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The Pros and Cons of Dating a Younger Man

Weigh the good, the bad, and the ugly before you consider bridging the age gap



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You meet a guy and there's an instant connection—you're both into *Orange Is the New Black* kills you, and dang those eyes! And then you learn that the same year you graduated college freshman year—of high school.

Dating someone younger—whether you're two or three years his senior or are talking cougar work (look at **Eva Longoria** and her 4-years younger beau), but being an "older woman" come with certain perks and downfalls. If you want to make things work, be sure you can

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If a lot of your guy's friends are like him—young and single—going out to bars until 4 a.m. drinking, flirting with women, and behaving like a frat boy may be the norm. So don't be surprised if he chooses hanging with his bros over coming over to your place more often than you'd hope he would. "Many younger men are more connected with their peers than they are with the idea of being a couple," explains Naples, FL-based author and relationship columnist April Masini. "They don't want to miss out on being part of their group, with whom they glean their identity."

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