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Joy in the Morning Betty Smith 2020-05-05 From Betty Smith, author of the beloved American classic *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*, comes an unsentimental yet radiant and powerfully uplifting tale of young love and marriage. In 1927, in Brooklyn, New York, Carl Brown and Annie McGairy meet and fall in love. Though only eighteen, Annie travels alone halfway across the country to the Midwestern university where Carl is studying law—and there they marry. But Carl and Annie's first year together is much more difficult than they anticipated as they find themselves in a faraway place with little money and few friends. With hardship and poverty weighing heavily upon them, they come to realize that their greatest sources of strength, loyalty, and love, will help them make it through. A moving and unforgettable story, *Joy in the Morning* is "a glad affirmation that love can accomplish the impossible." (Chicago Tribune)

**Every Woman's Marriage** Shannon Ethridge 2010-03-16 Set Your Husband's Heart Ablaze Are you a "desperate housewife," committed to marriage yet longing for a deeper, more intimate connection with your husband? Believe it or not, you can have the marriage you long for—if you're willing to take desperate measures. If you're ready to stop the blame game and pursue the marriage of your dreams, let authors Shannon and Greg Ethridge show you how to reignite your relationship with spiritual, emotional, and physical passion. Drawing on real-life stories from both men and women, as well as lessons from their own less-than-satisfying early years of marriage, they offer provocative insights about what it takes to nurture a dynamic marriage, including... ·what makes a husband's heart grow cold—and how you can fan the embers into flame ·the difference between being "right" and being "righteous" ·how to fight fair ·how to guard your heart against unhealthy comparisons ·the dynamic power of getting spiritually and emotionally naked ·what your husband really wants most (It's not what you think!) *Every Woman's Marriage* will give you practical tools and wise biblical counsel for transforming a listless marriage into a vibrant, exciting relationship. Get ready to set your husband's heart ablaze!

**How to Win Over Depression** Tim LaHaye 2009-08-30 Depression is today's leading emotional problem, with a skyrocketing number of reported cases. But there's much hope for those who suffer. If you or a loved one struggle with depression, whether mild or severe, Dr. Tim LaHaye assures you that there is a way to overcome those dark, hopeless feelings—even if previous counseling hasn't helped. With over one million copies sold since its first printing in 1974, *How to Win Over Depression* has made

a life-changing difference for countless people worldwide. Now completely revised to incorporate the latest research, this book outlines principles from the Bible that can help you put depression behind you and keep it there, regardless of your circumstances. Dr. LaHaye examines the causes and treatments of depression, including physical imbalances and the therapeutic use of anti-depressants. Then, in simple language, he describes his own approach--one that's proved successful time and again for over twenty years. Digging beyond the physical and emotional components of depression, Dr. LaHaye takes you to its spiritual root and provides a means for eradicating it from your life. So whether it's just a case of the blues or a serious overwhelming sense of despair, depression doesn't have to master you. Learn how you can master it with *How to Win Over Depression*.

**The Joy of Marriage God's Way** Thomas Nelson 2004-10-05 Featuring Julie Clinton, Beverly LaHaye, Joyce Penner, Barbara Rosberg, Deb Laaser, Carrie Oliver, and Laurie S. Hall.

**The Unveiled Wife** Jennifer Smith 2015-03-03 As a young bride, Jennifer Smith couldn't wait to build her life with the man she adored. She dreamed of closeness, of being fully known and loved by her husband. But the first years of marriage were nothing like she'd imagined. Instead, they were marked by disappointment and pain. Trapped by fear and insecurity, and feeling totally alone, Jennifer cried out to God: What am I doing wrong? Why is this happening to us? It was as if a veil had descended between her and her husband, and between her and God—one that kept her from experiencing the fullness of love. How did Jennifer and her husband survive the painful times? What did they do when they were tempted to call it quits? How did God miraculously step in during the darkest hour to rescue and redeem them, tearing down the veil once and for all? *The Unveiled Wife* is a real-life love story; one couple's refreshingly raw, transparent journey touching the deep places in a marriage that only God can reach. If you are feeling disappointment or even despair about your marriage, the heart-cry of this book is: You are not alone. Discover through Jennifer's story how God can bring you through it all to a place of transformation.

*Married Love* Marie Carmichael Stopes 1921

**The Alpha Female's Guide to Men and Marriage** Suzanne Venker 2017-02-14

**Marriage As an Act of Worship** Moses Nthoroane 2019-12-03 A Word-based marriage book with a mind of God. God created marriage with a view that, He alone must be worshipped through it. However, a certain percentage of people in the society do not know that marriage should be an act of worship. Marriage as an act of worship is a Word-based work that equips teachings for: \* Church leaders\* Married people\* Engaged people\* People thinking about getting married\* Married people who are not born again\* Marriage counsellors, and\*The Church of Jesus ChristDo you want to have a relationship with God in your marriage? Do you want to please God as a couple? Do you want to have a successful marriage? Do you want to counsel married people? Do you want to know how prayer can help your marriage? Do you want to know what to do after committing sin before and after marriage?If yes, then Marriage as an act of worship is the relevant tool to help you and your marriage. About the author:Dr M.R. Nthoroane has conducted various marriage lessons in May and June for the past three years in his church. As a result, God gave him the grace and mercy to compile all those lessons into this inspiring book.

**The Act of Marriage After 40** Tim LaHaye 2019-07-23 Yes, lovemaking does change after 40, but it is still the most thrilling experience two married people of the opposite sex can experience on this earth!

In this practical, fun-to-read, illustrated guidebook, Tim and Beverly LaHaye cover a broad spectrum of key topics and show married couples how to experience a more satisfying and joy-filled sex life long after age 40. Millions of married couples have questions about sexual intimacy. Yet all too often, their questions go unasked . . . or unanswered. This easy-reading, medically sound book candidly addresses issues of intimacy: Does sexual desire actually reverse with aging? How does menopause affect a woman's sex drive? How can exercise and nutritional supplements improve our sex life? Is there such a thing as male menopause? What can we do to put more spark into our lovemaking? You'll learn about sexual desire and dysfunction. Understand the risk and temptation of extramarital affairs. Gain a better understanding of menopause and the dangers of breast and prostate cancer. Learn how to prepare for, and adjust to, physical changes affecting lovemaking. You and your spouse can rekindle that sexual spark in your marriage--or build even stronger intimacy and commitment.

**Celebrating Our Love Marriage Activity Book** Elle Dahlman 2016-11-10 An activity book containing coloring, drawing, and fun games for dating couples to enjoy on their early dates. Couples will learn about each other and begin forming bonds using activities, including some based upon research, to determining their compatibility and ways they can couple-up together.

**The Art of Intimate Marriage** Tim and Dr. Jennifer Konzen 2019-01-08 From a two-time nationally award winning sexuality researcher - The Art of Intimate Marriage. God's plan for sexual intimacy in marriage is the work of a Master artist and genuine intimacy is like a beautiful masterpiece. Your marriage is going well but you want to make your sex life better and you're looking for help on how to do that. You want to know what God has to say about how to build a fulfilling sexual intimacy in your marriage. Your sexual relationship has been full of pain, discouragement, and frustration and you need some answers. You have some medical issues that are making sex difficult and you would like to rekindle experiencing mutually pleasurable sex. For these issues and more, The Art of Intimate Marriage provides direction and guidance on how to get there. Creating that masterpiece may mean learning God's view of sex, gaining life-giving intimacy skills, and figuring out how to work through conflict in a way that creates deeper connection. It may also mean overcoming things in your background, healing things in your marriage, or dealing with those medical challenges. We have the opportunity to have a deeper understanding of God's loving heart through being deeply known and erotically bonded with our spouse. The Art of Intimate Marriage gives us a road map to experience growth toward a more rewarding, spiritual sexual relationship.

*Sheet Music* Kevin Leman 2002-12 Intended for readers who are already married or in premarital counseling, "Sheet Music" is a detailed, practical guide to sex within marriage according to God's plan. With his characteristic warmth and humor, Leman addresses a wide spectrum of people, from those with no sexual experience to those dealing with past sexual sin or abuse.

*How to Be Happy Though Married* Tim LaHaye 2002 Mining the Bible for advice, the author shows a new generation how to develop physical, mental, and spiritual harmony in marriage. Original.

Messy Beautiful Love Darlene Schacht 2014-09-23 Messy Beautiful Love delivers an incredible testimony of grace that offers hope for today's marriages and a spark for rekindling love. Love gets messy. Financial problems, sickness, aging parents, a chronically unhappy spouse . . . trials will inevitably come that threaten your marriage. No matter how long you've been married or how strong your relationship is, sooner or later you are going to have a mess to clean up. Messy Beautiful Love is about cleaning up messes God's way, exchanging your ideas for His, and being prepared for both the best and the worst that marriage has to offer. When you surrender your relationship to God, then and

only then will you experience the blessing of marriage as He intended. This is the blessing of obedience. Messy Beautiful Love is an invitation to that obedience. The cynical world says marriages don't last, but God knows better. Tune out the world and tune in to Him. When you do that, a beautiful marriage is not only possible, it's inevitable.

**Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts** Les and Leslie Parrott 2015-10-27 OVER ONE MILLION COPIES SOLD! With this updated edition of their award-winning book, Drs. Les and Leslie Parrott help you launch lifelong love like never before. This is more than a book--it's an experience, especially when you use the his/her workbooks filled with more than 40 fun exercises. Get ready for deeper intimacy with the best friend you'll ever have. Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts, which has been translated into more than 15 languages, is the most widely used marriage prep tool in the world. Why? Because it will help you . . . Uncover the misbeliefs of marriage Learn to communicate with instant understanding Discover the secret to resolving conflict Master the skills of money management Get your sex life off to a great start A compelling video, featuring real-life couples, is available, and with this updated edition, Les and Leslie unveil the game-changing SYMBIS Assessment. Now you can discover how to leverage your personalities for a love that lasts a lifetime. Make your marriage everything it is meant to be. Save your marriage--before (and after) it starts.

**Fierce Marriage** Ryan Frederick 2018-04-17 Ryan and Selena Frederick were newlyweds when they landed in Switzerland to pursue Selena's dream of training horses. Neither of them knew at the time that Ryan was living out a death sentence brought on by a worsening genetic heart defect. Soon it became clear he needed major surgery that could either save his life--or result in his death on the operating table. The young couple prepared for the worst. When Ryan survived, they both realized that they still had a future together. But the near loss changed the way they saw all that would lie ahead. They would live and love fiercely, fighting for each other and for a Christ-centered marriage, every step of the way. Fierce Marriage is their story, but more than that, it is a call for married couples to put God first in their relationship, to measure everything they do and say to each other against what Christ did for them, and to see marriage not just as a relationship they should try to keep healthy but also as one worth fighting for in every situation. With the gospel as their foundation, Ryan and Selena offer hope and practical help for common struggles in marriage, including communication problems, sexual frustration, financial stress, family tension, screen-time disconnection, and unrealistic expectations.

**The Act of Marriage** Tim LaHaye 2009-07-13 OVER 2.5 MILLION COPIES IN PRINT Discover the secrets to new joy and sexual fulfillment in marriage that have helped millions of Christian couples maximize their intimacy. Here are the insights into your spouse's body, psychosexual makeup, and need for tender, unselfish affection that can help you discover new depths of intimacy. It's the perfect book for: Engaged couples and newlyweds who want to make lovemaking a joy from the start Couples who have been married for years and want to maintain the flame or rekindle the embers Every husband or wife who wants to be a better lover The Act of Marriage enriches you and your spouse's physical relationship by offering biblical principles, goals, guidelines, and charts that cover an array of vital topics, such as: The sanctity of sex What sex means to a woman What sex means to a man The art of lovemaking Sane family planning Practical answers to common sex questions And more! Plus, this updated and expanded edition features sections that discuss "sex after sixty" and five reasons why God created sex, all supported by the very latest findings in the fields of medicine and sociology.

**To Love, Honor, and Vacuum** Sheila Wray Gregoire 2014 "Sheila speaks to both the heart and habits of the woman who is wife and mother. The lessons in this book are biblical, doable, and affordable!"--Margaret B. Buchanan From advertisements to mommy blogs to Pinterest, scenes of domestic bliss

abound, painting a picture of perfection and expectation nearly impossible to live up to. Why can't you work a full-time job, stylishly clothe yourself and your children, plan a party for twelve with handmade decorations, keep your house sparkling clean without chemicals, and bake a gourmet meal in the same day? Everyone else is doing it! For many women, housework has become more than chores that need to be done; it is a symbol of identity. Sheila Wray Gregoire wants to stop that thinking in its tracks and help women back to a life of balance--for their sakes and for their families. She encourages women to shift their focus from housekeeping to relationships and shows them how to foster responsibility and respect in all family members. The second edition retains the helpful, concrete advice on everyday situations such as strategies for tackling chores and budgets and tips on effective communication, while incorporating the wisdom Sheila has gained through her interaction with thousands of readers of her blog and through her speaking ministry over the past ten years. Through the principles in *To Love, Honor, and Vacuum*, Gregoire promises readers they can grow and thrive in the midst of their hectic lives--even if their circumstances stay the same.

**Raising Sexually Pure Kids** Tim F. LaHaye 1998 If you don't teach your kids about sex, Bevis and Butthead will. Let one of the most respected Christian couples of our time help you respond without embarrassment to questions from boys or girls on any aspect of sexual development.

*The Act of Marriage* Tim LaHaye 1998 With over 2.5 million copies sold since its release in 1976, *The Act of Marriage* has helped Christian couples around the world discover new joy and sexual fulfillment in marriage. This new edition expands on topics previously only touched on and includes updates on the latest findings in medicine and social science. It offers biblical principles, goals, guidelines, and charts to help couples enrich their physical relationship.

**Love and War** John Eldredge 2009-12-15 What the Eldredge bestsellers *Wild at Heart* did for men, and *Captivating* did for women, *LOVE & WAR* will do for married couples everywhere. John and Stasi Eldredge have contributed the quintessential works on Christian spirituality through the experience of men and the experience of women and now they turn their focus to the incredible dynamic between those two forces. With refreshing openness that will grab readers from the first page, the Eldredges candidly discuss their own marriage and the insights they've gained from the challenges they faced. Each talks independently to the reader about what they've learned, giving their guidance personal immediacy and a balance between the male and female perspectives that has been absent from all previous books on this topic. They begin *LOVE & WAR* with an obvious but necessary acknowledgement: Marriage is fabulously hard. They advise that the sooner we get the shame and confusion off our backs, the sooner we'll find our way through. *LOVE & WAR* shows couples how to fight for their love and happiness, calling men and women to step into the great adventure God has waiting for them together. Walking alongside John and Stasi Eldredge, every couple can discover how their individual journeys are growing into a story of meaning much greater than anything they could do or be on their own.

**The Marriage Bargain** Jennifer Probst 2012-09-04 In order to serve their own selfish needs, struggling bookstore owner Alexa and billionaire Nicholas decide to be in a loveless marriage for only a year, but things get complicated when love grows between them.

*The Act of Marriage* Tim LaHaye 1998 This updated and expanded edition expands some of the subjects that were discreetly touched on in the earlier edition, explores how the latest discoveries in the field of medicine and social practice confirm the principles taught in the book.

**The Great Sex Rescue** Sheila Wray Gregoire 2021-03-02 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.

**An American Marriage** Tayari Jones 2018-02-06 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 Celebration of Sex After 50** Douglas E. Rosenau 2004-07-14

**Marriage** Dietrich Von Hildebrand 1984 Before we examine the nature, the meaning, and the beauty of Christian marriage (which St. Paul calls "a great mystery in Christ and the Holy Church"), we shall examine the essence and meaning of marriage in the realm of nature, and its specific character in reference to all other fellowships and communities. Only in this way can we understand what was so gloriously exalted by Jesus Christ and thus dispel the misinterpretations of the nature of marriage so frequently encountered. Why does Holy Scripture choose this particular relationship as an image? It is chosen because marriage is the closest and most intimate of all earthly unions in which, more than in any other, one person gives himself to another without reserve, where the other in his complete personality is the object of love, and where mutual love is in a specific way the theme (that is to say, the core) of the relationship.

[The Meaning of Marriage](#) Timothy Keller 2013-11-05 Describes what marriage should be according to the Bible, arguing that marriage is a tool to bring individuals closer to God, and provides meaningful instruction on how to have a successful marriage.

**The Complete Married With Children Book: TV's Dysfunctional Family Phenomenon** Denise Noe 2017-08-13 Married . . . with Children premiered on Fox TV in 1987 and updated the Don Ameche and Frances Langford radio comedy series, The Bickersons, and Jackie Gleason's TV classic, The Honeymooners, with a raunchy, cutting-edge slant that focused on a lovable yet laughable family headed by endearingly flawed Al (Ed O'Neill), his housework-hating wife, sexy daughter, and randy son. For 11 seasons, the brilliant team of talent put the funk in dysfunctional. Rediscover the exhilarating humor and intellectual excitement in Denise Noe's first book. She delves behind-the-scenes with Michael Moye, Ron Leavitt, Ed O'Neill, Katey Sagal, Christina Applegate, David Faustino, David Garrison, Amanda Bearse, E. E. Bell, and Ritch Shydney. You'll be fascinated by the story of how two rogue writers created a deliberately off-the-wall program; how it almost got derailed before production began; how a controversy could have plucked the series off the air but ended up injecting a much needed shot in the arm; how a reality-based show occasionally—and courageously—ventured into comedy with a fantasy, horror, and/or science fiction spin. Order your copy of the collectible First Edition today. Illustrated. Bibliography. Appendix featuring episode synopses.

**Beauty and the Bachelor** Naima Simone 2015-08-10 Billionaire Lucas Oliver is hell-bent on revenge. And his plan begins when Sydney Blake—the stunning daughter of his enemy—is tricked into bidding on Lucas at a bachelor auction. Then he serves up a little blackmail...followed by a marriage proposal Sydney has no choice but to accept. Sydney has been controlled by her family her whole life. When Lucas threatens to reveal her father's shady business, she is once again forced to do her duty for her family. But worse—oh so much worse—is the rush of lust that Lucas ignites in her blood. Lucas is determined to get his revenge, but it's tough when he can't keep from touching her—or thinking about touching her—all the time. She's not fairing much better since she's engaged to a darkly handsome beast intent on destroying her entire family...along with her heart. Each book in the Bachelor Auction series is a standalone, full-length story that can be enjoyed out of order. Series Order: Book #1 Beauty and the Bachelor Book #2 The Millionaire Makeover Book #3 The Bachelor's Promise Book #4 A Millionaire at Midnight

What Did You Expect? (Redesign) Paul David Tripp 2015-10-31 Marriage always involves two flawed people living with each other in a fallen world. Yet many couples say “I do” with unrealistic expectations, leaving them unprepared for the day-to-day difficulties of married life. This unique book introduces a biblical and practical approach to dealing with the challenges of marriage that is rooted in God's faithfulness and the Bible's teaching on sin and grace. Outlining six practical commitments that give shape and momentum to a truly healthy and fulfilling union, this redesigned book will equip couples to develop thriving, grace-based marriages in all circumstances and seasons of their relationships.

**Intended for Pleasure** Ed Wheat MD 2022-01-11 God gave humankind the gift of sex. But many couples don't experience the kind of joy and fulfillment God intended. If you've ever been frustrated with a lack of intimacy in your marriage, or if you just want to know more about how you can get the most out of your relationship, Intended for Pleasure is for you. This honest and frank resource will answer your questions about sex and sexuality, improving sexual response, sex techniques for pregnancy, birth control, sex at any age, solutions for sexual problems, and much more. All of the questions you've been afraid to ask (or didn't even know to ask!) are answered right here. A perfect gift for newlyweds and a trusted resource for pastors and marriage counselors, this classic book has helped more than a million people understand and enjoy the gift God intended for pleasure.

**Model Marriage** Dag Heward-Mills 2007-05-15 This extraordinary book will serve as a ready resource material for both the marriage counselor and the married couple.

*Let Me Be a Woman* Elisabeth Elliot 2013-10-18 “In order to learn what it means to be a woman, we must start with the One who made her.” Working from Scripture, well-known speaker and author Elisabeth Elliot shares her observations and experiences in a number of essays on what it means to be a Christian woman, whether single, married, or widowed. Available in trade softcover and as a Living Book.

**Not Yet Married** Marshall Segal 2017-06-20 *Life Is Never Mainly About Love and Marriage. So Learn to Live and Date for More.* Many of you grew up assuming that marriage would meet all of your needs and unlock God’s purposes for you. But God has far more planned for you than your future marriage. *Not Yet Married* is not about waiting quietly in the corner of the world for God to bring you “the one,” but about inspiring you to live and date for more now. If you follow Jesus, the search for a spouse is no longer a pursuit of the perfect person, but a pursuit of more of God. He will likely write a love story for you different than the one you would write for yourself, but that’s because he loves you and knows how to write a better story. This book was written to help you find real hope, happiness, and purpose in your not-yet-married life.

**The Marriage of Rose Camilleri** Robert Hough 2021-10-23 An illuminating portrait of an unconventional marriage by bestselling and critically acclaimed author Robert Hough. When Rose Camilleri and Scotty Larkin meet, neither expects to spend a lifetime together, navigating a sometimes turbulent marriage and scraping through the process of raising a family. When he first enters the bakery where she works, she is a new arrival from the tiny island nation of Malta, fond of rabbit stew and Hollywood cinema. He is a thoughtful printer’s assistant recently released from juvenile detention after stealing and swiftly totalling a stranger’s car. Even after years of marriage and two children together, Rose struggles to shake the idea that perhaps she should have held out for someone as voluble and optimistic as herself. But while some marriages are weakened by trauma, Rose and Scotty’s union is strengthened by the act of survival, and they find their own kind of happiness along the way. In *The Marriage of Rose Camilleri*, Robert Hough writes his larger-than-life characters with warmth, insight and humour, displaying the masterful approach to storytelling that gained his previous novels acclaim and several prestigious award nominations. Hough transports the reader into the epicentre of an unconventional love story, where he draws out captivating details from the fabric of an ordinary shared lifetime to create a story that lives in the moment and takes seriously the small but vital details of everyday life.

**The Marriage Act** Liza Monroy 2014-02-11 After her traditional engagement to her high school sweetheart falls apart, Liza Monroy faced the prospect of another devastating loss: the deportation of her best friend Emir. Desperate to stay in America, Emir tried every legal recourse to obtain a green card knowing that his return to the Middle East—where gay men are often beaten and sometimes killed—was too dangerous. So Liza proposes to Emir in efforts to keep him safe and by her side. After a fast wedding in Las Vegas, the couple faces new adventures and obstacles in both L.A. and New York City as they dodge the INS. Their relationship is compounded further by the fact that Liza’s mother works for the State Department preventing immigration fraud. Through it all, Liza and Emir must contend with professional ambition, adversity, and heartbreak and eventually learn the true lessons of companionship and devotion. This marriage that was not a marriage, in the end, really was. *The Marriage Act* is a timely and topical look at the changing face of marriage in America and speaks to the emergent generation forming bonds outside of tradition—and sometimes even outside the law.

*The Language of Sex* Gary Smalley 2010-10 Experiencing the Beauty of Sexual Intimacy Relationship expert Gary Smalley, best-selling author of *The Blessing* and *The Language of Love*, finally tackles a topic that's on everybody's mind; sex. With his pastor and friend, Ted Cunningham, Smalley nudges past our hang-ups and sacred cows to answer the question, How can I have the best sex of my life? The answer may surprise you. Did you know that great sex begins with security, which leads to intimacy, which leads to incredible sex? It's only as we take an honest look at the differences between men and women and find ways to bridge the gap that we can create the security and intimacy that great sex needs to flourish. In *The Language of Sex*, Smalley and Ted Cunningham peel back the layers of mystery and show us how to do just that.

What We Wish We'd Known When We Were Newlyweds John Bytheway 2000