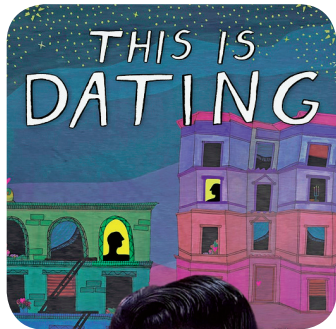


Goodbye low-brow dating shows. Hello high-brow dating podcasts!

Unsure why you are still following the cast of *Love Island* on Instagram? Convinced that the climax of *Love Is Blind* was a fix? Still attempting to work out the point of *Davina McCall's Language of Love*? Same. It seems like you can't log on to Netflix without a new dating show popping up. If you're tiring of the structured reality "reality" plots and manicured social types, it's time to survey the modern dating scene at a more gentle pace via some new podcasts. *This Is Dating* follows a first date, blow by blow, or there's *Savage Lovecast*, where the agony uncle Dan Savage tackles listeners' sex conundrums, and Tinder's own *DTR* podcast. They can answer current quandaries such as "What the heck is tryst timing?" and "What's the proximity principle?" Also, absolutely none of them are presented by *And Just Like That's* Che Diaz (bottom), which is a plus.



Meet 2022's ultimate home brag: the hural

Forget Gwyneth's 3D wallpaper, the bespoke mural is the ultimate in living room one-upmanship. Popularity of the home mural, aka the hural, has surged, with searches for "wall mural wallpapers" increasing by 132 per cent and "living room murals" by 48 per cent, according to *Homes & Gardens* magazine. Check out the work of fashion industry favourite Tess Newall for inspo. Soon you'll be saying things like, "You're terrible, Mur-i-el," and chuckling as you stare lovingly at the Banksy in your loo.



Heating up

▲ **KELLY HOPPEN GREIGE**
The inspo behind the current 'coastal grandmother' TikTok craze



▲ **SOC-IT**
The social media exit. We're following the lead of Selena Gomez, who has been off for four years



▲ **WINNING WINKS**
A new book, *i-D: Wink + Smile!*, celebrates 40 years of the style bible that introduced Madonna to the world (with her first cover)



▲ **JULIA FOX AS AN ADJECTIVE**
As seen in trend predictor Madeline C White's TikTok — the 'Julia Fox Jean'

Cooling down

▼ **BRIEFCASES**
Piaggio has made a robot that carries your stuff for you. Who needs arms anyway?



▼ **GIRL BANDS**
Farewell Little Mix, welcome back Blue (below), Backstreet Boys and, er, three fifths of 'N Sync (who sang at Ryan Cabrera's wedding)



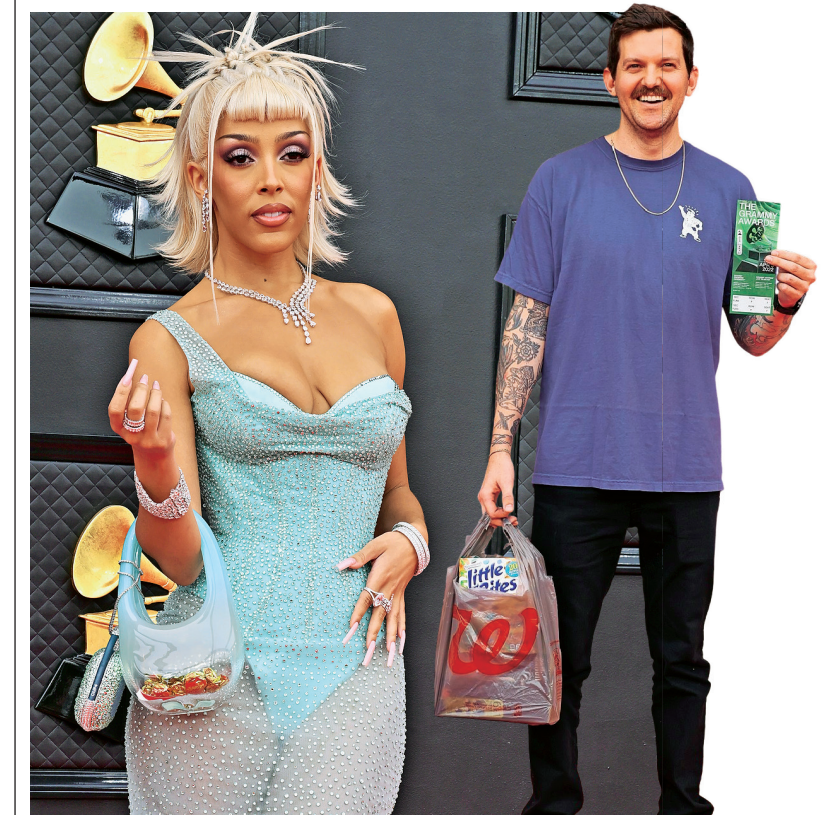
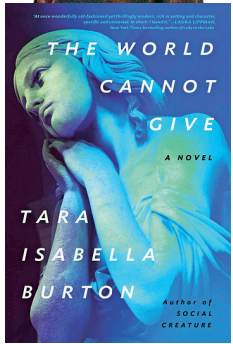
▼ **LOGO TEES**
It's all about the hyper-personalised T-shirt (see Jake Gyllenhaal wearing one with the names of his nieces. Bless)



▼ **GARY OLDMAN'S SOCKS**
His tattered old pinkie holders in *Slow Horses* make us want to dispense with our lunches. We know that's the point, but still

Dark academia, your new summer read

Ever since *The Secret History* and *A Little Life* set the template, books that could be described as "dark academia" have morphed into a genre of their own. The fashion aesthetic that recently dominated TikTok with its collegiate, romantic aesthetic (think Taylor Swift in her turtlenecked *Evermore* era, top right) has been channelled into a new wave of novels that are buttoned-up, campy and bring paranoid, page-turning drama. Last year we had *The Other Black Girl* and this year we have Tara Isabella Burton's *The World Cannot Give*, a queer, boarding-school drama that has been likened to *Girls* and *Fight Club*, as well as the *Twilight*-like book *Youngblood* and its "vampires at an elite school" plot. Ideally read in one sitting while wearing a dramatically large scarf and sipping on a cup of black coffee.



The new red carpet look? Snackaccessories

Food and red carpet events usually mix like Will Smith and Chris Rock, but is that about to change? Forget embellished Judith Leiber handbags that resemble a box of French fries, celebrities are now taking actual snacks to award shows. The DJ Dillon Francis (above right) showed up at the Grammys with mini muffins, while Doja Cat (above left) teamed her shimmering Versace gown with gold-wrapped treats. Next stop: Lady Gaga's meat dress redux, with edible gloves to consume during the technical award categories.

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