

## THE MOST KNOWN SECRET

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As social beings, humans' search for a relationship cannot be denied. That's why when it comes to genres, those which are about romance, and love are greatly appreciated and accepted. Consequently, a lot of people are inspired to produce and share their ideas about romance and love in all forms possible. Experts write articles, guides, and advice on how to have meaningful and long-lasting relationships, etc. Artists make paintings, songs, and plays, and the most common of them: are movies and series.

The moment we can watch and understand what we are watching, we've been introduced to romance. We can say that we are generally exposed to different love stories since then. As much as we don't want to admit it, we have been using these stories as a reference and basis to create our own love stories and pursue the relationship we have in mind.

Despite all these materials available and references that we have now, why are we still searching for the correct formula of love? Aren't they reliable? Aren't they suitable for reality? Are we doomed to eternally search for something that may not be there in the first place? Or just like that unanswered question of ours since then, how can we know if it is our one true love?

Having a lot of friends, especially those who are in a relationship taught me a lot. Obviously, they say different things about being in a relationship with someone, also when there were times that they experience break-ups.

Some say that you will know that you are with the right person when everything seems so easy and smooth. They complement each other very well, their plans for themselves and for their futures align, etc. They have that assurance that they will be together for the rest of their lives, always in love, with a happily ever after.

On the other hand, those whose relationships ended say that they decided to grow separately. Things aren't working out for both and chose to be friends/strangers than lovers, a tragic one.

If so, does it mean that if it is somehow difficult to be with someone, you are not in the right relationship? But it is no secret that there are a lot of people who choose to say regardless of hardships. Where are we now with that?

I can say that just like everything we do in our life, it is by choice and by having faith in that choice we made.

I think that we should not entirely base our relationship on what we have watched for those who already have their endings laid out for them. Maybe it is one of the reasons why some relationships end because we are so invested in a particular story. If we are on cloud nine and watched something with a happy ending, we tend to classify our relationship to be just like that. In times when we experience difficulties and happen to relate to a tragic love story, we can be influenced that our relationship is destined to end too.

No, you shouldn't compare your real relationship with stories because those stories have already endings, the relationship we are in hasn't. If all partners will make the same choice to stay and have faith in their decision despite the hardships, no relationships will easily end.

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are bad, but we have the choice to stay and learn to get over those bad things and love those parts too, and find a reason to be in love again. It may seem pathetic at first, I know. No great treasure can be found in plain sight.

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