

The Greatest Celebrity Love Stories of Our Time

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> Perhaps you have heard the greatest love stories of all time; here are the greatest celebrity love stories of our time. These are couples that have been through ups and downs, divorces, tabloid gossip and hardships, but still somehow came together, survived and grew in their love. From new love, to long-time couples, these pairs are the Antonys and Cleopatras of our time.



Brad + Angelina

Known as one of the most beautiful couples ever formed, these two lovebirds came together while playing husband and wife on the big screen in Mr. and Mrs. Smith. Unfortunately for Brad's wife at the time, Jennifer Aniston, their sparks were undeniable and Brangelina was formed. Although they are not married in the legal sense they have formed such a power couple that millions follow their every move on a daily basis. Brad was originally attracted to Angelina's passion for charity and children, and of course her striking beauty. Angelina was single when she met Brad and still searching for someone special after having been in two failed marriages. In 2006 Brad adopted Angelina's children, Maddox and Zahara and later that year Angelina gave birth to their daughter Shiloh and in the following two years adopted Pax and gave birth to twins. There has been controversy surrounding them from the beginning with speculation that Angelina and Brad were together before his divorce and the tabloids are constantly creating drama and friction in their lives, but this couple has held it together thus far.



Will + Jada

1995 was the year of love for Will Smith and Jada Pinkett-Smith. Meeting on the set of "The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air" when Jada auditioned to be Will's girlfriend. She was turned down because she was too short, but that didn't stop Will from falling head-over-heels in love with the beautiful Jada. In 1997 the two young lovebirds married on New Year's Eve in a secret wedding. Since their nuptials, they have had two children together and Will also has one from his previous marriage. This couple has lasted longer than many non-celebrity marriages. They currently live on a 100-acre ranch in California, but it's more than just successful careers that keep this couple together. They put each other first. In an interview with "USA Weekend," Jada says, "I will throw my career away before I let it break up our marriage. I made it clear to Will, I'd throw it away completely." Will feels the same way, "With Jada I stood up in front of God and my family and said, 'till death us do part'. Divorce cannot be an option ... I honestly believe there is no woman for me but Jada. No-one can handle me the way she does."

Tom Hanks + Rita Wilson

One of Hollywood's most enduring couples plays like a scene from a movie. They met in 1981 on the set of the show "Bosom Buddies" that Tom Hanks starred in, but didn't find that special spark between them until they came together on the set of the movie, "Volunteers" in 1985. Tom said that he was quickly falling in love with Rita on the set; the problem was that Tom Hanks was married with two children at the time. However, he realized that it was the real thing with Rita. Tom said in an interview with "People," "When you find [love], it's undeniable."

Being half-Greek, Rita is best known for getting Nia Vardalos a movie deal for "My Big Fat Greek Wedding." In 1988 Rita and Tom had their own "Big Fat Greek Wedding" and have two children of their own. "I didn't know what being in love was until I met Tom," Rita told "Vanity Fair." Tom and Rita have always said they make family a priority which has kept them happily together for so long.

These couples make relationships look easy to the rest of us. Being celebrities they not only have to deal with the normal everyday relationship woes, but with outside forces like the tabloids and paparazzi too. Even so, their love stories are beautiful and enduring. They serve as a tribute to true love being long lasting, even in the 21st century. <





I Am... Beyoncé

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> She had her first standing ovation at age 7 after singing John Lennon's "Imagine" in a talent show. Now many years later, with countless other standing ovations, movies, songs and awards, she has become a household name – Beyoncé is definitely here to stay.

She dedicated her childhood to practicing singing, dancing and performing. Getting her love for music from singing in her church choir, she began to shine at a young age. Her father discovered her talents early on and decided to become her manager, and to form a girl's group with Beyoncé, LaTavia Robertson, LeToya Luckett and Beyoncé's cousin Kelly Rowland. The girls preformed on Star Search but did not win first place, little did they know that a few years after that disappointment, they would be winning the biggest award in music – a Grammy.

In 1997 Destiny's Child won two Grammy's for their world famous song "Say my Name."

Beyoncé's dream had come true. But along with joy, came turmoil for the young group.

LaTavia and LeToya decided to leave the hit group because of management struggles. Beyoncé and Kelly refused to give up on their passion and after overcoming numer-

ous legal battles, asked Michelle Williams to join Destiny's Child. This new version of Destiny's Child earned a Grammy for "Survivor."

After such success, the girls decided to pursue solo careers despite the risk involved in disbanding such a successful group. Destiny certainly has a way of stepping in at the right time for Beyoncé. For her debut solo album she collaborated with rap superstar Jay-Z on "Crazy in Love" which won her more Grammy's in 2004. But more than just a career boost came from collaborating with Jay-Z, rumors began to circle that they were 'crazy in love' in real life as well.

In the following years, she also decided to take on the big screen, starring in "Austin Powers Goldmember," "Dreamgirls," "Cadillac Records" and most recently, "Obsessed." Her part in the films proved to everyone that she had more than just a pretty voice.

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She also tied with Lauryn Hill for record-setting Grammy nominations in 2009, ten to be exact. These nominations come on the heels of her record breaking album "I

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Tony Braxton
Album: Pulse
Release Date: 2/2/10



K.D. Lang
Album: Recollection
Release Date: 2/2/10



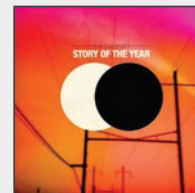
Sade
Album: Soldier of Love
Release Date: 2/8/10



Young Jeezy
Album: Thug Motivation 103
Release Date: 2/9/10



The Watson Twins
Album: Talking To You, Talking To Me
Release Date: 2/9/10



Story of the Year
Album: The Constant
Release Date: 2/16/10

am ... Sasha Fierce,” which is a highly personal record from Beyoncé with songs that let fans see the real Beyoncé, like “If I Were a Boy” and “Halo,” both of which show her soft and vulnerable side. Her album also has songs done by her ‘alter-ego’ Sasha Fierce, in “Single Ladies” and “Diva.” Beyoncé has said that she created Sasha as a way of being free on stage to perform more exhibitionist and uninhibited styles than the real Beyoncé would.

Beyoncé has struggled to keep her love life personal, but it became almost impossible when it involved a fellow star. Beyoncé and Jay-Z finally married in 2008 in a secret ceremony. Beyoncé said in Seventeen Magazine, “Before Jay and I met each other, we were both focused and successful and knew what we wanted to do. I think it’s great to have a support system and to be around people that work hard and are successful, ‘cause it makes you want to be even more successful.”

On being a mother, Beyoncé has expressed her desire for it someday, “When it’s time and when it happens, when it is meant to be, it will, but I’m in no rush,” she said to CNN.

Beyoncé is in no rush because she has enough to handle in 2010 with her first South American tour that kicks off in Brazil on February 4. With such incredible success, it’s hard to imagine what more she will do, but she says, “I feel like I’ve accomplished a lot of things, but I haven’t seen the best of myself, and the world hasn’t seen the best of me.” <



Beyoncé & Jay-Z
Performing Live



Usher
Album: *Raymond v. Raymond*
Release Date: 2/16/10



Holly Miranda
Album: *The Magician's Private Library*
Release Date: 2/23/10



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