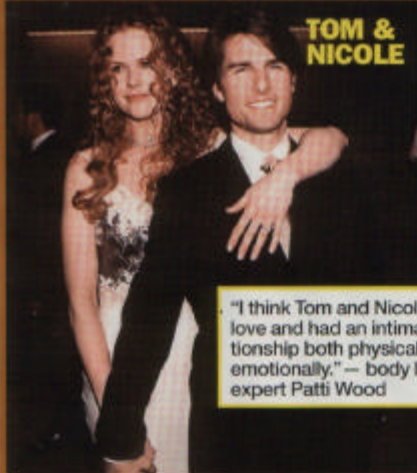


Patti's assessment of Tom and Nicole in the April 12, 2004 issue of "Star" weekly magazine. www.pattiwood.net

What Does Their Body Language Say?

A hands-on comparison of how Tom connected with the two most recent loves of his life



TOM & NICOLE

"I think Tom and Nicole were in love and had an intimate relationship both physically and emotionally." — body language expert Patti Wood

April 1998: "This is what I call 'overlap,'" says body language expert Patti Wood. "Nicole and Tom are often connecting like this, showing an intimacy."



May 2000: "Her hands on either side of his face is a tender gesture. Their mutual gaze says it's just them in the moment — the rest of the world doesn't exist."



Sept. 1999: "Again, they're overlapping: Her pelvis is against his back, showing a strong sexual connection."



TOM & PENÉLOPE

Nov. 2003: "Tom's and Penélope's torsos are apart. Notice how her back is arched away from him."



Jan. 2004: "Your hands reveal true emotions. Here, hers are in a fist behind him, and his don't show tenderness or passion."



"They were good in front of the camera, but their relationship seemed to lack tenderness. It didn't look like they ever shared an intimate moment." — body language expert Patti Wood

June 2003: "They're not only looking in opposite directions, they're facing opposite directions! They may be posing together, but their lack of closeness clearly shows they're not happy."

LONG ROAD

Regardless of how Tom feels, Nicole herself may not be looking for a relationship. Aside from Kravitz, she's been linked to actors Tobey Maguire and Adrien Brody and rapper Q-Tip, but nothing has stuck.

"I think there's a real chance Tom and Nicole might try and start again," says a source. "I believe that's what Tom wants,

but Nicole I'm not so sure about."

A source says Tom has spent some time with Nicole's best friend, actress Naomi Watts, perhaps in an effort to improve relations with his ex.

MATING DANCE

In fact, Tom attended the Golden Globes without Penélope, while Kidman attended with her

parents. And just a few weeks later, there were reports that Tom spent most of his time at Oscar afterparties deep in conversation with Kidman. However, Cruise's lawyer insists the star is not seeking a reconciliation with Nicole.

"If Tom wants to win back Nicole it's not going to be easy," adds one of Nicole's closest friends. "She's had a

tough time, emotionally, since their divorce, and she's terrified of being hurt."

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