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## Real Love Stories: I Didn't Call Him Back

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Drew and Lori met on [Match.com](#) and they went on one date. "He just wasn't my type," said Lori. "I wanted a corporate guy, who wore suits and lived in Manhattan. This guy was a chiropractor and showed up wearing jeans and sneakers. Although he did bring roses." According to Lori, the date went well, but Drew didn't meet any of her criteria. So, she didn't call him back and continued on with her life.

Lori describes the next three years of her life as a time of transition. Lori began to realize that her "list" wasn't helping her find the man of her dreams. "Slowly," Lori said, "I began to date men who didn't fit the list or what I believed was my type." Lori began to open up to new people and new experiences and three years later, when Drew contacted her again she was ready. "I hadn't forgotten him," Lori said. "He had the same birthday as my sister." And Lori's own chiropractor knew about Drew. She had never really forgotten him.

Drew found her profile again on [Match.com](#) and wrote her a message telling her that he still thought about her and asking her why she hadn't called him back. Lori responded with a "flirtatious" message and they agreed to go out on a date. The Friday, when Drew came to pick her up, he was wearing jeans and sneakers and carrying roses. Lori laughs at the memory. "He still wears jeans! I can't break him of that habit." During their date, Lori told Drew about how she hadn't felt ready at the time to date someone she described as "the type of man you marry." But now, the timing was perfect.

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Drew was determined not to let Lori go. On their fifth date they went skiing in Vail, Colorado. On their 14th date, Drew took Lori to Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, where he proposed. "We were stuck on the plane leaving New York for almost four hours and when we got there we discovered our luggage was lost, so for four days we had not clothes," said Lori. "But we still had fun anyway and I knew that this was the man for me, because even stuck on the airplane and wearing day-old clothes, we still laughed and had a good time." Nine weeks after they started [dating](#) a second time, Lori and Drew were engaged.

As Lori looks back on their whirlwind courtship three years in the making, she notes that had they tried to date that first time they met, their relationship would not have worked. "Love is all about timing. I needed time to become the person who I am now." Since marrying Drew, Lori's life has gone a completely different direction. She laughs happily when she talks about it. "I went from being a single, PR executive, living in Manhattan to a stay-at-home mom, living in Brooklyn." It's a lot of change, but Lori says she was ready for it.

Lori now writes a [dating](#) column for [SingleEdition](#) and has her own blog at [LoriBizz.com](#). The No. 1 thing Lori tells people who come to her for advice is this: "Lose your list; and if you can't lose it at least be willing to compromise on a few things." Lori sincerely believes that lists hold people back from finding the [love](#) that is right in front of them in jeans and sneakers. Trust her, she knows.

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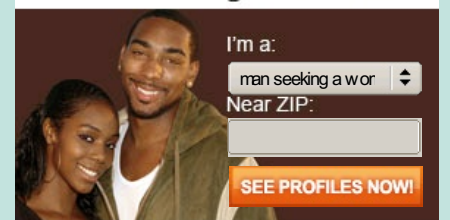
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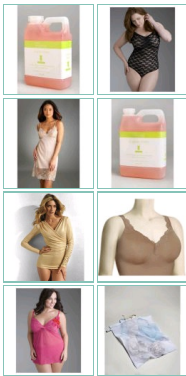
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So much for "lists" and criteria. There are too many women like the "old" Lori, with their stuck up little lists. They usally die as spinsters.

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2 nonya bizness Apr 24th 2010 @ 12:35AM [report, +, -, stars]

She didn't sound so uptight to me, everyone always has expectations for something (everything). Now if she was completely cut-throat about those predilections, then that'd be a different matter. But she gave the guy a second chance, so...

3 debi625 Apr 24th 2010 @ 12:40AM [report, +, -, stars]

Believe me, I've had the same thing. Daughters are perfect - even though they treat him like crap... And I'm treated horribly! wish that I never would have gotten into this relationship - and now I'm stuck due to financial reasons....

4 Rich Apr 24th 2010 @ 1:41AM [report, +, -, stars]

Both men and women have too many lists when it comes to dating. This is why so few people end up in real relationships.

5 annie Apr 25th 2010 @ 11:34AM [report, +, -, stars]

My problem was i didn't have any list, at all...I let someone treat me like a second fiddle( and compare me to crap) to his daughter. and though parents should take care and love their kids first, He left me on the side like trash when she called and she was 17..took her out for her birthday and mine was unimportant and inconvenient. He wanted me to stay in the house and cook while him and his daughter went out on date night every week..we didnt have dates. He seemed always annoyed with me, sat on the couch for almost 2 yrs and ignored me until he got bored and took off. I dont know why i wasted my time with this man. Very uncompassionate, selfish, disrespectful of women..Wow flowers and dinner and even trips this man gave you..i would get dirty looks if i asked to go to the diner or deli FOR MY BIRTHDAY!. Maybe it's self esteem issues but i do know i will have some list from now on.. Do you have any advice for me?

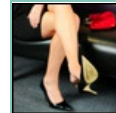
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