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For my brother, Rob.
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Introduction

All men are not the same and, therefore, all men who aren’t married aren’t the same. We come in all shapes and sizes, all ages and ethnic backgrounds, and can be found working in every career imaginable. Still, despite our differences, bachelors often share many traits and qualities, most of which are what keep us unmarried in the first place. That’s what makes bachelors so interesting! We can be so unique and yet so predictable at the same time. A bachelor may be black or white, young or old, rich or poor, yet at some point he has been caught drinking milk straight from the carton.

Being a single guy who lives alone doesn’t have to be a bad thing. It seems that Bachelors always get a bad reputation because they haven’t chosen to “settle down”, get married, and have 2.2 kids. We’re seen as freewheeling men who selfishly spend all their time and money solely on themselves, with no care for anyone else.

Probably.

It isn’t easy being a single guy. Bachelors always get the bad reputation and the blame for everything that is wrong with men these days. If a group of married guys gets caught doing something that their wives specifically told them not to do, they will undoubtedly blame their one single friend... even if he wasn’t with them at the time. That single friend becomes the scapegoat for every misadventure that ensues until the day he finally gets married or dies trying.
So, how does one get through the bachelor years? With this handy-dandy guide, of course! Here, collected for the first time, you will find help with the years before marriage, after marriage, or simply before death. Here is the guide to simple dating, decorating your home, and playing with your leftover food. This is a guide for men, by men, about men. This is *The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide.*

**Section I:**

**Meet**

**The Bachelor**
There are “bachelors” and there is “The Bachelor”. This book will discuss them both, but the latter is really the main focus of this book and about whom the book is primarily written. Although both fit the dictionary description of what it is to be an unmarried man, the two are not exactly the same.

Bachelors are men who are not married. Period. They are men over the age of eighteen that have not yet settled down or met the women of their dreams. This does not, however, mean that they are men who do not intend to marry. Chances are before they reach the age of forty some special woman will come along and change all of that. In fact, bachelors spend most of their lives trying to find the right women to take them out of the singles’ scene forever. Much like women are taught to find the right men to marry, young men are also raised to seek out a wife.

Although they haven’t yet met Ms. Right, most bachelors live okay on their own. Perhaps it was a house full of sisters or just a nurturing mother that showed them the way, but they know how to cook a little bit and have been cleaning up after themselves their entire lives. Perhaps they lived with a single father who showed them the ropes along the way. Whatever the case, they understand how to get along in life and could comfortably live it alone forever if worse came to worst.
The Bachelor is a different story. He is not married and hasn’t met the woman of his dreams, either. Unlike most single men, however, The Bachelor isn’t looking for Ms. Right. He is set in his ways and isn’t quite sure that he wants those ways to ever change. It isn’t that he doesn’t want to be married or meet a lifelong love; it just isn’t something that he thinks much about. He dates women, sometimes very frequently, and enjoys the dating scene that he is in. Anything beyond that is still a mystery to him.

The Bachelor knows he is an odd man. He isn’t ashamed of that fact and he doesn’t deny it, either. He is fully aware of the fact that most people find it odd to clean the toilet with shampoo, but it has always worked for him and that’s all that matters. He realizes his obsession with sports borderlines on the insane, but he continues to paint his face different colors anyway…even when he’s alone at home.

The Bachelor doesn’t worry about whether or not he’ll ever meet the perfect woman because he’s only thinking about right now. Right now he has a great stereo system and a wide-screen TV. Right now he has the nicest car he’s ever had. Right now he has a pool table and a refrigerator full of beer and snacks. What more does he really need?

Most bachelors have a sense of what is proper and what is not. A single guy doesn’t have to be close to his mother or have a steady girlfriend to know that you simply shouldn’t decorate your bathroom with pictures from Penthouse magazine. They know that there are going to be women visiting at some point who might just be offended by the sight of naked women plastered all over the walls. The Bachelor, however, slaps those photos up without bothering to think for a minute that anyone besides himself and a few poker buddies will ever notice. It isn’t that he wants to offend the women who may visit; he can’t believe that any woman would visit in the first place. After all, it hasn’t happened yet.

One has to stop and admire The Bachelor. He lives with a secure sense of self that only extreme ignorance can bring. Here is a man who is actually proud that he manages to do his laundry without bothering to separate the white clothes from the red clothes. Here is a man who considers the fact that he can heat up a frozen dinner proof that he knows how to cook. There is something amazing about a person who has never thought twice about owning only one fork.

Don’t hate him. He can’t help it. It isn’t even that he is unwilling to change or actually learn how to evolve like normal humans. He simply has no clue that anything needs to be done differently than it is. Yes, he knows that he isn’t normal and that most people are baffled by his lifestyle. He is aware that the way he lives is out of the ordinary, but he’s certain that this fact is something that makes him unique and interesting.

Interesting perhaps but, as this book shows, The Bachelor isn’t that unique. There are millions of men just like him everywhere. Take a look around you and you’re certain to find him. He’s the guy at the office whose idea of a bagged lunch is to-go food from McDonald’s. He is the guy who claims that he could be a really good drummer because he’s good at banging chopsticks on the coffee table. He is the guy who doesn’t realize that the garbage truck comes on certain days and, therefore, just puts the trash on the curb every day. He is also the guy who doesn’t realize that the idea of a wine tasting party isn’t to “get wasted first”.

To The Bachelor, this book is not a parody of his life. It is his life. It is a poignant and affectionate look at his day-to-day existence. He can turn every page and see something that is familiar, something that he sees all the time. For those who know The Bachelor (and know him well) this book is simply a reference to understanding just who the hell he is and just what the hell he seems to be doing.
The Ultimate Bachelor’s Checklist

There is more to being a bachelor than just being single. If you’re going to do something, you should do it to the best of your ability. Don’t just phone it in. In order to be an “Ultimate Bachelor”, there are certain guidelines you must meet. It is for that reason the following checklist has been included in this book.

Follow the list carefully, adding one point for every “Yes”. Add a zero for every “No”.

1. You are not married, nor do you live with a girlfriend.
2. You live in an apartment that looks like the set of a beer commercial.
3. Your furniture was bought piece by piece over the years and does not match.
4. There is, somewhere in your home, a poster of a half-naked woman.
5. There is a beer bottle somewhere within arms’ reach at any given moment.
6. You have re-created the “dancing in underwear” scene from Risky Business at least once.
7. There is a basketball goal inside your home. Perhaps even in the living room.
8. Your bookshelves are filled with more models and toys than books.
9. You don’t keep your pornographic videos separate from the regular movies.
10. Your refrigerator has dozens of pizza and Chinese food coupons stuck to it. Most have been expired for months, perhaps even years.
11. Your dining room table is used to throw mail and bills on and never used for eating.
12. There is a piece of furniture somewhere that is covering a large stain on the carpet.
13. There is a baseball glove hanging on the coat rack by the front door.
14. There is a piece of furniture somewhere that no one is allowed to sit on except your dog.
15. You spent $1000 on a deluxe leather recliner, but the rest of your furniture was pulled out of a dumpster.
16. There are still Halloween decorations on your door until March.
17. You have a piece of sports memorabilia or an autograph from a rock star in a lighted display case.
18. New Years’ Eve confetti is still on your ceiling fan until the following Christmas.
19. There is a picture frame on the wall covering a hole you punched there when a girl dumped you or your favorite team lost an important game.
20. Your dining room table has only one chair and it doesn’t match.
21. You still have a bong and use it as decoration in your living room.
22. There is a jar on a table somewhere with $5 in it and its purpose is to be down payment on your new car, boat, timeshare, skis, motorcycle, or entertainment system. The $5 has not been added to since you put it in the jar a year ago.
23. Your laundry is separated into two piles: “Dirty” and “Dirty, but can still be worn”.

24. The drawer in your nightstand only has one thing in it: Condoms.
25. You put up wallpaper in your bathroom with a staple gun.
26. You've had the same bottle of cologne for ten years.
27. Your closet is full of holiday gifts that didn't fit you and you never bothered to return.
28. You have old concert t-shirts dry cleaned.
29. Your neckties are already tied so you can just slip them over your head and tighten them when you need to wear one.
30. You have more video games than the teenager who lives next door.
31. Your refrigerator is always full of jello Shots.
32. You have never owned fabric softener.
33. You keep empty wine bottles in your wine rack for decorative purposes.
34. Your bath mat hasn't been washed in years.
35. You still use pillows that you've had since you were a child.
36. Your toilet is cleaned depending on how much you've been dating lately.
37. You have no room for a dining room table because that's where you put the pool table.
38. You use the same air freshener in your house as you do in your car.
39. You have plenty of closet space, and always will, no matter where you live.
40. You've never heard that it's unhealthy to eat in bed.
41. You have a remote control for almost everything in your home.
42. Your medicine cabinet only contains toothpaste, shaving cream, and a bottle of aspirin.
43. You don't even own a hairdryer.
44. You have been known to put a shirt in the dishwasher to keep from going to the laundry.
45. The pizza delivery guy recognizes your voice on the phone.
46. You use old socks to clean furniture with (This does not mean that you don't still wear them, as well).
47. You have been known to break-up with women for making fun of your car.
48. The only thing rougher than your bed sheets is your toilet paper.
49. You never need a cart when you go to the grocery store.
50. You wouldn't be able to find anything in your apartment if it were clean.

How did you do? Tally up your score and check out the results below:

40-50 points: You are The Ultimate Bachelor. Women find it hard to love you because they are so afraid of you.
30-40 points: You are skating on thin ice, but you haven't quite fallen into the lake. Some of your mother's habits have worn off on you.
20-30 points: You must be divorced, once had female roommates, or are very close with your sister and her friends.
10-20 points: Someone bought you this book as a joke. You're probably already married. This is supposed to remind you of the guy you used to be...a long, long time ago.
Bachelor Wisdom

There is a misconception about single men everywhere. That misconception is that The Bachelor is a foolish or unintelligent buffoon, as evidenced by his sloppiness, crass behavior, and general lack of etiquette. Considering that most men—from CEOs to janitors—possess some of the traits described throughout this book, it is absurd to believe that men are helpless morons until the day they are married. Truth be told, many men continue to be helpless morons well into the golden years of their marriage. Others may never marry, yet still lead extremely successful lives only partially based on luck.

Why does The Bachelor receive such a browbeating and so little respect? Perhaps it isn’t easy to respect a man who has no idea just what the hell a Cabernet is and yet knows exactly what kind of engine is in every sports car ever created. This argument is all a matter of where a person places his priorities, and The Bachelor often places his on simple things such as cars, sports, women, and things that explode when you leave them in the sun for too long.

None of this, however, makes single men helpless nimrods. In fact, there is something awe inspiring when it comes to The Bachelor Wisdom. Just as one would respect and admire a philosopher who buries himself in his theories or a religious leader who lives completely immersed in his faith, one must appreciate a man who is willing to risk going to jail for wearing no pants at the Super Bowl as long as he believes he is supporting his favorite team.

*The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide* is willing to make the argument that true Bachelors (the kind who embrace their single status instead of merely jumping from a mother to a wife in a matter of months) are actually brilliant creatures who should be admired for their unique and practical wisdom. There is an old saying that ignorance is bliss. Perhaps just as true would be a saying that to accept Bachelorism is to live life completely content.

One could call a man unwise because he lives in a basement apartment that is much too small for any adult to occupy. At the same time, one could call that same man a genius for living there simply because he has been stealing cable television from his upstairs neighbors for years. He might not have enough room to even put a bed in that place, but at least he can sit on the floor and watch *Cinemax* for free.

How can you not stand back in awe of someone for being able to wash his dishes, his laundry and his dog at the same time and all in the same place? He will fill up the bathtub and accomplish each of these tasks faster than you can say “children’s shampoo”. This not only shows his frugal nature and ability to multi-task his responsibilities, it also shows that he possesses a maternal instinct when it comes to his favorite canine.

Speaking of Man’s Best Friend, The Bachelor loves his dog almost as much as he loves saving money for important things, such as electronics, beer and women. It is for these two reasons—love and money—that he is more than willing to share with his dog half of whatever he is eating at any given moment. How can you not feel your heartstrings yanked a bit by the selflessness of a man who understands that dog food is expensive and that people food just plain tastes better, even for dogs? Better still is the notion that if you throw chicken fingers to Rover instead of pouring him a bowl of dry dog food, the more likely he is to rip apart any burglars who may attempt to steal your DVD player. This just saves money on expensive security systems, and all because a man was wise enough to give his dog some leftover meatloaf.
All this talk of saving money might depict many single men as being “cheap” or selfish with their money. This could not be further from the truth. Bachelors aren’t cheap as much as they simply do not believe in pouring money into things they simply do not want or feel they do not need. This kind of saving makes it possible for men to spend that same money on the thing that most men are trying to obtain in the first place: the attention of women. Sure, a woman would like to date a man who has an actual living room set instead of folding chairs, but think about how nice those chairs will seem while watching your favorite chick flick on a television set that is larger than most automobiles. This is the kind of result only Bachelor Wisdom can produce.

Women love a man who is thoughtful and wise enough to bring her flowers before a romantic evening out. Little does she know that some men are wise enough to know that cemeteries are full of flowers that aren’t even being used.

It isn’t always about money, either. Bachelors are often very adept with mathematics, as well, due to their unbelievable ability to spout out random sports statistics at any given moment. It is true that a man might not be able to tell you his gym locker combination that he somehow gets correct every day, but he’ll certainly be able to spout off the batting average of his favorite shortstop whenever called upon to do so. Somehow find a way to throw this knowledge into income tax forms and there is a certified public accountant sitting on that sofa.

Do you need some medical advice? Bachelors everywhere know that most illnesses can be cured by nights of intense drunkenness followed by late-night fast food. Some single men even know how to stop severe blood loss using only duct tape and a dog collar.

Are you curious about news or politics? Most men are fully aware that the local news is reported just minutes before sports news every day. If that isn’t good enough (or if the only channel he watches is ESPN) don’t forget that many bachelors are keen to the fact that there are actually some great articles in *Playboy* magazine...somewhere.

There is much to be learned from The Bachelor, but such wisdom will most likely continue to go unnoticed. It is much easier to look upon a man and ignore his knowledge of gourmet cooking and merely see an idiot who has a barbecue grille in the middle of his studio apartment. At the end of the day, however, isn’t it so much nicer just to ignore the fire alarm and enjoy some ribs? Without that little light bulb appearing over the head of some single guy out there, such things would never be possible.

So, show a little respect to The Bachelor. He isn’t perfect, but he is admirable nonetheless. He claims that when the gauge reads “empty” there is still a little bit of gas left in the car. He is also smart enough to know that, in the end, it will always be he walking down the side of the highway with the gas can in hand. The willingness to take such risks has to count for something.

He isn’t as foolish as he may appear. Behind that blank stare is a man who may not know how to color coordinate his clothing, but does know the secrets to professional wrestling. You never know when the ability to execute one of those moves might just save your life, so it would be wise to listen whenever some man attempts to teach them to you, even if he has already broken his own arm trying it once before.
Random Facts about Single Men

• We actually know how to do the dishes correctly, but prefer to re-use the same dirty plates anyway.
• We aren’t proud of our flatulence, but have learned to accept and live with it.
• We spend thousands of dollars on TV and stereo equipment yet we buy the cheapest shampoo, soap, and deodorant on the market.
• 99% of all meals will be on the coffee table in front of the TV.
• We know how stupid our pick-up strategies are, but continue to use them anyway because they are the only strategies we have.
• We are fully aware of how to read the expiration date on food items, but would rather test its safety for consumption by eating a little bit first.
• We only need to own one pair of black pants.
• We often own only one pair of black socks.
• Boxer shorts can be worn more than just one day until they are considered “dirty”.
• The phrase “What are you thinking” doesn’t apply to most of us. We simply aren’t thinking anything.
• We understand “chick flicks”. We just don’t like them.
• The term “slut” isn’t necessarily derogative.
• Anything bought pre-made at the grocery store and then heated up in the oven is considered a “home-cooked meal”. 
• Having six remote control devices makes us feel more secure around the house.
• We know porno isn’t realistic. That simply doesn’t matter to us.
• We don’t feel the need to clean the bathroom so much because whatever comes from us couldn’t be that bad.
• Cleaning the apartment often means cramming all of the trash into the hallway closet.
• Most of us have never even seen the produce department at the grocery store.
• If forced to choose between buying a DVD player and eating regularly for a week, we would choose the DVD player.
• We wear jackets and coats because they keep us warm, not because they match whatever else we are wearing at the moment.
• Returning unwanted gifts is more of a hassle to us than simply wearing clothes we hate.
• It is easier for us to make a sandwich after sex than to cuddle.
• We would rather risk death working around the house than ask someone for help doing it.
• If it involves electricity, fire, or sharp objects we will be instinctively drawn to it.
• The word “leftovers” does not apply to us. We will find a way to finish eating everything in one sitting...perhaps even at Thanksgiving.
• There is always room in the car to take the dog along with us no matter where we are going.
The Bachelors You Know

It has already been pointed out that a bachelor isn’t simply a man who isn’t married. He can be tall or short, rich or poor, skinny or fat. The list goes on. What follows is a list of Bachelors you may have encountered over the years or might even be. They come in all shapes and sizes, but they will most likely remind you of someone you know.

**The Playboy.** He’s not married. He doesn’t seem to have a girlfriend. Yet every time you see him, he’s with a different woman. He doesn’t hide the fact that he dates many different women. In fact, he seems downright pleased to show it off. Some people will look at him and say, “I bet he only dates so many women because he’s actually very lonely”. You will look at those people and laugh yourself silly.

**The Loner.** This guy is the complete opposite of The Playboy. You never see him with anyone. He doesn’t ever seem to have a girlfriend, nor do buddies ever seem to come by his apartment. In fact, he’s hardly said a word to you for all the years you’ve lived near him. He doesn’t seem unhappy, but rather a little too comfortable living in silence. Your biggest fear isn’t that he’s lonely, but that he’s a serial killer.

**The Happy Divorcee.** This guy is thrilled to be back in the game. Getting married was a big mistake for him, so now he’s got to make up for the years he lost while he was tied to “the old ball and chain”. If he’s not throwing wild parties, he’s trying to find out where one is. He wants you to come over for drinks all the time and refuses to think he’s having a mid-life crisis just because he dates women twenty years younger than he is. He’s also open about the fact that he still occasionally has sex with his ex-wife.

**The Miserable Divorcee.** He didn’t want to get divorced. Married life was a security blanket that he cradled himself up in for years. Now that he’s on his own, he’s either extremely angry with his ex-wife or trying to win her back. If you set him up on dates, he’ll just spend the entire night talking about how much he still loves his ex or how much he hates her guts for taking everything he ever owned. His apartment is more of a storage facility, since he never unpacks the boxes out of a sad belief that he’s going to get his marriage back...despite the fact that his ex-wife is already engaged again.
Section II:
The Bachelor
At Home
"A Man’s home is his castle”. We’ve heard this little cliché for decades and yet it still rings true to this day. Besides maybe his car, there is no other place than his home where a guy can really feel like he is the supreme ruler. No matter how chivalrous the man may be he probably loves the feeling of being the Daddy Grizzly Bear around his cave…even if he has roommates.

A man’s love for being King is the real reason he loves his home. This is why, no matter what the cost of his house, condo, apartment, or mobile home, The Bachelor will always have a strong dedication to that place in which he dwells. Sure, he may call the place a “dump” when people come to visit. He might even comment on a regular basis on how he can’t wait to move out and find a new place to live. When moving day comes, however, you’d better believe you’re going to see tears in his eyes.

Nothing comes close to The Bachelor Pad. It is more than just a place to sleep. It is more than a shelter from the elements. The Bachelor Pad is a single man’s cocoon. It keeps him warm and protected from any harm that may befall him. It serves as his reminder that, although he is no longer a child living at home with his parents, he’s also not quite an adult yet, either. He isn’t married and that’s okay. Why? Because The Bachelor Pad says so. The Bachelor Pad is like Neverland was to Peter Pan. It’s okay to not be an adult, even if you’re forty-two years old.
The furniture is often a joke, comprised of things bought at yard sales and handed down from other relatives. The location might not even be in the best part of town, but that’s okay as long as there is plenty of room for his over-sized speakers. That painting of the dogs playing poker actually exists and can be found here. The water in the shower trickles down the wall like a mountain spring and there are magazines in the bathroom that haven’t been in publication for years.

Sometimes The Bachelor Pad is a place of beauty. Something has gone right in his life and the place is a symbol of that success. There is beautiful furniture in every room and gorgeous hardwood floors. The kitchen is full of appliances that haven’t even come out in stores yet. Everything in the house is run by remote control, including—somehow—the bookshelves.

...And yet somewhere there is still a poster of a naked woman holding a bottle of beer.

The Bachelor rules here. He is sheltered not only from the changing season but also from the world in general. In this place there are no politics other than his. In this place there are no worries about the pressures of being a single man in a world of married couples. In this place there is always a cold beer and a warm smile for all that would call him a friend. In this place, there is always time for one more game of darts.

Welcome home.

Household Decorating Tips

It is Home Improvement time. We’re not talking about fixing things up with duct tape and electric power saws. Most men already know how to do that stuff. No, this portion of the book is dedicated to the aspect of Home Improvement lost on most men: Decorating.

Decorating doesn’t have to be a frilly, feminine task, and you don’t have to hire someone to do it for you. So, before you break out the potpourri or start calling interior decorators, browse the following tips and spruce up your pad on your own.

The Living Room

Some people spend a fortune on paintings that line the walls of their apartments. Why spend so much money when the person who will see it the most (you) doesn’t even care about it in the first place? And who defines what art really is, anyway? Bachelor Options:

- The Blanket Pinned to the Wall. It could be the logo of your favorite team, or just a wild design that looks artsy to you.
- Movie Posters. Throw in a Godfather poster to add a little culture to a room that already has Porky’s above the fireplace. Putting them in plastic frames makes you seem classy.
- Christmas Lights. Multi-colored lights for a laid-back environment. All white lights for a more artistic flavor.
Extra point for any man who can make “chili pepper” Christmas lights work in his apartment.

- **A Sombrero.** You’ve never even been to Mexico, but that doesn’t mean you can’t give your home a bit of a “multicultural” flair. These oversized hats can easily hang over doorways or right on the wall above the sofa.

- **Shelves/Display Cases With Toys.** Those Transformers and He-Man action figures can easily be considered “collector’s items” these days.

- **A Barbecue Grille.** They aren’t just for people with patios and decks anymore. Decorative and useful, a nice hibachi in the right place helps to show off the gourmet chef you aspire to be. Of course it also shows that fire safety has never been an issue you concern yourself with.

- **Shelves With Random Empty Beer Cans/Bottles.** Imported beers really show off your cultured side. Bonus points for using empty bottles of wine instead of beer.

What kind of furniture do you need in your living room? If you’re the frugal bachelor, these tips can make your apartment nice and cozy without putting a dent in your wallet.

- **Beanbag Chairs.** Although the perfect accent to any living room set, it is not recommended that beanbag chairs be used as the only furniture in the room. They are difficult to fall asleep on and not always fun to have sex on, either.

- **Oversized Pillows on the Floor.** Comfortable and eccentric. This is a great way to add a middle-eastern flair to your home. Burn some incense and kick back. Bonus points to any man who can find dozens of pillows that actually match.

- **The “Cement Blocks and Boards” Bookshelves.** Easy to assemble and disassemble, plus a great place to display your Transformers and He-Man action figures. People will see your do-it-yourself bookshelf and think that you are a versatile college student...even if you are pushing fifty.

- **The Mechanical Wire Spool Used as a Coffee Table.** Nobody knows where exactly it came from, but plenty of bachelor’s seem to find it. If you have trouble locating one, check in any local college dorm room.

- **Inflatable Chairs.** These wonders of modern technology often have beer logos printed all over them, which is even better than the fact that they typically come in bright fluorescent colors. Definitely not recommended for smokers.

- **Lawn Furniture Used Indoors.** It is affordable and very attractive. Of course, it belongs outside on the patio, such as the one from which it was grabbed when no one was looking. It isn’t very comfortable, but you’ll soon forget that when engulfed in hours of mindless television.

- **Random Items of Questionable Background.** It could be something handed down to you from your parents, or it could be something that your neighbor was throwing away. Point to keep in mind: It’s only a “Dog Bed” if a dog is sleeping on it. Otherwise, it’s a perfectly good throw pillow.

The Bedroom

Let’s move the decorating from your area of leisure into your place of slumber. There’s no telling how much time one might spend in his bedroom, whether he is alone or entertaining others (hopefully women). In either case, a single guy should always think about the décor of his bedroom, from the walls to the furniture.

- **The “Two File Cabinets and a Board” Desk.** After all, even a Bachelor has to have a workstation. Just put two file cabinets about four feet apart and lay a board across their tops. The perfect place to put your personal computer for hours of downloading porn off the Internet.

- **The Air Mattress on the Floor.** Bed frames take up unnecessary space. The air mattress can be deflated to make extra room if needed during large parties. Bonus points for actually having a real mattress and box spring on the floor.

- **The Wooden Box Used as a Nightstand.** Bonus points for covering the box with a sheet to better blend in with the
décor. Set a lamp on top of the thing and no one will ever know that it once was used for shipping potatoes.

- **Pictures of Naked Women and Beer.** Something relaxing for your place of slumber. It is even better if there is both a naked woman and a beer depicted in the same photo. If you can’t afford full-sized photos, just rip the pages out of men’s magazines and paste them to the walls. People will applaud your ingenuity.

- **Empty Wine Bottles Used as Candleholders.** It’s artistic, it’s frugal, and extra lighting shows off the photos of naked women. Re-using bottles with different candles gives you a wax-covered work of art that shows off your creative side.

- **The Exercise Bicycle used as a Clothes Rack.** If you aren’t going to use the bike for exercise, don’t just let it go to waste. The handlebars can easily double as hangers for shirts and sports jackets. Dry your wet socks by hanging them across the spokes on the tires.

- **Egg Crates used for Just About Anything.** These plastic wonders can make great nightstands, desks, cabinets, shelves, or anything else you can’t afford (or are too lazy) to buy. Hang them on the wall and they make great modern art. Pile them up in the corner and you can call them furniture. Put enough pillows on them and you can even call them a bed. They are inexpensive, but many a bachelor has been known to steal them from the loading docks at grocery stores at 3am.

- **Bed Sheets Hung on the Walls.** Take some pushpins and hang those old Star Wars sheets on your wall for a “pop culture” statement. Tell your guests that you are into all things retro.

- **Cardboard Stand-Ups from Local Liquor Stores.** There’s just something stylish about that six-foot bottle of Jack Daniels.

All of this saves you money. This way you can spend your cash on the important things, such as an enormous entertainment center to house your wide screen TV and mega-expensive stereo. Or use that extra cash to rent a sports car that you’ll never be able to buy. It’s good to always have your priorities straight.

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**Random Ideas to Save The Bachelor Money**

Everyone could use a little more money in his wallet. Why spend extra money around the house if you don’t have to? These simple examples can help any single man spend less money around the house.

- Forget the knife block. One big butcher knife will fulfill all of your cutting needs.
- You don’t need to buy Kleenex, paper towels, or napkins when you already buy toilet paper.
- No need to buy hand towels, guest towels, or bath mats. Three towels will last for years and perform every function.
- If you own three towels, you also don’t need to buy potholders.
- Curtains are completely unnecessary if you have extra bed sheets.
- Why waste money on dishwashing soap? Buy paper plates. They can be re-used more times than you realize.
- Stop wasting money on glassware. Drink straight from the bottle or can.
- Not buying glassware also eliminates the need for ice cube trays.
• Use the same cleaner on the kitchen counters, bathtub, toilet, windows, and floors.
• You don’t need to buy oven cleaner if you don’t use the oven. Invest in a microwave.
• Once you have the microwave, you eliminate the need for a clothes dryer.
• If it takes more than a hammer or a screwdriver it isn’t worth doing. Don’t waste your money on tools.
• You don’t need to buy two sets of nail clippers. One pair will work fine for both your hands and feet.
• If you must have glassware, simply save the plastic cups from fast-food restaurants and convenience stores.
• A dog makes a great companion and also eliminates the need for a vacuum cleaner.
• Pens and pencils are expensive, but crayons are cheap.
• One really bright lamp eliminates the need for several sources of light around the house, especially if a high wattage bulb is used.
• Hand soap in a dispenser can be used at the sink, in the bathtub, or even on the dishes.
• Garbage bags stuffed with old laundry can be used as furniture.
• Empty garbage bags can be used in place of an umbrella.
• Want to divide a room in two? Hang a shower curtain.
• If all you’re going to keep in it is beer and ketchup you don’t need a standard-sized refrigerator.
• If you have a fireplace you should never throw away old magazines. In fact, if you have a fireplace you should never throw away anything.

The House Cleaning Test
(When is it necessary to clean The Bachelor Pad?)

Bachelors aren’t typically known for their cleanliness. In fact, it isn’t unusual to watch a single man stare helplessly at cleaning products with little idea as to their usage. If you’re walking down the street and smell smoke coming from inside the local Laundromat, it probably isn’t a fire. Most likely, it’s the smell of some bachelor’s brain sizzling as he stares at the washing machines, unaware of what the words “Permanent Press” or “Delicate” mean and how exactly they are different.

The same can be said for The Bachelor Pad. This safe haven for single men everywhere has a tendency to become so filthy that it can be confused for a small third-world nation, complete with war-ravaged terrain. For its occupant, The Bachelor Pad is a comfy little nook that protects him from the dangers and stress of the real world. For everyone else, it is a disaster area that should be avoided at all costs.

The Bachelor Pad tends to be messy simply because The Bachelor doesn’t care if it is or not. Rarely does he have guests and, when he does, those are the people who have already accepted his sloppiness to begin with. He knows full well how to use the coat rack, but the corner of the sofa
is much more convenient. His place doesn’t appear trashy to him; it simply seems comfortable.

Enough is enough, however, and even The Bachelor is aware that there is a real world full of real people that exist outside of his comfortable Pad. In that world, his home is considered a pigsty, and he is just another sow stuck in the middle. Perhaps he feels the need for a change or is simply in need of some clean dishes. Either way, the time has come to clean up around the house. Here is a quick guide to see if the time has come to clean The Bachelor Pad you call home.

It is time to clean your home:

- When your girlfriend’s parents are coming over for dinner and you haven’t cleaned the dishes since the last time they came over for dinner.
- When your favorite chair doesn’t seem as comfortable because it is actually just a sack full of your dirty clothes.
- If something is talking to you from inside the refrigerator.
- If you pick up a fork off of the coffee table and the coffee table comes with it.
- If there are fast food restaurant bags lying around the house that advertise “New release” movies that you have since bought on DVD.
- If the place is littered with greeting cards from the early 90s.
- When your dog would rather sleep in the yard.
- When Telemarketers won’t call your house because they can smell it through the phone.
- When friends comment on the pretty wallpaper design yet you don’t have any wallpaper.
- If the local government declares your place a national disaster area.
- When trick-or-treaters don’t come to the door, no matter how much candy you offer.
- If you still have empty cans of New Coke lying around the living room.
- If your bed sheets can be folded like cardboard.
- When the dust on your TV screen is so thick it appears that everyone on television has a beard.
- When all the windows in your house are so dirty, people think that they are tinted.
- If you have tons of cheese in your fridge simply because you used to have tons of milk.
- When the cleanest thing in your house is the kitty litter box.
- When you have to thoroughly wash your hands after doing anything…even changing a light bulb.
- If even you are afraid to use the toilet.
- If you pick up all the dirty clothes from the floor and re-discover that you actually have hardwood floors.
- If you can hear him, but you haven’t actually seen your cat in weeks.
- When the only spot in your bathtub that is clean is the small spot where you stand when you take a shower.
- If there is a piece of furniture sticking out of the wall where someone once threw it.
- If every morning you trip over a random bowling ball on the floor of your bedroom.
- If you never bring girlfriends home because that is how each of your previous relationships ended.
- If your closet is full of clothes, but none that you have worn in the past decade.
- If the cockroaches don’t bother to scurry and just blatantly hang out around the place.
- When you need to wear a surgical mask to protect yourself when dusting. Or doing anything, for that matter.
- When every piece of silverware or dishware you own is in the sink.
- If you’d rather eat off an ashtray than any plate in the house.
- If you could wallpaper the living room with all of the bills left lying around.
- When the bowl of candy on the coffee table is dangerous to touch, much less eat.
• If there is more penicillin growing on the things in your fridge than at the local hospital.
• If the kitchen counters are fuzzy and soft.
• When you’ve given up on trying to get rid of him and simply share the apartment with a rat.
• When dozens of fragrance candles can no longer mask the stench of puke and beer.
• If you can’t remember what color your furniture was when you bought it.
• When it becomes easier to replace the carpet rather than have it cleaned.
• If you were to light a match anywhere in the apartment and the entire place would explode.

Bachelor Fitness:

Burning Calories the easy way

In times like these, a man has to be concerned about his health and fitness. Gone are the days when a man could simply sit around the house, eat and drink whatever he pleased, and still live late into his golden years. In this day of “super-sized” meals and extra-large pizzas, a man has to be careful of his intake, unless he’s simply unconcerned about the fact that his navel has gotten to be a few feet from his spine…and that his heart beats like that of a bird.

A man has to worry about his fitness, plain and simple. The Bachelor needs to focus on this fact if he has any hopes of ever not being The Bachelor anymore. After all, when was the last time you heard a woman say “I sure would like to meet a really unhealthy, overweight slob to have a relationship with”? Let’s face the facts and accept that staying active and healthy should be an important part of any bachelor’s life.

Fitness doesn’t have to be a terrible chore. You don’t have to run out and buy an exercise bike or spend tons of cash on a membership to the local gym. With a busy schedule that includes work and hours of watching mindless television, The Bachelor needs his very own workout routine, one that fits easily into his busy lifestyle. It is for this reason that The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide has comprised this easy-to-do workout regimen that can get even the most stubborn single guy on the right track to a newer, leaner, life.
The Around-The-House Workout for The Ultimate Bachelor

Going to be spending some time indoors? Is the apartment starting to look like wild animals have been breeding in your living room? Well, if you’ve already taken and passed The House Cleaning Test, now is the perfect time to kill two birds with one stone. See, for the average person, cleaning up around the house is a simple chore that can be accomplished with little effort. For The Bachelor, however, cleaning up his pigsty is a serious task that can cause a man’s heart to get pumping and get him sweating like a politician on trial. This snappy little combination makes the perfect exercise program for bachelors while getting their home clean at the same time.

NOTE: The calculations below are based on work done around the house of a bachelor. Similar chores performed around the homes of married men, men living at home with their parents, or men who live with girlfriends or roommates will have extremely different (and fewer) results.

Step One: Get off to a nice, brisk start

You want to get that heart rate going a bit. Your workout depends on that if you want to see any results, but don’t overdo it in the beginning. Starting out too quickly will just cause you to burn out before the workout is halfway finished. Therefore, in the beginning, we’re just going to try a nice, brisk start to get you ready for the big hills that lie ahead.

Clean off your desk: Get rid of the excess papers, old bills, pens that are out of ink, empty cans and bottles, and old newspapers that you never read in the first place. Get some work done on those biceps and triceps by putting your paper shredder to use. Calories burned: 15 to 100.

Dusting: Grab that feathery thing your parents gave you and put it to use. If it’s been more than a month or two since your last cleaning (and it probably has) you’ll need to break out the paper towels and cleaning spray. Start with the bookshelves and work your way to the pictures frames and the furniture. Individually dusting each of your CDs can really help you start working up a sweat. Calories burned: 75 to 100.

Clean off your coffee table: Throw out all the old copies of men’s magazines that have been sitting there since the early 90s. Knock down the beer can pyramid that you’ve been working on for days. Scrape the leftover food off of the surface of the table. Take a cleaner and scrub that baby down. By now, you should really feel yourself getting warmed up. You’re just about ready to take it to the next level. Calories burned: 150 to 200.

Fold your laundry: That pile of clothes you have wadded in a corner of your bedroom needs to be put away. Actually bother to separate the nice shirts from the undershirts and you’re going that extra inch. Whip out the iron and de-wrinkling your pants proves you’re taking the workout seriously. Calories burned: 200.

You should have worked up a pretty good sweat by now. Wipe it from your brow and get ready for the next phase of your workout.

Step Two: Uphill Climb Ahead

This is what separates the men from the boys. You’re going to really feel the burn as we move it up a notch.

Wash the Dishes: There is actually a sink somewhere in there. It’s hard to tell simply because the dishes have piled up to the ceiling. The counter is full too; so many dishes have found their way to the floor. Break out the scrub brush and the detergent. It’s time to put an end to the lifeforms that are living in your kitchen in the disguise of leftover meatloaf. It won’t be easy, but you can actually scrape those plates clean. Just don’t be surprised if you find them trying to crawl away. This will take a while, but you’ll get great arms in the process. Calories burned: 400.
Vacuum the Floor: If your home is the typical Bachelor Pad, you’ll definitely need more than one vacuum bag. Come to think of it, you’ll probably even need more than one vacuum cleaner. Trying to get all the dirt out of carpet at a single man’s house has been known to cause even the best steam cleaners to spontaneously combust in a shower of sparks and smoke. Lean into that machine and give your hamstrings and calves the workout they crave. Push that sucker from one room to the next and you’ll feel it those shoulders. The only problem is that, in order to really get your carpet clean, this particular workout might take as many as six hours. Calories burned: 500 to 700.

Clean the Bathtub: Ever wonder what that film is that seems to be several feet deep? Well, you don’t want to know. Just whip out the heavy-duty bottle of bleach and the extra-large scrub brush and go to work. At this point, you should be sweating buckets. Your entire upper body will go into this exercise. Get rid of the grime on the tiles of your bathtub and the hair stuck in the drain. It might even appear that there’s an entirely new person growing from within your shower. Calories Burned: 400 to 600.

Clean the Toilet: Now it’s time to take it to the edge. This is the hardest part of the workout but, if you’ve come this far, you just cannot back down. You’ve pushed yourself this far, so take that final hill for all it’s worth. Take a deep breath, get down on your knees, and go to work on “The Throne”. Get around back and scrub those hard-to-reach places. This will work your abs to the point you’ll feel as if you were punched in the gut by a heavyweight boxer. Scrub that sucker with a nice, steady rhythm and you’ll feel as if you’ve been jogging for 20 miles on a treadmill. This will likely take you all day and well into the wee hours of the following morning. On the bright side, you won’t have to exercise again for weeks…and your girlfriends might stop insisting on using the bathroom at the grocery store. Calories burned: 4,000.

Step Three: The Cool-down

You have done it! You conquered the bathtub, the sink, the tables, and the toilet. By now you are a machine with a chiseled body on the way. You are an exercise guru in the making. No workout is complete without a “cool-down” period, however, so you aren’t quite finished yet. You need to give those muscles a little break and let your heart rate get back to a normal pace. After cleaning the toilet, that ticker of yours should be thumping in your chest like a punk band on crack. Let’s bring it down and finish off this workout the right way.

Making the Bed: You typically just make the bed when you put fresh sheets on it. The other eleven months of the year it stays the way it was when you woke up in the morning. Pull the sheets and comforter into place and fluff up those pillows. Calories burned: 25.

Rearranging the Liquor Cabinet: Color-coordinate the booze! Put the gin with the vodka and the whiskey with the brandy. Put the rum in a place all its own, since it comes in dark colors or is clear. It is considered cheating on your exercise program to do shots of liquor while arranging the shelves. Calories burned: 15.

Organizing your Porno Collection: Dust off the videotapes. Find the right box for the right tape and rearrange them. Instead of putting them on your shelf from “Best to Worst”, try arranging them alphabetically. If you’re really feeling like extending the workout, arrange them from “blonde to brunette”. This is also a good time to figure out how many of your movies have been loaned out to friends. Watch a few minutes of each tape if you feel the need to keep your heart rate up for a little while longer. Calories burned: 20.

You’re done. Feel free to pass out from total exhaustion at this point. Tomorrow, get up bright and early and trash your apartment all over again. After all, the key to a successful exercise program is to make it part of your regular routine. The sooner your apartment is a mess again, the sooner you can get back in shape cleaning it up.
The Bachelor’s Diet

These days, a man has to be careful about his daily food consumption. This graph will help any bachelor with his weekly diet, both for nutritional requirements and money-saving tips.

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Of course, Pop-Tarts can always be used as a substitute for Pizza in the “Dinner” category and vice-versa. Pizza, in fact, makes a very well rounded meal at any time of day. All four of the major food groups are covered.

Cheese—Dairy Group
Crust—Bread Group
Pepperoni—Meat Group
Tomato Sauce—Fruit Group (Yes, Einstein, Tomatoes are fruits, not vegetables)
A Look Inside
The Bachelor’s Cupboard

What is the typical bachelor eating these days? Nutrition and health aside, many single men opt to fill their pantries with whatever is cheapest and easiest to prepare. Whatever food can be made with minimal effort and quickly consumed while standing over the sink is just the sort of thing The Bachelor is prone to have at his Bachelor Pad. Looking in the cabinets in the kitchen of your average bachelor will likely reveal the following items:

**Instant Oatmeal.** Just add boiling water and your average Joe has a nice hot meal at his hands. It takes mere seconds to prepare oatmeal and instantly devour it, which leaves plenty of time to make lots and lots of it. A quick tip to very dedicated (and impatient) bachelors everywhere: You don’t really need to boil water to make Instant Oatmeal. The hot water from the faucet is hot enough. This way there is no waiting for the water to boil, nor is there any waiting for the oatmeal to cool down. That adds valuable minutes to your day.

**Instant Mashed Potatoes.** There are actually some on the market that only require water to be added to make this handy-dandy little meal. Otherwise, all one has to do is borrow a cup of milk and butter from the hot girl across the hall. Be sure to invite her over for some mashed potatoes while you’re at it. Women like a guy who can cook. Chances are they’ll even settle for a guy who can boil water and stir.

**Pop-Tarts.** This is one of the greatest inventions known to Mankind. Imagine a sweet pastry that can be thrown into a toaster and turned into a hot, tasty treat. No time for a toaster? That’s just fine, since Pop-Tarts can be eaten and enjoyed just as well when they are eaten right out of the box. Oddest fact is that these little snacks are also a bit nutritious, as well. Two of them can serve as a complete breakfast. Or lunch. Or dinner.

**Peanut Butter.** This brilliant invention came to us thanks to George Washington Carver. Sure, it can be high in fat, but it’s also high in protein. It goes great on bread with jelly, but can also be eaten by itself with a spoon.

**Crackers.** Something to go with the Peanut Butter.

**Jelly.** An important part of the Fruit Group. Something to go with Peanut Butter that (much like Peanut Butter) can be eaten by itself with a spoon.

**Potato Chips.** If you don’t have time to make mashed potatoes, you can lie to yourself and say that this is close to being the same thing. Add peanut butter and jelly to the mix and one can call potato chips a substitute for bread.

**Microwave Popcorn.** In case The Bachelor is enjoying a nice night at home, watching movies on TV. Or in case he didn’t feel like actually making himself dinner.

**Macaroni and Cheese.** Can be easily made in a small pot on the stove. It can just as easily be eaten out of that same pot. Making a simple pasta dish such as this one can make a guy feel as if he’s an expert in cooking Italian food. Best part? You guessed it: It can be made by simply adding hot water.

**Soup.** Once upon a time, a man invented food that comes in an easy-to-store-just-about-anywhere can that is barely larger than a fist. This food is an entire meal that can be prepared easily and without special instruments; just the can is required. Add water, heat it up, and soup is hearty goodness at your fingertips. Even better is the fact that some soup now comes in a just-add-water-and-pour-it-into-a-cup...
packet for even easier storage. No shelf required, just throw it in a drawer.

_Spaghetti-O’s._ Any kind of pasta-in-a-can meal will suffice, but this quick meal will most remind a guy of those fun days of childhood. You can’t go wrong with an entire meal that only has to be poured into a bowl and then heated up in a microwave. When in a crunch, really hungry men can eat it cold, straight out of the can.

**Protein Milkshakes.** Many people believe that powdered drinks that serve as meal substitutes are just for athletes and gym fanatics. Truth is, anything that can be consumed quickly and requires almost no preparation is perfect for lazy bachelors; especially those who like to drink five or six milkshakes in one sitting.

**Cereal.** Definitely one of the greatest food sources for single men everywhere. Imagine a food that can be consumed with or without milk and still be almost equally enjoyed. This is food that can be full of fiber and calcium and still be loaded with chocolate and sugar. A true miracle sent from Heaven to bachelors everywhere.

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**The World of Pizza**

This title refers to a pizza that was delivered to the author one day while he was in college. The pizza box actually read “Open and enjoy the world of pizza”. It wasn’t until years later that this dedicated author was able to fully grasp the fact that (much like the nine planets in our solar system) pizza is indeed a world of its own.

You see, not only is pizza the Food of the Gods—a miracle of science that sustains Man for years without question—but it also serves as a remedy for many household quandaries, as well. Okay, not necessarily “pizza” itself does this, but definitely the container in which the pizza arrives on your doorstep. This is why we are proud to present:

**The Many Uses of a Pizza Box**

- Some Super Glue added to pizza boxes will make easy end tables for the living room.
- Pizza boxes taped to windows make great insulation during the winter. This also comes in handy for protecting your home from hurricanes or tornadoes.
- Pizza boxes make neat sleds in the wintertime.
- Make Fido a great doghouse with pizza boxes.
- Why waste time buying dishes and plates when pizza boxes can be used again and again?
• Build a cool fort in your living room for those long, rainy days. Stack and assemble pizza boxes to create a realistic foxhole in your very own home!
• Amuse neighborhood children by driving your car through the “Wall of Pizza Boxes” you set up in the street.
• Dozens of pizza boxes covered in bed sheets will make a great addition to a guest room in any home.
• Keep empty pizza boxes in the trunk of your car to throw under the tires for traction during those snowy winter months.
• Who needs wallpaper when you have a hammer, nails, and pizza boxes?
• Pizza boxes stacked the right way will make great bookshelves.
• Playing baseball in the neighborhood is easy when you have pizza boxes to use for bases, bats, and gloves.
• What kid needs stuffed animals when he can have pizza boxes?
• A dog would much rather fetch a pizza box than a Frisbee.
• Unfold those pizza boxes, lay them on the floor, and enjoy hours of cool break-dancing with your friends.
• Give empty pizza boxes to neighborhood children to beat each other with during backyard wrestling matches.
• Just the right creativity can make you “Pizza Box Man” this Halloween!

The Bachelor Goes Shopping

Shopping Scenarios

When it comes to shopping, the differences between Single Men and Single Women can more accurately be summed up as the differences between men and women, period. Marital status rarely has much to do with the shopping technique of an individual, except perhaps how much that person is going to buy. Married men, for instance, tend to buy more groceries than single men. This does not, however, mean that The Married Man likes this fact, nor does his general outlook on shopping change. He still approaches the store with the same indifference that he had when he was single and had no kids.

The Bachelor, however, is very set in his ways when it comes to shopping. Follow a single man through a grocery store sometime and you can see how absurd it is to set him loose in the first place. There is no real order or structure to his shopping technique. Very few, if any Single Men ever stop to think about writing out a grocery list before they go shopping. The average guy is just blindly parading through the aisles with little idea as to what he’s doing.

Scenario 1: A Bachelor goes to the grocery store to buy some shaving cream. He walks straight in the front door and doesn’t bother to get a shopping cart because he’s only going to need that one item. Rather than look at the signs on the
aisle that explain what items can be found in which section of the store, The Bachelor starts with the aisle nearest the door and starts looking for shaving cream. He’s in the produce section, by the way. As an afterthought, thinking he could use some fruit in his diet, he grabs a bag of apples.

He steps around the corner, into the next aisle, and finds himself looking at automotive supplies. He checks out the prices of dashboard cleaners and tire cleaners and wiper blades. Knowing full well he doesn’t need any of these things, he moves on, stopping briefly to grab the one thing that all men could use at any given moment: An air freshener.

Leaving the hardware/automotive aisle, The Bachelor remembers that the light in his hallway is burnt out, so he picks up a sleeve of light bulbs.

*Lucky Charms* cereal is on sale, “two for one”, so he grabs two boxes. He still has no need for a cart; He balances the rest of his items on the two boxes. He is nothing if not efficient.

A person can’t eat cereal without milk, right? Well, if The Single Guy doesn’t get the required milk right away, he’ll most likely forget about it altogether. He skips around ten aisles, goes straight to the dairy coolers, and nabs himself a quart of milk. While he is standing in the blast of the coolers, he sees bologna not far from the milk and realizes he hasn’t had a bologna sandwich in years. A bologna sandwich can’t be made without bread, of course, so he walks all the way across the store, close to where he started, and picks up a loaf of bread.

He’s right by the entrance again, and can see the cash registers within his line of sight. Right there he can see that shaving razors are on display. Perfect! Just what he needed! Although he’s balancing his groceries in his hands, he manages to throw some shaving razors on the pile without it all falling out of his grasp and onto the floor. He is a professional grocery shopper at this point.

Finally dropping his groceries onto the conveyor belt at the cash register, Our Hero thumbs through *TV Guide* and decides to buy that issue since he hasn’t owned a new *TV Guide* since late last year. He also picks up a package of *Tic-Tacs* because the air freshener reminded him that it isn’t just his car that smells funny.

The Bachelor pays for his groceries, has everything crammed into one bag, and skips out the door and into the parking lot. He’s so proud of himself (and looking forward to bologna and cereal so much) that it doesn’t dawn on him until he’s home that he was supposed to buy shaving cream instead of shaving razors.

**Random Fact:** Right now, somewhere in this world, a bachelor is standing in the middle of a grocery store with no idea as to why he went there in the first place.

Single women always know what they want at the grocery store. They make lists, check them twice, and decide which groceries are naughty or nice. Women in general have turned shopping into a science. Their shopping lists are more detailed than a rich man’s BMW. Even lifelong bachelorettes have been known to group their groceries into categories and sub-categories on an itemized list printed from a Microsoft Excel Spreadsheet.

The phenomenon of Bachelors and their ineptitude with shopping is certainly not limited to the grocery store. As you are reading this, there is a Single Man somewhere lost in an enormous shopping mall, still trying to find the Food Court. He can smell the cheeseburgers and French fries, but can’t seem to find his way out of Macy’s department store.

Women not only have this whole “shopping mall” ordeal all figured out, they have perfected it and made it into a viable way of life. This somehow is passed on via marriage because married men seem to have it figured out, as well. A married man can get from A to B in a mall with little or no difficulty and still have time to stop at Sears and comparison price power tools. Single men, however, are stuck staring, much like a deer in headlights, at the nipples on mannequins at The Gap.
Scenario 2: Our Hero, The Bachelor, goes to the mall, looking for a gift idea for his friend’s birthday. He has already decided not to buy his pal any clothes because he doesn’t know what size the guy wears and would rather not try and figure it out.

First, let us begin by saying that—yes—it is basic common sense that tells us what size a person wears in, say, shirts or sweaters. If a man looks at himself and knows “I am a size medium”, then he can likely figure out that his friend, pretty much the same size as he, is also “size medium”. Adding or subtracting sizes, depending on whether or not the friend in question is bigger or smaller than “size medium”, can also use this theory.

This alone is asking too much of the average Bachelor. This is asking him to think for more than ten seconds about his friend’s body size and is completely out of the question. Truth be told, he probably doesn’t want to be at the mall in the first place and is only here because someone else already bought the Birthday Boy the easy gifts on the list. Our Hero is here strictly because he is at the end of his rope and has chosen the road most taken. Asking him to size up his buddy is only twisting the thorn already in his side. It should also be noted that most men would rather die than think about his buddy’s “inseam”.

So, with clothing no longer on the list of things to buy, The Bachelor is left with few options. Only 10% of the stores in the mall remain once clothing has been crossed off the list, so Our Hero has to search the specialty shops that are left over.

The Bachelor has a trusty stand-by when it comes to buying gifts. It’s called “The Gift Certificate” and is perhaps the most brilliant idea ever created in the world of retail. This gift involves almost no thought other than “To whom” and “How much”. Most likely, a bachelor right around Christmas-time invented The Gift Certificate.

The problem with The Gift Certificate is that there is no hiding the money that went into the purchase. Unlike a sweater that is on sale or, even better, on clearance from a store, a gift certificate has the actual amount of money spent printed right across it. That means that the recipient of the gift certificate knows exactly how much money you spent on him. In other words, a gift certificate says “This is how much I felt you were worth this year”.

Our Hero is wary of taking this route. He remembers the great birthday gift he got from this same guy not too long ago and doesn’t want to come off as the less appreciative friend. He certainly doesn’t want to appear cheap in the face of friendship. So, the gift certificate is out.

The Bachelor makes his way into a specialty shop that sells men’s cologne. Almost immediately he knows he has made a mistake, since he has no idea what his friend would like to smell like. The thought of smelling his friend creeps into his head and makes him very uncomfortable. Before he knows it, he’s questioning his own manhood and making a b-line for the door.

A few feet later, a young, attractive cosmetic saleswoman stops him at a small kiosk in the middle of the mall. In her late teens or early twenties, she’s wearing an outfit that is so form-fitting it appears to have been applied with a paint roller. She winks and smiles and stares at The Bachelor with eyes that would cause a priest to lie to his own mother. All she wants is a minute of his time. How can he refuse?

Ten minutes later, Our Hero has actually sat down on a stool in the middle of the mall and let a strange (albeit attractive) young woman give him a manicure. She has convinced him that all men his age need regular manicures and, if not for the hand cosmetics she sells, are in danger of losing their fingers to gangrene. The Bachelor smiles and nods and buys himself a years’ supply of her special hand lotion. Otherwise, his fingers may rot and he will never again get the attention of cosmetic saleswomen with perfect breasts.

While he is browsing at another Kiosk, a very sexy saleswoman convinces him that skin moisturizer is the perfect gift for Father’s Day, which is still six months away.

A cute waitress winks at him as he passes through the food court, so he stops to have himself a cheeseburger, although he was, until that moment, a vegetarian.
He doesn’t even realize that thirty minutes passes while he watches a beautiful woman buy a new pair of shoes. By this point, the mall is closing and The Bachelor, with his smooth, moist face and soft, well-manicured hands is still left without a gift for his friend. At this moment he also begins to feel like a fool parted from his money, since he never even bothered to ask any of the lovely saleswomen for her phone number. In the back of his mind, he lies to and convinces himself that he really needs the products he bought and, if he feels the need, will make a serious pass at each of these women the next time he comes to the mall.

Suddenly feeling confident once more, he makes his way out of the mall so that he can get home to try out his new cosmetics…and picks up a gift certificate for his friend along the way.

**Random Fact:** A Bachelor cannot be trusted with his own money when a beautiful woman is added to the scenario.

On the other hand, there are many advantages to being a male (most notably a single male) in the case of shopping, especially when it comes to clothes. Women have a serious task at hand when they seek out new outfits to wear. If men had to deal with the same issues as women when it comes to shopping we would never buy new clothes. This is almost how it already is. The average bachelor only buys clothes two times per year. That’s it. Either the seasons are changing or a new woman is coming into his life.

This is one of the reasons why bachelors always have plenty of closet space. They tend to keep a small wardrobe and don’t tend to keep old clothing around for many years. Once clothing becomes old, uninteresting, or impossible to wear (mostly due to a bachelor’s attempt at doing laundry), it either becomes a dishrag or extra blankets for the dog. Married men, by contrast, tend to keep more clothes and for much longer. Apparently this is another trait that is infused into men via their wedding bands.

### Shopping Advantages of Being Male

- If a man is a size “large”, he will be a size “large” pretty much wherever he goes. A woman is a size “4” in some stores, a size “6” in others, and can even fit into a size “8” in some clothing stores. Why even have sizes on women’s clothing? Why not just have “You figure it out” printed on the tag?
- A man can go into a store and buy clothes without ever having to try them on. He knows that chances are likely the clothes will fit him.
- A man only needs one pair of pants in each color he desires. Women have multiple pairs of pants and multiple styles to boot. Men have different styles, but only “formal” and “casual”.
- A really smart bachelor can buy one pair of shoes that will go with every outfit he owns.
- Men don’t have to worry about not wearing a certain color after a certain time of year.
- Men only have to make one decision when it comes to underwear: Boxers or Briefs.
- The most complicated piece of clothing a man owns is a necktie.
- Men’s clothing doesn’t have padding anywhere in it.
- A man looks fat because he is fat, not because of what he is wearing.
- A man has two accessories: A watch and a scarf. In warm weather he has only one accessory.
- Add a necktie to it and any “casual” shirt instantly becomes a “semi-formal” shirt.
- Throw on a sports jacket and even a t-shirt looks a little dressy.
- Men never say: “This will go with my hair”.
- A man can buy one package of black socks and be set for the season.
- Men never worry about how their butts look in a pair of pants.
Women have to worry about bras and panties. Many times they even worry about whether or not the bra matches the panties. Men don’t even care if their underwear is completely intact.

Men only need to own one belt.

Men never worry about another guy wearing the same outfit.

A man can be completely content owning only three pairs of underwear.

Men can be in and out of a dressing room in the same time it takes women just to check their outfits at the door.

Men’s clothing is half the price of Women’s clothing.

Men never have to buy shirts based on how nice their chests might appear when wearing them.

Men don’t have to buy make-up products at all.

Men’s hair care products are vastly simpler and cheaper than women’s.

A man can use the same soap on his entire body.

Men don’t need to buy nail polish or nail polish remover.

With no need for make-up products or nail polish products, men do not need to buy cotton balls.

Men can actually get away with only owning one suit.

Women go through shaving razors and shaving cream much faster than men do.

A man’s shower contains only shampoo and soap and not dozens of different types of shower gels, conditioners, creams, bath oils, and puffy scrub brushes.

Most men don’t even know what to do with moisturizer and therefore don’t need to buy any.

Three words: No bra shopping.

Of course, many of these advantages are lost once a man becomes married. There is nothing like the look of shock on a newly-married man’s face when he discovers just how much stuff he’s going to have to buy at the grocery store once he has tied the knot. The cosmetics alone can take up a third of his shopping cart. That guy who jumps in front at the cash register with only a frozen meal and a six-pack in his hand? Yep. He’s a Bachelor.

The Bachelors You Know II

The Mamma’s Boy. This guy should have saved himself a lot of money and never moved out of his parents’ house. It seems as if he’s still living there. His mother is still doing his laundry for him, not to mention cooking 90% of his meals. He hasn’t been able to meet a nice woman to marry simply because he can’t seem to cut the umbilical cord. It seems to be made out of durable apron strings. Every once in a while, he still sleeps in his old bedroom and actually has the guts to call it his “weekend home”. This particular species of Bachelor can be found all over New Jersey.

The False Millionaire. He’s driving a $50,000 car. He’s wearing a suit that costs more than your rent for half the year. His shoes are so nice, even God wouldn’t think about raining on them. Problem is he’s broke. Everything he has is because of an enormous amount of credit card debt. He spends most of the time at his girlfriends’ apartments because his is a tiny studio with no windows in the basement of an old warehouse. More often he still lives at home with his parents.

The Musician. He doesn’t have time for a girlfriend. He’s always “on the road”…usually hitchhiking from one bar to another. His band hasn’t been discovered yet, mostly because their sound is “too new to understand”. What puzzles most people is that his version of “new” is the same as most people’s “new” circa 1979.
**The Muscle.** He is built like a tank. His arms are bigger than the torso on most men. He could punch a hole through your face using only his pinky. He’s got an incredible body, but why is he single? If you spent seven hours a day in a gym, you wouldn’t have time to meet people either. He’s had several girlfriends over the years, but he accidentally crushed them in a moment of passion.

**The Question.** Is he gay? Is he straight? Does he like both men and women? You’ve seen him with both, but can’t decide who is a friend and who is a lover. There are no telltale signs that point to his sexuality, and he’s always been pretty quiet about his private life. He’s got terrible taste in clothes, but he’s a fabulous dancer. You may never know the truth.

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Section III: The Bachelor At Play
At the end of the workday, we all need a little something to help us unwind. The nine-to-five grind can really bring a man down so, when that whistle blows, he’s ready to slide down the dinosaur’s tail and get the hell out of there. Something better awaits and, hopefully, it will be something fun. We’re talking about entertainment. Entertainment keeps us distracted from how much work life really can be and, quite frankly, is one of the main things that really keeps us working in the first place.

Some people find entertainment in a nice, quiet dinner followed by reading the local newspaper. They make themselves a nice cup of coffee, curl up in a favorite chair, and watch quality television programming. Once the local news is over, they make their way to the bedroom and turn on a little late-night talk show until their eyes just won’t stay open any longer. Not long after midnight, they drift off into a happy slumber, visions of sugarplums dancing in their heads.

Those people are married. Bachelors rarely live such a life. In fact, a Bachelor having the kind of day described above could only be explained by his having an unbelievable hangover. The coffee and newspaper and quality television programming help to relieve swelling on the brain caused by too many shots of tequila.

The Bachelor loves his entertainment. It doesn’t matter whether it comes in the form of music or television or *Playboy* magazine, he is dedicated to his favorite past-times. He loves
his sports. He loves his action movies. He loves getting sloppy drunk with his friends and being arrested in the middle of the night, naked and tied to a statue in the middle of the town’s square.

These are all viable forms of entertainment for Bachelors everywhere. Yes, married men have similar hobbies and activities that keep them amused. As always, however, the two types of men are very similar and very different at the same time. For instance, married men go out to the movies all the time, but they have to watch many more “chick flicks” than Bachelors. Married men often have their friends over for a night of watching football on television. Bachelors, on the other hand, get together with their friends at the local strip club to watch football on television.

That’s not to say that The Bachelor never has a nice, quiet evening at home. After all, nobody wants to go out and spend his hard-earned cash every night when there are always sports and action movies on television. Why get all dressed up for dinner at the steakhouse when the Chinese Takeout joint is open until midnight?

Besides, if a man spends every night out, how can he really enjoy his enormous entertainment center, his 100-inch television screen, and his surround-sound home theater speakers that threaten his eardrums each time he watches a movie? If the guy is never home, what is the point of that leather sofa and deluxe waterbed? Truth is, nothing says “Quality Time at Home” like a DVD Player, and The Bachelor definitely has a nice one, even if he can’t afford to sleep on anything but a sleeping bag.

Bringing the Game Home

So you don’t have tickets to the big game. Something interceded and made it impossible for you to enjoy your favorite team right there live and in person. Perhaps it’s the Super Bowl and you just can’t afford the tickets. Maybe it’s the World Series and, although you’ve got the cash, you can’t take a week off from work to travel out of town. Whether it is March Madness or the Stanley Cup Finals, you’re going to be stuck at home checking out your local franchise on the boob tube. Don’t be discouraged.

Just because you can’t be sitting in the bleachers at the stadium doesn’t mean you can’t still get complete enjoyment watching your favorite game. If you are a dedicated bachelor you already have a wide-screen television that takes up most of your living room wall. Already your view of the game is better than that of the spectators in the cheap seats. All you have to do now is transform the rest of that space into the perfect “game-watching” environment.

Follow the instructions below and you’ll never feel the need to buy tickets to a sporting event again. Face paint not included.

The Perfect Setting

- Drink your beer warm and incredibly diluted. When you buy it at the grocery store, insist on paying more than twice the retail price.
• Convince your roommate or girlfriend to walk through the room every once in a while and throw hot dogs to you and your guests. Throw money back, just like at the ballpark.
• Hire the organist from a nearby church to play during the seventh-inning stretch.
• Have a life-sized cardboard cutout of your team’s coach next to you as you watch the game. This will give you the feeling of being right in the action. You can also shout at and punch the cutout whenever the coach makes a decision you disagree with.
• Get a friend to puke behind your sofa. It’s almost like being right there in the bleachers.
• Getting drunk and grilling burgers in your driveway is just like being at a tailgating party.
• While in the driveway, pick a fight with passerby that you believe “support that other team”.
• Have scalpers in the hallway selling overpriced tickets to your sofa and loveseat.
• A funnel with a very long tube eliminates the need to get up and go to the bathroom during the game.
• Nothing makes you feel quite like being at the game than seeing the team mascot. Convince the neighbor’s kid to put on the fluffy suit and dance around your living room.
• Got some sodas, candy, popcorn, bubble gum, beer, and chewing tobacco? Mix it together and spread it all over the floors of your home.
• Spray-paint graffiti all over the hallway in your apartment.
• Make up badly printed t-shirts in your garage. Charge your friends thirty bucks apiece for one.
• Sit in a chair that is half your size and twice as old.
• Put the TV on the front lawn, watch the game from your bedroom window and tell everyone you have a skybox.
• Throw balls at your friends every time a stray foul gets hit into the stands.
• At some point in the game, have someone streak naked in front of the television.
• Make the game exciting by constantly throwing a cooler full of Gatorade on your friends.

• Have someone sit in front of you throughout the game and constantly scream out bad ideas to the team.
• Make sure that everyone urinates in the bathroom but never seems to do so in the toilet.
• Smash the windows in your house with reckless hockey pucks.
• Sell off the cheapest junk in your house and insist that it is all “collector’s items”.
• When the game is over, spend four hours trying to get out of your house, into your car, and out of the driveway.

With this simple list, any guy can overlook the fact that he’s sitting on his sofa and not in the bleachers. Have enough friends over to help trash your home, and you will hardly even notice the difference. Besides, watching the game at home means spending more time with your dog. Now all you have to do is find some cheerleaders...
The Ultimate Bachelor Drinking Game

Every good group of people needs its own drinking game. Musicians have drinking games that revolve around the lyrics to Pink Floyd songs. Film buffs have drinking games that involve doing shots to *The Blues Brothers* and *Citizen Kane*. There are plenty of drinking games for frat boys and sorority girls. Isn’t it about time that bachelors had their own drinking game?

After careful consideration and many long, drunken hours of experimentation, the staff of *The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide* (namely, the author) is proud to present the first drinking game designed around the lifestyle of single men everywhere.

The Rules:

1. Every good bachelor knows that one should never drink alone. Therefore, two or more people must play this game.
2. No frilly drinks or sweet tasting liquors are allowed. Put away the bottle of peach schnapps and pull out the Jack Daniel’s whiskey. This game is only played right if played with hard liquor that is hard to swallow.
3. First person to get sick or pass out has to pay for both the liquor and the pizzas that follow hours later.

Got the rules? Good. Here’s the game:

You are at a Bachelor Pad. You are sitting in the living room; a bottle of whiskey is sitting on the coffee table. Look around you and drink one shot of whiskey:

- For every item or piece of furniture that is held together by duct tape.
- For every poster or magazine that features half-naked women. Do a double shot if she is holding a beer or bottle of liquor.
- For every empty can or bottle.
- For every sporting good item, not including fitness equipment.
- For every unused piece of fitness equipment. Bonus shot if there is a layer of dust on it.
- If within eyesight there are outdated decorations from holidays long past.
- If even stuffed animals are covered in dust.
- If there are trophies from “Little League” still proudly on display.
- For every remote control in the room.
- For empty boxes that are still in the room from when The Bachelor moved in three years ago.
- For every piece of discarded clothing that is lying around.
- For every stain on the carpet.
- For every random can of WD-40.
- For every broken TV or piece of electronic equipment that is still sitting around despite the fact that it is useless.
- For every out-of-date *TV Guide* in the room. Bonus shot for any issue that dates back more than two months.

You should be extremely drunk now that we are mid-way through the game. For those of you somehow still with us, we will now up the odds a little bit.
What follows is the more intense version of this game. It requires a keen eye for detail. In other words, it is likely a woman will be present.

Drink a shot of whiskey:

- If his CD collection is not in any particular order. Bonus shot if the CDs are thrown about the room.
- If his mail is scattered in more than one location in the room.
- If his refrigerator contains five items or less.
- If one of those items is a bottle of ketchup and another is a beer.
- For every overturned ashtray.
- If there is some sort of neon light somewhere in the place.
- If you are unable to see through his shower curtain although it was designed to be transparent.
- If the living room is empty except for a pool table or a Jacuzzi.
- If there is a television in the bathroom. Bonus shot if that television is larger than the one in the living room.
- If you lift the cushions of the sofa and The Bachelor finds something he claims to have lost months ago. Bonus shot if it is some sort of animal, such as a cat or a ferret.
- If there is an ironing board being used as a wet bar.
- If the handle on the reclining chair is broken and replaced with any other household item, such as a spoon.
- If there are any holes in the walls. Drink a bonus shot if paintings or posters cover those holes.
- If his barbecue grille is bigger than the backseat of his car.
- If there is a clock somewhere that is always flashing “12:00”.
- If his bed is unmade. Bonus shot if he sleeps with no sheets on the bed in the first place.
- If there is a dog lying anywhere but on the floor or in a bed made specifically for dogs.
- If most of the books on his bookshelves are college or high school textbooks that he has kept for decades.

Now is the time to stop and think about The Bachelor with kind affection as you pass out. If you are wise, you will try to collapse on his sofa and not the floor, although the floor is probably much cleaner than the sofa. It is wise not to attempt this drinking game very often when visiting The Bachelor Pad. No one has a liver that strong.
Party Tips for Bachelors

Having a shindig? For the typical bachelor, throwing a party often consists of a bowl of chips and a refrigerator full of beer. This does not bode well for you to have repeat visits, however, and could hinder your popularity with others. In the 21st century, it is important for bachelors to be excellent hosts. After all, you never know when you’re going to get the opportunity to throw a party for that group of Swedish gymnasts you met at the airport.

What follows is a comprehensive layout of everything The Bachelor needs to throw an impressive and completely entertaining get-together. Follow these simple instructions and any bachelor can be remembered as the host who threw the party of the year.

Inviting Guests

After all, a party without guests is like…well, your apartment every other day of the week. Rather than sit around your house alone with tons of food, drinks and decorations, you really should think about either picking up a phone or buying some postage stamps and actually inviting some people over for the night. The real question here is who or whom should you invite to your ho-down?

Friends. The first and most obvious choice for party guests is, of course, your friends. Most likely, you are throwing this party for your friends more than anyone else. Why? Because you care about your friends…and you want to have sex with people they know and might bring with them.

- **Advantage:** You can always count on your friends to bring booze and snacks to your party.
- **Disadvantage:** You can always count on your friends to drink and eat all of your booze and snacks.
- **Disadvantage #2:** Have you seen the kind of people you’ve been hanging around with lately?

Neighbors. You’ve been living in that building for a couple of years now and never even introduced yourself to the quiet couple that lives down the hall. Isn’t it about time you introduced yourself? What better way to break the ice with the people who live next door than to invite them to your party? This is the perfect time to actually see the guy whose newspapers you’ve been stealing for months.

- **Advantage:** If your neighbors actually show up at your party, the chance is better that no one will call the police to disrupt the festivities.
- **Disadvantage:** That guy from down the hall is a huge Star Trek fan and shows up dressed as William Shatner.

The Boss. You may think that you don’t want to invite him/her. The two of you have hardly even spoken over the past several years and you’d be surprised to find out that he/she even knows your name. This would not be the first time, however, that an employer was irrational and held such an oversight against you for ages to come. God have mercy on your soul if you do not invite this person to your get together. You do not want to be remembered around the office as the guy who invited everyone in the office except for the one who signs all of the paychecks.

- **Advantage:** He/She probably won’t come anyway and, if so, seeing the dump you live in may generate a raise in salary out of pity. Also, getting the boss drunk and stupid is good blackmail fodder. You could arrange yourself a
nice parking spot if you have the right photos of your employer passed out on your sofa wearing nothing but nail polish.

* Disadvantage: It’s the boss.

Co-Workers. If you are new in this place of employment, inviting your co-workers is the perfect way for them to get to know you a little better. Being seen as a great guy who is fun to hang out and drink with makes it less likely that people will rat you out for leaving early every Friday afternoon and arriving late every Monday morning. You might actually want to befriend some of these people, if you haven’t already. Most importantly, however, you might work with really beautiful women and they might just bring some really beautiful friends with them. That’s what a party is all about in the first place.

* Advantage: If the boss actually shows up, your co-workers might want to help you with your fiendish blackmail plans.
* Disadvantage: There is always some ass-kisser who is out to ruin your devious plot that will try to use your party against you. He could even wind up with your desired parking space.

Random Women you meet on the Street. Why? Because your friends are not enough, your co-workers might not be as beautiful as you would like, and someone has got to help get your boss drunk. When you think about it, every good host should arrange for attractive strangers to attend his parties. Do you honestly believe your friends and co-workers just want to talk to you all night? You should care about those people enough to give them the opportunity to make new friends. If those new friends happen to be part-time strippers, then so be it.

* Advantage: You can never have enough women—even strange women—at a party.
* Disadvantage: You CAN have too many crazy, drunk, and violent women at a party.

Writing Invitations

Some people will ask why it is necessary to write invitations at all. After all, wouldn’t it be much easier to simply phone or email everyone that is invited? The staff at *The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide* is certain that, besides the obvious calls and emails, invitations to any party should always be printed and mailed directly to the partygoers. Why? Because written invitations are a surefire way to slam the door in the face of anyone you didn’t invite and have no intention of partying with. This is not to say, however, that you should turn away any lingerie models that happen to show up at your door sans invite. Be practical.

Assuming that you’ve actually decided to take the advice written in this book (sucker!) and are going to prepare invitations to your party, just follow these guidelines. You are certain to be a hit at the mailboxes of everyone you know.

**Professional Printing.** There are “copy shops” all over this country of ours where you can get almost anything printed and mass-produced for distribution. You no longer have to be a published author to send out mass-mail copies of your butt to strangers everywhere. What luck for you…and them!

* Advantage: Anything professionally reproduced helps to make you and your party stylish and interesting in the eyes of others.
* Disadvantage: Can be expensive. You wouldn’t think that a full-color 8” by 10” photo of your backside would actually cost you five bucks per copy, but it does ($5.36 per copy to be exact). If this is your idea of a fun invitation (and it should be) you might want to think about something artsy and go with black-and-white-photos instead.

**Solutions:**

1. Flirt with girl behind the counter at the copy shop and hope for a discount.
2. If flirting doesn’t work, invite girl behind counter to your party and hope for a discount.
3. If there is a guy behind the counter, flirt with him, hope for discount, and hate yourself for years to come.
   • **Disadvantage:** Guy behind counter might show up and ruin your life. You and your guests will question your motives forever. You might be kicked off your own softball team.

**Printing Your Own Invitations.** Maybe the copy shop isn’t in your budget. If you’re like many bachelors and have spent all of your cash on beer and fried pork rinds...good for you! No need to worry, however, you can take pen to paper and send out your own invitations to *Drunkfest* at little cost to you. If you’re feeling really adventurous, you could experiment with your own personal computer and create invitations that almost look professionally done.
   • **Advantage:** Inexpensive. Invitations are important, but not nearly as important as saving that money for a stripper or local cheerleading squad.
   • **Disadvantage:** Can be sloppy. Perhaps you don’t even own a printer and your main form of artistic expression is a crayon. Some people think that it is very cute when others send out party invitations written on typing paper by hand. They like funny characters cut out of construction paper and little hearts that are glued to the page. The people who like this sort of thing are women. Don’t do it unless the only people you invite are women...women you will never, ever have a chance of sleeping with.

**Preparing for the Party**

The date is set. The invitations have been mailed. It’s time to get ready for that special night and prepare for the party. Best way to tackle this chore is to go at it one step at a time.

**Decorating.** Those leftover decorations from the holidays long past do not count. Unless this is a seasonal party, you’ll just look ridiculous when your guests arrive to find you’ve still got a wreath on your door in May.

One option you could try, if you have the money, is to hire someone to decorate your apartment. This option is strictly for people who want their party to appear top notch and classy. Unless you really want to unnecessarily drop some cash or have some special guests (The guy you want to hire you at some big firm) be impressed by you, skip this idea. If you really must hire someone to do your decorating, go the cheap route and hire the cute girl from the copy shop.
   • **Advantage:** She’s the cute girl from the copy shop; She might steal decorations for you. Free stuff never hurts.
   • **Disadvantage:** Your apartment might wind up looking like a cute girl from a copy shop decorated it. Do you really want fuzzy bunnies and ducks all over your Bachelor Pad?

**Party Supplies—Food and Beverages.** There is more to throwing a party than simply having a venue. Make *Drunken-Sex-O-Rama-Fest* a real hit with all the right supplies for you and your guests.

You’ll need to have plenty of food. Why? Because munching on snacks makes people more outgoing and conversational. Many a great conversation has started over a bowl of chips and dips. Better yet, munching on food is a very smart idea if your guests are going to be drinking alcoholic beverages. Having food in their stomachs will better prolong the time from when the party starts and when someone gets drunk and jumps through your glass patio doors. You don’t want your party to turn into an hour-long drunken bender.

Stock your house with the following party essentials: Pizza, chips, salsa, cheese whiz, and fried pork skins. This way, there will be plenty of malnutrition to share with everyone. If you have a health food lover coming to the party, don’t be rude. Inform him that there is a grocery store nearby that he can walk to and pick up his own fruit and vegetables. How polite of you.

With food out of the way, it is time to move to the other (and, arguably, most important) aspect of your party: Beverages. One of the main reasons people attend parties in
the first place is for the opportunity to consume beverages, alcoholic and otherwise, with other people.

The staple of most parties of people over the age of 21 is, of course, alcohol. Although there will most likely be several guests who will not be drinking alcoholic beverages, it is expected that most guests will be looking for them when they arrive. That leaves the following choices available to you, the host:

- **Beer Keg.** They come in all shapes and sizes, brand names, and prices. You can get one for a very affordable rate at the local liquor store. Beer kegs are not without their problems, however. It is not uncommon for a partygoer to throw one through your window in a fit of drunken rage, stupidity or both. If possible, chain that sucker down.

- **Alcoholic Punch.** Easy to make, tastes like regular fruit punch, and doesn’t cost much to make. Plenty of parties exclude beer, go straight for the hard liquor punch, and are very successful. Chances are that people will get drunk fast, however, since it doesn’t taste like alcohol is being consumed. The biggest problems with having a punchbowl at a party are that someone often winds up either knocking it over or puking in it.

- **Bottles of Wine.** Classy guests deserve classy beverages. Have a case of red and a case of white wine handy for your special evening. You could have a nice wine night, trying different types of wines and cheeses with your highbrow friends. If you have no highbrow friends, keep in mind that bottles of wine are very easy for your lowbrow friends to steal when you aren’t looking.

- **Non-Alcoholic Beverages.** Something for all of your friends that don’t drink, are already hung over from the night before, or simply want to be “designated drivers”. Another advantage to non-alcoholic beverages is that they mix great with alcohol.

- **Bring your Own**. This little idea is based on the principle that you can tell your guests to bring their own beverages to the party and they will comply. This method, although known to work, is not recommended. It is more for young college kids who have no money of their own to spend and just want women to show up at their apartment. In the adult world, if you ask people to supply their own beverages, they will...at their own homes without you there.

### Cleaning and Security Measures

Even a small party is going to have a large mess to clean up the next day. If you are a wise host, you will keep certain cleaning supplies on hand throughout the party, just in case. This way you can clean as you go throughout the night. A sad fact of being a party host is that there are simply some messes that cannot wait until the next day to be cleaned. Some of the items listed below are also to be used as security measures so that you can avoid having to clean or fix things in the first place.

- **Trash Bags.** Do not even kid yourself into believing that you won’t need trash bags. No matter how brilliant a bachelor you may be, even The Ultimate Bachelor needs something to throw debris into. Your only other option is to have your party at the local landfill.

- **Air Freshener.** As a safety device after your friend gets drunk and pukes on the living room wall. Air freshener is also good for covering up the smell of smoke from cigarettes or from the girl who accidentally sets her hair on fire.

- **Toilet Paper.** Also known as “Cleaning Tool of the Gods”. It can (and should) be used for almost anything. It can wipe up spills, absorb messes, clean counters and furniture, and even act as, well, toilet paper. Bonus: It can be worn as clothing around 4am when everyone is too drunk to remember where he or she left his or her pants.

- **Fire Extinguisher.** Don’t say you weren’t warned.

- **A Letter from the Local Police Precinct.** This would be an official letter thanking you for your kind donation. Just in case you don’t invite your neighbors.
• **Wall Spackle and Paint.** This will repair the holes left in your walls when people put body parts through them.

• **Padlocks for the Bedroom Doors.** Otherwise, you will have to take your chances with your boss getting drunk with the cute girl from the copy shop and doing the horizontal yahoo in your bed.

• **Super-glue.** This can be used to repair random objects in your house that will undoubtedly be broken throughout the course of the party. It can also be used to secure something that has the potential of being knocked off of a shelf or table. Get enough of this stuff and the furniture won’t slide around. Bonus: First person to pass out on your sofa gets his hands super-glued to his own buttocks.

• **“Long Distance Phone Call Block”.** Set up this little security measure with your local phone company. You do not want to find, one month after the party, that someone decided to call Indonesia for two hours while you were finding ways to get the cute girl from the copy shop to wear toilet paper instead of pants.

**When Guests Arrive**

The time has come for your big night. As your friends and co-workers and random strange women make their way to your Bachelor Pad, greet them with open arms and a big smile. Don’t get ahead of yourself, however, because your work is not yet done. You still have to act as host for the remainder of the evening. Don’t worry; this book is all you need. The following things are necessary for your party as the night progresses.

• **Coat Check.** The quickest solution to this problem is to throw all of your parties in the summertime. If you insist on having guests over in the colder months, un-padlock the door to your bedroom and throw everyone’s coats on the bed. Get them out of the way so that everyone can enjoy the party without the excess clothing. If you really want to take the responsibility off your shoulders, adopt a “you’re on your own” philosophy and let guests worry about their own coats. The only real problem with not having control over the coats is that it will be very difficult to determine who brought a handgun to the party.

• **Introduce Guests to Each Other.** You want your guests to get to know each other, so be certain to introduce them as the evening goes on. One way to do this while taking the responsibility off of your shoulders is to issue nametags. This way you won’t forget the name of that cute girl from the copy shop. Of course, this also means that her very unattractive friend won’t forget yours. Mostly, this is a great way to ensure that you’ll be able to tell the police the name of the guy who brought the handgun to the party.

• **Entertainment.** It’s important to have some entertainment at your party. This could simply mean the stereo in the background or even a live band. If you have the space, it’s always cool to hire a live band to play at your shindig. If you live in a studio apartment, you should skip this idea. Keep in mind, as well, that there is the possibility that the cute girl from the copy shop might go home with the guitarist. Playing music on the stereo is perfectly acceptable, but keep the tempo upbeat. You don’t want to be remembered as the guy who played Air Supply all night long. It will be your last party. Ever.

• **Board Games.** If music isn’t the theme you are going for, you could always have some social games to play with your friends. There are plenty of adult board games out there that you can buy, which is important to remember, since you don’t want to be playing Candyland all night long. What you really should play are games that have the word “strip” at the beginning of their titles.

• **Karaoke Machine.** This is a good idea because of the common known fact that people love to sing in public. It is a bad idea because of the common known fact that most people sing very badly in public.

• **Drinking Games.** The Ultimate Bachelor’s Drinking Game is really the best choice at any party. The cute girl from the copy shop will be very impressed.
When Guests Depart

It’s been a great night and everyone has had a great time. Some people are undoubtedly still at your place, passed out all over the living room floor. Congratulations! With everyone else on their way out at various times in the morning, the following points should be kept in mind:

- **Return Coats from the Bedroom.** Everyone should get back his or her garments on the way out. This is also the perfect time to hit up your friends for contributions for all the booze you bought. Be forewarned that this is also the time you will most likely find out who brought a handgun to the party.

- **Call Drunken Friends a Taxi.** If you use the same taxi service throughout the night, you can finagle a discount for your friends. This is the responsible thing to do when throwing a wild, drunken party. If you adopt the “on your own” philosophy, keep in mind that you may find friends passed out on your front lawn the following day. Even worse, you may find your friends in the obituaries the following week.

Cleaning Up after the Party

Parties are fun. Cleaning up after parties is not. Best way to take care of this ordeal is to throw a “cleaning up after the party” party! Just repeat all of the above steps and you are ready to roll. Don’t forget the toilet paper, and don’t forget to call that cute girl from the copy shop. What was her name, again?

The Ultimate Bachelor Movie

The time has come, Bachelors everywhere, to have a movie all our own. This is a flick that we can say was made for men, by men, to be enjoyed as men. More specifically, we are ready for a movie that can really cater to Bachelors everywhere.

Can married men enjoy this movie? Of course. In fact it is almost certain that married men will enjoy it immensely and help it become one of the biggest hit movies of all time. Their opinion, however, is not valid within the pages of this book. They have already taken the plunge into matrimony and, therefore, are not allowed to live vicariously through the fictional exploits of the characters in our film. Our main character will be a Bachelor, since it is only obvious that The Ultimate Bachelor Movie Hero would not be married or tied down in any way. Therefore, married men are allowed to watch this movie without the hopes of actually imagining themselves in the role of the main character.

With that said, let’s construct our outline. Every good movie begins with a script. Every good script begins with an outline. This one shall be ours.

Our Hero:
A) A tough, undercover police officer.
B) A secret agent.
C) A tough private eye.
D) An ex-military mercenary.
E) Bruce Willis.

Is minding his own business:
A) On vacation at a topless beach.
B) Working security at a nudist colony.
C) Investigating a fight at a sorority house.
D) Researching the habits of gorgeous nymphomaniacs.
E) Working undercover at The Playboy Mansion.

When he is needed:
A) By a mysterious, sexy woman in revealing clothes.
B) By his sexy high school sweetheart.
C) By his bikini-clad co-worker.
D) By a sexy, rich nymphomaniac.
E) All of the above.

For the purpose of:
A) Killing her evil ex-husband.
B) Blowing something up.
C) Seducing her nymphomaniac twin sister.
D) Driving her somewhere in a Ferrari.
E) Secretly videotaping someone having sex.

He agrees to do so:
A) For the sum of one million dollars.
B) If he gets to keep his badge.
C) To avenge the death of his brother.
D) If she can help him get out of the country.
E) If he gets to sell the videotapes on eBay.

But just as things get underway:
A) Something he owns blows up.
B) His other brother is killed.
C) He is framed for murder.
D) He contracts VD from the nymphomaniac sister.
E) All of the above.

Everything changes because:
A) Someone close to him has betrayed him.
B) He has become personally involved.
C) He has fallen in love.
D) He is on the run for his life.
E) It burns when he urinates.

The odds are stacked against him because:
A) He is up against an army of ninjas.
B) He is handcuffed to his ex-girlfriend.
C) He is on the run from the police.
D) He has been shot at least three times.

Outnumbered at least 100 to 1:
A) He blows up everything that stands in his way.
B) He shoots millions of bullets in 30 minutes.
C) He defeats every villain with his bare hands.
D) He sets fire to an entire city.
E) He jumps a Ferrari over an exploding building.

Despite the ordeal:
A) He manages to have sex at least twice.
B) He gets to ride a motorcycle.
C) He obtains millions of dollars.
D) He gets to wear a cool leather jacket.
E) He becomes closer to his elderly martial arts teacher.

In the end he:
A) Exonerates himself.
B) Kills the bad guy with his bare hands.
C) Blows up an entire building.
D) Has some more sex.
E) All of the above.

At the very end of the movie:
A) He rides off on his motorcycle.
B) He gets to keep the Ferrari.
C) He sneaks off with millions of dollars.
D) He finds his dog he thought was lost.
E) He finds a topless beach full of nymphomaniacs.

Fade to black. The End.
You can almost see the Academy Awards ceremony on the horizon:
“The winner for Best Picture is...” The envelope is torn open. The presenter looks excited. The audience is on the edge of their seats, “Boom-Boom Sex Stick!”
Of course, there may need to be a little work done coming up with a better title...

The Bachelors You Know III

The Effeminate Heterosexual. This guy is almost as puzzling as The Question, but at least you know where you stand with him. He’s flamboyant and prissy, and squeals like a little schoolgirl at anything remotely exciting. You’re certain he’s gay...but you’re wrong. He loves women. He adores sex with women. He has slept with more women than you’ll ever know in your life. You can’t figure it out since his voice is also higher than any women you’ll know in your life.

The Anal–Retentive Professional. His suits are always well kempt. His hair is perfect and hasn’t been out of place since the early 90s. His car hasn’t even got a patch of dirt on it, much less a scratch or a dent, and his furniture is laid-out so perfectly you’d think it was bolted to the floor. He is the consummate professional. Successful and attractive, why isn’t he married? Because few women can tolerate a man who dusts 37 times a day and asks guests to wipe their fingerprints off of everything they come in contact with.

The Horny Dog. He can’t be tied down. He won’t get married no matter how many people tell him he should. He loves to meet women, play with women, and break women’s hearts. He doesn’t need a girlfriend as long as he’s got a constant string of one-night-stands, which he will constantly be looking to find. Problem is, this guy rarely has the luck he claims. Most of the time, he goes home alone and, well, romances himself.
The Complete Slob. Every Bachelor has a bit of The Complete Slob in him. Living alone, with no one to question his judgment, this guy lives completely by his own standards. Unfortunately, that’s not very high. His apartment is almost as unkempt as his car, which is almost as unkempt as his clothing. There are leftovers in his refrigerator that cannot be removed because they are now rooted there. New lifeforms grow in his bathtub and the only soap to be seen in his apartment is Days of our Lives. He claims to never clean the house because “no one ever comes over”, when the truth is actually vice-versa.

Section IV: The Bachelor And Dating
Single Women vs. Single Men

There are Bachelors and there are Bachelorettes. Single men and single women. It would seem that one is simply the opposite sex version of the other. Sadly, it is not that simple. Single women may lack a wedding band, just like their male counterparts, but their existence is completely different. In many cases, the lives they lead are exactly the opposite of the lives of bachelors.

Somewhere in America right now, a table full of single women is having a conversation while, across the bar or restaurant, a table full of single men is having a discussion of their own. Let’s examine what is being said:

The Bar/Restaurant

• Single Woman: “I’m just going to have a salad or something light to eat”.
• Single Man: “Can I order an entée as an appetizer?”

• Single Woman: “I hear they have a great Chardonnay here”.
• Single Man: “At Happy Hour, this place serves half-priced swill on draft”.

• Single Woman: “I can’t seem to meet any intelligent, responsible men these days”.
• Single Man: “I keep getting set up with ugly chicks”.
• Single Woman: “That guy across the bar just bought me a drink. I hope he doesn’t expect me to talk to him now”.
• Single Man: “She accepted the drink I sent over to her. That obviously means she wants to sleep with me”.

The Dance Club

• Single Woman: “It’s so great to be out with you girls tonight! I love it when we all get together like this. We hardly see each other anymore!”
• Single Man: “Christ, is this what we’re going to do every Thursday?”

• Single Woman: “I don’t want to deal with men tonight. I just want be with my girl friends! I’m not even going to talk to any men while we’re at the bar”.
• Single Man: “I don’t want to go there unless there’s a chance I can meet some chicks”.

• Single Woman: “Tonight, the one thing I really want to do is dance!”
• Single Man: “Let’s go to the dance club and try to meet some chicks”.

• Single Woman: “I love it when all the girls dance really close to each other and really get into the music. This is so much fun!”
• Single Man: “You brush up against me on the dance floor and I’ll punch your head off your shoulders. I don’t care if you are my brother”.

• Single Woman: “This drink tastes like candy!”
• Single Man: “Something is wrong with this drink. It tastes like candy”.

Social Gatherings

• Single Woman: “Such a wonderful party. Lots of fine wine and cheese”.
• Single Man: “I thought there was going to be a party, but there wasn’t any beer or chips at all”.

• Single Woman: “We talked for a long time together about classical music”.
• Single Man: “I have no idea what she was saying. I just kept nodding my head and saying that I agreed with her”.

The Opposite Sex

• Single Woman: “Do you think this outfit makes me look fat?”
• Single Man: “That girl looks fat”.

• Single Woman: “That cute guy with the nice eyes just asked for my phone number”.
• Single Man: “The girl with the big jugs gave me her phone number”.

• Single Woman: “He said he’s going to call me tomorrow”.
• Single Man: “I’m gonna wait at least a week before I call her”.

• Single Woman: “He told me that I seem down to earth and easy to talk to”.
• Single Man: “She’s easy”.

• Single Woman: “He’s a lawyer!”
• Single Man: “She’s hot!”
Take him away from home for a night or two and see what a single guy is up to. Examine his diversions and his various forms of entertainment. Despite all the talk about movies and music and sports, there is no denying that a bachelor’s main form of entertainment is women. Whether it is meeting women, dating women, sleeping with women, or being slapped by women, most bachelors spend their hard-earned cash on women.

The Bachelor may not be married, but that doesn’t mean he likes being alone all the time. Just like his Neanderthal ancestor, The Bachelor seeks the company of a female to share his cave and cuddle with him on the mammoth-skin rug. Whether he is searching for a lifetime lover or simply a one-night-stand, The Bachelor can often be found out and about trying to meet women. Right now, as you read this chapter, there are thousands of single men in bars and nightclubs across the country, hoping to meet that special single woman. If he’s lucky, all the right buttons will be pressed, all the right things will be said, and all the right moves will be made.

...If he’s lucky.

How easy it is for The Bachelor to make a complete fool of himself! After all, he’s had plenty of practice: his entire life. But it isn’t just about looking foolish. Single men have a way of sticking their feet in their mouths so much it’s amazing that Nike hasn’t designed a line of dental floss. The problem is Man’s inherent desire to think like a man. Instead of trying to understand what a woman might want to hear, The Bachelor often communicates what he believes a woman would want to hear if she thought like a man.

For the “Femininely Challenged”, The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide presents this reference of things that every bachelor should recognize when it comes to meeting women but probably does not. Carefully follow the instructions below and even the most notorious knuckle-dragger can get one step closer to meeting Ms. Right.

**Do—** Offer to buy her a drink.
**Don’t—** Offer to buy her lingerie.

**Do—** Comment on how pretty her eyes are.
**Don’t—** Comment on how pretty her breasts are.

**Do—** Have friendly conversation with the friends she is with.
**Don’t—** Get drunk and make passes at the friends she is with.

**Do—** Tell her you had to talk to her after noticing her from across the bar.
**Don’t—** Tell her you picked her out by “eeny, meeny, miney, moe”.

**Do—** Politely touch her hand while talking to her.
**Don’t—** Aggressively grab her buttocks while talking to her.

**Do—** Ask her to dance.
**Don’t—** Ask her for a lap dance.

**Do—** Ask her questions about her hobbies and interests.
**Don’t—** Ask her questions about her underwear and sex life.
**Do—** Ask for her email address.
**Don’t—** Ask her to pose nude for your website.
Do—Offer to buy her drinks.
Don’t—Ask her how difficult it is to get her drunk.

Do—Politely excuse yourself to the restroom from time to time.
Don’t—Refer to it as having to “drain the main vein”.

Do—Offer to hold her hand while you talk.
Don’t—Ask her to hold your head while you puke.

Do—Talk to her about her favorite actors and actresses.
Don’t—Talk to her about your favorite porn stars.

Do—Ask her about her favorite music
Don’t—Snicker and tell her that her favorite music “sucks”.

Do—Tell her about your collection of vintage books.
Don’t—Tell her about your collection of old Hustler magazines.

Do—Talk politely with her male friend.
Don’t—Try to punch her male friend in the face.

Do—Offer to have a few drinks with her as the night continues.
Don’t—Offer to “drink her under the table” as the night continues.

Do—Walk her to her car at the end of the night.
Don’t—Ask her to drive you home because you’re “too drunk to even stand”.

Do—Say “I’d really like to see you again sometime”.
Don’t—Say “I’d really like to see you naked tonight”.

Do—Give her your business card so that she may contact you.
Don’t—Write your phone number on the back of a business card given to you by another woman.

The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide to First Dates

It is safe to assume that almost every bachelor in the world right now is either dating someone or looking for someone to date. Sure, there will always be exceptions. Some bachelors are too busy to really date very much, others are still getting over a bad relationship, some are in prison, and many more are just plain stupid.

Here’s hoping that, for the sake of whoever bought this book, the person reading this chapter right now is none of those types of bachelors. There would really be no need in reading all about first dates if the reader has no intention of actually going on any dates to begin with. Then again, if you are in prison, there is plenty of dating…just not the kind that you’d want.

All relationships begin with dating, and dating always begins with the first date. The Bachelor will, presumably, go on many a first date in his time. After all, that’s what bachelors do: date. Will this first date lead to many more? Could something significant be on the horizon? It all depends on the parties involved, of course, but few people embark on a first date in the hopes that there will never be a second.

With that in mind, The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide is proud to present:
Things a Bachelor Should Never Do on a First Date

- Unless the date is supposed to be a group outing, never bring a friend with you. Nobody likes the “third wheel”.
- Never say “Hope you’ve got some extra cash on you, ‘cause I’m running a bit low, myself”.
- Never show up late, reeking of alcohol and another woman’s perfume.
- Bringing your date flowers is a good thing, as long as you bought the flowers and didn’t rip them from the flowerbed outside her home.
- If she lives with her parents, never wink and nudge her father when he asks what plans you have for the evening.
- Never say to her mother, “Well, I see now where your daughter got the nice rack”.
- Don’t say “I’ll be sure to have you home before dawn”.
- Never offer her a beer in the car “to get things started”.
- The comment “Your little sister sure is hot” is not acceptable.
- Asking her to drive because “My car still smells like puke from last Friday” is not a good idea.
- In the car, holding her hand is sweet. Holding her hand against your crotch is not sweet.
- Do not spend the entire night talking about the last woman you dated.
- No matter what she is wearing, staring at her breasts is not an option.
- Any place that has a “Drive-Thru Window” attached to it is not a good place to have dinner.
- If the car breaks down, asking her to “get out and push while I steer” is not acceptable.
- Pointing out other women’s breasts is not considered good table conversation.
- Offering the maitre’d a bribe of one dollar will make you look very stupid and get you nowhere.

- Do not discuss the difference between “Leg Men” and “Ass Men” unless she brings it up first.
- Eating with your elbows on the table is rude. Eating with your feet on the table is downright absurd.
- Masturbation: A topic to avoid.
- Snapping your fingers at the waiter makes you look like a jerk.
- Reaching across the table with your fork and sampling her food during dinner is discouraged.
- Dinner is not the appropriate place to point out that you “like it rough in the sack”.
- It’s okay to talk about how much you love your dog. It is not okay to discuss how your dog has “got himself a big ol’ set of balls on him”.
- Never belch, pick your teeth, or gargle anywhere near your date.
- Insisting your date consume the equivalent of her body weight in alcohol is out of the question.
- Threatening her with bodily harm for not liking your favorite sports team will get you absolutely nowhere.
- When the check arrives, accept it graciously and without question.
- It is not a good idea to point at your crotch and respond with “Right here” to every question she asks.
- Do not say “Damn, baby, what the hell did you eat?” when looking at the dinner bill.
- “After I pay this thing, you’d better put out” is not acceptable conversation.
- It is inappropriate to let your date know that dessert is “in your pants”.
- Suggesting that you valet park a 1979 station wagon will just make you look ridiculous.
- Trying to sneak your own bowl of popcorn into a movie theater will make you look cheap.
- The same thing goes for pizza, ice cream, a six-pack of beer, and barbecue ribs.
- Unzipping your pants in the movie theater is inappropriate behavior.
• Do not assume that she wants you to drive her back to your apartment for the night.
• “Guzzling” beer in a parked car isn’t a good idea as a “nightcap”.
• Trying to have sex with your date in the driveway of her parents’ house is not becoming of a gentleman.
• Do not try to get her to feel your biceps.
• Asking for a kiss at the end of the night is polite. Slapping her on her behind is not polite.
• When she retires for the evening, do not ask if her sister is still available.
• Go home and urinate. Don’t do it on her front lawn before you leave.

A Single Man’s Guide to Chick Flicks

We’ve all been there. You’re all set for some quality nookie in front of the television with your lady friend. Just when you think that everything is looking up for your libido, along comes the dead end known as a “Chick Flick”. These sappy female-empowering movies have rarely been known to culminate in two lovers doing the horizontal hokey pokey... and for good reason: Many of them are downright depressing. Old Yeller was a slapstick comedy compared to some of these films, which often depict tearful women crying with one another about things much deeper than the life of the family pooch. As the end credits roll, she’s crying and you’re no longer in the mood. Prom night revisited.

But there is hope.

Part of the reason women aren’t aroused during their special movies is because men show little or no interest in watching them. A man’s disgust in his lady’s movie can only hurt him, as he appears to not care about something she holds dear. If only men could find a way to exhibit interest in these blatantly non-male flicks.

Well, now we men can do just that because The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide is proud to present this handy-dandy Man’s Guide to Chick Flicks. Using this simple setup will keep you from even having to actually watch the movie. Think about baseball, meditate, or just stare at her breasts during the film.
Follow this easy-to-read guide to Feminine Cinema and even a Neanderthal can appear to be the sensitive guy she wants to take to the local Blockbuster Video store.

The Main Character,
1. A professional woman
2. A lonely housewife
3. A single mother
4. Meryl Streep
5. Meg Ryan

Finds her life at a turning point when.
1. She’s diagnosed with cancer.
2. She becomes pregnant.
3. Her husband/boyfriend cheats on her.
4. Some other woman dies.
5. She meets a sensitive man.

As if that weren’t enough,
1. Her sexist boss has fired her.
2. Her ex-husband is marrying a much younger woman.
3. She can’t communicate with her own daughter.
4. The sensitive man doesn’t know he loves her.
5. Her biological clock is ticking.

But, despite the fact that
1. She is alone and can’t seem to meet a good man.
2. No one takes her seriously.
3. Her husband/boyfriend is cheating on her.
4. She buries herself in her career.
5. She has never known true love.

She perseveres, beats the odds, and
1. Overcomes cancer.
2. Raises the baby on her own.
3. Leaves her husband/boyfriend that is cheating on her.
4. Follows her heart with the sensitive guy.
5. Wins something, gets promoted, proves someone else wrong.

In the end, she finally discovers
1. Her maternal instinct that she never knew she had
2. A closeness to her father/mother she thought was lost
3. Her husband/boyfriend is cheating on her
4. The friend she never knew she had
5. Being a woman is difficult.

And decides
1. To open her own law firm.
2. To raise her baby on her own.
3. To teach others about her illness/affliction/cheater.
4. It’s okay to have an affair with the sensitive guy.
5. Being a woman is difficult.

Got it? Now just copy down this little guide and carry it with you at all times. You never know when your sweetheart is going to be in the mood for Bette Midler.
THE “QUICK SAVE”

You’ve screwed up and now you must make amends. You don’t just need to save yourself; you need to save yourself in a hurry. How to do so and still save face? Married guys really have it bad in this department. No excuse will ever work for them and, true or false, will not get them nookie anyway. No sense in trying, when you get down to it. For the rest of us, however, we have the examples below. Some are direct quotes and some are just snappy ideas to help get you out of a jam in a hurry. If you are caught, *The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide* will deny any involvement whatsoever.

• Late to pick her up for dinner.
  1. Wipe your hand along the front fender as you leave your car. The grease on your hand proves the “car trouble” excuse.
  2. Have a friend punch you in the eye for the “just got mugged” excuse.
  3. “There was an accident on the side of the road. I’ve been giving CPR for the past hour to some poor child. Damn it, I hope she lives!”
  4. Cry your eyes out and claim to have driven over a puppy.

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  2. “Is this real leather?”
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• Caught flirting with another woman.
  1. “Thank God you came along. She was trying to sell me Amway”.
  2. “I was just trying to set her up with my friend Dave”.
  3. “You can’t tell that is a man until you get really close”.
  4. “Her breasts are obviously fake, and that just sickens me”.

• You don’t like her best friend.
  1. “Too bad we’re going to be so busy for the next 10 months and won’t be able to hang out with her again”.
  2. “She made a pass at me when you weren’t in the room”.

• Caught watching porno.
  1. “I’m taking a correspondence course in Human Sexuality”.
  2. “I heard some girl I went to high school with is in this thing!”
  3. “They must’ve made a mistake at the video store. It was supposed to be *Beaches*!”
  4. “Last time I try to program the VCR without help. Now I’ve gone and missed *Mad About You* again!”

• You don’t want to have dinner with her parents.
  1. “Now what am I going to do about these theatre tickets?”
  2. “There’s something in that house that I’m allergic to”.
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- You don’t like the shirt she bought you as a gift.
  1. Wear it once and spill red wine on it. An entire bottle.
  2. “I heard this was coming back into style”.
  3. “This will look great under a sweater”.
  4. Accidentally “lose” it on a business trip to Thailand.

- You don’t want to watch her favorite chick flick.
  1. “I don’t want you to see me cry in front of you”.
  2. “It reminds me too much of (insert name of dead friend or relative)”.
  3. “I was waiting until I could buy it for you on DVD”.
  4. “It’s too hard for me to watch this movie. I used to date Bette Midler”.

- You don’t like her new hairstyle.
  1. “It looks great!”
  2. “It looks great!”
  3. “It looks great!”
  4. “It looks great!”

- Caught in a lie.
  You are on your own. There is no help. Be afraid.

The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide to Last Dates
(How to get her to dump you)

It’s not working out between the two of you and you’d just like to call the whole thing off. The only problem is that, like many men across this great country of ours, you are a complete coward when it comes to breaking off relationships. The very idea of sitting down with her and expressing your feelings (or lack thereof) wrenches at your stomach and makes your nose bleed. Perhaps the thought of upsetting her or making her cry is unsettling to you. Better yet, perhaps you’re just incredibly selfish and would rather not be thought of as the “Bad Guy” who ended the entire thing.

If you’re going to be shallow and immature, at least have the stones to do it the right way. This book is here to help you be that complete zero that she has no choice but to send packing. Chances are that you’ve been seeing her long enough where most of your annoying habits won’t do the trick by themselves. If you’ve been dating this woman long enough, those same habits might even be “cute” as far as she’s concerned. Assuming that trying the complete opposite of the rules in The Ultimate Bachelor’s Guide to First Dates didn’t help you out one bit, this chapter provides plenty of break-up inducing examples to get you on your way. Don’t forget to clean out that drawer she gave you.

- Talk about how it isn’t necessary to wash your socks more than once per month.
• Walk around the house naked whenever her friends come to visit.
• Walk around the house in her panties whenever her parents come to visit.
• Start up pointless conversations about her sister’s breasts.
• Out of nowhere start really, really hating her cat.
• Angrily look at children and claim “Thank God I don’t want any of those ever in my life”.
• Refuse to do anything on a weekend that doesn’t involve “getting totally drunk”.
• Ask her to wear a Halloween mask whenever you’re having sex.
• Scoff at her married friends and say they are “only wasting their time”.
• Make unfair comparisons between her and your best friend’s girlfriend.
• Let your drunken friends pass out in her bed on Monday nights.
• Whenever she asks if you’re having a good time, reply by saying “yeah, yeah, whatever”.
• If she asks you to clean up after yourself, tell her that having a penis disqualifies you from household chores.
• Constantly sit around the house watching nothing but porno.
• Refuse to take her anywhere for dinner except McDonald’s.
• Change your phone number without telling her.
• Stare at the TV while she’s talking to you about something very important to her.
• Talk endlessly about how much you find her best friend attractive and fun to be around.
• Spend hours every day making overseas calls from her phone.
• Start spending lots of time with your ex-girlfriend.
• Every time she offers to cook you dinner, tell her you’d rather order a pizza.
• If she buys you a romantic greeting card, casually say “thanks” and immediately throw it away.

• Constantly forget her name when introducing her to people you know.
• Eat food that belongs to her roommate without hesitation. If anyone complains, say that they shouldn’t have left it in the fridge in the first place.
• Stop shaving, doing laundry, or bathing regularly.
• Get drunk, pass out, and call it your “Cute Couple Routine”.
• Tell her that you’d like her to get your name tattooed on her buttocks.
• When she asks what you love most about her, tell her it’s “the oral sex”.
• Have complete contempt for her parents.
• Make sarcastic remarks about whatever she does for a living.
• Call her house at least seventeen times per day to “just check in”.
• Make extremely crude and sexual comments to all of her girlfriends.
• Call her every night at around 3am for no reason whatsoever.
• Grab your crotch all the time in front of everyone.
• Punch her younger brother in the face for no good reason.
• Be open about the fact that you pawned away every gift she ever gave you.
• Get some other woman’s name tattooed across your chest.
• Spend all your time with your friends without hesitation.
• Borrow CDs that you never manage to return.
• Start asking her to pay for everything, even if you make twice the money she does.
• Proclaim that you hate every movie that she loves, and despise her favorite musicians.
• Constantly borrow her car in the middle of the night. Return it with no gas and trash all over the inside.
• Get into a huge argument with her favorite neighbor.
• Videotape a sporting event over her recording of her best friend’s wedding.
• When all else fails, get caught sleeping with one of her friends.
The Bachelors You Know IV

The Lounge Lizard. He lives in a time all his own. The 1970s ended many years ago, but you wouldn’t know it by looking at this guy. He’s still got that green leisure suit and platform shoes he wore to a Bicentennial party, and he swears that 8track tapes are better than CDs. His apartment is pretty much as you’d expect. There is plenty of shag carpeting to relax on, and the disco ball hanging from the ceiling really brings out the brightest colors in his mood ring. He’s also been saving up for a new van.

The Power Player. He says he’s “too busy for a relationship” and, by God, he means it. This bachelor has all the makings of a good catch. He’s powerful and successful, drives a luxury car and lives in an enormous house all alone. Only problem is that he works ninety hours a week. He buries himself in his career and usually only dates when there’s a company party on the horizon. His home is immaculate not because he cleans it so often, but because he is never there.

The Family Man. A wife isn’t the most important thing this guy has been shopping around for since he was 18. Sure, he’d liked to get married, but what this guy really wants is the kids. He’s so eager to be a father that he’s already started collecting toys and clothes for kids he doesn’t even have. The spare bedroom in his home is often referred to as “the nursery”, and all of the electrical sockets are already childproofed. Women have a hard time committing to a relationship, mostly because The Family Man wants to impregnate them before dinner is finished.

The Single Dad. Unlike The Family Man, this bachelor has already managed to secure an offspring. He could be a divorcee, a widower, or had a pregnant ex-girlfriend. He could be middle-aged or barely in his twenties, but this guy has a child to think of first. It’s hard for him to meet women, both because being a father keeps him so busy and because he’s carrying around “baggage” from a prior life. Many times, he will wind up with a single mom, much like the parents on The Brady Bunch.
Section V:

The Bachelor
And
The “L” Word
(And we don’t mean Lust)
Married Men vs. Single Men

(Comparing the Day)

There are two men. One is married, one single. Both work in the same place in the same type of job. They are the same age and they come from the same background. On the weekends, they each watch the same sporting events on television, enjoy the same type of foods, and listen to similar music. Some would say that, on the surface, these two men are almost identical. Their only real difference is marital status. With that in mind, you would think that a typical day in each man’s life would be almost identical, as well.

Take a look at the passages below, taken from the journals of a married man and a single man, respectively. Perhaps they aren’t so similar, after all.

(Taken from the Journal of a Married Man)

6:00am to 9:00am: “Woke up at 6:00am. Brewed a strong pot of coffee for my wife and I as she tried to wake up the kids. Had to get the kids ready for school. Made breakfast for the family. Got the kids out of the house around 7:45am. Cleaned up after breakfast and got ready for work. Had to compete for bathroom time with wife. All the hot water was gone by the time I got into the shower. Promised wife that I would stop by grocery store and pick up photos taken at last family function. Drank more coffee. Apologized for making huge mess in bathroom again and for leaving clothes all
over the bedroom. Cleaned up very quickly and ran out the door for work. Got to work around 9:00am.”

9:00am—12:00pm: “Got to the office and realized that my kids had stuffed a doughnut into my briefcase and ruined the files I needed for my meeting with the boss today. I re-typed them as quickly as possible, but it took me a while. I’ll have to catch up by getting some work done at home tonight. Wife called and reminded me to pick up photos on my way home. I think my secretary is annoyed at me.”

12:00pm—12:30pm: “Had a ham sandwich for lunch in my office. Got caught up on some of the work I’d missed because of the “Doughnut Fiasco”. It wasn’t too hard, since it was so peaceful in the office. Everyone was gone for lunch. Even the boss was gone for well over an hour.”

12:30pm—1:00pm: “My wife called to remind me to pick up the photos on my way home.”

1:00pm—2:00pm: “Everyone got back from lunch late, so nothing much got done around the office for the rest of the day. The boss said he was tired, so he cancelled my presentation. He assured me that we’d still have the meeting within the next week or two. I’m not very upset about it. This will give me more time to work on the files that were ruined.”

2:00pm—3:00pm: “Got a call from the kids’ school. PTA meeting is scheduled for next week and the teachers all want to meet with my wife and I. Apparently my son has been causing some problems in his classes.”

3:00pm—4:00pm: “My wife called from her cell phone. Our daughter is going to need braces. I don’t even know if my dental plan covers braces. I’ll have to check it out with the insurance company. Guess I could always work overtime if I had to.”

4:00pm—6:00pm: “Stayed a little late at the office so that I could get a some more work done, plus I really get a headache when the kids are just home from school.”

6:00pm—7:00pm: “Have to take the car into the shop. On the way home, a bad smell came from the dashboard. Seems that one of the kids jammed a crayon into the air conditioner”.

7:00pm—8:00pm: “Got home before I realized that I’d forgotten to pick up the photos at the store, as I had promised. Had to run back out to the store.”

8:00pm—11:00pm: “Got home and heated up leftovers, since I missed dinner. Decided to finish up all the work that has been backed up for the past several days.

11:00pm—12:00am: “Had a long talk with my wife about the PTA meeting coming up next week and the company dental plan. She’s coming down with the flu. Hope I don’t catch it, too. Wish I could call in sick tomorrow.”

(Taken from the Journal of a Single Man)

8:00am—9:00am: “Woke up at 8:00am. Got ready for work. Left the house at 8:30am, eating a Pop-Tart in the car on the way to work. Got to work at 9:00am.”

10:00am—11:00am: “Kicked ass in the meeting with my boss. I think I’m going to ask out my secretary.”

12:00pm—1:30pm: “The entire office went out for lunch. We had a blast! I haven’t laughed so hard in a long time. My secretary came along. She squeezed my thigh under the table. We’re definitely going to hook up.”

2:00pm—5:00pm: “The boss canceled that boring meeting I was dreading all week. We should take him out to lunch more often.”

5:00pm—9:00pm: “Offered to have drinks with my secretary, but she wants to skip it and move straight to having sex. Says she’s not looking for anything serious.”

9:00pm—11:00pm: “Ordered Chinese take-out at her place.”

12:00am—6:00am: “Went home around 3am. Think I’ll call in sick tomorrow.”
You’ve done the (almost) impossible. You’ve managed to fall in love with The Bachelor and, presumably, he has fallen in love with you. Many of the oddities that you thought were passing quirks have remained—he still wears socks with holes in them—but you have grown to love these little habits, as well. At the same time, this guy has shown some real heart when it comes to your relationship. He cleans up his apartment once in a while. He drinks red wine instead of cheap beer with dinner. Perhaps he has even gone so far as to whisper those three little words.

He may be a bachelor now, but that doesn’t mean he’s not the marrying type. Most bachelors are just waiting around for that special someone, the woman who can put up with all those crude habits that everyone else finds repulsive. Think you might be that woman? Do you hear wedding bells? Perhaps there is hope. Follow the test below to decide whether or not your bachelor can be tamed enough for that trip down the aisle and, more importantly, that lifelong trip of matrimony.

The Ultimate Bachelor Engagement Test

1. He buys you flowers all the time for no reason whatsoever. Add one point.
2. He buys you flowers all the time because he keeps screwing up. Subtract one point.
3. He remembers the anniversary of the day you met. Add one point.
4. He remembers that day because it was when his favorite team won some major sporting event. Subtract one point.
5. He keeps a picture of you in his wallet. Add one point.
6. That picture is behind a baseball card. Subtract one point.
7. He always wants to go out dancing with you. Add one point.
8. He always wants to go out for lap dances with his friends. Subtract one point.
9. The two of you are always going out to the movies together. Add one point.
10. He constantly stays in to watch porno movies alone. Subtract one point.
11. He thinks it is important to be close with your family. Add one point.
12. He thinks it is important to be physically close with your sister. Subtract one point.
13. Everything he has he shares with you. Add one point.
14. That includes a venereal disease. Subtract one point.
15. He loves hanging out with you and your girlfriends. Add one point.
16. He loves hanging out with just your girlfriends. Subtract one point.
17. You stay up and talk for hours about everything. Add one point.
18. You stay up and argue for hours about everything. Subtract one point.
19. He writes beautiful poems for you. Add one point.
20. He writes letters to Penthouse about you. Subtract one point.
21. He always wants to take you to dinner. Add one point.
22. He always wants to take you to dinner at his favorite sports bar while his favorite team is playing on television. Subtract one point.
23. Many romantic, candlelit dinners. Add one point.
24. Lots of nights at the Drive-Thru. Subtract one point.
25. You stay in bed together all day. Add one point.
26. He stays on the sofa alone all day. Subtract one point.
27. Every night he falls asleep in your arms. Add one point.
28. Every night he passes out in your bathroom. Subtract one point.
29. Dinner parties and fine wine. Add one point.
30. Pork Rinds and Beer. Subtract one point.
31. He has been learning how to cook and be cleaner around the house. Add one point.
32. He uses the entire kitchen as a place to store trash that has built up over a period of months. Subtract one point.
33. He has photos of you all over his apartment. Add one point.
34. He has naked photos of you all over the Internet. Subtract one point.
35. He has cleared out a drawer for you at his apartment. Add one point.
36. It is in his liquor cabinet. Subtract one point.
37. He wants you to hang out with all of his friends. Add one point.
38. That’s only because they need a “designated driver”. Subtract one point.
39. He loves to go to the gym with you. Add one point.
40. You go to an all-female gym. Subtract one point.
41. Glasses of wine and backrubs. Add one point.
42. Shots of whiskey and “front rubs”. Subtract one point.
43. “I want to tell you how I feel about you”. Add one point.
44. “…Wait until half-time”. Subtract one point.
45. He brings you flowers all the time. Add one point.
46. Because you live next to a cemetery. Subtract one point.

47. When you come over, he pulls out the really nice dishes. Add one point.
48. He hasn’t washed a dish since the late 80s. Subtract one point.
49. He watches your favorite movies with you. Add one point.
50. …On the condition that you’ll watch *Girls Gone Wild* with him. Subtract one point.
51. Tickets to the symphony. Add one point.
52. Tickets to the “Monster Truck-A-Thon”. Subtract one point.
53. He refers to you with playful nicknames. Add one point.
54. Nicknames such as “sugar tits” and “sweet ass”. Subtract one point.
55. He feels completely comfortable, and relaxes around you. Add one point.
56. You can tell this by the way he constantly passes gas in your presence. Subtract one point.
57. He is learning to do the laundry around the house. Add one point.
58. He dries his wet socks with a hair dryer. Subtract one point.
59. He cooks you a beautiful dinner at least once per month. Add one point.
60. He still doesn’t know how to operate a can opener. Subtract one point.
61. He affectionately refers to “your side of the bed”. Add one point.
62. Your side of the bed also belongs to his dog. Subtract one point.
63. His bathroom is always very clean. Add one point.
64. You are the one who cleans it. Subtract one point.
65. He calls you on the phone at night “just to talk”. Add one point.
66. He calls you on the phone at night to come bail him out of jail. Subtract one point.
67. He loves long walks on the beach. Add one point.
68. ...Alone on a nude beach. Subtract one point.

   **Test Results:** Add the total and refer to the list below to see how the bachelor you know tested.

   **15 to 19 points:** He’s you, only male. This guy isn’t just marriage material; he’s constantly on the honeymoon. If you are actually dating a man like this, you probably didn’t even need to take the test in the first place. The only problem is that he just might already be married.

   **10 to 15 points:** This guy is a big sweetie. He’s independent, but still cares about your wants and needs. Yeah, he’ll watch lots of sports on weekends, but he’ll still sit back with you and take in a few hours of *Steel Magnolias*. There are times when he wants to hang out with the guys, but he’s never above asking you to come along, as well. All in all, this guy is a good catch.

   **5 to 10 points:** It’s going to be tough with this guy. He is set in his ways and there isn’t much hope for change. It isn’t that he doesn’t care about your feelings, he simply doesn’t understand. While you’re talking about candles and roses, he will be busy staring at you like the Tin Man looking for his can of oil. He’s a typical bachelor, actually, which is the saddest part of all.

   **0 to 5 points:** It’s amazing that you’re even dating this guy, much less considering marriage with him. If you’re really in love, it’s because you are the only woman who can understand what his gorilla-like grunts and growls actually mean. Does he take you out to dinner, or do you eat off the floors of his cave? Instead of marriage, you should be thinking about how to help him grow past the age of five.

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**Taming The Bachelor**

**Part 2**

**(Are you the woman for him?)**

You’ve fallen in love with The Bachelor. That was Step One. He has fallen in love with you. That was Step Two. He even passed Step Three, which was the **Engagement Test**. Think you’re finally ready to turn The Bachelor into The Husband?

Sure, he seems like he’s ready to settle down. He has shown signs of changing many of the most slovenly habits you thought he’d never outgrow. He even finally trimmed those nose hairs that looked like a moustache. His love for you is apparent in his affection and in his willingness to compromise.

Keep in mind, however, that there are two sides to every story and in the case of matrimony The Bachelor is only half. The rest of this tale lies firmly on your shoulders. Before you start looking at gowns or hiring Air Supply to play at your wedding, take the following test and see what lies ahead. How do you add up when it comes to life with The Bachelor?

**The Ultimate Fiancé Test**

1. If you find it “cute” the way he screams at the television when watching football, give yourself one point.
2. If you’ve never complained about the poster of the bikini-clad women on the back of his bedroom door, you deserve at least two points.
3. It has never occurred to you whether or not he leaves the toilet seat up or down. One point.
4. You know the difference between Lois Lane and Lana Lang and can argue for hours over which one is really meant to be with Superman. Add one point.
5. You can have the same debate when it comes to Betty and Veronica. One more point for you.
6. He lets you sleep in his old high school jersey. That’s so sweet! Give yourself two points.
7. You believe “every man should have some sort of video game in his house”. Add one point.
8. The fact that he can’t even cook toast is somehow adorable to you. One point.
9. The two of you really bond over the belief that Sylvester Stallone is extremely underrated. Add one point.
10. It isn’t annoying to you that half of everything he eats winds up on his shirt. At least two points for that one.
11. You can spend hours playing with his dog. Two points!
12. Your idea of a great Valentine’s Day present is tickets to a rock concert. Two more points.
13. On at least one occasion, you have suggested he spend more time playing poker with his friends. One point.
14. You get along great with his mother. One point, Freud.
15. If the only thing the two of you go shopping for together is electronics, add one point.
16. The phrase “Hey, how about we watch some porn?” is okay with you. Two very impressive points.
17. If you have never, ever made fun of his car or his obsession with it, add one point.
18. Dogs over cats. One point.
19. Never will you ask him to dress alike at Halloween. One point.
20. It’s funny to you when he comments on how big your friend’s breasts are. One point.
21. If passing gas doesn’t offend you, knock on two points for yourself
22. Neither does belching? One point.
23. It makes sense to have an entire room of the house look like one big game room. One point.
24. The “football phone” stays in the living room. Two points.
25. You remind him to renew his subscription to Playboy. One point.
26. You read it, as well. Another point.
27. When choosing between fine china and a Jacuzzi, you go for the Jacuzzi. Add one point.
28. You are amazed that he remembers the statistics of every obscure baseball player in the world, yet can’t remember your middle name. Two points.
29. In your opinion, the fact that he can “air guitar” really proves that he has immeasurable talent. One point.
30. When he says “I could do that” while watching a martial arts movie, you believe him. One point.
31. He’s right; Cheerio’s aren’t just for breakfast. One point.
32. Neither are pancakes. Another point.
33. There’s no such thing as “too much sex”. Two points.
34. You will never, ever refer to his baseball card or comic book collection as “childish”. One point.
35. There is something very adorable about him when he is drunk. Two points.
36. You like to walk around the house naked all the time. One point, Ms. Godiva.
37. Two Words: Beer Funnel. One point.
38. It has never annoyed you that his idea of cleaning up the living room is throwing everything onto the chair no one sits in. One point.
39. If you’re okay with the fact that most of his education comes from reading in the bathroom, you get one point.
40. It is great that the Internet can be used to look at lots of photos of naked women. Two points for you and your artistic side!
So, how did you do? Add up your points and see what the future holds for you.

**45 to 48 points:** You are a goddess. Any man that wouldn’t want to spend eternity with you is a fool. Not only are you the perfect match for any die-hard bachelor, you’re close to being a legend in your own time. If he doesn’t want to marry you, consider running away with the author of this book instead.

**35 to 45 points:** Impressive. There is no denying your dedication to the man you love. The stuff you put up with would make most women cringe and even make most men a little squeamish. For every point you’ve earned you deserve some sort of award from your significant other. The higher your points are the more proof there is that you grew up in a house full of brothers.

**25 to 35 points:** It’s going to be hard, but a lifetime of happiness is certainly possible. You’re a little bit country; he’s a little bit rock n’ roll. Still, the fact that you come right in the middle indicates a very strong sense of compromise, which is always a good thing. Besides, half the items on that list are just plain crazy. You most likely picked the “not-so-crazy” half, in which case you’re doing just fine.

**15 to 25:** Aw, come on; give a little here, will you? He’s not that bad, is he? Aren’t some of those little quirks or habits of his at least a little endearing to you? Expecting you to put up with every disgusting thing he does is asking too much, sure, but if he promises to pick up his dirty underwear once in a while, will you give him a few extra points?

**0 to 15:** Do you even know this guy? Are you currently living as a Russian mail-order bride who is hoping to get her immigration papers out of this whole affair? Is this an arranged marriage that your twisted parents concocted as part of an agreement within their cult? You’ll kill him before the honeymoon is over.

So, you finished the test. That was the easy part. The hard part is trying to explain karats and diamonds to The Bachelor. You’re on your own with that one.

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**The Bachelors You Know V**

**Mister Misinformed.** He’s very confident and carries himself like he’s the sexiest man in the room. Only trouble is that the Basset Hound is more charming than he is. He can’t understand why he isn’t getting any more action than he is... he is a really great looking guy. That is, of course, if you think an out-of-shape, poorly dressed man with no sense of style or grooming standards is great looking.

**The Oddball.** This guy isn’t unattractive. He dresses nicely, except for the out-of-place top hat he wears with a sweater and jeans. He’s got a nice apartment, except that it is full of patio furniture. He likes to watch television, except that the TV must always rest on its side. He’s a nice guy and never means any ill will toward anybody...but he’s just too weird for anyone to date. Women have tried, you’ve seen them come and go. In the end, they simply couldn’t be serious with a guy who thinks The Alamo was built by aliens.

**Mister Vain.** He is so attractive. His hair is always beautiful and his smile is so enticing. He’s got a great sense of style, from his collar to his shoes. So why is this guy single? Because he hasn’t found anyone as attractive as himself to be with, that’s why. His standards are so high he couldn’t meet a woman he approves of at a fashion model convention. It’s amazing that he even has time to look at women, since he’s always so busy looking in the mirror.
Mister Bitter. He hasn’t dated anyone for years, and it’s everyone else’s fault but his. He’s a good catch. He makes good money and is a good-looking man. You know all of this because he won’t stop telling you all about it. Usually, he’s telling you while he puts down his fifth cocktail and orders his sixth.

Section VI:

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In Conclusion
The Bachelors You DON’T Know

Throughout this book, much space has been used to describe single men everywhere that you probably come in contact with all the time. There has been mention of guys who are slobs and guys who are momma’s boys, guys who love sports and guys who love women. Chances are you know plenty of men who are very similar to (if not exactly like) the examples that have been laid out in this book. This time around, however, we examine bachelors you typically don’t run into on a daily basis. In fact, you will probably never meet guys like these, if they truly exist at all.

The Extremely Masculine Guy who Hates Sports. He works construction all day long. His rugged handsomeness is that of a man who lives life with his muscles as his guide. After a hard day, he likes to kick back at the bar and have a few beers with his buddies...and discuss the importance of musical theatre. Football is just too brutish for him and he’s never understood the interest in something as pointless as baseball. Truth is, he’s much happier spending time at home watching The History Channel.

The Athletic Guy who Dates Overweight Women. He spends hours at the gym and every inch of his body is proof of that fact. Last year alone he ran four major marathons and has currently decided to try biking and mountain climbing, as well. All of his hobbies involve outdoor sports or something that ends with drinking gallons of Gatorade. When it comes
to women, however, he’s most interested in someone who prefers to sit around the house eating French fries all day. Sure, he’s very active and into fitness, but that doesn’t mean he looks for any such qualities in the woman he dates.

**The Heterosexual White Guy who is a Great Dancer.** He’s probably out there somewhere…

**Prince Charming.** This guy is really the whole package, so it’s amazing he isn’t already taken. The fact that he remains a bachelor is simply astonishing when you get down to his resume. He loves nice evenings out at fancy restaurants where he can demonstrate his extensive knowledge of fine wine. At the same time, he isn’t against cooking candlelight dinners at home and demonstrating his ability to prepare fine cuisine. He’s in great shape, too, which is amazing when you consider that he must be so busy with the Fortune 500 company he owns. How does he get the time to work out at the gym when he’s often volunteering to coach underprivileged kids on the weekends? More than anything, he just wants a quiet weekend at his beach house, preferably with someone that he loves for her mind, not her body, where he can demonstrate that there is nothing more important than playing the piano for hours and cuddling innocently by the fire. (Wake up, ladies. This man does NOT exist. Accept that fact and stop looking for him).

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Looking Ahead:
The Bachelor in the 21st Century

No matter what the latest issue of *National Geographic* may report, it seems like the most endangered species on the planet these days is The Bachelor. Sure, there are plenty of single men out there. That number continues at a strong pace, but the true Bachelors in this world see themselves falling by the wayside and slowly disappearing.

Some would say this is a step in the right direction. The Bachelor is an old-fashioned stereotype that needs to fade away and be forgotten. He is a chauvinist pig that desperately needs education in culture and women’s studies. His Neanderthal habits would be better if eradicated from society altogether.

This way of thinking, however, is completely one-sided and simply ignores the affection that one can have for bachelors everywhere. He may be a bit crude in his manners and habits but, at his core, The Bachelor is not a product of chauvinism. To be a sexist pig involves thought and opinion. The Bachelor is not against women, nor does he feel superior to them. Rather, he is mesmerized by females everywhere and spends much of his life vying for their attention. Any actions on his part that might result in sexism or the qualities of a chauvinist are simply due to his ignorance when it comes to women. Truth be told, he adores women and would do
anything to obtain their affection. Hand him the apple and he will eat it.

One has to appreciate the very character that The Bachelor is. He is a 30 year-old boy completely unaware of his own immaturity, simply because he drives a Corvette. He thinks nothing of the fact that he has never watered a plant and never intends to do so. The very fact that he has never even heard of the book *Little Women* is something to admire, simply because one must wonder just how it is possible.

Don’t hate The Bachelor. He means you no harm...unless you are a die-hard fan of his least-favorite sports team. He is a simple man at heart, and that heart is pretty big when you get down to it. How else would you explain a man who spends more money on his dog than on himself? “Big-hearted” is the only way to describe a person who makes most wardrobe decisions on the belief that “chicks will like it”.

The times they are a changin’, however, and single guys are simply going to have to change with them. In this world of sensitive men who love to listen to Michael Bolton and talk endlessly about flowers, the ante has been raised and The Bachelor is going to have to step up to the table. After all, why would any self-respecting woman choose a barbarian when she could have a prince? The Bachelor may be king of his castle but, when that castle is an old footlocker, how can you expect him to find a proper queen?

Men are learning. They are becoming better educated in the ways of the world and, more importantly, in the ways of women. Beer guzzling is being replaced by wine tasting. Sunday afternoon football has been replaced by Sunday afternoon theatre matinees. The gas-guzzling GTO is being traded in for an economical sedan. ESPN is being tuned out and The Food Network is being turned on.

With all of this in mind, it would seem that it is only a matter of time before The Bachelor fades into obscurity. He will still exist, of course, but only in rare circles and mostly as a punchline. His tendency toward brutish activities and crass behavior will be scoffed at rather than looked upon with endearment. His filthy apartment will be viewed as the home of a shut-in or mental patient, and his bad sense of style will result in the questioning of his sanity.

Single men everywhere should be proud. The Bachelor is not a cartoon, but a real man living in the real world. The Bachelor has become a part of history and, even after he is gone, trivia buffs everywhere will speak fondly of the fact that he existed in the first place.

Like his caveman ancestor, The Bachelor is on his way to extinction. It was a fun ride, indeed, but it was only a matter of time before the roller coaster came to a complete stop and men everywhere were forced to move on to another amusement park. That park doesn’t have foot-long hotdogs and beer. It has low-fat turkey dogs and bottled water. That’s okay, though, because The Bachelor has some steaks and a case of beer in the fridge at home.

As a matter of fact, that is all he has in the fridge.
The Ultimate Bachelor’s Glossary

Having trouble following along? Perhaps you’re only a recent bachelor, trying to fit in with all of the other single guys in the neighborhood. Whether you’re a seasoned bachelor or just an outsider looking in, the slang and slogans listed in this chapter can help even a novice in Basic Bachelor Conversation.

Air Guitar. Verb—The act of pretending to play a guitar by holding one’s hands in the same position as a guitarist. Noun—The only instrument every man knows how to play, usually in front of a mirror while wearing nothing but underwear. Skill at the Air Guitar often leads a man to incorrectly believe he could play an actual guitar if given the opportunity.

Anal-Retentive. Adjective—A Bachelor who cleans his toilet once per month.

Balls. Noun—Slang word used to describe a man’s testicles; the source of a man’s power and also the location of his greatest weakness. Urban legend has it that the larger the testicles the stronger and braver the man. 

Example - “That guy used to wrestle alligators. He must have some huge balls on him”.

Bar. Noun—One of the main places bachelors can be found attempting to meet women through similar interest in alcohol consumption. When not attempting to meet women, men can also be found in bars watching sporting events on television. Not to be confused with Nightclubs.

Beer. Noun—A major source of nutrition for The Bachelor. Often used as a meal supplement. Also known as an effective aphrodisiac when shared in mass quantities.

Beer Goggles. Noun—Imaginary eyewear bachelors are accused of wearing when found to be interested in unattractive women in a bar. Term usually applies to men who have had too much to drink and, therefore, find their perception of reality obscured.

Example - “If you actually think that she’s pretty, you must be wearing Beer Goggles!”

Bitch. Noun—A female dog, typically purebred; a woman whom you do not like and will not sleep with you; most ex-girlfriends.

Book. Noun—Something used to replace the broken leg of a sofa or end table.

Brassiere. Noun—Also known as “Bra”. Undergarment that supports a woman’s breasts. Most men feel a conflict of interests with brassieres because they make a woman’s breasts appear so beautiful, yet also make them so difficult to access.

Breasts. Noun—The mammary glands on a woman, known to reduce a man to his most primitive state. The very possibility of a glimpse at breasts can cause a man to push his best friend down a flight of stairs. It is unknown how much money has been spent or how many wars men have waged in an effort to see more women’s breasts.

Cat. Noun—A domesticated animal owned mostly by women. Can often be found in drawers, closets, or anywhere else that you don’t want them to be. Often the cause of massive amounts of stray hair found on clothing.

Chick. Noun—A female, typically attractive.

Chick Flick. Noun—Motion picture that caters primarily to females, typically labeled as a “Romantic Comedy”. Starring a popular, comedic actress in her late 20s/early 30s, these movies usually center on the apparent impossibility of attractive, successful women to meet men who aren’t
losers. Other plot devices might involve mother/daughter relationships or the kinship of one woman to another. See also The Bachelor’s Guide to Chick Flicks.

Condoms. Noun—Perhaps one of the greatest inventions known to man. Birth control device that has made sex much more obtainable to single men over the past fifty years. Gone from simply being a latex sheath to sometimes being more entertaining than actual sex, condoms come in all sorts of shapes, sizes, textures, colors, and—incredibly—flavors.

Cosmetics. Noun—Waste of space in the medicine cabinet, left behind by a man’s ex-girlfriend. Used to make a woman appear to be more beautiful, cosmetics are perhaps the primary reason for being thankful for being a man...except perhaps the ability to urinate standing up.

Diamond. Noun—Rare and expensive stone that has the ability to reduce women everywhere to quivering jelly. Whether in earrings, bracelets, necklaces or rings, diamonds have been known to turn even the most stoic of females into crazed hyenas. The act of proposing marriage is typically celebrated with the offer of a diamond ring...at the cost of several months’ worth of a man’s salary.

Dog. Noun—A domesticated animal; Man’s Best Friend; The animal that will adore you no matter how you look, what you are wearing, or if you have a job. Is happy with anything you may give it, no matter the size.

Double Standard. Noun—An anomaly in modern society, often in the favor of men, that purports that what is acceptable for one sex is not acceptable for another. For instance, it is often deemed acceptable for men to have many sexual partners and frowned upon when women are considered promiscuous.

Dude. Noun—A male. Commonly used to address a man considered a friend. Often used in exclamation.

Example - “Dude! How have you been? I haven’t seen you in months!”

DVD Player. Noun—A primary form of entertainment for men everywhere. This magical creation has a way of digitally projecting motion pictures onto your television screen. The quality is so life-like one would almost believe that real explosions are occurring inside the apartment, depending on how large the television set is.

Empty. Noun—What the gauge on the gas tank of an automobile reads when there is still a quarter tank of gas left.

Femininely Challenged. Adjective—Condition where a man has almost no comprehension of women’s wants, needs, or desires, his entire understanding of women coming from reading the profile of the Playmate of the Month.

Flowers. Noun—Waste of money that astonishingly has a powerful effect on the heartstrings of women everywhere. These attractive plants are grown in the wild, groomed in a retail store, delivered in a box, placed in a vase and admired for their beauty and fragrance. Flowers, typically used by men in an attempt to win the affection of women, are often accompanied by Greeting Cards.

Gold-Digger. Noun—A woman who dates or marries a man solely based on how much money he has or how much he spends on her. This term often applies to twenty year-old women who are engaged to ninety year-old men who happen to be multi-millionaires on the brink of death.

Example - “Did you hear about the Texas tycoon who passed away? All of his cash went to that teenaged gold-digger he married six months ago”.

Greeting Card. Noun—Tool used to deliver messages of love and affection to women everywhere. Manufactured at a rate of almost a billion a year, greeting cards can be used to recite the feelings that men cannot express themselves. They are also used to get many a man out of serious trouble with a woman. When not used in an effort to win the affection of women, greeting cards are sent to friends and relatives on special holidays.

Irony. Noun—Principle that supports the absurdity when women seek “honesty” from men yet still wear push-up bras, high heels, shoulder pads, press-on nails, and tons of make-up.

Knuckle-Dragger. Noun—A man who is so brutish and crude that he is reduced to the status of a Caveman.
Example - “Look at that Knuckle-Dragger with the unwashed hair. What a slob!”

Magazine. Noun—Second only to the television as a bachelor’s major source of news and information. Often stolen from the gym or dentist’s office, issues may be several months old before they find their way into The Bachelor’s home.

Meg Ryan. Noun—Eternally cute actress who, in the late 80s and early 90s, became the number one “Romantic Comedy” star in the world. With such hits as *When Harry Met Sally, Sleepless in Seattle,* and *You’ve Got Mail,* Ryan became a Chick Flick Tour De Force. Actresses everywhere tried to imitate her success, while non-actresses tried to imitate her hairstyle.

Meryl Streep. Noun—The dramatic version of Meg Ryan. This multi-award-winning actress has been a “red flag” for single men everywhere. Her very presence on screen has been known to send flocks of women into tears with little or no warning.

Nightclub. Noun—Establishment where bachelors attempt to meet women who are attempting to dance. The consumption of alcohol is common, as is the thumping of dance music. Bachelors can be found leaning against the bar, sitting on barstools and, in rare instances, attempting to dance.

Penis. Noun—The male sex organ, which is sometimes referred to as the “other brain”, since it is known to control a man’s thoughts, actions, and emotions in certain circumstances.

Pizza. Noun—An Italian meal, made like a pie, eaten by hand. Usually containing cheese, tomato sauce, and some sort of meat, pizza is a major source of nutrition for bachelors.

Prude. Noun—A woman who will not have sex or even indulge in sexual situations within the amount of time desired by single men.

Example - “That girl is such a prude. I went out with her for a month and never even got more than a kiss”.

Sausage Factory. Noun—Any place that is overpopulated with single men and almost no single women.

Example - “Went to that party at Jim’s last night. Total Sausage Factory.” See also Swordfight.

Skank. Noun—A promiscuous woman that no one wants to have sex with most likely because everyone already has. Skanks are never known for their cleanliness or grooming standards. See also Slut.

Slut. Noun—A promiscuous woman, often very popular in her community. Women often use the word in negative context, whereas men use it as a term of endearment. See also Skank.

Soap Opera. Noun—Form of television entertainment, geared toward women, which focuses on the romantic lives of fictional characters. Often extremely dramatic and improbable, soap operas cater to the fantasy that men look like supermodels, are doctors who practice law on the side, and have evil twins lurking in the shadows all the time.

Swordfight. Noun—When there are too many men in a nightclub, but not enough women.

Example - “Man, there’s a real Swordfight going on in here tonight. I hardly see a chick in the place”. See also Sausage Factory.

Stereo. Noun—Mechanical equipment used to transmit music within one’s own home. In a bachelor’s home, such equipment could cost more than every item in the apartment and weigh more than his car. Such equipment has also been known as an extra “wall” in studio apartments.

Television. Noun—Electrical appliance that transmits moving pictures onto a screen for viewing. A Bachelor’s number one source for entertainment, news, and media. Often bigger than The Bachelor himself, the television can serve as a piece of furniture and typically has every other piece of furniture in the room facing it.

Valentine’s Day. Noun—Perhaps the most expensive day of the year. A celebration of a couple’s love for one another, often expressed through candy, paper hearts, and
flowers. More often, it is expressed through pricey dinners and jewelry. More couples become engaged on Valentine’s Day than any other day of the year. The weeks proceeding Valentine’s Day are the busiest of the year for diamond brokers across the country.

*When Harry Met Sally.* Noun—Immensely popular Chick Flick that was, astonishingly, directed by a man. Starring Billy Crystal and Meg Ryan, the movie follows a man and woman as they grow, over a period of 15 years, from being friends into being lifelong lovers. Purely fictional, the movie suggests the absurd belief that women fall in love with men they have already known for 15 years.

**Whore.** Noun—A woman who supposedly has sex with everyone…but won’t have sex with you. See also Bitch.

**Whipped.** Noun—Term used for a man who is completely at the mercy of his wife or girlfriend. Implies that he is the slave under the whip of she, his master. Also known as “Pussy-Whipped”.

*Example* - “He won’t come to poker night because he wants to watch a chick flick with his girlfriend. Man, that guy is whipped!”

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