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It's a Connection! It's a Comedy! Internet Dating. The Good. The Bad. And the Ugly. Book One: Initial Contact

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A playful look at the world of online dating, *It's a Connection! It's a Comedy! Internet Dating. The Good. The Bad. And the Ugly!* is a compilation of real-life emails chronicling first connections made via dating websites. From sweet correspondence to odd comments to a few lewd remarks, *It's a Connection* will create delight for The Good, laughter and head-shaking for The Bad, and shock for The Ugly.

This title contains an assortment of actual emails author Patrice Gendelman and eleven other contributors received as their initial contact with individuals on various dating sites. After a brief introduction from the author, the book is broken into three sections. The first is "The Good," the second is "The Bad," and the third is "And the Ugly!" with each being divided into a few other areas. "The Good" section contains simple, funny, complimentary, thoughtful, or sweet emails: all in all, examples of the proper way to introduce oneself online. "The Bad" ranges from weird to poor spelling to oversharing. "The Ugly" is just that—ugly, lewd, or just plain wrong. The end of the book includes tips on how to properly make initial contact with a prospective date.

Gendelman is an author of e-books and a creator of apps for children. After her divorce, a friend talked her into joining a dating site, where she received some of the emails included in this volume. She found others like her who had similar correspondence they were willing to share. Gendelman has pulled together a wide variety of emails with a happy heart and humor, including, "How about dinner this Saturday? I'm starving but can wait" from "The Good" funny section, and "I'd like to share some uncomfortable silences with you" from "The Bad."

The cover is turquoise and light blue, with a red computer mouse and cord creating a heart. The title is above the heart in an attention-drawing font that hints at humor. The inside is laid out with a proper amount of dividing space between emails. Besides the "Have You Ever Heard of Spell-Check?" section in "The Bad," there are other grammatical errors, but it is unclear if these were left from the original messages or if they occurred during transcription into the text.

A fun exploration of a technological and cultural phenomenon, *It's a Connection! It's a Comedy! Internet Dating. The Good. The Bad. And the Ugly!* offers an honest and playful look at the initial online dating email that many will relate to.

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