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Drew Barrymore says 'Bridgerton' inspired her to continue using dating apps

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Drew Barrymore is among the legion of fans who have been wrapped up in Netflix's latest hit, "Bridgerton."

The "50 First Dates" and "Ever After" star invited Phoebe Dynevor and Regé-Jean Page on to her talk show to discuss the period drama.

During their appearance on Friday, Barrymore revealed that the show's steamier scenes inspired the 45-year-old to try her hand once again at dating apps.

The revelation came after television personality Ross Matthews, a superfan of the series, joined the show and thanked Dynevor, 25, and Page, 31, for "making such a beautiful show that is so modern, that feels so now even though it's based so long ago and for really turning our engines back on if you know what I mean."

"It's true," Barrymore responded. "I got back on a dating

app during 'Bridgerton.'"

She added: "I was like, 'I'm not dead, I'm not dead!'"

The actress, who recently spoke about dating apps on her show, said that returning to such a platform "was a big step."

During a recent episode of the show, the "E.T. the Extra-Terrestrial" actress revealed she'd been stood up by a man she met on a dating app.

"I booked a date with one guy, finally, and then he stood me up at the exact time we were supposed to meet," Barrymore revealed. "I was like: 'Can't you be a jerk an hour before? That would have been such a time-saver.'"

She noted that being stood up by a dating app match isn't "shocking" because it "happens all the time."

Dynevor previously addressed the show's sex scenes in an interview with the Daily Star, even revealing that she watched the show with her mother -- Sally Dynevor -- and her grandpar-

ents.

"I had to sit there and fast forward on high alert with the remote control," the actress said of the intimate scenes. "We managed it just about."

During his time on "The Drew Barrymore Show," Page also discussed how his family managed to handle the scenes.

He said he keeps his family informed in a group chat about what to expect, leading a cousin of his to make "tactical cups of tea" at just the right time in order to avoid seeing the scenes.



Drew Barrymore

Dua Lipa: Never seen being pretty as some kind of power

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International pop star Dua Lipa has tagged herself as an extremely hardworking and driven person, and slammed all those who spread the notion that she got to where she is today because of her looks.

"I've never really seen being pretty or beautiful as some kind of power. It's never been something that I identify with... I feel like I was a little bit short-changed in a way (by the question) because I don't feel like I've gotten to where I am because of that," Lipa told Rolling Stone magazine, reports fema-lefirst.co.uk.

She added: "I'm extremely hardworking and driven, and I feel like that's the reason why I got to where I am, through my hard work and my drive, and I just wanted to make that clear because it has been playing on my mind."

The singer's comments come after she recently slammed sexism in the music industry, as she said female musicians face "so much more criticism" than their male counterparts.

She also made similar comments during a separate interview in November.

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Kate Winslet reveals why her husband changed his name twice

ANI | Washington

Hollywood star Kate Winslet while appearing on a TV show revealed why her husband changed his name not once, but twice.

According to E! News, during the Thursday episode of 'Jimmy Kimmel Live', the 'Titanic' actor explained why her spouse changed his moniker.

She said, "So his birth name is Abel Smith, and as time went by he became Ned-who is quite an original personality, he just decided at one point in his

life to just change his name to Rocknroll. Ned Rocknroll. So when I met him, his name was Ned Rocknroll. This is completely true."

However, not everyone took kindly to the decision. Winslet noted the name was well-received in America, but in England, "not so much."

The Oscar-winning actor explained, "When he changed his name to Rocknroll, I don't think he had anticipated what might happen if he should have a girlfriend whose name was Kate Winslet and who was quite well-known and therefore the press might

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kind of not react so well to the fact that she had this boyfriend called then Rocknroll."

As per E! News everything changed when the married couple welcomed their son, Bear Blaze, in 2013. Winslet is also a mother to 20-year-old Mia, who she shares with her first ex-husband Jim Threapleton, and 17-year-old Joe, who she shares with her second ex-husband Sam Mendes.



Kate Winslet

Kelly Clarkson recalls 'American Idol' days

Fox | Los Angeles

Kelly Clarkson may be a massively successful recording artist, but that doesn't mean she always had it easy.

During Thursday's episode of her popular daytime TV talk show, the 38-year-old star opened up about entering the limelight via "American Idol" in 2002 when she was crowned the show's inaugural champ in a chat with actress Jennifer Love Hewitt.

The singer recalled a few of her fellow contestants. "You probably don't remember this, but it stuck with me so long, like for almost 20 years now ... it was at some kind of MTV Awards or VMA [Awards], I don't know what it was, but you ran up to me and it was right when [we were down to] the final three of 'Idol,'" Clarkson

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said. "We were just so slammed and everything was happening in a whirlwind."

The "Since U Been Gone" songstress then revealed that "people were really mean to us because we're from a talent show and it was the first season."

She reiterated that "everyone was so rude" including people on the red carpet and at the show itself.

"It was so bad. It was a horrible experience," Clarkson admitted, but interaction with Hewitt helped to ease the pain. "You came up to me and ran up to me out of nowhere and were like, 'Oh my gosh, I'm really rooting for you,'" recalled the star. "You told me: 'Please keep the ones you love so close and it'll end up being about a few people in your life, unfortunately, but this business can be really hard and just remember to keep those people that really love you.'"



Kelly Clarkson

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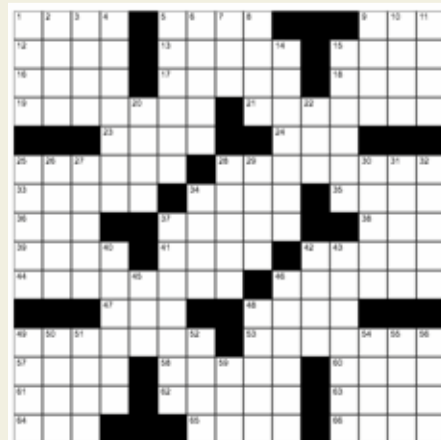
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How to play

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Across

1- Fishing vessel, perhaps; 5- Rejection power; 9- Grads-to-be; 12- Aware of; 13- ... having fun yet?; 15- Indigo; 16- Pass the breaking point; 17- Weighted down; 18- Stringed instrument; 19- Confer; 21- Healed over, like a scrape; 23- Muffin topper; 24- ... polloi; 25- Intellectual; 28- Feebleness; 33- 1972 Derek and the Dominos hit; 34- Actor Conner; 35- August; 36- Modern art; 37- Belt site; 38- Bard's preposition; 39- Square; 41- Concerning; 42- A Simpson; 44- Abandoned; 46- Court figure; 47- Catch some rays; 48- Mozart's "... kleine Nachtmusik"; 49- Cart driver; 53- Rubella; 57- Beige; 58- Simple seat; 60- Long objects used to row a boat; 61- Foreign dignitary; 62- Brief brawl; 63- Zoo barrier; 64- Writing instrument; 65- Do a slow burn; 66- Ballpark figs.

Down

1- Winter pear; 2- ... account (never); 3- ... impasse; 4- Garden's necessity; 5- Depression between hills; 6- One of the Muses; 7- Abbreviation of the name Edward; 8- Is indebted; 9- Rebuff; 10- Confirmation, e.g.; 11- Husky burden; 14- Bewitch; 15- Deficient in pigmentation; 20- It parallels a radius; 22- NASA affirmative; 25- Tasteless; 26- Street show; 27- Australia's Rock; 28- Off-the-wall; 29- Smooth sailing; 30- Very hard mineral; 31- Twilled fabric; 32- Scoff; 34- Having a sound mind; 37- See; 40- Circuitous way; 42- "Give that ... cigar!"; 43- Inspiring amazement; 45- Sprinted; 46- Stay out of sight; 48- Chew the scenery; 49- Read 'em and ...; 50- Pinnacle; 51- Sheepish look; 52- Hwy's; 54- Neighbor of Cambodia; 55- Quod ... demonstrandum; 56- Fast fliers; 59- Polo Grounds legend;

Yesterday's solution

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