

# *Relationship Detective Methods*

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Uncover his deepest  
desires with ease



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## **Uncover His Deepest Desires with Easy "Relationship Detective" Methods**

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## How to "Uncover His Deepest Desires with Easy "Relationship Detective" Methods

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Here's how relationships work.

*You meet. Go on your first date. Have your first kiss.*

*You become official. Meet each other's parents. Maybe even move in together.*

*He proposes. You get married. Have your first child. Buy your first house together.*

*And it's all smooth sailing after that.*

That's a fairly typical narrative of relationships. It's how you expect true love to unfold.

But when it doesn't unfold on schedule, you get nervous.

You lie awake at night, wondering where this is going. Does he really love you? What are you doing wrong? Are you wasting your time with him? What are you going to tell your parents when they ask whether you've set a date yet?

The uncertainty is *killing* you.

So you decide you have to do something.

You're a modern woman. You don't have to wait for him. You can make things happen yourself.

But how?

Do you need to have the Talk? Give him an ultimatum? Ask *him* to marry *you*?

You know it might scare him off, but all your girlfriends have told you that you deserve a man who's committed. Until he puts a ring on your finger, he's not committed. So you've *got* to get that ring. You can't relax until you do.

So you make your move. You gird your loins and head into battle.

The talk goes worse than expected.

He's outraged that you're questioning his love and commitment to you. He's not ready to put a ring on it yet, and he doesn't appreciate being pressured. In fact, if all you want is a guy to marry you, then you should know right now that he's not that guy.

He walks out and slams the door behind him.

You're paralyzed. You didn't intend for it to go like this. You can't believe what just happened. Is it over?

Grief hits like a punching bag.

It's easy to say you should trust love...

That it will unfold at its own pace and in its own way.

But how can you trust something that's turned on you before?

Has love *ever* proved itself trustworthy?

Has it *ever* turned out okay?

No wonder we crave security in our relationships.

We want our relationships to hit all the milestones on schedule. We want some guarantee that this is going to work. That it's going to last. That there's some protection in place for our hearts.

But here's the thing:

**As long as you're seeing the relationship from *your* perspective—and just *your* perspective—you don't have the foundations of a real partnership.**

You know what your relationship looks like from where *you're* standing...

But do you know what your relationship looks like from where *he's* standing?

Real partners do.

Real partners ask each other what they think.

They understand that truth looks different to everyone. They make sure to always talk things through. They wouldn't dream of making a major decision without each other.

So *you* may believe that marriage, or moving in together, or becoming boyfriend and girlfriend is the next logical step in your relationship ... but that's not a decision that's yours to make. It's a decision for both of you.

It takes time before you feel so attuned to another person that you can see the world through his eyes. That's not always a good thing. Sometimes you won't like what you see. Sometimes you'll think he has it all wrong, or he should stop being such a man.

But...

If he's the person you want to be with for the rest of your life, you have no choice. You're in it together.

This report will help you get on the same page as the man you love.

You'll learn to do detective work. You'll find out how to get inside his head and learn what he wants from relationships, even if he's not a great talker. I'll give you specific techniques that won't scare him off or make it sound like you're prying.

Then, I'll show you how to use that information to custom-create a relationship that suits both of you.

When you're real partners, you don't have to fight for commitment. Getting to the next stage in your relationship doesn't have to be a war.

Instead, commitment grows organically, rooted in a shared relationship vision.

You don't have to worry about hitting the next milestone on time, because you've chosen your own highly-meaningful personal milestones. Your "Life Map" shows you where you want to go and where your route intersects with his.

But first...

Why is this important? Can't you just follow the same relationship timeline as everyone else?

## **Designing Your Own Unique Relationship**

Your relationship isn't like anyone else's.

So why would you make it fit the same old story?

Sure, a lot of relationships go from first date to going steady to engagement and marriage. But we're living in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. We don't have to force our relationships to fit into a box just because our parents or grandparents did.

The truth is, one size *doesn't* fit all.

Whether it's custom-made cars or tailored suits, anything that's designed to your specific tastes and preferences is going to feel more valuable than something that's generic.

So why not create a customized relationship?

One that follows a timeline YOU choose, instead of one defined for you by generations past?

Unconventional relationships are trendy, and for good reason.

When you put pressure on a relationship to adhere to a conventional timeline, you're forcing it to fit into a rigid model that may not suit it.

No wonder more and more couples are experimenting. They're asking themselves what THEY want. They're creating a vision for their relationship that satisfies their deepest desires, even if no one else gets it.

The problem is...

Creating anything customized takes work.

A LOT of work.

Nonstop communication. A fair bit of trial and error. The potential to be misjudged by family and friends.

But the reward is a relationship that suits the both of you like a glove.

Interested? Then it's time to...

## **Put on Your Detective Hat**

Couples don't communicate.

At least, not about the important things.

I've certainly been guilty of that. When I think about my relationship history, I just fell into most of my relationships. We liked each other, we got together, and we became a couple without ever talking things through.

That can work if you have similar expectations.

But it fails disastrously if you want different things from the relationship.

That's why the first step to creating your own customized relationship is to *become a detective*.

You need to know what he thinks the perfect relationship looks like. You need to know how he expects his life to go. You need to know if you want the same things from life.

Now, this doesn't mean you've got to have The Talk on your first date!

Detectives don't risk scaring off their informants by asking blunt questions. ;-)

Rather, detectives find other ways of getting the information they're looking for.

I'll give you 4 strategies for doing just that in just a minute, but first I'd like you to think for a moment about the early days of your relationships.

One of my favorite parts of a relationship is when you're first getting to know each other. You talk about everything under the sun. You feel as if you could hang out 24-7 and never run out of anything to say.

But what sort of things do you talk about?

A lot of couples talk about who they are and what they have in common. You want to know where he grew up, how he ended up here, and all the ways in which you're alike.

But you probably avoid questions about his previous girlfriends or whether he intends to get married someday soon.

As women, we're trained to avoid any question that might scare a man off. Subjects like past relationships, what your intentions are with each other, and what you expect from relationships are taboo.

That's a problem.

It's a problem because you *need* to know that stuff.

You need to know whether or not you're romantically compatible. By that, I don't just mean that you're sexually attracted to each other and enjoy each other's company. You also need to have a similar understanding of what being in a relationship means. You should want the same things from life.

How do you find all that out, when you can't really ask him?

Even if you *could* ask him, the chances of him coming straight out and telling you the truth are slim.

No one tells the unedited truth in the beginning of a relationship. They want to impress the other person too much. They don't want to say anything that upsets the apple cart.

So you can't ask, and you can't rely on him volunteering the information you need to know.

*You've got to use your detective skills instead.*

You've got to draw that information out of him in such a cool and casual way that he doesn't realize he's giving away his secrets.

Here are 4 ways to do just that.

## *Strategy #1.*

### **Talk about the movies/television programs you watch together.**

Pretty much everything on TV and in the movie theaters features at least one romantic relationship.

Sometimes those relationships are aspirational, and sometimes they're downright dysfunctional. Regardless, how we respond to them says a lot about our own beliefs.

So don't just watch a program, turn off the TV, and go to bed. Talk about what you saw. Offer up a comment like this:

*"Gosh, I can't believe that character did that. No one would stay in a relationship that awful."*

And see if he takes the bait.

The more you can get him talking about fictional relationships, the more you'll understand his own expectations in relationships.

### **CAUTION: Don't make this about you.**

If you get into a great discussion of the movie you just saw, the quickest way to kill the conversation dead is to ask, *"So what does that mean about you and me, then?"*

Even though you're looking for clues about his relationships beliefs, he'll shut down if you take his comments personally. You're talking about the movie, not your own relationship. Keep the delineation clear.



## Strategy #2:

### **Talk about the couples you know.**

Do you know which of his friends has the perfect relationship, as far as he's concerned?

Do you know which friend has the worst possible girlfriend, in his mind?

What does he think of that couple who just had children? Are they going to have a lot of fun, or is their life over?

That information tells you a lot about him.

Pay attention to how he talks about the couples you socialize with regularly. You might even ask him leading questions, like whether this friend or that friend has the best relationship, or how he thinks having children affected that couple's relationship.

Again, don't take his comments personally. Detectives never give away their hand.

## Strategy #3:

### **Ask him about his past relationships.**

Most guys know the cardinal rule:

*Never talk badly about an ex.*

But the more you get to know one another, the more likely it is he'll let his guard down and offer you his truthful estimation of his past relationships.

Don't just ask him what his ex was like. Ask specific questions about the details of those relationships. For example, if he says that his ex was a pain, ask him what she did that made him think that.

If you've got the courage, you might ask:

*"Of all the relationships you've had, what was the best? Why? What did she do differently?"*

*"What was the worst? Why? What did she do that was so bad?"*

**WARNING: Don't try this if you're susceptible to jealousy.**

It can be really tough to hear about his past relationships. Once you've heard him talk about an ex, you can't erase that conversation from your memory. So only try this if you're certain that knowing about his past won't bother you.

## Strategy #4:

### **Ask him about his parents' relationship.**

Our parents are our earliest teachers about relationships.

Even if he doesn't like the way his parents related, their behavior shaped him, for better or for worse. Some men vow to never have a relationship like their parents—only to step squarely in it once they're married. Other men become more conscious and thoughtful as a result.

Pay particular attention to how he describes the way his father treated his mother. His father was his first role model for how a man treats a woman. Your guy gets to choose whether he'll be the kind of man his father was ... or the exact opposite.



## **Chart His Life Map**

You don't just need to know what he considers the ideal relationship.

You also need to know what he wants from life. Does he ever expect to get married? If so, when?

I'll give you a sneaky way to find those answers out, but first I want to share with you a metaphor I find useful.

Think of life like a map.

Each possible life experience represents a point on the map.

No one visits *every* place on the map. That would be impossible! Instead, we try to navigate a route from Birth to Death that hits most of the destinations that interest us.

No wonder our lives swerve and backtrack and zigzag all over the place. Life isn't as simple as going from A to B.

We all have certain destinations that interest us more than others. For example, you might want to make sure you're going to hit the destination marked "Marriage." You might also look ahead to ensure you're heading in the direction of "Children," too. You might want to find your way to "Career Success" or "Nice Car" or "Hefty Retirement Fund."

As a fun exercise, see if you can draw your own life map. What destinations have you hit thus far in your life? What destinations do you want to visit?

Even more important, however, is what HIS map looks like.

You know what you want from your life. But all you know about what he wants from his life is the little he's told you.

You have no idea if he's headed in the same direction as you. If he's got a different destination in mind, one that's a million miles from yours, then your relationship is dead in the water. You'll never make it to "Commitment."

Men and women often have different life maps.

Whereas a woman may dream of going straight from "College" to "Marriage" and "Children," he's looking at a different route.

After school, most men head in the direction of "Financial Security." He may want to hit a few places—like "Corner Office" or "Red Sportscar"—before he even thinks of being ready for a family.

Still other men find a route that pleases them—like "Fun," "Friends," and "Freedom"—and keeps circling it over and over again. They make sure they never get remotely close to "Marriage" or "Children."

Do you have any idea of what his life map might look like?

Some women try to get that information out of a man by asking him, "*Where do you see yourself in 10 years?*"

But that question doesn't always get the best answers.

A lot of men haven't looked that far ahead. How can he know what he'll want in 10 years when he doesn't have a clue what he'll want next month, let alone next year?

So here's another strategy.

See if you can tease the information out of him by asking him *what being a man means to him*.

If there's one topic every guy is an expert in, it's being a man. Men don't become men by virtue of being born a certain gender. They have to earn it, by demonstrating their allegiance to the rules of manhood.

So ask him about it. You're a woman, and you have no idea what it's like to be him. So can he enlighten you in the ways of what it means to be a man?

Come from a place of respect and admiration, and put your skepticism aside. You're not quizzing him, but trying to find out a vision of life that has deeply personal meaning to him.

Make sure to have this conversation when you've got all the time in the world, he's relaxed, and he's got plenty of time to think about his answer.

Here are some questions you might want to ask:

*"What does the life of a man look like?"*

*"Do you know anyone who really epitomizes what it means to be man?"*

*"What are the milestones in a man's life? What does he need to do in life to be a man?"*

*"Where do you feel you're at on that journey? What do you have left to do?"*

Not many men have ever been asked those questions by a woman before.

So don't be surprised if he feels strangely honored by the fact you're even interested.

## **Creating Your Custom Relationship Vision**

By now, you know quite a lot about the man you love.

You know what parts of relationships he enjoys the most, what parts he enjoys the least, and where he thinks relationships fit in his personal journey.

Now comes the fun part.

Either jump on Pinterest, or get two big sheets of whiteboard. You're going to create some vision boards.

The topic of the first board is "His Relationship Vision."

Find images, either in magazines or online, that represent what you've learned about your guy's perspective on relationships. You can either cut the images out and paste them onto whiteboard, or digitally pin them onto a Pinterest board.

When selecting images for him, ask yourself whether this is an image *he* would pick. Try to see the image through his eyes. (Hopefully, you've been trying to see through his eyes a lot more these days!)

Admittedly, your vision board for him isn't going to represent his relationship vision as much as *your understanding* of his relationship vision. That's okay.

Take your time with it. You may find that the process helps you think of other questions you haven't asked him.

Once you're finished with this vision board, it's time for one more.

The topic for your second vision board is "My Relationship Vision."

Pick out relationship-related images that have an emotional punch for you. It's okay if you don't know why you're pulled to a certain image. Include it anyway. Trust that your subconscious mind knows more than you do.

Once you've got both vision boards complete, put them side by side and look at them.

How are they similar?

How are they different?

How compatible are they?

Do you think you could fit into his relationship vision?

Do you think he fits into your relationship vision?

These aren't questions for your analytical mind. They're questions for your gut. *Feel* the answers to those questions, instead of thinking them through.

Now, I want you to do one last thing.

Instead of looking at your vision boards side by side, as his and hers, I want you to imagine they're attached together as one big board, with all the images belonging together.

Does this expanded relationship vision make sense?

Can you buy into it?

Is it something you want to be part of?

## **Take Action – Move Towards Your Vision**

One of the fascinating things about vision boards is the way the images lodge in your subconscious. Once they're in there, they can do some pretty amazing things.

Vision boards aren't magic. But they *do* work, in ways that can seem miraculous. They open your eyes to opportunities you might not have seen otherwise. You have to be able to spot what you want before you can get what you want.

Now that you've finished your vision boards, put them away or even toss them. You don't have to look at them again. The information has been downloaded into your subconscious, where it will continue to work for you.

Should you show them to your guy? No, there's no real reason to. They're tools for you, to clarify in *your* mind what's possible for your relationship.

Simply doing this work puts you ahead of 90% of couples.

As I said before, so many couples fall into a relationship. They're attracted to each other, and they have fun together. That's all they're thinking about.

But for a relationship to progress, you've got to understand what's meaningful to each other. What makes a relationship meaningful to you isn't necessarily the same as what makes it meaningful to him.

Knowing his deep relationship desires, and how those fit into the way he expects his life to unfold, gives you an unprecedented advantage.

Very few women have ever taken the time to get to know him on that level.

The average woman wants to know how this guy can help her fulfil *her own* relationship dreams. She's not sure she wants to know what he wants in a relationship. What if it's superficial, casual, or even crude? His relationship vision feels like competition, and she wants to make sure that hers wins out.

You're not that woman.

By now, you understand that what each of you wants from the relationship can co-exist side by side. You already created a visual representation of it, in your expanded vision board.

Now, it's time to make some magic.

Holding that image of the expanded vision board in your mind, ask yourself:

*What can you do, now that you know what you know?*

Can you make parts of that relationship vision come true?

How can you be the woman who helps him step into becoming the man he's always dreamed of being?

What does he need to experience in your relationship before he can move forward on his life path?

And don't forget to make your own dreams come true, too.

Is there something you want from your relationship that you're not getting? Then ask for it! Communicate your desires. Make it easy for him to be the man in your relationship vision.

Too many women sit back and wait to see if their boyfriend will guess what it is they *really* want from him.

They expect him to be a mind-reader. After all, if he loves them *that* much, then surely he knows what's in their hearts.

You can see now why that's not true.

It takes a great deal of detective work to get inside someone else's head. It's something you have to work at. You've got to ask the right questions, listen intently, and remember what you heard.

Think of how long it took you to get the information you needed to understand his relationship vision.

Do you think you'd understand him that well if you'd relied on him to tell you?

Don't make him work that hard. Give him the gift of understanding you. Let him know what you're dreaming about, in a way that makes it easy for him to be the man who can make you happy.

This doesn't mean putting your big relationship goals on the table—at least, not right away. It means picking the parts of your vision that are easy and achievable, and sharing those with him.

Instead of flooding him with the dream of a big rambling house in the country overflowing with kids, slip specific details his way. Maybe you're dreaming of a relationship where your man listens to you.

Where he brings you flowers every once in a while. Where he sits with you at the table and shares his day. Where he opens the door for you and puts his hand on your back as you walk down the street.

You may have to be blunt. Not all men can catch subtle hints. Feel free to tell him, "I'd love a bunch of flowers. Could you pick some up for me on the way home?"

Part of being in relationships is training each other in how best to give the other person pleasure. That's not a chore; it's a delight.

## **Never Take Off That Detective's Hat**

A detective's work is never done.

You've invested a great deal of time in understanding your man. But you're not done yet.

As your lives grow and change, you'll grow and change. What was important to him when you first met may not be as important to him a year into your relationship.

So keep having those conversations.

Keep talking about what you really like in relationships, what you don't like, and how you think relationships fit into your life plan.

When you're having these conversations regularly, it becomes easier and easier to say what you really think. You become more comfortable with one another. You know you won't be judged if you say something unexpected.

What you don't want to do is assume that you've figured him out. You've got him now. There's nothing left to discover.

Relationships stagnate when couples assume they know everything there is to know about each other.

Every time you catch yourself making an assumption about your man, go back and ask him. Tell him, "*I think this is what you'd like, but did I get that right? Or would you like something else?*"

And don't be surprised if one of the things he likes best about you is the way you really, truly listen to him.



There's a reason detectives find it easy to get people to spill their secrets:

*Everyone* loves to talk, if you're prepared to listen.

Everyone loves the opportunity to talk about themselves, give an opinion, or tell a story.

It's flattering. Nothing feels better than being the subject of another person's genuine interest.

So never stop listening to him.

Never stop asking the important questions.

Treat him as your most fascinating mystery, a subject you'll never get to the bottom of.

And let your visions unfold.