneux

I know enough to know that no woman should ever marry a man who hated his mother.
—Martha Gellhorn

It was just a quick touch of his lips and it left her breathless, as always. In that moment his kiss infuriated her. This was only supposed to happen in the movies! It was a feeling designed by books! She wasn't supposed to feel her lungs seize and butterflies were not supposed to run rampant in her stomach, just because a man pressed his lips to her lips.

—Arielle Hudson

The most important career decision you're going to make is whether or not you have a life partner and who that partner is.

--Sheryl Sandberg

Do not date, sleep with or marry a man unless you would be proud to have a son exactly like him.

—Herina Ayot

You don't find your worth in a man. You find your worth within yourself and then find a man who's worthy of you.

—Kamari aka Lyrikal

Love is not something you feel. It's something you do.

—David Wilkerson

Those that go searching for love only make manifest their own lovelessness, and the loveless never find love, only the loving find love, and they never have to seek it.

—D. H. Lawrence

Could singlehood be, rather than a state of emergency or a problem that had to be solved, a positive life choice? Is a single person always the unmatched half of something, or could he or she be complete as is?

--Marion Winik

When a person in your life continuously displays to you they do not care, there comes a point where you may want to start believing them.

—Mark W. Boyer

Prison guard to a woman on Death Row: ‘What would you like for your last meal?’
Woman: ‘I don’t know. What would you like?’

—Internet Meme

I know you’re scared of being alone the rest of your life, but you can handle solitude. And try to calm down: Not every exchange in a diner will be fraught with the possibility of Love Eternal. (You are not Dante, and that’s not Beatrice in the next booth.) Women—all of them, really!—are not ethereal omnipotent beings who can save or destroy your life with a look. Instead, they are people like yourself, many of them seeking the same things you are: companionship, comfort, intimacy and other pleasures that may arise. So offer what you can of yourself, rather than demand anything of the other. Especially eternal love.

—Peter Sagal

Never marry when under the guise you need to ‘see if it’ll work’, but rather marry because in your mind you want to make it work.

—Criss Jami

‘I wish to Heaven I was married,’ she said resentfully as she attacked the yams with loathing. ‘I’m tired of everlastingly being unnatural and never doing anything I want to do. I’m tired of acting like I don’t eat more than a bird, and walking when I want to run and saying I feel faint after a waltz, when I could dance for two days and never get tired. I’m tired of saying, ‘How wonderful you are!’ to fool men who haven’t got one-half the sense I’ve got, and I’m tired of pretending I don’t know anything, so men can tell me things and feel important while they’re doing it.

—Margaret Mitchell

I can’t control your behavior; nor do I want that burden...but I will not apologize for refusing to be disrespected, to be lied to, or to be mistreated. I have standards; step up or step out.

—Seve Maraboli

'I love being single. It's my choice, not a sentence. It's not a state that I'm in until someone better comes along. Don't feel sorry for me. I love my life.'

'Don't you want someone to snuggle up to at night?'

'No. This way, I never have to fight for the duvet, I can sleep diagonally across the bed and I can read until four in the morning.'

'A book can't take the place of a man!'

'I disagree. A book can give you most things a relationship can. It can make you laugh, it can make you cry, it can transport you to different worlds and teach you things. You can even take it out to dinner. And if it bores you, you can move on. Which is pretty much what happens in real life.'

—Sarah Morgan

The purpose of dating is not much clearer than its definition. Before the early 1900s, when people started 'dating,' they 'called.' That is, men called on women, and everyone more or less agreed on the point of the visit. The potential spouses assessed each other in the privacy of her home, her parents assessed his eligibility, and either they got engaged or he went on his way. Over the course of the 20th century, such encounters became more casual, but even tire kickers were expected to make a purchase sooner rather than later. Five decades ago, 72 percent of men and 87 percent of women had gotten married by the time they were 25. By 2012, the situation and basically reversed: 78 percent of men and 67 percent of women were unmarried at that age.

—Judith Shulevitz

My advice to a woman who is going with or married to a male who becomes violent is this: One strike and you're out.

—Ann Landers

A good son makes a good husband.

—American Proverb

When someone treats you like you're just one of many options, help them narrow their choice by removing yourself from the equation. Sometimes you have to try not to care, no matter how much you do. Because sometimes you can mean almost nothing to someone who means so much to you. It's not pride – it's self-respect. Don't expect to see positive changes in your life if you surround yourself with negative people. Don't give part-time people a full-time position in your life. Know your value and what you have to offer, and never settle for anything less than what you deserve.

—*boardofwisdom.com*

Relationships: Two people constantly asking each other what they want to eat, until one of them dies.

—Internet Meme

Marry your best friend. I do not say that lightly. Really, truly find the strongest, happiest friendship in the person you fall in love with. Someone who speaks highly of you. Someone you can laugh with. The kind of laughs that make your belly ache, and your nose snort. The embarrassing, earnest, healing kind of laughs. Wit is important. Life is too short not to love someone who lets you be a fool with them. Make sure they are somebody who lets you cry, too. Despair will come. Find someone that you want to be there with you through those times. Most importantly, marry the one that makes passion, love, and madness combine and course through you. A love that will never dilute - even when the waters get deep, and dark.

—N'tima Preusser

Everybody makes mistakes. The dumb part is staying with a mistake.

—Dr. Laura

Being male is a matter of birth. Being a man is a matter of age. But being a gentleman is a matter of choice.

—Vin Diesel

Before you marry a person you should first make them use a computer with slow internet to see who they really are.

—Ged Backland

Being with no one is better than being with the wrong one. Sometimes, those who fly alone are the ones with the strongest wings.

—*wisdomquotesandstories.com*

Among those whom I like or admire, I can find no common denominator, but among those whom I love, I can: all of them make me laugh.

—W. H. Auden

How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard.

—A. A. Milne

If there ever comes a day when we can't be together, keep me in your heart. I'll stay there forever.

—Winnie the Pooh

Don't ask your daughters not to go out. Ask your sons to BEHAVE.

—Unknown

Online dating is responsible for an increasing number of marriages. Computer algorithms are starting to breed humans.

—Unknown

Gave this girl my number the other day and she told me she'd text me when she got home...I'm beginning to think she's homeless.

—Unknown

A girl, you're 30 years old, you're not married, you're an old maid. A man, he's 90 years old, he's not married, he's a catch.

--Joan Rivers

Treat a woman how you want someone to treat your daughter.

--Clare Crawley

I've seen a dramatic increase in cases where something on the computer triggered the breakup. People are more likely to leave relationships, because they're emboldened by the knowledge that it's no longer as hard as it was to meet new people. But whether it's dating sites, social media, e-mail—it's all related to the fact that the Internet has made it possible for people to communicate and connect, anywhere in the world, in ways that have never before been seen.

--Gilbert Feibleman,
Divorce Attorney

Internet dating has made people more disposable.

Internet dating may be partly responsible for a rise in the divorce rates.

Low quality, unhappy and unsatisfying marriages are being destroyed as people drift to Internet dating sites.

The market is hugely more efficient...People expect to—and this will be increasingly the case over time—access people anywhere, anytime, based on complex search requests...Such a feeling of access affects our pursuit of love...the whole world (versus, say, the city we live in) will, increasingly, feel like the market for our partner(s). Our pickiness will probably increase.

Above all, Internet dating has helped people of all ages realize that there's no need to settle for a mediocre relationship.

--Mark Brooks, *2011
Survey Results*

I've been dating since I was fifteen. I'm exhausted. Where is he?

—Kristin Davis

The quickest way to know a woman is to go shopping with her.

—Marcelene Cox

As women have climbed ever higher, men have been falling behind. We've arrived at the top of the staircase, finally ready to start our lives, only to discover a cavernous room at the tail end of a party, most of the men gone already, some having never shown up—and those who remain are leering by the cheese table, or are, you know, the ones you don't want to go out with.

--Kate Bolick

I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it.

--Groucho Marx

Never assume that the guy understands that you and he have a relationship.

--Dave Barry

A woman's flattery may inflate a man's head a little; but her criticism goes straight to his heart, and contracts it so that it can never again hold quite as much love for her.

--Helen Rowland

There is one thing I would break up over, and that is if she caught me with another woman. I won't stand for that.

--Steve Martin

The ultimate test of a relationship is to disagree but to hold hands.

--Alexandra Penney

Save a boyfriend for a rainy day, and another in case it doesn't rain.

--Mae West

One is apt to think of people's affection as a fixed quantity, instead of a sort of moving sea with tide always going out or coming in but still fundamentally there.

--Freya Stark

The easier a woman is to get, the easier she is to forget.

--Unknown

[Letter to the Editor] I am about courting a girl I have had but little acquaintance with. How shall I come to a knowledge of her faults, and whether she has the virtues I imagine she has?

Answer: Commend her among her female acquaintances.

--Benjamin Franklin

If I were a girl, I'd despair: the supply of good women far exceeds that of the men who deserve them.

--Robert Graves

Never marry a man who has no friends. This usually means that he will be incapable of the intimacy that marriage demands. I am always amazed at the number of men I have counseled who have no friends. Since, as the Hebrew Scriptures say, 'Iron shapes iron and friend shapes friend.' What are his friends like? What do your friends and family members think of him? Sometimes, your friends can't render an impartial judgment because they are envious that you are beating them in the race to the altar. Envy beclouds judgment.

— Pat Connor

If a woman once makes up her mind to marry a man, nothing but instant flight can save him.

--Somerset Maugham

A woman who can't forgive should never have more than a nodding acquaintance with a man.

--Ed Howe

The proof that women can keep secrets is that a woman may be engaged for months before telling her fiancé about it.

—Evan Esar

There are a number of mechanical devices which increase sexual arousal, particularly in women. Chief among these is the Mercedes-Benz 380SL convertible.

—P. J. O'Rourke

Nine out of ten women would rather have a man who would surreptitiously caress their thighs under a nightclub table than a good, rugged chap who'll slap them heartily on the back at a Saturday football game.

--Marjorie Proops

If you get a good woman, you get the finest thing on earth.

--Baroness Burton

In nine cases out of ten, a woman had better show more affection than she feels.

--Jane Austen

Being an old maid is like death by drowning, a really delightful sensation after you cease to struggle.

--Edna Ferber

To bait and to catch the male has always been women's first and most natural interest in life.

--Belle Livingstone

Men and women cannot solve one another's loneliness.

--Anatole Broyard

A youth with his first cigar makes himself sick; a youth with his first girl makes everybody sick.

--Mary Wilson Little

A lady's imagination is very rapid; it jumps from admiration to love, from love to matrimony in a moment.

--Jane Austen

I can't understand why more people aren't bisexual. It would double your chances for a date on Saturday night.

--Woody Allen

It is a common phenomenon that just the prettiest girls find it so difficult to get a man.

--Heinrich Heine

I think...therefore I'm single.

--Liz Winstead

For any man to match above his rank, is but to sell his liberty.

--Philip Massinger

If you wish to ruin yourself, marry a rich wife.

—Jules Michelet

From my experience, not one in twenty marries the first love; we build statues of snow, and weep to see them melt.

--Sir Walter Scott

If you would have a good wife marry one who has been a good daughter.

--Thomas Fuller

A woman without a man cannot meet a man, any man, of any age, without thinking, even if it's for a half-second—*Perhaps this is the man.*

--Doris Lessing

Don't marry the musician. It's only when we have kids we realise how important it is to marry well. It's sad but it's true. It will give you a choice. It's all very well marrying the cute guitarist, but when you have kids and he's busking outside, you're going to think he's a loser.

—Beverley Turner

The man who wants a girl who is good, clever, and beautiful doesn't want one; he wants three.

—G. Berg

He that would the daughter win, must with the mother first begin.

--Proverb

For a wife, take the daughter of a good mother.

--Thomas Fuller

Woman's life must be wrapped up in a man, and the cleverest woman on earth is the biggest fool with a man.

--Dorothy Parker

Do not choose your wife at a dance, but in the field among the harvesters.

--Czech Proverb

The evils that now and then wring a groan from my heart are...not that I am a single woman and likely to remain a single woman—but because I am a lonely woman and likely to be lonely.

--Charlotte Bronte

'Tis strange what a man may do, and a woman yet think him an angel.

--William Makepeace
Thackeray

The average girl would rather have beauty than brains because she knows the average man can see much better than he can think.

--*Ladies' Home Journal*

Women are the cowards they are because they have been semi-slaves for so long. The number of women prepared to stand up for what they really think, feel, experience, with a man they are in love with is still very small.

--Doris Lessing

Even the wisest men make fools of themselves about women, and even the most foolish women are wise about men.

--Theodor Reik

A father's job is not to teach his daughter how to be a lady...but to teach her how a lady should be treated.

—Ged Backland

High heels were invented by a woman who had been kissed on the forehead.

--Christopher Morley

Too many people miss the silver lining because they're expecting gold.

--Maurice Seitter

Woman never ceases loving a man until she finds another to replace him.

--Unknown

Bring a wife home to your house when you are of the right age, not far short of 30 years, nor much above; this is the right time for marriage.

—Hesiod

A woman despises a man for loving her, unless she happens to return his love.

--Elizabeth Stoddard

Between men and women there is no friendship possible. There is passion, enmity, worship, love, but no friendship.

--Oscar Wilde

There is monotony in the affections, which people living together or, as we do now, very frequently seeing each other, are apt to give in to: a sort of indifference in the expression of kindness for each other, which demands that we should sometimes call to our aid the trickery of surprise.

--Charles Lamb

Sex follows love, it never precedes it.

--Sophia Loren

The girl who is easy to get may be hard to take.

--F. Wisely

Growth-wise, up to age 12 boys are about one year behind girls: during the ages 12 to 17 the boys are gradually catching up and from 17 on it's neck and neck.

--Unknown

By her glorious hair I was bitten,
She's really the charmingest girl, sir:
In her arms any man would find bliss, sir.
But what struck me most about her
Was her hand when I started to kiss her.

--*Yale Record*

Be to her virtues very kind,
Be to her faults a little blind.

--Matthew Prior

Platonic friendship: The interval between the introduction and the first kiss.

--Sophie Irene Loeb

It is amazing how complete is the delusion that beauty is goodness.

--Leo Tolstoy

There can be no peace of mind in love, since the advantage one has secured is never anything but a fresh starting-point for further desires.

--Marcel Proust

The most lonely place in the world is the human heart when love is absent.

--Sadie Alexander

Men always want to be a woman's first love. That is their clumsy vanity. We women have a more subtle instinct about things. What we like is to be a man's last romance.

--Oscar Wilde

Love is like an hourglass, with the heart filling up as the brain empties.

--Jules Renard

Love at eighteen is largely an attempt to find out who we are by listening to our echoes in the words of another.

--Gail Sheehy

When love is satisfied, all its charm is gone.

--Pierre Corneille

If you cannot inspire a woman with love of you, fill her above the brim with love of herself; all that runs over will be yours.

--Charles Caleb Colton

The greatest love is a mother's, then a dog's, then a sweetheart's.

--Polish Proverb

I've got two daughters. 9 years old and 6 years old. I am going to teach them first of all about values and morals. But if they make a mistake, I don't want them punished with a baby.

—Barack Obama

It is easier to keep half a dozen lovers guessing than to keep one lover after he has stopped guessing.

—Helen Rowland

If you want to be loved, be lovable.

--Ovid

Her face was her chaperone.

--Rupert Hughes

If you want to win her hand,
Let the maiden understand
That she's not the only pebble on the beach.

--Harry Braisted

Some women blush when they are kissed; some call for the police, some swear; some bite. But the worst are those who laugh.

--William Raye

The modern rule is that every woman must be her own chaperone.

--Amy Vanderbilt

A man who won't lie to a woman has very little consideration for her feelings.

--Olin Miller

A man without a wife is like a man in winter without a fur hat.

--Russian Proverb

The bachelor's admired freedom is often a yoke, for the freer a man is to himself, the greater slave he often is to the whims of others.

--George Jean Nathan

American women, I believe, weary of men whose emotional content is no greater than that of a boy. They want to be loved by men. They long for that experience which they have not had in their evolution on this soil.

--David L. Cohn

But I soon got tired of third-class journeys

And dinners of bread and water;

So I fell in love with a rich attorney's

Elderly, ugly daughter.

--William S. Gilbert

Do not wonder at the man who runs after a heartless coquette, but keep your wonder for the man who does not.

--Georg Groddeck

A great many people fall in love with or feel attracted to a person who offers the least possibility of a harmonious union.

--Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs

Men's insistence on being of service sometimes expresses less consideration than girls like to believe. Helping women, treating them, bestowing gifts—these things are done much more for the donor's sake, as assertions of his superiority.

--Dr. Rudolf Dreikurs

When a woman likes to wait on a man, that settles it: she loves him.

--E. W. Howe

How bold one gets when one is sure of being loved!

--Sigmund Freud

I have an idea that in most relationships between a man and a woman one is the contained and one is the container; and this balance, once having been determined, can't ever be changed.

--Katharine Butler
Hathaway

Men fear and hate women more than women fear and hate men. I think it is this rather than the male's superior strength that makes it possible for our civilization to be called 'a man's world.' It is not a contest of strength; it is a contest of hate.

--Dr. Karl Menninger

The great truth is that women actually like men, and men can never believe it.

--Isabel Patterson

The male has been taught that he is superior to women in nearly every way, and this is reinforced by the submissive tactics of many women in their desperate antics of flirtation and hunting; it would be a wonder if the average male did not come to believe that he was superior.

--Joyce Carol Oates

When it comes to women, modern men are idiots. They don't know what they want, and so they never want, permanently, what they get. They want a cream cake that is at the same time ham and eggs and at the same time porridge. They are fools. If only women weren't bound by fate to play up to them.

--D. H. Lawrence

Any man worthy of the name is only too willing to make a fool of himself for the sake of a woman.

--Frank Richardson

A man is already halfway in love with any woman who listens to him.

--Brendan Francis

'Tis the privilege of friendship to talk nonsense, and have her nonsense respected.

--Charles Lamb

Prospective brides ought to be told that while a man will stand a great deal of criticism of himself from a woman, he will not accept criticism of his friends from her. The first is merely a reflection on his temperament, the second on his judgment, which is a much more vital area.

--Sydney J. Harris

The success of any man with any woman is apt to displease even his best friends.

--Madame de Stael

I confess that, for myself, I never enter a new company without the hope that I may discover a friend, perhaps the friend, sitting there with an expectant smile. That hope survives a thousand disappointments.

--A. C. Benson

A woman never forgives anybody who tries to keep her from making a fool of herself over a man.

--John W. Raper

Women will not be talking about football unless one of them is in love with a football player, and then suddenly you discover that they know everything that is to be known about it.

--Jeanne Moreau

It is a pity that dancing is so often degraded by the intrusion of extraneous considerations, social and humanitarian: must I propitiate this powerful lady by inviting her to dance? Should I take pity on this fading wallflower and stick her in by buttonhole? Nothing should be allowed to interfere with the choice of partners on purely aesthetic grounds.

--Joseph W. Beach

He who cannot dance puts the blame on the floor.

--Hindu Proverb

Every day I count wasted in which there has been no dancing.

--Friedrich Nietzsche

She delighted in hearing men talk of their own work, and that is the most fatal way of bringing a man to your feet.

--Rudyard Kipling

Sometimes I think that dancing, like youth, is wasted on the young.

--Max Lerner

Many women miss their greatest chance of happiness through a want of courage in the decisive moments of their lives.

--Winifred Gordon

Judgment of beauty can err, what with the wine and the dark.

--Ovid

The real paradox is that the men who make, materially, the biggest sacrifices for their women should do the least for them ideally and romantically.

--Edith Wharton

You can't make women happy, that's a kind of fundamental law of the universe. You try and make them happy, and they'll never forgive you for revealing to them that they can't be.

--Len Deighton

A great many men, who are sane and reasonable in other matters, allow themselves, on the slightest provocation, to be worked up into a fever over the aspirations of women.

--Robert Grave

No man, as a general rule, shows his soul to another man; he shows it only to a woman.

--Lafcadio Hearn

The wind is not swifter than a woman's choice between two men.

--Irish Proverb

Our life is so dependent on our relations with women—and the opposite, of course, is also true—that it seems to me one must never think lightly of them.

--Vincent Van Gogh

Men have broad and large chests and small narrow hips, and are more understanding than women, who have but small and narrow chests, and broad hips, to the end they should remain at home, sit still, keep house, and bear and bring up children.

--Martin Luther

Nothing is finer or better than a single life.

--Horace

It is always one of the tragedies of any relationship, even between people sensitive to each other's moods, that the moments of emotion so rarely coincide.

--Nan Fairbrother

I flee who chases me, and chase who flees me.

--Ovid

When you see a woman who can go nowhere without a staff of admirers, it is not so much because they think she is beautiful, it is because she has told them they are handsome.

--Jean Giraudoux

Venus favors the bold.

--Ovid

Without grace beauty is an unbaited hook.

--French Proverb

Jealousy: that dragon which slays love under the pretense of keeping it alive.

--Havelock Ellis

It is not love that is blind, but jealousy.

--Lawrence Durrell

Jealousy is the greatest of all evils, and the one which arouses the least pity in the person who causes it.

--La Rochefoucauld

A kiss can be a comma, a question mark or an exclamation point.

That's basic spelling that every woman ought to know.

--Mistinguett

Wisely a woman prefers to a lover a man who neglects her.

This one may love her some day; some day the lover will not.

--John Hay

The anger of lovers renews their love.

--Terence

The reason why lovers are never weary of one another is this: they are always talking of themselves.

--La Rochefoucauld

Man is a wretch without woman; but woman is a monster—and thank Heaven, an almost impossible and hitherto imaginary monster—without man, as her acknowledged principal!

--Nathaniel Hawthorne

The allurements that women hold out to men is precisely the allurements that Cape Hatteras holds out to sailors: they are enormously dangerous and hence enormously fascinating.

--H. L. Mencken

Women have many faults, but the worst of them all is that they are too pleased with themselves and take too little pains to please the men.

--Plautus

If you want to win her hand
Let the maiden understand
That she's not the only pebble on the beach.

--Harry Braisted

When a woman is talking to you, listen to what she says with her eyes.

--Victor Hugo

A single man has not nearly the value he would have in a state of union. He is an incomplete animal. He resembles the odd half of a pair of scissors.

--Benjamin Franklin

If thou wouldst marry wisely, marry thine equal.

--Ovid

A woman is like your shadow; follow her, she flies; fly from her, she follows.

--Nicolas Chamfort

Men say of women what pleases them; women do with men what pleases them.

--Philippe Paul,
Comte de Ségur

Most men who run down women are running down one woman only.

--Remy de Gourmont

The first symptom of love in a young man is timidity, in a girl it is boldness. The two sexes have a tendency to approach, and each assumes the qualities of the other.

--Victor Hugo

Women have more strength in their looks than we have in our laws, and more power in their tears than we have by our arguments.

--John Faucit Saville

In courtship a man pursues a woman until she catches him.

--Proverb

Woman begins by resisting man's advances and ends by blocking his retreat.

--Oscar Wilde

Make love to every woman you meet; if you get five per cent on your outlay it's a good investment.

--Arnold Bennett

Those who always speak well of women do not know them enough: those who always speak ill of them do not know them at all.

--Pigault-Lebrun

A man's 'ideal woman' is usually the one whom he passes with a worshipful bow—when he is on his way to call on the other kind.

—Helen Rowland

A little flattery now and then makes husbands out of single men.

—Tim Kelly

Women upset everything. When you let them into your life, you find that the woman is driving at one thing and you're driving at another.

—George Bernard Shaw

It seems to me that women commit a great fault, in that they hardly ever love those who are their most faithful lovers.

--Bernard de Ventadour

You can't kiss a girl unexpectedly—only sooner than she thought you would.

--Jack Seaman

It is best not to leave a lover sole master of one's affections, for fear that, in the absence of any rivals, his love slumbers through overconfidence.

--Moliere

A bachelor is a guy who leans toward women, but not far enough to lose his balance.

--Earl Wilson

All bachelors expect to get married just as soon as they can find a girl who loves them as much as they love themselves.

--Unknown

A bachelor looks before he leaps, then stays where he is.

--Evan Esar

A bachelor never gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

--Helen Rowland

If people waited to know one another before they married, the world wouldn't be so grossly over-populated as it is now.

--W. Somerset Maugham

Heaven has no rage like love to hatred turned,
Nor hell a fury like a woman scorned.

--William Congreve

An object in possession seldom retains the same charm that it had in pursuit.

--Pliny the Younger

Courtship is that part of a girl's life which comes between the lipstick and the broomstick.

--Unknown

If men acted after marriage as they do during courtship there would be fewer divorces—and more bankruptcies.

--Frances Rodman

There's nothing like a marriage to break up a beautiful romance.

--Unknown

It's a very difficult era in which to be a person, just a real, actual person, instead of a collection of personality traits selected from an endless Automat of characters. And if all of us are play-acting, there can be no such thing as a soul mate, because we don't have genuine souls. It had gotten to the point where it seemed like nothing matters, because I'm not a real person and neither is anyone else. I would have done anything to feel real again.

--Gillian Flynn

Hysteria is a natural phenomenon, the common denominator of the female nature. It's the big female weapon, and the test of a man is his ability to cope with it.

--Tennessee Williams

The ambition of some girls is to make a man a good husband.

--Unknown

An optimist is a young man who hurries because he thinks his date is ready and waiting for him.

--Unknown

Kissing is where two people get so close together they can't see anything wrong with each other.

—Rene Yasenak

Girls must be encouraged to go on (after college), to make a life plan. It has been shown that girls with this kind of commitment are less eager to rush into early marriage....Most of them marry, of course, but on a much more mature basis. Their marriages then are not a escape but a commitment shared by two people that becomes part of their commitment to themselves and society.

--Betty Naomi Friedan

Sudden romances usually end the same way.

--Unknown

The man's desire is for the woman; but the woman's desire is rarely other than for the desire of the man.

--Samuel Taylor
Coleridge

Remember, it's as easy to marry a rich woman as a poor woman.

--William Makepeace
Thackeray

There is no road to wealth so easy and respectable as that of matrimony.
--Anthony Trollope

I'm not denyin' the women are foolish; God Almighty made 'em to match the men.
--George Eliot

A Woman is a foreign land,
Of which, though there he settle young,
A man will ne'er quite understand
The customs, politics, and tongue.
--Coventry Patmore

A witty woman is a treasure; a witty beauty is a power.
--George Meredith

You are not permitted to kill a woman who has wronged you, but nothing forbids
you to reflect that she is growing older every minute. You are avenged 1440 times
a day.
--Ambrose Bierce

There are two tragedies in life. One is to lose your heart's desire. The other is to
gain it.
--George Bernard Shaw

She plucked from my lapel the invisible strand of lint (the universal act of woman to
proclaim ownership).
--O. Henry

As long as you know that most men are like children you know everything.
--Coco Chanel

From birth to age eighteen, a girl needs good parents. From eighteen to thirty-five,
she needs good looks. From thirty-five to fifty-five, she needs a good personality.
From fifty-five on, she needs good cash.
--Sophie Tucker

Existence warps too much. It sets us so we can only receive certain kinds of opposite
numbers. But in the abstract, in essence, any two human beings can find warmth
together.
--Norman Mailer

All heiresses are beautiful.

--John Dryden

Women wish to be loved without a why or a wherefore; not because they are pretty, or good, or well-bred, or graceful, or intelligent, but because they are themselves.

--Henri Frederic Amiel

These impossible women! How they do get around us!
The poet was right: can't live with them, or without them.

--Aristophanes

Women... can't live with 'em... can't shoot 'em.

—Ivan Turgenev

That's the nature of women, not to love when we love them, and to love when we love them not.

--Miguel de Cervantes

There is no fury like a woman searching for a new lover.

--Cyril Connolly

A woman prefers a man without money to money without a man.

--Greek Proverb

Bachelors know more about women than married men. If they didn't they'd be married, too.

--H. L. Mencken

The fickleness of the women I love is only equaled by the infernal constancy of the women who love me.

--George Bernard Shaw

Faint heart never won fair lady.

--William Camden

Better be courted and jilted
Than never be courted at all.

--Thomas Campbell

When a man dies, the last thing that moves is his heart; in a woman her tongue.

--George Chapman

Papas and mammas sometimes ask young men whether their intentions are honorable towards their daughters. I think young men might occasionally ask papas and mammas whether their intentions are honorable before they accept invitations to houses where there are still unmarried daughters.

--Samuel Butler

I've seen your stormy seas and stormy women,
And pity lovers rather more than seamen.

—Lord Byron

All the pursuits of men are the pursuits of women also, but in all of them a woman is inferior to a man.

--Plato

A man, though he be gray-haired,
can always get a wife,
But a woman's time is short.

--Aristophanes

Man has his will—but woman has her way.

--Oliver Wendell
Holmes, Sr.

It is a woman's business to get married as soon as possible, and a man's to keep unmarried as long as he can.

--George Bernard Shaw

There is nothing that so much seduces reason from vigilance as the thought of passing life with an amiable woman.

--Samuel Johnson

Women are only children of a larger growth.

--Lord Chesterfield

In your amours you should prefer old women to young ones. They are so grateful.

--Benjamin Franklin

Without woman the beginning of our life would be helpless, the middle without pleasure, and the end void of consolation.

--Victor de Jouy

Once a woman has given you her heart, you can never get rid of the rest of her.
--Sir John Vanbrugh

A woman's advice has little value, but he who won't take it is a fool.
--Miguel de Cervantes

Women who are either indisputably beautiful, or indisputably ugly, are best flattered upon the score of their understandings; but those who are in a state of mediocrity, are best flattered upon their beauty, for every woman who is not absolutely ugly thinks herself handsome.
--Lord Chesterfield

Young men's eyes take in everything; their minds fix on the glories of women, just as a plant breathes in from the air the substances necessary for its own particular nourishment.
--Honoré de Balzac

There should be as little merit in loving a woman for her beauty, as a man for his prosperity, both being equally subject to change.
—Alexander Pope

If you would marry suitably, marry your equal.
--Ovid

You cannot weld cake-dough to cast iron, nor a girl to an old man.
--Austin O'Malley

Never marry but for love; but see that thou lovest what is lovely.
—William Penn

The Don Juans among men and the light-o'-loves among women are afraid of marriage.
--Dr. Alfred Adler

The happy married man dies in good stile at home, surrounded by his weeping wife and children. The old bachelor don't die at all—he sort of rots away, like a pollywog's tail.
--Artemus Ward

Humble wedlock is far better than proud virginity.
—St. Augustine

Remember, that if thou marry for beauty, thou bindest thyself all thy life for that which perchance will neither last nor please thee one year; and when thou hast it, it will be to thee of no price at all; for the desire dieth when it is attained, and the affection perisheth when it is satisfied.

--Sir Walter Raleigh

Maids want nothing but husbands, and when they have them, they want everything.

--William Shakespeare

In the election of a wife, as in a project of war, to err but once is to be undone forever.

—Thomas Middleton

God has placed the genius of women in their hearts; because the works of this genius are always works of love.

--Alphonse de Lamartine

A handsome woman is a jewel; a good woman is a treasure.

--Saadi

Men are like the earth and we are like the moon; we turn always one side to them and they think there is no other.

--Olive Schreiner

A woman's lot is made for her by the love she accepts.

--George Eliot

We are foolish, and without excuse foolish, in speaking of the superiority of one sex to the other, as if they could be compared in similar things! Each has what the other has not; each completes the other; they are in nothing alike; and the happiness and perfection of both depend on each asking and receiving from the other!

--John Ruskin

Gallantry to women—the sure road to their favor—is nothing but the appearance of extreme devotion to all their wants and wishes, a delight in their satisfaction, and a confidence in yourself as being able to contribute toward it.

--William Hazlitt

As a jewel of gold in a swine's snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.

--Proverb

A woman who can't forgive should never have more than a nodding acquaintance with a man.

--Ed Howe

Romance

without finance
don't stand a chance.

--African-American Folk
Saying

Bad judgment and carelessness are not punishable by rape.

--Pearl Cleage

No human being can really understand another, and no one can arrange another's happiness.

--Graham Greene

Let us leave pretty women to men without imagination.

--Marcel Proust

The longest absence is less perilous to love than the terrible trials of incessant proximity.

--Edna St. Vincent Millay

Absences are a good influence in love and keep it bright and delicate.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

Everyone has a stump where something necessary was amputated.

—Steve Toltz

Woman is as fickle as a feather in the wind.

--Francesco Maria Piave

There is no accounting for the actions of a woman.

--Napoleon I

When I say that I know women; I mean I know that I don't know them. Every single woman I ever knew is a puzzle to me, as, I have no doubt she is to herself.

—William Makepeace
Thackeray

I've always it was more pleasant to surround yourself with attractive girls rather than ugly ones. It's like putting flowers, not rutabagas in your vase.

--James Kimberly

'Tisn't beauty, so to speak, nor good talk necessarily. It's just It. Some women'll stay in a man's memory if they once walked down a street.

--Rudyard Kipling

What attracts us in a woman rarely binds us to her.

--Churton Collins

He ploughs the waves, and sows the sand!
And seeks to gather the wind in a net,
Whose hopes on the heart of a woman are set.

--Jacopo Sannazaro

High school is a lot more about growing up and developing an adult identity and sense of responsibility than it is about classroom learning. If you have not had a healthy socialization to the opposite sex during high school, you can look forward to immature posturing, fear-driven antipathy, and bad sexual judgment in college: a time when you may lack the support systems of friends and family, and when learning should be the primary focus of your activities.

--*The New Republic*

Whimsy, not reason, is the female guide.

--George Granville

The girls have a dream, the boys have a desire. The girls dream of being carried off by a Prince Charming who will love them, provide for them, and give them a family. The boys often desire sex without commitment or babies without responsibility for them.

--Elijah Anderson

What a man of forty falls in love with a girl of twenty, it isn't her youth he is seeking but his own.

—Lenore Coffee

Women are the cowards they are because they have been semi-slaves for so long. The number of women prepared to stand up for what they really think, feel, experience, with a man they are in love with is still very small.

--Doris Lessing

A man is never so weak as when a woman is telling him how strong he is.
--Unknown

Women are never disarmed by compliments. Men always are.
--Oscar Wilde

The desire of a man for a woman is not directed at her because she is a human being, but because she is a woman. That she is a human being is of no concern to him.
--Immanuel Kant

Man's chief pursuit is neither fame nor fortune; man's chief pursuit is woman.
--Unknown

Men are love-starved for their fathers, are father-wounded, and no matter what women are expected to do, or what we try to do willingly, we...fail because it is men that men want to make their peace with...to be protected by or to be loved by.
--Phyllis Chesler

Women are constantly being given double messages: society preaches purity and the media portrays women as nothing but sex objects.
--Ellen Frankfort

Plain women know more about men than beautiful women do.
--Katharine Hepburn

Women are like elephants to me—I like to look at 'em, but I wouldn't want to own one.
--W. C. Fields

Chastity: the most unnatural of the sexual perversions.
--Aldous Huxley

Women in general want to be loved for what they are and men for what they accomplish.
--Theodor Reik

The great question that has never been answered, and which I have not yet been able to answer despite my thirty years of research into the feminine soul, is: What does a woman want?
--Sigmund Freud

God made men stronger but not necessarily more intelligent. He gave women intuition and femininity. And, used properly, that combination easily jumbles the brain of any man I've ever met.

--Farrah Fawcett-Majors

Woman's virtue is man's greatest invention.

--Cornelia Otis Skinner

Men are polygamous,
Women monogamous.

--Unknown

If women didn't exist, all the money in the world would have no meaning.

--Aristotle Onassis

Bachelors should be heavily taxed. It is not fair that some men should be happier than others.

--Oscar Wilde

I kissed my first girl and smoked my first cigarette on the same day. I haven't had time for tobacco since.

--Arturo Toscanini

Women have served all these centuries as looking-glasses possessing the magic and delicious power of reflecting the figure of man at twice its natural size.

--Virginia Woolf

The silliest woman can manage a clever man; but it needs a very clever woman to manage a fool.

--Rudyard Kipling

A gold rush is what happens when a line of chorus girls spot a man with a bank roll.

--Mae West

Most good women are hidden treasures who are only safe because nobody looks for them.

--Dorothy Parker

It's not the men in my life that count; it's the life in my men.

--Mae West

A poor beauty finds more lovers than husbands.

--Proverb

Choose neither women nor linen by candlelight.

--Proverb

It takes a woman twenty years to make a man of her son, and another woman twenty minutes to make a fool of him.

--Helen Rowland

Why are women... so much more interesting to men than men are to women?

—Virginia Woolf

The average man is more interested in a woman who is interested in him than he is in a woman—any woman—with beautiful legs.

--Marlene Dietrich

Most women set out to try to change a man, and when they have changed him they do not like him.

--Marlene Dietrich

Many a man has fallen in love with a girl in a light so dim he would not have chosen a suit by it.

--Maurice Chevalier

The higher the mental development of woman, the less possible it is for her to meet a congenial mate who will see in her, not only sex, but also the human being, the friend, the comrade and strong individuality, who cannot and ought not lose a single trait of her character.

--Emma Goldman

Where young boys plan for what they will achieve and attain, young girls plan for whom they will achieve and attain.

--Charlotte Perkins
Gilman

Every time you sleep with a boy you sleep with all his old girlfriends.

--*U.S. Government Aids
Advertisement*

A man snatches the first kiss, pleads for the second, demands the third, takes the fourth, accepts the fifth—and endures all the rest.

--Helen Rowland

It is a woman's job to sense the hungers in men and to satisfy them without, at the same time, giving so much of herself that men become bored with her.

--Marlene Dietrich

The trouble with life is that there are so many beautiful women—and so little time.

--John Barrymore

A bachelor is a man dedicated to life, liberty, and the happiness of pursuit.

—Evan Esar

There is one woman whom fate has destined for each of us. If we miss her, we are saved.

--Unknown

The only time a woman really succeeds in changing a man is when he's a baby.

--Natalie Wood

To catch a husband is an art; to hold him is a job.

--Mae West

No woman marries for money: they are all clever enough, before marrying a millionaire, to fall in love with him first.

--Cesare Pavese

In the choice of a horse and a wife, a man must please himself, ignoring the opinion and advice of friends.

--George John
Whyte-Melville

Brains are an asset, if you hide them.

--Mae West

A pessimist is a man who thinks all women are bad. An optimist is a man who hopes they are.

--Chauncey Mitchell
Depew

Men who do not make advances to women are apt to become victims to women who make advances to them.

--Walter Bagehot

Anybody who believes that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach flunked geography.

--Robert Byrne

Scratch a lover and find a foe.

--Dorothy Parker

There is one who kisses, and the other who offers the cheek.

--French Proverb

The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing—and then marry him.

--Cher

There wouldn't be half as much fun in the world if it weren't for children and men, and there ain't a mite of difference between them under the skin.

--Ellen Glasgow

The world is full of lonely people, all isolated in a private, secret dungeon.

--Loretta Girzartis

The person who tries to live alone will not succeed as a human being. His heart withers if it does not answer another heart. His mind shrinks away if he hears only the echoes of his own thoughts and finds no other inspiration.

--Pearl S. Buck

A woman's head is always influenced by heart; but a man's heart by his head.

--Lady Marguerite
Blessington

Whenever I date a guy, I think, is this the man I want my children to spend their weekends with?

--Rita Rudner

Why get married and make one man miserable when I can stay single and make thousands miserable?

--Carrie Snow

I want to tell you a terrific story about oral contraception. I asked this girl to sleep with me and she said, 'No.'

--Woody Allen

They say a man is as old as the women he feels.

--Groucho Marx

Why haven't women got labels on their foreheads saying 'Danger: Government Health Warning: Women can seriously damage your brains, genitals, current account, confidence, razor blades, and good standing among your friends.'

--Jeffrey Bernard

She was a lovely girl. Our courtship was fast and furious—I was fast and she was furious.

--Max Kauffmann

Ideal beauty is a fugitive which is never located.

--La Marquise de Sévigné

Women deprived of the company of men pine; men deprived of the company of women become stupid.

--Anton Chekhov

How unbearable, for women, is the tenderness which a man can give them without love.

For men, how bittersweet this is.

--Albert Camus

Nothing indeed comes closer to a frenzied lunatic than a man in a paroxysm of desire. We are bound to earth by the middle of the body.

--Julian Green

Courtship to marriage is as a very witty prologue to a very dull play.

--William Congreve

Men are always doomed to be duped, not so much by the arts of the (female) sex as by their own imaginations. They are always wooing goddesses and marrying mere mortals.

--Washington Irving

Nothing spoils a romance so much as a sense of humor in the woman—or the want of it in a man.

--Oscar Wilde

The reason lovers never tire of each other is this: they're always talking about themselves.

--La Rochefoucauld

God created women for the unique purpose of domesticating men.

--Voltaire

The night shows stars and women in a better light.

—Lord Byron

The relation of the sexes...is really the invisible central point of all action and conduct....the cause of war and the end of peace.

--Arthur Schopenhauer

If a woman hasn't got a tiny streak of a harlot in her, she's a dry stick as a rule.

--D. H. Lawrence

The joy of life is variety; the tenderest love requires to be renewed by intervals of absence.

--Samuel Johnson

If I have wasted my days in voluptuousness, ah! ye gods, give them back to me so I can waste them again.

--La Mettrie

All else—valor, a good name, glory, everything in heaven and earth—is secondary to the charm of riches.

--Horace

The light that lies
In woman's eyes
Has been my heart's undoing.

--Thomas Moore

There is no other purgatory but a woman.

--Beaumont and Fletcher

Here's to woman! Would that we could fall into her arms without falling into her hands.

--Ambrose Bierce

Alas! the love of women! it is known
To be a lovely and a fearful thing.

—Lord Byron

A woman never sees what we do for her, only what we don't do.

--Georges Courteline

If men knew how women pass the time when they are alone, they'd never marry.

--O. Henry

At first a woman doesn't want anything but a husband, but just as soon as she gets one, she wants everything else in the world.

--Edgar Watson Howe

When women kiss it always reminds one of prizefighters shaking hands.

--H. L. Mencken

Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire.

--Georges Bernard Shaw

The ability to make love frivolously is the chief characteristic which distinguishes human beings from beasts.

--Heywood Broun

When I'm not near the girl I love,
I love the girl I'm near.
...When I can't fondle the hand I'm fond of
I fondle the hand at hand.

--E. Y. Harburg

A man cannot marry before he has studied anatomy and has dissected at the least one woman.

--Honoré de Balzac

Love matches are formed by people who pay for a month of honey with a life of vinegar.

--Countess of Blessington

Advice to persons about to marry.—‘Don’t.’

--Henry Mayhew

When two people are under the influence of the most violent, most insane, most delusive, and most transient of passions, they are required to swear that they will remain in that excited, abnormal, and exhausting condition continuously until death do them part.

--George Bernard Shaw

I’m single, because why let someone else ruin your life when you’re perfectly capable of doing it on your own.

—Internet Meme

A man can be happy with any woman as long as he does not love her.

--Oscar Wilde

Like all young men, you greatly exaggerate the difference between one young woman and another.

--George Bernard Shaw

God did not make woman from man's head, that she should not rule over him; nor from his feet, that she should not be his slave; but from his side, that she should be near his heart.

—*Talmud*

Men chase, women choose.

--Robert Van Lierop

Marry the girl of a good family though she be seated on a mat, very poor.

—Arabic Proverb

Being an old man’s darling is better than being a young man’s fool.

--Traditional Wisdom

I would compare the multitude of women which are to be chosen for wives unto a bag full of snakes, having among them a single eel: now, if a man should put his hand into this bag, he may chance to light on the eel, but it is an hundred to one he shall be stung by the snake

—Sir John More

It goes far towards reconciling me to being a woman, when I reflect that I am thus in no immediate danger of ever marrying one.

—Lady Wortley Montage

Find yourself before you look for a man.

--Gwendolyn Goldsby
Grant

Many years ago I chased a woman for almost two years, only to discover that her tastes were exactly like mine: we both were crazy about girls.

--Groucho Marx

By the time you say you're his,
shivering and sighing
And he vows his passion is
Infinite, undying—
Lady, make a note of this:
One of you is lying.

--Dorothy Parker

The time men spend in trying to impress others, they could spend in doing the things by which others would be impressed.

--Frank Romer

I see no marriages which sooner fail than those contracted on account of beauty and amorous desire.

--Michel de Montaigne

A man admires a woman not for what she says, but for what she listens to.

--George Jean Nathan

The man who puts a woman on a pedestal is in danger of getting kicked in the face.

—Evan Esar

When men and women agree, it is only in their conclusions; their reasons are always different.

--Santayana

Nothing improves a woman's appearance faster than a man's.

—Evan Esar

Most women try to improve their looks instead of their minds because they know most men are dumb but not blind.

—Evan Esar

The moment you have a woman in your arms, you have her on your hands.

—Evan Esar

By the time a man finally learns to get along with women, he discovers he can get along without them.

—Evan Esar

When a bachelor falls in love, it leads to marriage; when a married man falls in love, it leads to divorce.

—Evan Esar

A man must marry only a very pretty woman in case he should ever want some other man to take her off his hands.

--Sacha Guitry

No woman need feel the smallest twinge of shame at being as stupid as an egg. Plain women should know just a little more than pretty ones, and downright ugly ones just a bit more still; but no woman, whatever her physiognomy, should know more than a man. That is, if she wants to be loved by him.

--Virginia Graham

Men are nicer to the women they don't marry.

--Belle Livingstone

Pride—that's a luxury a woman in love can't afford.

--Clare Boothe Luce

A woman's need to be circumferenced by a man is as strong and biologic as ever.

--Edna O'Brien

Flattery is the yoke with which to make their (women) light and ardent heads submissive.

--George Sand

There is not anything stronger in the world than tenderness.

--Han Suyin

Of two evils choose the prettier.

--Carolyn Wells

Love ceases to be a pleasure when it ceases to be a secret.

--Aphra Behn

We can have only one real love, but many tender friendships.

--Christina of Sweden

Men lose more conquests by their own awkwardness than by any virtue in the woman.

--Ninon de l'Enclos

It's a full-time job holding a man.

--Hedda Hopper

Two things I have learned about men. Never compete with them. Never try to change them. To attempt either leads to chaos.

--Margery Hurst

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

--Helen Rowland

A woman need know but one man well, in order to understand all men; whereas a man may know all women and understand not one of them.

--Helen Rowland

You are looking for a rich husband. At your age I looked for hardship, danger, horror and death, that I might feel the life in me more intensely. I did not let the fear of death govern my life; and my reward was, I had my life. You are going to let the fear of poverty govern your life and your reward will be that you will eat, but you will not live.

--George Bernard Shaw

A man running after a hat is not half so ridiculous as a man running after a woman.

—G. K. Chesterton

Choose as a wife only the woman whom you would choose as a friend if she were a man.

—Joseph Joubert

The company of women improves men's manners but impairs their morals.

--Montesquieu

The art of getting along with a woman is understanding what she doesn't say.

—Evan Esar

The man who compliments nine women on their looks and the tenth on her cleverness makes but one mistake.

—Evan Esar

None but the brave can live with the fair.

--Frank McKinney

When a man says he had pleasure with a woman he does not mean conversation.

—Samuel Johnson

Contraceptives should be used on every conceivable occasion.

--Spike Milligan

If you are ever in doubt as to whether or not you should kiss a pretty girl, always give her the benefit of the doubt.

--Thomas Carlyle

When the future King Edward VII said to his mistress, 'I've spent enough on you to buy a battleship,' she replied: 'And you've spent enough in me to float one.'

--Lily Langtry

The possibility of a young man meeting a desirable and receptive young female increases by pyramidal progression when he is already in the company of (1) a date (2) his wife (3) a better looking and richer male friend.

--Ronald Beifield

My Lord told me that among his father's many old sayings that he had writ in a book of his, this is one: that he that doth get a wench with child and marries her afterward it is as if a man should shit in his hat and then clap it upon his head.

--Samuel Pepys

A man and woman marry because both of them don't know what to do with themselves.

--Anton Chekhov

Men are those creatures with two legs and eight hands.

--Jayne Mansfield

Older women are best because they always think they may be doing it for the last time.

--Ian Fleming

My own belief is that there is hardly anyone whose sexual life, if it were broadcast, would not fill the whole world at large with surprise and horror.

--W. Somerset Maugham

It is a pity that marriage is the only medicine that has so far been discovered to cure a love affair.

--Ed Howe

All young men greatly exaggerate the difference between one young woman and another.

--Bernard Shaw

Love passes, but syphilis remains.

—Evan Esar

Disillusion is commonly found in only three classes of people: unmarried women, unmarried men, and married couples.

—Evan Esar

There's no one so disillusioned as the girl who married because she was tired of working.

—Evan Esar

There is an advantage to long engagements: the longer a man is engaged, the less time he has to be married.

—Evan Esar

The word *engagement* has two meanings: in war, it's a battle; in courtship, a surrender.

—Evan Esar

Few things are more expensive than a girl who is free for the evening.

—Evan Esar

A thing of beauty is an expense forever.

—Evan Esar

A woman's face is her fortune only when it draws a lot of interest.

—Evan Esar

No girl who is afraid to stay home alone in the evening should ever get married.

--Ed Howe

All the reasons of a man cannot outweigh a single feeling of a woman.

--Voltaire

Men fight with their fists, women with their tears.

--Unknown

If a girl won't look after her figure, neither will a man.

—Evan Esar

Women hope men will change after marriage but they don't; men hope women won't change but they do.

--Bettina Arndt

When any relationship is characterized by difference, particularly a disparity in power, there remains a tendency to model it on the parent-child-relationship. Even protectiveness and benevolence toward the poor, toward minorities, and especially toward women have involved equating them with children.

--Mary Catherine
Bateson

If a man tells a woman she is beautiful, she will overlook most of his other lies.

--Ashwin Sanghi

The word *love* is used in more lies than any other. How often a guy will say to a girl (or vice versa), *I love you*, simply to get the other person emotionally stirred-up, so they can be more easily manipulated.

—Dawson McAllister

Flirting is the gentle art of making a man feel pleased with himself.

--Helen Rowland

All women are flirts, but some are restrained by shyness, and others by sense.
--La Rochefoucauld

A fortune hunter is a considerate man who doesn't let money stand between a girl and her happiness.

—Evan Esar

Many a man seeks to marry a rich girl so that his wife may have everything she wants.

—Evan Esar

Many a bachelor never marries until he meets the right amount.

—Evan Esar

The man who marries for money soon discovers that that's the hardest way to earn it.

—Evan Esar

A fortune hunter is a man without any dollars who is trying to find a rich woman without any sense.

—Evan Esar

A box of candy means friendship, a bunch of flowers means love, but a diamond means business.

—Bob Phillips

When a man makes passes at girls who wear glasses, it's probably due to their frames.

—Evan Esar

The law of gravity doesn't always work; it is usually easier to pick up a girl than it is to drop her.

—Evan Esar

Don't be misled by a woman's tears: nothing weeps more copiously than a cake of ice.

—Evan Esar

No man marries his ideal because, while he is looking for the ideal woman, she is looking for the ideal man.

—Evan Esar

Many a girl has an ideal boyfriend, but no woman has an ideal husband.

--Unknown

Steer clear of someone whose life you can run, who never makes demands counter to yours. It's good to have a doormat in the home, but not if it's your husband.

— Pat Connor

Don't marry a problem character thinking you will change him. He's a heavy drinker, or some other kind of addict, but if he marries a good woman, he'll settle down. People are the same after marriage as before, only more so.

— Pat Connor

It's what a man doesn't know about a girl that makes him fall in love with her.

--Unknown

If I ever marry, it will be on a sudden impulse—as a man shoots himself.

—H. L. Mencken

Were it not for imagination, a man would be as happy in the arms of a chambermaid as of a duchess.

--Samuel Johnson

By the time you are old enough to understand women, you are too old to do anything about it.

—Evan Esar

Infatuation is a mental state when a man is out of his mind because there's a woman in it.

—Evan Esar

Infatuation is what makes an intelligent man look foolish to a foolish girl who looks intelligent to him.

—Evan Esar

Infatuation is a disease usually cured by marriage.

—Evan Esar

A woman is constantly inspiring a man to do great things, and then preventing him from accomplishing them.

--Oscar Wilde

Where words cease, music begins, and where music ceases, kissing begins.
--Norman Douglas

A kiss is an operation, cunningly devised, for the mutual stoppage of speech at a moment when words are utterly superfluous.
--Oliver Herford

The first kiss is stolen by the man: the last kiss is begged by the woman.
—H. L. Mencken

The man who kisses every girl he meets gets a lot of rebuffs—also a lot of kisses.
—Evan Esar

Women have a hard enough time in this world: telling them the truth would be too cruel.
—H. L. Mencken

A good line is the shortest distance between two dates.
—Evan Esar

As soon as you cannot keep anything from a woman, you love her.
--Paul G eraldy

Love at first sight saves a lot of time and money.
--Unknown

When love dies of starvation, it is usually the man's fault; when it dies of suffocation, it is always the woman's.
--Unknown

Love is a mental disorder that makes a girl eager to give up seven hours in an office to slave fourteen hours in a house.
--Unknown

Few men marry their first love, and fewer marry their last.
--Unknown

Every lover is a liar.
--Ed Howe

Money is a form of magic: it turns a long, lanky girl who has it into a tall, stately creature.

--Unknown

Every girl waits for the right man to come along, but in the meantime she gets married.

—Evan Esar

By the time a woman is mature enough to choose a proper mate, she has already been married for years.

—Evan Esar

Many a woman's dream is to make a millionaire out of a multimillionaire.

—Evan Esar

Man does not understand woman—that is his misfortune; woman understands man—that is also his misfortune.

—Evan Esar

Passion makes idiots of the cleverest men.

--La Rochefoucauld

The penalty for getting the woman you want is that you must keep her.

--Lionel Strachey

God help the man who won't marry until he finds the perfect woman, and God help the woman if he finds her!

--Ben Tillet

Whoever named it necking was a poor judge of anatomy.

--Groucho Marx

All philanderers are alike: they treat women as sequels.

--Unknown

Platonic love is love from the neck up.

--Thyra Samter Winslow

A playboy is a man whose fortune always depends on his choice of a father.

--Unknown

When a girl can tell the difference between truth and flattery, she is too practical to be in love.

--Unknown

A man's hardest problem is to find a girl attractive enough to please him and dumb enough to like him.

—Evan Esar

Prostitutes are a necessity: without them, men would assault respectable women in the streets.

--Napoleon

Red is a universal signal for Stop, except when you find it on a girl's lips.

--Unknown

If a man doesn't marry his first love, he is apt to regret it—also if he does.

—Evan Esar

What you do for a woman she will forget, but what you fail to do she will always remember.

--Unknown

Romance makes the heart flutter and the tongue flatter.

—Evan Esar

Every time a woman gives a man a piece of her mind she loses a piece of his heart.

--Helen Rowland

A woman will sometimes forgive a man who tries to seduce her, but never the man who misses an opportunity when offered.

--Talleyrand

Women become attached to men by the intimacies they grant them; men are cured of their love by the same intimacies.

--La Bruyère

The only unnatural sex act is that which you cannot perform.

--Alfred Kinsey

Of all creatures hunted for sport, woman is first.

--Unknown

The war of the sexes is not between man and woman but between women and other women.

--Unknown

In the battle of the sexes women rely on two weapons—cosmetics and tears.

--Unknown

Before she marries, every girl should take a course in domestic silence.

—Evan Esar

I must marry—if only to get to bed at a reasonable hour.

--Benjamin Constant

There would be more spinsters marrying if other women didn't marry so often.

--Unknown

The Stone Age is about twenty: and the bigger the stone, the better she likes it.

--Unknown

In an argument with a man, one snuffle is worth a thousand words.

—Evan Esar

Tears are a form of feminine waterpower used to overcome masculine will power.

—Evan Esar

There are three things I have always loved but never understood: art, music and women.

--Bernard Le Bovier
de Fontenelle

To understand one woman is not necessarily to understand any other woman.

--John Stuart Mill

Men don't understand women because they can't; women don't understand men because they don't have to.

--Unknown

Generally the only one who can cure a lovesick young couple is a Doctor of Divinity.

--Unknown

As soon as women belong to us, we no longer belong to them.

--Michel de Montaigne

Fifty percent of the world are women, yet they always seem a novelty.

--Christopher Morley

I know what women expect, and give it to them without disagreeable argument—
they'll get it anyway.

--Ed Howe

A good woman inspires a man, a brilliant woman interests him, a beautiful woman
fascinates him, but a sympathetic woman gets him.

--Helen Rowland

A woman has a dozen different ways to make a man happy, and a hundred ways to
make him unhappy.

--James G. Huneker

Women are attractive at 20, attentive at 30, and adhesive at 40.

—Evan Esar

No scientist knows where the center of the universe is, but every man in love does.

--Unknown

Men marry because they are tired;
Women because they are curious.
Both are disappointed.

--Oscar Wilde

We are indebted to women, first for life itself, and then for making it worth having.

--C. Nestell Bovee

The perfect mate, despite what 'Cosmopolitan' says, does not exist, no matter how
many of those tests you take.

--Suzanne Britt

A man must be potent and orgasmic to ensure the future of the race. A woman need
only be available.

--William H. Masters and
Virginia E.
Johnson

On one issue, at least, men and women agree: they both distrust women.
--H. L. Mencken

Watch out for men who have mothers.
--Laura Shapiro

We may eventually come to realize that chastity is no more a virtue than malnutrition.
--Alex Comfort

How has it happened, what have we come to, that the scarlet letter these days isn't **A** but **B**.
--Joyce Maynard

A woman in love never takes advice.
--Rosamond Marshall

Women will go to you because of your intensity. They will leave you for the same reason.
--James T. Farrell

There will always be a battle between the sexes because men and women want different things. Men want women and women want men.
--George Burns

It is better to be looked over than overlooked.
--Mae West

The stronger women get, the more men love football.
--Mariah Burton Nelson

Beauty without grace, is a hook without bait.
--Ninon de Lenclos

Never marry a man who hates his mother, because he'll end up hating you.
--Jill Bennett

Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then.
--Katherine Hepburn

The big difference between sex for money and sex for love is that sex for money usually costs a lot less.

--Brendan Behan

How can I choose a husband when I can't even decide what to wear?

--Beth Jaylcus

Why is it every time I'm around a girl, my I.Q. drops a quick fifty points?

--Richard Peck

The sound of a kiss is not so loud as that of a cannon, but its echo lasts a great deal longer.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

There are two things no man will admit he cannot do well—drive and make love.

--Stirling Moss

God gave man both a penis and a brain, but unfortunately not enough blood supply to run both at the same time.

--Robin Williams

Women need a reason to have sex. Men just need a place.

--Billy Crystal

My wife has a slight impediment in her speech. Every now and then she stops to breathe.

--Jimmy Durante

If you smoke after sex, you're doing it too fast.

--Woody Allen

I've been on so many blind dates, I should get a free dog.

--Wendy Liebman

Kisses aren't contracts and presents aren't promises....And even sunshine burns if you get too much. So plant your own garden and nourish your own soul, instead of waiting for someone to buy you flowers.

--Veronica A. Shoffstall

Life is too short to hide affection.

--Victor B. Miller

You have two choices in life: You can stay single and be miserable, or get married and wish you were dead.

--Unknown

A girl strings along with a guy only to see if he's fit to be tied.

--Unknown

Is it better to have loved and lost or to have won and be bossed?

--Unknown

A mistress is what goes between a mister and a mattress.

--Joe E. Lewis

Why do women have breasts? So that men will talk to them.

--Unknown

No doubt exists that all women are crazy; it's only a question of degree.

--W. C. Fields

One of my theories is that men love with their eyes; women love with their ears.

--Zsa Zsa Gabor

A man can sleep around, no questions asked, but if a woman makes nineteen or twenty mistakes she's a tramp.

--Joan Rivers

People who throw kisses are hopelessly lazy.

--Bob Hope

To attract men, I wear a perfume called 'New Car Interior.'

--Rita Rudner

Never try to impress a woman, because if you do she'll expect you to keep up the standard for the rest of your life.

--W. C. Fields

Many a man in love with a dimple makes the mistake of marrying the whole girl.

--Stephen Leacock

Jealousy is a tiger that tears not only its prey but also its own raging heart.

--Michael Beer

Women want mediocre men, and men are working hard to be as mediocre as possible.

--Margaret Mead

I want a man who's kind and understanding. Is that too much to ask of a millionaire?

--Zsa Zsa Gabor

I got a Valentine's Day card from my girl. It said, 'Take my heart! Take my arms! Take my lips!' Which is just like her. Keeping the best part for herself.

--Robert Orben

I admit, I have a tremendous sex drive. My boyfriend lives forty miles away.

--Phyllis Diller

Girls are like apples on trees. The best ones are at the top of the tree. The boys don't want to reach for the good ones because they are afraid of falling and getting hurt.

Instead, they just get the rotten apples from the ground that aren't as good, but easy.

So the apples at the top think something is wrong with them, when in reality, they're amazing.

They just have to wait for the right boy to come along, the one who's brave enough to climb all the way to the top of the tree.

--Pete Wentz

I'm looking for a perfume to overpower men. I'm sick of karate.

---Phyllis Diller

No man can understand why a woman shouldn't prefer a good reputation to a good time.

--Helen Rowland

To be happy with a man you must understand him a lot and love him a little. To be happy with a woman you must love her a lot and not try to understand her at all.

--Helen Rowland

Never trust a husband too far or a bachelor too near.

--Helen Rowland

If you will only date someone who looks like Brad Pitt, earns a gazillion dollars, and makes your knees go weak every time you're together, then you're probably either 20 or stupid.

--Lori Gottlieb

Feminists fought for respect and equality: they never promised a perfect world, where non-belching princes would gallop up at exactly the right time and impregnate us. They told us to be wary of fairy tales, and not to spend our lives waiting for them to come true.

--Julia Baird

When you are courting a nice girl an hour seems like a second. When you sit on a red-hot cinder a second seems like an hour. That's relativity.

--Albert Einstein

Scientists now believe that the primary biological function of breasts is to make males stupid.

--Dave Barry

A relationship is what happens between two people who are waiting for something better to come along.

—Sara in the Film *Hitch*

I once dated a weather girl; we talked up a storm.

--Jay London

A guy is a lump like a doughnut. So, first you gotta get rid of all the stuff his mom did to him. And then you gotta get rid of all that macho crap that they pick up from beer commercials. And then there's my personal favorite, the male ego.

--Roseanne Barr

A man is only as faithful as his options.

--Chris Rock

There are only three things women need in life: food, water, and compliments.

--Chris Rock

Men should be like Kleenex, soft, strong and disposable.

--Cher

If you don't risk anything, you risk even more.

--Erica Jong

The spaces between your fingers were created so that another's could fill them in.

--Unknown

Sometimes people put up walls, not to keep others out, but to see who cares enough to break them down.

--Banana Yoshimoto

Sitting next to you doing absolutely nothing, means absolutely everything to me.

--Unknown

Sometimes you need to run away just to see who will come after you.

--Lisa Brooks

Love is said to be blind, but I know some fellows in love who can see twice as much in their sweethearts as I do.

--Josh Billings

A Bachelor of Arts is one who makes love to a lot of women, and yet has the art to remain a bachelor.

--Helen Rowland

A fool and her money are soon courted.

--Helen Rowland

A man is like a cat; chase him and he will run: sit still and ignore him and he'll come purring at your feet.

--Helen Rowland

A man never knows how to say goodbye; a woman never knows when to say it.

--Helen Rowland

Alpha men are very turned on by the Alpha woman—really high chemistry, really fun to work with, probably really fun to have affairs with. But there can only be one person in the driver's seat.

—Alanis Morissette

Alpha women may believe the Alpha male is their natural partner; a breadwinner, similar to her—but although they might make an exciting relationship, they don't make a good relationship. One will always want to assert their authority.

—Dr. Sonya Rhodes

Watching your daughter being collected by her date feels like handing over a million dollar Stradivarius to a gorilla.

--Jim Bishop

A man should avoid being seen in pursuit of any woman who walks faster than he can.

--Clive James

A kiss is a lovely trick designed by nature to stop speech when words become superfluous.

--Ingrid Bergman

Don't marry the guy you break the bed with.

--Cary Grant

Relationships--of all kinds--are like sand held in your hand. Held loosely, with an open hand, the sand remains where it is. The minute you close your hand and squeeze tightly to hold on, the sand trickles through your fingers. You may hold onto some of it, but most will be spilled. A relationship is like that. Held loosely, with respect and freedom for the other person, it is likely to remain intact. But hold too tightly, too possessively, and the relationship slips away and is lost.

--Kaleel Jamison

He who loves the more is the inferior and must suffer.

--Thomas Mann

No sex before monogamy.

--Patti Stanger

Where there is no jealousy there is no love.

--German Proverb

In jealousy there is more of self-love than love.

--La Rochefoucauld

It's not clear that all young women really want to embrace the carefree lifestyle promoted in *Girls* or *Sex and the City*. Some of them want boyfriends, now an apparently endangered species. Most want, eventually, to marry. And not all enjoy the hookup culture of casual, often even anonymous, sex. Yet these are the peer pressures that surround them. Just go to pretty much any Internet dating site or campus blog. Women are supposed to be actively sexual, skilled in the range of activities that their partners are watching online. They are supposed to look like models, drink like fish, and not care a whit if their one-night fling never texts them again. And then they're somehow supposed to find the right guy at the right time, don an oddly virginal wedding gown, and snuggle in to a life of cozy monogamy ever after. It's tough. Women of earlier generations were almost certainly frustrated by the long list of romantic options—affairs, divorces, same-sex partners—that remained forever out of reach. But women today face an upside-down problem: the expectation that in love, as in so many areas, they are somehow expected to have, and do, it all.

--Debra Spar

When you fish for love, bait with your heart, not your brain.

--Mark Twain

The magic of first love is our ignorance that it can never end.

--Benjamin Disraeli

Well, enough about me. Let's talk about you. What do you think about me?

--Bette Midler

Any woman who thinks the way to a man's heart is through his stomach is aiming about 10 inches too high.

--Adrienne Gusoff

A woman needs a man like a fish needs a net.

--Cynthia Heimel

Anyone can make you happy by doing something special, but only someone special can make you happy without doing anything.

--*dailyinspirationalquotes.in*

You may admire a girl's curves on the first introduction... but the second meeting shows up new angles.

--Mae West

The last thing I want to do is hurt you. But it's still on the list.

--Jason Pinero

I've never been married, but I tell people I'm divorced so they won't think something's wrong with me.

--Elayne Boosler

Give me golf clubs, fresh air and a beautiful woman - and you can keep the golf clubs and fresh air.

--Jack Benny

I love to shop after a bad relationship. I don't know. I buy a new outfit and it makes me feel better. It just does. Sometimes I see a really great outfit, I'll break up with someone on purpose.

--Rita Rudner

He who hesitates is last.

--Mae West

No finance, no romance.

--Lyle Lovett

A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice in her life to be thankful for a good one.

--Elizabeth Taylor

A woman without a man is like a fish without a bicycle.

--Irina Dunn

Successful black men have taken these stupid statistics about us to heart and are having the time of their lives. They do not hold themselves accountable to anybody for anything, and they're getting away with murder...They lie to us without a conscience, they fuck as many of us at a time as they want to.

--Terry McMillan

If you're a successful black man in New York City, one of the most appealing and sought-after men around, your options are plentiful. Why marry if you don't have to? If you have four quality women you're dating and they're in a rotation, who's going to rush into a marriage?

--Ralph Richard Banks

Computer dating is fine, if you're a computer.

--Rita Mae Brown

Those black males who try to hold women down are expressing in sexist terms the same kinds of expressions in racist terms which they would deny.

--Jacquelyne Jackson

Men only go bad once they get rich, but women only get rich once they go bad.

--Chinese Proverb

The time you spend grieving over a man should never exceed the amount of time you actually spent with him.

--Rita Rudner

Love is the self-delusion we manufacture to justify the trouble we take to have sex.

—Daniel S. Greenberg

A man in love is like a clipped coupon—it's time to cash in.

--Mae West

Few women admit their age; Fewer men act it.

--Unknown

The rise of online dating will mean an overall decrease in commitment.

--Dan Slater

The future will see better relationships but more divorce. The older you get as a man, the more experienced you get. You know what to do with women, how to treat them and talk to them. Add to that the effect of online dating. I often wonder whether matching you up with great people is getting so efficient, and the process so enjoyable, that marriage will become obsolete.

--Dan Winchester

Premarital sex used to be taboo. So women would become miserable in marriages, because they wouldn't know any better. But today, more people have had failed relationships, recovered, moved on, and found happiness. They realize that that happiness, in many ways, depends on having had the failures. As we become more secure and confident in our ability to find someone else (with online dating), usually someone better, monogamy and the old thinking about commitment will be challenged very harshly.

--Noel Biderman

You could say online dating allows people to get into relationships, learn things, and ultimately make a better selection. But you could also easily see a world in which online dating leads to people leaving relationships the moment they're not working—an overall weakening of commitment.

--Gian Gonzaga

Online dating does nothing more than remove a barrier to meeting. Online dating doesn't change my taste, or how I behave on a first date, or whether I'm going to be a good partner. It only changes the process of discovery. As for whether you're the type of person who wants to commit to a long-term monogamous relationship or the type of person who wants to play the field, online dating has nothing to do with that. That's a personality thing.

--Alex Mehr

Psychologists who study relationships say that three ingredients generally determine the strength of commitment: overall satisfaction with the relationship; the investment one has put into it (time and effort, shared experiences and emotions, etc.); and the quality of perceived alternatives. Two of the three—satisfaction and quality of alternatives—could be directly affected by the larger mating pool that the Internet offers.

--Dan Slater

When a girl goes wrong, men go right... after her.

--Mae West

I go for two kinds of men. The kind with muscles, and the kind without.

--Mae West

That woman speaks eight languages and can't say 'no' in any of them.

--Dorothy Parker

If love is blind, why is lingerie so popular?

--Unknown

To succeed with the opposite sex, tell her you're impotent. She can't wait to disprove it.

—Cary Grant

If at first you don't succeed, date the boss's daughter.

--Evan Esar

Coffee, chocolate, men... some things are just better rich.

—T-Shirt Slogan

‘According to author Sylvia Hewlett, career women shouldn’t wait to have babies, because our fertility takes a steep drop-off after age 27,’ Tina Fey said during a ‘Weekend Update’ sketch. ‘And Sylvia’s right; I definitely should have had a baby when I was 27, living in Chicago over a biker bar, pulling down a cool \$12,000 a year. That would have worked out great.’ Rachel Dratch said, ‘Yeah. Sylvia, um, thanks for reminding me that I have to hurry up and have a baby. Uh, me and my four cats will get right on that.’

--*Saturday Night Live*
Sketch

The longer you spend dating around, the more likely it is that you’ll become pregnant by someone you’re not intending to marry, forcing the unhappy choice between an abortion, adoption, and single parenthood.

--Megan McArdle

According to a 2010 Pew poll, almost all millennials accept interracial dating and marriage—and the younger the person, the more likely that person was to have a friend of a different race.

--Caroline Linton

Women swear up and down that looks are not nearly as important to them as they are to men, that a woman will not hesitate to marry an unattractive man if he has other compensatory qualities, such as a sense of humor or a highly developed intellect or a villa in Tuscany. I only believe the part about the villa in Tuscany.

--Joe Queenan

Experts have found that kissing sends unconscious signals to each busser regarding the other’s oral health, dietary habits, and overall levels of hygiene—key metrics in deciding whether to invest their metabolic resources in the time-consuming escalation to sex.

--Robin Dunbar

The highest prize in a world of men is the most beautiful woman available on your arm and living there in her heart loyal to you.

--Norman Mailer

I don’t like to search too much. I find it is easier when romance finds you.

--Michelle Trachtenberg

Being with a woman all night never hurt no professional baseball player. It's staying up all night looking for a woman that does him in.

--Casey Stengel

Women like silent men. They think they're listening.

--Marcel Achard

It's the good girls who keep diaries; the bad girls never have the time.

--Tallulah Bankhead

Sex and death are the only things that can interest a serious mind.

--William Butler Yeats

If it were up to me, our house would be surrounded by giant (but humane) traps baited with some kind of bait that would be attractive to 13-year-old boys, such as fireworks or shorts that are even baggier than the shorts that they're already wearing. Every now and then we'd hear the loud THWONK of a steel door slamming shut, indicating that a 13-year-old boy had come too close to the house. I would then go outside, and, after a stern warning, drive the boy out to the Everglades and release him into the wild.

--Dave Barry

When my daughter can legally commence dating (February 24, 2040) I intend to monitor her closely. I intend to do this even if I am deceased. My last will and testament will contain instructions stating that if my daughter goes anywhere in a car with a male...the urn containing my ashes shall be placed on the console between the passenger and driver's seats, along with a little placard that says 'DON'T MIND ME! YOU KIDS HAVE FUN!' The urn will also have a siren that goes off periodically.

--Dave Barry

Why does a man take it for granted that a girl who flirts with him wants him to kiss her - when, nine times out of ten, she only wants him to want to kiss her?

--Helen Rowland

Much can be inferred about a man from his mistress: in her one beholds his weaknesses and his dreams.

--Georg C. Lichtenberg

Never marry a man you wouldn't want to divorce.

--Nora Ephron

Among men, sex sometimes results in intimacy; among women, intimacy sometimes results in sex.

--Barbara Cartland

If someone had told me years ago that sharing a sense of humour was so vital to partnerships, I could have avoided a lot of sex!

--Kate Beckinsale

Diamonds never leave you... men do!

--Shirley Bassey

To fall in love is awfully simple, but to fall out of love is simply awful.

--Bess Myerson

It is as absurd to say that a man can't love one woman all the time as it is to say that a violinist needs several violins to play the same piece of music.

--Honore de Balzac

Honesty is probably the sexiest thing a man can give to a woman.

--Debra Messing

If Jack's in love, he's no judge of Jill's beauty.

--Benjamin Franklin

I should like to know what is the proper function of women, if it is not to make reasons for husbands to stay at home, and still stronger reasons for bachelors to go out.

--George Eliot

Romance: Kind and loving behavior towards your spouse or partner, such as bringing home flowers, remembering her birthday, and saying 'excuse me' when farting during dinner.

--Joshua Piven, David
Borgenicht, and
Ben H. Winters

In 1950s America, a high-school student would 'pin' his 'steady.' In exchange, she would hand-hold his brains out.

--*Earth (The Book) A
Visitor's Guide to
the Human Race*

Chocolates fatten up a prospective mate just enough so that no one else will be interested.

--*Earth (The Book) A*
Visitor's Guide to
the Human Race

When all else fails, vodka is the Swiss Army knife of human courtship.

--*Earth (The Book) A*
Visitor's Guide to
the Human Race

In many parts of the world, engaged couples begin their new life by spending a year arguing over a day. That day is the wedding.

--*Earth (The Book) A*
Visitor's Guide to
the Human Race

What are the most common ways of proposing marriage? A man will most commonly declare his intentions by presenting his beloved with a diamond ring on a large television during a packed sporting event. In the rare cases when a woman asks the man to marry, she often does it by urinating on a stick and showing him the results.

--*Earth (The Book) A*
Visitor's Guide to
the Human Race

It is only when we no longer compulsively need someone that we can have a real relationship with them.

--Anthony Storr

No nice men are good at getting taxis.

--Katherine Whitehorn

Forget all the bars and schmoozing and everybody checking out everybody else. My ideal date would be to park in a dark place, check out the stars, and have a great conversation. When all else fails, you can just make out.

--Brooke Burke

Love is only the game that is not called on account of darkness.

—Thomas Carlyle

It takes one person to forgive, it takes two people to be reunited.

--Lewis B. Smedes

Boys are beyond the range of anybody's sure understanding, at least when they are between the ages of 18 months and 90 years.

--James Thurber

Quarrels would not last long if the fault was only on one side.

--Francois de La
Rochefoucauld

The heart is forever making the head its fool.

--Francois de La
Rochefoucauld

My love life is like a piece of Swiss cheese; most of it's missing, and what's there stinks.

--Joan Rivers

In the mythic schema of all relations between men and women, man proposes, and woman is disposed of.

--Angela Carter

The miniskirt enables young ladies to run faster, and because of it, they may have to.

--John Lindsay

My sex life is like a Ferrari...I don't have a Ferrari.

--*theChive*

It takes two hands to clap! I cannot be solely blamed for what happened in my relationships! If things soured, it happened because of both parties. Not just me!

—Akshay Kumar

Any time you got nothing to do - and lots of time to do it - come on up.

—Mae West

Guys are simple... women are not simple and they always assume that men must be just as complicated as they are, only way more mysterious. The whole point is guys are not thinking much. They are just what they appear to be. Tragically.

—Dave Barry

Someone's past is just that...their past. The majority of people learn lessons from what they did wrong in their past relationships. Don't hold their past against them unless it bleeds into the present...

—Unknown

Tears may be dried up, but the heart - never.

—Marguerite Gardiner

The proper study of mankind is woman.

—Henry Adams

They gave each other a smile with a future in it.

—Ring Lardner

Kisses blown are kisses wasted.

Kisses aren't kisses unless they are tasted.

Kisses spread germs and germs are hated.

So kiss me baby I'm vaccinated.

—Unknown

Don't be with someone you can live with; be with someone you can't live without.

—James Dobson

I used to think that I didn't have dates because I was ugly, and I was ugly because I was Chinese. But it was good because I grew up also thinking I could never really rely on my looks as a way to get ahead in the world.

—Amy Tan

When a woman has lost her chastity, she will shrink from nothing.

—Tacitus

People shop for a bathing suit with more care than they do a husband or wife. The rules are the same. Look for something you'll feel comfortable wearing. Allow for room to grow.

—Erma Bombeck

Choose your life's mate carefully. From this one decision will come 90 percent of all your happiness or misery.

—H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

As you get older, the pickings get slimmer, but the people don't.

—Carrie Fisher

Don't ever think I fell for you, or fell over you. I didn't fall in love, I rose in it. I saw you and made up my mind. My mind.

—Toni Morrison

The way to a woman's heart is through your wallet.

—Frank Dane

Is it just me, or is the world full of beautiful women?

—Robbie Coltrane

A date is an experience you have with another person that makes you appreciate being alone.

—Larry David

All my friends are getting married. I guess I am just at that age where people give up.

—Amy Schumer

What you want to worship above youth, I think, is beauty, and beauty is so beyond just appearances after a while. Because you can be with someone who's good-looking; if they open their mouths and they're an idiot, then they cease to be beautiful very quickly.

—Patton Oswalt

'Cause when a guy does something stupid once, well, that's because he's a guy. But if he does the same stupid thing twice, that's usually to impress some girl.

—Dr. Seuss

I don't have a girlfriend. But I do know a woman who'd be mad at me for saying that.

—Mitch Hedberg

Don't try to understand women. Women understand women, and they hate each other.

—Al Bundy from *Married with Children*

The cold shit syndrome goes like this: When your poop is still warm, you know it's poop, therefore you wouldn't even get near it. On the other side, if the poop gets cold and hard, many people could think it's chocolate. Then they'll try a bit and remember it's been poop all along. She cheated on you. She is poop. Not chocolate. Just remember that.

—*theChive*

For every male action there is a female overreaction.

—*theChive*

Sometimes I only shave one leg so when I lie down it feels like I'm laying next to a man.

—Unknown

Many college men are insecure, unprepared for sex, and desperate to prove themselves to their friends. Many of them approach hookups with the mentality that 'sex is a battle: *I have to conquer you; I have to break down your resistance.*'

—Michael Kimmel

Less attractive people realize certain dates are out of reach and adjust priorities accordingly, learning to value traits like a sense of humor.

—Matthew Hutson

Sometimes opposing adages fight to a draw: 'Better safe than sorry' versus 'Nothing ventured, nothing gained.' But when it comes to 'Opposites attract' versus 'Birds of a feather flock together,' the data are in: we end up with partners like ourselves.

—Matthew Hutson

Brigands demand your money or your life; women require both.

—Samuel Butler

Never idealize others. They will never live up to your expectations.

—Leo Buscaglia

The woman I am most likely interested in isn't at bars or meetups, but at home watching Netflix, and there's no way I'll ever meet her.

—Internet Meme

It's better to shit your pants than to die of constipation. [My dad on whether or not I should ask out a girl when I was younger.]

—Internet Meme

An *Oxford University* study has found that for every person you fall in love with and accommodate into your life, you lose two close friends.

—Robin Dunbar

More men die of jealousy than of cancer.

—Joseph P. Kennedy

Women are much more complicated than men. Men are very simple. And you know why? It's because their brains are so different. First, I want to start with men. Men's brains are very unique. Most women don't realize that whether we are having sex or watching sports, our brains are made up of little boxes. We've got a box for everything. We've got a box for the car. We've got a box for the money. We've got a box for the job. We've got a box for you. We've got a box for the kids. We've got a box for your mother somewhere in the basement.

We've got boxes everywhere. And the rule is the boxes don't touch. When a man discusses a particular subject, we go to that particular box, we pull that box out, we open the box, and we discuss only what is in THAT BOX. And then we close the box and put it away being very, very careful not to touch other boxes.

Now women's brains are very, very different from men's brains. Women's brains are made up of a big ball of wire. And everything is connected to everything. The money is connected to the car and the car is connected to your job and your kids are connected to your mother and everything is connected. It's like the internet superhighway, and it's all driven by energy that we call emotion. It's one of the reasons why women tend to remember...everything.

Because if you take an event and you connect it to an emotion and it burns in your memory and you can remember it forever. The same thing happens for men. It just doesn't happen very often, because quite frankly...we don't care. Women tend to care about everything. And she just loves it.

Now men, we have a box in our brain that most women are not aware of. This particular box has nothing in it. In fact, we call it the 'nothing box.' And of all the boxes a man has in his brain, the 'nothing box' is our favorite box. If a man has a chance, he'll go to his nothing box every time. That's why a man can do something seemingly completely brain dead for hours on end. You know, like fishing.

—Mark Gungor

The more I see of men, the better I like dogs.

—Madame de Stael

I find the selectivity of erotic love—the choice of this man or this woman—much more intelligible if liking the person is the origin of sexual interest, rather than the other way.

—Mortimer Adler

Whenever two human beings spend time together, sooner or later they will probably irritate one another. This is true of best friends, married couples, parents and children, or teachers and students. The question is: How do they respond when friction occurs? There are four basic ways they can react:

- They can internalize the anger and send it downward into a memory bank that never forgets. This creates great pressure within and can even result in disease and other problems.
- They can pout and be rude without discussing the issues. This further irritates the other person and leaves him or her to draw his or her own conclusions about what the problem may be.
- They can blow up and try to hurt the other person. This causes the death of friendships, marriages, homes, and businesses.
- Or they can talk to one another about their feelings, being very careful not to attack the dignity and worth of the other person. This approach often leads to permanent and healthy relationships.

—James C. Dobson

Most have dated, have kissed a few frogs, have dodged bullets, been sucker-punched, and lost a few, true gems. Dating can be arduous and disheartening, but in the end, one can only hope to find enduring love.

—Dan L. Miller

The girl with a future avoids a man with a past.

—Evan Esar

Most plain girls are virtuous because of the scarcity of opportunity to be otherwise.

—Maya Angelou

Some women feel the best cure for a broken heart is a new beau.

—Gene Tierney

Do you love me because I'm beautiful, or am I beautiful because you love me?

—Oscar Hammerstein II

The cruelest thing a man can do to a woman is to portray her as perfection.
—David Herbert
Lawrence

Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind.
—William Shakespeare

As we bustle, bumble and elbow our way through life, we inevitably, mostly unintentionally, mangle the lives of others. On reflection, most regret the damage they've inflicted, but acknowledge that they've been inured as well at the hands of others. One can only heal the wounds, move on, and hope those that we've bruised have been resilient and survived.

—Dan L. Miller

If a man works like a horse for his money, there are a lot of girls anxious to take him down the bridal path.

—Marty Allen

Scholars at the University of Montreal were unable to study men who do not watch porn because they could not find any.

—Jonathan Liew

Women fake orgasms to have relationships. Men fake relationships to have orgasms.

—Unknown

Women prefer men who have something tender about them—especially the legal kind.

—Kay Ingram

I want someone to look at me the way I look at chocolate cake.

—Internet Meme

The lonely heart is a vulnerable heart.

—Doug Shadel

The expression a woman wears on her face is far more important than the clothes she wears on her back.

—Dale Carnegie

A man usually falls in love with a woman who asks the kinds of questions he is able to answer.

—Ronald Colman

If you're not cheating on me, it means other women don't want you...so I don't want you either.

—Internet Meme

Relationships are mostly you apologizing for saying something hilarious.

—Internet Meme

Smart girls are the over-thinkers, the insecure ones, the different ones. They know what the real world is like. They analyze every little thing in life. Why? To avoid getting hurt. To find happiness. They stay up at night trying to think about every possible situation to get through all the problems. They think too much. They trust less people. Their insecurity proves their respect towards themselves. Of course they try to live away from a drama-filled life. Smart girls know their worth, now that's the ones worth keeping by your side.

—Drake

A woman who gives any advantage to a man may expect a lover but will sooner or later find a tyrant.

—Lord Byron

Is there a doctor in the house? My parents want me to marry you.

—Wendy Liebman

The surest cure for vanity is loneliness.

—Tom Wolfe

Opportunity just exists in the air for a few minutes. If you don't obey your gut feeling right away, you've lost your chance.

—Ken Hakuta

You will do foolish things, but do them with enthusiasm.

—Colette

The meeting of two personalities is like the contact of two chemical substances: if there is any reaction, both are transformed.

—Carl Gustav Jung

Man is a natural polygamist: he always has one woman leading him by the nose, and another hanging on to his coattails.

—H. L. Mencken

No matter what your laundry list of requirements in choosing a mate, there has to be an element of good luck and good fortune and good timing.

—Patty Duke

Men are only as faithful as their options.

—Chris Rock

Chicken is better than that chick who said she will even die for you...Chicken actually died for you. Chicken is true love.

—*theChive*

Why one man rather than another? It was odd. You find yourself involved with a fellow for life just because he was the one that you met when you were nineteen.

—Simone de Beauvoir

The adoration of his heart had been to her only as the perfume of a wild flower, which she had carelessly crushed with her foot in passing.

—Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

If you can't be with the one you love, love the one you're with.

—Stephen Stills

I love you the more in that I believe you had liked me for my own sake and for nothing else.

—John Keats

A figure with curves always offers a lot of interesting angles.

—Wesley Ruggles

There is nothing better for the spirit or the body than a love affair. It elevates the thoughts and flattens the stomachs.

—Barbara Howar

Ladies: Never fight another woman over a man. He knows who he wants. If he wants you, he knows where to find you.

—Unknown

The characteristic of coquettes is affectation governed by whim.

—Henry Fielding

I was about half in love with her by the time we sat down. That's the thing about girls. Every time they do something pretty... you fall half in love with them, and then you never know where the hell you are.

—J. D. Salinger

If a guy wants you for your breasts, thighs and legs, send him to KFC. You're a lady, not a cheap value meal.

—Nicolas Cage

I chose my wife, as she did her wedding gown, for qualities that would wear well.

—Oliver Goldsmith

A **Code of Honor**: Never approach a friend's girlfriend or wife with mischief as your goal. There are just too many women in the world to justify that sort of dishonorable behavior. Unless she's really attractive.

—Bruce Jay Friedman

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune must be in want of a wife.

—Jane Austen (1813)

'I just had sex ed in school today, Dad! You lied to me! You told me if I have sex before my 16th birthday, my boyfriend will die.'

'Oh, he will, sweetheart, he will.'

—Unknown

Is not this the true romantic feeling - not to desire to escape life, but to prevent life from escaping you?

—Tom Wolfe

Men dream of courtship, but in wedlock wake.

—Alexander Pope

Marriage and relationships can be regulated, and choice can be constrained, but human urges will forever be governed by a more incalculable rule: the allure of the new, or of the semblance of the new, may well be irresistible.

—Sophie Gilbert

O Lord, help me to be pure, but not yet.

—Saint Augustine

There are two ways to handle a woman, and nobody knows either of them.

—Kin Hubbard

Love is so short, forgetting is so long.

—Pablo Neruda

It is always incomprehensible to a man that a woman should ever refuse an offer of marriage. A man always imagines a woman to be ready for anybody who asks her.

—Jane Austen

If a blind person tells their significant other they've been seeing someone, it could either be really terrible news or really great news.

—Internet Meme

Trouble is part of your life, and if you don't share it, you don't give the person who loves you a chance to love you enough.

—Dinah Shore

Human beings can be made by accident.

—Unknown

All great lovers are articulate, and verbal seduction is the surest road to actual seduction.

—Marya Mannes

The road to true love never did run smooth.

—Shakespeare

Sometimes a kiss is just a trick to get a woman to shut up.

—Internet Meme

Being someone's first love is great. But to be their last is priceless.

—Unknown

When someone truly cares about you, they make an effort, not an excuse.

—Unknown

The greatest concubines in history knew that everything revealed with nothing concealed is a bore.

—Geoffrey Beene

My girlfriend said she wanted me to dominate her. So I said, ‘OK, let’s play Scrabble.’

—Myq Kaplan

If a girl in a bar asks you to guess how old you think she is, always respond: ‘24?’ It’s a compliment no matter what.

—Aaron Karo

When a woman doesn’t wanna get married, she’s a weirdo. When a man doesn’t wanna get married, he’s George Clooney.

—Sarah Silverman

No woman ever hates a man for being in love with her, but many a woman hates a man for being a friend to her.

—Alexander Pope

Don’t tell me I’m ‘too tall’ just because my height happens to threaten your rather fragile sense of masculinity. The fact that men cannot physically look down upon women who are taller than them is the very reason that many men find tall women so intimidating.

—Miya Yamanouchi

‘When women wear make-up they’re basically lying to us.’ I don’t see why I’m being blamed for a man stupid enough to think I have gold, sparkly eyelids.

—[facebook.com/QueenofSass](https://www.facebook.com/QueenofSass)

If your boyfriend tells you to lose weight, you should absolutely do as he says. Drop 150 pounds instantly by dumping his stupid ass and then go eat a pizza like the beautiful bitch you are.

—[facebook.com/QueenofSass](https://www.facebook.com/QueenofSass)

If it takes more than an hour to get ready, then you might not be as cute as you think you are.

—[someecards.com](https://www.someecards.com)

Comparison is the thief of joy.

—Theodore Roosevelt

If she's amazing, she won't be easy. If she's easy, she won't be amazing. If she's worth it, you won't give up. If you give up, you're not worthy....Truth is, everybody is going to hurt you; you just gotta find the ones worth suffering for.

—Bob Marley

My prince is not coming on a white horse...He's obviously riding a turtle somewhere really confused.

—Internet Meme

Talk not of wasted affection, affection never was wasted,
If it enrich not the heart of another, its waters returning
Back to their springs, like the rain shall fill them full of refreshment.
That which the fountain sends forth returns again to the fountain.

—Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

We don't need to rush. If something's bound to happen, it will happen. In the right time, with the right person and for the best reason.

—*thegoodvibe.com*

A bad attitude can literally block love, blessings, and destiny from finding you. Don't be the reason you don't succeed.

—Mandy Hale

I'm not searching for the other half because I'm not half.

—Arabic Proverb

Never, under any circumstances tell a woman she's crazy unless you actually want to see crazy.

—Ged Backland

I never lose. Either I win or I learn.

—Nelson Mandela

Women spend more time thinking about what men think than men actually spend thinking.

—*someecards.com*

Rekindled love is generally short-term.

—Nicholas Sparks

Passion is the quickest to develop, and the quickest to fade. Intimacy develops more slowly, and commitment more gradually still.

—Robert Sternberg

The equivalent of a woman being treated as a sex object is a man being treated as a success object.

—Warren Farrell

It is foolish to pretend that one is fully recovered from a disappointed passion. Such wounds always leave a scar.

—Henry Wadsworth
Longfellow

Men say that women should come with instructions...What's the point of that? Have you ever seen a man really read the instructions?

—*someecards.com*

Everyone has the heartbreak that shapes them in a way that they could never go back to the innocence that they had before.

—Zoey Deschanel

Once you truly believe you're worthy of love, you will never settle for anyone's second best treatment.

—Charles J. Orlando

The reason it hurts so much to separate is because our souls are connected. Maybe they always have been and will be. Maybe we've lived a thousand lives before this one and in each of them we've found each other. And maybe each time, we've been forced apart for the same reasons. That means that this goodbye is both a goodbye for the past ten thousand years and a prelude to what will come. When I look at you, I see your beauty and grace and know they have grown stronger with every life you have lived. And I know I have spent every life before this one searching for you. Not someone like you but you, for your soul and mine must always come together. And then, for a reason neither of us understands, we've been forced to say goodbye. I would love to tell you that everything will work out for us, and I promise to do all I can to make sure it does. But if we never meet again and this is truly goodbye, I know we will see each other again in another life. We will find each other again, and maybe the stars will have changed, and we will not only love each other in that time, but for all the times we've had before.

—Nicholas Sparks

We are afraid to care too much, for fear that the other person does not care at all.
—Eleanor Roosevelt

Sometimes, I sit alone under the stars and think of the galaxies inside my heart,
and truly wonder if anyone will ever want to make sense of all that I am.
—Christopher Poindexter

I don't know a perfect person. I only know flawed people who are still worth loving.
—John Green

Boys never made me orgasm, I made myself orgasm, they just happened to be there
while it happened. They never made me cry for any other reason than that I felt
unwanted. They touched me to warm me up to touch them, not because they wanted
me to be that completely vulnerable and literally and metaphorically naked.
—Kate Bailey

Guys, there is no such thing as a woman who isn't crazy. So pick the amount of
crazy you can live with and marry her.
—Ged Backland

Single doesn't always mean lonely, and relationship doesn't always mean happy.
—Ged Backland

Truly loving another means letting go of all expectations. It means full acceptance,
even celebration of another's personhood.
—Karen Casey

Almost all of our relationships begin and most of them continue as forms of mutual
exploitation, a mental or physical barter, to be terminated when one or both parties
run out of goods.
—W. H. Auden

The worst feeling is when you find out you didn't mean as much to someone as you
thought you did and you look stupid for caring so much.
—Unknown

Some people will never 'get you'. Do not spend eternity asking why. People will see
you differently, just cherish those who lift your soul.
—*Dodinsky's Garden of Thoughts*

Sex is not only the basis of life, it is the reason for life.

—Norman Lindsay

They say you don't get over someone until you find someone or something better. As humans, we don't deal well with emptiness. Any empty space must be filled. Immediately. The pain of emptiness is too strong. It compels the victim to fill that place. A single moment with that empty spot causes excruciating pain. That's why we run from distraction to distraction and from attachment to attachment.

—Yasmin Mogahed

Respect yourself enough to walk away from anything that no longer serves you, grows you or makes you happy.

—Robert Tew

The right man will love you unconditionally, will be loyal, and will always be happy to see you...Oh wait, that's my dog. My dog does that.

—*someecards*

I want someone to love me for me, faults and all.
Someone who can't fall asleep without being her last call.
Someone who wants to be my last goodnight and my first hello.
Someone who will hold my hand and not let it go.
Someone who means it when she says, 'I will leave you never.'
Someone who looks into my eyes and sees her... Forever.

—José N. Harris

Fake trust issues comes from insecurities...
Real trust issues comes from being screwed over.

—José N. Harris

Truly, love is something a lot more than to sleep with someone else, more than just to talk with that person. It's to think of that person, wanting them to be happy, to wish them well, to care about them, showing consideration, listening when they are happy or when they're sad, encouraging, it is to show your love, to make that someone feel special, it is always waiting to hear their voice, keeping them in your mind, in your thoughts, and in your heart.

—José N. Harris

Those who stick by your side through your worst times are the ones who deserve to be with you through your best times.

—*WomenWorking.com*

You'll know when you are giving someone too many second chances when the pain they are causing is getting too familiar and overwhelming your life. Don't allow your heart become a shelter for someone's meaningless apologies.

—Dodinsky

When I was one-and-twenty,
I heard a wise man say,
Give pounds and crowns and guineas,
But not your heart away.

Give pearls away and rubies,
But keep your fancy free.
But I was one-and-twenty,
No use to talk to me.

—A. E. Houseman

Everyone has three sides:
The quiet, sweet side.
The fun and crazy side.
The side you never want to see.

—*WomenWorking.com*

When we cannot get what we love, we must love what is within our reach.

—French Proverb

In the duel of sex woman fights from a dreadnought and man from an open raft.

—H. L. Mencken

English culture is basically homosexual in the sense that the men only really care about other men.

—Germaine Greer

I used to think the worst thing in life was to end up all alone, it's not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people that make you feel all alone.

—Robin Williams

Did you ever wish you had a second chance to meet someone again for the first time?

—Ged Backland

We don't get to choose who we fall for. They may mistreat us, ignore us or hurt us, but we stay with them, why? It's not because we are stupid or we enjoy getting hurt, it's because we can see the good in them, its because despite all the arguments, they are the ones who make us feel a certain way that no one else can and we value that feeling, and because our brain won't allow them to leave our minds, our hearts, and won't allow them to leave our lives.

—Unknown

The reason romantic rejection gets us hooked is that this sort of rejection stimulates parts of the brain associated with motivation, reward, addiction, and cravings.

—Helen Fisher

Relationships are like glass. Sometimes it's better to leave them broken than hurt yourself trying to put it back together.

—Unknown

ELEVEN HINTS FOR LIFE

1. It hurts to love someone and not be loved in return. But what is more painful is to love someone and never find the courage to let that person know how you feel.
2. A sad thing in life is when you meet someone who means a lot to you, only to find out in the end that it was never meant to be and you just have to let go.
3. The best kind of friend is the kind you can sit on a porch swing with, never say a word, and then walk away feeling like it was the best conversation you've ever had.
4. It's true that we don't know what we've got until we lose it, but it's also true that we don't know what we've been missing until it arrives.
5. It takes only a minute to get a crush on someone, an hour to like someone, and a day to love someone-but it takes a lifetime to forget someone.
6. Don't go for looks, they can deceive. Don't go for wealth, even that fades away. Go for someone who makes you smile because it takes only a smile to make a dark day seem bright.

7. Dream what you want to dream, go where you want to go, be what you want to be. Because you have only one life and one chance to do all the things you want to do.
8. Always put yourself in the other's shoes. If you feel that it hurts you, it probably hurts the person too.
9. A careless word may kindle strife. A cruel word may wreck a life. A timely word may level stress. But a loving word may heal and bless.
10. The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.
11. Love begins with a smile, grows with a kiss, ends with a tear. When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that when you die, you're the one smiling and everyone around you is crying.
—boardofwisdom.com

Jealousy is always born with love but it does not die with it.

*—Francois de La
Rochefoucauld*

Homosexuality in Russia is a crime and the punishment is seven years in prison, locked up with the other men. There is a three year waiting list.

—Yakov Smirnoff

Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.

—Dr. Seuss

People who care about each other enjoy doing things for one another. They don't consider it servitude.

—Ann Landers

In the sex war, thoughtlessness is the weapon of the male, vindictiveness of the female.

—Cyril Connolly

I think the most beautiful thing is that we're not parting because there were problems. We're parting because we're celebrating each others' growth.

—Kelly Rowland

Do you ever go out, and while you're out, you think, 'This is exactly why I don't go out'?

—Internet Meme

I think the hardest part of losing someone isn't having to say goodbye but rather learning to live without them. Always trying to fill the void, the emptiness that's left inside your heart when they go.

—*all-greatquotes.com*

Women date narcissists for the same reasons they date jerks, frequently forcing nice guys into last place. We want it all. We want the challenge and the magic passion with a guy who has confidence, charisma and a great sense of fun. But we also want deep caring, with intimacy and commitment. Narcissists deliver big on the magic, and come up empty on the caring. They save the bad stuff for later. By the time you realize that, you're often in pretty deep, addicted to that bad, bad boy.

—Susan Walsh

You realize how much you truly miss someone when something happens, good or bad, and the only person you want to tell is the one person who isn't there.

—Unknown

I wonder what fool it was that first invented kissing.

—Jonathan Swift

A woman's perfume tells more about her than her handwriting.

—Christian Dior

I can't bear it when somebody who some man made a pass at - to call that violence seems to me absurd and insulting to women who've really met violence, who've been raped or bashed.

—Helen Garner

Sometimes you have to move on without certain people. If they're meant to be in your life, they'll catch up.

—Mandy Hale

The bottom line is that people are never perfect, but love can be....We waste time looking for the perfect lover, instead of creating the perfect love.

—Tom Robbins

Any man who can drive safely while kissing a pretty girl is simply not giving the kiss the attention it deserves.

—Albert Einstein

Love isn't a state of perfect caring. It is an active noun like *struggle*. To love someone is to strive to accept that person exactly the way he or she is, right here and now.

—Fred Rogers

Jane is in a relationship. Jane doesn't post on social media about how much she loves her partner. She tells him this in person. She doesn't mention every little insignificant thing they do. Jane knows that nobody gives a damn. Jane is smart.

—Internet Meme

As of late I've found physical attraction is no longer enough. I need genuine connection. I need to undress the layers of a soul before I feel a desire to tear away any clothes. Passion remains the fire, but now intimacy strikes the match, and friendship has become the fuel.

—Beau Taplin

If I play hard to get, soon the phone stops ringing altogether.

—Mason Cooley

Dating in 2016 is horrible. Everyone lies. Everyone plays games. Everyone cheats. There's no exclusiveness. There's no trust. It's what have you done for me lately? If I'm unhappy I'll leave or I'll cheat. No staying power. No building together? Who taught us how to love like this?

—Internet Meme

If a man expects a woman to be an angel in his life, he must first create heaven for her. Angels don't live in hell.

—Unknown

You don't truly know a woman until you understand every word she isn't saying to you.

—Ged Backland

This may shock some of you but there are women who are kick ass drivers, love sex, hate talking during movies, don't want your money, and always say exactly what they mean.

—Unknown

If you want to be found stand where the seeker seeks.

—Sidney Lanier

The best thing in life is finding someone who knows all your flaws, mistakes, and weaknesses and still thinks you're completely amazing.

—Unknown

Nobody bores any man as much as an unhappy female.

—Moss Hart

People who have been single for too long are the hardest to love. They have become so used to being single, independent and self-sufficient that it takes something extraordinary to convince them that they need you in their life.

—*funnylogics.com*

The biggest coward is a man who awakens a woman's love with no intention of loving her.

—Bob Marley

When a pregnancy test confirms your worst fear: you're fat.

—Ged Backland

A man is as good as he has to be, and a woman as bad as she dares.

—Elbert Hubbard

Man is the only animal that blushes, or needs to.

—Mark Twain

A girl I was crushing on seemed out of my league to me and I was ready to call it quits after just two dates. I told this to my mom and she told me that I was a catch, and that the minute I believed that, the girl would believe it too. Totally reset my mentality and boosted my confidence. Now, 8 years later, we've been married for 3 awesome years. Thanks Mom.

—*theChive*

No matter how attractive she is, just remember, somewhere, some guy is tired of her shit.

—*theChive*

The only sin passion can commit is to be joyless.

—Dorothy L. Sayers

Lips that touch liquor,
Touch other lips quicker.

—*theChive*

Arguing with a woman is like reading the Software License Agreement. In the end, you ignore everything and click ‘I agree.’

—*theChive*

Whenever, at a party, I have been in the mood to study fools, I have always looked for a great beauty: they always gather round her like flies around a fruit stall.

—Jean Paul

If you can love the wrong person that much, imagine how much you can love the right one.

—*lifehack.org*

When you’re a celebrity, you discover that you’re no longer the pursuer, but the one being pursued. That’s one of the disappointments I have had since becoming a single man.

—Hugh Grant

The narrator of Mary McCarthy’s *The Company She Keeps* could be seen as ‘enslaved because she persists in looking for her identity in a man.’

—Joan Didion

Lust is what keeps you wanting to do it even when you have no desire to be with each other. Love is what makes you want to be with each other even when you have no desire to do it.

—Judith Viorst

All really great lovers are articulate, and verbal seduction is the surest road to actual seduction.

—Marya Mannes

The human heart, at whatever age, opens to the heart that opens in return.

—Maria Edgeworth

If you’re in a relationship & all you do is cry, you’ll have to ask yourself, ‘Am I dating a human or an onion?’

—Ged Backland

She is a beautiful piece of broken pottery, put back together by her own hands. And a critical world judges her cracks while missing the beauty of how she made herself whole again.

—J. M. Storm

The tongue has no bones, but it is strong enough to break a heart. So be careful with your words.

—*wisdomquotesandstories.com*

The best feeling in the world is knowing that you actually mean something to someone.

—*lookupquotes.com*

We cannot let another person into our hearts or minds unless we empty ourselves. We can truly listen to him or truly hear her only out of emptiness.

—M. Scott Peck

The best contraceptive is the word *no* - repeated frequently.

—Margaret Smith

A successful man is one who makes more money than his wife can spend. A successful woman is one who can find such a man.

—Lana Turner

If you're gonna love somebody
Yeah, you better love somebody
Who ruins your lipstick, not your mascara.

—Runaway June

Those most likely to be raped or sexually assaulted are young women between the ages of 16 and 24, women with their whole lives ahead of them. This one act of violence will alter their lives forever.

—Rosa DeLauro

Intelligence and academic achievement have steadily been moving up on rankings of traits desired in a mate; researchers at the University of Iowa report that intelligence now rates above domestic skills, financial success, looks, sociability, and health.

—David H. Freedman

We fall in love by chance. We stay in love by choice.

—Unknown

Sometimes the person you want doesn't actually deserve you.

—*thinkpositive.com*

There is an epidemic right now of girls dumbing themselves down... in middle school because they think it makes them attractive.

—Danica Mckellar

Do you know how it feels to love someone who doesn't love you? It's like waiting for a boat at the airport.

—Unknown

Affairs are easier of entrance than of exit; and it is but common prudence to see our way out before we venture in.

—Aesop

Right now, I'm as single as a slice of American cheese.

—Nick Cannon

It takes a lot of guts to walk away from someone you care for, but you need to if they only cause you heartache.

—*simplereminders.com*

The absolute yearning of one human body for another particular body and its indifference to substitutes is one of life's major mysteries.

—Iris Murdoch

Our untidy sexual urges and the uneven rhythms of our lives can't be regimented, no matter how much society expects otherwise.

—Tennessee Williams

I don't think there's any man who knows what I'm about, and I don't know what any man is about.

—Edna O'Brien

Assumptions are the termites of relationships

--Henry Winkler

There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.

—Dave Attell

Personally, I can't see why it would be any less romantic to find a husband in a nice four-color catalogue than in the average downtown bar at happy hour.

—Barbara Ehrenreich

You know you're in love when you can't fall asleep because reality is finally better than your dreams.

--Dr. Seuss

Many women remain interested in marriage because they are under the impression that it guarantees them a patient, sensitive, and emotionally available conversation partner for life.

--Jeffrey Goldberg

How much of modern dating is merely a search for a Man to plug into the glorious Life we can already describe—the wine tastings, walks on the beach, jazz music, NYT crossword on Sunday mornings?

--Sandra Tsing Loh

You think he's going to like you better, but then one day you look in the mirror and realize you've changed yourself—physically and emotionally—into a woman who's totally different from the one he was attracted to the first place.

—Shelley Duvall

The jealous are troublesome to others, but torment to themselves.

—William Penn

Today, I was all dressed up and waiting on my blind date to arrive. He never showed up. It made me feel ugly. I thought he may have seen me from a distance and bailed. Then as I left the restaurant alone, I heard a little girl ask her mom if I was a princess. It made me smile.

—*makesmethink.com*

There is nothing so difficult to marry as a large nose.

—Oscar Wilde

Soft words win hard hearts.

--W. G. Benham

Jealousy springs more from love of self than from love of another.

—Francois de La
Rochefoucauld

The word I most like to hear is a sort of low throaty moan. I've no idea how to spell it, and no intention of explaining why I like it.

--Lawrence Block

God preserve us from the destructive power of words! There are words which can separate hearts sooner than sharp swords. There are words whose sting can remain through a whole life.

--Mary Botham Howitt

A man's heart may have a secret sanctuary where only one woman may enter, but it is full of little anterooms which are seldom vacant.

—Helen Rowland

Some women can be fooled all of the time, and all women can be fooled some of the time, but the same woman can't be fooled by the same man in the same way more than half of the time.

—Helen Rowland

Being a sex symbol has to do with an attitude, not looks. Most men think it's looks, most women know otherwise.

—Kathleen Turner

We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned, so as to have the life that is waiting for us.

—Joseph Campbell

Trust no friend without faults, and love a woman, but no angel.

—Doris Lessing

It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to accept anything but the best, you very often get it.

—W. Somerset Maugham

Heaven grant us patience with a man in love.

—Rudyard Kipling

I, with a deeper instinct, choose a man who compels my strength, who makes enormous demands on me, who does not doubt my courage or my toughness, who does not believe me naive or innocent, who has the courage to treat me like a woman.

—Anais Nin

Dating in the modern era is terrible: An endless string of high hopes and dashed expectations, countless hours spent browsing profiles on various sites, and recurring nightmares of winding up alone while all your friends, it seems, have paired off and are creating families of their own.

—Julia Rappaport

Adolescence: Mope—hope—grope.

--Maxine Davis

Teenage boys, goaded by their surging hormones run in packs like the primal horde. They have only a brief season of exhilarating liberty between control by their mothers and control by their wives.

--Camille Paglia

True love is not rare at the age of a teen, but recognizing it as true love is.

--Brad Bell

What laughter is to childhood, sex is to adolescence.

—Martha Beck

I was a teenager in the 1970s. It was a different time. We did not drink—or do drugs or have sex—in captivity. We did those things in the wild, away from our parents, in the danger and thrill of the dark, sacred night. Our parents understood that it was the beginning of the end: We were leaving them. Some of us had curfews, others did not—but either way, you could get a lot done by midnight.

—Caitlin Flanagan

Telling a teenager the facts of life is like giving a fish a bath.

—Arnold H. Glasow

Adolescence is when girls experience social pressure to put aside their authentic selves, and to display only a small portion of their gifts.

—Mary Pipher

When you break up, your whole identity is shattered. It's like death.

—Dennis Quaid

Men, when it comes to falling in love, are less... I guess you could say less aggressive.

—Alicia Machado

My boyfriend and I broke up. He wanted to get married and I didn't want him to.

—Rita Rudner

College has become, for many, merely a 'status marker' signaling membership in the educated caste, and a place to meet spouses of similar status—'associative mating.'

--Glenn Harlan Reynolds

In the college dating market only 20 percent of the men (those considered to have the highest status) are having 80 percent of the sex, with only 20 percent of the women (those with the greatest sexual willingness).

--Susan Walsh

Your 20s are not supposed to be for an 'MRS' degree or starting a family; they're for finishing your education and finding yourself. Marriage used to be the event that marked your passage into adulthood—the cornerstone of an adult life. Now it's the capstone, the last thing you do after all the other foundations are in place.

--Megan McArdle

Many students arrive at college after having been 'helicopter parented,' with their access to alcohol and sex strictly policed until the day they leave home. They're then plunked into an environment full of unfamiliar rituals, bravado, enough booze to put the Russian army into a coma, and more sexually available people than they'll ever encounter again.

—Michael Kimmel

Day after day, I could feel the confidence drain from my body. I was not what these guys wanted. They wanted thinner, blonder, dumber ... My sassy one-liners were only working on the cafeteria employees, who I was visiting all too frequently, tacking on not the Freshman 15, but the 30, in record-breaking time, which led my mother to make comments over winter break like, 'You look healthy!'

—Amy Schumer

Sex on campus is impossible. Of course, there's some chance it will be awesome. But there is also a chance, alarmingly high these days, that you, Ashley, will wake up full of regret and shame and will eventually get a hysterical e-mail from your mother, who will have seen your distressed post on Facebook and figured out what happened, and will then urge you to go to a counselor's office, where you will sob and be met with a confusing mix of suspicion and comfort, and then you will somehow, suddenly, find yourself spending nights pouring your heart out to a victims' support group until your entire identity on campus gets reduced to 'survivor.'

—Hanna Rosin

At the college level, other issues are related to substance abuse, because over 60 percent of acquaintance or date rapes occur as a result of some sort of alcohol or other substance abuse.

—Katie Deedrick

We All Have Goals- why is an engagement worth more than a college degree?

—Chantal Denise

An awful lot of...young women at our very best colleges are being traumatized by what takes place during so much...mindless, drunken partying when they're steeped in alcohol, which brings out the least engaging aspects of their young selves.

--Caitlin Flanagan

'Four long years of college,' sighed the girl graduate, 'and who has it got me?'

—Unknown

Men who are too good looking are never good in bed because they never had to be.

—Sarah Jessica Parker

Two people do not have to agree on what is right to be together. They just have to want to be together. If this sounds simple, try it sometime.

—Paul Williams

My definition of a perfect date is one in which, when I look back on my golden memories, I can always say, 'No weapons were fired, no lawsuits filed, and everyone had pretty good hygiene.' And you wonder why I don't go out more?

—David Letterman

Be careful of men who are bald and rich; the arrogance of 'rich' usually cancels out the nice of 'bald.'

—Rita Rudner

Male menopause is a lot more fun than female menopause. With female menopause, you gain weight and get hot flashes. With male menopause, you get to date young girls and drive motorcycles.

—Rita Rudner

I've reached the point in life when all my friends are having babies...It's like high school all over again.

—Mark Leathers

I think it's unfair that some random chick can sleep with ten dudes and she's an 'empowered female.' But I sleep with one and I'm a 'home wrecker.' And I'm 'not invited to my sister's wedding.'

—Anica Cihla

The girls have a dream, the boys have a desire. The girls dream of being carried off by a Prince Charming who will love them, provide for them, and give them a family. The boys often desire sex without commitment or babies without responsibility for them.

—Eliljah Andreson

Men wear the pants, but women control the zipper.

—Internet Meme

I never once went to a prostitute, maybe because so many enthusiastic amateurs were around.

—Alexander Sutherland
Neill

He has a future and I have a past, so we should be all right.

—Jennie Jerome
Churchill

I claim that rape exists any time sexual intercourse occurs when it has not been initiated by the woman, out of her own genuine affection and desire.

—Robin Morgan

The human brain is amazing. It functions 24/7 from when we were born & only stops when you take a test or talk to someone attractive.

—Unknown

Man consists of two parts, his mind and his body, only the body has more fun.

—Woody Allen

Jim McMahon, professional quarterback, when asked what it was like to go to Brigham Young University: ‘They let us chase girls, but they wouldn’t let us catch them.’

—Henry Ehrlich

A woman with a beautiful body is good for a night, but a woman with a beautiful mind is good for a lifetime.

—Unknown

What is infatuation?

Finding a smile on your face. Drawing a picture of morning or a sunset. Hiding a tear that slips away. Hiding our hands when they accidentally brush against each other.

Sweating when we see them, like children. Starting to tremble when they go to kiss us.

Evading their mysterious gaze. Waiting for the right moment to attack.

What is love?

The years that may have passed. And although everyone thinks that the flame has been extinguished, they are wrong in thinking that the past will always be the best memory that the couple shares.

Looking into your eyes and finding the universe that I just painted is the best reward in the world. And that is the happiness I can create in my loved one.

—Unknown

The only person that you need in your life is the one who shows you that they need you in theirs.

—Unknown

Wanting someone because of their beauty is not the same as love, it’s infatuation. Wanting someone for their intelligence is not love, it’s admiration. Wanting someone without knowing why is love.

—Unknown

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake once.

—Phyllis Diller

Our ability to fall in love requires enough comfort with our masculinity to join it with someone's femininity and feel enhanced....If our mother made us feel secure and proud in our masculinity, then we want to find that again in our wife. If we are really comfortable with our mother, we can even marry a woman who is a friend rather than an adversary, and form a true partnership.

—Frank Pittman

I always found my daughters' beaux
Invisible as the emperor's clothes,
And I could hear of them no more
Than the slamming of an auto door.
My chicks would then slip up to roost;
They were, I finally deduced,
Concealing tactfully, pro tem,
Not boys from me but me from them.

--Ogden Nash

The kind of man who thinks that helping with the dishes is beneath him will also think that helping with the baby is beneath him, and then he certainly is not going to be a very successful father.

--Eleanor Roosevelt

We must face up to the fact that the phenomenon of out-of-wedlock births has reached epidemic proportions and is undermining the viability of our community. We've simply got to persuade our young people that they ought not to bring their own flesh and blood into this world unless they are fully prepared to love, nurture and provide for them.

If they aren't ready and willing to assume full responsibilities of parenthood, then this is an almost surefire prescription for poverty for their own flesh and blood. They owe their children and our people a better shot at success in life.

--Hugh Price

Any astronomer can predict just where every star will be at half-past eleven tonight; he can make no such prediction about his young daughter.

--James Truslow Adams

Most fathers don't see the war within the daughter, her struggles with conflicting images of the idealized and flawed father, her temptation both to retreat to Daddy's lap and protection and to push out of his embrace to that of beau and the world beyond home.

--Victoria Secunda

I kept seeing strong, confident women who were concerned that they had missed the boat, that marriage had eluded them because they had wasted their thirties developing their careers. They were worried that they would have to settle for someone. But they were worried for no reason. In the US, women between 30 and 45 are getting married at a higher rate than women in any other age group. They're now leaving it until they are more mature, until their career has developed and they're in a better place to choose their partners. They just need to start looking past the competitive, domineering Alpha male.

—Dr. Sonya Rhodes

In a recent report, researchers identified the phenomenon of the 'Great Crossover': American women are having children, on average, a year earlier than they are (again, on average) getting married. And the results for American children are not pretty.

--Megan McArdle

In their landmark survey of single parenthood, Sara McLanahan and Gary Sandefur showed that children in single-parent homes do not do as well as children who are living with both biological parents. They are more likely to have trouble in school, more likely to drop out of school and, later, more likely to become single parents themselves. Some of this is simply the fact that unstable people are more likely to become single parents and also more likely to have difficulty parenting. But even the children of widows and widowers do worse on many measures than children of intact homes—a problem that was recognized back in the 19th century, when disease and work accidents frequently carried off parents in their prime. Something about living with only one parent holds kids back. That 'something'...is fewer resources. The Internet overflows with essays on the resourcefulness, grit, and sheer heroism of single parents who manage to be 'both mother and father' to their children. But while we should have nothing but admiration for people who do their best in a bad situation, we should still recognize that for the child, and often for the parent, it's a bad situation.

--Megan McArdle

Love: the delusion that one woman differs from another.

—H. L. Mencken

First love is only a little foolishness and a lot of curiosity: no really self-respecting woman would take advantage of it.

—George Bernard Shaw

Single parents report higher levels of stress, in part because of the financial hardship, but also because they get no relief from the pressures of parenting. If you're the only adult in the house, it's inherently harder to deliver the kind of consistent, patient supervision that kids do best with.

--Megan McArdle

I was raised by a heroic single mom, wonderful grandparents—made incredible sacrifices for me...But I sure wish I had had a father who was not only present, but involved.

--Barack Obama

Women's median age when they have their first child is lower than their median age at first marriage. In other words, having children before you marry has become normal. College graduates enjoy relatively stable unions, but for every other group, marriage is collapsing. Among 'middle American' women (those with a high-school degree or some college), an astonishing 58 percent of first-time mothers are unmarried.

--Liza Mundy

The childless and even the partnerless life has gained something of a cultural cachet, with some suggesting they represent not just a legitimate choice but a superior one. It's a burgeoning movement that's joined cultural tastemakers, academics, neo-Malthusians, greens, feminists, Democratic politicians, urban planners, and big developers—each with their own reasons for advancing 'singlism,' the term coined by University of California, Santa Barbara, psychology professor Bella DePaulo. Unlike families, whose members, after all, are often stuck with one another, she praises singles as enjoying 'intentional communities' and being more likely 'to think about human connectedness in a way that is far-reaching and less predictable.'

--Joel Kotkin and
Harry Siegel

A single mother is a woman tasked with the enormous responsibility of fucking up a child all by herself.

—*TL;DR Wikipedia*

The easiest way to get a healthy body is to marry one.
—Slogan

Meeting you was fate, becoming your friend was a choice, but falling in love with you was beyond my control.
—*boardofwisdom.com*

I thought that I could love no other
Until, that is, I met your brother.
—Unknown

Some people come into our lives and quickly go. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same.
—Flavia Weedn

Don't confuse sex with love.
—Slogan

Children shouldn't raise children.
—Slogan

Don't do a thing without that ring!
—Slogan

Sex can wait, set a date!
—Slogan

If you are hit by cupid, don't do something stupid.
—Slogan

Condoms don't protect the heart.
—Slogan

Don't hop into bed, until you are wed.
—Slogan

I procrastinate when it comes to sex.
—Slogan

Have sense or face the consequences.
—Slogan

We waited for each other.

—Slogan

When children find true love,
parents find true joy.

—Wedding Toast

If I had to live my life again, I'd make the same mistakes, only sooner.

—Tallulah Bankhead

He had not yet learned that the only safe male rebuke to a scornful female is to stay away from her - especially if that is what she desires.

—Booth Tarkington

Abuse in any form by either party is wrong, duh, but whine to me when violence against men is the same as violence against women, because newsflash, it's not. The risk that men pose to women is not the same as the one we pose to men, statistics prove that. Y'all have to worry about a crazy girlfriend keying your car; we have to worry about a crazy guy KILLING us.

—Katie Miller

I believe in pink. I believe that laughing is the best calorie burner. I believe in kissing, kissing a lot. I believe in being strong when everything seems to be going wrong. I believe that happy girls are the prettiest girls. I believe that tomorrow is another day and I believe in miracles.

—Audrey Hepburn

Beware the flatterer: he feeds you with an empty spoon.

—Cosino DeGregrio

If equal affection cannot be, let the more loving one be me.

—W. H. Auden

Certain things catch your eye, but pursue only those that capture the heart.

—Ancient Indian Proverb

[Relationships] do not cause pain and unhappiness. They bring out the pain and unhappiness that is already in you

—Eckhart Tolle

Romance is the glamour which turns the dust of everyday life into a golden haze.

—Elinor Glyn

It's easier to floss with barbed wire than admit you like someone in middle school.

—Laurie Halse Anderson

When in a relationship, a real man doesn't make his woman jealous of others, he makes others jealous of his woman.

—Steve Maraboli

I was only twelve. But I knew how much I loved her. It was that love that comes before all significance of body and morals. It was that love that was no more bad than wind and sea and sand lying side by side forever. It was made of all the warm long days together at the beach, and the humming quiet days of droning education at the school. All the long Autumn days of the years past when I carried her books home from school.

—Ray Bradbury

Dating is remarkably difficult to characterize. The term has outlasted more than a century's worth of evolving courtship rituals, and we still don't know what it means. Sixth-graders claim to be dating when, after extensive negotiations conducted by third parties, two of them go out for ice cram. Many collegiate students and 20-somethings don't start dating until after they've had sex. Dating can be used to describe exclusive and nonexclusive relationships, both short-term and long-term. And now, thanks to mobile apps, dating can involve a succession of rendezvous over drinks to check out a dizzying parade of 'matches' made with the swipe of a finger.

—Judith Shulevitz

Dating is like a precarious form of contemporary labor: an unpaid internship. You cannot be sure where things are heading, but you try to gain experience. If you look sharp, you might get a free lunch.

—Maira Weigel

I had not sought so much choice for myself, and when I found myself with total sexual freedom, I was unhappy.

—Emily Witt

Mating practices have always reflected economic conditions and been openly transactional for women whose lives and livelihoods depended on their outcome.

—Judith Shulevitz

Today's sexual norms favor men. Women must cope with two intense time pressures: to make a good impression in a matter of seconds, and to pair off before the biological timer runs out. Now more than ever, they have to discipline their bodies and restrain their longings—avoid being too fat, too loud, too ambitious, too needy.

—Judith Shulevitz

During the Progressive era, with women beginning to vote and race riots breaking out across growing urban centers, lawmakers seized on flirting as a menace to social order. New York City police set up flirting dragnets, using 'pretty blonde girls as bait,' according to a syndicated newspaper column from June, 1920. 'The enormous recent growth of the crime of flirting...must be ascribed to a growing laxity of conduct in general, and also to the rise of the short skirt,' the article continued. 'It should be promptly and drastically suppressed.'

—Amanda Ripley

Take responsibility of your own happiness, never put it in other people's hands.

—Roy T. Bennett

Good things happen in your life when you surround yourself with positive people.

—Roy T. Bennett

It starts so young, and I'm angry about that. The garbage we're taught. About love, about what's 'romantic.' Look at so many of the so-called romantic figures in books and movies. Do we ever stop and think how many of them would cause serious and drastic unhappiness after The End? Why are sick and dangerous personality types so often shown a passionate and tragic and something to be longed for when those are the very ones you should run for your life from? Think about it. Heathcliff. Romeo. Don Juan. Jay Gatsby. Rochester. Mr. Darcy. From the rigid control freak in *The Sound of Music* to all the bad boys some woman goes running to the airport to catch in the last minute of every romantic comedy. She should let him leave. Your time is so valuable, and look at these guys—depressive and moody and violent and immature and self-centered. And what about the big daddy of them all, Prince Charming? What was his secret life? We don't know anything about him, other than he looks good and comes to the rescue.

—Deb Caletti

You attract who you are being. When you work at being the type of person that you want to attract, you attract those kinds of people into your life.

—Roy T. Bennett

Be careful not to compromise what you want most for what you want now.

—Zig Ziglar

When you stop chasing the wrong things, you give the right things a chance to catch you.

—Lolly Daskal

If you don't design your own life plan, chances are you'll fall into someone else's plan.

—Jim Rohn

If you do what you always did, you will get what you always got

—Henry Ford

The truth is, everyone is going to hurt you. You just got to find the ones worth suffering for.

—Bob Marley

V-Day...if you need this one day in a year to show everyone else you truly care for 'your loved one' I think it's quite stupid. I hate this commercialism. It's all artificial, and has nothing to do with real love.

—Jess C. Scott

He liked women with little butts and big tits? Someone had played with one too many barbie dolls as a kid.

—Kelley Armstrong

She remembered one of her boyfriends asking, offhandedly, how many books she read in a year. 'A few hundred,' she said.

'How do you have the time?' he asked, gobsmacked.

She narrowed her eyes and considered the array of potential answers in front of her. Because I don't spend hours flipping through cable complaining there's nothing on? Because my entire Sunday is not eaten up with pre-game, in-game, and post-game talking heads? Because I do not spend every night drinking overpriced beer and engaging in dick-swinging contests with the other financirati? Because when I am waiting in line, at the gym, on the train, eating lunch, I am not complaining about the wait/staring into space/admiring myself in reflective surfaces? I am reading!

'I don't know,' she said, shrugging.

—Eleanor Brown

Husbands are like tattoos—you should wait until you come across something you want on your body for the rest of your life.

—Sloane Crosley

Different taste in jokes is a great strain on the affections.

—George Eliot

Why is it that women of the stage are generally more alluring than women in private life? Because they have about them the plaything air.

--George Jean Nathan

I was born when he kissed me, I died when he left me, I lived a few weeks while he loved me.

—Dorothy B. Hughes

Sometimes two people have to fall apart, to realize how much they need to fall back together.

—Colleen Hoover

When I was twelve, my sixth-grade English class went on a field trip to see Franco Zeffirelli's film adaptation of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*. From that moment forward I dreamed that someday I'd meet my own Juliet. I'd marry her and I would love her with the same passion and intensity as Romeo. The fact that their marriage lasted fewer than three days before they both were dead didn't seem to affect my fantasy. Even if they had lived, I don't think their relationship could have survived. Let's face it, being that emotionally aflame, sexually charged, and transcendently eloquent every single second can really start to grate on a person's nerves. However, if I could find someone to love just a fraction of the way that Montague loved his Capulet, then marrying her would be worth it.

—Annabelle Gurwitch

I sometimes used to ask myself, what on earth did I love her for? Maybe for the warm hazel iris of her fluffy eyes, or for the natural side-wave of her brown hair, done anyhow, or again for that movement of her plump shoulders. But, probably the truth was that I loved her because she loved me. To her I was the ideal man: brains, pluck. And there was none dressed better. I remember once, when I first put on that new dinner jacket, with the vast trousers, she clasped her hands, sank down on a chair and murmured: 'Oh, Hermann....' It was ravishment bordering upon something like heavenly woe.

—Vladimir Nabokov

Your naked body should only belong to those who fall in love with your naked soul.
—Charlie Chaplin

Generally speaking, when a woman offers unsolicited advice or tries to help a man, she has no idea of how critical and unloving she may sound to him.
—John Gray

Most things break, including hearts. The lessons of life amount not to wisdom, but to scar tissue and callus.
—Wallace Stegner

Men will never talk to women with that rough frankness which they use between themselves. Conversation between the sexes will always be partially insincere.
--Philip G. Hamerton

Hugging is the most beautiful form of communication that allows the other person to know beyond a doubt that they matter.
—Rebecca Fox

Where the mind is past hope, the heart is past shame.
—John Lyly

The greater your capacity to love, the greater your capacity to feel the pain.
—Jennifer Aniston

If you are not a charming conversationalist, you may still be a big hit as a charmed listener.
—Alan Zimmerman

The ear is the road to the heart.
—Voltaire

No siren did ever so charm the ear of the listener, as the listening ear has charmed the soul of the siren.
--Henry Taylor

I talk to women's groups all over the country and see women struggling with this. The fear of not being accepted, of being different, of not having a man, all make it hard for a woman to do what she really believes is right for her.
—Olympia Dukakis

Be thankful for wrong relationships. They teach you, change you, strengthen you, & prepare you for the right one.

—Unknown

Be careful with your words. Once they are said they can only be forgiven, not forgotten.

—Unknown

Most men who are not married by the age of thirty-five are either homosexual or really smart.

—Becky Rodenbeck

The jealous are troublesome to others, but a torment to themselves.

—William Penn

Never stay in a relationship if you feel the need to convince the person to be with you. You should never have to persuade someone that you are worthy of their time. Never stay in a relationship if you begin to question your self-worth. You should never feel like you're not good enough. Never stay in a relationship merely because you can't handle the thought of having to wait around for the real deal. You should never feel the need to wonder, what if?

—Simone Lee Brennan

One has to be able to count if only so that, at fifty, one doesn't marry a girl of twenty.

--Maxim Gorky

The university system aside, I suspect there is a deeply ingrained set of behaviors that undermine women: the habits they pick up—or don't pick up—in the dating world. Men learn early that to woo women, they must risk rejection and be persistent. Straight women, for their part, learn from their earliest years that they must wait to be courted. The professional world does not reward the second approach. No one is going to ask someone out professionally if she just makes herself attractive enough. I suspect this is why people who put together discussion panels and solicit op-eds always tell me the same things: it's harder to get women to say yes than men. Well, duh. To be female in our culture is to be trained from puberty in the art of rebuffing—rebuffing gazes, comments, touches, propositions, and proposals.

--Garance

Franke-Ruta

All too often women believe it is a sign of commitment, an expression of love, to endure unkindness or cruelty, to forgive and forget. In actuality, when we love rightly we know that the healthy, loving response to cruelty and abuse is putting ourselves out of harm's way.

—Bell Hooks

Don't have sex man. It leads to kissing and pretty soon you have to start talking to them.

—Steve Martin

Apply yourself at school and at work. And to cover all your bases, marry a man with money.

—Daniela Drake

Is it too much to ask that women be spared the daily struggle for superhuman beauty in order to offer it to the caresses of a sub-humanly ugly mate?

--Germaine Greer

Woman can never be independent. No matter what a man may be—drunkard, gambler, thief; whether he be indelicate, a liar, a hypocrite, or cruel, or evil, or sick, unclean, malodorous—there will always be found one woman, nay ten women, who will lavish upon him their smiles, their kisses, all their gifts.

--Yvette Guilbert

I wonder why it is, that young men are always cautioned against bad girls. Anyone can handle a bad girl. It's the good girls men should be warned against.

—David Niven

I've never understood why women love cats. Cats are independent, they don't listen, they don't come in when you call, they like to stay out all night, and when they're home they like to be left alone and sleep. In other words, every quality that women hate in a man, they love in a cat.

—Jay Leno

At 38 years, I finally got me the woman that said those six words I wanted all my life to hear: 'My dad owns a liquor store.'

—Mark Klein

Why would I make one woman so miserable when I can make so many women very happy?

—Benny Hill

A woman knows she's wearing the right dress, when her man wants to take it off.
—Robert Paul

Nymphomaniac: a woman as obsessed with sex as an average man.
--Mignon McLaughlin

Women are made to be loved, not understood.
--Oscar Wilde

Last year, nearly twice as many single women bought homes as did single men. And yet, what are our ideas about single people? Perverted misanthropes, crazy cat ladies, dating-obsessed shoe shoppers, etc.—all of them some form of terribly lonely.
--Kate Bolick

Women and cats will do as they please, and men and dogs should relax and get used to the idea.
--Robert A. Heinlein

Women often think that sex and love are the same thing. But they don't even have to go together.
—Virginia E. Johnson

I can't imagine dating a boy, meeting him only outside the home. What's a home and family for if it's not the center of one's life?
—Loretta Young

The appalling thing is the degree of charity women are capable of. You see it all the time... love lavished on absolute fools. Love's a charity ward, you know.
--Lawrence Durrell

Female lust has been thoroughly documented (or at any rate, endlessly and theatrically depicted) by the adult film industry. How would porn get along without horny females? Science, too, has lately been busy substantiating the existence of girl lust. In his recent tour of burgeoning research into female desire, *What Do Women Want?*, Daniel Bergner reports a current verdict: women are at least as libidinous as men.
--Claire Dederer

No one will ever win the battle of the sexes; there's too much fraternizing with the enemy.
--Henry A. Kissinger

The consensus that female lust is normal and real has been a long time coming—so long that any acknowledgment that our desire is adulterated by doubt can still seem anti-woman, or anti-sex, or anti-sexual-woman (or just a downer).

--Claire Dederer

Women still remember the first kiss after men have forgotten the last.

--Remy de Gourmont

The greatest danger that man faces: woman. The presence of women in the lives of men cause no end of difficulties—from having to field questions like ‘Do I look fat in this?’ to figuring out the best way to apologize when you don’t exactly know what you’ve done wrong.

--Joshua Piven, David
Borgenicht, and
Ben H. Winters

Part of me loves and respects men so desperately, and part of me thinks they are so embarrassingly incompetent at life and in love. You have to teach them the very basics of emotional literacy. You have to teach them how to be there for you, and part of me feels tender toward them and gentle, and part of me is so afraid of them, afraid of any more violation.

—Anne Lamott

Women know about life and about how to get along with others, and are sensitive to beauty, and can yell louder. They know all about guys, having been exposed to guy life since forever, and guys know nothing about girls except that they want one desperately. Which gender is better equipped to manipulate the other?

Men adore women. Women look at men and chuckle.

So we guys carry the seeds of adolescence in our bodies all our lives. We go along being cool, hearty, good-humored, wily, dashing, winsome, saying incredibly witty things, shooting baskets, the breeze, the moon, and then one day we wake up middle-aged and full of loneliness, our life seems like one wasted afternoon and we go do something spectacularly dumb, like run off with Amber the cocktail waitress, and suddenly all the women in our life look at us with disgust.

—Garrison Keillor

He is not a lover who does not love forever.

--Euripides

I've done a lot of surveys and interacted with a lot of students, and I was shocked to see that at 12 years old, girls are already talking about dumbing themselves down.

—Danica McKellar

Most women go through life looking for love, and looking for someone to treat them like a queen. For some women finding real love seems to be something that will never happen. I believe that finding love is not as hard as people make it seem. The reason that some women can't find real love is because they look for more than just real love. A lot of women know what they need in a relationship, and that's for a man to love that woman with all of his heart, and to treat her real good. Most women have guys in their life or guys that try to get with them that could really love them and treat them real good. Those are usually the guys that get forced into that friend zone or rejected upfront. See, those guys could give them what they need, but not what they want. 'Wants' can be anything from a woman wanting a man to have certain materialistic things, or she could want him to look a certain way, those are a few examples of the things that some of them want, but they vary depending on the female. What some females don't understand is that none of the things that they want has anything to do with love or how that person will treat you. You could find a man that looks perfect, has a house and car, he can be a college graduate with a good job, and you could still end up being with a person that doesn't truly love you, and will treat you like shit. What I am trying to say is that the person who could treat you good and really love you could already be in your life, but you could have been blinded by the things you want in a man, so you overlooked the person that you were really looking for. And by the way, there are men that do the same thing; I just wanted to be clear on that.

—Taisen Deshimaru

When you like a flower, you just pluck it. But when you love a flower, you water it daily.

—Buddha

If you meet a stranger at a party and you think that he is attractive, is it okay to come out and ask him if he's married?

No; wait until morning.

—Rose Marie

Be YOU. There is nothing sexier than someone who is confident enough to be themselves, quirks and all. It is often your unique nature that separates you from the crowd in the best way possible for your romantic match to notice you.

—Alaric Hutchinson

The prosperous man is never sure that he is loved for himself.

—Lucan

The sexual act without love never bridges the gap between two human beings, except momentarily.

—Erich Fromm

When you lack self-esteem it's easy to keep attracting the wrong people into your life.

—Sam Owen

Jealousy is the opposite of maintaining and growing in a relationship. Jealousy includes elements of fear, anger, suspicion, and control that have no place in a mature relationship.

—Darrel Ray

There is an unspoken agreement in every successful relationship: 'I'm not perfect and you're not perfect. I can ignore your imperfections if you can ignore mine. I choose to spend my life in your company.'

—Rick Cormier

Sometimes walking away has nothing to do with weakness, and everything to do with strength.

—Unknown

Women fail to understand how much men hate them.

--Germaine Greer

The more violent the love, the more violent the anger.

--Burmese Proverb

When I was very young, I kissed my first woman, and smoked my first cigarette on the same day. Believe me, never since have I wasted any more time on tobacco.

--Arturo Toscanini

One reason I don't drink is that I want to know when I am having a good time.

--Lady Astor

There is wan thing an' on'y wan thing to be said in favor iv dhrink, an' that is that it has caused many a lady to be loved that otherwise might've died single.

--Finley Peter Dunne

Some of the most dreadful mischiefs that afflict mankind proceed from wine; it is the cause of disease, quarrels, sedition, idleness, aversion to labor, and every species of domestic disorder.

--Fenelon

Kissing a smoker is like licking an ashtray.

--Helen Rowland

Research says that youthful binge drinking can have lasting consequences. They are called 'children.'

--Jim Barach

If you truly love someone, he or she will inevitably love you back. If you find yourself in an emotional one way street, walk away! Trust that it's not love.

—Stefan Emunds

Dating couples lie to each other in about a third of their interactions—perhaps even more often than they deceive other people.

—Bella DePaulo, Ph.D

A man finds it awfully hard to lie to the woman he loves—the first time.

--Helen Rowland

Much of the lying done by men should be blamed on women: they insist on asking questions.

—Evan Esar

Telling lies is a fault in a boy, an art in a lover, an accomplishment in a bachelor, and second-nature in a married man.

--Helen Rowland

To conceal anything from those to whom I am attached, is not in my nature. I can never close my lips where I have opened my heart.

--Charles Dickens

Anyone who says he can see through women is missing a lot.

—Groucho Marx

When my love swears that she is made of truth, I do believe her, though I know she lies.

—William Shakespeare

Practically all the relationships I know are based on a foundation of lies and mutually accepted delusion.

—Kim Cattrall

Follow love and it will flee,
Flee love and it will follow thee.

—John Gay

Couples tended to be of roughly equivalent personal attractiveness, though of course factors such as money often seemed to secure a partner of significantly better looks than oneself.

—Robert Galbraith

A relationship is like a rose.
How long it lasts,
No one knows.
Love can erase an awful past.
Love can be yours,
You'll see at last.
To feel that love,
it makes you sigh.
To have it leave,
you'd rather die.
You hope you've found that special rose,
'Cause you love and care for the one you chose.

—Rob Cella

Man: I'll never date a feminist.
Feminists: True.

—Jessica Valenti

What good are vitamins? Eat a lobster, eat a pound of caviar—live! If you are in love with a beautiful blonde with an empty face and no brains at all, don't be afraid. Marry her! Live!

--Arthur Rubinstein

The follies which a man regrets most in his life are those which he didn't commit when he had the opportunity.

--Helen Rowland

I can't tell you 100 percent what makes a relationship work. But I can see something good coming and I can see something bad coming.

—Sandra Bernhard

Loneliness is and always has been the central and inevitable experience of every man.

--Thomas Wolfe

Sex addiction isn't really about sex. It's about 'being wanted.'

--Robert Weiss

[For sex addiction.] 'I matter right now. In this moment, I am loved.'

--Steven Luff

I broke up with this girl, and they put me with a psychiatrist who said, 'Why did you get so depressed, and do all those things you did?' I said, 'I wanted this girl and she left me.'

And he said, 'Well, we have to look into that.'

And I said, 'There's nothing to look into! I wanted her and she left me.' And he said, 'Well, why are you feeling so intense?'

And I said, 'Cause I want the girl!' And he said, 'What's underneath it?' And I said, 'Nothing!'

He said, 'I'll have to give you medication.'

I said, 'I don't want medication! I want the girl!'

And he said, 'We have to work this through.'

So, I took a fire extinguisher from the casement and struck him across the back of his neck. And before I knew it, guys from Con Ed had jumper cables in my head and the rest was...

—Woody Allen

She was around ten minutes late, as a matter of fact. I didn't give a damn, though. All that crap they have in cartoons in the Saturday Evening Post and all, showing guys on street corners looking sore as hell because their dates are late - that's bunk. If a girl looks swell when she meets you, who gives a damn if she's late? Nobody.

—J. D. Salinger

Relationships are such that if one person changes, the relationship changes.

—Michele Weiner-Davis

The mouth tastes food, the heart tastes words.

—Hmong Proverb

Many religions start with the notion that the deity is male and that, therefore, males are superior to women. This irrational idea informs boys' sexual map as they grow into men and breeds ideas such as the following: women are subservient to men; men have control over women's bodies; and men are more intelligent and closer to their god.

—Darrel Ray

Narcissistic fathers leave their daughters with deep doubts about whether a man can love them, since the first important man in their life was so in love with himself that he had no love left for them. If you are a daughter of a narcissistic father you may have withdrawn from men and bound yourself to mother, either overtly or emotionally. Or you may be engaged in a self-destructive attempt to be his kind of girl, whatever that is, as you try desperately to extract his love. Perhaps you have transferred this into a masochistic position with other men, finding a narcissistic man incredibly attractive as you try to master the mystery of winning his love. And narcissistic men appeal to you because you wish you could be that way yourself — assertive, not giving a damn, self-important — but you lack the confidence to do it yourself so you identify with the man who has their quality, even if it's at your expense. (I have often seen this revealed in those instances where a woman has suffered through a degradingly submissive and abusing relationship with a man, or a series of men, and then, gaining the strength to break that kind of bondage, violently overturns the tables and abuses that man, or the next man in her life, as degradingly as she was misused. It's not just revenge, but the release of hidden desire to be powerful and to be able to control father and make him beg for her love.)

—Howard M. Halpern

Passionate love, I take it, rarely lasts long, and is very troublesome while it does last. Mutual esteem is very much more valuable.

—Anthony Trollope

One of the hardest lessons in life is letting go. Whether it's guilt, anger, love, loss or betrayal. Change is never easy. We fight to hold on and we fight to let go. If you've been hurt until it breaks your soul into pieces, your perspective in life will definitely change, and no one and nothing in this world could ever hurt you again.

—Mareez Reyes

Why is it considered seductive for women to wear beautiful clothes? Wouldn't it make more sense to wear something so ugly that a guy couldn't wait to take it off you?

—Flash Rosenberg

Men are not gentle, friendly creatures wishing for love, who simply defend themselves if they are attacked, but...a powerful measure of desire for aggressiveness has to be reckoned as part of their instinctual endowment. The result is that their neighbor is to them not only a possible helper or sexual object, but also a temptation to them to gratify their aggressiveness...to seize his possessions, to humiliate him, to cause him pain, to torture and to kill him...

Anyone who calls to mind the atrocities of the early migrations, of the invasion of the Hun or the so-called Mongols under Genghis Khan and Tamerlane, of the sacks of Jerusalem by the pious crusaders, even indeed the horrors of the last world war, will have to bow his head humbly before the truth of this view of man.

—Sigmund Freud

Follow your heart, but take your brain with you.

—Alfred Adler

By marrying too soon, many individuals sacrifice their chance to struggle through this purgatory of solitude and search toward a greater sense of self-confidence. They glance at the world outside the family and with hardly a second thought grasp anxiously for a partner. In marriage they seek a substitute for the security of the family of origin and an escape from aloneness. What they do not realize is that moving so quickly from one family to another, they make it easy to transfer to the new marriage all their difficult experiences in the family of origin.

—Augustus Y. Napier

Where's the man could ease a heart
Like a satin gown?

—Dorothy Parker

She wore a short skirt and a tight sweater and her figure described a set of parabolas that could cause cardiac arrest in a yak.

—Woody Allen

Forget love—I'd rather fall in chocolate!

—Sandra J. Dykes

Food has replaced sex in my life; now, I can't even get into my own pants.

—Internet Meme

Arguments are healthy. They clear the air.

—John Deacon

The modern rule is that every woman should be her own chaperone.

—Amy Vanderbilt

Guys would sleep with a bicycle if it had the right color lip gloss on. They have no shame. They're like bull elks in a field.

—Tori Amos

By recollecting the pleasures I have had formerly, I renew them, I enjoy them a second time, while I laugh at the remembrance of troubles now past, and which I no longer feel.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

The beginning of a relationship is all about faking it. Pretending like you don't fart, like you know how to cook, and that you indeed 'woke up like that.'

—*theChive*

A big milestone of male maturity is when you stop putting up with annoying girls because they're hot.

—*theChive*

True love is when two people lower their standards just the right amount.

—*theChive*

I just came into my own sexuality at thirty. I don't think it's something you can deeply experience at 18 or any time before that.

—Eva Longoria

I have a feeling that being in love sometimes means the projection of your desires onto another person. The important thing is that you like the other person, respect the other person and want to raise children with the other person.

—Eric Braeden

The reader of these Memoirs will discover that I never had any fixed aim before my eyes, and that my system, if it can be called a system, has been to glide away unconcernedly on the stream of life, trusting to the wind wherever it led. How many changes arise from such an independent mode of life.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

As to the deceit perpetrated upon women, let it pass, for, when love is in the way, men and women as a general rule dupe each other.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

Beauty without wit offers nothing but the enjoyment of its material charms, whilst witty ugliness captivates by the charms of the mind, and at last fulfills all the desires of the man it has captivated.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

Cheating is a sin, but honest cunning is simply prudence. It is a virtue. To be sure, it has a likeness to roguery, but that cannot be helped. He who has not learned to practice it is a fool.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

Man is free; yet we must not suppose that he is at liberty to do everything he pleases, for he becomes a slave the moment he allows his actions to be ruled by passion.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

I have loved women even to madness, but I have always loved liberty better.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

The woman who showing little succeeds in making a man want to see more, has accomplished three-fourths of the task of making him fall in love with her; for is love anything else than a kind of curiosity?

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

The sweetest pleasures are those which are hardest to be won.

—Giacomo Girolamo
Casanova

She is not perfect. You are not perfect. The question is whether or not you are perfect for each other.

—Robin Williams

The mark of a true crush (whether the object is man, woman or city) is that you fall in love first and grope for reasons afterward.

--Shana Alexander

Love is so misused a word. I don't even know what it means, do you? What is it: compassion, caritas, pity? In any case, it has nothing to do with lust, and the mixing up of the two is one of the reasons we're in such trouble emotionally.

--Gore Vidal

[Susan] Wu is struck by 'the countless times I've had to move a man's hand from my thigh (or back or shoulder or hair or arm) during a meeting (or networking event or professional lunch or brainstorming session or pitch meeting) without seeming confrontational (or bitchy or rejecting or demanding or aggressive).' In a land of grand ideas and grander funding proposals, she found that the ability to neatly reject a man's advances without injuring his ego is 'a pretty important skill that I would bet most successful women in our [tech] industry have.'

Wu learned how to calibrate the temperature of her demeanor: friendly and approachable, neither too intimate nor too distant. She learned the fine art of the three-quarters smile, as well as how to deflect conversation away from her personal life and return to topics like sports and market strategy. She learned to distinguish between actual predators and well-meaning guys who were just a bit clueless. And yet to not be overly wary, because that, too, can affect career prospects.

—Liza Mundy

We do not attract what we want, but what we are.

—James Lane Allen

Just the way it never rains when you have an umbrella, you'll never run into people if you look fantastic. But go outside in pajamas, and you'll run into every ex you have.

—Tim Gunn

She wore far too much rouge last night and not quite enough clothes. That is always a sign of despair in a woman.

—Oscar Wilde

When you see what some girls marry, you realize how they must hate to work for a living.

--Helen Rowland

I wish my employee performance evaluation had a line for ‘sacrificing my entire social life’—in which case I have exceeded expectations.

—*someecards*

If there’s a choice between companionship and anything else—especially career—choose companionship. It’s the only thing that has the potential to last. Choose career and you’ll spend unreasonable amounts of time attempting to look younger than you are and feeling you aren’t succeeding.

—Carrie Fisher

If we didn’t start to learn how to integrate our personal, social, and professional lives, we were about five years away from morphing into the angry woman on the other side of a mahogany desk who questions her staff’s work ethic after standard 12-hour workdays, before heading home to eat moo shoo pork in her lonely apartment.

--Kerry Rubin and
Lia Macko

Walk like you have three men walking behind you.

—Oscar de la Renta

I lost a good friend and drinking buddy this past weekend in a tragic accident. He got his finger caught in a wedding ring.

—Unknown

You can’t ever be really free if you admire somebody too much.

—Tove Jansson

I find the best way to love someone is not to change them, but instead, help them reveal the greatest version of themselves.

—Steve Maraboli

Most people think that if you do not love yourself fully, no one else will. That is not true. People are perfectly capable of giving love even if they feel less confident about themselves.

—Anna Agoncillo

Don’t lower your standards for anyone. If they can’t see the best in you, they don’t deserve to be in your life.

—*WomenWorking.com*

Every so often I would look at my women friends who were happily married and didn't cook, and I would always find myself wondering how they did it. Would anyone love me if I couldn't cook? I always thought cooking was part of the package: Step right up, it's Rachel Samstat, she's bright, she's funny and she can cook!

—Nora Ephron

We want to look desirable. We want others to want to mate with us. No different than a colorful peacock. When girls dress up for their night out at the club, they are doing what all animals do when they try to make themselves desirable for a potential mate. That's the whole point behind the fashion, perfume, cosmetics, diet, and plastic surgery industries.

—Oliver Markus

You sometimes see a woman who would have made a Joan of Arc in another century and climate, threshing herself to pieces over all the mean worry of housekeeping.

—Rudyard Kipling

It's more pressure on women to—if they marry or partner with someone, to partner with the right person. Because you cannot have a full career and a full life at home with your children if you are also doing all of the housework and child care.

—Sheryl Sandberg

A girl can win a man with the smell of perfume, but she can't keep him without the smell of good food.

--Unknown

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

--Fanny Fern

Kissing don't last: cookery do.

--George Meredith

Pie and coffee is approximately the third best social interaction a man can hope to have with a woman.

—Unknown

A woman takes off her claim to respect along with her garments.

--Herodotus

A lady is a woman who makes it easy for a man to be a gentleman.

—American Proverb

The fact of the matter is that the prime responsibility of a woman probably is to be on earth long enough to find the best mate possible for herself, and conceive children who will improve the species.

--Norman Mailer

We are responsible for our own relationships, their successes, their failures, the good times, the bad times. Take responsibility for creating the relationships that you desire.

—Sam Owen

Some women have this thermogenic effect on you, even after they've left, you can still breathe her scent, feel her electricity & be stunned.

—Josh Stern

A woman can become a man's friend only in the following stages—first an acquaintance, next a mistress, and only then a friend.

--Anton Chekhov

Motherly advice: don't confide in your girl friend.

--Clare Boothe Luce

Nobody's heart is really good for much until it has been smashed to little bits.

—Elizabeth Bishop

One cannot depend on woman's friendship, for she gives everything to love.

--Epigram

I encourage people to remember that 'no' is a complete sentence.

—Gavin de Becker

No matter how lonely you get or how many birth announcements you receive, the trick is not to get frightened. There's nothing wrong with being alone.

--Wendy Wasserstein

Being alone and liking it is, for a woman, an act of treachery, an infidelity far more threatening than adultery.

--Molly Haskell

For a man, success in life consists in getting the money; for a woman, in getting the man who gets the money.

--Unknown

She's the kind of girl who climbed the ladder of success...wrong by wrong.

--Mae West

The heart has its reasons which reason knows nothing of.

—Blaise Pascal

The rich are different. Their wants are very high maintenance. They'll pick eye color and hair color, all the way down to what she does for a living, what school she went to. Their list can be extremely long. But at the end of the day, dating is dating, because they're human beings.

—Patti Stanger

There is no need to waste pity on young girls who are having their moments of disillusionment, for in another moment they will recover their illusion.

—Sidonie Gabrielle
Colette

A tip to young male drivers: Forget the girl and hug the road.

--Unknown

Take a girl to a real nice place the first couple of dates, then one night take her to McDonalds and see how she acts. That's how you know if she likes spending time with you or if she's after the cash in your pocket and the things you offer.

—Unknown

(On seeing a former lover for the first time in years) I thought I told you to wait in the car.

—Tallulah Bankhead

A broken heart is what makes life so wonderful five years later, when you see the guy in an elevator and he is fat and smoking a cigar and saying long-time-no-see.

—Phyllis Battelle

A boy makes his girl jealous of other beautiful girls...whereas a gentleman makes other beautiful girls jealous of his girl.

—Unknown

Summer bachelors like summer breezes, are never as cool as they pretend to be.

--Nora Ephron

A bad reputation is like a hangover. It takes a while to get rid of, and it makes everything else hurt.

--James Preston

People come up to me and they're worried...that I'll...reproduce.

--Emo Philips

Funny how we think of romance as always involving two, when the romance of solitude can be ever so much more delicious and intense.

--Tom Robbins

Always be yourself. (Except during job interviews, the first few months of a relationship, or any type of social interaction.)

—Ged Backland

Jealousy of another means you need to work on making you proud of yourself.

—Sam Owen

Know your worth so you know when to say, 'Yes', and when to say, 'Thank you but no thank you.'

—Sam Owen

When you lack self-esteem it's easy to keep attracting the wrong people into your life.

—Sam Owen

People who have a low self-esteem...have a tendency to cling to their own sex because it is less frightening.

--Clara Thompson

Maybe there's a universe where I'm the right person for you. Where I adore every nice thing you did for me without starting to resent you. A universe where you actually end up with someone who appreciates you. Where no one becomes a doormat. Where both of us can shed our baggage and curiosity and issues. A universe where we're happy without wondering if that happiness is some messed-up Jenga game ready to topple at the slightest quiver. A universe where we're comfortable and sure. Where I don't second guess everything and I'm not afraid of commitment and of the future and of love. Maybe there's a universe without all the noise in my head and the pride that makes me so fiercely independent and the coldness in my heart that I can turn on and off like a security fence.

—Gaby Dunn

They say you don't get over someone until you find someone or something better. As humans, we don't deal well with emptiness. Any empty space must be filled. Immediately. The pain of emptiness is too strong. It compels the victim to fill that place. A single moment with that empty spot causes excruciating pain. That's why we run from distraction to distraction and from attachment to attachment.

—Yasmin Mogahed

There is no one on this earth who is not twisted by fear and insecurity.

--Doris Lessing

The first thing a girl hopes for from the garden of love is at least one carat.

—S. S. Biddle

If she has a good, strong, reliable father image, which is hard to find these days, that will be her image of men, probably for the rest of her life. She'll look for a husband who embodies those qualities.

—Robert Johnson

When you love someone, truly love them, you lay your heart open to them. You give them a part of yourself that you give to no one else, and you let them inside a part of you that only they can hurt—you literally hand them the razor with a map of where to cut deepest and most painfully on your heart and soul. And when they do strike, it's crippling-like having your heart carved out.

--Sherrilyn Kenyon

I prefer men out of uniform.

—Slogan

The whole pleasure in love lies in the variety.

--Moliere

Love and War are the same thing, and stratagems and policy are as allowable in the one as in the other.

--Miguel de Cervantes

In revenge and in love woman is more barbarous than man.

--Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

Love is so much better when you are not married.

--Maria Callas

It is better to be first with an ugly woman than the hundredth with a beauty.
--Pearl Buck

Love is based on a view of women that is impossible to those who have had any experience with them.
--H. L. Mencken

Passionate love at its most romantic and demanding has already the seeds of death in it....At best it changes and grows into friendship.
--May Sarton

Those who are faithful know only the trivial side of love; it is the faithless who know love's tragedies.
--Oscar Wilde

If a man gives a woman wealth, it is only a proof of his generosity; but if he gives her his time, it is proof of his love.
--Ninon de l'Enclos

The love of woman is supernatural. Man feels nothing like it. A woman will cling to a man who crucifies her—worse yet to a man who bores her.
--Yvette Guilbert

As soon as you cannot keep anything from a woman, you love her.
--Paul Graldy

I love a hand that meets my own with a grasp that causes some sensation.
--Samuel Osgood

Love is the delightful interval between meeting a beautiful girl and discovering that she looks like a haddock.
--John Barrymore

In the cuisine of love there are flavors for all tastes—else ugly women would never be sought after.
--James G. Huneker

Love is the feeling that flatters your ego while it flattens your wallet
--Unknown

Love is the effort a man makes to be satisfied with only one woman.

--Paul Géraldy

Love is unconditional commitment to an imperfect person.

--*happywivesclub.com*

If you would be loved, love and be lovable.

--Benjamin Franklin

Love is staying awake all night with a sick child. Or a very healthy adult.

--David Frost

Romantic love is mental illness. But it's a pleasurable one. It's a drug. It distorts reality, and that's the point of it. It would be impossible to fall in love with someone that you really saw.

--Fran Lebowitz

Money can't buy love, but it improves your bargaining position.

--Christopher Marlowe

No one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

--Andy Rooney

When you love someone, you do not love them all the time, in exactly the same way, from moment to moment. It is an impossibility. It is even a lie to pretend to. And yet this is exactly what most of us demand. We have so little faith in the ebb and flow of life, of love, of relationships. We leap at the flow of the tide and resist in terror its ebb. We are afraid it will never return. We insist on permanency, on duration, on continuity; when the only continuity possible, in life as in love, is in growth, in fluidity - in freedom, in the sense that the dancers are free, barely touching as they pass, but partners in the same pattern.

The only real security is not in owning or possessing, not in demanding or expecting, not in hoping, even. Security in a relationship lies neither in looking back to what was in nostalgia, nor forward to what it might be in dread or anticipation, but living in the present relationship and accepting it as it is now. Relationships must be like islands, one must accept them for what they are here and now, within their limits—islands, surrounded and interrupted by the sea, and continually visited and abandoned by the tides.

--Anne Morrow
Lindbergh

We can recognize the dawn and the decline of love by the uneasiness we feel when alone together.

--Jean de la Bruyere

That's what real love amounts to—letting a person be what he really is. Most people love you for who you pretend to be. To keep their love, you keep pretending—performing. You get to love your pretense. It's true, we're locked in an image, an act.

--Jim Morrison

All love that has not friendship for its base, is like a mansion built upon the sand.

--Ella Wheeler Wilcox

Don't fall in love with the most beautiful girl;
Fall in love with the girl that makes your world the most beautiful.

—*EmpoweringWomenNow.com*

True love doesn't come to you; it has to be inside you.

--Julia Roberts

When you love someone, you love the whole person, just as he or she is, and not as you would like them to be.

—Leo Tolstoy

It's hard to love a woman and do anything.

—Leo Tolstoy

Love is as much of a competition as anything. If you don't think so, you're either losing the game or you're not playing.

—Chris Harrison

What love we've given, we'll have forever. What love we fail to give, will be lost for all eternity.

—Leo Buscaglia

They do not love that do not show their love.

—William Shakespeare

Life is a game and true love is a trophy.

—Rufus Wainwright

In comparison with a loving human being, everything else is worthless.

—Hugh MacLennan

Love is just a beast that you feed all through the night, and when the morning comes, love dies.

—Greta Garbo in
Romance

If your love is not producing things like peace and trust in your relationship, then it probably should not be called love.

—*lovingonpurpose.com*

Two people who were once very close can without blame or grand betrayal become strangers. Perhaps this is the saddest thing in the world.

—Warsan Shire

‘Love’ is that condition in which the happiness of another person is essential to your own... Jealousy is a disease, love is a healthy condition. The immature mind often mistakes one for the other, or assumes that the greater the love, the greater the jealousy.

—Robert A. Heinlein

Love thou the rose, yet leave it on its stem.

—Robert Bulwer-Lytton

Some people won't love you, no matter what you do. Some people won't STOP loving you, no matter what you do. Go where the love is.

—Eleanor Brown

Young people don't understand why, with so many advantages, they are not happier than they are. They don't form relationships that last. They don't expect anything permanent with one another. But the longing never goes away: everybody dreams of what life would be if one were loved.

--Saul Bellow

Living in a society where the objective social position and the reputed virtues of white women smother whatever worth black women may have, the Negro male is put to judging his women by what he sees and imagines the white woman is.

--Calvin Hernton

I feel sorry for people who maintain relationships and friendships detrimental to their mental health.

Everyone is guilty of it at one time or another—but the idea is to strive to be your best; right?

So, meanwhile why are so many people faking it? Security? Fear of loneliness? Fears of independence? Fears of being self? Or just the idea that you can make someone change?

Regardless of the justifications you give & treat yourself to... , I hope all of you—‘new year -new me types’ strive for self care, honest and pure friendships and relationships based of love- and not based off the fake realities of your mind. These delusions of what you hope for instead of what’s there, where you and your puppet show master focus more on everyone else and less on self. To change the world you must start within. But you must first BE HONEST with yourself.

--Tiffany Luard

No white person knows, really knows, how it is to grow up as a Negro boy in the South. The taboo of the white woman eats into the psyche, erodes away significant portions of boyhood sexual development, alters the total concept of masculinity, and creates in the Negro male a hidden ambivalence towards all women, black as well as white.

--Calvin Hernton

It is in the coldest months that hugs linger snug, and they warm the soul the most.

--Richelle E. Goodrich

If a June night could talk, it would probably boast that it invented romance.

--Bern Williams

Summer is the worst time of all to be alone. The earth is warm and lovely, free to go about in; and always somewhere in the distance there is a place where two people might be happy if only they were together. It is in the spring that one dreams of such places; one thinks of the summer which is coming, and the heart dreams of its friend.

— Robert Nathan

This is the gay experience: the discovery in adulthood of a community not like your own home and the struggle to belong in both places, without displacement, without alienation.

--Andrew Sullivan

Tell me about yourself—your struggles, your dreams, your telephone number.
—Peter Arno

Men reach their sexual peak at eighteen. Women reach theirs at thirty-five. Do you get the feeling that God is playing a practical joke?
—Rita Rudner

Those marriages generally abound most with love and constancy that are preceded by a long courtship. The passion should strike root and gather strength before marriage be grafted on it.
--Joseph Addison

Choose a wife rather by your ear than your eye.
--Thomas Fuller

Maidens! why should you worry in choosing whom you shall marry?
Choose whom you may, you will find you have got somebody else.
--John Hay

Man is for woman a means: the end is always the child.
--Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

Only choose in marriage a woman whom you would choose as a friend if she were a man.
--Joseph Joubert

When one thinks how many people there are that one does not in the least want to marry, and how many there are that do not in the least want to marry one, and how small one's social circle really is, any marriage at all seems a miracle.
--Barry Pain

A sudden fit of despair will often give rise to a marriage that will be repented for the rest of one's life.
--Moliere

The fundamental error of their matrimonial union; that of having based a permanent contract on a temporary feeling.
--Thomas Hardy

I see no marriages fail sooner, or more troubled, than such as are concluded for beauty's sake, and huddled up for amorous desires.

—Michel de Montaigne

Who will have a handsome wife, let him choose her upon Saturday, and not upon Sunday, when she is in her fine clothes.

--James Howell

If you wanna be happy for the rest o' your life,
Never make a pretty woman your wife.
And from my personal point of view,
Get an ugly girl to marry you.

--Jimmy Soul

Mind, not body, makes marriage lasting.

--Publilius Syrus

There are but two objects in marriage, love or money. If you marry for love, you will certainly have some very happy days, and probably many very uneasy ones; if for money, you will have no happy days and probably no uneasy ones.

--Lord Chesterfield

People marry through a variety of other reasons, and with varying results; but to marry for love is to invite inevitable tragedy.

--J. B. Cabell

It is love that is sacred...Marriage and love have nothing in common...We marry only once...but we may love twenty times....Marriage is law, and love is instinct.

--Guy de Maupassant

If a man really loves a woman, of course he wouldn't marry her for the world if he were not quite sure that he was the best person she could by any possibility marry.

--Oliver Wendell Holmes

If they only married when they fell in love, most people would die unwed.

--Robert Louis Stevenson

Any marriage, happy or unhappy, is infinitely more interesting and significant than any romance, however passionate.

--W. H. Auden

It isn't tying himself to one woman that a man dreads when he thinks of marrying; it's separating himself from all the others.

--Helen Rowland

Throughout history, females have picked providers for mates. Males pick anything.

--Margaret Mead

Get married, in any case. If you happen to get a good mate, you will be happy; if a bad one, you will become philosophical, which is a fine thing in itself.

—Socrates

There is trouble with a wife, but it's even worse with a woman who is not a wife.

--Leo Tolstoy

He who marries a beauty marries trouble.

--Nigerian Proverb

You can, after all, produce an orgasm yourself if that's what you want, so we must go to bed for something more.

--Merle Shain

You show me a man with his stomach full of his wife's good cooking and his slippers on the rug and his pipe in his mouth and his newspaper in his hand while his wife sits by sewing, and I will show you a man who is too happy to be in love.

--Peggy Joyce Hopkins

When I eventually met Mr. Right I had no idea that his first name was *Always*.

--Rita Rudner

With society, marriage laws, and the courts the way they are (anti-male), why would any sane man with means get married today? Just as women have choices, so do men. Men can adopt, have babies through surrogates, etc. All without a wife. The woman holds all the cards in a relationship. She chooses whom she will date, whom she will have sex with, whom she will marry, whom she will have children with, and when she will divorce him (and get a big payday). TV tells a woman she does not need a man. The 'it takes a village' crowd tells her she does not need a man. The courts tell her she does not need a man. Until she hears her biological clock loudly ticking in her ears, she does not think she needs a man. For the past 40 years, women have been making their bed, and now they are starting to worry that men don't want to sleep in it.

--onlyabill (*TheAtlantic.com*)

Essentially my parents choose. I have known this for all my life, but I still feel a bit caged because I do not get the freedom to choose my own love life. At the same time, I also trust my parents. In my culture, my parents enforce some rules on me and I understand the reasoning behind it. But I feel as if I cannot live my teenage years to the fullest. Being around all these kids my age and experiencing such fun things makes me feel as if I am missing out on this whole other world. Although I appreciate my culture, I feel special being Indian, but living in America is a totally different experience with restrictions. It affects my familial because if I do not follow through with the arranged marriage, I would be shunned....If I could put the whole process in my words, it would be like this: when I'm 24, my friends and family would recruit possible guys. My parents and theirs meet and settle out all the options. Next, the guys are matched with horoscope and priest predictions, and finally I choose one guy to date, and then later comes the engagement. The wedding lasts six days and meeting my husband takes about six months to a year. I could never have a natural love life. However, I feel safe because I know I'm in good hands and that my life is set.

—Puja Lad

I think the bottom-line difference being single and being married is this: When you're single, you're as happy as you are. When you're married, you can only be as happy as the least happy person in the apartment.

--Tom Hertz

If you want to sacrifice the admiration of many men for the criticism of one, go ahead, get married.

—Katharine Hepburn

\$26-\$50 is the most popular appropriate amount to spend on a first date, followed by \$76-\$100.

—*TheCashiorette.com*
(2017)

A man's ideal woman is the one he couldn't get.

—Helen Rowland

Today's teens are...less likely to date. The initial stage of courtship, which Gen Xers called 'liking' (as in 'Ooh, he likes you!'), kids now call 'talking'—an ironic choice for a generation that prefers texting to actual conversation. After two teens have 'talked' for a while, they might start dating. But only about 56 percent of high-school seniors in 2015 went out on dates; for Boomers and Gen Xers, the number was about 85 percent.

—Jean M. Twenge

To look at her face is like being shone upon by a ray of the sun.

--Nathaniel Hawthorne

Good husbands—the selection of whom is the most important career choice young women can make.

--Sheryl Sandberg

After a certain degree of prettiness, one pretty girl is as pretty as another.

--F. Scott Fitzgerald

Beauty without charm only pleases us, but it does not hold us. It is like a bait floating without a hook.

--Gaius Ateius Capito

Beauty soon grows familiar to the lover,
Fades in his eye, and palls upon the sense.

--Joseph Addison

A stunning first impression was not the same thing as love at first sight. But surely it was an invitation to consider the matter.

—Lois McMaster Bujold

Women really go beyond the call of duty to attract men. I wonder what a man would do in a similar situation. Let's say someone decided that in order for a man to look attractive in a bathing suit to a woman he had to pour hot wax dangerously near to the most sensitive part of his body and have it ripped off at least once every two months. How many men do you think would sign up? I think Evil Knievel would say, 'Too risky.'

--Rita Rudner

Cosmetics are a powerful form of chemical warfare used by women in the battle of the sexes.

—Unknown

A woman's dress should be like a barbed-wire fence: serving its purpose without obstructing the view.

--Sophia Loren

I like my clothes to be tight enough to show I'm a woman...but loose enough to show I'm a lady.

--Mae West

Sex appeal is fifty percent what you've got and fifty percent what people think you've got.

--Sophia Loren

I personally cannot recall the last time I saw an attractive woman with a hideous man, and I keep my eyes peeled for this sort of thing. You might see a 10 with an 8, or an 8 with a 5, but you never see a 9 with a 2. And that's the reason ugly men do not cheat on their wives. An ugly man is so happy that he found one woman willing to gaze at his dreadful countenance for the next 40 years that there is no way he is going to risk everything by cheating on her.

--Joe Queenan

There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you it's going to be a butterfly.

—R. Buckminster Fuller

Joy is the best makeup.

—Anne Lamott

That's always seemed so ridiculous to me, that people want to be around someone because they're pretty. It's like picking your breakfast cereals based on color instead of taste.

—John Green

Smile a lot. Not only will you turn heads, you'll turn hearts

—Andrea Oldham

My hair is not the shiniest of bobs
My eyes are not the brightest in the room
My figure will not get me modeling jobs
My smile will not bring young boys to their doom.
But do I cry and mourn my average face?
Or wish that I had boyfriends at the ready?
Do I not sleep because I lose the race,
Or spurn my food because I don't go steady?
My mind is on a more important thing
That lifts my heart and makes my spirit soar
I want to make the souls of people sing
And quiet down the mean and bullying roar.
To help the wounded girls replace the scar
With the right to be exactly who they are.

—Nancy Rue

What we wear affects how we feel, how we act, how we move. And that they do notice. Especially the move. Get dressed, smoke the eyes. You'll know you look good so you'll feel good. You'll have a better time.

—Nora Roberts

Good-looking individuals are treated better than homely ones in virtually every social situation, from dating to trial by jury.

—Martha Beck

There is nothing touches our imagination so much as a beautiful woman in a plain dress.

—Joseph Addison

Girls do not dress for boys. They dress for themselves and, of course, each other. If girls dressed for boys they'd just walk around naked at all times.

Betsey Johnson

Some arresting advice: 'If you want to be popular, live so that a blind person would like you.' Lasting popularity depends not on a pretty face or being handsome, but upon inner qualities that communicate themselves to others through media other than sight.

—*The Pepper Box*

He that dares not grasp the thorn Should never crave the rose.

—Anne Bronte

Powerful, debilitating, passionate love comes only with a girlfriend—not with a wife.

—Unknown

Death is the end of a lifetime, not the end of a relationship.

—Mitch Albom

YOU ARE WITH ME STILL

You are with me still—with every
Crosby, Stills and Nash song on the
radio, you sit with me and sing.

You are with me still—as I wear
your black leather jacket—you

looked so cool in it!

You are with me still—at the Dairy Queen where we ordered a blizzard with cherry nerds.

You are with me still—as I proudly wear the sweater you gave me for Christmas. I remember what you said, ‘Tarm, it’s you.’

You are with me still—as we cooked lobsters and melted butter, and you felt sorry for the lobsters.

You are with me still—as the music surrounds us at a rock concert, with you and me picking out T-shirts together.

You are with me still—as I slip a silver bracelet on my wrist that once was upon yours.

You are with me still—as I gaze down at your grave, yet I know you are truly not there ... for you are with me always each and every day.

—Tammy Tobac

A celibate, like the fly in the heart of an apple, dwells in a perpetual sweetness, but sits alone, and is confined and dies in singularity.

--Jeremy Taylor

I fell in love hard, and when you fall in love that hard, your heart breaks even harder. Every part of you gets shattered.

—Vanessa Grimaldi

The curve is more powerful than the sword.

—Mae West

Women undermine one another because they have always had to compete for mates and for resources for their offspring. Helping another woman might give that woman an edge in the hot-Neanderthal dating market, or might give her children an advantage over your own, so you frostily snub her. Women can gather around smiling and laughing, exchanging polite, intimate, and even warm conversation, while simultaneously destroying one another's careers. The contrast is jarring.

—Joyce Benenson,
Psychologist

Across a range of behaviors— drinking, dating, spending time unsupervised—18-year-olds now act more like 15-year-olds used to, and 15-year-olds more like 13-year-olds. Childhood now stretches well into high school.

Are today's teens waiting longer to take on both the responsibilities and the pleasures of adulthood? Shifts in the economy, in parenting, certainly play a role. In an information economy that rewards higher education more than early work history, parents may be inclined to encourage their kids to stay home and study rather than to get a part-time job. Teens, in turn, seem to be content with this homebody arrangement—not because they're so studious, but because their social life is lived on their phone. They don't need to leave home to spend time with their friends.

—Jean M. Twenge

I blamed myself for our breakup because I felt like I wasn't this perfect girl anymore. I'd started acting like an insecure, whiny person because I didn't trust him anymore. I hated being that girl. I blocked him on EVERYTHING the second we broke up and haven't looked back. It's only been three months but I've gone on several weekend solo trips (hiking especially), I've surrounded myself with friends, I've gone back to therapy, and I've gotten back into the gym. Essentially I've started dating myself. I'm still hurting a little bit but I'm learning SO MUCH about myself and I'm finally learning to be happy alone.

—Jael on Facebook

One can endure sorrow alone, but it takes two to be glad.

--Elbert Hubbard

Happiness is not perfected until it is shared with others.

--Jane Porter

Even in the common affairs of life, in love, friendship, and marriage, how little security have we when we trust our happiness in the hands of others!

--William Hazlitt

Grief can take care of itself, but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.

--Mark Twain

There is no personal charm so great as the charm of a cheerful temperament.

--Henry Van Dyke

The first recipe for happiness is: Avoid too lengthy meditations on the past.

--André Maurois

You didn't make a mistake by loving them. You should never regret loving. You didn't make a mistake by giving them a chance. That's a reason of strength, not shame. You didn't make a mistake by trusting them, believing them or being there for them. Do you know why? Your actions reflect you. You would do this for anyone that comes your way. It just happened that those were not appreciative of your pure intentions. You didn't make a mistake. The mistake was their choice to make by not respecting and appreciating your beautiful heart.

—Najwa Zebian

The only really happy folk are married women and single men.

—H. L. Mencken

Every man is thoroughly happy twice in his life: just after he has met his first love, and just after he has left his last one.

—H. L. Mencken

There are only two roads that lead to something like human happiness. They are marked by the words: love and achievement....In order to be happy oneself it is necessary to make at least one other person happy....The secret of human happiness is not in self-seeking but in self-forgetting.

--Theodore Reik

Happiness? A good cigar, a good meal, a good cigar, and a good woman—or a bad woman; it depends on how much happiness you can handle.

--George Burns

Laughter is the shortest distance between two people.

—Victor Borge

Of all forms of caution, caution in love is perhaps the most fatal to true happiness.

--Bertrand Russell

Love is the most terrible, and also the most generous of the passions; it is the only one which includes in its dreams the happiness of someone else.

--Alphonse Karr

To live happily with other people, ask of them only what they can give.

—Tristan Bernard

As we grow up, we learn that the people that weren't supposed to ever let us down, probably will. You'll have your heart broken and you'll break others hearts. You'll blame a new love for things an old one did. You'll fight with with your best friend, and you'll cry because time is flying by, and eventually you'll lose someone you love. So take too many pictures, laugh too much, forgive freely, and love like you've never been hurt. Because every second you spend angry or upset, is a second of happiness you can never get back.

—Andy Biersack

Do not be too moral. You may cheat yourself out of much life.

—Henry David Thoreau

Guilt is simply God's way of letting you know that you're having too good a time.

—Dennis Miller

If you truly love someone, then the only thing you want for them is to be happy....even if it's not with you.

--Lauren Conrad

Loving can cost a lot but not loving always costs more, and those who fear to love often find that want of love is an emptiness that robs the joy from life.

—Merle Shain

The difference between being unhappily single and unhappily married is that, in the first case, one phone call can turn it around. The other takes a lot more work.

--Sally Jackson

There are as many women unhappily married as there are women unhappily unmarried.

—Unknown

I constantly felt (as I suppose many an ambitious girl has felt) a thumping from within unanswered by any beckoning from without.

—Anna Julia Cooper

For most women who are considering it, single motherhood is not their first choice, but it's not their last one either. They would prefer a husband in their family, but they'd rather have a family without one than no family at all.

--Anne Cassidy

Wood supplies a soothing warmth that no other fuel can provide, encouraging family and friends to gather around a roaring fire for pleasant conversation. Many romances have blossomed in front of a flickering fireplace—just one more wonderful way that wood warms you.

—Tim Clark

I can't even find someone for a platonic relationship, much less the kind where someone wants to see me naked.

—Gilbert Gottfried

I'd like to meet a lovely man who shares my interests. On the other hand, I possibly will not. It's part of the hand you're dealt. It's a challenge-and I'm not atypical.

—Barbara Feldon

World War I reduced the population of available young men, ratcheting up competition for prospective partners and promoting sexual freedom. Meanwhile, women fought back against the male advantage using masculine dress and hair styles like the bob or the shingle to 'usurp male privilege.'

—Paul O'Donnell

Like the flappers, young millennial women have been criticized for their promiscuity and willingness to flash their flash—in real life and online. Social scientists point to the increasing overabundance of female college graduates and the resulting shortage of like-minded (read: marriageable) men.

—Paul O'Donnell

It may interest those who wish to marry to know that the luckiest day and month for marriages is by superstitious people held to be the thirty-first of December.

—Charles Dickens

Nobody has ever measured, even poets, how much a heart can hold.

—Zelda Fitzgerald

Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift for those who fear, too long for those who grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for those who love, time is eternity.

—Henry Van Dyke

We loved with a love that was more than love.

—Edgar Allan Poe

What the heart gives away is never gone ...
It is kept in the hearts of others.

—Robin St. John

To the romantic soul, the rituals of Valentine's Day echo every day of the year.

--Richelle E. Goodrich

Valentine's Day is a disaster. Any day that is designed to perfectly encapsulate something as messy and personal as two people in a romantic relationship would have to be.

--Joseph Fink

It was February sixth: eight days until Valentine's Day. I was dateless, as usual, deep in the vice grip of unrequited love. It was bad enough not having a boyfriend for New Year's Eve. Now I had to cope with Valentine datelessness, feeling consummate social pressure from every retailer in America who stuck hearts and cupids in their windows by January second to rub it in.

--Joan Bauer

A mother takes twenty years to make a man of her boy, and another woman makes a fool of him in twenty minutes.

—Robert Frost

A man always blames the woman who fools him. In the same way he blames the door he walks into in the dark.

—Henry Louis Mencken

When a man touches a woman's body, he is not just touching her body. It goes MUCH DEEPER than that for a woman. He is touching parts of her soul-parts as diverse as how she feels about being a grandmother some day, to what is her favorite ice cream, to how much she loves her pet, and to her opinion of how the current President is governing. The man wants a sexual encounter and love is far from his mind; she desires permanence, commitment, safety, and security.

--Jim Anderson

Love is a violent recreational sport. Proceed at your own risk. Helmets, armor, and steel-toe boots are required by law.

—H. C. Paye

In an average month, 50 women are shot to death by intimate partners in the U.S. And more than half of all women killed by intimate partners in the U.S. are killed with guns.

—*everytownresearch.org*
(2015)

One of the best parts of growing older? You can flirt all you like since you've become harmless.

—Liz Smith

With love later in life, you don't feel the anxiety you felt when you were younger. It's more vibrant, and it becomes truly about companionship.

—Candice Bergen

I keep in my heart the love of the past,
for there it was planted forever to last.

—*botanicalpaperworks.com*

Elderly men who are popular with young women usually lack wisdom.

—Nachman of Bratslav

I learned that you can tell a lot about a man by the way he handles these three things: a rainy day, lost luggage, and tangled Christmas tree lights.

—*seniorresource.com*

When marrying, one should ask oneself this question: Do you believe that you will be able to converse well with this woman into your old age?

—Friedrich Wilhelm
Nietzsche

Over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one...? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

—SueAnne

Don't chase women, they will chase you. They are like horses in a pasture: if you don't go drooling over her, she is going to want to know why.

--Piers Morgan

The one who loves the least, controls the relationship.

—Robert Anthony

People who are not in love fail to understand how an intelligent man can suffer because of a very ordinary woman. This is like being surprised that anyone should be stricken with cholera because of a creature so insignificant as the comma bacillus.

—Marcel Proust

Any girl who wants to be sure she will never be unemployed should marry a farmer.

—Unknown

Most of us spend the first six days of each week sowing wild oats; then we go to church on Sunday and pray for a crop failure.

—Fred Allen

The best and most beautiful things in the world cannot be seen or even touched. They must be felt within the heart.

—Helen Keller

Celibacy is not just a matter of not having sex. It is a way of admiring a person for their humanity, maybe even for their beauty.

—Timothy Radcliffe

You have to teach somebody how to treat you.

—Oprah Winfrey

As girls, we will do anything for the person whom we love. We will scale buildings in the rain or run through fire if it means saving our love's life. There is absolutely nothing more life altering than the fire burning inside of our souls for the one we want most.

--Jennifer Elisabeth

Tis true what Hemingway says—if we're lucky enough to live our dreams in youth, as Ernest Hemingway did in 1920's Paris and I did with the Beat poets, then youth's dreams become a moveable feast you take wherever you go—youthful love remains the repast plentiful; exquisite, substantive and good. You can live on happy memories. Eat of them forever.

--Alison Winfield Burns

If you're going to fall in love with anyone, fall in love with a writer. Allow yourself to become immortalized in words.

--Jamie L. Harding

Until you've lost your reputation, you never realize what a burden it was or what freedom really is.

—Margaret Mitchell

Take me as I am, or watch me as I go.

—Unknown

Blushing is the color of virtue.

—Diogenes

Online dating mostly fills time between meeting people the old-fashioned way.

—Jamie Peck

When I'm good I'm very, very good, but when I'm bad, I'm better.

—Mae West

Like you and your woman ain't gettin' along and you're in love. You can't sleep at nights. Your mind is on her—on whatever. You know, that's the blues. You can't hug that money at night. You can't kiss it.

—John Lee Hooker

Dear Diary, 24th day of September. The stars and my family align to make my life black and miserable. My mother seeks to make me a fine lady—dumb, docile and accomplished—I must take lady-lessons and keep my mouth closed. My father, the toad, conspires to sell me like cheese to some lack-wit seeking a wife.

—13-Year-Old Catherine
'Birdy' (1290 A.D.)
[Karen Cushman]

People don't write sonnets about being compatible, or novels about shared life goals and stimulating conversation. The great loves are the crazy ones.

—Blair Waldorf, *Gossip Girl*

That man has missed something who has never left a brothel at sunrise feeling like throwing himself into the river out of pure disgust.

—Gustave Flaubert

A kiss is an attempt to absorb the essence of the other person.

—Giacomo Casanova

What I like about lit is...you get all the benefits of having a relationship, with none of the mess.

--Joshua Cohen

She was around ten minutes late, as a matter of fact. I didn't give a damn, though. All that crap they have in cartoons in the *Saturday Evening Post* and all, showing guys on street corners looking sore as hell because their dates are late—that's bunk. If a girl looks swell when she meets you, who gives a damn if she's late? Nobody.

—J. D. Salinger

If you're in a company, you're dancing from 9 a.m. till 7 in the evening, and then you go home and get in a hot tub and get some Epsom salts and try to get your body goin' again. There's no social life, no anything.

—Neve Campbell

The truth is that adultery is shocking only when the electric blanket short-circuits.

—Mickey Rooney

Men seldom make passes
At girls who wear glasses.

—Dorothy Parker

Lady, lady, should you meet
One whose ways are all discreet,
One who murmurs that his wife
Is the lodestar of his life,
One who keeps assuring you
That he never was untrue,
Never loved another one...
Lady, lady, better run!

—Dorothy Parker

A very pretty girl in Altoona, Pennsylvania, had a persistent unwanted suitor in New York. When she refused to see him any longer, he resorted to an intensive mail campaign, sending her a special delivery letter twice a day for 47 days. On the 48th day his strategy produced results. The girl eloped with the mailman.

—Bennett Cerf

Things are beautiful if you love them.

—Jean Anouilh

When Johnny Baxter proposed to little Wynnie Sukes, she resolved to become the perfect mate and learn to do everything he could do. First came the problem of driving his convertible. She signed for a full course of instruction, but what with all the prenuptial parties and hubbub, was barely able to merit a beginner's permit by the time she tripped down the aisle.

The wedding over, the toasts drunk, the bridal bouquet thrown, Johnny and Wynnie chugged off in a shower of rice. Ten minutes later, however, everybody was amazed to see Wynnie come tearing madly back into the house. 'What's the matter?' cried the guests. 'Oh dear,' wailed Wynnie. 'I almost spoiled everything. I drove off without my beginner's permit!'

—Bennett Cerf

John Barrymore, who had good reason to know as much about the rocky road of love as he did about acting, remarked ruefully one evening, 'Experience is what you have left after you have completely forgotten her name.'

—Bennett Cerf

Daddy loves you, but he smacks you, and he can shout at you and smash things, but Daddy still loves you. So when you get into a relationship with someone who does all of that, why would it be unusual?

—Trisha Goddard

Social life is disappointing. The very franticness of attempts to reestablish community and festival, by partying, by groups, by club, by touristy Mardi Gras, is the best evidence of the loss of true community and festival and of the loneliness of self, stranded as it is as an unspeakable consciousness in a world from which it perceives itself as somehow estranged, stranded even within its own body, with which it sees no clear connection.

—Walter Percy

Look for someone who has a complete life without you in it. If you have a person you don't need for anything, that's ideal. You're just together because you really want to be.

—Kirstie Alley

Never beg someone to be in your life. If you text, call, visit and still get ignored, walk away. It's called 'SELF-RESPECT.'

—Steve Wentworth

Unattached is the new fancy-free, a strategy for success that translates to later marriages, easier divorces, fewer kids, and a tendency to keep running toward the next horizon, skipping family dinner in the process.

--Thomas Joiner

There's nothing more irresistible to a man than a woman who's in love with him.

—Ernest Lehman

The consuming desire of most human beings is deliberately to plant their whole life in the hands of some other person. I would describe this method of searching for happiness as immature. Development of character consists solely in moving toward self-sufficiency.

--Quentin Crisp

The best date movies give you something to talk about. A movie that's a downer is a great way to find out about someone.

—Henry Adams

Just because swans mate for life, I don't think it's that big of a deal. First of all, if you're a swan, you're probably not going to find a swan that looks that much better than the one you've got, so why not mate for life?

—Jack Handey

Dear Algebra,

Please stop asking us to find your X. She's never coming back and don't ask Y.

—Unknown

The biggest coward of a man is to awaken the love of a woman without the intention of loving her.

—Bob Marley

You can't keep changing men, so you settle for changing your lipstick.

—Heather Locklear

It takes two people working all the time to make a relationship work, but only one to decide it's over and then it is just done at that very moment.

—*theChive*

Women is fine once you got em pinned down, boss, but when they ain't pinned down they're hell.

—John Dos Passos

You don't realize how lonely you are until it's the end of the day and you have a bunch of things to talk about, but no one to tell them to.

—Internet Meme

When you smile, those who see your smile, smile back, even if very briefly. And as they smile, they use facial muscles which trigger the release of neurochemicals in their brain associated with feelings of pleasure—and they are thus likely to feel happy in your company.

—Dr. Jessica Carbino

A newly crowned Hollywood queen, very blonde, very sexy, told a reporter that her real love was a sixty-year-old banker in Wall Street. 'Every time he phones me to the coast,' she purred, 'I get chinchillas up and down my spine.'

—Bennett Cerf

Men mourn for what they have lost; women for what they ain't got.

—Josh Billings

Let your desires be ruled by reason.

(Appetitus Rationi Pareat)

—Cicero

Date the girl whose hair is a mess and steals your t-shirts and kisses you in front of boys who look at her admiringly. Date the girl who wants to dance in the rain with you and make tea for you and make you laugh so hard you snort tea out your nose. Date the girl who cares so much that she can tell something is wrong just by looking at you. Date the girl who will wrap her arms around you for no reason and pay attention when you talk about the things you love, even if she doesn't love them herself. Date the girl who looks like a lazy Sunday afternoon instead of a Saturday night. Yeah. Just date that girl.

—Nikita Gill

Marry someone who knows how to cook. Looks go away. Hunger doesn't.

—Internet Meme

There are several good protections against temptations, but the surest is cowardice.

—Mark Twain

You need more fact in the dangerous art of giving presents than in any other social action.

—William Bolitho

The main problem with mass media is that it makes it impossible to fall in love with any acumen of normalcy. There is no 'normal' because everybody is being twisted by the same sources simultaneously.

--Chuck Klosterman

You go out with a girl you used to date, she looks so damn good, and then at a certain point you say, 'Boy, now I remember. I know why I left.'

—Arsenio Hall

You don't need a pickup line. Just glance at a woman from across the room. Glance—don't stare.

—Jenny McCarthy

What exactly does that expression mean, 'friends with benefits'? Does he provide her with health insurance?

--Chuck Lorre

How people watch movies when they're:

DATING *hold hands*

ENGAGED *cuddle*

MARRIED *one person turns the volume up when I'm choking on a piece of popcorn.*

—*theChive*

Send your significant other flowers to work with just a 'for my special lady' note written on it. If she doesn't bring them home from work she's cheating.

—*theChive*

Don't ask your girl where she wants to eat. Instead, tell her to guess where you're taking her to eat. Then take her to the first guess.

—*theChive*

Trying to find your perfect partner? Just tell the police someone robbed you, and when they ask for a description just describe exactly the sort of person you find most attractive—they'll get a bunch of them in a line up.

—*theChive*

There is not enough celebration of companionship. Relationships aren't just about eroticism and sexuality.

—Francesca Annis

A woman one loves rarely suffices for all our needs, so we deceive her with another whom we do not love.

—Marcel Proust

Never sleep with a woman who has more troubles than your own.

—Nelson Algren

A young co-ed look dreamily at the ceiling and declared, 'The man I marry must be an outstanding personality, be musical, tell new jokes, sing and dance, stay home, neither drink nor smoke, and shut up when I tell him to.' Her caller arose, looked for his hat, and told her, 'Lady, you don't want a husband; you want a television set.'

—Bennett Cerf

A Southern colonel, who cherishes the prejudices of his grandfather, was horrified when his gawky and strong-willed daughter elected to attend a college in New England. The daughter was well aware of his feelings, so when she actually fell in love with a Massachusetts lad she broke the news with some trepidation. 'Daddy,' she hazarded, 'what would you-all say if I married a damnyankee one day?' 'Say?' roared the colonel. 'I'd say we were beginning to pay 'em back at last!'

—Bennett Cerf

The Dallas income-tax bureau received a return from a bachelor who claimed a dependent son. A kindly inspector sent back the form with a note, 'This must be a stenographic error.' Back came the report with the added notation, 'You're telling me!'

—Bennett Cerf

A pompous old bore was forcing his attentions on Miss Mary Garden. The diva was wearing an extremely low-cut evening gown. 'I can't imagine what's holding it up,' said the old boy with a roll of his eyes. 'Possibly,' suggested Miss Garden, 'it's your age.'

—Bennett Cerf

I know men aren't attracted to me by my mind. They're attracted by what I don't mind.

—Gypsy Rose Lee

You can marry more money in five minutes than you can make in a lifetime.

—Sholom Aleichem

Some men think women want money, cars and gifts. But the right woman wants a man's time, effort, passion, honesty, loyalty, smile, and him choosing to put her as his priority.

—Charles Orlando

Never marry a man for his money. The thing to look for in a husband is a gentle, even disposition. Of course, a man without a big bank account is always grouchy and bad-tempered.

—Fanny Brice

[College advice] Watch your drinks. Don't go anywhere alone with somebody who makes you uncomfortable. If you do go somewhere alone, make sure that somebody knows where you are going, who you're meeting with, when you leave, and what time you're expected back. Walk in packs. Take a self-defense class. Nobody is allowed to put their hands on you without your consent. The way you dress is not an invitation for somebody to try something with you. Anybody who uses physical or emotional manipulation to get you to do something is not somebody to be around. Verbalized consent is fundamental. No means no. (This entire point goes for guys and girls.)

—Shea Lazansky

Loneliness is big business. Online dating, which is a \$2 billion dollar industry in the United States, is the way a third of married couples meet in today's world....Everybody's home alone with their cell phones and computers. A lot of people work by themselves so it's hard to meet people at work. Get away from your computer and cell phone and get out there and meet people. I think people should try to talk to him many people as they can. The problem is that lots of people don't know how to talk face-to-face.... they over-analyze things, and they are trying to map it out like some kind of job or project. It's about emotion and chemistry. It's not about logistics. Logic kind of wrecks romance. Love is not logical.

—Steven Provenzano

The minute you settle for less than you deserve, you get even less than you settled for.

—Maureen Dowd

Instead of being desperate to sell yourself and convince another person to buy into that, people should focus instead on, 'How can I be a positive force in someone's life?' Keep an open mind, clear yourself of your past, be cordial and nice.

—Steven Provenzano

I change my mind so much I need two boyfriends and a girlfriend.

—Pink

My best advice is to find a girl with an embarrassing tattoo and marry her. She knows how to make bad decisions and stick with them.

—Internet Meme

If you want to know how your girl will treat you after marriage, just listen to her talking to her little brother.

—Sam Levenson

A bachelor is a selfish, undeserving guy who has cheated some woman out of a divorce.

—Don Quinn

The moment we indulge our affections, the earth is metamorphosed. There is no winter and no night. All tragedies, all ennuis, vanish—all duties even.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

I don't want a sugar daddy but maybe like a sugar buddy. I just hit him up like 'Hey, how are you today?' and he replies 'Doing great. Thanks for asking. Here's \$7,000.'

—Olivia Vincent

No man should marry until he has studied anatomy and dissected at least one woman.

—Honoré de Balzac

Guys, until they're 33, are really useless.

—Jennifer Lopez

I have met most of you [men] as I come out of the stage door of the Follies every night. I want to tell you that any of you that are capitalized under a million dollars needn't hang around there. Our Girls may not know their Latin and Greek but they certainly know their Dunn and Bradstreet.

—Will Rogers

In relationships, happiness is not to be found in someone but to be generated with someone.

—Ela Crain

The more a man knows, and the farther he travels, the more likely he is to marry a country girl.

—George Bernard Shaw

Women cannot complain about men anymore until they start getting better taste in them.

—Bill Maher

Of all the objects of hatred, a woman once loved is the most hateful.

—Max Beerbohm

Love does not just sit there, like a stone; it has to be made, like bread, remade all the time, made new.

—Ursula K. Le Guin

Stephen kissed me in the spring,
Robin in the fall,
But Colin only looked at me
And never kissed at all.

Stephen's kiss was lost in jest,
Robin's lost in play,
But the kiss in Colin's eyes
Haunts me night and day.

—Sara Teasdale

All this time
I drank you like the cure when maybe
you were the poison.

—Clementine von Radics

Falling in love is very real, but I used to shake my head when people talked about soul mates, poor deluded individuals grasping at some supernatural ideal not intended for mortals but sounded pretty in a poetry book. Then, we met, and everything changed, the cynic has become the converted, the sceptic, an ardent zealot.

—E. A. Bucchianeri

Sometimes I sit alone under the stars and think of the galaxies inside my heart and truly wonder if anyone will ever want to make sense of all that I am.

—Christopher Poindexter

Men

They hail you as their morning star
Because you are the way you are.
If you return the sentiment,
They'll try to make you different;
And once they have you, safe and sound,
They want to change you all around.
Your moods and ways they put a curse on;
They'd make of you another person.
They cannot let you go your gait;
They influence and educate.
They'd alter all that they admired.
They make me sick, they make me tired.

—Dorothy Parker

There are times not to flirt. When you're sick. When you're with children. When you're on the witness stand.

—Joyce Jillson

I am inhabited by a cry.
Nightly it flaps out
Looking, with its hooks, for something to love.

—Sylvia Plath

I let her go
because I knew she could do better
and now she's gone.
I wonder
if I should've
just been better.

—Atticus Poetry

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's cute. I just think it's crazy how many people bring knives on a date.

—Internet Meme

To speak frankly, I am not in favour of long engagements. They give people the opportunity of finding out each other's character before marriage, which I think is never advisable.

—Oscar Wilde

To be the other woman
is to be a season
that is always about to end,
when the air is flowered
with jasmine and peach,
and the weather day after day
is flawless,
and the forecast
is hurricane.

—Linda Pastan

Here's to our wives and sweethearts—may they never meet.

—John Bunny

If you aren't happy single, you won't happy taken. Happiness comes from within,
not from men.

—*LikeLoveQuotes.com*

Your life is the delicious ice cream. A boyfriend is the cherry on top. Without the
cherry, the ice cream is still delicious. So focus on having the best life you can, with
or without a boyfriend in the picture so you'll be genuinely happy. Life's too short
for anything less than that. Besides, you don't want to look back on your single days
in the future and regret all the days and weeks you wasted on not living it up as
much as you could. Now's the time to make sure of that.

—Giulia Simolo

You don't love someone for their looks, or their clothes, or for their fancy car, but
because they sing a song only you can hear.

—Oscar Wilde

If your flirting strategy is indistinguishable from harassment, it's not
everyone else that's the problem.

—John Scalzi

Don't marry someone with intolerable characteristics in the hopes of changing him
or her. If you can't live with someone who drinks or someone who isn't a Christian
or someone who isn't clean, then don't marry that kind of person. The chances for
miraculous improvements or changes in behavior are slim. What you see is what
you get!

—James C. Dobson

Never love anyone who treats you like you're ordinary.

—Oscar Wilde

You can't just say NO. You got to do NO. You got to show it. You got to show you mean it by doing it. You got to show you're not going to do one thing by doing another. You got to make an end of it. One way or another.

—Flannery O'Connor

Pay attention... How a person handles poor cell service, traffic, and spotty wifi is a good indicator of how they'll behave during relationship challenges.

—Steve Maraboli

Time decides who you meet in life, your heart decides who you want in your life, and your behavior decides who stays in your life.

—Ziad K. Abdelnour

In my entire high school career, my school has not had any mandatory education on consent, appropriate conduct or how to report inappropriate incidents. All of my education has been from outside sources: parents, books, videos online. There is really no centralized curriculum on what we should be teaching...so we don't all agree on what is and what isn't consent.

—Jackson Teetor, High School Senior

I only like two kinds of men, domestic and imported.

—Mae West

Getting back with your ex is like taking a shower and then putting your dirty underwear back on.

—Ged Backland

In love, women are professionals, men are amateurs.

—Francois Truffaut

Even after young adults' sex lives start up, they are often paused for long periods of time. Some people told me of sexual and romantic dormancy triggered by assault or depression; others talked about the decision to abstain as if they were taking a sabbatical from an unfulfilling job.

—Lucia O'Sullivan

Everyone tries to put his best foot forward when dating or meeting someone new. But there are some differences between the sexes in what they lie about and how they lie.

For cultural reasons, men tend to deceive about their occupations and incomes. Women tend to deceive about ages and personal histories.

While men's lies are more lies of commission, women's lies are more lies of omission. In other words, men typically will make direct statements to pump themselves up—whereas women will subtly try to weave impressions by leaving things out. Helpful: As everyone knows, interrogation-like tactics do not go over well in romantic interactions. Instead, you want to detect deceit without letting the other person know that you're doing it.

When interacting with a man: Keep careful track of the statements he makes and come back to them later in the conversation by asking a question regarding each one.

This dance will put the man off guard and let you get more details in order to spot inconsistencies. After all, the more details someone has to come up with, the more he has to lie and the easier it is to detect.

When interacting with a woman: Pay special attention to what a woman doesn't say. If she describes a big trip to Europe but doesn't mention any companion, you might wonder with whom she went.

Closely observe body language while she's talking. If she seems stiff, tense and is leaning away from you rather than toward you, she may be holding back verbally as well. Watch also for facial and or neck flushing in response to questions.

—Charles V. Ford, MD

Date someone who spoils you, always tells you how beautiful you are, and never thinks you have had enough to eat. Basically, date your grandma.

—*womenafter50.com*

Some professor (I guess it was Harvard, we always look through them for the freak things) he made the Boys a talk about not aiming too low. Said instead of marrying the Stenographer aim for the Bosses Daughter. Now wait a minute. Have you seen ALL the Bosses Daughters? You look em over and it will take quite a sacrifice to give up the Stenographer and take The Daughter.

—Will Rogers

People in relationships told me that their digital life seemed to be vying with their sex life. 'We'd probably have a lot more sex,' one woman noted, 'if we didn't get home and turn on the TV and start scrolling through our phones.' This seems to defy logic; our hunger for sex is supposed to be primal. Who would pick messing around online over actual messing around?

—Kate Julian

You should date a girl who reads.

Date a girl who reads. Date a girl who spends her money on books instead of clothes, who has problems with closet space because she has too many books. Date a girl who has a list of books she wants to read, who has had a library card since she was twelve.

Find a girl who reads. You'll know that she does because she will always have an unread book in her bag. She's the one lovingly looking over the shelves in the bookstore, the one who quietly cries out when she has found the book she wants. You see that weird chick sniffing the pages of an old book in a secondhand book shop? That's the reader. They can never resist smelling the pages, especially when they are yellow and worn.

She's the girl reading while waiting in that coffee shop down the street. If you take a peek at her mug, the non-dairy creamer is floating on top because she's kind of engrossed already. Lost in a world of the author's making. Sit down. She might give you a glare, as most girls who read do not like to be interrupted....Date a girl who reads because you deserve it. You deserve a girl who can give you the most colorful life imaginable. If you can only give her monotony, and stale hours and half-baked proposals, then you're better off alone. If you want the world and the worlds beyond it, date a girl who reads.

—Rosemarie Urquico

Many students have absorbed the idea that love is secondary to academic and professional success—or, at any rate, is best delayed until these other things have been secured. 'Over and over,' she [Alexandra Solomon, psychology professor] has written, 'my undergraduates tell me they try hard not to fall in love during college, imagining that would mess up their plans.'

—Kate Julian

As a 27-year-old woman in Philadelphia put it: 'I have insecurities that make fun bar flirtation very stressful. I don't like the *Is he into me?* moment. I use dating apps because I want it to be clear that this is a date and we are sexually interested in one another. If it doesn't work out, fine, but there's never a *Is he asking me to hang as a friend or as a date?* feeling.' Other people said they liked the fact that on an app, their first exchanges with a prospective date could play out via text rather than in a face-to-face or phone conversation, which had more potential to be awkward.

—Kate Julian

Can't believe I just have to keep dating until someone likes me back or I die.

—Brandy Jensen

If young people are delaying serious relationships until later in adulthood, more and more of them may be left without any knowledge of what good sex really feels like.

—Kate Julian

In adulthood, true singledom is a far more stable category than most of us have imagined. Over the course of a year, only 50 percent of heterosexual single women in their 20s go on any dates—and older women are even less likely to do so.

—Michael Rosenfeld

The decision to kiss for the first time is the most crucial in any love story. It changes the relationship of two people much more strongly than even the final surrender; because this kiss already has within it that surrender.

—Emil Ludwig

Appreciate the moment of a first kiss; it may be the last time you own your heart.

Robert M. Drake

When you fully trust someone without any doubt, you get one of two results: a person for life, or a lesson for life.

—*Motivational Quotes
Journal*

Women, you are not rehabilitation centers for badly raised men...It is not your job to fix him, change him, parent him or raise him. You want a partner not a project.

—Julia Roberts

The most painful tears are not the ones that fall from your eyes & cover your face but the ones that fall from your heart & cover your soul.

—*womenworking.com*

If I had a dollar for every time a girl found me not attractive, they eventually would.

—Internet Meme

So dumb guys go for dumb girls and smart guys go for dumb girls. What to the smart girls get? Cats, mostly.

—Internet Meme

It'll be difficult to meet someone who likes staying at home as much as you since they're often at home.

—Internet Meme

A man and a quilt will both keep you warm at night, but a quilt never says anything stupid.

—*maxine.com*

It's encouraging to find a girl who knows what she's marrying for. Nine-tenths of them think of it as a sort of walking into a moving-picture sunset.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

When a girl feels that she's perfectly groomed and dressed she can forget that part of her. That's charm. The more parts of yourself you can afford to forget the more charm you have.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

A man being rich is like a girl being pretty.

—Marilyn Monroe as
Lorelie in
*Gentlemen Prefer
Blondes*

Don't look for a pretty face, it will turn old one day. Don't look for a soft skin, it will wrinkle one day. But look for a loyal heart, that will miss you every day and love you forever.

—Internet Meme

Decided to take myself out for dinner. My waiter complimented my outfit/style, and my dinner was on the house. Then one of the cooks gave me a free cake and his number. I should take myself out more often.

—*theChive*

Life only comes around once so do whatever makes you happy, and be with whoever makes you smile.

—*rawforbeauty.com*

His adolescent nerdliness vaporizing any iota of a chance he had for young love. Everybody else going through the terror and joy of their first crushes, their first dates, their first kisses while Oscar sat in the back of the class, behind his DM's screen, and watched his adolescence stream by. Sucks to be left out of adolescence, sort of like getting locked in the closet on Venus when the sun appears for the first time in a hundred years.

—Junot Díaz

VALENTINE'S DAY (DATING)

Mushy care, roses, chocolates, lingerie, dinner reservations at a nice restaurant.

VALENTINE'S DAY (MARRIED 20 YEARS)

'They're charging \$7.99 for a greeting card now.'

'Eight bucks for a CARD? Ridiculous!'

'I won't get you a card if you don't get me a card.'

'Deal. I don't even want a card. I want a new vacuum.'

—Internet Meme

Valentine's Day Idea: Go bar hopping and fake a proposal in each place so people buy us drinks all night and we get drunk for free.

—Hayden Hintz

Love Valentine's Day, love New Year's Eve, love taking the SATs, just love high pressure situations and extreme expectations in general.

—B. J. Novak

Don't be afraid of losing someone who doesn't feel lucky to have you.

—Internet Meme

[To his son] Be true to your sister and mother so that when the time comes and you know what love is, you can come to the one you love with a heart as clean and pure as the one she brings you.

—Theodore Roosevelt

The aching in my chest
isn't because I miss you,
it's realizing that you have
become someone I no longer know,
your fears, your 4 am thoughts,
your achievements,
are things I no longer have an equivalent to.
Who we were and who we are
are four different people,
and the me from now
doesn't relate to the me from then,
let alone to the you from now.

—Tanzy Sayadi

Just because things could've been different, it doesn't mean they'd be better.
—*theChive*

Jokes on you, people trying to make me feel bad about Valentine's Day—I feel bad every day!

—Internet Meme

Someone told me the other day that he felt bad for single people because they are lonely all the time. I told him that's not true. I'm single and I don't feel lonely. I take myself out to eat. I buy myself clothes. I have great times by myself. Once you know how to take care of yourself, company becomes an option and not a necessity.

—Keanu Reeves

'What's the best way to make friends?'

'Tell a woman that you love her, and she says, 'I think we're just friends.'"

—Internet Meme

If you can't handle me at my worst, unfortunately that's also my best.

—Internet Meme

Love those who will love you when you have nothing to offer but your company.

—*lovequotesimg.com*

As sexual power is learned by adolescent boys through the social experience of their sex drive, so do girls learn that the locus of sexual power is male. Given the importance placed on the male sex drive in the socialization of girls as well as boys, early adolescence is probably the first significant phase of male identification in a girl's life and development. ... As a young girl becomes aware of her own increasing sexual feelings ... she turns away from her heretofore primary relationships with girl-friends. As they become secondary to her, recede in importance in her life, her own identity also assumes a secondary role and she grows into male identification.

—Kathleen L. Barry

Love is rare and hard to find and takes years upon years to develop. Teenagers don't fall in love.

—Kody Keplinger

The angst of adolescence is the fear the pretty Italian girls across the street will never come over. The crisis of mid-life is learning they never will.

—Mark Darrah

For so many years, I couldn't understand why every time I thought that someone finally loved me, like... for real, they would eventually turn to vapor. Every person whom I've ever loved is trapped inside of my chest. I've breathed all of them in so deeply that I've nearly choked and died on every soul that I've ever given myself to.

—Jennifer Elisabeth

He was my North, my South, my East and West.
My working week and my Sunday rest.
My noon, my midnight, my talk, my song.
I thought that love would last for ever: I was wrong.

—W. H. Auden

Time does not bring relief; you all have lied
Who told me time would ease me of my pain!
I miss him in the weeping of the rain;
I want him at the shrinking of the tide;
The old snows melt from every mountain-side,
And last year's leaves are smoke in every lane;
But last year's bitter loving must remain.

—Edna St. Vincent
Millay

Love and a cough
cannot be concealed.
Even a small cough.
Even a small love.

—Anne Sexton

In vain have I struggled. It will not do. My feelings will not be repressed. You must allow me to tell you how ardently I admire and love you.

—Jane Austen

I thought an hour ago that I loved you more than any woman has ever loved a man, but a half hour after that I knew that what I felt before was nothing compared to what I felt then. But ten minutes after that, I understood that my previous love was a puddle compared to the high seas before a storm.

—William Goldman

I was sixteen, and I honestly believed I was due a love story.

—Sara Barnard

If they want you in their life, they'll put you there. You shouldn't have to fight for a spot.

—Internet Meme

I used to think that the worst thing in life was to end up alone. It's not. The worst thing in life is to end up with people who make you feel alone.

—Robin Williams

How stupid that all I have to do
is grow two squishy lumps and suddenly
I'm man's best friend

—Christine Heppermann

What women seek to find in a man is dictated by evolution and the role of the man as a hunter gatherer. Women want a bad boy who will treat them well but not so well that they will have nothing to bitch about to their female friends. Bitching about the male of the species is how females bond with each other...another one of evolution's little jokes.

—J. D. Gallagher

Many young men are not being taught the impact that sexual assault has on a woman. They are inundated by sexual imagery in the media, and often come to the (incorrect) conclusion that having sex is not a big deal. This, no doubt, is why the number of sexual assaults is so high.

I am also shocked by adults who feel that rape is an inappropriate topic to discuss with teenagers. According to the *U.S. Department of Justice*, 44 percent of rape victims are under the age of 18 and 46 percent of those victims are between the ages of 12-15. It makes adults uncomfortable to acknowledge this, but our inability to speak clearly and openly about sexual issues endangers our children. It is immoral not to discuss this with them.

—Laurie Halse Anderson

Men can be teenagers until well into their twenties.

—Alexander McCall
Smith

Chasing a man is not winning. The only thing you win is the loss of your dignity. Confidence is knowing your value, instead of expecting a man's love to provide you with value.

— Shannon L. Alder

It is better to stay single and wait for the one that makes sense than to marry someone that makes absolutely no sense. The moment you settle is when the one person that makes all the sense in the world shows up and Satan sits back and enjoys your spiritual meltdown.

— Shannon L. Alder

In youth, it was a way I had,
To do my best to please.
And change, with every passing lad
To suit his theories.

But now I know the things I know
And do the things I do,
And if you do not like me so,
To hell, my love, with you.

—Dorothy Parker

I just want to be someone, to mean something to anyone.

—Charlotte Eriksson

Young people think they never can change, but they do in the most wonderful manner, and very few die of broken hearts.

—Louisa May Alcott

Fall in love with someone different and learn the sweet sound of lonely roads, walking home with no hurry, just in time for the sunrise.

—Charlotte Eriksson

You always end up back where you started: hungry for the one thing everybody loses—young loving.

—Toni Morrison

Nothing had ever felt so young as her lips.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

It is also good to love: because love is difficult. For one human being to love another human being: that is perhaps the most difficult task that has been entrusted to us, the ultimate task, the final test and proof, the work for which all other work is merely preparation. That is why young people, who are beginners in everything, are not yet capable of love: it is something they must learn.

—Rainer Maria Rilke

How easy your life becomes when a nice girl enters in.

—Gaurav S. Kaintura

I can't quite figure out the difference between loving someone and loving things about them.

—Corey Ann Haydu

This is the moment in your life when he who is wooing you will be at his kindest. And if you do not see kindness in the man you are dating, beware! For the partnership you are looking for will be nourished and nurtured only on the basis of a love that is not arrogant or prideful, but kind.

—Ravi Zacharias

You can't be friends with someone you have feelings for. It'll just be a constant reminder of what you can't have. It's like putting boiling water in an ice cold glass. It's gonna bust and make a mess.

—Jaime Reed

I'd wanted to date, but I simply didn't know how. It seemed to come natural to everyone else, pairing up and going out. And now, well, I felt like a nonparticipant, like there was a schedule to be followed and I was so far behind I'd never get caught up.

—Lesia Howard

Young things like you don't need any ornaments but those you wear to-night: youth, health, intelligence, and modesty.

—Louisa May Alcott

I have a friend who likes to date younger women because their stories are shorter.

—Jerry Uelsmann

To love and be loved, that is the miracle of youth.

—Victor Hugo

Lust is the best of all the deadly sins.

—Colleen Hoover

The fever of desire in youth is a fleeting disease that intimacy promptly cures.

—Frank Harris

Outside of note passing and the occasional tight-lipped kiss after school events, 'going together' in seventh grade was pretty meaningless. You couldn't drive, had nowhere to go, and either weren't allowed or couldn't afford to do anything. It was kind of like being an old married couple, except you could control your bowels and stay awake past 8 p.m.

—Eric Nuzum

If most men and women were forced to rely upon physical charm to attract lovers, their sexual lives would be not only meager but in a youth-worshipping country like America painfully brief.

--Gore Vidal

Unfortunately, you never get a second chance to make a first impression.

—João Zilhão

Marriage: When dating goes too far.

—Internet Meme

Not every relationship is supposed to end with the marriage. Learn something from each relationship, and quit beating yourself up when it ends. It wasn't a failure; it was an experience.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

I'll never date another apostrophe...the last one was too possessive.

—*cartoonstock.com*

I'm not waiting for a hero. I saved myself long ago. I don't need someone to complete me. I am whole alone. I just want a weirdo to go on adventures with. Someone who will dance with me, kiss me when I least expect it and make me laugh. That's it.

—Brooke Hampton

Dear Men. Close your eyes. Imagine you have a daughter. Imagine she is dating a guy just like you. Did you smile? No? Then change.

—<https://www.facebook.com/Kellyrtreehouse/>

Engagement rings were a ploy crafted by greedy diamond companies, and now they are a seeming requirement for any couple looking to get married.

—Emily Myers

Forever...or never.

—T-Shirt Slogan

Last night me and my girlfriend watched three movies back to back. Luckily, I was the one facing the TV.

—*theChive*

When I see lovers' names carved in a tree, I don't think it's sweet. I just think it's surprising how many people bring a knife on a date.

—Bill Murray

Women urged to carry keys between fingers. Women urged to cover their drinks at all times. Women urged to not get drunk around men. Women urged to not walk alone at night. Women urged to carry pepper spray. CAN WE PLEASE URGE MEN TO NOT SEXUALLY ASSAULT WOMEN?

—Internet Meme

Getting back together with an old boyfriend is pathetic. It's like having a garage sale and buying your own stuff back.

—Internet Meme

Surround yourself with people whose eyes light up when they see you coming.

—Andre De Shields

I love her, and that's the beginning and end of everything.

—F. Scott Fitzgerald

If they substituted the word 'Lust' for 'Love' in the popular songs it would come nearer the truth.

—Sylvia Plath

THE MOUSE

Farm-fresh face
With a broomstick build
And a Dutch-boy cut.
A wooden gaze
Fronts a silent, shy, young miss.
No one noticed—
The Mouse.

At 50, though—
Fetching figure, stylish hair,
Flirty eyes, charming soul,
And bright-eyed, beaming smile.

The caterpillar dazzles
By morphing to a butterfly.
But...a mouse into a beauty?

Who knew?

—Dan L. Miller

WAS IT THE GIRL OR THE TIME?

We once had youth, beauty, passion, joy.
She was my world, my cherished love.
Shapely, dainty, playful, fair—
My barefoot flower child.
Ours was the perfect world—
worry-free for her and me.

A life gone by, she still appears,
A vision now—yesteryear's amour.
Her surreal visage charms me still.
Do I hold dear the girl or just the dream?
The time's long gone,
And, sadly, so is she.

—Dan L. Miller

FOREVER SEVENTEEN

Soft, cherub cheeks so eager for my touch.
Your childlike play so sweet.
With midnight eyes
And flowing hair
I'd often grasp to pull you close.

Our time was short, our passion free.
My first love left an imprint on my heart
I carry to this day.

So now at sixty-three—
Alive or not.
You are to me—
Forever Seventeen.

—Dan L. Miller

BOMBSHELL

Doggie play group.
(Yep. That's a thing.)
Yappy Hour.
Sprinkles plays, and I'm amused.
A beauty stands nearby.
Face of an angel.
Curvy, youthful figure
Squeezed into a deliciously indecent dress.
Flowing tresses down the back.
Model material all around.
Perfection.

When bumped by another,
She flips the bird.
The heavenly face turns foul.
A whiskey-thick voice
Spews venom.

Then—
A smile and a wink to me.

What are my chances?

—Dan L. Miller

SEARCHING FOR FOREVER

Perhaps someday, somewhere I'll find
The perfect girl to make my bride.
Rarer than a wheel unturned,
Fairer than the girls I've spurned,
Just who I am searching for.
Call it false or foolish, or
Wrong because I won't succeed.
I'm steadfast, though, and won't concede.
I'll always search. I know she's there.
I'll find her when I'm least aware.

—Dan L. Miller

BLINDSIDED BY LIFE

It took me more than twenty years
to realize Life can maim.
I'd always thought my life was safe,
my future filled with joy.
But then She came and set me straight
on just what Life can do.
I've tried since then to guard myself
against such woe,
But found that, much to my dismay,
life sucks when void of love.

You're reaching now that time of life
when you'll discover, too,
That life is not all bliss,
but sometimes grief and pain.
Think now, my Dear, and take your time.
Your whole life lies ahead.
Choose well and someday
you will find,
That life is more appealing
when sorrow's left behind.

—Dan L. Miller

Relationship Status: just tried to reach for my dog's paw and he pulled it away so I pretended I was reaching for the remote.

—*theChive*

The biggest lie we're told is 'Be with someone who makes you happy.' The truth is, happiness is something you create on your own. Be with someone who adds to it.

—*tinybuddha.com*

How do Amish girls know if it's a romantic candlelit dinner or just regular dinner?

—Internet Meme

Literally every person is messed up. So pick your favorite train wreck and roll with it.

—Internet Meme

Date someone who says things like:

—You're amazing.

—I'm so lucky to have you in my life.

—I'm proud of you.

—I don't know where this extra cat came from but we need her and she needs more friends.

—*softisticatz.com*

While women often mistake males' indications of sexual interest for expressions of friendliness, men consistently mistake females' expressions of friendliness for sexual interest.

—Ben Healy

Your relationship should be a safe haven, not a battlefield.

The world is hard enough.

—Internet Meme

Humans without romance become curmudgeons and predictable with misery.

—Carlos Santana

Dating you your 30s is just two people telling each other stories about how they used to be fun.—*theChive*

When the right person hugs you, it's like medicine. I'm so grateful for those few people in my life who are good for my soul.

—Steve Maraboli

Your relationship doesn't need to make sense to anyone, except you and your partner. It's a relationship. Not a community project.

—Internet Meme

Men are perfectly willing to date women across the age range....Men aren't as picky about women's bodies as women fear. Men crave sex, but they also crave conversation, a partner with confidence and achievements.

—Liz Mundy

Girls are so queer you never know what they mean. They say no when they mean yes, and drive a man out of his wits just for the fun of it.

—Louisa May Alcott

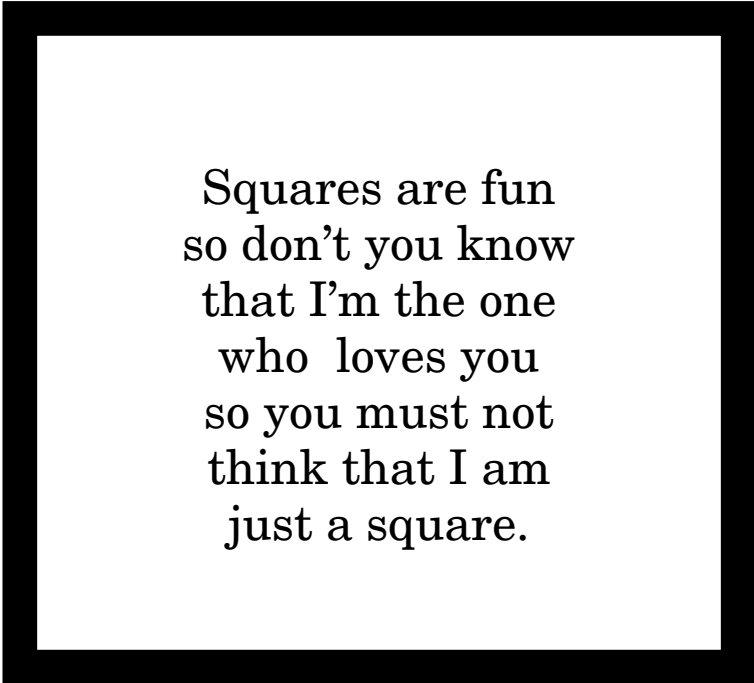
[On proposals] They were enjoying the happy hour that seldom comes but once in any life, the magical moment which bestows youth on the old, beauty on the plain, wealth on the poor, and gives human hearts a foretaste of heaven.

—Louisa May Alcott

You don't need scores of suitors. You need only one... if he's the right one.

—Louisa May Alcott

SQUARES ARE FUN



Squares are fun
so don't you know
that I'm the one
who loves you
so you must not
think that I am
just a square.

—Dan L. Miller

I wish I had no heart, it aches so...

—Louisa May Alcott

Hearts, like flowers, cannot be rudely handled, but must open naturally.

—Louisa May Alcott

I love my liberty too well to be in a hurry to give it up for any mortal man.

—Louisa May Alcott

I want to wake up with you the rest of my life.

I get up at 5:00 am.

Nevermind.

—Internet Meme

Get married to a man who is older than you, so that by the time you start losing your beauty, he is also losing his eyesight.

—Internet Meme

One out of every four couples who got together this decade did so virtually; with the internet outpacing every other method of meeting one's match.

—April White (2019)

I really don't want a husband but I would like help around the house.

—Anonymous 7-Year-Old
@LiveFromSnackTime

In a survey, which compared young men from the U.S., the U.K., and Mexico, Americans reported more social pressure to be ever-ready for sex and to get with as many women as possible; they also acknowledged more stigma against homosexuality, and they received more messages that they should control their female partners, as in: Men 'deserve to know' the whereabouts of their girlfriends or wives at all times.

—Peggy Orenstein

At 16, reputation meant everything to Nate, and certain things could cement your status. 'The whole goal of going to a party is to hook up with girls and then tell your guys about it,' he said. And there's this 'race for experience,' because if you get behind, by the time you do hook up with a girl 'she'll have hit it with, like, five guys already. Then she's going to know how to do things you don't—and that's a problem, if she tells people 'you've got floppy lips' or 'don't know how to get her bra off.'

—Peggy Orenstein

Gossip about poor ‘performance’ can destroy a guy’s reputation almost as surely as being called a ‘slut’ or a ‘prude’ can destroy a girl’s.

—Peggy Orenstein

Locker-room talk isn’t about sex at all....The (often clearly exaggerated) stories boys tell are really about power: using aggression toward women to connect and to validate one another as heterosexual, or to claim top spots in the adolescent sexual hierarchy. Dismissing that as ‘banter’ denies the ways that language can desensitize—abrade boys’ ability to see girls as people deserving of respect and dignity in sexual encounters.

—Peggy Orenstein

Remember the early days of your current relationship? You couldn’t keep your hands off of them, the sex was fantastic and frequent and things were great. Then life came to kick you in the balls and things changed? For some, what starts with infatuation, chemistry and some serious heat, eventually dissipates to a mutual apathy and life in the friend/roommate-zone. Maybe it’s a new job, or health issues, or kids that did this, but it happens. And now, you want sex and they don’t, or you just don’t feel like putting in the effort to initiate romance. Sadly, it’s normal.

—*theChive*

Don’t let getting lonely make you reconnect with toxic people. You shouldn’t drink poison just because you’re thirsty.

—Internet Meme

Breakups are ok. Starting over is ok.

Moving on is ok. Saying no is ok.

Being alone is ok.

What is not ok is staying somewhere where you are not happy, valued, or appreciated. That’s not ok.

—Internet Meme

Relational dynamics have shifted in the wake of online dating. The ubiquity of matches creates a consumer mentality and leads people to experience dissatisfaction with their options. This is a demonstration of the psychological process called ‘overchoice.’ The more choices we have, the more difficult it is to choose and the less satisfied we are with our decisions. Ghosting is rampant, as well, and it often leads people to feel rejected and disappointed even when they haven’t done anything wrong. Often clients personalize when someone doesn’t reply even in instances where it has nothing to do with them.

—Brook Sprowl

The exhilarating freedom that makes being single so enjoyable sometimes isn't enough to surpass the unexpected disadvantages. And the reality is that sometimes being single just sucks. Every day I wake up in my bed all by myself, get up, brush my teeth and hair, get dressed, make breakfast, and leave for work. This routine is very similar to that of people in relationships, the difference being that the silence is excruciating, and there's no one to say goodbye to me on my way out the door.

— Jenna Wirth

I am not sure if we are numbed to the reality of rape, but here's the sad irony. While the word rape can add an edginess to your language, talking about actual rape is taboo. I didn't know this until one of my friends was raped. Then I knew this, because I didn't want to tell anyone. If she were mugged, I would have told everyone and raged.

—Christine Stockton

I found out why I'm still single. Apparently, you have to go outside and let people see you.

—Internet Meme

When my daughter had a crush on a boy, I asked her to place his name in 1 *Corinthians* 13:4-6.

She did. 'Sean is patient and kind; Sean does not envy or boast; Sean is not arrogant or rude. Sean does not insist on his own way; Sean is not irritable or resentful; Sean does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.'

She frowned. 'I saw him pick on another boy in the hallway. I guess he wasn't very kind.' She began to rethink her interest in him.

This verse has not only given my daughter greater discernment about others, but it also has helped her reflect on her own behavior. I asked my daughter to substitute her now name into that passage. Then I explained that when we become more like Jesus, we become the right type of person for someone else to like.

—Diane Stark

So many men think women want money, cars, and gifts. But the right woman wants a man's time, effort, passion, honesty, loyalty, smile, and him choosing to put her as a priority.

—Charles Orlando

Happiness is a choice, not a result. Nothing will make you happy until you choose to be happy. No person will make you happy unless you decide to be happy. Your happiness will not come to you. It can only come from you.

—Ralph Marston

You can always evaluate a man's character by the way he speaks about his ex girlfriends and other women. When entering a new relationship or getting close with a new guy, make sure you take notice of the language he uses when referring to other girls.

—Miya Yamanouchi

Marry a guy who says things like:

—I'm proud of you.

—I can't believe you're mine.

—You're right. I was wrong.

—You can do it baby.

—I'll go get you tacos.

—No, 7 tacos isn't a lot.

—*ifunny.co*

Don't be afraid to rock the boat. If someone falls out, then they weren't meant to be in your boat.

—Internet Meme

We all have one person who has hurt us so much, that it changed us forever.

—*higherperspectives.com*

From the first time I saw you I knew I was going to give you the wrong phone number.

—Internet Meme

Boys laugh at what they put girls through but they won't be laughing when they're wiping tears off their daughter's face for the same reason.

—Will Smith

The goodness, beauty and perfection of a human being belongs to the one who knows how to recognize these qualities.

—Georgette Leblanc

An unshared life is not living. He who shares does not lessen, but greatens, his life.

—Stephen S. Wise

Friendship has splendors that love knows not.

—Mariama Bâ

You're not perfect, sport. And let me save you the suspense. This girl you met, she isn't perfect either. But the question is whether or not you're perfect for each other. That's the whole deal. That's what intimacy is all about.

—Sean to Will in *Good Will Hunting*

It is so important to love someone a little extra on their bad days.

—Internet Meme

Reminder: Women do not need to be polite to someone who is making them feel uncomfortable.

—Internet Meme

Some girls look at a sadboy and think, 'Oh, I can fix him! I'm the one who can make him happy.' It's borderline arrogant. I see a sadgirl and think, 'That looks like a lot of upkeep.'

—Erik J. Moyer

How beautiful it is to find someone who asks for nothing but your company.

—Brigitte Nicole

- Get married ~~before 30~~ **when you are ready.**
- Retire with enough ~~money~~ **memories.**
- Become rich **what makes you happy.**
- Fall in love with ~~someone beautiful~~ **inner beauty.**
- Make parents proud of ~~how much I earn~~ **how happy I am.**
- Make ~~many~~ **real** friends.
- Happiness lies in ~~big~~ **small** moments.
- Find someone you ~~can live with~~ **can't live without.**

—Internet Meme

Dear Girls,

Dressing immodestly is like rolling around in manure. Yes, you'll get attention, but mostly from pigs.

Sincerely,

Real Men

—Internet Meme

Don't tell your daughter that when a boy is mean or rude that it's because he has a crush on her. Don't teach her that abuse is a sign of love.

—Internet Meme

To the world, you may be one person, but to one person you may be the world.

--Dr. Seuss

How we need another soul to cling to, another body to keep us warm. To rest and trust; to give your soul in confidence: I need this, I need someone to pour myself into.

—Sylvia Plath

Before you marry someone, you should ride with them while they're driving in rush-hour traffic and find out who they really are!

—Internet Meme

Does that new man in your life call his ex 'a slut', 'a whore', 'a bitch', 'psycho', 'crazy', 'a nutter' etc etc. Chances are, whatever he's calling his ex right now, he'll be calling you when things don't go his way. Be warned.

—Miya Yamanouchi

Just like a shoe, if someone is meant for you, they will just fit perfectly; no forcing, no struggling, not pain.

—*PictureQuotes.com*

Be with a person who treats you like their crown,
proudly honoring you in front of the world.
Not with someone who treats you like a trophy,
secured for their sense of achievement.

—Henna Sohail

I can't walk the walk or talk the talk, but if you need someone to snack the snack, I'm your girl.

—Abby Heugel

The best love is the kind that awakens the soul, that makes us reach for more, that plants the fire in our hearts and brings peace to our minds. That's what I hope to give you forever.

—Nicholas Sparks

Be careful with how much you tolerate. You are teaching them how to treat you.

—Unknown

Be ~~with~~ someone who makes you happy.

—Internet Meme

We spend too much time teaching girls to worry about what boys think of them. But the reverse is not the case. We don't teach boys to care about being likable. We spend too much time telling girls that they cannot be angry or aggressive or tough, which is bad enough, but then we turn around and either praise or excuse men for the same reasons. All over the world, there are so many magazine articles and books telling women what to do, how to be and not to be, in order to attract or please men. There are far fewer guides for men about pleasing women.

—Chimamanda Ngozi
Adichie

Rape is one of the most terrible crimes on earth and it happens every few minutes. The problem with groups who deal with rape is that they try to educate women about how to defend themselves. What really needs to be done is teaching men not to rape. Go to the source and start there.

—Kurt Cobain

Am I in love?—yes, since I am writing. The other one never waits. Sometimes I want to play the part of the one who doesn't wait; I try to busy myself elsewhere, to arrive late; but I always lose at this game. Whatever I do, I find myself there, with nothing to do, punctual, even ahead to time. The lover's fatal identity is precisely this: I am the one who waits.

—Roland Barthes

I've got daughters. Nine years old and six years old. First of all, I'm gonna teach them about values and morals. But if they make a mistake, I don't want them PUNISHED with a baby.

—Barack Obama

We teach our girls how not to get raped with a sense of doom, a sense that we are fighting a losing battle. When I was writing this novel, friend after friend came to me telling me of something that had happened to them. A hand up their skirt, a boy who wouldn't take no for an answer, a night where they were too drunk to give consent but they think it was taken from them anyway. We shared these stories with one another and it was as if we were discussing some essential part of being a woman, like period cramps or contraceptives. Every woman or girl who told me these stories had one thing in common: shame. 'I was drunk . . . I brought him back to my house . . . I fell asleep at that party . . . I froze and I didn't tell him to stop . . .' My fault. My fault. My fault. When I asked these women if they had reported what had happened to the police, only one out of twenty women said yes. The others looked at me and said, 'No. How could I have proved it? Who would have believed me?' And I didn't have any answer for that.

—Louise O'Neill

Girl scouts didn't teach me what to do with emotionally unstable drunk boys.

—Stephanie Perkins

Men go out with me, we break up and then they get married. And later they call me to thank me for teaching them what love is. That I taught them to care and respect women.(...)I wanna kill them! Why didn't they ask me to marry them? I would've said no, but at least they could have asked.

—Julie Delpy

Young girls today are very mistaken to be thinking that their sense of self-worth and their acknowledgment of their beauty depends on whether a man will give that to them or not. Such naïveté! And so what will happen when the man changes his mind about her? Tells her she's not beautiful enough? That she's not good enough? Cheats on her? Leaves her? Then what happens? She will lose all her self-worth, she will think she is not good enough, she is not beautiful enough, because all of those feelings depended on the man in the first place! And along with the loss of the man, it will all be lost as well! Mothers, teach your daughters better. It pains me to see such naive innocence right under my nose! Such naïveté does no good for any girl. It is better for a girl to be worldly-wise and have street-smarts! That's what a girl needs to have in life! Not wide-eyed delusional innocence! The sense of self-worth and acknowledgment of being beautiful must not come from a man, it must come from inside the woman herself, men will come and men will go and their coming and going must not take an effect on the woman's sense of worth and beauty.

—C. JoyBell C.

We gotta start teaching our daughters to be somebodies instead of somebody's.

—Kifah Shah

When asked why I am single, my reply is simply; I consider myself a black pearl rare in my authenticity, adding a mysterious beauty to the select few who can recognize & even fewer who appreciate my worth. So instead of dating, I throw myself into working in the field. If my Boaz recognizes me amongst the black rocks...great! If not, the magnificence of my rarity will simply radiate onto those working the fields as well in the form of teaching, which is what I do.

—Sanjo Jendayi

This is not something anyone can teach you. Heartbreak you must learn on your own.

—Chelsey Philpot

The pain did not make me a better person. It did not teach me not to take anything for granted. It did not teach me anything except how to be afraid to love anyone.

—Amanda Lovelace

Sometimes love isn't forever. Sometimes it's just moments in your life that teach you. If it's the forever after kind of love, it'll find you again. If it isn't, don't let a broken heart break you. Let it make you love harder. Love is a mistake worth making.

—R. K. Ryals

Look for someone who matches your soul (not who completes it): someone who flows through life like you do; someone who shares your interests, values, outlook, routine, and so on....No one else completes you. Period. People come in and out of our lives to share them with us, contribute, support us, and teach us, but they never complete us.

—Christine Hassler

Boundaries have nothing to do with whether you love someone or not. They are not judgments, punishments, or betrayals. They are a purely peaceable thing: the basic principles you identify for yourself that define the behaviors that you will tolerate from others, as well as the responses you will have to those behaviors. Boundaries teach people how to treat you, and they teach you how to respect yourself.

—Cheryl Strayed

Heartache doesn't teach you to be resilient. It teaches you to protect your fragility. It teaches you to fear love. And it draws a bright red circle around all the ways you've failed as a person and laughs while you cry.

—Leisa Rayven

We courted in the style preferred by the English: alcoholically.

—Joseph O'Neill

It is my advice to anyone getting married, that they should first see the other partner when drunk.

—Muriel Spark

After four movies, three concerts, and two-and-a-half museums, you sleep with him. It seems the right number of cultural events.

—Lorrie Moore

Whenever a thing is done for the first time, it releases a little demon.
—Emily Dickinson

I was always desired. But now I am valued. And that is a different thing.
—Hilary Mantel

We tried not to smile, for smiling only encourages men to bore you and waste your time
—Sheila Heti

Outside every thin woman is a fat man trying to get in.
—Katharine Whitehorn

Once you are over fifty they [women] look just over your head as if you were a janitor.
—Jim Harrison

To what extent should the attractive feel responsible for the sufferings of their admirers?
—Peter J. Conradi

Stop asking why they keep doing it and start asking why you keep allowing it.
—Internet Meme

We're all a little weird, and life's a little weird. And when we find someone whose weirdness is compatible with ours, we join up with them and fall in mutual weirdness and call it love.
—Dr. Seuss

Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.
—Karl, Age 5

Relationship status: Is anybody looking for citizenship?
—Internet Meme

No person really decides before they grow up who they're going to marry. God decides it all way before, and you get to find out later who you're stuck with.
—Kirsten (Age 10)

Dates are for having fun, and people should use them to get to know each other. Even boys have something to say if you listen long enough.

—Lynette (Age 8)

We come to love not by finding a perfect person, but by learning to see an imperfect person perfectly.

—Sam Keen

Maybe we shouldn't be looking for love. Maybe we should be looking for a person. Because maybe you can find love in a person, but not have that person. So if you look for love, what you will find is love. But if you want to belong to someone, and you want someone to belong to you, you should look for a person.

—C. JoyBell C.

Have you ever experienced a pain so sharp in your heart that it's all you can do to take a breath? It's a pain you wouldn't wish on your worst enemy; you wouldn't want to pass it on to anyone else for fear he or she might not be able to bear it. It's the pain of being betrayed by a person with whom you've fallen in love. It's not as serious as death, but it feels a whole lot like it, and as I've come to learn, pain is pain any way you slice it.

—Chelsea Handler

It was the first time I was ever in love, and I learned a lot. Before that I'd never even thought about killing myself.

—Steven Wright

I love my husband. But, what really motivates me to stay married is how much weight I'd have to lose to date again.

—Jackie Bouvier

Relationships are just funny....It's impossible to figure out why some work out and others don't. Why someone can be so imperfect and still be the perfect person for you. Maybe, in the end, it's not about changing the person you care about. Maybe it's about learning what you can live with. Or maybe it's really about learning what you can't live without.

—Jenny O'Connell

We all know that Beauty grows to love the Beast. She grows to love him, despite what her family might think—for his charm and education, his knowledge of art and his sensitive heart.

—E. Lockhart

If you want to marry me, here's what you'll have to do:
You must learn how to make a perfect chicken-dumpling stew.
And you must sew my holey socks,
And soothe my troubled mind,
And develop the knack for scratching my back,
And keep my shoes spotlessly shined.
And while I rest you must rake up the leaves,
And when it is hailing and snowing
You must shovel the walk...and be still when I talk,
And—hey—where are you going?

—Shel Silverstein

Love hurts. There is nothing as painful as heartbreak. But in order to learn to love again you must learn to trust again.

—Nicholas Sparks

Don't fall in love with a woman who reads, a woman who feels too much, a woman who writes...

Don't fall in love with an educated, magical, delusional, crazy woman. Don't fall in love with a woman who thinks, who knows what she knows and also knows how to fly; a woman sure of herself.

Don't fall in love with a woman who laughs or cries making love, knows how to turn her spirit into flesh; let alone one that loves poetry (these are the most dangerous), or spends half an hour contemplating a painting and isn't able to live without music.

Don't fall in love with a woman who is interested in politics and is rebellious and feel a huge horror from injustice. One who does not like to watch television at all. Or a woman who is beautiful no matter the features of her face or her body.

Don't fall in love with a woman who is intense, entertaining, lucid and irreverent. Don't wish to fall in love with a woman like that. Because when you fall in love with a woman like that, whether she stays with you or not, whether she loves you or not, from a woman like that, you never come back.

—Martha Rivera-Garrido

You can love someone and still choose to say goodbye to them, she says now. You can miss a person every day, and still be glad that they are no longer in your life.

—Tara Westover

Rejection is an opportunity for your selection.

—Bernard Branson

It's strange how you give the people you love so much power over you.

—Tara Westover

Emotional abuse is just as bad as physical abuse. Worse! You can heal broken bones; you can't heal a broken mind.

—Dia Reeves

Every relationship is an education. Each new person we welcome into our hearts is a chance to evolve into something radically different than we used to be.

—Brian K. Vaughan

Don't miss dating. Do miss getting drunk for free while I talk uninterrupted for one hour.

—Lindsay Theisen

How many women...can honestly say they loved a man for who he was and not just for what he had?

—Internet Meme

Most insensible, corrupt, cheap, disrespectful young girls run after bad, rude, cocky, nonsensical boys, but a mature, educated, thoughtful, virtuous lady opts for a wise, well bred, experienced, humble, modest gentleman.

—Michael Bassey
Johnson

Repeat after me: I don't want what doesn't want me.

—Internet Meme

'Why are you single?'

'By choice. Not my choice...but still.'

—Orny Adams

If we want to love something, we must begin with acceptance.

—Eric Greitens

Don't start dating until you learn to be happy by yourself, too. People often see their partner as their 'missing half' rather than an extension and become dependent on them to be happy.

—Hannah Dobrogosz

Was there ever a true great love? Anyone who became the object of my obsession and not simply my affections? I honestly don't think so. In part, this was my fault. It was my nature, I suppose. I could not let myself be that unmindful. Isn't that what love is—losing your mind? You don't care what people think. You don't see your beloved's fault, the slight stinginess, the bit of carelessness, the occasional streak of meanness. You don't mind that he's beneath you socially, educationally, financially, and morally—that's the worst I think, deficient morals.

I always minded. I was always cautious of what could go wrong, what was already not ideal. I paid attention to divorce rates. I ask you this: What's the chance of finding a lasting marriage? Twenty percent? Ten? Did I know any woman who escaped having her heart crushed like a recyclable can? Not a one. From what I have observed, when the anesthesia of love wears off, there is always the pain of consequences. You don't have to be stupid to marry the wrong man.

—Amy Tan

For all those men who say, 'Why buy the cow when you can get the milk for free? Here's an update for you.....

Nowadays 80% of women are against marriage. Why? Because women realize it's not worth buying an entire pig just to get a little sausage!

—Andy Rooney

It took me a long time to understand what it means to forgive someone. I always wondered how I could forgive someone who chose to hurt me. After a lot of soul-searching, thinking and therapy, I realized that forgiveness isn't about accepting or excusing their behavior, it's about letting go and preventing their behavior from destroying my heart.

—Hilary Woldt

Love, commitment, it's not rational. It doesn't follow a set of rules. It doesn't care about race, gender, education, time, what's rational or irrational, age, it doesn't care about the natural, the supernatural, the normal or the paranormal. Love is just love and when you fall in love with someone, you don't let that go because it doesn't fit in with someone else's ideas about what love looks like. If you do, you don't deserve to have it in the first place.

—Vicktor Alexander

I couldn't decide if I was more offended that people thought I was the kind of person who would kill myself over a boyfriend or that I was apparently too stupid to know how to do it right.

—Eileen Cook

There is great power in letting go, and there is great freedom in moving on.

—Unknown

Being loved by all is little fun
Unless you're also loved by one.

—Robert Brault

The only thing I knew about pickups was this: growing up, I always inwardly mocked the couples I saw who drove around in them. The girl would be sitting in the middle seat right next to the boy, and the boy's right arm would be around her shoulders, and his left arm would be on the wheel. I'm not sure why, but there was something about my golf course upbringing that had always caused me to recoil at this sight. Why is she sitting in the middle seat? I'd wonder. Why is it important that they press against each other as they drive down the road? Can't they wait until they get home? I looked at it as a sign of weakness—something pitiable. They need to get a life may have even crossed my mind once or twice, as if their specific brand of public affection was somehow directly harming me. But that's what happens to people who, by virtue of the geography of their childhood, are deprived of the opportunity to ride in pickup trucks. They become really, really judgmental about otherwise benign things.

—Ree Drummond

Can't wait to put 'fully vaccinated' on my dating profiles like an adoptable dog.

—Molly Priddy

Don't blame a clown for acting like a clown. Ask yourself why you keep going to the circus.

—Internet Meme

Why did lightning strike for some people, and not for others? Why did some of us pick the wrong people over and over again, and others got it right the first time? Why were we told as kids to listen to our hearts when things like geography or timing or luck seemed to matter so much more? What did our hearts know, anyway?

—Melanie Harlow

If you text 'I love you' and the person writes back an emoji—no matter what that emoji is. They don't love you back.

—Chelsea Peretti

Sometimes the hardest part isn't letting go but rather learning to start over.

—Nicole Sobon

When women say they like funny guys, they always leave out the second part, which is that you have to be funny AND something more, like confident, or attractive.

Funny can't work on its own. It's a condiment, like dipping sauce.

You're never going to hear a girl go, 'Hey Janet, wanna go to Wendy's and drink all the honey mustard?'

—Robert Tran

I do wanna get married. It just sounds great. You get to go grocery shopping together, rent videos, and the kissing and the hugging and the kissing and the hugging under the cozy covers. Mmmm! But sometimes I worry that I don't wanna get married as much as I want to get dipped in a vat of warm, rising bread dough. That might feel pretty good, too.

—Maria Bamford

If you're looking for that one person that will change your life, take a look in the mirror.

—Internet Meme

You can see how much a person loves you in the way they look at you fondly when you are laughing or being yourself or simply doing what makes you happy.

—Sonia Sabnis

Someone, somewhere, can you understand me a little, love me a little? For all my despair, for all my ideals, for all that—I love life. But it is hard, and I have so much.

—Sylvia Plath

One thing I do know about intimacy is that there are certain natural laws which govern the sexual experience of two people, and that these laws cannot be budged any more than gravity can be negotiated with. To feel physically comfortable with someone else's body is not a decision you can make. It has very little to do with how two people think or act or talk or even look. The mysterious magnet is either there, buried somewhere deep behind the sternum, or it is not. When it isn't there (as I have learned in the past, with heartbreaking clarity) you can no more force it to exist than a surgeon can force a patient's body to accept a kidney from the wrong donor. My friend Annie says it all comes down to one simple question: 'Do you want your belly pressed against this person's belly forever—or not?'

—Elizabeth Gilbert

Many boys will bring you flowers. But someday you'll meet a boy who will learn your favorite flower, your favorite song, your favorite sweet. And even if he is too poor to give you any of them, it won't matter because he will have taken the time to know you as no one else does. Only that boy earns your heart.

—Leigh Bardugo

The person one loves at first is not the person one loves at last, and that love is not an end but a process through which one person attempts to know another.

—John Williams

I want to be the best version of myself for anyone who is going to someday walk into my life and need someone to love them beyond reason.

—Jennifer Elisabeth

If you can learn to stop expecting impossible perfection, in yourself and others, you may find the happiness that has always eluded you.

—Lisa Kleypas

Often, when we have a crush, when we lust for a person, we see only a small percentage of who they really are. The rest we make up for ourselves. Rather than listen, or learn, we smother them in who we imagine them to be, what we desire for ourselves, we create little fantasies of people and let them grow in our hearts. And this is where the relationship fails. In time, the fiction we scribble onto a person falls away, the lies we tell ourselves unravel and soon the person standing in front of you is almost unrecognisable, you are now complete strangers in your own love. And what a terrible shame it is. My advice: pay attention to the small details of people, you will learn that the universe is far more spectacular an author than we could ever hope to be.

—Beau Taplin

Everyone needs a place. It shouldn't be inside of someone else.

—Richard Siken

Learn to say 'no' to the good so you can say 'yes' to the best.

—John C. Maxwell

It's the heart afraid of breaking that never learns to dance.

—Xiaolu Guo

Love, too, has to be learned.

—Friedrich Nietzsche

love does not look like a person
love is our actions
love is giving all we can
even if it's just the bigger slice of cake
love is understanding
we have the power to hurt one another
but we are going to do everything in our power
to make sure we don't
love is figuring out all the kind sweetness we deserve
and when someone shows up
saying they will provide it as you do
but their actions seem to break you
rather than build you
love is knowing who to choose

—Rupi Kaur

She has learned that her body is precious and it mustn't be offered carelessly ever again, as it holds a direct connection to her heart.

—Steve Martin

You've got to learn to leave the table
When love's no longer being served.

—Nina Simone

Chasing a person doesn't give you value or build values in you. You earn your value by chasing morality and practicing dignity.

—Shannon L. Alder

Sometimes 'sorry' is not enough. Sometimes you actually have to change.

—A. Meredith Walters

I can get my head turned by a good-looking guy as much as the next girl. But sexy doesn't impress me. Smart impresses me, strength of character impresses me. But most of all, I am impressed by kindness. Kindness, I think, comes from learning hard lessons well, from falling and picking yourself up. It comes from surviving failure and loss. It implies an understanding of the human condition, forgives its many flaws and quirks. When I see that in someone, it fills me with admiration.

—Lisa Unger

Sex is a momentary itch; love never lets you go.

—Kingsley Amis

You learn to be friends with someone, get to really know them before you get all excited about the guy. You have to keep it tempered and figure out if you even like him, for who he is, not how he feels about you. I know it's not easy. Believe me, I know. But this thrill you feel.. is probably only there because things are new and uncertain. It's not about him. It's you, caught up in you. Your mind craves anxiety, the good exciting kind and the bad I-can't-function-at-work kind. You need to deprive your body and recognize that your propensity to chase codependency is leading you toward a fat, greasy life of miserable.

—Stephanie Klein

I had to learn to live without you and I couldn't make sense of it, because I left so much of me inside of you.

—Robert M. Drake

Life is made up of a collection of moments that are not ours to keep. The pain we encounter throughout our days spent on this earth comes from the illusion that some moments can be held onto. Clinging to people and experiences that were never ours in the first place is what causes us to miss out on the beauty of the miracle that is the now. All of this is yours, yet none of it is. How could it be? Look around you. Everything is fleeting.

To love and let go, love and let go, love and let go...it's the single most important thing we can learn in this lifetime.

—Rachel Brathen

She didn't understand what it was like to be filled with a love so strong that it made your chest ache—a love you could only feel and not express. Keeping love buried was a lot like keeping anger pent up, I'd learned. It just ate you up inside until you wanted to scream or kick something.

—Richelle Mead

One day you'll find someone that's obsessed with you.
It's probably going to be a dog. But it is what it is.

—Internet Meme

I wish I could date me. I'm really everything I want in a person

—Internet Meme

I met my amazing husband in my 30s on OkCupid and you can too! I don't think he ever deleted his profile.

—Internet Meme

It wasn't everything I wanted, but I'd long since stopped imagining that any single person could completely satisfy want in another.

—Morgan Thomas

Research has found that older adults are more emotionally stable and more focused on the positive. At this stage of life, you don't have to pick a mate who'll be a good parent or who can help you provide financially for your family. Your only consideration is to pick someone with whom you can have a truly loving relationship for who you are now, the person you have become.

—Francine Russo

We can grow and we can renegotiate, but we need to be forgiving of each others' flaws....So, with any disagreement, any annoying habit, you've have to ask yourself, How important is this particular thing compared with the relationship I have? Happy couples tell me over and over: 'I let it go.'

—Francine Russo

When the two ears are put side by side, it forms the shape of a heart. Interestingly, the word 'ear' sits right in the middle of the word 'heart' (h-ear-t). The ear is the way to the heart, so if you want someone's heart, learn to listen to them.

—Internet Meme

If you're not happy with your life right now, just remember there's someone seeing your ex thinking they found someone special.

—Internet Meme

That is how men are! Ungrateful and never satisfied. When you don't have them they hate you because you won't; and when you do have them they hate you again, for some other reason. Or for no reason at all, except that they are discontented children, and can't be satisfied whatever they get, let a woman do what she may.

—D. H. Lawrence

Date someone who says things like:

—You're amazing.

—I'm so lucky to have you in my life.

—I'm proud of you.

—I don't know where this extra cat came from, but we need her and she needs more friends.

—*sofisticatz.com*

In all your Amours you should prefer old Women to young ones. You call this a Paradox, and demand my Reasons. They are these:

1. Because as they have more Knowledge of the World and their Minds are better stor'd with Observations, their Conversation is more improving and more lastingly agreeable.

2. Because when Women cease to be handsome, they study to be good. To maintain their Influence over Men, they supply the Diminution of Beauty by an Augmentation of Utility. They learn to do a 1000 Services small and great, and are the most tender and useful of all Friends when you are sick. Thus they continue amiable. And hence there is hardly such a thing to be found as an old Woman who is not a good Woman.

3. Because there is no hazard of Children, which irregularly produc'd may be attended with much Inconvenience.

4. Because thro' more Experience, they are more prudent and discreet in conducting an Intrigue to prevent Suspicion. The Commerce with them is therefore safer with regard to your Reputation. And with regard to theirs, if the Affair should happen to be known, considerate People might be rather inclin'd to excuse an old Woman who would kindly take care of a young Man, form his Manners by her good Counsels, and prevent his ruining his Health and Fortune among mercenary Prostitutes.

5. Because in every Animal that walks upright, the Deficiency of the Fluids that fill the Muscles appears first in the highest Part: The Face first grows lank and wrinkled; then the Neck; then the Breast and Arms; the lower Parts continuing to the last as plump as ever: So that covering all above with a Basket, and regarding only what is below the Girdle, it is impossible of two Women to know an old from a young one. And as in the dark all Cats are grey, the Pleasure of corporal Enjoyment with an old Woman is at least equal, and frequently superior, every Knack being by Practice capable of Improvement.

6. Because the Sin is less. The debauching a Virgin may be her Ruin, and make her for Life unhappy.

7. Because the Compunction is less. The having made a young Girl miserable may give you frequent bitter Reflections; none of which can attend the making an old Woman happy.

8thly and Lastly They are so grateful!!

—Benjamin Franklin

No one can hurt you as badly as the people you love.

—Ransom Riggs

When people ask me why I'm single—'You see how picky I am about my shoes.'

—Internet Meme

Do not raise your daughter to look for a knight. Raise her to use the sword herself.

—Internet Meme

Don't look for a partner who is eye candy. Look for a partner who is soul food.

—Karen Salmansohn

Single isn't a status. But it's a word that describes a person who is strong enough to enjoy life without depending on the wrong people.

—*womenworking.com*

When a woman wears a leather dress, a man's heart beats quicker, his throat gets dry, he gets weak in the knees, and he begins to think irrationally.

Ever wonder why?

It's because she smells like a new Truck.

—Internet Meme

How is dating not an official sport?! You have: matches, players, strategy, competition, balls, goals, pros, amateurs, penalties, scoring, spectators, losers, game-time decisions, leagues, alternates, physical effort, protective gear—& if you win the championship, you get a ring.

—Sara K. Runnels

The best remedy for a bruised heart is not, as so many people seem to think, repose upon a manly bosom. Much more efficacious are honest work, physical activity, and the sudden acquisition of wealth.

—Dorothy L. Sayers

If you can't live without me, why aren't you dead yet?

—Cynthia Heimel

If a man gives you an 'engagement ring' with no 'wedding date' you're not engaged, you're on 'lay away.'

—Internet Meme

Not all relationships will lead to marriage. Some will help you discover new restaurants.

—Interent Meme

Can't believe on top of having a full-time job, trying to stay healthy, being social & worrying about our hot-ass planet, I also have to do little swipes on my phone to maybe find a nice man who uses 'you're' correctly.

—Sara K. Runnels

Being single past 30 is like playing hide and seek except no one's looking for you.

—Laurent Perrier

While nearly every way of falling in love is kind, every way of getting out of love is cruel.

—J. E. Buckrose

What is the best comeback for 'All men are the same'?
'No one told you to try them all.'

—Internet Meme

We talk about how many women were raped last year, not about how many men raped women. We talk about how many girls in a school district were harassed last year, not about how many boys harassed girls. We talk about how many teenaged girls got pregnant in the state of Vermont last year, rather than how many men and teenaged boys got girls pregnant. So you can see how the use of this passive voice has a political effect. It shifts the focus off men and boys and onto girls and women. Even the term violence against women is problematic. It's a passive construction. There's no active agent in the sentence. It's a bad thing that happens to women. It's a bad thing that happens to women, but when you look at that term violence against women, nobody is doing it to them. It just happens. Men aren't even a part of it!

—Jackson Katz

The dating site *OkCupid* reported in 2014...that Black women received far fewer matches than white women did from white, Asian, and Latino men, a disparity driven presumably by what [Amia] Srinivasan calls 'sexual racists.'

—Helen Lewis

I conclude that musical notes and rhythms were first acquired by the male or female progenitors of mankind for the sake of charming the opposite sex.

—Charles Darwin

I might not be someone's first choice, but I am a great choice. I don't pretend to be someone I'm not, because I'm good at being me. I might not be proud of some of the things I've done in the past, but I'm proud of who I am today.

—Unknown

Tattoos outlive 90% of the relationships that inspire them. Think before you ink.

—Unknown

My sister, when she was in high school, went out with the captain of the chess team. My parents love him 'cause he was the captain of the chess team. They figured any guy who took three hours to make a move was OK by them.

—Sun Times

The family was objecting to its son's girl, insisting he ought to be a little more particular about the feminine company he was keeping. 'I'm sorry, Dad,' said the boy, 'but that's the best girl I can get with the car we've got.'

—Maxwell Droke

'Gosh,' said the six-year-old who answered the door, 'you don't look like a fish!' 'Thanks, Kid,' said the teenage boy who was standing on the porch, 'but why did you say that?'

'Because,' said the youngster, 'I just heard my sister tell Mommy that she finally got you hooked!'

—Susan P. Mamchak and
Steven R.
Mamchak

One sweet young thing to another: 'I could go with him until something better comes along—but what if something better comes along and sees me going with him?'

—*Reader's Digest*
Treasury of Wit
and Humor

'Why won't you marry me?' he demanded. 'There isn't anyone else, is there?' 'Oh, Edgar,' she sighed. 'There must be!'

—*Reader's Digest*
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and Humor

A girl brought her boyfriend home to meet her parents and they were horrified by his greasy hair, tattoos, dirty language and air of hostility. After he left, the mother said, 'Dear, he doesn't seem like a very nice person.'

And the daughter said, 'Mother, if he wasn't a nice person, why would he be doing 500 hours of community service?'

—Garrison Keillor

They say there is a right person born for everybody. I just get scared that my guy might have died at birth.

—Brenda Pontiff

First Old Man: 'How does an eighty-two -year-old man like yourself persuade a twenty-one-year-old beauty to be your bride?'

Second Old Man: 'Easy. I lied about my age. I told her I was ninety-seven.'

—Garrison Keillor

I'm dating a guy who's 21. That's seven in boy years.

—Lisa Goich

I fall in love really quickly and this scares guys away. I'm like, 'I'm in love with you, I want to marry you, I want to move in with you.' And they're like, 'Ma'am, give me the ten bucks for the pizza and I'll be outta here.'

—Penny Wiggins

I have a friend who's so into recycling she'll only marry a man who's been married before.

—Rita Rudner

'Why did you break up with Maggie?'

'She kept using four letter words.'

'Maggie O'Toole? Using four letter words?'

'Yeah, words like don't, stop, and won't.'

—Judy Brown

Doris: 'When is your sister, Alice, thinking of getting married?'

Little Brother: 'Constantly.'

—Walter M. Buescher

A little boy asked one of his sisters' suitors, 'How come you show up every night to see my sister when you have one of your own?'

—Bernard Brunsting

'We are going to have a swell time tonight,' the boyfriend suggested. 'I've got three seats for the theater.'

'Why do we need three seats?' she asked.

'They're for your father, mother, and kid brother,' he said.

—Walter M. Buescher

A man who had been keeping company with a girl for several years took her to a Chinese restaurant. Studying the menu, he asked, 'How would you like your rice—fried or boiled?'

Looking him straight in the eye, she replied, 'Thrown.'

—Walter M. Buescher

Sally explained why she married Tom instead of Bill.

'When I was with Bill, I thought he was the most charming, witty, and delightful person I'd ever met.'

'Then why didn't you marry him?' she was asked. 'Because when I'm with Tom, he makes me feel like I'm the most charming, witty, and delightful person he's ever met.'

—Bernard Brunsting

Whenever I want a really nice meal, I start dating again.

—Susan Healy

Going out with a jerky guy is kind of like having a piece of food caught in your teeth. All your friends notice it before you do.

—Livia Squires

I don't get no respect. A girl phoned me and said, 'Come on over, there's nobody home.' I went over. Nobody was home.

—Rodney Dangerfield

I'm currently dating a girl with no self-esteem. Which is good, because if she had any, she'd leave me.

—Devin Dugan

A guy knows he's in love when he loses interest in his car for a couple of days.

--Tim Allen

Do you believe in love at first sight, or should I walk by again?

—Geoff Tibballs

I believe that sex is one of the most beautiful, natural, wholesome things that money can buy.

—Steve Martin

Before marrying someone, listen long and hard to the sounds of their chewing because that's the soundtrack to the rest of your life.

—*CraftyDiply.Com*

When women want something they go all out for it. Fling themselves at it. Sweep aside every obstacle. I am always staggered by their speed and brutality. Even the shiest turns into an Attila or a Genghis Khan. They accept no delay. They can't bear to suffer. The spirit of possession, which they have to the highest degree, presupposes the spirit of conquest.

—Jean Dutourd

Nearly a quarter of American adults ages 30 to 49 are single—and single here doesn't just mean unmarried; it means not dating anyone seriously.

—*Pew Research Center*
(2020)

Some jealousy here and there can be harmless, and it is pretty common in a relationship! But if your partner starts to become possessive or controlling of your plans, what you wear, who you hang out with, or isolates you from your friends and family, this can be a serious sign of emotional abuse down the line.

—Susan Trombetti

If someone displays unmanageable emotions and easily flies off the handle, this is a serious red flag. Responding with uncontrollable rage or the 'silent treatment' could point to abusive (physical or emotional) behavior in the future. On the other hand, a lack of empathy may mean they're void of emotion and care. In other words: You want someone whose emotions are in control and appropriate for the situation

—Susan Trombetti

If you're dating someone who is often unable to handle their alcohol (and not just on one occasion), or they drink and use substances in excess, they could potentially have an addiction. The first step, in this case, is a serious conversation. If your partner has a binge drinking problem and refuses help, consider this a dealbreaker—it's like waiting for a time bomb to go off. On the other hand, if they can recognize the problem and actually get help, this could deepen your relationship.

—Tessa Petak

That's how it always happens. The women choose and the men succumb.

—Jean Dutourd

If anyone verbally, emotionally, physically, or sexually abuses you or puts you in harm's way, get out as soon as possible and receive any necessary help —full stop. These are the types of red flags that should not be resolved in the context of a relationship. If you are in harm's way, it is not a red flag, it is the stop sign

—Dr. Jessica Behr

I'm leaving you!

Is it because I act like I know everything?

Yes!!

I knew it!

—*theChive*

If you can't dance in the rain with me, you will never be with me in the storm and if you aren't in the storm with me, I don't need you in the sunshine either.

—Internet Meme

A friend of mine has two tickets for the 2022 Super Bowl, both box seats. He paid \$7,500 each and didn't realize last year when he bought them that this was on the same day as his wedding. If you are interested, he is looking for someone to take his place.

It's at St. Peter's Church in St. Paul at 5:00 pm. Her name is Margaret. She is 5'4" and 135 lbs. She's a great cook. She will be the one in the white dress.

—Internet Meme

Of course I am not worried about intimidating men. The type of man who will be intimidated by me is exactly the type of man I have no interest in.

—Chimamanda Ngozi
Adichie

Beauty is often an obstacle to love. It discourages advances.

—Jean Dutourd

Men have a horror of scenes. They would do anything, commit any act of cowardice, tell any lie to avoid a drama.

—Jean Dutourd

Men are afraid women will laugh at them. Women are afraid men will kill them.

—Margaret Atwood

Love and politics are the most dangerous things for the mind because they constantly place a man in situations where he is obliged to talk nonsense.... When you go in for politics you make propaganda for your party or your ideas. When you go in for love, you make propaganda for your heart, your face, yourself. In both cases you are bound to lie, hence to talk rubbish. To an impartial observer nothing appears more stupid than the lies of amorous or political propaganda in their various forms: indignation, exaggeration, polemics, enforced optimism, emotionalism and so on. One can see the play-acting or the puppet show all too clearly. It's at once shocking and absurd. I wonder which is the worst, the cynical politician who thinks black and talks white, or the fool taken in by his own lives.

—Jean Dutourd

Rich is not how much you have, or where you are going, or even what you are.
Rich is who you have beside you.

—Jack I. Kohler II

When, like me, one has nothing in oneself, one hopes for everything from another.
—Colette (1903)

Our love relationships have been based on the pathological model that two persons who pair will become one. Because this model does not allow for separateness in relationships, it has fostered dependency.

—Marilyn Mason

Let me be clear,
my love is unconditional,
but your presence in my life is not.

The moment that you prove that
your value of me does not measure
up to my sense of self-worth,
I'll have no problem unconditionally
loving the memory of you
and moving on.

—Carson Patrick Bowie

I've figured out why first dates don't work any better than they do. It's because they take place in restaurants. Women are weird and confused and unhappy about food, and men are weird and confused and unhappy about money, yet off they go, the minute they meet, to where you use money to buy food.

—Adair Lara

THINGS THAT DON'T MAKE YOU A FAILURE

- Ending a relationship
- Admitting you need help
- Not being married by 30 or 40 or 50...
- Taking a break from a stressful life
- Feeling like you're behind
- Not owning your own house
- Having a different timeline than others
- Taking longer to reach your goals
- Not having your dream job
- Not wanting the same things as everyone else

—Internet Meme

The good thing about getting older is that, as you become less attractive, you have less desire to go out and conquer everyone you see.

—Julian Clary

Get your tongue out of my mouth, I'm kissing you goodbye!

—Cynthia Heimel

I will not go out with a man who wears more jewelry than me, and I'll never, ever go to bed with a guy who calls me Babe. Other than that, however, I'm real flexible.

—Linda Sunshine

When someone asks, 'Why do you think he's not calling me?' there's always one answer—'He's not interested.' There's not ever any other answer.

—Fran Lebowitz

If you never want to see a man again, say, I love you, I want to marry you, I want to have children—they leave skid marks.

—Rita Rudner

A woman who refuses lunch refuses everything.

—Enid Bagnold

There are no words more obscene than 'I can't live without you.'

—Sally Miller Gearhart

Being divorced is like being hit by a Mack truck. If you live through it, you start looking very carefully to the right and to the left.

—Jean Kerr

I have a led a free, wondering life for so long now that I should find myself quite incapable of settling down...Women like myself can neither bring happiness into a domestic life, nor (even under the most desirable circumstances), find it there.

—Margaret Fountaine
(1904)

Between two evils, I always pick the one I never tried before.

—Mae West

Marry orphans or immigrants.

—Elizabeth Stone

Hollywood reflected, if it did not actually produce, the sexual climate of our land.

—Anita Loos

Nothing on earth can make up for the loss of one who has loved you.

—Selma Lagerlöf

There is only one happiness in life, to love and be loved.

--George Sand

The heart of another is a dark forest, always, no matter how close it has been to one's own.

—Willa Cather

Every guy thinks every girl's dream is to find the perfect guy. Pshh, every girl's dream is to eat without getting fat.

—Daisy Villanueva

God did it on purpose so that we may love you men instead of laughing at you.

—Mrs. Patrick Campbell
(When I asked why
women have no
sense of humor.)

The compulsion to find a lover and husband in a single person has doomed more women to misery than any other illusion.

—Carolyn Heilbrun

Never tell a loved one of an infidelity: you would be badly rewarded for your trouble. Although one dislikes being deceived, one likes even less to be undeceived.

—Ninon de Lenclos
(1665)

The reason the all-American boy prefers beauty to brains is that the all-American boy can see better than he can think.

—Farrah Fawcett Majors

Much growth is stunted by too careful prodding,
Too eager tenderness.
The things we love we have to learn to leave alone.

—Naomi Long Madgett

The passion for setting people right is in itself an afflictive disease.

—Marianne Moore

Jealousy is the grave of affection.

—Mary Baker Eddy
(1875)

Jealousy is the tie that binds—and the binds—and binds.

—Helen Rowland

Jealousy is all the fun you think they had.

—Erica Jong

Jealousy is not born of love! It is a child of selfishness and distrust.

—Mourning Dove

Jealousy is the very reverse of understanding, of sympathy, and of generous feeling. Never has jealousy added to character, never does it make the individual big and fine.

—Emma Goldman

We cannot really love anybody with whom we never laugh.

—Agnes Repplier

Once a woman is known as a Lesbian, both she and society often feel that no other fact about her can rival the sexual identification....No matter what a Lesbian achieves, her sexuality will remain her primary identity.

—Sidney Abbott and
Barbara Love

No government has the right to tell its citizens when or whom to love. The only queer people are those who don't love anybody.

—Rita Mae Brown

Love is love....Gender is merely spare parts.

—Wendy Wasserstein

You make what seems a simple choice: choose a man or a job or a neighborhood—and what you have chosen is not a man or a job or a neighborhood, but a life.

—Jessamyn West

Loneliness and the feeling of being unwanted is the most terrible poverty.

—Mother Teresa

Who hasn't slept in an empty bed sometimes, longing for the embrace of another person on the aching short trip to the grave?

—Leonore Fleischer

A person can be lonely even if he is loved by many people, because he is still not the 'One and Only' to anyone.

—Anne Frank

Love is the white light of emotion.

—Diane Ackerman

We love because it's the only true adventure.

—Nikki Giovanni

'Till I loved
I never lived—Enough.

—Emily Dickinson

While it is a misfortune to a woman never to be loved, it is a tragedy to her never to love.

—Dorothy Dix

Love all the people you can. The sufferings from love are not to be compared to the sorrows of loneliness.

—Susan Hale (1868)

Love so seldom means happiness.

—Margery Allingham

It is easier to win love than to keep it.

—Diane de Poitiers

The hardest-learned lesson: the people have only their kind of love to give, not our kind.

—Mignon McLaughlin

First love is an astounding experience and if the object happens to be totally unworthy and the love not really love at all, it makes little difference to the intensity or the pain.

—Angela Thirkell

Many of us are done with adolescence before we are done with adolescent love.

—Judith Viorst

Oh, what is young love! The urge of the race. A blaze that ends in babies or ashes.

—Gertrude Atherton

To see coming toward you the face that will mean an end of oneness is—far more than birth itself—the beginning of life.

—Holly Roth

There is no question for which you are not the answer.

—Bonnie Zucker
Goldsmith

Clea was a woman who adored love. Hormones had always been her recreational drug of choice.

—Lisa Alther

A man falls in love through his eyes, a woman through her imagination, and then both speak of it as an affair' of the heart.'

—Helen Rowland

I used to think romantic love was a neurosis shared by two, a supreme foolishness. I no longer thought that. There's nothing foolish in loving anyone. Thinking you'll be loved in return is what's foolish.

—Rita Mae Brown

A woman has got to love a bad man once or twice in her life, to be thankful for a good one.

—Marjorie Kinnan
Rawlings

All discarded lovers should be given a second chance, but with somebody else.

—Mae West

Intense love is often akin to intense suffering.

—Francis Ellen Watkins
Harper (1859)

Because it corresponds to a vital need, love is overvalued in our culture. It becomes a phantom—like success—carrying with it the illusion that it is a solution for all problems.

—Karen Horney

Shall I tell you what makes love so dangerous? 'Tis the too high idea we are apt to form of it.

—Ninon de Lenclos
(1695)

Being always overavid, I demand from those I love a love equal to mine, which, being balanced people, they cannot supply.

—Sylvia Ashton-Warner

It is better not to be loved than to be ill-loved or half-loved.

—Louise Colet (1859)

You need somebody to love you while you're looking for someone to love.

—Shelagh Delaney

Most of love from our need to love not
because we find someone deserving.

—Nikki Giovanni

Love needs to be proved by action.

—Saint Thérèse of
Lisieux (1897)

Love is that which exists to do good, not merely to get good.

—Victoria Woodhull
(1873)

When success comes in the door, it seems, love often goes out the window.

—Joyce Brothers

Free love is too expensive.

—Bernadette Devlin

When love comes it comes without effort, like perfect weather.

—Helen Yglesias

We don't believe in the rheumatism or true love until we have been attacked by them.

—Marie von
Ebner-Eschenbach
(1893)

In love, gallantry is necessary. Even when the first wild desire is gone, especially then, there is an inherent need for good manners and consideration, for the putting forth of effort. Two courteous and civilized human beings out of the loneliness of their souls owe that to each other.

—Ilka Chase

The only door into her bedroom led through the church.

—Francis Parkinson
Keyes

Nobody dies from lack of sex. It's lack of love we die from.

—Margaret Atwood

You mustn't force sex to do the work of love or love to do the work of sex.

—Mary McCarthy

Secretly, we wish anyone we love will think exactly the way we do.

—Kim Chernin

The absolute yearning of one human being for another particular one and its indifference to substitutes is one of life's major mysteries.

—Iris Murdoch

It is better to know as little as possible of the defects of the person with whom you are to pass your life.

—Jane Austen (1813)

The tragedy of machismo is that a man is never quite man enough.

—Germaine Greer

Monogamous heterosexual love is probably one of the most difficult, complex and demanding of human relationships.

—Margaret Mead

If the right man does not come along, there are many fates far worse. One is to have the wrong man come along.

—Letitia Baldrige

There is not one in a hundred of either sex, who is not taken in when they marry....It is, of all transactions, the one in which people expect most from others, and are least honest themselves.

—Jane Austin (1814)

Until I was thirty years old, I never even dated a scientist, an engineer, or a math major. My math avoidance extended even to my social life.

—Sheila Tobias

Personally, I like two types of men—domestic and foreign.

—Mae West

There are really no men at all. There are grown-up boys, and middle-aged boys, and elderly boys, and even sometimes very old boys. But the essential difference is simply exterior. Your man is always a boy.

—Mary Roberts Rinehart

Love does not consist in gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction.

--Antoine de
Saint-Exupéry

Men often marry their mothers.

—Edna Ferber

The least a person can ask out of life is to be needed by someone.

—Maia Wojciechowska

You enter into a certain amount of madness when you marry a person with pets.

—Nora Ephron

Love at a distance may be poignant; it is also idealized. Contact, more than separation, is the test of attachment.

—Ilka Chase

Rape is not aggressive sexuality, it is sexualized aggression.

—Audre Lorde

The attack between the thighs is only an extension of the bullet between the eyes.

—Aljean Harmetz

What greater thing is there for two human souls, then to feel that they are joined for life—to strengthen each other in all labor, to rest on each other in all sorrow, to minister to each other in all pain, to be one with each other in silent unspeakable memories at the moment of the last parting?

—George Eliot (1859)

A relationship isn't meant to be an insurance policy, a life preserver or a security blanket.

—Diane Crowley

The long-term accommodation that protects marriage and other such relationships is...forgetfulness.

—Alice Walker

We had a lot in common, I loved him and he loved him.

—Shelley Winters

Relationships that do not end peacefully, do not end at all.

—Merrit Malloy

Revenge leads to an empty fullness, like eating dirt.

—Mignon McLaughlin

The man who doesn't love me
I love twice:
once for his beauty, again
for his sound sense.

—Nancy Mairs

Miss Owen and Miss Burney asked me if I had never been in love; 'with myself,' said I, 'and most passionately.' When any man likes me I never am surprised, for I think how should he help it? When any man does not like me, I think him a blockhead.

—Hester Lynch Piozzi
(1781)

We cease loving ourselves when no one loves us.

—Madame de Staël
(1835)

She been so programmed by Julian to think of herself as inferior material that if a man threw himself at her feet, her immediate reaction would be to call an ambulance.

—Lucille Kallen

Sex is an emotion in motion.

—Mae West

Sex divorced from love is the thief of personal dignity.

—Caitlin Thomas

The price of shallow sex may be a corresponding loss of capacity for deep love.

—Shana Alexander

No one is more arrogant toward women, more aggressive or scornful, than the man who is anxious about his virility.

—Simone de Beauvoir

Silence gives consent.

—Mrs. E. D. E.N.
Southworth (1877)

Smiles are the soul's kisses.

—Minna Thomas Antrim

There are a lot of great things about not being married. But one of the worst things is no one believes that.

—Stephanie Brush

Rich tears! What power lies in those falling drops.

—Mary Delarivière
Manley (1696)

Tenderness is greater proof of love than the most passionate of vows.

—Marlene Dietrich

Traveling together is a great test, which has damaged many friendships and even honeymoons.

—Rose Macaulay

The troubles of life as we find them are mainly traceable to the heart or the purse.

—Charlotte Perkins
Gilman (1898)

The motto should not be: Forgive one another; rather, Understand one another.

—Emma Goldman

The worst illness today is not leprosy or tuberculosis, but the sense of being unwanted, of not being loved, of being abandoned by all.

—Mother Teresa

It was so cold I almost got married.

—Shelley Winters

Too many women in too many countries speak the same language—silence.

—Anasuya Sengupta

It has been my experience that one cannot, in any shape or form, depend on human relations for lasting reward. It is only work that truly satisfies.

—Bette Davis

Youth is the season of tragedy and despair. Youth is the time when one's whole life is entangled in a web of identity, in a perpetual maze of seeking and of finding, of passion and of disillusion, of vague longings and of nameless griefs, of pity that is a blade in the heart, and of 'all the little emptiness of love.'

—Ellen Glasgow

People are always talking about the joys of youth—but, all, how youth can suffer!
—Willa Cather

With women love supplants every other emotion. The minute they are ensnared by it, they overstep all bounds. They will ecstatically ruin themselves for love; they never hesitate to burn their boats even when they don't have to. This is a reflection of their capricious, ardent, uncompromising natures. They make immense sacrifices for their lovers which cost them next to nothing and expect equal sacrifices in return which they don't get, for men are cautious, timid and slow to react, more often given to compromise. For women, love is a god whose decrees are not to be questioned; for men it is a political problem to be solved.

Jean Dutourd

Masculine love is characterized by its practicality. Men organize their love in terms of their lives, whereas women organize their lives in terms of their love. So that for women love poses no problems. They enthusiastically sacrifice everything for it. Whereas for men it sets constant problems. They have to adjust it, apportion it, prevent it from eating too much into their jobs, their livelihood, their social position....Love forces its way as best it can into the cluttered souls of men, whereas it takes sovereign possession of women, who divest themselves of everything else on its approach.

Jean Dutourd

Superior man are as a rule rarely pursued by members of the opposite sex. Besides, they have a peculiar kind of intensity which strikes a chill. To them, nothing is anodyne. They have a strict mental discipline, a rigid system of thought which renders them incapable of that fantasy and inconsequentiality which makes life seem fun. Their logic prevents them from talking nonsense and sweet nothings. This is unforgivable.

—Jean Dutourd

Even [with] the most superior women...love is their specialty, their vocation, their art. They discuss love with each other the way painters discuss painting, poets poetry and doctors medicine. They will endlessly chew over some point of passion; they analyze the characters of the men and whom they are interested; they pick them to pieces before their friends, just like an engineer expounding his calculations to a colleague; they seek solutions together, consult each other, in short have a splendid time. They have all the fun of two technicians discussing method. Besides...they are generally pretty discrete. There exists between them a kind of corporate solidarity and, in matters of love, it is it as if they believe themselves to be more or less bound by a kind of professional secrecy.

—Jean Dutourd

For women to love you they have to feel you belong wholly to them, that you have no other passion which might lead you to forget them for a week, a month or a year.

Jean Dutourd

Pygmalion lovers are not the disinterested missionaries of culture they doubtless believe they are, but people who want to fashion themselves an audience and wallow in the joys of pedagogy. To instruct a pretty girl...unveil the world of ideas to her wondering eyes, 'raise her to one's own level,' is a wonderful way of satisfying one's vanity.

—Jean Dutourd

Love in its beginnings gives the man it attacks such energy and activity that he will pay any price to draw as close as he can to the object of his passion and finds no difficulty too great to overcome....During the first weeks of an affair the lover moves heaven and earth to be with his beloved and achieves this by virtue of the axiom that we always get what we really want. Later this determination flags. Being more accessible, love gradually ceases to be his foremost preoccupation. The daily round of life floats back to the surface. It takes hold of the man and then the woman's troubles begin. This refers above all...to unmarried love (but a similar process can be observed in married couples).

—Jean Dutourd

Whatever the makers of paradoxes, popular authors and well-meaning moralists maintain, it is impossible to love two women at the same time. This is always the way it goes, at least in our Christian and monogamous world: the new love always sucks the blood of the old, it is its vampire.

—Jean Dutourd

The feminine mind is bolder... than the masculine one, and we nearly always see the woman's disillusionment precede the man's. Women persist less long in the falsehood of love and, since most of them are able to make lightning decisions, they are never chary about breaking off an affair as brutally as need be.

—Jean Dutourd

Love's most elementary ruse consists of inspiring jealousy in the person one is out to win. The soul's pain can paralyze like physical pain, that is to say it is all-absorbing, it hangs a curtain between you and the world, it kills every desire other than that your suffering should cease.

—Jean Dutourd

The proofs of love are always external, are actions.

—Jean Dutourd

When I look round at the people I know, I can find pretty few men worthy of the women who love them or whom they love. In spite of their traditional reputation, women are much more frank, more loyal, more all of a piece than men. They have more good will.

—Jean Dutourd

8 planets
204 countries
7 seas
7707 islands
7,594,000,000 people
And you're in love with someone who ignores you?

—Internet Meme

Even if you love each other sooo much and he is so sorry and it will never happen again, if he hits you, you leave.

—Mireille Mincher

It took me nine months to make your heart; don't let someone break it in a day. People will come and go in your life, but your mother will always love you.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

We are complete with or without a mate, with or without a child....That decision is ours and ours alone....We don't need to be married or mothers to be complete. We get to determine our own 'happily ever after' for ourselves.

—Jennifer Aniston

[On adoption] Birth parents face serious long-term psychological consequences of relinquishing a child, including unresolved grief, isolation and difficulty with future relationships, studies show. Some suffer from PTSD.

—Grace Hauck

As a clinical psychologist, I...did my fair share of couples work. Refusal or inability to compromise is a ginormous red flag—one that, I believe, is empirically validated. Compromise is a significant predictor of satisfaction in relationships, and it plays an important role in the long-term success of marriages and relationships in general.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

When you look at someone through rose-colored glasses, all the red flags just look like flags.

— Lisa Kudrow as
Wanda Pierce in
the *BoJack
Horseman* TV
Series

I got ‘very drunk’ during a Passover celebration at the age of 7, laying the groundwork for a pattern of alcohol dependence throughout [my] youth and adulthood. When I drank, I didn’t know what drama I would find, but I knew it was drama that I would feel. I needed it. I looked forward to it. It was always my way out. I have been raped, multiple times, because I was too drunk to say the words ‘Please. Stop.’ It was always awful, and it was always wrong, and I came out of each event quiet and ashamed.

—Selma Blair

You’ll never find another me. Not sure if that’s a good thing or a bad thing, but it’s the truth.

—<https://americasbestpics.com>

My advice is for couples to take a weeklong car trip together before getting married. Does your partner like to go off the route and meander through the countryside? Do they believe in driving straight to the destination and not stopping unless it’s urgent? Are they aggressive with other drivers? And do they need to stay at 4-star hotels, or are they OK with a Motel 6, if that’s most convenient? Some of these things are values, and others are about flexibility.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

Don’t go into marriage thinking you can ‘change’ your spouse—you can’t. Believe first in your heart that this is the person you want to spend the rest of your life with, through the ugly and the beautiful.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

Keep yourself intact—don’t give up yourself to be ‘the couple.’ You’re an individual in a partnership, with important qualities that are yours alone to share in that partnership.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

The hardest part about falling in love—really, deeply in love—is that there’s no guarantee it will work out. Fall in love anyway! It’s the best thing I ever did.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

Chances are, you’re going to end up with someone who’s a lot like you. Studies show that, without realizing it, we actively seek out partners who resemble us in height, weight, intelligence, and attractiveness. Also, if you suffer from ADHD, autism, or even schizophrenia, you’re more likely to marry someone who has the same condition.

—Ann Gibbons

People who are genuinely happy in their relationships usually don’t post about it on social media. Studies show that someone who’s always gushing about their partner on Facebook is tied to how insecure they are in their relationship—while those who are more secure spend time enjoying their relationships instead of trying to convince other people (and themselves) how happy they are.

—Lydia F. Emery,
Amy Muise, Emily
L. Dix

As we gain confidence in ourselves, red flags are no longer red flags. They are dealbreakers.

—Internet Meme

Protect your daughters. Educate your sons.

—Internet Meme

Siri, Why am I so bad at relationships?
This is Alexa.

—Internet Meme

You share 80 million bacteria in a single kiss.

—*theChive*

I am not impressed by your position, title and money. I am impressed by how you treat others.

—Internet Meme

Pursue what catches your heart, not what catches your eyes.

—Roy T. Bennett

The reason why modern women are so unhappy and why they unconsciously hate men, is because they have gotten better and men have gotten worse. They will not let men swallow them up, because the swallows aren't good enough. I will give my body soul and spirit to a man who can use it up to make a Damascene blade, but not to someone who will hammer out of it a lead paper-weight. Women know that making money to buy motors and country houses, shoving around lumps of money to the most profitable places, or selling more and better tooth paste, isn't admirable, isn't worth the expenditure of whatever flame of life is in them. Besides men who do these things haven't any use for women. They don't need more than themselves really. I've never known a woman who thought adding up a column of figures was important. All male bookkeepers do. Women will give themselves to men again when they know what to do with the gift.

—Dorothy Thompson
(1927)

Any woman can make any man (Napoleon or Goethe) feel inferior: it's not her wits that do it.

—Dorothy Thompson

Overturing Roe requires another law be passed that ensures men bear equal responsibility for pregnancies. Call it the 'Personal Responsibility Act.' Using DNA as a verification, paternity for every embryo should be established and the male responsible obliged by law to support the woman and the child through the child's majority, including medical costs, living costs, education—all the costs a father normally assumes for his child. In addition, the child should have a full share of the father's estate if and when the father dies. If women cannot decide whether or not to carry a child, fathers should not be able to decide whether or not to support the woman and the child. It's about time men assumed responsibility for the consequences of their pleasure.

—Robert Veitch

I don't chase after people anymore. If they like spending time with me, they will do so. If not. I'm content in my own company.

—Barry M. Sherbal

Men, if you are over 50, leave the young girls alone and find a woman who understands the signs of a Stroke.

—Carolyn Hackett

THE PERKS OF DATING ME

- Cuddles
- I'm hilarious
- Honesty 100%
- I won't cheat because I hate everyone
- Surprise hugs
- Random kisses
- Actually respond to your texts
- More cuddles
- We can eat lots of snacks

—*theChive*

Silence the part of you that waters dead relationships hoping flowers will grow.
You know damn well those are graves, not seeds.

—Erin Van Vuren

The best place to find optimists is at a marriage license bureau.

—Evan Esar

Hush up, listen carefully, ask questions, don't jump to conclusions, and put a lid on
your anger so you don't ruin the moment and, perhaps, the relationship.

—Zig Ziglar

I want a man who's loyal, faithful, patient, attentive, forgiving, unselfish,
even-tempered & a good listener.
You want a dog.

—<http://www.funnycaptions.com>

Love often reduces powerful, influential men to trembling fools and brilliant,
dynamic women to babbling, baby-talking simpletons.

—Dan L. Miller

Grandma: Why don't you get married already? People your age are all married.
Me: Just because people my age are getting married doesn't mean I should as well.
People your age are dead. Do I ask you why you aren't dead yet?

—*theChive*

TO MY BEAUTIFUL SOULMATE

If I had one wish, it would be to turn back the clock so I could find you sooner and love you longer. In your eyes I have found my home in your heart. I have found my love. In your soul I have found my mate. The day I met you, I found my missing piece. If I did anything right in my life, it was when, I gave my heart to you. You are my life, my love, and my best friend.

I love you forever + always.

—<https://dreamohana.com>

Stay close to people that make you feel like it's good to be yourself.

—Internet Meme

never be ashamed
of how deeply and passionately
you loved someone who destroyed you,
because destroying things is just who they are...
but loving things deeply and passionately
is who you are

—butterfliesrising.com

Love begins with listening.

—Fred Rogers

Treat your woman like you treat your smartphone: Touch her often, stare at her, and make her the most important thing in your life.

—*theChive*

One in four undergraduate women experience nonconsensual sexual contact by force or inability to consent, according to a survey from the *Association of American Universities*. Within the Greek community, the figures are worse. Greek women are twice as likely as non-Greek women to have experienced non-consensual sexual contact.

—Yvonne Ploder

Love doesn't mean you will always agree, see eye to eye, or never have an argument. It means despite the bad days you still can't see yourself without that person.

—Internet Meme

One thing healthy relationships largely share is adaptability.

—Lindsey Antin

You'll never truly know someone well enough to marry until you've seen them struggle financially, grieve a lost one, or witness them while they're sick.

—*theChive*

When you kiss someone, you get a spike in the neurotransmitter dopamine, making you crave more.

—*uber-facts.com*

If I were to let a romantic partner into my life it would have to be someone so amazing that I would want to make room. Someone who would contribute to my happiness and not take away from it.

—Stevie Nicks

Most women probably wouldn't be happy living my life, but I don't mind being alone. People say 'But you're alone.' But I don't feel alone. I feel very un-alone. I feel very sparkly and excited about everything. I know women who are going, like, 'I don't want to grow old alone.' And I'm like, 'See, that doesn't scare me.' Because I will never be alone. I will always be surrounded by people. I'm like the crystal ball, and these are all the rings of Saturn around me.

—Stevie Nicks

My generation fought very hard for feminism, and we fought very hard to not be labeled as you had to have a husband or you had to be in a relationship, or you were somehow not a cool chick. And now I am seeing that start to come around again, where people say to you, 'Well, what do you mean, you don't have a boyfriend? You don't want to have one? You don't want to be married?' And you're like, 'Well, no, I don't, actually. I'm fine.' And they find a lot of reasons why you're not fine. But it just seems to be coming back. Being able to take care of myself is something that my mom really instilled in me. I can remember her always saying, 'If nothing else, I will teach you to be independent.'

—Stevie Nicks

Many women are not just surviving alone, they're thriving. They're empowered, they're making money, they're being healthy, they're traveling. You are allowed to be proud of your life when you're not part of a couple.

—Teri Hatcher

Women have been taught that in order to have a place in the world, an identity, they must marry and have children. If that's the life you truly want, great, but for many women, marriage is only about needing the world to know that someone desires them enough to say, here's a contract to prove that I love you and will commit to you for the rest of my life. For these women, no contract equals no validation—and, thus, no reason for existing. It's nice to have a relationship, but women have become addicted. You can have a relationship with God. With a nature. With dogs. With yourself. And yes, you can also have a relationship with a man, but if it's going to be a shitty one, it's better to have a relationship with your flowers.

—Salma Hayek

We are complete with or without a mate, with or without a child. We get to decide for ourselves what is beautiful when it comes to our bodies. That decision is ours and ours alone. Let's make a decision for ourselves and for the young women in this world who look to us as examples. Let's make that decision consciously, outside of the tabloid noise. We don't need to be married or mothers to be complete. We get to determine our own 'happily ever after' for ourselves.

—Jennifer Aniston

Divorce is awful and terrible and painful. Before you enter into marriage, realize that the only way out (except death I guess) is a very painful, public, and traumatizing experience. If you don't truly believe you can make it work for the rest of your life, don't do it unless you can handle the train wreck that is divorce.

—*theChive*

Dating in the movies: There's a 'meet cute,' followed by a montage of fun, romantic dates.

Dating in real life: Awkwardness, uncertainty, insecurity, and dread.

—*theChive*

Hey, remember that person you thought you couldn't live without? Well, look at you, living and shit.

—*theChive*

Will you marry me? Did he leave you any money? Answer the second question first.

—Rufus T. Firefly in
Duck Soup

Old people at weddings always poke me and say 'You're next.'

So, I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

—*theChive*

Don't go into it as a 'fixer.' 'Oh, they have issues? I'll help them get through them.' No. That's always a bad idea. Your job is to be their partner, not their therapist or parent or punching bag.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

If you're not feeling a person, be honest. Don't guilt yourself into spending time with someone you don't want to be with just to be kind, nice, polite, or whatever. I went out on one date with a perfectly nice person who just wasn't my cup of tea, and I felt bad saying no to a second date. But it wouldn't have been genuine interest on my part, and everyone deserves better than a pity date.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

With online dating, [I hate] letting the message drag on too long. Try to meet for something quick—like a coffee or a drink, not a full meal—as soon as possible. You will never know if you really like someone until you meet them in person. I had many friends who talk to guys online for three to four weeks before meeting. They would be head over heels for the guy and then totally be let down when they actually met. So I did the opposite: chatted for a week or less, and if no date was going to happen, I moved on.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

My heart always hurts when I hear people say, 'I gotta pin that man down' or 'I'm going to make him put a ring on it,' or other things implying that the woman is coercing the man into marrying her. If a man doesn't WANT to be married to me, then by God, I don't want to be married to him either! If he requires that much convincing, he's not the man for you.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

Getting married WILL NOT help solve any issues in your relationship. On the contrary, it is more or less guaranteed to make any problems you currently have worse.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

Marry someone who can cook. Looks go away. Hunger does not.

—Internet Meme

If you're trying to impress me with your vehicle, it better be a FOOD TRUCK.
—Internet Meme

Marry someone who loves a different cereal than you do.
—*theChive*

The person who cares the least in a relationship has the most control.
—*theChive*

Abusive relationships exist because they provide enough rations of warmth, laughter, and affection to clutch onto like a security blanket in the heap of degradation. The good times are the initial euphoria that keeps addicts draining their wallets for toxic substances to inject into their veins. Scraps of love are food for an abusive relationship.

—Maggie Young

Ladies! I encourage you NOT to be so easily flattered by what a man has. Be flattered by his strength, courage, integrity, and character as a man. Be impressed by his ability to be honest, faithful, loving, and respectful to you. Be impressed because he can communicate and openly express his feelings. Be impressed because he's got confidence, direction, and purpose in his life. Be impressed because he's a quality man, NOT a fine man. Real Talk!

—Stephanie Lahart

How do you make someone love you? For the very young, there can be nothing harder in the world. You may try as hard as you like: place yourself beside them, cook their favourite food, bring them wine or sing the love songs that you know will move them. They will not move them. Nothing will move them. You will waste days interpreting the simple banalities of a phone call; months staring at their soft lips as they talk; you will waste years watching a body sitting in a chair and willing every muscle to take you across the room and do a simple thing, say a simple word, make them love you and you will not do it; you will waste long nights wondering how they cannot feel this—the urge to embrace, the snow melt in the heart when you are near them—how they can sit in that chair, or speak with those lips, or make a call and mean nothing by it, hide nothing in their hearts. Or perhaps what they hide is not what you want to see. Because surely they love someone. It simply isn't you.

—Andrew Sean Gree

The entire sum of existence is the magic of being needed by just one person.
--Vi Putnam

If a man takes you to a restaurant of his choosing, don't compliment him. Rave about the quality of the food and he'll be thrilled, because he took you there.

—Ilona Andrews

There are three ways you can get along with a girl: one, shut up and listen to what she has to say; two, tell her you like what she's wearing; and three, treat her to really good food...If you do all that and still don't get the results you want, better give up.

—Haruki Murakami

If you want to understand any woman you must first ask about her mother and then listen carefully. Stories about food show a strong connection. Wistful silences demonstrate unfinished business. The more a daughter knows about the details of her mother's life—without flinching or whining—the stronger the daughter.

—Anita Diamant

There are three possible parts to a date, of which at least two must be offered: entertainment, food, and affection. It is customary to begin a series of dates with a great deal of entertainment, a moderate amount of food, and the merest suggestion of affection. As the amount of affection increases, the entertainment can be reduced proportionately. When the affection IS the entertainment, we no longer call it dating. Under no circumstances can the food be omitted.

—Judith Martin

I'd catch myself just walking around to find you, not for any reason, just out of habit, because I'd seen something that I wanted to tell you about or because I wanted to hear your voice. And then I'd realize that you weren't there anymore, and every time, every single time, it was like having the wind knocked out of me.

—Leigh Bardugo

Not everyone is meant to be in your future. Some people are just passing through to teach you lessons in life.

—Internet Meme

You can't just give up on someone because the situation is not ideal. Great relationships are not great because they have no problems. They are great because both people care enough about the other person to find a way to make it work.

—Internet Meme

What you crave in a relationship is what you lacked in your childhood.

—Layton Greene

Always tell someone how you feel, because opportunities are lost in the blink of an eye but regret can last a lifetime.

—Internet Meme

It's hard to turn the page when you know someone won't be in the next chapter, but the story must go on.

—Thomas Wilder

Sometimes the people you wanted as part of your story are only meant to be a chapter. AND THAT'S OK.

—Internet Meme

If you repeatedly have to tell someone the same exact thing about how you feel and nothing changes, understand they don't respect you.

—<https://themindsjournal.com>

The old theory was 'marry an older man because they're more mature'. But the new theory is 'men don't mature—marry a young one'.

—Rita Rudner

Do you miss her?
Every single day.
Why don't you talk with her?
She is happy without me.
What about you?
Seeing her happy makes me happy.

—*theChive*

Be true friends first. It's easier to be married to a best friend, who never goes away.

—*Buzzfeed.com*
Contributor

'Tell me what you think I said.' So many fights, accusations, and cheating happened because he heard something other than what I said. Hearing is NOT the same as listening.

—*Buzzfeed.com*
Contributor

If two people love each other, nothing is impossible—except deciding where to eat.

—Internet Meme

Too many people try to change their partner or expect them to magically mature after marriage: ‘Oh damn, he’s still useless; maybe a kid will force him to grow up! No. IT WON’T HAPPEN! People aren’t projects—find someone who already is the person you want to be with, and even if that takes a while, being single is so much better than taking care of a useless partner. Love yourselves, know your worth, and don’t settle for ‘fixer-uppers’.

—*Buzzfeed.com*
Contributor

‘I wish we lived in the good old days, when relationships were about romance.’
‘Yes! When men gave flowers and wrote poetry for women.’
RELATIONSHIPS IN THE PAST—
‘Let your daughter marry my son, and I’ll give you five cows.’
‘Deal.’

—Internet Meme

Here’s all you have to know about men and women: women are crazy, men are stupid. And the main reason women are crazy is that men are stupid.

—George Carlin

My dad told me as a teenager to never be the one to pursue a guy (because I’m a woman).

Maybe that was to keep me safe in my youth, but I’ve since come to realize that most of the dudes who are worth being with are either shy or oblivious, and I have no choice but to make the first move

—*theChive* Contributor

If he lies to everyone else but you because you have a ‘special’ relationship, you’re lying to yourself and he is lying to you just like everyone else. I wish I had known her this MUCH SOONER. Those lies are not just childish imperfections that he’ll grow out of. LIES ARE A CHARACTER TRAIT that is not just eradicated when it comes to you because your love is special. IT’S ALL A LIE, he’s lying to you too. Don’t get me wrong, you can be enormously happy in your little love bubble, but for one minute don’t convince yourself that you’re special and the only one he’s not lying to. If he’s lying to other people, he’s also lying to you.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

Keep in mind when you choose a husband, you’re also choosing the father of your children. They can’t help what they were born into, but you can.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

You're going to argue. Period. If you live with someone, anyone, you will disagree. Make sure the person you're with can have healthy discussions and not just arguments.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

If they will cheat with you, then they will cheat on you.

—*BuzzFeed.com*
Contributor

What we have once enjoyed we can never lose. All that we love deeply becomes a part of us.

—Helen Keller

It's hard to communicate anything exactly and that's why perfect relationships between people are difficult to find.

—Gustave Flaubert

One can always get anything one wants if one will pay the price. And do you know what the price is, nine times out of 10? Compromise.

—Agatha Christie



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