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What Makes Love Last?

Between the Covers

From the country's leading couple therapist duo, a practical guide to what makes it all work. In *10 Principles for Doing Effective Couples Therapy*, two of the world's leading couple researchers and therapists give readers an inside tour of what goes on inside the consulting rooms of their practice. They have been doing couples work for decades and still find it challenging and full of learning experiences. This book distills the knowledge they've gained over

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their years of practice into ten principles at the core of good couples work. Each principle is illustrated with a clinically compiled case plus personal side-notes and storytelling. Topics addressed include:

- You know that you need to “treat the relationship,” but how are you supposed to get at something as elusive as “a relationship”?
- How do you empathize with both clients if they have opposite points of view? Later on, if they end up separating does that mean you’ve failed? Are you only successful if you keep couples together?
- Compared to an individual client, a relationship is an entirely different animal. What should you do first? What should you look for? What questions should you ask? If clients give different answers, who should you believe?
- What are you supposed to do with all the emotional and personal history that your clients stir up in you?
- How can you make your work research-based? No one who works with couples will want to be without the insight, guidance, and strategies offered in this book.

Can Love Last?: The Fate of Romance Over Time

Are you tired? Do you suffer from chronic pain--headaches, backaches, or other persistent discomfort? Do you experience depression or feel anxious? Do you have allergies or autoimmune issues? Have you lost your sex drive somewhere along the way? If you have one or more of these symptoms, you may be suffering from what Rachel Carlton Abrams, MD, calls Chronic Body Depletion--a condition that can be related to weight gain, high blood pressure, exhaustion, and many other symptoms that leave the body drained. In *BodyWise*, Dr. Rachel helps us to understand that these symptoms, uncomfortable as they may be, are actually a sign of our body's intelligence. Our bodies are trying to communicate--sometimes screaming at us to pay attention--and only when we learn to listen are we able to treat what ails us to achieve optimum healing and lifelong health. Dr. Rachel shares her

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customizable 28-day program, used with thousands of patients in her clinic, for healing the body both physically and emotionally. Through quizzes and detailed self-assessments, she explains how you can evaluate your own body wisdom for different areas in your life—including stress, sleep, libido, pain, anxiety, depression, allergies, and autoimmune issues. Guiding you through thoughtful diet, routine, and lifestyle changes, BodyWise will help you discover your own unique needs and offer you the principles and practices to create the vibrant, balanced, healthy life you have always deserved.

Eight Dates

“If you and your prospective partner adopt the principles and skills I describe here, your relationship will be successful—not just for starters, but for the long run.” An indispensable guide for any couple ready to set the foundation for a loving and lasting union. Committing fully to a loving partnership—a “we”—can be one of the most beautiful and fulfilling experiences you’ll ever have. Yet as anyone in a long-term relationship will tell you, it can also be one of the most challenging. Almost half of all first marriages end in divorce, and chances go down from there. So how do you beat the odds? “All successful long-term relationships are secure relationships,” writes psychotherapist Stan Tatkin. “You and your partner take care of each other in a way that ensures you both feel safe, protected, accepted, and secure at all times.” In *We Do*, Tatkin provides a groundbreaking guide for couples. You’ll figure out whether you and your partner are right for each other in the long term, and if so, give your relationship a strong foundation so you can enjoy a secure and lasting love. Highlights include: Create a shared vision for your relationship, the key to a strong foundation. It’s all about prevention—learn tools and techniques for preventing problems before they occur. Understand how to work with the

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psychological and biological influences in your relationship—neuroscience, arousal regulation, attachment theory, and more Numerous case studies with helpful examples of healthy and unhealthy interactions, sample dialogues, and reflections Dozens of exercises—the newlywed game, reading facial expressions, and many more fun and serious practices to develop intimacy and security Handling conflict—how to broker win-win outcomes Build a loving relationship that helps you thrive and grow as both individuals and a couple Common interests, physical attraction, shared values, and good communication skills are the factors most commonly thought to indicate a good partnership. Yet surprisingly, current research reveals that these are only a small part of what makes for a healthy marriage—much more important are psychological and biological influences. With *We Do*, you'll learn to navigate these elements and more, giving your relationship the best possible chance to succeed.

The Marriage Clinic Casebook

This workbook is intended for use with couples who want to enhance their emotional connection or overcome their relationship distress. It is recommended for use with couples pursuing Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT). It closely follows the course of treatment and is designed so that clinicians can easily integrate guided reading and reflections into the therapeutic process. The material is presented in a recurring format: Read, Reflect, and Discuss. Readings help couples look at their relationship through an attachment lens, walking them through the step-by-step process of creating a secure relationship bond. 33 Reflections invite readers to engage with the material personally, expanding their own awareness and ability to tune into their partner. Discussion sections suggest relationship-building exercises and a framework for conversations that promote safety, disclosure, and engagement. Case examples,

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along with informative illustrations, are scattered throughout the book to validate, illustrate, and inspire couples along their journey. Clinicians conversant with EFT can use this workbook to extend the effectiveness of their work with couples by giving them structured tasks to work on between sessions. For clinicians training in EFT, the book can guide them in staying focused on the EFT roadmap and illuminate how important change events unfold.

I Hear You

An unprecedented visual history of African women told in striking and subversive historical photographs--featuring an Introduction by Edwidge Danticat and a Foreword by Jacqueline Woodson. Most of us grew up with images of African women that were purely anthropological--bright displays of exotica where the deeper personhood seemed tucked away. Or they were chronicles of war and poverty--"poverty porn." But now, curator Catherine E. McKinley draws on her extensive collection of historical and contemporary photos to present a visual history spanning a hundred-year arc (1870–1970) of what is among the earliest photography on the continent. These images tell a different story of African women: how deeply cosmopolitan and modern they are in their style; how they were able to reclaim the tools of the colonial oppression that threatened their selfhood and livelihoods. Featuring works by celebrated African masters, African studios of local legend, and anonymous artists, *The African Lookbook* captures the dignity, playfulness, austerity, grandeur, and fantasy-making of African women across centuries. McKinley also features photos by Europeans--most starkly, striking nudes--revealing the relationships between white men and the Black female sitters where, at best, a grave power imbalance lies. It's a bittersweet truth that when there is exploitation there can also be profound resistance expressed in unexpected ways--even if it's only in gazing back. These photos tell

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the story of how the sewing machine and the camera became powerful tools for women's self-expression, revealing a truly glorious display of everyday beauty.

The Practice of Emotionally Focused Couple Therapy

The Marriage Clinic Casebook bridges the gap between the powerful theory behind Gottman Method Couples Therapy and the unique application of therapeutic principles to real-life cases. Covering a broad range of couples as well as a variety of relational problems, this casebook is a resource for clinicians who want practical guidance for putting the powerful Gottman method to work.

We Do

"What the heck is my partner thinking?" is a common refrain in romantic relationships, and with good reason. Every person is wired for love differently, with different habits, needs, and reactions to conflict. The good news is that most people's minds work in predictable ways and respond well to security, attachment, and rituals, making it possible to actually neurologically prime the brain for greater love and fewer conflicts. *Wired for Love* is a complete insider's guide to understanding a partner's brain and promoting love and trust within a romantic relationship. Readers learn ten scientific principles they can use to avoid triggering fear and panic in their partners, manage their partners' emotional reactions when they do become upset, and recognize when the brain's threat response is hindering their ability to act in a loving way. By learning to use simple gestures and words, readers can learn to put out emotional fires and help their partners feel more safe and secure. The no-fault view of conflict in this book encourages readers to move past a "warring brain" mentality and toward a

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more cooperative ""loving brain"" understanding of the relationship. Based in the sound science of neurobiology, attachment theory, and emotion regulation research, this book is essential reading for couples and others interested in understanding the complex dynamics at work behind love and trust in intimate relationships.

The 5 Love Languages

101 More Conversation Starters for Couples Continue to develop intimacy and depth in your relationship with your spouse with 101 More Conversation Starters for Couples. Created by marriage experts Gary Chapman, author of the #1 New York Times bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, and Ramon Presson, these additional 101 questions are valuable talking points for your marital relationship. Learn your spouse's answers to fun and serious questions like: What famous person (living) would you like to meet? What is something humorous you recall about our first weeks or months of dating? If you could free someone of a burden, who would that be? Your spouse is a unique person, filled with amazing insights, thoughts, feelings, and experiences. Communication is key to really knowing and fully loving that person. Let these questions get the conversation flowing. Makes an excellent Valentine's Day, wedding, and anniversary gift

Loving Your Spouse When You Feel Like Walking Away

A groundbreaking, practical program for transforming troubled relationships into positive ones “This is the best book on relationships I have ever read. . . . John Gottman has decoded the subtle secrets that can either enrich or destroy the quality of our ties with others.” Daniel B. Wile, Ph.D., author of *After the Fight*:

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Using Your Disagreements to Build a Stronger Relationship “John Gottman is our leading explorer of the inner world of relationships. In *The Relationship Cure*, he has found gold once again.” William J. Doherty, Ph.D., author of *Take Back Your Marriage: Sticking Together in a World That Pulls Us Apart* “When he says his five steps will help you build better connections with the people you care about, you know that they have been demonstrated to work.” E. Mavis Heatherington, Ph.D., professor of psychology, University of Virginia From the country’s foremost relationship expert and New York Times bestselling author Dr. John M. Gottman comes a powerful, simple five-step program, based on twenty years of innovative research, for greatly improving all of the relationships in your life—with spouses and lovers, children, siblings, and even your colleagues at work. In *The Relationship Cure*, Dr. Gottman: *

- Reveals the key elements of healthy relationships, emphasizing the importance of what he calls “emotional connection”
- * Introduces the powerful new concept of the emotional “bid,” the fundamental unit of emotional connection
- * Provides remarkably empowering tools for improving the way you bid for emotional connection and how you respond to others’ bids

Wired for Dating

A Guide to Meaningful Parent-Son Conversations Do you know what your son really thinks about girls, school, God, his future? It's not easy to be sure, is it? Boys aren't known for being great communicators, especially entering their teen years. How do you connect with him on the things that are important to both of you? Based on tried-and-true parenting wisdom, this book shares fun, thoughtful questions and talking points that lead to meaningful, natural conversations about · physical and emotional changes your son is facing · staying pure in an oversexualized culture · using social media responsibly · and much more This structured approach

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offers practical ways to bond with your son and encourage him in his faith, talk about the challenges he faces in school and with friends, and show him that you love him dearly before he enters the turbulent teen years.

The Road

Psychologist John Gottman has spent twenty years studying what makes a marriage last. Now you can use his tested methods to evaluate, strengthen, and maintain your own long-term relationship. This breakthrough book guides you through a series of self-tests designed to help you determine what kind of marriage you have, where your strengths and weaknesses are, and what specific actions you can take to help your marriage. You'll also learn that more sex doesn't necessarily improve a marriage, frequent arguing will not lead to divorce, financial problems do not always spell trouble in a relationship, wives who make sour facial expressions when their husbands talk are likely to be separated within four years and there is a reason husbands withdraw from arguments—and there's a way around it. Dr. Gottman teaches you how to recognize attitudes that doom a marriage—contempt, criticism, defensiveness, and stonewalling—and provides practical exercises, quizzes, tips, and techniques that will help you understand and make the most of your relationship. You can avoid patterns that lead to divorce, and—*Why Marriages Succeed or Fail* will show you how.

Marriage Meetings for Lasting Love

John and Julie Gottman, world-renowned for bringing an evidence base to couples therapy, report here the results of a second empirical revolution in understanding couples and families. This change is not based on their guesswork, but on state-of-the-art science. The book you hold in your hands finally completes the old general systems

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theory of the 1960s, which metaphorically described processes but did not actually research them. A new general systems theory and therapy is presented here, one which will have profound implications for powerful clinical work with both couples and families. This new theory is based on 45 years of careful basic scientific research with thousands of couples and families, including synchronized observational, interview, physiological, and questionnaire data. The Gottmans have studied some families for as long as 20 consecutive years. Their work has led to their highly replicated ability to precisely predict the future of relationships, relationship happiness, and whether couples will divorce or not with as much as 94% accuracy. Their empirical work has also led them to develop and test a theory of specifically what makes relationships work. Each construct in this theory is precise and measurable and it is all written about and described here. This book presents an original new way of understanding relationships and families. Both theoretical and highly practical, and it will help clinicians become more effective in their everyday work.

An Emotionally Focused Workbook for Couples

Finding new things to talk about is a constant challenge in a romantic relationship and has never been easier! *52 Questions for Relationships* includes a year's worth of fun, thought-provoking conversation starters to help you develop better communication skills and a more satisfying love life, all by just knowing the right questions to ask. Whether you're looking to learn more about yourself and your partner, rekindle your passion, or deepen your relationship with the most important person in your life, *52 Questions for Relationships* can get you started. Presented beautifully in a compact package that's perfect for gift-giving, *52 Questions for Relationships* will help you remember why you fell in love in the first place.

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work

Quadriplegics do not simply walk again - yet millions watched as Chris Norton took ten nearly impossible steps. With his fiancée, Emily, supporting at his side, those unbelievable steps became the start of an extraordinary journey for them both. *The Seven Longest Yards* tells the unforgettable love story of how Chris and Emily battled unbelievable odds with faithful determination to discover that life's lowest moments can be our greatest gifts. In a moment, Chris went from a talented 18-year-old college football player with a promising future to flat on his back with a broken neck and a 3% chance of ever moving or feeling anything below his neck, much less walking again. The life Chris dreamt of - including his hope for finding love - was shattered. At least, so he thought. Determined to prove the doctors wrong and to find love, Chris pushed himself through grueling, daily workouts until four years later, Chris walked across the stage to receive his college diploma, with Emily's help and the world's astonished applause. Meanwhile, Emily faced her own challenges as she sunk into a deep battle against anxiety and depression. Despite a devoted fiancé, a fulfilling career working with youth, and a strong faith, she couldn't shake the mental darkness that clouded their promising future. Day by day, decision by decision, Chris and Emily committed themselves to taking the extra step, trusting God, and leaning on the help of others. In a story of unforgettable grit and courageous faith, this extraordinary couple's journey led them to ultimately tackle the longest seven yards together - down the wedding aisle and into a new life. And what a new life it has become: as Chris and Emily have adopted five beautiful girls and welcomed seventeen (and counting!) foster children into their home and hearts. From their private struggles to shared blessings, their moving memoir told from both of their unique perspectives is your stirring invitation to put one foot in front of the other, especially in the face of the impossible. You

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might just find, as they have, that God can transform our lowest points into life's greatest gifts.

The Normal Bar

The best-selling author of *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* lends scientific insights into how to build and maintain trust in committed relationships, sharing a formula for calculating a couple's loyalty level that takes into account a relationship's likely future and vulnerability to infidelity.

101 More Conversation Starters for Couples

A professor of psychology details a five-step process called "motion coaching" that allows parents to raise a child better able to cope with his or her emotions. 35,000 first printing.

52 Questions for Relationships

Most couples — because they watch so many of their peers divorce and are themselves the products of failed marriages — don't have many successful long-term-relationship role models. Parenting and communication issues are perennial, while some challenges, like increasingly 24-7 work lives and economic hardships, mark the current decade. Despite all this, psychotherapist and clinical social worker Marcia Naomi Berger asserts that most couples can make love last — they just need to learn how. Berger answers this need with a deceptively simple prescription: have an interruption-free thirty-minute (or even shorter) meeting each week and follow an agenda that includes the kind of appreciation and planning for fun that foster intimacy and pave the way for collaborative conflict resolution. Berger has refined these techniques while working with hundreds of couples — with results that are both practical and

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profound.

He's Almost a Teenager

Strengthen and deepen your love with a fun, ingenious program of eight life-changing conversations—on essential topics such as money, sex, and trust—from two of the world’s leading marriage researchers and clinicians. Navigating the challenges of long-term commitment takes effort—and it just got simpler, with this empowering, step-by-step guide to communicating about the things that matter most to you and your partner. Drawing on forty years of research from their world-famous Love Lab, Dr. John Gottman and Dr. Julie Schwartz Gottman invite couples on eight fun, easy, and profoundly rewarding dates, each one focused on a make-or-break issue: trust, conflict, sex, money, family, adventure, spirituality, and dreams. Interactive activities and prompts provide motivation to stay open, stay curious, and, most of all, stay talking to each other. And the range—from the four skills you need for intimate conversation (including Put Into Words What You Are Feeling) to tips on being honest about your needs, while also validating your partner’s own emotions—will resonate, whether you’re newly together or a longtime couple looking to fortify your bond. You will discover (or rediscover) your partner like never before—and be able to realize your hopes and dreams for the love you desire and deserve.

Wired for Love

The experts at the Love Lab introduce a series of effective tools and practical steps for couples looking to improve or preserve their relationships, explaining how to identify common problems and to develop positive ways to avoid these destructive pitfalls. Reprint. 40,000 first printing.

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The Science of Couples and Family Therapy: Behind the Scenes at the "Love Lab"

Who hasn't suffered at one time or another from exhaustion, cynicism, and a lack of effectiveness? But combine them over time and you're flirting with a disaster of catastrophic magnitude--burnout. Elegantly defined as the depletion of personal agency (the apparatus driving our ability to initiate and execute actions) burnout effectively wipes out our ability to be effective, much less engaged. And the cost of burnout is astronomical in all its forms and phases, including the profound and lasting effects it has on employees and workplace cultures. Based on extensive research and full of real-world stories and examples, workplace culture experts Rob and Terri Bogue take a deep dive into the signs, sources, and solutions of burnout and deliver an essential resource that helps anyone identify, prevent, and recover from burnout.

Extinguish Burnout

Patel takes us deep into her artistic vision and emotional journey using a mix of personal reflections, inspirational quotes, questions for reflection, and breathtaking watercolor visuals. She views fear as guideposts lighting the way to what we really want in life, offering opportunities to make big changes, to discover the remarkable potential inside ourselves. -- adapted from publisher's info.

Why Marriages Succeed or Fail

Divorce rates are at an all-time high. But without a theoretical understanding of the processes related to marital stability and dissolution, it is difficult to design and evaluate new marriage interventions. The Mathematics of Marriage provides the

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foundation for a scientific theory of marital relations. The book does not rely on metaphors, but develops and applies a mathematical model using difference equations. The work is the fulfillment of the goal to build a mathematical framework for the general system theory of families first suggested by Ludwig Von Bertalanffy in the 1960s. The book also presents a complete introduction to the mathematics involved in theory building and testing, and details the development of experiments and models. In one "marriage experiment," for example, the authors explored the effects of lowering or raising a couple's heart rates. Armed with their mathematical model, they were able to do real experiments to determine which processes were affected by their interventions. Applying ideas such as phase space, null clines, influence functions, inertia, and uninfluenced and influenced stable steady states (attractors), the authors show how other researchers can use the methods to weigh their own data with positive and negative weights. While the focus is on modeling marriage, the techniques can be applied to other types of psychological phenomena as well.

Love Rules

Results from world-renowned relationship expert John Gottman's famous Love Lab have proven an incredible truth: Men make or break relationships. Based on 40 years of research, *The Man's Guide to Women* unlocks the mystery of how to attract, satisfy, and succeed with a woman for a lifetime. For the first time ever, there is a science-based answer to the age-old question: What do women really want in a man? Dr. Gottman, author of the New York Times bestseller *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work*, and his wife and collaborator, clinical psychologist Julie Schwartz Gottman, PhD, have pored over the research along with bestselling coauthors Douglas Abrams and Rachel Carlton Abrams, MD. Together, they have written this definitive guide for men, providing

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answers on everything from how to approach a woman and build a connection with her to how to truly satisfy her in bed and know when the relationship is on the right track. *The Man's Guide to Women* is a must-have playbook for how to play—and win—the game of love.

The Heart of Parenting

An eminent therapist explains what makes couples compatible and how to sustain a happy marriage. For the past thirty-five years, John Gottman's research has been internationally recognized for its unprecedented ability to precisely measure interactive processes in couples and to predict the long-term success or failure of relationships. In this groundbreaking book, he presents a new approach to understanding and changing couples: a fundamental social skill called "emotional attunement," which describes a couple's ability to fully process and move on from negative emotional events, ultimately creating a stronger relationship. Gottman draws from this longitudinal research and theory to show how emotional attunement can downregulate negative affect, help couples focus on positive traits and memories, and even help prevent domestic violence. He offers a detailed intervention devised to cultivate attunement, thereby helping couples connect, respect, and show affection. Emotional attunement is extended to tackle the subjects of flooding, the story we tell ourselves about our relationship, conflict, personality, changing relationships, and gender. Gottman also explains how to create emotional attunement when it is missing, to lay a foundation that will carry the relationship through difficult times. Gottman encourages couples to cultivate attunement through awareness, tolerance, understanding, non-defensive listening, and empathy. These qualities, he argues, inspire confidence in couples, and the sense that despite the inevitable struggles, the relationship is enduring and resilient. This

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book, an essential follow-up to his 1999 *The Marriage Clinic*, offers therapists, students, and researchers detailed intervention for working with couples, and offers couples a roadmap to a stronger future together.

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The 5 Love Languages Hardcover Special Edition: The Secret to Love That Lasts By Gary Chapman

The Mathematics 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 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

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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.

Ten Lessons to Transform Your Marriage

What if making one tweak to your day-to-day conversations could immediately improve *every* relationship in your life? In this 3-hour, conversational read, you'll discover one of the most powerful (yet surprisingly little-known) communication skills, and see first-hand the remarkable impact it can have in marriage, business, and everyday life.

The Seven Longest Yards

A fascinating look at the key components of romantic love--sex, idealization, aggression, self-pity, guilt, and commitment--argues that romance does not diminish in a long-term relationship, describes the barriers to lasting love, and offers helpful advice on how to promote an enduring love by eliminating self-destructive efforts to protect oneself from its risks. Reprint. 15,000 first printing.

The Man's Guide to Women

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Draws on an extensive survey of more than 100,000 people to identify norms in positive relationships while providing strategies for improvement, sharing insights into a range of areas from communication and sex to affection and financial cooperation. 75,000 first printing.

The African Lookbook

We have a tendency today to over-parent, micro-manage, and under-appreciate our adolescents. Dr. John Duffy's *The Available Parent* is a revolutionary approach to taking care of teens and tweens. Teenagers are often left feeling unheard and misunderstood, and parents are left feeling bewildered by the changes in their child at adolescence and their sudden lack of effectiveness as parents. The parent has become unavailable, the teen responds in kind, and a negative, often destructive cycle of communication begins. The available parent of a teenager is open to discussion, offering advice and solutions, but not insisting on them. He allows his child to make some mistakes, setting limits, primarily where health and safety are concerned. He never lectures -- he is available but not controlling. He is neither cruel nor dismissive, ever. The available parent is fun and funny, and can bring levity to the most stressful situation. All of that is to say, there are no conditions to his availability -- it is absolute.

BodyWise

Since its original publication in 1996, this volume has been a helpful guide to therapists in the practice of emotionally focused therapy. This second edition addresses the many changes in the field of couples therapy, including updated research results linked to clinical intervention and new information on using EFT to address depression and PTSD. A new section covers the growth of couples

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therapy as a field and its overall relevance to the mental health field, accompanied by coverage of how recent research into the nature of marital distress is consonant with EFT. Other new features are a section on EFT and feminism, as well as a section on cultural competence for the EFT therapist. Written by a leading authority on emotionally focused couples and marital therapy, this second edition is an up-to-date reference on all aspects of EFT and its uses for mental health professionals.

The Relationship Cure

What if one of us is attracted to someone else? Superficially? Deeply? If one of us doesn't want to work, would that be okay? How important is having children to each of us? Where are we going to live? Every day we are bombarded with messages about how our lives should look and feel, to the extent that we forget to listen to the voice that really matters - our own. Focusing on key areas including home, money, work, sex and family, *The Hard Questions* contains 100 thought-provoking questions that will challenge and inspire you, whether you're engaged, newly married or in a long-term relationship. It is a simple yet profound tool that gives you the keys to finding your own answers, helping balance the crazy wisdom of love with the practicality of building a life together.

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"For those looking for a smart, no-bullshit, effective guide to finding love, look no further."—Esther Perel, author of *Mating in Captivity* "While I'm not sure what Carrie Bradshaw would have made of today's new world of dating, I do know this: armed with *Love Rules*, she would have figured it all out in one season."—Sarah Jessica Parker
SHERYL SANDBERG EMPOWERED WOMEN

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TO LEAN IN ARIANNA HUFFINGTON ENCOURAGED THEM TO THRIVE NOW, JOANNA COLES GUIDES THEM ON THEIR MOST IMPORTANT JOURNEY: FINDING LOVE Just as there is junk food, there is junk love. And like junk food, junk love is fast, convenient, attractively packaged, widely available, superficially tasty—and leaves you hungering for more. And both junk food and junk love require enormous amounts of willpower to resist. Social media and online dating sites have become the supermarkets of our relationship lives. You have to wade through rows of cupcakes and potato chips to find the produce aisle, where those relationships grounded in intimacy and trust live—the ones worth your investment. A diet book for romantic relationships, *Love Rules* first asks women to re-assess the way they think about their relationships, and then helps them use that newfound awareness to navigate their love lives more successfully in this very modern, fast-paced—and often lonely—digital age. In these pages leading media exec and former Editor in Chief of *Cosmopolitan* and *Marie Claire* Joanna Coles provides a series of simple guidelines for finding worthwhile love: fifteen rules—love "hacks." She also explains how to use dating apps effectively to expand real world connections and how to avoid DADD—dating attention—deficit disorder, where the tantalizing promise of someone better appears to be only the next swipe away. *Love Rules* will enable you to identify what you want in a relationship, when you should pursue it, and how to find it.

The Hard Questions

What to do when you feel like giving up When you said, “I do,” you entered marriage with high hopes, dreaming it would be supremely happy. You never intended it to be miserable. Millions of couples are struggling in desperate marriages. But the story doesn’t have to end there. Dr. Gary Chapman writes, “I believe that in

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every troubled marriage, one or both partners can take positive steps that have the potential for changing the emotional climate in their marriage.” *Loving Your Spouse When You Feel Like Walking Away*, the revised and updated edition of the award-winning *Desperate Marriages*, teaches you how to: Recognize and reject the myths that hold you captive Better understand your spouse’s behavior Take responsibility for your own thoughts, feelings, and actions Make choices that can have a lasting, positive impact on you and your spouse An experienced marriage and family counselor, Gary Chapman speaks to those whose spouse is any of the following: Irresponsible A workaholic Controlling Uncommunicative Verbally abusive Physically abusive Sexually abusive Unfaithful Addicted to alcohol or drugs Depressed Marriage has the same potential to be miserable as it does to be blissful. Read *Loving Your Spouse When You Feel Like Walking Away* to learn how you can turn things around.

The Science of Trust: Emotional Attunement for Couples

Whether you’re newly together and eager to make it work or a longtime couple looking to strengthen and deepen your bond, *Eight Dates* offers a program of how, why, and when to have eight basic conversations with your partner that can result in a lifetime of love. “Happily ever after” is not by chance, it’s by choice— the choice each person in a relationship makes to remain open, remain curious, and, most of all, to keep talking to one another. From award-winning marriage researcher and bestselling author Dr. John Gottman and fellow researcher Julie Gottman, *Eight Dates* offers an ingenious and simple-to-implement approach to effective relationship communication. Here are the subjects that every serious couple should discuss: Trust. Family. Sex and intimacy. Dealing with conflict. Work and money. Dreams, and more. And here is

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how to talk about them—how to broach subjects that are difficult or embarrassing, how to be brave enough to say what you really feel. There are also suggestions for where and when to go on each date—book your favorite romantic restaurant for the Sex & Intimacy conversation (and maybe go to a yoga or dance class beforehand). There are questionnaires, innovative exercises, real-life case studies, and skills to master, including the Four Skills of Intimate Conversation and the Art of Listening. Because making love last is not about having a certain feeling—it's about both of you being active and involved.

The Available Parent

Eight Dates: Essential Conversations for a Lifetime of Love by John Gottman PhD: Conversation Starters'Eight Dates: Essential Conversations for a lifetime of love' is written by renowned relationship experts, couple John Gottman and Julie Schwarz Gottman. The book has been co-authored with the help of yet another couple, Doug Abrams and Rachel Carlton Abrams. The book has been hailed as a must-have guide for people in a relationship by readers. The book gives practical advice to couples, heterosexual and homosexual, to strengthen the relationship with their respective partners and urges them to talk on some easy and not so secure topics. The book is backed by scientific and research data conducted by the authors themselves in addition to noted psychologists worldwide. A Brief Look Inside: EVERY GOOD BOOK CONTAINS A WORLD FAR DEEPER than the surface of its pages. The characters and their world come alive, and the characters and its world still live on. Conversation Starters is peppered with questions designed to bring us beneath the surface of the page and invite us into the world that lives on. These questions can be used to create hours of conversation: -Foster a deeper understand of the book-Promote an atmosphere of discussion for

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10 Principles for Doing Effective Couples Therapy (Norton Series on Interpersonal Neurobiology)

What really makes a relationship work? How can we stay interested in our partner for ever? How can we be happier in our marriage? Doctors John and Julie Gottman have spent over three decades studying the habits of 3000 couples. Within 10 minutes of meeting a couple, they can predict who will stay happily together or who will split up, with 94% accuracy. Based on their findings on the ingredients to a happy, lasting love life, they have now created an easy series of eight dates, spanning: - commitment & trust - conflict resolution - intimacy & sex - fun & adventure - work & money - family values - growth & spirituality - goals & aspirations Eight Dates draws on rigorous scientific and psychological research about how we fall in love using case studies of real-life couples whose relationships have improved after committing time to each other and following the dates. Full of innovative exercises and conversation starters to explore ways to deepen each aspect of the relationship, Eight Dates is an essential resource that makes a relationship fulfilling. 'Can a marriage really be understood? Yes it can. Gottman shows us how' Malcolm Gladwell, author of Blink

My Friend Fear

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'No one else can make me laugh and cry quite like Jilly Cooper.'
Gill Sims 'Jilly Cooper's non-fiction is just as entertaining as her novels.'
Pandora Sykes _____ 'One truth I have learnt, as middle age enmeshes me like Virginia creeper, is that I shall never change-because my capacity for self-improvement is absolutely nil.'
Jilly Cooper's observations from her days as a much-loved newspaper columnist cover everything to do with sex, socialising and survival - from marriage, friendship and the minutiae of family life, to the tedium of going to visit people for the weekend, the stress of hosting dinner parties and the descent of middle age. Entertaining and full of heart, this classic collection of journalism from the legendary author explores the highs and lows of everyday life with wit, wisdom and warmth. Praise for Jilly Cooper: 'Joyful and mischievous' Jojo Moyes 'Fun, sexy and unputdownable' Marian Keyes 'Flawlessly entertaining' Helen Fielding

Eight Dates

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PRIZE The searing, post-apocalyptic novel about a father and son's fight to survive. A father and his son walk alone through burned America. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. It is cold enough to crack stones, and when the snow falls it is gray. The sky is dark. Their destination is the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. They have nothing; just a pistol to defend themselves against the lawless bands that stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food—and each other. *The Road* is the profoundly moving story of a journey. It boldly imagines a future in which no hope remains, but in which the father and his son, "each the other's world entire," are sustained by love. Awesome in the totality of its vision, it is an unflinching meditation on the worst and the best that we are capable of: ultimate destructiveness, desperate tenacity, and the tenderness

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What Makes Love Last?

In the age of online dating, finding a real connection can seem more daunting than ever! So, why not stack the odds of finding the right person in your favor? This book offers simple, proven-effective principles drawn from neuroscience and attachment theory to help you find the perfect mate. Everybody wants someone to love and spend time with, and searching for your ideal partner is a natural and healthy human tendency. Just about everyone dates at some point in their lives, yet few really understand what they're doing or how to get the best results. In *Wired for Dating*, psychologist and relationship expert Stan Tatkin—author of *Wired for Love*—offers powerful tips based in neuroscience and attachment theory to help you find a compatible mate and go on to create a fabulous relationship. Using real-life scenarios, you'll learn key concepts about how people become attracted to potential partners, move toward or away from commitment, and the important role the brain and nervous system play in this process. Each chapter explores the scientific concepts of attachment theory, arousal regulation, and neuroscience. And with a little practice, you'll learn to apply these exercises and practical techniques to your dating life. If you're ready to get serious (or not!) about dating, meet your match, and have more fun, this book will be your guide.

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