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Can You Find Love On A Dating Site?

By Barbara Rose Brooker



From **Tinder to Match to Plenty of Fish to Silver Singles**, I have zoomed, video chatted and dated men who said they were divorced but were married, men who didn't show up, men who didn't exist, and men who had said they were 60 and were 90 and only wanted to go to Viagra Falls.

My neighbor Moo Moo Milstein, a 70-year-old wealthy widow, flipped over a 62-year-old banking tycoon. In anticipation of her first date, she hired a glam team to do her makeup and a dermatologist to inject Botox.

Only, an hour before their date, the tycoon called and explained that he had emergency business and would see her the following weekend. A few days later, he calls from Dubai and tells her that his bank was bombed, and he doesn't have access to his money and until the mess is resolved, would she wire the money?

Another impostor

"My name is Ari. I'm in love with your face and your poetry. Let's meet."

I'm taken by Ari's photo. An orthopedic surgeon, wearing green scrubs, a floral cap over his silver hair, and inside an operating room, saving a life.

With his schedule and the time change, he can't zoom but he emails the most beautiful letters and as soon as the pandemic is over, we plan to meet.

Until he asks if I have a WhatsApp number? So, I google his name and I read an obituary about an orthopedic surgeon dying in a plane crash next to the same photo.

Probably a woman sitting on a mountain in some faraway land with a goat and an Apple computer, fakes identities. Why so many people who have been catfished end up on the Dr. Phil show.

But it's not all bad. My daughter met her husband online 19 years ago. I am meeting interesting people on the dating sites.

Is love a product? No. The product is the dating site with its costs, financial terms and restrictions such as age, religion and race. As technology creates so many options and is always changing, the dating sites allow anyone in the world to connect emotions and friendships and love.

To do this, one can spend from 40 dollars to hundreds of dollars, depending on the monthly and yearly plans you sign up for and what you are looking for.

But it's up to you to be selective. To find true love and connection is the magic of life and fate. And that can't be bought.



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