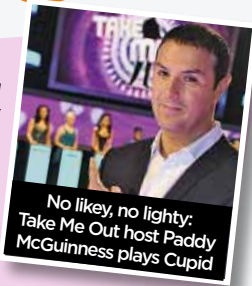




# Help us find the one!

After eight Saturdays and 32 potential dates, why haven't these three *Take Me Out* contestants been lucky in love? Top dating coach **Matthew Hussey** offers his expert advice



No likey, no lighty: *Take Me Out* host Paddy McGuinness plays Cupid

## CORENE

The 32-year-old from Luton is a part-time singer and runs after-school clubs for kids



"I'm dying to go on a date with one of the guys on *Take Me Out*. But I reckon all the men are terrified of me. I can't blame them – I'm too loud. And although I personally think I look fabulous, I reckon my edgy looks scare off a lot of men.

"As a result, I've been single for what seems like forever and my mum keeps trying to set me up. She approaches guys at weddings and says: 'That's my daughter, are you interested?' I'll be in the corner wishing the ground would swallow me up.

"My most recent relationship – which lasted two years – finished ages ago. Nowadays, friends say I'm too picky. I like tall, good-looking men – someone like Will Smith, Brad Pitt or a fit professional footballer would be perfect!

"Since *Take Me Out* began, I've had a few offers which I haven't taken up. I've had men shout: 'You're a legend!' at me while I'm walking down the street. It's not how I want to meet my future husband.

"The truth is, I'd love to get married. Lots of people think marriage is just a silly piece of paper but to me, it's about finding your soulmate and being a princess for the day – what girl doesn't want that?"

### LOVE GURU MATT'S VERDICT:

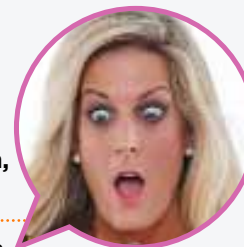
"Corene says men are terrified of her, so she needs to show her vulnerable, feminine side. She could try turning down the volume and letting a guy make an approach, then she can ask him questions about himself, rather than dominating the conversation."



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## HEIDI

The kids' party planner, 38, lives in Oxfordshire with her daughter Lauren, 13, and son Josh, ten



"Since my ten-year marriage ended six years ago, I've been on an emotional roller coaster. I get lonely sometimes and hate the thought of being on my own forever.

"I don't mind that the show has portrayed me as a cougar. I've been out with a 21-year-old and I do prefer younger men because I'm young at heart, so I have more in common with them. I don't fancy bald guys – I prefer spiky hair – and I don't like tattoos or piercings. What's most important is that a man is trustworthy and willing to be part of a family.

"I've done online dating but I stopped when one weirdo had used a picture of Morten Harket from A-ha as his profile photograph! I've had e-mails saying: 'Are you up for some fun?' and we all know

what 'fun' means in that context. I'd rather be in a loving relationship than have a one-night stand.

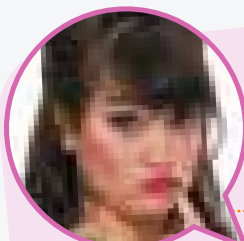
"While I want to settle down and get married again, I run a mile if someone seems too keen. When a guy turned up with flowers on a second date, I immediately called it off – it felt like too much too soon."

### LOVE GURU MATT'S VERDICT:

"It's clear that Heidi is scared of getting hurt. Most young guys shy away from commitment, so maybe she's choosing them because she knows they won't fall too deeply. Heidi could get out there to find new hobbies and interests. Youthful men don't have to be in their 20s – they can be 40 or 50 if you look in the right places, such as a rock-climbing or skiing club."

## JO-JO

The 24-year-old lifeguard and part-time actress is from Stockton-on-Tees



"I've been single for two years, five months and 17 days – not that anyone's counting! I split up with my last boyfriend because he always wanted to know where I was, who I was with and what I was doing. I hate feeling controlled.

"I'm loving every minute of *Take Me Out*, but you only have to look at the other girls on the show, who are all so pretty, to see why I've not been picked yet by the guys. I think I put them off because I come across as a little bit crazy and too enthusiastic.

"My ideal man is someone who can tell a joke and isn't too laddish – like Graeme from *Corrie* or Will from *The Inbetweeners*. I'd have a laugh with them. The trouble is, because I work as a lifeguard, I tend to meet blokes who'd rather work out in the gym than take me out on a date.

"Since the show started, a few blokes have contacted me through Facebook, saying: 'I'll go out with you,' but I'm not so desperate that I'll hook up with a random stranger.

"The problem is, I've always been pretty terrible at flirting. Whenever I go out clubbing with my gorgeous friends, they always end up talking to the fit blokes while I get stuck with their ugly mates."

### LOVE GURU MATT'S VERDICT:

"Jo-Jo is too modest and guys will pick up on that – if she doesn't feel sexy herself, they're not going to find her sexy either. She should also pluck up the courage to chat to men during the day – ask a guy in a coffee shop for his opinion on the drink or sandwich he's buying. Men often love women to make the first move."

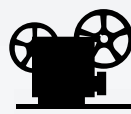
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