

***What Could You  
Possibly  
Be Thinking?!!***

**Answers to your  
questions about  
love, dating, and  
relationships between  
men and women**

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the many, many people who answered these questions, including those I accosted in restaurants, movie lines, and the mall, and even on the beach - for your candor, sense of humor, and thoughtful consideration of each question, but mostly for your unique perspectives on life and love. You can't make this stuff up!

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## **The “What Could You Possibly Be Thinking?!!” Relationship Questions**

1. When he doesn't call?
2. When to call after “the first time”?
3. Which are best – same interests or perspectives?
4. How hard is it to stay faithful?
5. Do nice guys or gals finish last?
6. What are the dating “dealbreakers”?
7. Do men just want...?
8. If a woman asks, what does it mean?
9. How long before...?
10. Tell him everything?
11. How does ambition impact relationships?
12. If not now, ever?
13. What changes do women and men want?
14. Would you re-marry?
15. How long before marrying?
16. Would men and women avoid marriage if...?
17. What is the one strong belief you have about...?
18. Living together; is someone stalling?

## **Read before you peek**

Don't look for recognizable experts in the field of male/female relationships or academic initials behind the names of the people quoted in this book.

These people are not from Mars or Venus. They're from Earth.

They don't offer rules, because they're not sure if there are any that work.

They would love to marry a millionaire, but they keep forgetting how to do it.

They looked for love in all the wrong places when the right places didn't turn up much. More often than not, when it did happen, love just found them.

They are more perplexed than positive. Some are just trying to get by.

So these guys and gals are not back in the lab concocting solutions for the world's relationship problems. They're out in the field doing "reality research". On the front lines every day and every night, God love 'em. They have the scars to show it. They wear them proudly. They offer their opinions in the same way.

Don't expect a scientific approach either. Wild-assed, wide-eyed, gut-level opinions are what count here, not numbers or percentages. These opinions are as varied as the people who have ventured them.

No attempts were made to include anyone average, representative, or even sane.

What will you find? The real skinny from real people. Why do you care what the man or woman on the street thinks? Because, like me, you are dying to know everything you can about what goes on in the head of the opposite sex. And you want to hear it from a person you just might meet some day. Not some expert you don't even know!

There are no boring responses in this book. I was merciless with the DELETE button. Wishy-washy? DEL. Wimpy? DEL. Too many "on the other hands"? DEL. I figured neither of us cared to waste our time with the truly un-opinionated. We want to know what people really think.

## **You'll find it here.**

I asked each person to respond only to questions on which they had a strong internal desire to speak out. So not every person answered every question.

In fact, you'll see some questions with more responses from one gender than the other. (The guys wouldn't touch the "What would you change about women?" question with a ten-foot pole!)

Notice too, that while their names may be fake, their occupations, ages, and the towns in which they were raised are all true. So when you ask, "Where in the heck would someone come up with a crazy idea like that?" you'll know the answer.

And, while I wouldn't dare to comment on other people's opinions, I can't say the same for my friend, Zelda, who is not so "p.c." And the clams? They were only supposed to sum up stuff, but, well, you'll see...

### **Interested in what your special person thinks when it comes to love's burning questions?**

You'll find this book a handy way to get inside someone's head. Or start a conversation that needs to happen. You may want to answer the questions (in the appendix) alone, then compare responses. Assuming you're still speaking, of course.

Fact is you won't get this stuff in a dating manual.

So have fun. Use this book to spark conversations that provide a path to real intimacy for you and someone special. Or destroy what seemed to be a perfectly good relationship.

Don't blame me if you find out something you didn't want to know after all. Better now than on what one of my girlfriends calls "attorney time".

### **Or, maybe you're just looking to stir up some fun?**

Use the questions as conversation starters with friends over nachos. But be prepared! I hosted group discussions of the questions to see which ones interested my male and female friends. Who would have thought such refined people could be so rowdy?

And pick a restaurant or bar where the tables are not too close together. Otherwise you'll have to deal with interlopers wanting to chime in. And the waiters? Didn't know they were such experts on love.

## **But please don't sue me**

Despite my best efforts on your behalf, I can't guarantee that you will ferret out the crazy stuff going on inside your special person's head. I can't be responsible for the person with whom you choose to consort. But, and trust me on this one, you will know more than you did before you picked up this book.

Even I learned a few things, and the opposite sex has been my favorite research topic since Sister Genevieve's fourth grade social studies class.

Enjoy.

P.S. For all who asked, yes, Kevin O is still happily married, but I'll keep you posted.

**Question # 1:**

**What does it mean when a guy says, at the end of (what a neutral observer of either gender would classify as) a “great date”, that he will call the next day and is never heard from again?**

**Or calls two months later with a “weenie” reason for waiting so long?**

*I'm glad I started with this question because it really “warmed up the crowd”. I expected it from the gals, but even the guys had little compassion for the “promise and poop out” dater.*

*And the call two months later? Forget about it. These guys are not much for second chances.*

*By the way, online daters tell me this is a gender-neutral issue, that women will totally lead men to believe they would like to see them again, but drop out of sight immediately after the first date. And yes, when the rich guy turns out to be older than Hefner, these same women will also attempt to re-connect.*

*Maybe in the end, though, it's a lot more about timing than two-timing. Just because it's a hobby of yours, falling in love at first sight isn't for everyone.*

One thing is for sure. He is not going to pursue the relationship and is afraid of being direct about it.

***Patrick K, 38, Account Manager, Willimantic, CT***

**"I'll call you" from a guy is a cut and dried way to end the date. It leaves all his options open and makes him feel in control.**

***Cynthia U, 43, Banking, Liberal, KS***

He means it's a great date. That's it. Nothing more. Nothing less. He probably did have good intentions and got unfocused. And the woman did not make any connection during the ensuing two months either, I presume! Shame, shame, ladies. You want him, go get him!

*Patty W, 49, Work/Life Specialist, Waco, TX*

Got unfocused?  
He got unfocused?  
What in the world  
does that mean?



**He had a better date the next day. He called her instead, and they broke up two months later.**

*Lu K, 36, Writer, Los Angeles, CA*



**He didn't like her. The late callback is because the person he asked out first said no.**

*Joe S, 32, Loan Officer, Winnie, TX*

**He's a jackass.  
Two months later?  
He's a jackass with an excuse.**

*Rosie C, 55, Consultant, Nashville, TN*

**The "timing" for some reason was just not right. Nothing more, nothing less!**

*Frank T, 61, Investor/Retired, Merrick, LI, N.Y*

**Many find it hard to call somebody up and say, "I really like you but I have also been dating 4-5 other people. I closed the deal on the one I like the best the day after our date.**

**You're out, she's in."**

*Naomi M, 36, Sales, Arlington, NE*

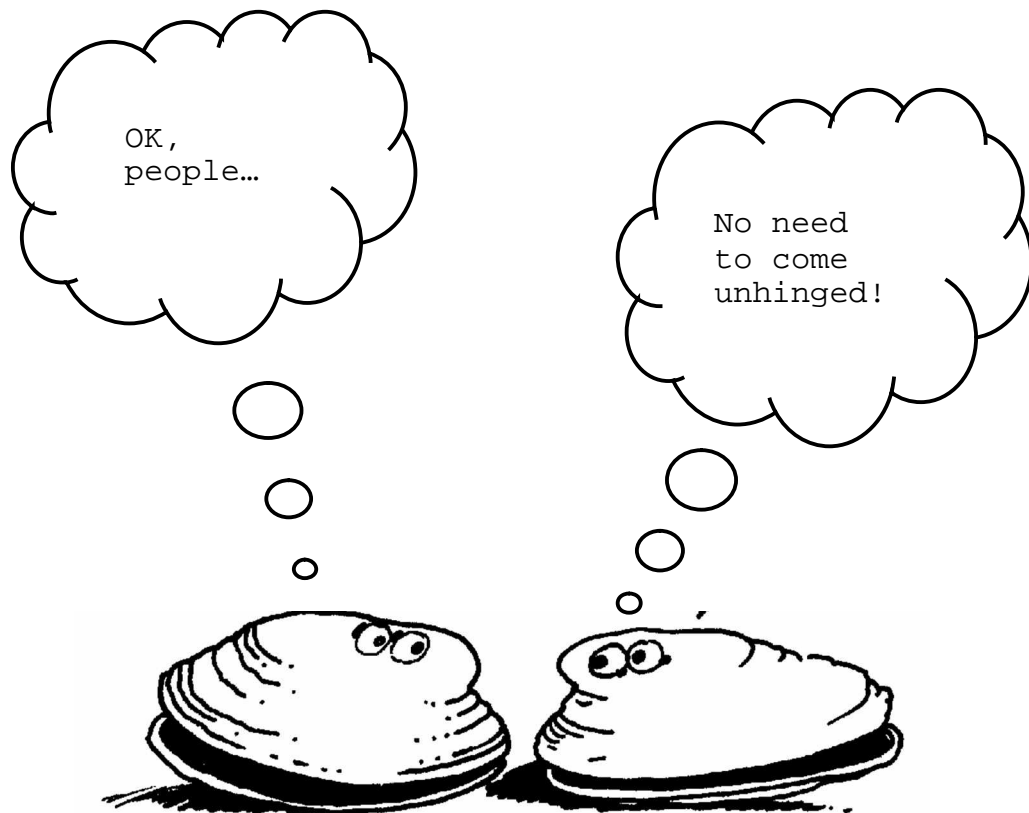
The expectation that a man will call a date to 'connect' after it went so well assumes that a man is connected to his own feelings and knows what he thinks about the progression of the relationship and how to express those feelings back to his date. Sorry. For most men, not true.

Imagine that there is a layer of fat without nerves, between a man's feelings and his brain, and again between his brain and his vocal cords. Some men learn to work that fat off. And then learn how to process and communicate emotions. Most do not. They realize it is expected, but they don't make the effort.

***Kevin O, 51, Business Communications, Houston, TX***

**I would run, not walk, away from this one.**

***Annette H, 39, HR Manager, Galveston, TX***



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*Rosie C, 55, Consultant, Nashville, TN*

**It means he is a jerk who is probably sleeping around on someone.**

*Ann T, 56, Trainer, New Iberia, LA*

**He's a "four-flusher", all talk.  
When he calls back two months later?  
Hit the road, Jack!**

*Kathleen T, 75, Retired nurse, Port Arthur, TX*

**He is not interested in a relationship, just wants a date.  
When he calls later, guess what? He just wants a date.**

*Liz D, 58, Admin Supervisor, Montreal, Quebec, Canada*

Either nothing or everything – some folks try to play by 'the rules' and wait because they try to elicit the right response (as in 'treat 'em dirty cuz it'll make 'em love you'). If I'm thrilled, I would call to say so. If I'm not, I wouldn't. But I'd trrrrryyy to not be put in the position of saying I'd call and then not do it.

*Herm B, 63, Plumber/Musician, Port Arthur, TX*

**That he's an ass who avoids his feelings or tries to say stuff that people want to hear – so he's basically full of shit and it means he did the other person a favor in the long run.**

*Sally D, 28, Actress, Boise, ID*

You have to admit there is a certain beauty in this response!

All it means it that he didn't call!  
*Donna J, 48, Coach/Consultant, New Orleans, LA*



Possibly he found someone he connected with better the very next night?

*Jamie G, 27, Web Designer, Galveston, TX*

Should Mr. Suave wait two months and give her a lame reason for the time gap, he has probably crashed and burned on a few other dates and figures he'll give this one another go.

*Jonathan A, 30, Account Manager, NY, NY*

# What Could You Possibly Be Thinking?!!

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Annette H, 39, HR Manager, Galveston, TX

*Yes [nice guys and gals do finish last]. I'm a nice girl and I've always finished last.*  
Esther F, 29, Pres CEO, Houston, TX

If a man is not physically attracted immediately, will he ever be?

He says She says

No üüüüüüüüüüüüüüüü üü üü

Yes üüüüüüüü

When to marry?

*Whenever she decides, it's the right time.*

Patty W, 49, WorkLife Specialist, Waco, TX

What really bugs you about women?

*Lack of logic. Total lack of logic.*

Anonymous male, CPA, 33, Indianapolis, IN

Would you re-marry if you lost your spouse?

*[Yes ]I love being married.*

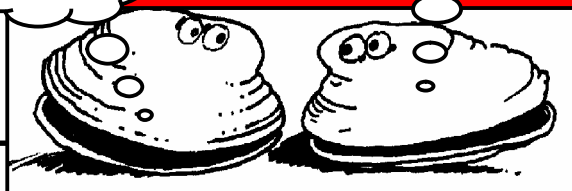
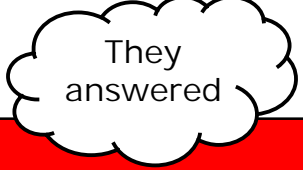
Frank T, 61, Investor/Retired, Merrick, LI, N.Y

What five things would men change about women?

*More sex. More sex. More sex. More sex. More sex.*

Cynthia U, 43, Banking, Liberal, KS

- ü Eighteen questions, hundreds of responses
- ü A Valentine Day Mall Crawl just for you
- ü Space for his and her responses before you peek!



## The Author

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She is a former CPA who left the world of numbers for the oh, so delicious, world of words. Kat lives in San Antonio, Texas.



How difficult is it for men to stay faithful?

*It's difficult for anyone to stay faithful!*

Michelle H, 60, Business Owner, Rushville, IN

*Piece of cake.*

Jonathan A, 30, Account Manager, NY, NY

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