

this could be love

an introduction to
relationship anarchy



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Find yourself frustrated
and worn out by the
dating scene? You're not
alone. In our society,
almost everything we are
taught about love comes
from colonial power and
property law. Not very
romantic!

When we are willing to
see past sexist, racist,
hetero institutions of
family, what could love
and relationships look
like?

**Cohabitation, marriage,
and family are choices.**
People can live
together long term and
raise children without
being in a romantic
relationship.
People can be in a
romantic relationship
without ever wanting
or choosing
domesticity.

Despite social pressure
to always be searching
for that “one true love”
and the millions of rules
that come with it, **a
relationship is simply the
connection between
people.** You decide what
that means to you.

Relationship anarchy is
the search for fulfilling,
freeing, healthy, and
happy connections, in
any shape they take.

**Non-romantic
relationships are not less
important than romantic
ones.**

Romance does not
devalue or deprioritize
other relationships we
have. Friends, family,
partners, and
connections of all kind
are an important part of
our lives. **Romance is not
a necessity. There is no
hierarchy to love.**

There is no one, true way
to build a relationship.

**A relationship may or may
not include:** *sex, dating,
kissing, PDA, emotional
support, shared finances,
co-parenting, emergency
contacts, kink, shared
hobbies, marriage, meeting
the parents, pets, religion,
home ownership, creative
collaboration, etc.*

It may include these in
some ways and not
others.

Relationships do not
need to be exclusive or
monogamous.
It can be, of course, but
the important part is
**mutually shared values,
trust, and
communication.**
Monogamy and
exclusivity do not make
relationships inherently
more important or
meaningful.

Relationships are not for
public debate.

**Only the people IN the
relationship can define
what it is and why it
matters to them.**

Friends, family, strangers,
or the state do not
decide or govern what
relationships are real or
romantic.