

Perspectives On Marriage A Reader

How to adjust to married life, build a strong foundation, and survive your first year of marriage. - EVEN if you don't know where to start. Do you feel overwhelmed and completely unprepared for marriage? Are you worried about failing in your marriage, second-guessing your decision to even get married, or considering a divorce? Do you want to have the best marriage you possibly can, but not sure where to start? You are not alone. It is easy to feel like you are the only newlywed struggling with married life; the frustrations, sadness, hopelessness, silent treatment, name calling, anxiety, disagreements, anger, disappointments, coping with new behavior discoveries, wondering if this is what marriage is supposed to be like, etc. We know how you feel because we experienced these struggles after getting married too. We have also listened to great married couples share their first year of marriage struggles on our podcast, The First Year Marriage Show, and countless others. So, we understand the problems you are facing and want to help you have a better marriage. To be honest, the first year of marriage is the hardest year for most married couples. However, you can avoid the marriage problems newlyweds face every single day by reading this guide for newlyweds and engaged couples today. We strongly believe this book will change your marriage. Because the lessons come from our own first-hand experience and gleaned knowledge. We share our struggles and how we overcame adversity to build a strong foundation for the healthy, happy, and fulfilling marriage we have today. In this First Year of Marriage book, you will learn: 1. How to transform your mindset from I into We. 2. How to build a safe environment for your marriage, so you can express your feelings and opinions without feeling judged. 3. Our simple and proven communication strategies have helped many couples to communicate better. 4. Get a better idea of what is at the root of the issues troubling your marriage, and how to fix them. 5. The glue that holds your marriage together and what we did after one of us changed our faith. 6. How to be independent and interdependent without losing your identity. 7. How to connect and grow together as a couple. 8. Why it is important to create a vision for your marriage, and the four steps we used to create a vision our marriage. 9. Why your first year of marriage is critical to the success of your marriage. And much more. This is the book that we wished was out there when we first got married. If you are a newlywed, just got engaged, looking to remarry or improve your marriage, this indispensable guide is for you. Filled with ideas you can apply immediately to your marriage. Marriage counselors, coaches, educators, pastors, and wedding officiants can also use this book for premarital counseling. You can have the satisfying marriage you both desire. Marriage does not have to be hard. Practice everything we share in this newlyweds guide with your spouse, and you will both be heading towards a happy, healthy, and fulfilling marriage. If you like reading books that are practical, easy to read, and straightforward. Books you can instantly apply what you learn to your life, then you will enjoy reading this guide for newlyweds. More importantly, read this book with your spouse, discuss the questions, and complete the workbook together. Then apply everything you learn to your marriage. You wouldn't build a million-dollar home on a weak foundation. Why would you consider the same for your marriage? Get your copy of this marriage book today. ----- Keywords related to this newlywed's book: Marriage books, books for newlyweds, newlyweds guide, newlyweds book, relationship books, marriage books, newlyweds marriage book, books for couples, marriage help books, relationship help books, books for couples, books for married couples, dating books, books for engaged couples, engaged couples, newlywed engaged couples, getting married books, premarital counseling books, before marriage books, Family life has undergone revolutionary changes in Western society in the last sixty years, posing both theological and ethical challenges for the contemporary church. This book responds with wide-ranging essays on sexuality, marriage, family life, singleness, same-sex relationships, violence against women, anthropology, gender and culture. These chapters are essential reading for anyone concerned with Christian teaching on marriage and the family. They balance a clear loyalty to the church's historic and biblical teaching with a recognition that all doctrine is contextualized. There is a growing gap between the ethics of many Christians and those of wider society. So Christians have to be counter-cultural. But the church also has to be self-critical, differentiating between biblical revelation and cultural development. And it must know how to present unchanging Christian convictions to a constantly changing society. The contributors are Andy Angel, Daniel Block, Rosalind Clarke, Barry Danylak, Andrew Goddard, Stephen Holmes, David Instone Brewer, A. T. B. McGowan, Nicholas Moore, Onesimus Ngundu, Oliver O'Donovan, Ian Paul, Andrew Sloane, Katy Smith, Elaine Storkey and Sarah Whittle. Contents Introduction Thomas A. Noble, Sarah K. Whittle and Philip S. Johnston Part 1: Biblical perspectives 1. The patricentric vision of family in the book of Deuteronomy Daniel Block 2. Ordered relationships in Leviticus Katy Smith 3. 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This small-group study is more than a small-group study. It provides the components to create a powerful small-group experience, including video presentations, a leader's guide with activities for class sessions and home use, and a thoughtful, inspiring participant's book written by Adam Hamilton, the dynamic young pastor of The United Methodist Church of the Resurrection in Leawood, Kansas. But it is more than that. A Pastor's Guide with CD-ROM provides the information and tools needed to create a congregation-wide event that will reach beyond the classroom, beyond the sanctuary, and into the community, bringing young people and families into the church who ordinarily might only stop by on Christmas or Easter. "Making Love Last a Lifetime is a comprehensive program for reaching new people, creating excitement, launching new small groups, and strengthening existing classes. It includes sermon starters and illustrations, marketing materials, and outreach tools built around an eight-week study on a topic that holds great interest for singles and married persons, both inside and outside the church. Designed for use in 60-90-minute sessions. For group or individual study, the book can be used by class participants during the study group meeting or at home for additional reflection. Includes detailed content for the eight session topics. This Planning Kit contains 1 each of VHS - DVD - Leader's Guide - Participant's Workbook - Pastor's Guide. 8 video segments, each approximately 15 minutes in length, feature Adam Hamilton delivering his message about the topic with added elements graphic titles, key Scripture, and key points. The Participants' Workbook is used by class participants during the study group meeting, as well as functioning as a workbook for the participant couples to use at home for additional reflection and/or activities outside of the class time. The Leader's Guide contains information about how to use the resource (how to use the components, how to facilitate good group participation, and how to get the most out of each session. Key Benefits: Small-group members will explore the topics of love, marriage, and sex in order to: 1. gain biblical perspectives 2. reflect upon God's purposes for these intimate and important parts of their lives 3. discover new insights regarding concepts of commitment, discipleship, and call in relation to these topics 4. be encouraged to take steps to improve their marriages and intimate relationships For more information about Adam Hamilton's studies, go to www.adamhamilton.cokesbury.com.

INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The #1 New York Times bestselling author of *It Ends with Us*—whose writing is “emotionally wrenching and utterly original” (Sara Shepard, New York Times bestselling author of the *Pretty Little Liars* series)—delivers a tour de force novel about a troubled marriage and the one old forgotten promise that might be able to save it. Quinn and Graham’s perfect love is threatened by their imperfect marriage. The memories, mistakes, and secrets that they have built up over the years are now tearing them apart. The one thing that could save them might also be the very thing that pushes their marriage beyond the point of repair. *All Your Perfects* is a profound novel about a damaged couple whose potential future hinges on promises made in the past. This is a heartbreaking page-turner that asks: Can a resounding love with a perfect beginning survive a lifetime between two imperfect people?

Marriage and Cohabitation

Geek Magnet

What if It's Not about Who You Marry, but Why?

All Your Perfects

Same-Sex Marriage: Pro and Con

The Lies You've Been Taught and How to Recover What God Intended

*In an era when half of marriages end in divorce, cohabitation has become more commonplace and those who do get married are doing so at an older age. So why do people marry when they do? And why do some couples choose to cohabit? A team of expert family sociologists examines these timely questions in *Marriage and Cohabitation*, the result of their research over the last decade on the issue of union formation. Situating their argument in the context of the Western world's 500-year history of marriage, the authors reveal what factors encourage marriage and cohabitation in a contemporary society where the end of adolescence is no longer signaled by entry into the marital home. While some people still choose to marry young, others elect to cohabit with varying degrees of commitment or intentions of eventual marriage. The authors' controversial findings suggest that family history, religious affiliation, values, projected education, lifetime earnings, and career aspirations all tip the scales in favor of either cohabitation or marriage. This book lends new insight into young adult relationship patterns and will be of interest to sociologists, historians, and demographers alike.*

*Prepared and regularly updated through consultations with family life ministers, clergy, counselors and married couples, *Perspectives on Marriage* has been used successfully by millions of engaged couples in a wide variety of marriage preparation programs. Through exercises, discussion questions, practical activities and helpful advice, this easy-to-use workbook focuses on the essential topics and issues that engaged and newly couples face. Communications, commitment, finances, religion, family of origin, conflict resolution, family planning, love and intimacy are just some of the vital topics considered.*

*Excellence and affordability make *Perspectives on Marriage* among the most widely used, bestselling marriage preparation resources available today.*

This book explores the subject of marital interaction. It brings together the work of international scholars and is divided into four sections: communication as a means by which couples manage everyday life; communication as a means of expression of emotion; communication and problem-solving; coping with

relationships outside marriage. The text is interdisciplinary and looks at the issue from various angles: social psychology, clinical psychology and communications. Particular attention is paid to the emergence of sex differences in interaction patterns and the experience of counselling plays an important part.

The #1 New York Times bestselling WORLDWIDE phenomenon Winner of the Goodreads Choice Award for Fiction | A Good Morning America Book Club Pick | Independent (London) Ten Best Books of the Year "A feel-good book guaranteed to lift your spirits."—The Washington Post The dazzling reader-favorite about the choices that go into a life well lived, from the acclaimed author of How To Stop Time and The Comfort Book. Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, along with another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice at any point in your life. While we all wonder how our lives might have been, what if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Would any of these other lives truly be better? In The Midnight Library, Matt Haig's enchanting blockbuster novel, Nora Seed finds herself faced with this decision. Faced with the possibility of changing her life for a new one, following a different career, undoing old breakups, realizing her dreams of becoming a glaciologist; she must search within herself as she travels through the Midnight Library to decide what is truly fulfilling in life, and what makes it worth living in the first place.

The Great Sex Rescue

Fleishman Is in Trouble

The Sacred Search

Child Marriage in Nigeria: Human Rights and the Islamic Law Perspectives

The Newlywed's Guide to Building a Strong Foundation and Adjusting to Married Life, 2nd Edition

Perspectives and Complexities

Kayser then incorporates data from a random sample survey, comparing troubled spouses with nondisaffected spouses and exploring the relationships among marital disaffection, psychological well-being, commitment, attribution, and gender. When Love Dies examines the concept of matrimony from broad theories of marriage as a social institution to the most specific nuances of spousal interaction. Kayser shows that by studying the dynamics that produce disaffection, partners are able to focus on ways to better understand what is needed to maintain love in marriage. Identifying the phases of disaffection, including significant turning points, can alert spouses and clinicians that it is time to confront problems of alienation. Clinical recommendations for repairing marriages are offered for each phase of the disaffection process. The book also provides a scale of marital disaffection that is of practical use to clinicians and researchers

'This book brings together a group of specialists who attempt to describe the process of interaction between the inner and personal and the outer and social. They illustrate what is happening to current marriage, particularly in its daily intimate experience. They do not attempt to offer expert solutions. They describe practice as they see it.'

Their Eyes Were Watching God is a 1937 novel by African-American writer Zora Neale Hurston. It is considered a classic of the Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s, and it is likely Hurston's best known work.

The collection reveals how scholars of the 1970s through the 1990s argued the importance of previously unconsidered questions about the shape of medieval familial experience, and how their mutual information and criticism has refined and added to this investigation in the intervening period.

(Un)arranged Marriage

An American Marriage

Medieval Families

Rethinking Marriage

A Framework for Christian Sexual Ethics

With Catholic Wedding Ceremony

Marriages spanning borders are not a new phenomenon, but occur with increasing frequency and contribute substantially to international mobility and transnational migration. Perhaps because such migration has often been treated as 'secondary' to labor migration, marriage has until recent years been a neglected field in migration studies. In contemporary Europe, transnational marriages have become an increasingly focal issue for immigration regimes, for whom these border-crossing family formations represent a significant challenge. This timely volume brings together work from Europe and beyond, addressing the issue of transnational marriage from a range of perspectives (in legal frameworks, processes of integration, and gendered dynamics), presenting substantial new empirical material, and taking a fresh look at key concepts in this area.

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Winner of the 2008 Grawemeyer Award in Religion This long-awaited book by one of American Christianity's foremost ethicists proposes a framework for sexual ethics. Justice is the criterion for all loving, including love that is related to sexual activity and relationships. It begins with historical and cross-cultural explorations, then addresses large questions of embodiment, gender, and sexuality, and finally delineates the justice framework for sexual ethics. Though Just Love's particular focus is Christian sexual ethics, Farley's framework is broad enough to have relevance for multiple traditions. Also covered are specific issues in sexual ethics, including same-sex relationships, and family, divorce and second marriage.

This remarkable study offers a comprehensive explanation of the Catholic Church's teaching on the sacrament of marriage. Incorporating the rich insights found in St. Thomas Aquinas's Theology of the Body, Dr. Cahall presents a theology of marriage that incorporates the biblical, systematic, pastoral, and historical traditions which have shaped our understanding of this sacrament.

Your Marriage Masterpiece

The Mystery of Marriage: A Theology of the Body and the Sacrament

Perspectives on Marital Interaction

The Book of Marriage

First Year of Marriage

Their Eyes Were Watching God

Bestselling author Gary Thomas transforms the way you look at romantic relationships. His unique perspective on dating will prepare you for a satisfying, spiritually enriching marriage. In the revised edition of his hit book The Sacred Search, Gary Thomas helps single people of all ages make wise marital choices by rethinking what basis those choices should be made on. You will be encouraged to think beyond finding your "soul mate" and instead adopt a more biblical search for a "sole mate"—someone who will walk with you on your spiritual journey. Thomas asks, What if we focused on why we should get married more than on who to marry? What if being "in love" isn't a good enough reason to get married? And most of all, what if God designed marriage to make us holy more than to make us happy? The Sacred Search casts a vision for building a relationship around shared spiritual mission—and making marriage with eternity at its heart.

MANNY WANTS TO BE A FOOTBALLER. OR A POP STAR. OR WRITE A BESTSELLER. HE DOESN'T WANT TO GET MARRIED... 'Harry and Ranjit were waiting for me - waiting to take me to Derby, to a wedding. My wedding. A wedding that I hadn't asked for, that I didn't want. To a girl who I didn't know... If they had bothered to open their eyes, they would have seen me: seventeen, angry, upset but determined - determined to do my own thing, to choose my own path in life...' Set partly in the UK and partly in the Punjab region of India, this is a fresh, biting perceptiveness and totally up-to-the-minute look at one young man's fight to free himself from family expectations and to be himself, free to dance to his own tune.

The first anthology ever published for use in the theology of marriage course taught at virtually every Roman Catholic college and university, this comprehensive, classroom-tested text is flexibly designed to accommodate a variety of approaches to teaching about marriage and the marital relationship, from the strictly historical and canonical, to sociological, psychological, and even ministerial perspectives. Striking a balance between solid theological material and stimulating readings on issues of intense current interest, the essays explore historic views of marriage in the Jewish and Christian traditions, contemporary theological views of marriage as a sacrament, marriage within the context of family life and the church, modern attitudes toward commitment, fidelity, sexuality, and romantic love, the role and value of communication and conflict in marriage, transcending stereotypes, divorce and annulment, and inter-religious perspectives on marriage. The editors' introductions and questions for discussion accompanying each chapter and individual reading enhance the accessibility of the text, and an appendix reprints ecclesiastical documents on marriage commonly used in Roman Catholic dioceses in the United States to guide couples preparing for marriage or filing for an annulment

This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage is an irresistible blend of literature and memoir revealing the big experiences and little moments that shaped Ann Patchett as a daughter, wife, friend and writer. Here, Ann Patchett shares entertaining and moving stories about her tumultuous childhood, her painful early divorce, the excitement of selling her first book, driving a Winnebago from Montana to Yellowstone Park, her joyous discovery of opera, scaling a six-foot wall in order to join the Los Angeles Police Department, the gradual loss of her beloved grandmother, starting her own bookshop in Nashville, her love for her very special dog and, of course, her eventual happy marriage. This Is the Story of a Happy Marriage is a memoir both wide ranging and deeply personal, overflowing with close observation and emotional wisdom, told with wit, honesty and irresistible warmth.

New Perspectives from Europe and Beyond

A Reader

Is the Good Book Good Enough?

The Exemplary Husband: A Biblical Perspective by Dr. Stuart Scott

Marriage and Family

When Love Dies

A New York Times Notable Book of 2011 A Publisher's Weekly Top 10 Book of 2011 A Kirkus Reviews Top 25 Best Fiction of 2011 Title One of Library Journal's Best Books of 2011 A Salon Best Fiction of 2011 title One of The Telegraph's Best Fiction Books of the Year 2011 It's the early 1980s—the country is in a deep recession, and life after college is harder than ever. In the cafés on College Hill, the wisened-up kids are inhaling Derrida and listening to Talking Heads. But Madeleine Hanna, dutiful English major, is writing her senior thesis on Jane Austen and George Eliot, purveyors of the marriage plot that lies at the heart of the greatest English novels. As Madeleine tries to understand why "it became laughable to read writers like Cheever and Updike, who wrote about the suburbia Madeleine and most of her friends had grown up in, in favor of reading the Marquis de Sade, who wrote about deflowering virgins in eighteenth-century France," real life, in the form of two very different guys, intervenes. Leonard Bankhead—charismatic loner, college Darwinist, and lost Portland boy—suddenly turns up in a semiotics seminar, and soon Madeleine finds herself in a highly charged erotic and intellectual relationship with him. At the same time, her old "friend" Mitchell Grammaticus—who's been reading Christian mysticism and generally acting strange—resurfaces, obsessed with the idea that Madeleine is destined to be his mate. Over the next year, as the members of the triangle in this amazing, spellbinding novel graduate from college and enter the real world, events force them to reevaluate everything they learned in school. Leonard and Madeleine move to a biology Laboratory on Cape Cod, but can't escape the secret responsible for Leonard's seemingly inexhaustible energy and plunging moods. And Mitchell, traveling around the world to get Madeleine out of his mind, finds himself face-to-face with ultimate questions about the meaning of life, the existence of God, and the true nature of love. Are the great love stories of the nineteenth century dead? Or can there be a new story, written for today and alive to the realities of feminism, sexual freedom, prenups, and divorce? With devastating wit and an abiding understanding of and affection for his characters, Jeffrey Eugenides revives the motivating energies of the Novel, while creating a story so contemporary and fresh that it reads like the intimate journal of our own lives.

With same-sex marriage igniting a firestorm of controversy in the press and in the courts, in legislative chambers and in living rooms, Andrew Sullivan, a pioneering voice in the debate, has brought together two thousand years of argument in an anthology of historic inclusiveness and evenhandedness. Among the selections included here: - The 2003 Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court ruling in support of same-sex marriage - Justice Kennedy's majority opinion and Justice Scalia's dissent in the 2003 landmark Supreme Court decision striking down anti-sodomy laws - President George W. Bush's call for a Federal Marriage Amendment - John Kerry's Senate speech urging defeat of the Defense of Marriage Act - Harvard historian Nancy F. Cott's testimony before the Vermont House Judiciary Committee - Reverend Peter J. Gomes on the distinction between civil and religious marriage - Stanley Kurtz on the politics of gay marriage - Evan Wolfson on the popularity of the right to marry among lesbians and gay men - New York Times op-ed columnist David Brooks' conservative case for same-sex marriage - Excerpts from Genesis, Leviticus, and other essential biblical texts - Aristophanes's classic theory of same-sex love, from Plato's Symposium - Hannah Arendt on marriage as a fundamental right - Camille Paglia's skepticism Representing the full range of perspectives and the most cogent and arresting arguments, Same-Sex Marriage is essential to a balanced understanding of the most pressing cultural question we face today.

"Every story has two sides. Every relationship has two perspectives. And sometimes, it turns out, the key to a great marriage is not its truths but its secrets ... At age twenty-two, Lotto and Mathilde are tall, glamorous, madly in love, and destined for greatness. A decade later, their marriage is still the envy of their friends, but ... things are even more complicated and remarkable than they have seemed"-- Family life has been radically transformed over the past three decades. Half of all households are unmarried, while only a quarter of all married households have kids. A third of the nation's births are to unwed mothers, and a third of America's married men earn less than their wives. With half of all women cohabitating before they turn thirty and gay and lesbian couples settling down with increasing visibility, there couldn't be a better time for a book that tracks new conceptions of marriage and family as they are being formed. The editors of this volume explore the motivation to marry and the role of matrimony in a diverse group of men and women. They compare empirical data from several emerging family types (single, co-parent, gay and lesbian, among others) to studies of traditional nuclear families, and they consider the effect of public policy and recent economic developments on the practice of marriage and the stabilization or destabilization of family. Approaching this topic from a variety of perspectives, including historical, cross-cultural, gendered, demographic, socio-

biological, and social-psychological viewpoints, the editors highlight the complexity of the modern American family and the growing indeterminacy of its boundaries. Refusing to adhere to any one position, the editors provide an unbiased account of contemporary marriage and family.

Public and Private Perspectives

Perspectives on Marriage and Cohabitation

Perspectives on Marriage and the Family

Fates and Furies

Successful Marriages and Families

The Wisest Answers to the Toughest Questions

This teachers guide for The Exemplary Husband is a chapter by chapter question and answer guide for anyone leading a class on The Exemplary Husband. The overall purpose of The Exemplary Husband book is to assist husbands toward purposeful and lasting Christlikeness for the glory of God. It was written to be a companion book for The Excellent Wife by Martha Peace. Couples who commit to the biblical principles presented in these books will find a oneness in marriage that will give God glory and bring His blessings.

What if it's not your fault that sex is bad in your marriage? Based on a groundbreaking in-depth survey of 22,000 Christian women, The Great Sex Rescue unlocks the secrets to what makes some marriages red hot while others fizzle out. Generations of women have grown up with messages about sex that make them feel dirty, used, or invisible, while men have been sold such a cheapened version of sex, they don't know what they're missing. The Great Sex Rescue hopes to turn all of that around, developing a truly biblical view of sex where mutuality, intimacy, and passion reign. The Great Sex Rescue pulls back the curtain on what is happening in Christian bedrooms and exposes the problematic teachings that wreck sex for so many couples--and the good teachings that leave others breathless. In the #metoo and #churchtoo era, not only is this book a long overdue corrective to church culture, it is poised to free thousands of couples from repressive and dissatisfying sex lives so that they can experience the kind of intimacy and wholeness God intended.

The book analyzes evangelical Christianity as a comprehensive perspective for understanding the range of contemporary policy issues in America. It finds that evangelicalism can be understood as a distinctive approach to understanding policy debates, that evangelicals are not as monolithic as commonly thought, but that their policy activism is still marred by significant shortcomings, namely their failure to employ non-biblical arguments and rhetoric that might resonate with non-evangelical Christians.

THE INSTANT NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER! OPRAH'S BOOK CLUB 2018 SELECTION "One of my favorite parts of summer is deciding what to read when things slow down just a bit, whether it's on a vacation with family or just a quiet afternoon . . . An American Marriage by Tayari Jones is a moving portrayal of the effects of a wrongful conviction on a young African-American couple." —Barack Obama "Haunting . . . Beautifully written." —The New York Times Book Review "Brilliant and heartbreaking . . . Unforgettable." —USA Today "A tense and timely love story . . . Packed with brave questions about race and class." —People "Compelling." —The Washington Post "Epic . . .

Transcendent . . . Triumphant." —Elle Newlyweds Celestial and Roy are the embodiment of both the American Dream and the New South. He is a young executive, and she is an artist on the brink of an exciting career. But as they settle into the routine of their life together, they are ripped apart by circumstances neither could have imagined. Roy is arrested and sentenced to twelve years for a crime Celestial knows he didn't commit. Though fiercely independent, Celestial finds herself bereft and unmoored, taking comfort in Andre, her childhood friend, and best man at their wedding. As Roy's time in prison passes, she is unable to hold on to the love that has been her center. After five years, Roy's conviction is suddenly overturned, and he returns to Atlanta ready to resume their life together. This stirring love story is a profoundly insightful look into the hearts and minds of three people who are at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control. An American Marriage is a masterpiece of storytelling, an intimate look deep into the souls of people who must reckon with the past while moving forward—with hope and pain—into the future.

A Novel

The Midnight Library

Making Love Last a Life Time

Project: Happily Ever After

Saving Your Marriage When the Fairytale Falters

The Ties that Bind

Couples spend an enormous amount of time and energy planning for the perfect wedding. But what about planning for the perfect marriage? In these times of rampant divorce and "relationship" crises, it makes sense to think seriously about the many challenges of married life that loom so large today. The *Book of Marriage* offers a treasury of marital wisdom from across the ages. Intellectually engaging, morally rich, and ideologically balanced, this anthology gathers some of the deepest, wittiest, and most edifying perspectives on the big questions of married life: Why get married at all? Can love last a lifetime? How do we handle money? Who's the boss? What about children? Conflict? Growing old? Illness and death? There is even a chapter on divorce -- one calculated to save a few marriages. To date there has been no single comprehensive book of source readings on marriage and family life. Assembled with the aid of noted scholars from various fields, this volume treats marriage as more than just a relationship -- as an institution, a vocation, and a source of great spiritual and emotional rewards. Each chapter introduces a different quandary of marriage and then culls the best from ancient and modern writings on the theme. The compendium of cultural wisdom on marriage ranges from the Bible and Eastern wisdom to Aristotle, St. Augustine, Maimonides, and Judith Wallerstein; from Homer, Shakespeare, Milton, and Jane Austen to Edward Albee, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, and Bill Cosby. An important resource for young adults, college students, engaged and married couples, educators, marriage counselors, therapists, pastors, and other family professionals, *The Book of Marriage* celebrates the diversity and essential humanity of the marital experience in a way that is accessible, entertaining, and eminently useful.

What do you do when your marriage is so unhappy that you begin to fantasize about your husband's funeral? That's how bad it got for Alisa Bowman. . . So she launched a last-ditch effort to save her marriage. *Project: Happily Ever After* is her fearlessly honest and humorous account of how she went from being a "divorce daydreamer" to renewing her wedding vows -- and all of the steps in between. From bikini waxes to erotica, romance instruction manuals to second honeymoons, the silent treatment to power struggles, she goes where many marriage-improvement gurus have feared to tread. Equal parts funny, poignant, and most importantly, useful, Bowman's story will give other miserably-married folks courage and hope. And in addition to telling her own story, she packs straightforward prescriptive guidance, including a "10-Step Marital Improvement Guide." Readers will laugh. They'll cry. And they can start on the road toward their own happy ending!

Thoroughly revised and updated in this third edition, *Perspectives on Marriage* is a comprehensive and multidisciplinary anthology ideal for courses in the theology and spirituality of marriage. This edition features thirteen new articles and incorporates the best of contemporary perspectives on marriage and sexuality. The selections represent a wide range of approaches, from the historical and canonical to the sociological, psychological, and ministerial. Striking a balance between solid theological material and stimulating readings on today's issues, the volume explores marriage in its historical context; current views on the theology of marriage; the meanings and transitions of marriage; attitudes toward sexuality; communication, conflict, and change; commitment, divorce, and annulment; the spirituality of marriage; and various religious perspectives on marriage. The third edition includes a new section on issues that affect marriage--such as the commercialization of marriage and the financial stresses accompanying marriage--as well as new selections on such topics as same-sex marriage, cohabitation, the theology of dating, and counseling. Each essay is enhanced by a detailed editors' introduction and by helpful discussion questions. Rich, provocative, and challenging, *Perspectives on Marriage, Third Edition*, is the most extensive and up-to-date reader of its kind.

The Ties That Bind was organized to review and assess the scientific evidence about the causes of trends in marriage and other forms of intimate unions. The contributors address these two questions: What do we know about the factors that influence the formation of marriages and other intimate unions, the timing of union formation, and the forms that unions take? What factors explain the dramatic changes in union formation we have observed over recent decades? Edited by Linda J. Waite. Co-edited by Christine Bachrach, Michelle Hindin, Elizabeth Thomson, and Arland Thornton.

Jingle Boy

Transnational Marriage

The Younger Wife

Transform Your Relationship Through God's Amazing Design

The Process of Marital Disaffection

Perspectives on Marriage

This work is an attempt to deal with Child Marriage in the perspective of Human Rights Laws and Islamic Law with a view to laying bare the two positions and giving possible solution(s) to create a successful meeting point on the issue of Child Marriage which has triggered such controversies and debate in Nigeria and the world at large. The issue of Child Marriage is a highly charged, sensitive, controversial and emotional matter. This controversy surrounding Child Marriage in Nigeria became more prominent when the former Governor of Zamfara State married a 13year old Egyptian girl-child. Against the backdrop of this provocative marriage is the debate that was later generated on the floor of the Senate where the same Senator and some others reportedly argued for the recognition of Child Marriage. The methodology of this research will be based on historical, analytical and doctrinal approaches in gathering related data. Data so collected would be scrutinized and discussed in order to reach a logical conclusion. The work has examined the problem of child marriage in Nigeria as regards its position under the Human Rights laws and Islamic Law perspectives thereby shedding more light on the lacuna and contradictions apparent in the Human Right laws and the provisions of the Shariah on child marriage. A brief Constitutional position on the issue of child marriage is discussed in this work and

the conclusion was made that there is a need for the government to take active responsibility in determining the age of a minor in relation to child marriage based on socio-religious lifestyle of Nigerians and the realities of womanhood. It is with sincere belief and hope that readers are benefited greatly with this research work and the fact that this work is assumed to be a pioneer academic research on this topic, it is expected that more work that look into other areas that have not been captured by this work would be written and published. The author would be gratified by such further works on this issues or related topics. Thank you for your attention and time. Ammar Olaide Badmus Jan' 2020

Everybody loves KJ. Especially the geeks. See, KJ Miller is super nice, smart, pretty, the stage manager of her high school's spring musical . . . and a total geek magnet. She's like the geek pied piper of Washington High, drawing every socially clueless guy in a five-mile radius. If only Cameron, the hottest guy in school, would follow her around and worship her the way her entourage of dorks do. Enter Tama Gold, queen of the popular crowd, and solution to all of KJ's problems. KJ is too nice, and the nice girl never gets the guy. Tama's ready to help KJ get cruel, ditch the dorks, and win Cameron's heart. But is KJ?

New from the author of The Good Sister, the breakout New York Times bestseller and “stunningly clever thriller” (People), comes Sally Hepworth’s latest novel of domestic suspense about the tangled vines of family secrets. "Smart, suspenseful, brimming with secrets. This is Sally Hepworth at her unputdownable best." -- Kate Morton, New York Times Bestselling Author THE HUSBAND A heart surgeon at the top of his field, Stephen Aston is getting married again. But first he must divorce his current wife, even though she can no longer speak for herself. THE DAUGHTERS Tully and Rachel Aston look upon their father’s fiancée, Heather, as nothing but an interloper. Heather is younger than both of them. Clearly, she’s after their father’s money. THE FORMER WIFE With their mother in a precarious position, Tully and Rachel are determined to get to the truth about their family’s secrets, the new wife closing in, and who their father really is. THE YOUNGER WIFE Heather has secrets of her own. Will getting to the truth unleash the most dangerous impulses in all of them? More Praise for The Younger Wife: "[An] appealing domestic suspense novel from bestseller Hepworth [with a] fast-moving plot. This often funny and affecting outing should win Hepworth new fans." --Publisher's Weekly "Completely compulsive. Sally Hepworth delivers with this stay-up-late one-more-chapter gem." --Jane Harper, New York Times Bestselling Author "A warped tale [that] boasts Jane Harper’s multilayered characters and Liane Moriarty’s wealthy suburban world saturated with lies and deceit. With each domestic thriller, best-selling Hepworth shines brighter and draws in more readers." --Booklist

A Transformational Picture of Marriage God created marriage as a beautiful work of art that reflects his glory to the world. But our culture has undervalued and misunderstood it, causing it to lose some of its luster. Like recent restoration projects on the Sistine Chapel and the Mona Lisa, it is time to return marriage to its former glory, and the only way to do that is to take a closer look at what the artist had in mind all along. In this newly revised and expanded book, Al Janssen takes a fresh look at the exquisite design God has for marriage and brings to light the reasons this union was intended to last a lifetime. The chapters weave real-life stories with great teaching and biblical narratives in order to paint a complete picture of all that marriage can be. Readers will examine elements such as passion, adventure, and commitment that come together to make up the colors of God's design. They will also discover new ways to reflect God's love within marriage--revealing his plan for men and women from the moment he created us.

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A funny holiday story about a boy whose Christmas is thrown into chaos. The perfect book to bring you a much needed dose of holiday cheer! Sixteen-year-old Paul Nicholas is a self-confessed Christmas fanatic. That’s why he’s so smitten with Sarah—a girl who smells like peppermint and thinks picking out presents to the strains of “Winter Wonderland” is the ultimate afternoon activity. But when he catches Sarah making out with Santa Claus at the Paramus Park mall, his dad’s over-the-top lights catch the Nicholas house on fire, and his mom gets fired from Fortunoff’s because of something he did, Paul gets caught in a downward spiral of holiday gloom. This year, the spirit of Scrooge has settled in—and it’s not going to be pretty. Or will the spirit of the holiday prevail? NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • NATIONAL BOOK AWARD LONGLIST • “A masterpiece” (NPR) about marriage, divorce, and the bewildering dynamics of ambition In development as an FX limited series on Hulu, starring Claire Danes, Jesse Eisenberg, Lizzy Caplan, and Adam Brody ONE OF THE TEN BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR—Entertainment Weekly, The New York Public Library ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR—The New York Times Book Review, Time, The Washington Post, USA Today Vanity Fair, Vogue, NPR, Chicago Tribune, GQ, Vox, Refinery29, Elle, The Guardian, Real Simple, Financial Times, Parade, Good Housekeeping, New Statesman, Marie Claire, Town & Country, Evening Standard, Thrillist, Booklist, Kirkus Reviews, BookPage, BookRiot, Shelf Awareness Toby Fleishman thought he knew what to expect when he and his wife of almost fifteen years separated: weekends and every other holiday with the kids, some residual bitterness, the occasional moment of tension in their co-parenting negotiations. He could not have predicted that one day, in the middle of his summer of sexual emancipation, Rachel would just drop their two children off at his place and simply not return. He had been working so hard to find equilibrium in his single life. The winds of his optimism, long dormant, had finally begun to pick up. Now this. As Toby tries to figure out where Rachel went, all while juggling his patients at the hospital, his never-ending parental duties, and his new app-assisted sexual popularity, his tidy narrative of the spurned husband with the too-ambitious wife is his sole consolation. But if Toby ever wants to truly understand what happened to Rachel and what happened to his marriage, he is going to have to consider that he might not have seen things all that clearly in the first place. A searing, utterly unvarnished debut, Fleishman Is in Trouble is an insightful, unsettling, often hilarious exploration of a culture trying to navigate the fault lines of an institution that has proven to be worthy of our great wariness and our great hope. Alma’s Best Jewish Novel of the Year • Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle’s John Leonard Prize for Best First Book

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