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## Dating tips: Why dating against your type can result in a relationship

Dating men you might normally bypass could mean a shot at a love connection.

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Dating can be a lot of fun but it can also be exhausting after one many nights out that go nowhere. If you've been going out on da date with no desire to get a call back from any of the men you're meeting it could be time to date against type. The best way to ge a dating rut is to focus your attention on people you might norma overlook. You never know where it could lead.

We asked April Masini, relationship expert behind the AskApril.c advice column and author of *Think and Date Like a Man*, for her [tips](#) on meeting someone outside of your comfort zone – and so important reasons why you should.

**Dating tips: Your type has changed – and you don't know it**  
Sometimes we decide who we should be with and discount the fi we change and evolve over the years (or even months). "Who yc thought you should be dating might have been right last year, bu year, with changes in your personality, lifestyle and goals, somec else entirely could be a [better match](#)," Masini says. Think about you dated ten years ago and who you date now. There is likely a significant difference. "Dating outside our pre-conceived type ma remind us that what we thought we needed in a man is no longer

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Automatically dismissing someone because they don't fit into yo could mean you're missing out on meeting someone great. "Chameleons abound," says Masini. You may not normally look 1 at a suit-wearing financial planner but he could be closer to your than you realize. Maybe he actually shares your passion for hikir weekend camping trips. "Just because he looks a certain way or presents a certain way on first meeting doesn't mean he's the ty think he is," she explains. That three-piece suit might just be part day job and not a good representation of his whole personality.



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