

How to Raise a Husband: A Whole Bunch of Ways to Build a Strong and Happy Marriage

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Six married women (they could easily be your own best girlfriends), married anywhere from nine to forty-one years, talk about the things most wives keep to themselves, in this book designed to uplift, inform, and entertain. Get ready for some practical advice on topics you're likely to confront pre-"I do," like how to teach your boyfriend to come when you call, and post-nuptial, including how to take the raw material (a man) and turn him into a real husband (one who isn't ashamed of his "inner housekeeper"). *Skirt!* and *Pregnancy and Newborn Magazine* blogger Tonilyn Hornung and her friends let you in on the secrets of reading your husband's mind, staying true to yourself while on kitchen duty, sharing parenting responsibilities and finances, and keeping the passion alive while navigating the inevitable storms of married life. Topics range from minor issues (not liking your husband's favorite singer) to possible deal-breakers: control of the family finances or a major life change, like Sophie's 100-pound weight loss.

"As more and more weight started coming off, I waited for Nick to whisk his new hot wife away to exotic places like Florence, Italy, or Cincinnati, Ohio. There's been nary a whisk—except, of course, the one that sits in our kitchen." As he failed to take notice, the recurrent thought, "If he loved me, he'd say something," morphed into, "Maybe he doesn't love me."

Why, she wondered, when her personal confidence was soaring, did her marriage suddenly feel so insecure? It took discovering and accepting her husband's language of love to renew her faith in the relationship.

Funny, witty, and wise, these women tell it like it is, with practical examples and lots of laughter.

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