

## Text Me, Kiss Me, Love Me

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*“Do you think he likes me?”*  
*“Why did he break up with me?”*  
*“Should I tell him I have a crush on him?”*  
*“Why don’t I have a boyfriend?”*

We all have questions about love, but like, OMG—there is so much advice about relationships on the internet today, no wonder we get confused when it comes to guys.

There is the CosmoGirl site that advises girls to “burp all they want” around guys to let them know that the two of you are “just friends.” How about seventeen.com that reveals the best places to hookup during spring break? And, of course, we have the millions of Yahoo and Facebook postings claiming to know “exactly what to do in that situation!”

Girlfriends, this new dating column is for you—to help you distinguish between the good, the bad, and the simply ridiculous relationship advice that is at your finger tips via Google. Feel free to email me your questions concerning situations that give you butterflies in your stomach or cause your heart to break.

To start off the year, let me share with you a question that I am often asked by teenage girls who attend one of my book signings around the country. *“My friends think it’s a big deal to have a boyfriend. I have lots of great guy friends, but they’re not boyfriends. My mom says not to worry and that I’ll have a boyfriend in time. Did you have a boyfriend when you were in high school?”* The girls are genuinely looking for something or someone to let them know that they are okay and not a freak.

No matter what you have seen on TV, heard on the radio, or read online, high school is not supposed to be consumed with relationship drama, pregnancy, or who is going out with so-and-so’s ex-boyfriend. Yes, having a crush on a guy is fun. Yes, hanging out with guys is fun. Guys are cute, exciting, and they make our heart race as we get nervous around the one we like.

There are only so many hours in a day. If you choose to spend all of your time chatting online about a guy, or who he is going out with, or what girl at school kissed him last week, then obviously you are not interested in excellent grades, becoming a better athlete, or doing any extracurricular activities that will look good on your college application. How fast your fingers can text a message is not what colleges look for today.

Having a boyfriend does not make you pretty, special, or better than anyone else. YOU make yourself pretty, special, and hopefully do not have time to be competitive with other girls over some guy.

In answer to the question ... No, I did not have a boyfriend in high school. I did go to dances, movies, parties, etc. with guys, but I believed my Mom when she told me that boys would always be around forever. I concentrated on my studies and dancing. Just for the record, it turns out Mom was right. ;)



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