

As a several-times burned, petulant and overly cynical 18-year-old, I came up with a theory about Valentine's

One story claims that Valentine was a priest in third-century Rome who agreed to marry several Roman couples in secret, in defiance of a rule banning the practice by Emperor Claudius. The tyrant discovered Valentine's actions and threw him in the clink. In jail, Valentine met a young blind woman, the daugh-

A close-up photograph of numerous heart-shaped cookies arranged closely together. Each cookie is a different color (green, orange, pink, blue, yellow) and has a phrase written on it in white or contrasting colored icing. The phrases include "NICE", "KEEP'S", "DREAM GIRL", "MISS YOU", "IT'S LOVE", "URA STAR", "TEE OFF", "PEN PAL", "TRUE LOVE", "BE MINE", "LOVER BOY", "FAX ME", "LOVE HIM", and "T'S". The background is dark and slightly blurred.

Now DIG ME, the idea for printing sayings on candy hearts originated back

But if you really want to shake things up, did you know that you could actually have a slew of hearts printed with your own flirty (but not filthy) sayings? There's a small catch, of course. If you want your own words on the hearts, you must buy an entire production run of 3,500 pounds. For the record, that's about 1.6 million different ways to say "KISS ME."

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