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Semi-Happily Ever After

> In her new book, *Marriage Confidential* (Harper), Pamela Haag, PhD, takes a fresh look at the state of our legal unions. "We have more marriage freedom, choice and latitude than ever before," Haag writes, and yet many of us end up feeling "melancholy" or only "semi-happy" in our marriages. Hoping to "jog our thinking out of the familiar rut of Divorce or Sticking It Out," she identifies nearly 20 new types of 21st-century bonds, including the following:

1

SCREEN SAVER MARRIAGE

Perhaps the most common type of union Haag discovered, this one features spouses who are half alert and half asleep—in other words, happy enough and habituated to each other.

2

HAPPILY DOWN-MOBILE

Ditching the American dream of acquisition, these couples marry, combine incomes, then dump the big jobs and big houses. What they win: simpler lives and more leisure.

3

THE NEW MONOGAMISTS

Constituting what Haag believes may be as many as 20 percent of modern spouses, these are cheaters who consider themselves ethical. In their version of commitment—"ethical non-monogamy" or "free love 2.0"—they are emotionally true to one person while feeling free to seek out sexual affairs.

/brave new bargain hunters/

4 Tech-Smart WAYS TO SAVE ON SHOPPING



1 / RENT THE RUNWAY

renttherunway.com

Dubbed the "Netflix of shopping," the site offers designer rentals (shipped in two sizes to minimize fit worries) at prices as low as \$50. Rent the Runway also suggests accessories—and takes care of the after-party dry cleaning.

2 / THE FIND

thefind.com

This aggregator site pools products, coupons, reviews and local shops into a universal search, available on your computer or mobile device. Bottom line: It's the most comprehensive "buying engine" you'll find on the Web.

3 / FOURSQUARE

foursquare.com

Download Foursquare to your phone and get discounts at 250,000 stores. Specials have included a 24 percent-off "coupon" for a single item at H&M and a \$20 gift card at Sports Authority for being the first to check in.

4 / SHOPSAVVY

ShopSavvy scanning app

Snap a photo of a product's bar code and instantly compare prices at local stores or websites. Not ready to commit? Place your item on a customized wish list. ShopSavvy also offers discounts through a partnership with Groupon.

/don't-miss movies/



BEAUTIFUL BOY Maria Bello and Michael Sheen give an acting master class as parents of a boy who dies in a campus killing spree. Their grief is compounded when they learn that the child they loved was the gunman. Simply told, this drama examines the emotional fallout from an inconceivable tragedy. —ALISON BAILES



MIDNIGHT IN PARIS Woody Allen's latest is a witty and poignant love story set in the City of Light. Owen Wilson stars as a romantic who revels in the magical streets while his fiancée, Rachel McAdams, finds her interest piqued elsewhere. In this glorious celebration of love and nostalgia, the superb cast includes Kathy Bates and Adrien Brody. —A.B.

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PRISCILLA AHN WHEN YOU GROW UP

→ Singer-songwriter Ahn spins love stories perfect for a summer morning. The infectious "Oo La La" and "Vibe So Hot" celebrate budding romance, while the fetching "I Will Get Over You" bids love adieu. Whether she's backed by cello and violin or simply her own guitar, Ahn's luminous vocals enthrall. —H.G.W.