



More Than a Latte

Meet “The One” at Starbucks

You don't have to go out of your way to meet a lover. Meet that special person the next time you are in a Starbucks. Few of us seriously try to meet someone there despite its reputation as a place to connect.

Unlike a singles activity or a bar, the great thing about Starbucks is it is a natural place to meet. There is no reason to feel self-conscious. What normal person doesn't want to drink coffee or tea and relax and talk to someone they are attracted to in a safe, comfortable environment?

You have a chance to connect almost anytime *you are* at Starbucks. You never know who will come in, sit near enough to you and say or do something that can lead to a conversation by either party. When you step into a Starbucks, sparks can fly.

Believing you can or will meet someone you want increases your chances of being motivated, so you will not let a good catch get away without making your best effort. You can't expect to meet someone every time, of course, but you never know when you will, and often it's when you least expect it.

When an opportunity opens up, staying positive and making the right moves will get you there. A negative attitude will prevent you from seeing all the

possibilities. Awareness and action are a killer combination. An inviting smile, a comment, or a question helps smooth the way if there is some interest.

You can get things going by asking someone you are interested in, “How do you get on the Wi-Fi?” I can't seem to. The question is not personal and can lead to who knows what. I have been saying for years, “You only need one good one.”

Sit near someone who you want to meet. If there is no possibility around, relax and enjoy your drink. Someone may pop in at any time you are there. If you do not connect this time, there is a next time. When someone you are interested in does show up, make a comment, sit or get within speaking distance. This way, either of you can do something.

Some Locations are Better

A neighborhood Starbucks which attracts the type of person you are looking for can be visited regularly. It's like dropping into your favorite pub. One with a community table is ideal. The seats lining the windows and tables close enough for you to make contact are also good. A grab-and-go shop geared toward tourists should be avoided.

The more skilled a “Lover Shopper” you are, the better you will do whenever you dip into a Starbucks.

Love is a hello away.