

Celebrate Valentine's Day With These Famous Lovers

Valentine's Day celebrates love and happiness, and although real life offers plenty of true stories with happily-ever-after endings, many of us look to literature for inspiring tales of passion's power. Get in the mood for love by rereading the novels, plays, and poetry about these famous lovers (not all of whom lived happily ever after):

- **Romeo and Juliet.** Shakespeare's tragic tale of young love: Teenagers from feuding families meet, fall in love, marry, and ultimately end their lives rather than live without each other.
- **Tristan and Isolde.** A medieval tale of doomed love. Tristan falls in love with Isolde, who is betrothed to his uncle, Mark, King of Cornwall. Despite their enduring love, they are forced to marry others.
- **Odysseus and Penelope.** A happy ending for this one. Penelope remains faithful to her absent husband for 20 long years; Odysseus persists in his quest to return home after the Trojan War. Both overcome temptations and obstacles to be reunited at last.
- **Jane Eyre and Mr. Rochester.** Charlotte Brontë's classic 19th-century novel tells the tale of a young governess and a gruff, lonely landowner with a dark secret. But love triumphs in the end.
- **Ralph and Alice Kramden.** Not a book, play, or poem, but a classic TV show. Despite bickering and working-class struggles, the couple stayed together with love and devotion, and lots of laughter, for years and years.

Give Yourself The OK To Succeed Throughout Your Life

Whatever your goals are, sometimes you need to consciously give yourself permission to achieve them. Here's how to open your life up to success:

- ◆ **Spend time with people who support you unconditionally.** We often have a distorted view of ourselves and are blind to many of our assets. Being with people who believe in you helps give you a clearer view of your strengths and weaknesses.
- ◆ **Don't cling to old habits.** Most of us have long-established patterns of behavior that have helped us in life, at one time. But people and circumstances change. Bringing an apple to the teacher may have worked in first grade, but your manager isn't Mrs. Smith. Adapt your behavior and thought processes to the present situation.
- ◆ **Devote some time each day to nothing.** Ironically, you can get in the way of your own success by being addicted to ceaseless activity. Give yourself some space to do nothing without feeling guilty. This allows you to step back and assess where you're heading and how you're doing it.



February Events

February 2nd	Groundhog Day
February 3rd	Feed The Birds Day
February 4th	Eat Ice Cream For Breakfast Day
February 7th	Send A Card To A Friend Day
February 12th	Abraham Lincoln's Birthday
February 14th	Valentine's Day
February 22nd	George Washington's Birthday
February 24th	National Tortilla Chip Day



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Life In England Long Ago

At the turn of the first millennium, most of the Anglo-Saxon world didn't have knowledge of geography beyond nearby villages and the nearest market town. And it didn't have many of the staples we take for granted today. Check out this list of items merry old England had to do without in the year 1000:

- ★ **Sugar.** This sweetener wouldn't make it to the British Isles for several hundred more years. The British had honey, but it was so precious they used it to pay taxes.
- ★ **Potatoes and tomatoes.** These weren't available until exploration of the Americas.
- ★ **Forks.** People didn't use forks until the 17th century. And they brought their own knives to a feast.
- ★ **Buttons.** Clothing was fastened with clasps and thongs.
- ★ **Last names.** The same names were often passed down inside families, but in small towns there was no need for last names.
- ★ **Zeroes.** People still worked with Roman numerals. In fact, one scholar at the time said that 9,000 was the limit beyond which figuring was impossible.

Help Out Friends When They're Sick

A friend is sick. Sending a get-well card is nice, but for a serious illness, it's not enough. What can you do to really help? Try some of these thoughtful gestures:

- ❖ Text when you're at the store: "Can I pick up anything for you?"
- ❖ Offer to run their errands.
- ❖ Help out around the house, cleaning up or doing laundry.
- ❖ Offer to drive to doctors' appointments, the store, or anywhere else they need to go.

Handling The Press

Rock star David Bowie knew how to charm reporters. According to the Digital Spy website, when a magazine ran a series on some of the journalists who'd interviewed him over the years, they discovered that he'd played the same trick on them over and over again:

Bowie would schedule a 45-minute interview. When his aide came in to show the reporter out, he'd say, "Look, I know we're on a schedule, but we're having such fun here, could we do an extra 15 minutes?" Every journalist felt flattered by the attention, which usually resulted in a positive review of whatever album Bowie was publicizing. Only years later did they realize that he'd scheduled them for a full hour all along.



Listen To The Advice Of These Millionaires

To manage your money wisely, good advice is imperative. Listen to these words of wisdom from millionaires around the world:

- * **Robert Kiyosaki**, author of *Rich Dad, Poor Dad* (Warner Books): "It's not how much money you make, but how much money you keep."
- * **Mark Cuban**, owner of the Dallas Mavericks NBA team: "The cheaper you can live, the greater your options."
- * **Warren Buffett**, investor: "Never depend on a single income. Make investments to create a second source."
- * **Tony Robbins**, inspirational speaker: "Don't think in terms of taking huge risks to get huge rewards. Think about the least amount of risk for the greater reward, and be disciplined about that."
- * **Dave Ramsey**, entrepreneur and radio host: "Financial peace isn't the acquisition of stuff. It's learning to live on less than you make, so you can give money back and have money to invest."
- * **Suze Orman**, author and financial advisor: "Stop buying things you don't need to impress people you don't like."
- * **Richard Branson**, founder of Virgin Group: "Never go into business purely to make money. If that's the motive, you're better off doing nothing."



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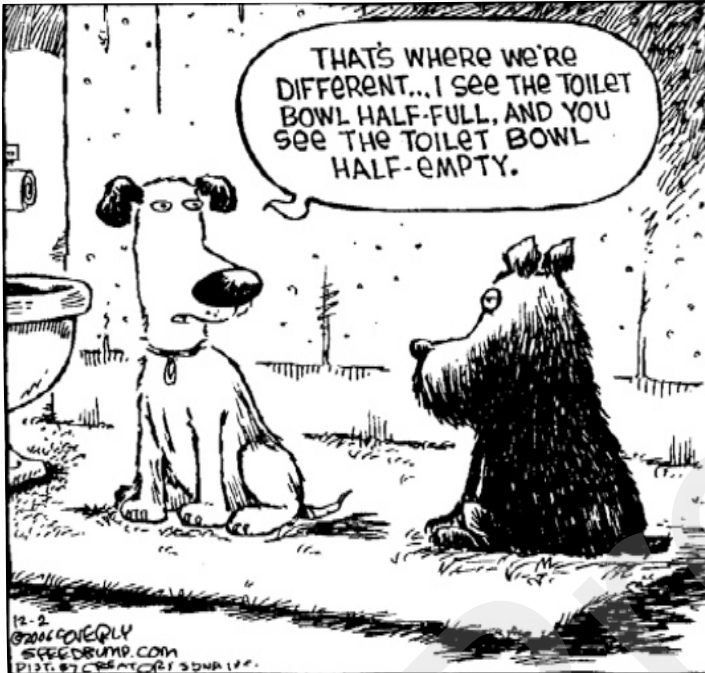


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Meeting Of Minds

The famous movie actor/director Charlie Chaplin once met the world-renowned physicist Albert Einstein at a public event. According to a report, Einstein told the comedian: "What I most admire about your art is your universality. You don't say a word, yet the world understands you."

To which Chaplin replied, "True. But your glory is even greater. The whole world admires you, even though they don't understand a word of what you say."



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- Ms. Daniels

How Many Cats?

Teacher: "If I gave you two cats, and another two cats, and then another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "No, listen carefully. If I gave you two cats, and another two cats and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven."

Teacher: "Let me put it to you differently. If I gave you two apples, and another two apples and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Six."

Teacher: "Good. Now if I gave you two cats, and another two cats, and another two, how many would you have?"

Johnny: "Seven!"

Teacher: "Johnny, where do you get seven from?"

Johnny: "Because I've already got a cat!"

A Little Praise

As a speechwriter for presidents Ronald Reagan and George H.W. Bush, Peggy Noonan introduced such phrases as "a thousand points of light" into the vernacular. But she derived her greatest personal satisfaction from a simple note of praise.

As recounted in her book, *What I Saw at the Revolution* (Ivy Books), four months into her job as Reagan's speechwriter, Noonan had yet to meet the boss. Then he returned the draft of one of her speeches bearing the hand scrawled words "Very Good."

Noonan was overjoyed, so overjoyed that she cut out the note, taped it to her blouse, and walked the halls beaming with the pride of a schoolgirl who'd suddenly discovered she was teacher's pet.



Quote

"There's nothing that makes you more insane than family. Or more happy. Or more exasperated. Or more secure."

- Jim Butcher

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