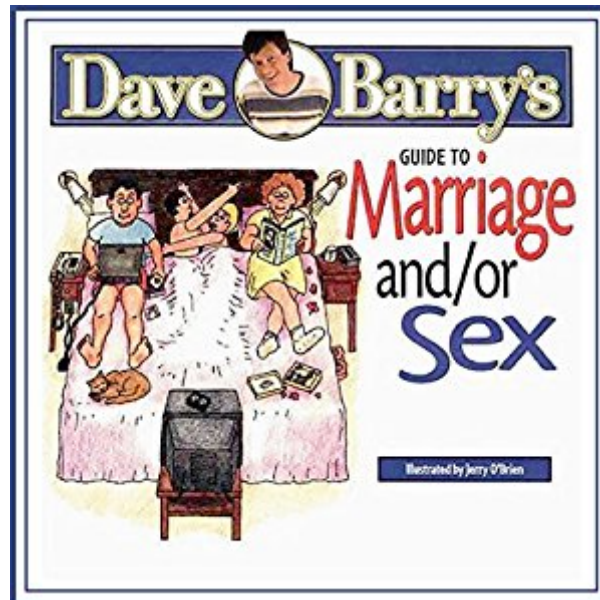


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Dave Barry's Guide To Marriage And/or Sex



Synopsis

No book can guarantee you a long and happy relationship, even if the author didn't know about your secret hygiene problem. But the cover of a book is no place to discuss that. In Dave Barry's Guide to Marriage and/or Sex, one of America's most beloved writers turns his keen, if somewhat rheumy, eye to the institution of marriage. Dating. "These are nonstereotypical times we live in, by which I mean that it is the responsibility of the woman to think up excuses that get progressively more obvious until the man figures out that the woman would rather chew on a rat pancreas." Sex. "I'm afraid that we must talk here about sex in a very explicit manner, because we want to expand the Frontiers of Human Understanding, and also we want to sell as many books as possible to adolescent boys." Marriage. "Most squabbles start with money. For example, you want to buy food, while your spouse wants to buy a thoroughbred racehorse. It's important, in these situations, for both of you to be willing to sit down and try to achieve a workable compromise. In this case, you could buy a thoroughbred racehorse and eat it."

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Customer Reviews

Though not as good as his later works, definitely worth buying, though 'Dave Barry's Guide To Life' is also available on .com and contains this and three other works of similar quality and length by the same author, while being slightly cheaper than this edition alone. Recommended.

It's early Barry, which means it has some of the freshness his newer stuff now lacks, and is not so wary of saying anything that may be construed as offensive or flood-of-hate-mail causing. It's the

perfect gift for any smart-alecs you know who are tying the knot, and not a bad read for singles. It's a good laugh, and best of all, a destroyer of some of the myths and cliches that surround both subjects.

Another classic Barry. The title alone should give it five stars, but the content overwhelms my funny bone. At one point, I was falling out of my chair I was laughing so hard! oh well....5 STARS

Barry continues being one of my favorite. His approach to human marriage relationships is no doubt almost a law (a little bit exaggerated, maybe). Chapters 6 7 8 and were my favorites. I've just married and it was sort of an x-ray of my situation, except by the fact that I have always believed in what he precisely satirizes: we don't need to spend a fortune in a full-of-critics-and-unpleasant-people-that-will-not-help-you-solve-your-infinite-problem-night. His statements I think are of an almost universal reality. The only inconvenient for us Latin American readers are perhaps the local jokes. He is very serious (I'm not kidding) in telling us: Life is very simple and worth enjoying! Why screwing it up?

Anyone who has ever read a Dave Barry article can appreciate this book for his silly observations and his dry wit. You have to be either really smart or have a really good sense of humor to get Dave Barry, but the book definitely isn't meant for the politically correct. If you're a fan, you'll find yourself laughing and agreeing with Mr. Barry as he tackles all the subjects of sex and marriage. I couldn't recommend this book more, but then again, what do I know? I'm not even married. Just goes to show that Dave Barry can make anyone laugh about anything he writes about.

I bought this book as a gag gift for a friend of mine. After glancing through it I kept it for myself. I want my wife to read it but I don't want her getting too many ideas or too wise to me. For the people who have been married a number of years and whose marriage is filled with humor, this is a good laugh romp. Some truth and some tongue-in-cheek humor. It tells you to not take life too seriously. A very funny book.

If you've made it to that chapter (Chapter 4) without laughing so hard you have beverages coming out of your nose, please check your pulse. You may already be dead. Anyone who has ever read a Dave Barry article can appreciate his incredibly dry wit and hilarious sense of humor. Barry always seems to capture subjects that are serious, but manages to put a funny twist on them. Not only does he nail the concept of marriage AND/OR sex in this book, but the illustrations by Jerry O'Brien are

the perfect compliment. The outrageous diagrams on "How to French Kiss" remind me of my life just last week, er, I mean high school. This book is loaded with helpful tips for both men and women. For instance, Barry feels that the best bet for a new bride on how to get along with her mother-in-law is drugs. If only more people could read this book! This book has something in it for everyone. If you are about to get married, the chapter entitled "How to Have a Perfect Wedding No Matter What" will definitely come in handy. Of course, those of you already married, chapters "How to Argue Like a Veteran Married Couple" and "Children: Big Mistake or Bad Idea?" will, most definitely, be of interest. Barry's book is a fairly quick read, and would make a nice addition to anyone's book collection, if not for the mere fact that it is a great conversation piece. Any fan of Dave Barry will love it, and if you live on another planet, and have never heard of him, this is a great book to start with. You can't help but laugh!

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