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Boyfriends make excuses like "Living together is just as good as being married." Many women who value the commitment of marriage or the stability it affords for raising children have a hard time getting him to marry us in this environment. This book is for the woman whose boyfriend has proposed not marriage, but living together.

You don't have to interview 50 married women to find out how they managed to get that ring on their finger. The author has done that for you. All 50 were married after 1990, so this is modern information for our changing times. Read and find out how you can get him to marry you and not just live together!

Sandy's boyfriend Jack wouldn't even bring up the 'm' word. She started leaving her things in his apartment, including some tampons in his bathroom. It worked! Too off guard to make excuses like "Living together is just as good as being married," Jack said, "People will start to think you're my wife!" "Well, how about it?" Sandy asked Jack.

Crystal got Paul to skip just living together by refusing to move across the country until she had a marriage license, signed and dated.

Read these full stories plus 48 more, ranging from the heartwarming to the hilarious!

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Miranda says

I received a copy from the author in exchange for my honest review.

Never once did I get a "how to catch a man" vibe. While some of the women were manipulative, I don't feel like they all were. However, I noticed, as I'm sure most did, the more recent the story the pushier the women seemed. The women from the 90's to early 2000's seemed genuine and patient; they seemed more respectful of their partners.

It wasn't long ago more and more women were giving their men ultimatums (this book is proof) however, nowadays women want more and more out of life, which I suppose is why some are offended. I wasn't offended although, I'm not very independent. I did not want to read this book because I needed help in this department, I read it because it seemed (and was) very interesting.

I love memoirs and I love peaking into peoples lives. I like understanding how other people think.

I really enjoyed the heartfelt stories. I liked that the author kept the stories short and to the point. Many of these stories remind us: one little thing can change our lives forever.

The only story I didn't care for was #16, only because she was very deceitful and such a bad model for those women who might be hoping to get something from this book.

C.L. Roman says

How I Got Him to Marry Me by Cherise Kelley is a feel good collection of short stories. It is a perfect summer read, because it allows the reader to pick it up and put it down without losing the thread of the conversation. Reading these stories feels like sitting around with a group of girlfriends discussing men and life in general. I very much enjoyed reading about strong women who choose to value themselves and insist that others do so as well. It surprised me how many of the ladies in this book decided, in our modern age, to wait on sex and/or cohabitation until they had a wedding band, but their reasons were solid and the success of their relationships is proof that it can be done. If you are looking for a relaxed, happy read plus relationship savvy tips, this is your summer read.

Bridget says

Marriage is not every woman's goal. If you are settling for less than marriage when it is what you want, then you shouldn't. This book contains 50 stories of women that wanted to get married. The men in their life, not so much concerned about the M word. How do you get a man to marry you? Well, you can manipulate him into it but that isn't a healthy foundation. You won't find ladies getting pregnant to trap a husband between these pages. These women got what they wanted by telling their men hard truths, eliminating obstacles such as debt, and showing him the the life they could have.

How I Got Him to Marry Me is about the traditional, some would say Christian, institution of marriage. This won't appeal to everyone, but no book ever does. The relationships are all heterosexual. The author was conducting an experiment related to heterosexual couples. I don't think she was discriminating. I also don't think she was saying that a feminist that chooses not to marry is wrong. Wouldn't feminists tell a woman to know what she wants and go for it?

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Ruth Hill says

Over the years, I have read my share of "marriage" books. They are always full of advice and sometimes an occasional story. But most never really resonate with me. The information is great, but I don't connect with them on the scale I would like to.

This book has a completely different premise that drew me in from the first page. When I first agreed to review the book, I actually wondered why I was adding another book to my massive to-be-read pile. I wasn't looking forward to the read. However, once I read the introduction, I was convinced that I would enjoy this book in the extreme. And indeed I did!

I have never read a book like this before. In truth, it has fifty authors--read the book, and you'll understand why. It is a positive marriage book, and you may even shed a tear or two. Two things the author did not include completely made me ecstatic! The book is profanity-free, and there are only references to sex. While the book tackles every kind of heterosexual relationship imaginable, marriage is what is stressed. And this was incredibly refreshing. I also appreciated the fact that the majority of women decided to get married before being intimate. And in most cases, they did this because of their religious faith.

So if you are ready for a book that will uplift you and remind you of the joys of marriage, this is definitely the book. There is enough diversity in the book that you will more than likely find at least one story to which you can relate. I know I did.

I was sent a copy of this book in exchange for my honest review. I was not financially compensated, and all opinions are 100 percent mine.

Jennifer says

What a crazy idea - solicit stories from women about how they convinced their guy to take the plunge and finally put a ring on it...and turn it into a book! There have been a lot of negative comments related to the book's title and regarding "forcing" a man to marry you. This is taken totally out of context and not at all how the author means.

As a matter of fact, most of the women's stories relate how they changed themselves in order to be a more compromising partner and, in turn, make them more appealing as marriage material to their partner.

It should be said that although not "marketed" that way, the book is heavily influenced by religion and particularly waiting for marriage before any sex occurs in a relationship. Take that as you will but it should

be noted. I thought this was a wonderful example to set for young women who, in today's culture, are seen as weird or old-fashioned if they plan to be virgins until marriage.

I thought there could have been less stories included with much greater detail told within each. Kelley is working on novels based on some of these so I'll have to look out for those.

Jamie says

This was pretty bad. I felt this book to be more how to entrap the guy to get him to propose/marry then is was to honestly get the guy to even like the woman! A few stories seemed decent and focused on things on showing him how great you are but most push for answers, bribe, sabotage or otherwise get results. Honestly, I doubt Even a few of these marriages would last. Sad honestly. My second big gripe is how true any of these are. The author admits at the beginning to changing some parts around to make what she though would be better reading. But the cliched lines...now those she gave examples of and said she would leave alone. And those are the worst things to leave alone if you insist on changing. Now I get fixing a spelling error or maybe grammar. But unless you are retelling the stories from YOUR perspective you don't change them! So then the stories are no longer true.

Amy H says

when i started to read what this book was about i knew right then and there i had to read this book!!!

LADIES, LADIES, LADIES!!!! if you are not married then you have to read this book. that is right no if's, and's or but's about it! this book is like the how to guide. every single story is different and will be leaving you with more and more ideas to sucker in that perfect man in your life.

I myself, am married. ahh yes, if i got to think about how my husband and i met and how we ended up getting married, well, its makes me jealous because i wanted to put my story right in there too!! so, i had to write down my story and compare to the other stories as i read them. i was left with being angry, laughing and had to show my husband half the stories!!!

even though we all know that all stories do not end well, i am happy to read about struggling relationships and how they over came them and ending up getting married. because we all know in life that it is not all rainbows and butterflies. i also loved how the author explained that she had over 3 stories but they were to sad to share. i want to know why there were that sad that she didnt want to put them in the book. i know a lot of people most likely could relate to the story!

i got this book from the author in exchange for an honest review. i will have to say that i have to all my friends read this book because i will be talking about it for months!!

Nat Kidder says

I read it to better understand what's important to women. (Is there a certification for that?). Nice stories, a common theme being *don't move in with him and ask what scares him about commitment.*

Kathy says

I received this book from Library Thing to read and review. I never realized how much trouble some women have trying to get a man to marry them. I guess I was just lucky (I had no problem). This is an interesting collection of stories from different women about what worked for them in this area. One thing that did trouble me is whether the author and/or the fifty women thought not marrying was such a terrible thing. Personally, I do not think it is, but I am married and not really in a position to answer. Also, many of my friends and I have often wondered why getting married is so difficult for men (and not as much so for women). The book is well written and interesting to read. Each story is somewhat different, and many are very different. They are humorous and serious. I found myself laughing and nodding in agreement several times as the tales unfolded. Based on my experience, the author deserves a nod of approval for a good editing job, for the stories flow well and are often complimentary. I think the writing proves the author can write well enough. I hope her next book I a bit more creative on her part and not a compilation of others' tales. I look forward to more from her. I received this book from Library Thing to read and review.

Regan says

Book Details:

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Description from Author's Web Blog:

"This book is 50 true stories. It is a collection of 50 women, each telling you how she got him to marry her. As an added bonus, many of them also tell how they met their husband, and how he proposed. Not all of these ladies are white, either, nor rich, nor college graduates. Some are single mothers. Some are quite poor. What they all have in common is the yearning to be married, for their men to commit to them, to love them enough to promise to be together "till death do us part."

My Review and Thoughts:

I signed up to receive read and review a book called, "How I Got Him to Marry Me." by Cherise Kelley. I normally read books with a paranormal/thriller/mystery slant to them, but periodically I need a brain refresher and will step out of my normal genre. So when I read the description on Good Reads, I thought, "Hey, why not?" Half way through the book I realized that it is a perfect combination of "Chicken Soup for the Bride To Be's Soul" and "The Rules" by Ellen Fein and Sherrie Schneider. As I read on through the book I realized it began to bother me. It sounded a lot like a counter book to "He's Just Not That Into You." Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo put out by whiny women who want to be wives.

The author starts out with a wonderful introduction to her idea on the book. I wanted to see a case study after reading her introduction. I wanted to find out at the end what her theories or ideas as to why this was, but instead, it's a book of women who go out of their way to plot or force their man to marry you. There's no ending.

Living together instead of getting married began to be acceptable in the 1960s hippie culture, and by the 1980s, many young men no longer saw the point in marriage. **I watched the culture change**, but I didn't catch on until it was almost too late for me. Before the 1980s, **the man was the one who pushed for marriage**. By the 1990s, living together instead of being married was almost expected among young people. **Now, in the 21st century, women have a hard time getting married, even if we really want to.** If you've been under a rock and haven't noticed this, then search the Internet for the page titled "US Census Marriage and Divorce," and prepare to have your mind blown"....."

I'm almost 50 years old now, and I'm a trained teacher. I'm tempted to lecture you in this book. I'm tempted to read between the lines of all these true stories that I've collected from women who have managed to get their boyfriends to marry them, to cull out and spell out what they did that worked and what they did that was foolish. I'm tempted beat you over the head with it. **In short: I'm tempted to tell you what to do.**

I am not sure if it is because I am too independent of a woman, if it is generational, or if it was the book itself, but I was really unhappy with it. It was well written in the grammar, spelling, writing aspect of it. It is even an interesting topic, which is why I had chosen it to review. Overall, however, it was just alright.

I read the first 30 or so stories. Each story presents a woman dating/in a relationship with a man who essentially wants to be a wife and not a "girlfriend." Each story read the same: Somewhat spoiled sounding women who get fed up, put their foot down and plot in a manner to make this man their husband. Women in our society, American society, already has enough stigma attached to them on being high maintained, spoiled, demanding, conniving, and manipulative. This book absolutely did not help the cause.

I skimmed through the rest of the book, in hopes to find a chapter or two on a summary of what the author's intent with publishing this book was. I had hoped to find some kind of lesson or deep thought. I didn't. Instead the book just ended with a "Thank you" to the brides /wives that had written in; leaving me with the feeling **the book and idea are completely dropped.** I wanted to see a case study after reading her introduction. I wanted to find out at the end what her theories or ideas as to why this was, but instead, it's a book of women who literally mapped out ways they manipulated their mates into marriage.

I guess, what it comes down to for me is that this is a really wonderful idea for a book, but truly just seems like the start of something greater. The stories of each woman's path into marriage is interesting. But I want to know a psychological view on it. I want the meat of it. I have always been told by older generations, men and even other women, that if a man wants to marry you, HE WILL. If he hasn't after two years, odds are, you're not the one. Tripping him, twisting him, and making him fall for marriage is not a healthy way into a long lasting marriage.

Some examples that bothered me the most:

- #3 Lizzie and Cordell
- #8 Layla and Jamie
- #10 Julie and Samuel

Some stories that I did actually enjoy reading:

- #5 Jessica and Stu
- #6 Marie and Fred
- #9 Trisha and David - I absolutely LOVED this story!!

But that is all I am going to say about those specific stories, you'll just HAVE to buy the book and read it for yourself. I would be curious what the view of my female friends, married or unmarried, feel about this book too.

Book details and avenues to purchase it:

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Tanya says

I can see how this book might scare away some people as a desperate plea for marriage. However, I started out reading the stories with an open mind and thought differently.

I did not like the note from the author where she stated she wants to lecture people about marriage. i also didnt like knowing there was a possibility she changed the stories. But I do understand that not everyone is an author and cannot express their words.

I felt that one thing all the stories can offer their reader is HOPE. Hang in there and if it is ment to be it will be.

I did not finish the book. I am happily married and felt then end state to all the stories is the same...they end up together. I did feel a few of the stories were a HaHa I trapped you into marriage type story which I dont agree with. Not every story has a happy ending...but what marriage does.

Although I did not finish the book, I was given the chance to have an early read in exchange for an honest review. It is not my type of book, but it is not written poorly it just isnt for me.

I encourage those who are looking to be married or have their eye on someone and it has been too long, read it..draw your own conclusions!

Nemo (The Moonlight Library) says

I originally read this in 2013, where my first review simply said,

Utter rubbish. One woman recommends getting hit by a car to make him propose.

To which the author of this book promptly responded in her own review that,

No one recommends getting hit by a car anywhere in this book. I'm not sure where that idea came from.

Well, ladies and gents, it's been bothering me that I never did, in fact, back up my claim, so over the 14/15 summer break I sat down with this book AGAIN so that I could tell you exactly where Ashlee tells us that getting hit by a car got James to propose:

#20 Ashlee and James

We were hit by another driver... causing us to drive off-course and into a ditch. I didn't wake up until I was at the hospital. Location 1049

...

He smirked at me and kissed me.

"Ashlee, I love you. And I want you to marry me." – Location 1053

See that, ladies? Get into a car crash and he'll pop the question.

Now, before you go off saying 'that's not a recommendation', allow me to also show you the part where the instructions in the preface explicitly tell us, the readers, to

'read between the lines to figure out how to get him to marry you.' – Location 160.

So ladies, getting hit by a car is indeed a recommendation.

And here are some of the ways these 50 real-life women 'got their husbands to marry them.' This book is meant to be part how-to guide, part confessional.

#3 Lizzie and Cordell

Now that I was more successful, I told Cordell I was going to leave if he didn't marry me, but first, on a hunch, I used the 15K I had saved to pay off Cordell's back child support. – Location 289

And then WHAM! Instant marriage. So, ladies, just clean up your future husband's mess, and don't forget to threaten him while you're at it.

#6 Marie and Fred

But I wore him down – Location 390.

Ahhhh, that's true romance, isn't it?

#7 Michael and Shyan

I finally persuaded him to marry me – Location 418.

Sure, because marrying a commitment-phobe who doesn't want to be married in the first place is guaranteed to make the marriage last.

#9 Trisha and David

I befriended his mother! – Location 527

At last! Some good advice!

#17 Kylie and Cole

My man was tired of hearing me complain about marriage, so when I gave up he got down on one knee. – Location 906

I don't even know what to say about this one.

#27 Raya and Jose

That's how I got him to marry me. I just stayed on his radar and made sure he had a good impression of me and showed him what life would be like with me as his wife. – Location 1361

Yep, that's really 'getting him to marry you.' Seems that the poor guy, like most of the poor guys in this book, simply needed it to be made clear she wanted to be married and then wait for him to be ready to propose.

#32 Clare and Joey

I know; I know. It's a low blow to use your dying mother, but I really did want her to see us get married, and I wasn't getting any younger, either. – Location 1548

I just can't with this one.

#34 Dan and Amanda

He never wanted to marry me, but I made him marry me. – Location 1623

Ahhh, romance! Isn't love swell?!

#36 Jen and Mike

And that was the last word I said for the next 12 hours. The only way I would answer him was to moo like a cow. I think he got the memo. Location 1724

Well I sure didn't. What the hell was the point of mooing at him?

#37 Valerie and Craig

I tried to use our son's birth as a reason to get married. – Location 1752

Really? Just really?

#40 Kathi and Dan

He needed to see exactly what he was missing out on by not proposing marriage. – Location 1898

This is solid advice! A pity it gets lost among all the other stories.

#41 Cindy and Bob

He finally agrees just because he knew I was stubborn and not going to waiver. – Location 1929

Yep! That's surely how I like my men to propose! Not because they want to, or anything.

Then there's a bunch of stories about how the man actually does want to get married but he needs time to come around to the idea, or the woman makes it clear she wants to be married and then hey presto! Suddenly he's down on one knee. Wanna know why? Because men aren't subtle. Too many of these stories are actually the following formula: man is oblivious, woman hints that she wants to get married, woman gets upset because man doesn't understand hinting, woman draws a line in the sand, man takes some time to come around to the idea and then proposes. It's properly 'getting him to marry me' if you know what I mean – by which I mean it's NOT.

But ooh boy, does the very last story take the cake. It's all about getting him to marry you, getting him to propose, right? Well, the last story is so preachy, so over the top 'this is how you do it' and she's the one that proposed to him! On top of that, the advice offered is to earn your own money so you can 'help' with the bills (because he'll be paying the majority of them, amirite?), don't be a fatty (BECAUSE FAT PEOPLE NEVER GET MARRIED), don't meet people in bars or chat rooms (BECAUSE REASONS), and for god's sake don't get a degree in law, medicine or accounting or you'll threaten his manliness!

Yep, ladies, definitely the best story is the last story, because not only does it tell you exactly what to do to be a gigantic judgemental bitch, but if you want him to marry you then YOU must propose and take the awful decision off him: he's better off giving you a straight 'yes' or 'no' answer, after all!

And remember ladies,

He won't want to just live together if you are the best that you can be: sober, in shape, wearing something pretty, and living up to your potential. – Location 2340

Vânia Nunes says

When I saw the cover and the title of the book I found the subject interesting. It is always good to read true stories, understand the point of view of other people, to know their souls. The book, well explained in its purpose. The author collected informations as questions - 4, simple and direct - on the way the couple came to the altar. The focus was mainly given to the woman, as SHE did to convince her boyfriend / fiancé to finally take it to the altar. The answers should be written in the first person, without using everyday expressions, without using pregnancy as an excuse to force him to marry and would have to be heterosexual. Fake names could be used, provided they were not very strange.

There are 50 short stories of these couples. Some are quite funny, other not so much. But in all of them you will find that there is a truth contained. The author herself admitted that at least three of the stories received

were not included in the book because they seem too fanciful.

The stories of couples married after 1990. This is an important research because it was from the 80s to the idea that just live together without sign the paper, it was perfectly acceptable. So the theme is "How did I do / What I did to make him marry me."

No story ends with happily ever after, but like all couples remained married until the end of each story shows the importance of marriage to be a sacred institution for all of them.

Jessica says

I saw this on NetGalley and couldn't resist the urge to comment on how appalling and gross the entire concept is. Marriage is an awesome thing and it's important to many people. Happiness, though, shouldn't come from "convincing" someone to marry you if that's not something they want or are ready for. You don't "get" someone to marry you; you marry someone because you agree that it's something you both want and it makes both of you happy.

The entire idea of this book relies on stereotypes of women as wedding frenzied and men as commitmentphobes. It also implies that a woman can't be happy or successful unless she's married, and that's just flat out insulting. This is 2013. I'm all for good love stories and I am in no way against marriage. I'm happily in a relationship and I'd like to be married one day; it's just not central to my happiness.

I'm not rating this, not even marking it as read. I was just so incensed that I created a special shelf so I could let my feminist claws out a little. That's all.

Cherise says

The paperback is for sale at Amazon and Barnes and Noble. The eBook is available now for Kindle, Nook, iTunes, and Kobo. An audiobook version is available at Amazon, iTunes, and Audible.

No one recommends getting hit by a car anywhere in this book. I'm not sure where that idea came from.
