

Reading Guide for
A Year of Blind Dates: A Single Girl's Search for The One

1. Megan's first dating relationship ended in heartbreak, and although she admitted she wasn't in love she grieved the loss of the relationship – not necessarily the person. How can someone know if they are in a similar situation and have the strength to move on?
2. Do you agree with Megan that we were created to be in relationship?
3. Have you every tried a dating service (including online services)? What was your opinion of them? If you're single and have never tried a dating service, what has prevented you from trying one?
4. Talk about the intrigue of blind dating versus dating someone you know (a friend or acquaintance), versus the more traditional methods of dating, such as meeting singles in the supermarket, clubs, friends of friends, etc. What's unique about blind dating?
5. What are the qualities you look for in a mate? What are some of your negotiables or non-negotiables?
6. Megan feels that the date with My Mark was a reminder to her not to settle for just any man because of the desire to be in a relationship. Have you been tempted to compromise what you want in a mate?
7. After her date with Dr. Dirk, Megan wonders if she is too critical of the men she has met. Have you struggled with a critical attitude in your dating experience? How have you handled it?
8. Do you believe there is only one "Mr. Right" or "Miss. Right" for everyone?
9. Megan's brother, Drew, advises her to choose a guy she can talk to for hours over one she can make out with for hours. What do you think of his advice?
10. Megan refers to her dating service blind dates as "14 Character Building Experiences." How did these dates help her grow? How has dating helped you grow?
11. Have you, like Megan, ever had times when you were frustrated with your "season of life" and wanted to move on? How did you handle those feelings of frustration?
12. How would you respond to a year of disappointing dating experiences?

13. Despite painful dating experiences, Megan declares, “the hope of finding love far surpasses my fear of failure,” and she continues her search for a husband. Do you share her optimism? Why or why not?

14. How did Matt Beans “other side of the story” in the epilogue impact your views on blind dating?

15. From reading the struggles and insights that Megan has shared through her year of blind dating, what new insights have you discovered about your self? How has your approach to dating or the search for “the one” been enlightened?