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Editorial Review

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Starred Review Gottlieb, 37, made the decision to become a single parent after years of searching for Mr. Right. Four years later, when she still hadn't found him, she decided to take a good look at her dating habits—and the dating habits of women around her—to see if the problem is not a dearth of good men but rather women's expectations of them. Gottlieb finds that women want it all—and often aren't willing to compromise on their list of traits their ideal mate must have. In their twenties, many women leave good relationships based on an elusive feeling that they could find something more with someone else, and they regret it down the road when their choices dwindle. It's not that women aren't willing to settle; it's that many refuse to recognize that their vision of the perfect man doesn't match reality. With the help of dating coach Evan Marc Katz, Gottlieb reconsidered her own standards in the hope of finding happiness. Gottlieb's honest, astute analysis will resonate with many women and make them uneasy as they recognize themselves in her experiences and those of the women she interviews. Gottlieb makes a strong case in this groundbreaking work. --Kristine Huntley

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-AOL's lemondrop.com

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"I wish I could round up every single woman I know and assign this book for discussion. Marry Him is a big fat lesson in how not to get in your own way. Any woman who wants to find true love and hasn't been able to should read this book."

-Pepper Schwartz, Ph.D., relationship expert at Perfectmatch.com

"A well-conceived and convincing argument on how to find a more realistic Mr. Right. If you've ever sought your own Prince Charming, your love life will never be the same again. And that's a good thing." **-Christian Science Monitor**

"Marry Him is a frank and funny read, weaving real people's stories with Gottlieb's own experiences, and containing sharp examinations of how society and culture-everything from When Harry Met Sally to The Bachelor-come into play when modern women look for love."

-The New York Observer

"A provocative pop culture treatise... she encourages us to think through our own beliefs and unexamined assumptions."

-The Chicago Tribune

"The buzz surrounding Lori Gottlieb's newest book, Marry Him, is well- deserved... She writes with honesty and hope, and there are many people who will benefit from reading this book."

-The Examiner

"What Gottlieb is saying isn't subversive--it's smart. A thoroughly entertaining reality check."

-Diablo Cody, Academy Award-winning Screenwriter of Juno

"Finally, here's a cautionary tale for anyone wondering why she hasn't found Mr. Right--with a hopeful message about the Mr. Right Nows, the Mr. Close Enoughs, and even the Mr. What the F*#%\$."

-Jill Soloway, writer and executive producer for Six Feet Under and Transparent

"Engaging, hilarious, and eye-opening! Marry Him is an encouraging story about finding love by getting real."

-Rachel Greenwald, New York Times bestselling author of Find a Husband After 35

"This is a daring and wise book. Women (and men) should take Gottlieb's message to heart: 'Look for reasons to say yes.' It could change your life."

-Helen Fisher, Ph.D., Rutgers University and author of Why Him? Why Her?

"I have been very happily married for many years, and if my daughters ever ask me for advice about potential spouses, I plan to pass off a lot of what's in this book as my own sage wisdom."

-Kurt Anderson, New York Times bestselling author of Heyday and host of public radio's Studio 360

"Lori Gottlieb's smart, insightful, witty observations gleaned on her own unusual romantic path signal an important new voice in single-girl lit. The Rules turned single women needy, He's Just Not That Into You made them depressed, and Marry Him finally sets them free, preaching that in the long run, 'good enough' might be better than great."

-Amy Sohn, author of Prospect Park West

"By telling you to read Lori Gottlieb's incisive and insightful book, I hope I can make up for all the unrealistic romantic propaganda I had a hand in spreading as a former editor at a glossy women's magazine."

-Megan McCafferty, New York Times bestselling author of the Jessica Darling series

About the Author

Lori Gottlieb is the author of the national bestseller *Stick Figure: A Diary of My Former Self* and a journalist whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Atlantic*, *Time*, *People*, *Slate*, *Self*, *Glamour*, *Elle*,

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