



Letters to My Daughters: The Art of Being a Wife

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In *Letters to My Daughters*, Barbara Rainey shares a lovely collection of poems, art, scripture, questions, responses, and, yes, letters from the next generation of wives seeking guidance and advice. Newlyweds and empty nesters alike will appreciate the gentle words and stories of success and failure, all cultivating “the art of being a wife.”

More than a guide, *Letters to My Daughters* is a conversation and a prayer, each chapter leading with a marriage simile focusing on the various aspects and intricacies faced by Christian women intent on growing the connection between husband and wife. “Marriage Is Like Fine Cuisine” considers the ingredients and timing necessary in both recipes and relationships, while “Marriage Is a Secret Garden” looks at the beauty and troubles of sex in the current culture.

Rainey’s advice, given with over forty years of marriage and ministry experience, broaches both serious emotional landmines and frustration over laundry etiquette with heartfelt honesty, all summed up with bullet points intent on comforting and encouraging. With its soft watercolor imprints, *Letters* is a beautiful compilation for both mothers and daughters.

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