



# I don't need a man ... at least, not now

Romantic Rebecca bounces back after ex factor

**R**EBECA FERGUSON refuses to give up on love, despite the father of her new baby leaving her when she was pregnant.

The soulful 28-year-old gave birth to a daughter, Arabella, in October – but the father left when she discovered she was expecting, and admitted he was seeing someone else.

'I am such an old romantic and I think everyone has their "One",' the X Factor star told Guilty Pleasures exclusively. 'Sometimes I think we date people that aren't right for us.'

'And sometimes they don't know we're not right for them. That's why cheating goes on – because people aren't right for each other.'

She still believes in 'true love', but added: 'I'm not looking at the moment.'

I'm kind of content with myself and the kids and focusing on being a better me.

'It's so easy to look for the attention from a man to validate me, but I now think, "I don't need you to validate me". That's my Oprah speech there!' she giggled.

Having weathered a tough year,

**Dumped:** The father of Rebecca's baby walked out

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Ferguson says she now feels stronger than ever as she prepares to release an album of Billie Holiday covers and continue as a mum to Arabella, Lillie May, 10, and eight-year-old Karl.

'2014 was one of the hardest years of my life, but it was the year that made me,' she said.

'I didn't love myself enough and I devalued myself. I had too many people around me that didn't love me for what I was.' Ferguson's album, Lady Sings The Blues, is out on March 9.

