



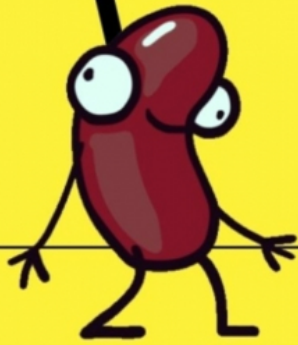
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Dedication

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Introduction

In the Harry Potter series, we are introduced to Bertie Bott's infamous jellybeans. You could try guessing the flavour of the jellybeans by their look, but there was really no way of telling which flavour you chose, until you put it in your mouth.

Normally this would be an intriguing game, except for the fact, that in this batch, you may find yourself biting into accidental disgusting creations, such as vomit flavour, booger flavour, earwax flavour, rotten egg flavour, and other nasty flavours that have no business in food.

It rightfully advertises as: "Every Flavour Beans - A Risk With Every Mouthful!" This is exactly how many view romantic relationships. They believe that there is simply no formula for getting it right. You just have to taste the one person after the other, until you are lucky enough to find a palatable partner.

A young woman who just started dating, asked a question on Facebook, that we've all posed at some point in our lives. What makes a strong relationship?

At this stage I was married for more than 10 years, and because I was always philosophical, this was definitely not a subject that I just flippantly grazed over.

I figured that if at least a few people exist, who between them have tried most of the "jellybean flavours" of relationships, then surely they would have developed a labelling system.

One that the rest of us can follow, so that no "rotten egg" makes us "vomit" up the hopes we had, when we first bought into the idea of marriage.

Although marriage is by no means non-magical (like the Muggle-flavoured jellybeans), this is my unexhausted list of