

Which Couples Will Last?

Our outspoken insiders don't hold back as they predict the stars who are in it for the long haul
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Jennifer Garner & Ben Affleck

Lasting Power:



TC: With the baby, I give it maybe an extra six months. I think she'll jump eventually. And then Ben is going to have to go back to work. His career was dating famous women.
CN: It's Bennifer Two! And everyone knows that 2005 was the year for better sequels.
PP: The two of them have dubious relationship histories, but they seem to be low-key and on track together.
JR: I give Ben and Matt Damon better odds at lasting love than I give Ben and Jennifer.



Reese Witherspoon & Ryan Phillippe

Lasting Power:



TC: I think her success bugs him, but he's got a sense of humor about it.
JG: She seems to have a good head on her shoulders, though the fact that she's higher profile may be problematic.
CN: Reese is in charge, and you don't mess with Reese. I mean, her production company is called Type A Films.
PP: They lead a low-profile life, considering the circumstances. And they're both really committed to their two kids.
JR: The only way I see it ending is if they have a fight over who's cuter!



Gwyneth Paltrow & Chris Martin

Lasting Power:



TC: Oh, Gwyneth. What a loss. You could have had Brad. What were you thinking? She's going to get bored. She's going to want the career back.
CN: Chris and Gwyn named their child Apple; when you ensure that a child will be ridiculed for the rest of her life, you are obligated to stay together and share the blame equally.
PP: Both of them grew up with happily married parents, and they quickly followed up their first baby's birth with another pregnancy. Something must be going right.



Sarah Jessica Parker & Matthew Broderick

Lasting Power:



TC: They're not interested in peddling their marriage to the tabloids. They're not Hollywood.
CN: Two glamorous people who lead very unglamorous lives. They'll be together forever.
PP: They were together for a long time before they got married, and they're also really, really private. There are no star trips here.
JR: They live in New York, not in L.A., which helps. And actors stay together—movie stars don't. They're absolutely right for each other.

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Britney Spears & Kevin Federline

Lasting Power:



TC: My hunch is that he's just in it for the free ride. I don't think Kevin's a guy who's interested in being a good partner.

JG: Am I allowed to give minus scores?

JR: It will last as long as Britney wants it to last because Britney's in charge. But I don't know how long K-Fed can hold it in.



Jada Pinkett-Smith & Will Smith

Lasting Power:



TC: I think they have a very tidy arrangement. And I think they both genuinely do love each other—which is a rarity in a Hollywood marriage.

JG: She's scary. He'd have to be one brave man to mess this up.

CN: I say that they will be together forever, simply because Jada can kick Will's ass.

JR: They're very stable, they're smart—what are they doing in Hollywood?



Kate Hudson & Chris Robinson

Lasting Power:



TC: The beautiful woman with the ugly rocker dude—I just don't get it. And he's more of a diva than she is.

JG: The physical mismatch! Call me superficial, but that beard...

CN: I gotta be honest, she called me last week—and I told her I was married.



Angelina Jolie & Brad Pitt

Lasting Power:



TC: She has a horrible track record. Brad's heart will be broken.

JG: It's true love now, but will he still feel the same way when he wakes up to find her sucking his blood?

CN: Brad left America's Sweetheart with a broken heart... but karma has a way of leveling things out.

JR: I give it three months. Or just until her brother's available.



Demi Moore and Ashton Kutcher

Lasting Power:



TC: Ashton, Demi and Bruce Willis make three. Bruce is like the step-dad.

CN: Ashton's the son she's always wanted, so I think it's forever. Plus, he gets along really well with the kids.

PP: The age difference is definitely going to be a factor—he's not much older than her children.

JR: She's living proof that you can find a hot younger man if you eat 30 calories and spend 23 hours a day in the gym.



Katie Holmes & Tom Cruise

Lasting Power:

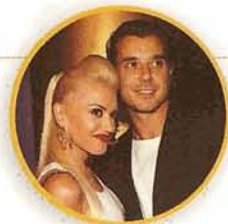


TC: They will marry, then they will divorce in 9.5 years. As is Tom's way.

JG: I give it one day less than 10 years...

CN: Couches the world over will never be the same again.

JR: There's three people in the relationship—Tom, Katie and Scientology. And it's difficult when there's more than one star, and Tom's the star.



Gwen Stefani & Gavin Rossdale

Lasting Power:



TC: The hottest couple in Hollywood, no doubt. They just ooze sex.

JG: I get the sense that she completely adores him, whereas he seems ever so slightly smug.

PP: They dated for a long time before getting married and were already in their 30s when they did. And they're both committed to having a family.

JR: The way she dresses and does her makeup, he has a new wife every day. He'll never be bored!



Jennifer Lopez & Marc Anthony

Lasting Power:



TC: She's the new Liz Taylor. She'll go on to marry a few more times. I see Bennifer revisited.

JG: They'll last... as long as she doesn't squash him by mistake.

CN: They'll stay together just so the press won't have the satisfaction of seeing them split up.

PP: It was a quick, rebound courtship. That doesn't bode well.