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## Married Past Redemption

All couples walk to the altar dreaming of happily-ever-after, but many forces in our society work against healthy lifelong commitment. Renowned family therapist William J. Doherty reveals how cracks can develop in even a rock-solid marriage, and what steps

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you can take to keep your love strong. Learn ways to break free of common traps like confusing desires with needs, comparing your spouse to your fantasies of other relationships, or becoming overtime parents instead of full-time partners. You'll get suggestions for creating relationship rituals--from mundane to celebratory, sexy to silly--that build closeness and connection every day. The updated second edition incorporates Dr. Doherty's ongoing experience counseling couples, plus the latest information on marriage and health, how divorce affects kids, the impact of new technologies on family life, and more. Winner--Best Self-Help Book, ForeWord Magazine's Book of the Year Awards

### **The First Few Years of Marriage**

Just as Masters and Johnson were pioneers in the study of human sexuality, so Dr. John Gottman has revolutionized the study of marriage. As a professor of psychology at the University of Washington and the founder and director of the Seattle Marital and Family Institute, he has studied the habits of married couples in unprecedented detail over the course of many years. His findings, and his heavily attended workshops, have already turned around thousands of faltering marriages. This book is the culmination of his life's work: the seven principles that guide couples on the path toward a harmonious and long-lasting relationship. Straightforward in their approach, yet profound in their effect, these principles teach partners new and startling strategies for making their marriage work. Gottman helps couples focus on each

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other, on paying attention to the small day-to-day moments that, strung together, make up the heart and soul of any relationship. Being thoughtful about ordinary matters provides spouses with a solid foundation for resolving conflict when it does occur and finding strategies for living with those issues that cannot be resolved. Packed with questionnaires and exercises whose effectiveness has been proven in Dr. Gottman's workshops, *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* is the definitive guide for anyone who wants their relationship to attain its highest potential. *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* is the result of Dr. John Gottman's many years of closely observing thousands of marriages. This kind of longitudinal research has never been done before. Based on his findings, he has culled seven principles essential to the success of any marriage. Maintain a love map. Foster fondness and admiration. Turn toward instead of away. Accept influence. Solve solvable conflicts. Cope with conflicts you can't resolve. Create shared meaning. Dr. Gottman's unique questionnaires and exercises will guide couples on the road to revitalizing their marriage, or making a strong one even better.

### **Homeownership Built to Last**

The ups and downs in housing markets over the past two decades are without precedent, and the costs—financial, psychological, and social—have been enormous. Yet Americans overwhelmingly still aspire to homeownership, and many still view access to homeownership as an important ingredient for

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building wealth among historically disadvantaged groups. This timely volume reexamines the goals, risks, and rewards of homeownership in the wake of the housing bubble and subprime lending crisis. Housing, real estate, and finance experts explore the role of government in supporting homeownership, deliberate how homeownership can be made more sustainable, and discuss how best to balance affordability, access, and risk, particularly for minorities and low income families. Contributors: Eric S. Belsky (JCHS); Raphael W. Bostic (University of Southern California); Mark Calabria (Cato Institute); Kaloma Cardwell (University of California, Berkeley); Mark Cole (Hope LoanPort); J. Michael Collins (University of Wisconsin- Madison); Marsha J. Courchane (Charles River Associates); Andrew Davidson (Andrew Davidson and Co.); Christopher E. Herbert (JCHS); Leonard C. Kiefer (Freddie Mac); Alex Levin (Andrew Davidson and Co.); Adam J. Levitin (Georgetown University Law Center); Mark R. Lindblad (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); Jeffrey Lubell (Abt Associates); Patricia A. McCoy (University of Connecticut School of Law); Daniel T. McCue (JCHS); Jennifer H. Molinsky (JCHS); Stephanie Moulton (Ohio State University); john a. powell (University of California-Berkeley); Roberto G. Quercia (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); Janneke H. Ratcliffe (University of North Carolina); Carolina Reid (University of California-Berkeley); William M. Rohe (University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill); Rocio Sanchez-Moyano (JCHS); Susan Wachter (University of Pennsylvania); Peter M. Zorn (Freddie Mac)

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## **Lovestruck**

This small-group study provides the components to create a powerful small-group experience, including video presentations and a leader's guide with activities for class sessions and home use.

## **The Smart Stepfamily**

At the end of her bestselling memoir *Eat, Pray, Love*, Elizabeth Gilbert fell in love with Felipe - a Brazilian-born man of Australian citizenship who'd been living in Indonesia when they met. Resettling in America, the couple swore eternal fidelity to each other, but also swore to never, ever, under any circumstances get legally married. (Both survivors of difficult divorces. Enough said.) But providence intervened one day in the form of the U.S. government, who - after unexpectedly detaining Felipe at an American border crossing - gave the couple a choice: they could

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either get married, or Felipe would never be allowed to enter the country again. Having been effectively sentenced to wed, Gilbert tackled her fears of marriage by delving completely into this topic, trying with all her might to discover (through historical research, interviews and much personal reflection) what this stubbornly enduring old institution actually is. The result is *Committed* - a witty and intelligent contemplation of marriage that debunks myths, unthreads fears and suggests that sometimes even the most romantic of souls must trade in her amorous fantasies for the humbling responsibility of adulthood. Gilbert's memoir - destined to become a cherished handbook for any thinking person hovering on the verge of marriage - is ultimately a clear-eyed celebration of love, with all the complexity and consequence that real love, in the real world, actually entails.

### **Built to Last**

Named one of Pop Sugar's Best Books to Put in your Beachbag this summer and one of the best books of July. A Booktrib "Romance to get you in the swing for Wedding Season" of 2019 A Book Riot "Five New Diverse Romantic Comedies" Bustle's "21 new summer novels to spice up your summer reading" To Leila Abid's traditional Indian parents, finding a husband is as easy as match, meet, marry. Yes, she wants to marry, but after 26 years of singledom, even Leila is starting to get nervous. And to make matters worse, her parents are panicking, the neighbors are talking, and she's wondering, are her expectations

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just too high? But for Leila, a marriage of arrangement clashes with her lifelong dreams of a Bollywood romance, where real love happens before marriage, not the other way around. So she decides it's time to stop dreaming and start dating. It's an impossible mission of satisfying her parents' expectations, while also fulfilling her own western ideals of love. But after a series of speed dates, blind dates, online dates and even ambush dates, the sparks just don't fly! Now, with the marriage clock ticking, and her 3-month deadline looming in the horizon, Leila must face the consequences of what might happen if she doesn't find "the one..."

### **What Makes a Marriage Last**

"The bride is married to me." Responsible Belinda Wentworth has always been a dutiful society daughter. Except for when she married her family's sworn enemy, Colin Granville, Marquess of Easterbridge, in a quickie Las Vegas wedding—which she annulled hours later. Or so she thought. Because just as she's about to say "I do" to a respectable man, impossibly sexy Colin bursts into the church with the news that they're still married. And he takes his vows very seriously. Especially the one about attaining what no Granville has before him: a takeover of the Wentworths. Including his wife—body and heart.

### **Blue Print for a Successful Marriage**

### **The Marriage Clock**

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When was the last time you listened to someone, or someone really listened to you? "If you're like most people, you don't listen as often or as well as you'd like. There's no one better qualified than a talented journalist to introduce you to the right mindset and skillset—and this book does it with science and humor." -Adam Grant, #1 New York Times bestselling author of *Originals* and *Give and Take* "An essential book for our times." -Lori Gottlieb, New York Times bestselling author of *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone* At work, we're taught to lead the conversation. On social media, we shape our personal narratives. At parties, we talk over one another. So do our politicians. We're not listening. And no one is listening to us. Despite living in a world where technology allows constant digital communication and opportunities to connect, it seems no one is really listening or even knows how. And it's making us lonelier, more isolated, and less tolerant than ever before. A listener by trade, New York Times contributor Kate Murphy wanted to know how we got here. In this always illuminating and often humorous deep dive, Murphy explains why we're not listening, what it's doing to us, and how we can reverse the trend. She makes accessible the psychology, neuroscience, and sociology of listening while also introducing us to some of the best listeners out there (including a CIA agent, focus group moderator, bartender, radio producer, and top furniture salesman). Equal parts cultural observation, scientific exploration, and rousing call to action that's full of practical advice, *You're Not Listening* is to listening what Susan Cain's *Quiet* was to introversion. It's time

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to stop talking and start listening.

### **Relationship Goals**

From the Booker-Prize-winning author of *Holiday*. Rejacketed and reissued by Windmill to mark the 40th anniversary of Middleton's Booker Prize win. David and Alison are a successful young couple planning their wedding, but they are surrounded by family and friends whose marriages have ended in failure. As each member of this close community struggles to make or re-make a life, Stanley Middleton tests the reality of present and past marriage, its possibilities and dangers, its hopes and fears. 'His reputation, built book by book, as an astute observer of middle-England bourgeois life and as a writer whose reach extends far beyond his immediate milieu, is probably now invulnerable.' Nicholas Wroe. 'Times Literary Supplement' 'Every page is taut with inner strength and truth.' Mail on Sunday

### **Healing Beyond Betrayal**

If you decide you're finally going to find the perfect place to live and put the house of your dreams on that spot, you'd never do it without the best possible construction techniques, methods, materials, and finishes. Yet when it comes to your dream relationship, it's rare that any of that happens. Your average couple doesn't stop to design their relationship. Instead they get mesmerized by intense attraction and desire, believing that love will be enough to get them through and keep them happy

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over the long haul. Banking on this is, no doubt, a significant factor in why marriage rates are going down and divorce rates remain discouragingly high. Relationship Architect Geoff Laughton has spent the last 20 years helping individuals and couples design, build, and learn to maintain their ideal relationship, based on time-tested techniques, perspectives, and ways of communicating, many of which were learned in the course of Geoff doing those exact steps with his own marriage of over three decades. Based on that experience, as well as wisdom gained from working with over 1000 people, Geoff has noticed that men, in particular, are extremely challenged in knowing how to be masters of co-creating conscious, sacred relationships, while their partners struggle to understand how their partner could be so challenged in that regard. With *Built To Last: Designing & Maintaining a Passionate, Loving and Lasting Relationship*, Geoff has created a book that synthesizes over 30 years of experience, techniques, tools, and instructional stories from his practice that will allow men and their partners to no longer grope in the dark for solutions to their frustrations and confusions. This book will help you learn how you can proactively avoid traps that fell the average relationship, how to have your best chance of restoring a near-crumbling relationship, and ways to design a relationship in a conscious way so that you're each able to be inter-dependent allies and champions for your needs and dreams. Better still, this book lays it out in a real, pragmatic, and straight-talking way that doesn't require a Ph.D. in psychology to understand the possibilities.

## **Great Expectations**

### **Take Back Your Marriage**

When a marriage is new, it's exciting. But as time passes, couples can drift apart and wrestle with the challenges that are common in any marriage. It can feel overwhelming, but together, couples will find that a healthy marriage has thousands of course changes. In this follow-up to *Getting Ready for Marriage*, authors Jim Burns and Doug Fields offer a practical guide designed to help newlyweds build a strong foundation for a marriage that will last a lifetime. Along with explaining the traits of a healthy marriage, *The First Few Years of Marriage* helps couples rekindle romance, fight fair, and deal with stress, the challenges of the first baby, and much more. This easy-to-read book gives married couples everything they need to go the distance together.

### **Bound in Wedlock**

How far is too far when it comes to protecting your marriage? Find out in this relentlessly paced novel of psychological suspense for anyone who loved *The Couple Next Door*. "Ranks with *The Stepford Wives* and *Gone Girl* as a terrifying look at what it really means to say 'I do.'"—Joseph Finder, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Switch* Newlyweds Alice and Jake are a picture-perfect couple. Alice, once a singer in a well-known rock band, is now a successful lawyer. Jake is a partner in an up-and-coming psychology

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practice. Their life together holds endless possibilities. After receiving an enticing wedding gift from one of Alice's prominent clients, they decide to join an exclusive and mysterious group known only as The Pact. The goal of The Pact seems simple: to keep marriages happy and intact. And most of its rules make sense. Always answer the phone when your spouse calls. Exchange thoughtful gifts monthly. Plan a trip together once per quarter. . . . Never mention The Pact to anyone. Alice and Jake are initially seduced by the glamorous parties, the sense of community, their widening social circle of like-minded couples. And then one of them breaks the rules. The young lovers are about to discover that for adherents to The Pact, membership, like marriage, is for life. And The Pact will go to any lengths to enforce that rule. For Jake and Alice, the marriage of their dreams is about to become their worst nightmare. Praise for *The Marriage Pact* "This fast-paced nail-biter goes in unpredictable directions. . . . It also raises thoughtful questions about individual agency and marital commitment. With strong writing, intriguing characters, and a compelling conceit, this psychological thriller seems destined for the top of summer reading lists. Recommended as a fresh voice for readers of Gillian Flynn or Ruth Ware."—Library Journal (starred review) "Creepy and engrossing . . . [The Marriage Pact takes] readers deep into the heart of a marriage and exposes some of the darker drives, such as possession and control, that can lurk within even the most harmonious of unions."—Booklist "Gripping, thought-provoking, and irresistible."—Dean Koontz "Riveting psychological suspense! This book will keep you up all night, while making you second-

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guess everything you know and everyone you've ever loved."—Lisa Gardner, #1 New York Times bestselling author of Right Behind You

### **Marriage on the Rock**

When it comes to marriage these days, anything goes. No wonder you can find a book on marriage from every perspective--or no perspective. How can you experience a great marriage that lasts? What works? This book answers that question by shining a light on the biblical design for marriage. In a world of sexual and relational confusion, isn't it time to consult the One who created marriage? Author and pastor Chip Ingram, with his characteristic compassion, transparency, and engaging storytelling, discusses - what marriage really is - the biblical model - a man's unique role in marriage - a woman's unique role in marriage - the bigger picture of why God created marriage A marriage that works, says Ingram, is more wonderful than you thought possible and harder than you imagined--but worth the work. Couples will learn the power of making a covenant with their spouse and fulfilling their design in an atmosphere of respect, resulting in the spiritual, psychological, emotional, and physical oneness they long to have with each other.

### **Love That Lasts**

An internationally revered cultural anthropologist and marketing expert reveals techniques, perfected over three decades of working with Fortune 100

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companies, that can help companies decode the most powerful symbols within a culture, and understand why each culture behaves the way they do. Reprint. 25,000 first printing.

### **Built to Last**

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER Power couple Marlo Thomas and Phil Donahue have created a compelling and intimate collection of intriguing conversations with famous couples about their enduring marriages and how they have made them last through the challenges we all share. What makes a marriage last? Who doesn't want to know the answer to that question? To unlock this mystery, iconic couple Marlo Thomas and Phil Donahue crisscrossed the country and conducted intimate conversations with forty celebrated couples whose long marriages they've admired—from award-winning actors, athletes, and newsmakers to writers, comedians, musicians, and a former U.S. president and First Lady. Through these conversations, Marlo and Phil also revealed the rich journey of their own marriage. What Makes a Marriage Last offers practical and heartfelt wisdom for couples of all ages, and a rare glimpse into the lives of husbands and wives we have come to know and love. Marlo and Phil's frequently funny, often touching, and always engaging conversations span the marital landscape—from that first rush of new love to keeping that precious spark alive, from navigating hard times to celebrating triumphs, from balancing work and play and family to growing better and stronger together. At once intimate, candid,

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revelatory, hilarious, instructive, and poignant, this book is a beautiful gift for couples of every age and stage. Featuring interviews with: Alan and Arlene Alda • Kevin Bacon and Kyra Sedgwick President Jimmy and Rosalynn Carter • James Carville and Mary Matalin Deepak and Rita Chopra • Patricia Cornwell and Staci Gruber Bryan Cranston and Robin Dearden • Billy and Janice Crystal Jamie Lee Curtis and Christopher Guest • Ted Danson and Mary Steenburgen Viola Davis and Julius Tennon • Gloria and Emilio Estefan Michael J. Fox and Tracy Pollan • Chip and Joanna Gaines Sanjay and Rebecca Gupta • Mariska Hargitay and Peter Hermann Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka • Ron and Cheryl Howard Jesse and Jacqueline Jackson • Elton John and David Furnish John and Justine Leguizamo • LL COOL J and Simone I. Smith Melissa McCarthy and Ben Falcone • John McEnroe and Patty Smyth Mehmet and Lisa Oz • Rodney and Holly Robinson Peete Letty Cottin Pogrebin and Bert Pogrebin • Rob and Michele Reiner Kelly Ripa and Mark Consuelos • Al Roker and Deborah Roberts Ray and Anna Romano • Tony Shalhoub and Brooke Adams Judges Judy and Jerry Sheindlin • George Stephanopoulos and Ali Wentworth Sting and Trudie Styler • Capt. Chesley “Sully” and Lorrie Sullenberger Lily Tomlin and Jane Wagner • Judith and Milton Viorst Judy Woodruff and Al Hunt • Bob Woodward and Elsa Walsh

### **The Marriage Pact**

Marriage on the Rock is based on Psalm 127 verse one which says, "Unless the Lord builds the house, its

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builders labor in vain." It is a daily devotional providing guidance for most marital circumstances. The book is based on Biblical principles; ones that should serve Christians well. However, if the principles are true, which I believe they are, people need not be practicing Christians to improve their marriage. Even the strongest marriages can benefit from periodic reminders of how they can demonstrate their love and respect for one another. As a counselor I saw far too many couples who had been married for ten to forty years; they had amassed such bitterness and unforgiveness that they could not move past the hurt and pain that they had inflicted on one another. By the time couples came to see me they were usually certain their spouse was the primary cause. They had little hope that things would change. Some had even tried counseling at some point but failed to apply what they learned. Each person needs to accept their contribution to the state of their marriage. Each needs to be willing to change whether or not their spouse is willing, for we can only change ourselves. In most cases the culprit is self-centeredness. When we learn to die to self, amazing things can happen.

### **Your Marriage Today. . .And Tomorrow**

Jo Dubray doesn't think much of marriage... And she certainly doesn't plan to try it herself. But that doesn't mean she isn't interested in getting to know her new roommate's brother. After all, Ryan's recently divorced and has two children living with their mom in another state. He can't be thinking of anything as serious and confining as remarrying. But what will Jo

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do if he is? Especially once his kids come back home to stay.

### **You're Not Listening**

Many times, daters and engaged couples are looking at one another through "rose colored lenses" only to determine, after getting married, that they didn't know each other, or maybe even themselves, well enough. The Talk Before The Walk is an interactive workbook designed to encourage dating, engaged, and even married, couples to jump start the conversation by presenting poignant and tough questions. Chapters included address ideas about marriage, money, family, health and wellness, and dreams and aspirations. Each topic boasts numerous questions to explore a deep understanding of each persons history, ideals and values. This workbook is not designed to take the place of a professional counseling session; it is designed to spark the difficult discussion before the marriage to reduce the unexpected heated argument during the marriage.

### **American Oligarchs: The Kushners, the Trumps, and the Marriage of Money and Power**

Discover the Keys to a Healthy Stepfamily Leading stepfamily expert Ron L. Deal reveals the seven fundamental steps to blended family success and provides practical, realistic solutions to the issues you face as a stepfamily. Whether married or soon-to-be-married, you'll discover how to · Solve the everyday

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puzzles of stepparenting and stepchildren relationships · Communicate effectively with an ex-spouse · Handle stepfamily finances confidently · "Cook" your stepfamily slowly rather than expect an instant blend This revised and expanded edition has updated research and two new chapters with even more real-world advice on topics such as stepsibling relationships and later-life stepfamilies.

### **As For Me and My House**

Healing beyond Betrayal is the second title in a series of Marriage Built to Last books meant to cultivate, strengthen, and inspire couples as they journey through life together in a marital bond. Healing beyond Betrayal includes real case studies detailing the trials and travails of marriage and how best to overcome them and find healing. It tackles the issues of children born out of wedlock and hidden from a spouse, emotional abuse, financial infidelity, ex-lovers, and the sanctity of privacy. It also addresses head on the subjects of third wheels, child discipline, erectile dysfunction, drama queens and kings, and porn addiction. Alone or together with the first, eponymously titled book of the series, Marriage Built to Last, Healing beyond Betrayal promises to be a valuable guide to all couples for a long time to come.

### **Committed**

Sharon Jaynes, bestselling author, Bible teacher, and cofounder of Girlfriends in God, teaches women how to enjoy God's sacred gift of sexual intimacy without

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guilt or regret by exploring the beautiful picture given in the Song of Solomon. Everywhere we turn in our sex-saturated culture we are bombarded by destructive and unrealistic depictions of romance and intimacy. The problem, according to Bible teacher Sharon Jaynes, is not that culture focuses on sex too much but that it values sex too little. Sexual intimacy, as God intended it, is so much more than a physical act. Yet, with the extent of the church's message being "don't do it" before marriage and "don't talk about it" after, how are Christians to understand and practice the wondrous gift of intimacy between a husband and a wife when they so rarely hear biblical teaching about it? In *Lovestruck*, Jaynes takes readers back to the Bible's beautiful picture of romantic love, a picture that is explicit but not illicit, sensual but not sordid, daring but not dirty. With the words of Solomon and the Shulamite woman in the Song of Solomon as a backdrop, Jaynes explores topics such as the giving and receiving of pleasure, restoring romance in the mundane, making intimacy a priority, avoiding the dangers of growing indifference, creating time to pull away from life's busyness, and committing to a forever kind of love. When we see the sacred blessings of sexual intimacy in marriage and understand God's original intent, we find the freedom to enjoy and explore one of the Father's most magnificent gifts.

### **A Marriage Built to Last**

A New York Times Bestseller A multigenerational saga of two families, who rose from immigrant roots to the

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pinnacle of wealth and power, that tracks the unraveling of American democracy. In *American Oligarchs*, award-winning investigative journalist Andrea Bernstein tells the story of the Trump and Kushner families like never before. Their journey to the White House is a story of survival and loss, crime and betrayal, that stretches from the Klondike Gold Rush, through Nazi-occupied Poland and across the American Century, to our new gilded age. In building and maintaining their dynastic wealth, these families came to embody the rising nationalism and inequality that has pushed the United States to the brink of oligarchy. Building on her landmark reporting for the acclaimed podcast *Trump, Inc.* and *The New Yorker*, Bernstein's painstaking detective work brings to light new information about the families' arrival as immigrants to America, their paths to success, and the business and personal lives of the president and his closest family members. Bernstein traces how the two families ruthlessly harnessed New York and New Jersey machine politics to gain valuable tax breaks and grew rich on federal programs that bolstered the middle class. She shows how the Trump Organization, denied credit by American banks, turned to shady international capital. She reveals astonishing new details about Charles Kushner's attempts to ensnare his brother-in-law with a prostitute and explores how Jared Kushner and his father used a venerable New York newspaper to bolster their business empire. Drawing on more than two hundred interviews and more than one hundred thousand pages of documents, many previously unseen or long forgotten, Bernstein shows how the Trumps and the Kushners repeatedly broke rules and then leveraged

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secrecy, intimidation, and prosecutorial and judicial power to avoid legal consequences. The result is a compelling narrative that details how the Trump and Kushner dynasties encouraged and profited from a system of corruption, dark money, and influence trading, and that reveals the historical turning points and decisions—on taxation, regulation, white-collar crime, and campaign finance laws—that have brought us to where we are today.

### **Improperly Wed**

Marriage is a good institution in any society. The idea of two people coming together to form a union is brilliant. However, it is easy to get married but it is not easy to stay married. One obvious reason is the challenge of two different and unique individuals trying to live together under one roof and in one accord. This book is intended to be a blue print for a successful marriage. It is my heart desire to see married couples succeed. I have seen too many marriages failed in my life time. I have noticed several married couples struggle in their marriage even though both parties are good people. I have watched too many good people get hurt in their relationship and I have seen lives being messed up as a result of marriage failure. My natural instinct is to recognize the problem and fashion a solution to make our world a better place. That is why I am provoked to write this book. I am not a stranger to the marriage institution. I have been married for twenty four years and I have had my own share of marital challenges. More so, I am a Pastor and a Lawyer. In that capacity, I have

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conducted many marriage ceremonies, I have been a marriage counselor to hundreds of married couples and I have represented many people on marriage matters in the court room. In short, I have seen it all. I have seen the good, the bad and the ugly. Frankly, I am sick and tired of seeing too many people get hurt in their marriage and I really want to help. That is exactly what this book is all about. If you are looking for a practical, relevant and blunt book about marriage, this is it.

### **The Culture Code**

Have you ever wondered whether your marriage could have an impact beyond yourself and your immediate family? This question became embedded in our minds after listening to a talk by Gary Thomas (author of Sacred Marriage & A Lifelong Love), on a Christian radio channel where he asked listeners to ponder the question of whether God created marriage for our holiness rather than for our happiness. The idea for this marriage programme was therefore birthed from pondering the question: 'What if'

### **Married Love**

This bestselling classic has brought hope, harmony, and healing to millions of homes for over fifteen years. Strengthen and celebrate your own marriage with Dr. Dobson's powerful insights!

### **Great Expectations**

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live in? A world of love? A world of faith?

## **The Last Queening Square**

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## **Love for a Lifetime**

Marriage is a journey that begins with a decision. But that decision belies the myriad challenges that often wreck many marriage relationships, even before they take shape. How can you make your marriage survive the mile and make it to the finish line? In Marriage Built to Last, Jennifer Karina addresses the key challenges that face the modern marriage: communication, intimacy, sex, infidelity, and finances. Using her experience of over 30 years as both wife and mother, as well as those of others from her counselling sessions, she shows that there is no challenge too impossible to overcome. Beginning with the marriage proposal, she walks the marriage journey step by step, in a way that makes it so easy to follow. This is a useful guide to all women, especially young women, who are determined to find

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and sustain a happy and lasting marriage.

### **Great Expectations**

Build a marriage now that your kids will thank you for later Your parents' marital choices have greatly affected your own attitudes and actions in marriage, for better or worse. Your choices will affect your children, and grandchildren, and so on. It's time to get proactive about your marriage legacy. Dr. Crawford and Karen Loritts have been married 45 years and have spent the last 30 years speaking on marriage. This book contains their most successful, proven material. It will teach you: the biblical and theological foundation for marriage godly disciplines and habits that will improve your marriage how to use your marriage to shape future generations Whether you've been married 40 years or just got engaged, this book is for you. Your marriage will change the lives of countless people. Start thinking about the kind of legacy you'll leave, today.

### **The Royal Marriage Market of Europe**

### **The Talk Before The Walk**

Tera W. Hunter offers the first comprehensive history of African American marriage in the nineteenth century and into the Jim Crow era. She reveals the practical ways couples adopted, adapted, or rejected White Christian ideas of marriage, creatively setting their own standards for conjugal relationships under

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conditions of uncertainty and cruelty.--

## **Built to Last**

A candid, inspiring guide to finding lasting love by getting real about your relationship goals--based on the viral sermon series about dating, marriage, and sex. Realer than the most real conversation you've ever heard in church on the topic, Michael Todd's honest, heartfelt, and powerful teaching on relationships has already impacted millions. Michael believes that relationships are the epicenter of human thriving. All too often, though, we lack the tools or vision to build our relationships on the wisdom and power of God. In other words, it's good to have a goal, but you can't get there without proper aim By charting a course that candidly examines our most common pitfalls, and by unpacking explosive truths from God's Word, Michael's debut book will transform a trendy hashtag into a future where your most cherished relationships thrive in relational life, hope, and abundance. Now those are real #relationshipgoals.

## **The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work**

Most books on marriage offer ten easy steps and twenty-five proven principles for achieving marital bliss. But Walter Wangerin side-steps such easy answers and offers us instead an intimate portrait of his own courtship and thirty-two year marriage-and a pastoral view of married life that inspires readers to

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view their own marriages with new honesty and hope. Wangerin's six tasks of marriage encourages couples to better understand and happily live out the vows they made, giving them tools to nurture and maintain a strong marital relationship. In his endorsement, Philip Yancey accurately describes this book as "an enduring classic and a book of wisdom, beauty, compassion, and piercing honesty."

### **True Identity: The Bible for Women (NIV)**

In this book you will encounter many kinds of mental zigzagging throughout one context to another. For example, let's look at this picture: a king, a queen, and a knight are standing on the cage-trap door. In the first context, this can be Yahweh, Jesus and Holy Spirit who are holding the door open for us, allowing millions to claim their spiritual freedom and to be released from the cage of sin. Now all previously captured pieces are free to go and to live in victory provided by the Holy Trinity. In the second context, this can be viewed as our heart, mind and body, release from the cage of oppression. Now they are ready to re-enter the board and play a new game, under a new color and with the new leadership of a brilliant spiritual king. In the third context, this can be our old and sinful heart blocking the exit for the mind and the body to escape the imprisonment of depravity. Because if the heart won't allow it, the mind won't do it, and the body gets stuck in between. Many such unexpected contexts will arise to shift the meaning of a simple position into a complex understanding weighed down with spiritual flavor.

## **Built to Last: How to Build Strong and Lasting Relationships with God, Family, and Friends**

The Bible that helps you see yourself as God sees you. No matter what your stage in life, you're probably facing a challenge or a change. Whatever you're facing, you probably share your struggles with a friend. Now imagine your friend has incredible wisdom and is available anytime of the day or night! That's what this Bible is about: becoming who you are in Christ through your relationship with him. \* 100 'Myth' articles---States a commonly accepted myth that the world tells you is true, then refutes the myth with the truth of God's Word. \* 30 'Ask Me Anything' notes---Profiles a woman from the Bible in an interview format where the biblical woman speaks to the modern readers about the life issue she faced. \* 200 'Conversations' notes---Penetrating questions to reflect on, either alone or with a friend or mentor. \* 200 'He Is' callouts---Highlights an attribute of God as shown or taught in Scripture and teaches how that affects a woman's identity. \* 300 'At Issues' notes---Short teaching notes on life topics such as money, sex, or pride. \* 66 book introductions \* Topical index \* Back matter articles on topics such as mentoring, developing a consistent quiet time, Bible reading plans, memorizing Scripture, etc. True Identity is designed to help you live out who you are in Christ in practical ways as a woman living in today's world. Drawing on the truths of Scripture, the features in this Bible will strengthen you with insights and encouragement for the issues you face. Some of

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the features include: Myths: I'll never be free from my past. If I'm good, God will love me. My husband is the only one who needs to change. If I'm a good Christian, then nothing bad will happen to me. My company owes me. You've heard them before. How many do you believe? They're commonly accepted myths of our culture---myths about love, relationships, God, fulfillment, sex, faith, right and wrong, and a lot more. Don't believe the lies of this world! The 100 'Myths' articles in True Identity expose different myths that many women believe. Each article opens with the first-person story of a woman who believes a particular myth and how that affects her life. A statistic or quote shows how common the myth is in our society or what someone has said about it. Then, most importantly, principles from the Bible refute the myth and offer practical guidance and help. At Issue: The stakes are high when it comes to issues such as marriage, conflict, money, sex, or pride. You need wisdom from God's Word---and 'At Issue' provides it. These 300 succinct notes take you to the heart of important topics, equipping you with biblical insights that can help you face common concerns with uncommon wisdom. Ask Me Anything: If you could sit down with different women of the Bible and ask them about their lives, what would they tell you? In the form of personal interviews, 'Ask Me Anything' profiles introduce you to 30 women from the Bible. Offering frank insights drawn from the best and worst of their lives, they have much to say about life today. He Is: Who is God and what is he like? You'll find out as you read through the 'He Is' notes. Highlighting attributes of God, each note gives you a bigger picture of the God who loves you and longs to be in relationship

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### **Marriage That Works**

In *Love That Lasts*, New York Times bestselling author of *Jesus > Religion* Jefferson Bethke and his wife, Alyssa, expose the distorted views of love that permeate our culture and damage our hearts, minds, and souls. Drawing from Jeff's "prodigal son" personal history and from Alyssa's "True Love Waits" experience, the Bethkes point to a third and better way. Blending personal storytelling with biblical teaching, they offer readers an inspiring, realistic vision of love, dating, marriage, and sex. Young people today enter adulthood with expectations of blissful dating followed by a romantic, fulfilling marriage only to discover they've been duped. They learned about love and sexuality from social media, their friends, Disney fairy tales, pornography, or even their own rocky past, and they have no idea what healthy, lifelong love is supposed to be like. The results are often disastrous, with this generation becoming one of the most relationally sick, sexually addicted, and divorce ridden in history. Looking to God's design while drawing lessons from their own successes and failures, the Bethkes explode the fictions and falsehoods of our current moment. One by one, they peel back the lies, such as the belief that every person has only one soul mate, that marriage will complete you, or that pornography and hook-ups are harmless.

### **Making Love Last a Lifetime Participant's**

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## **Book**

Anything in life that is of great value takes hard work and commitment. Building a successful marriage and relationship is no different. What does it take to build a marriage that will last? In *Built to Last* you will find practical wisdom and biblical principles that will help you have a successful marriage and relationship. This book is an excellent read—not only for married couples, but for singles as well. If you are engaged or planning on getting married in the future, you want to read this book. Do you check the pulse of your relationship? This book covers a variety of topics that couples deal with on a regular basis. Regardless of where you are in your marriage or relationship, it is not over; it is only the beginning. There is still work to be done. Your marriage and relationship can last. This book will take you to the next level in understanding the composition and sustainability of your marriage and relationship. With God all things are possible. If you are going to build it, then it must be *Built to Last*.

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