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Forget online dating, matchmakers, and awkward setups. In this insightful essay, Jade Chang, author of *The Wangs vs. the World*, exposes the secrets behind the latest solution for finding love in the twenty-first century.

The new dating craze among the divorced, recently broken up with, and frustrated singles of Los Angeles starts with the creation of “the List.” The converted swear by it—just write down everything you want in a partner, and the cosmos will provide. But could such a simple, old-fashioned technique actually work? Enter Jade, who investigates this increasingly popular path to a soul mate, with charming and hilarious effects, tracing the history of list making—and learning about dating and love along the way.

The List is part of The Real Thing, a collection of moving, hilarious, and big-hearted essays on the modern realities of friendship, romance, commitment, and love, with art by Geoff McFetridge. Each story can be read—or listened to—in a single sitting.

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Pamela Scott says

<https://thebookloversboudoir.wordpress...>

This is my first time reading the author. I really enjoyed this essay. It was a lot of fun and interesting. People writing a list of things they want in their perfect lover and the world will magically make this happen? Talk about intriguing. If only life was that simple. Make a list of things you want and it shall be. I did roll my eyes a lot reading this. What interested me is how many people swear The List works and led them to their soul mate. Especially how many people find love and magically remember they wrote a list with this person's characteristics and somehow lost it. Right. I can see why The List would appeal to some people. I don't see any harm in writing down what you want in a lover but don't expect them to magically materialise in front of you.

Maria says

Horrible. Is this supposed to be a book with a clear purpose or point? There was no coherent narrative, just the author babbling on about love spells and lists. Chang seems to have published her unedited diary.

MamaMiaReads says

A cute simple story about making a list to find the one. Although I am not sure I am a firm believer in this way of finding a mate. I did really enjoyed the author's narration, she was easy to listen to.

Surupa Mukhopadhyay says

I think this book gave a view point from both perspectives - pro-List and anti-List. I myself am someone who is neutral to the idea of making a List - be it for anything. I truly enjoyed the book, it was reminiscent of a lot of things my friends and I went through or are still going through at this point, even as youngsters, and after reading this, I can't wait for the next couple of years of life to see if the List still stays relevant and in trend or not.

Eve Landers Stark says

I quite enjoyed reading this brief essay from the Amazon "The Real Thing" collection. The List, a method of **willing** the universe to provide you with your soulmate via making a list of qualities you'd like them to have, reminds me of one of my favorite guilty pleasure movies from the 90's - Practical Magic. I found Chang's style entertaining and humorous, and her research on this popular belief was interesting. Definitely worth a

listen on a commute (the book comes with Audible narration) or a read on a lunch break.

Stacy Croushorn says

Not my kind of list

I have always made lists; to do lists, books to read lists, movies to see lists, places I want to visit lists, a bucket list, etc. However, I think that making a list of the attributes you want in a life partner and putting that list in your wallet will make that person come to you is stupid. That author seems to agree with me on this, but she makes a list anyway. By the end, she hadn't found her person, but she feels a little better about the universe.

Mary says

When it comes to love, can you really get what you wish for? I enjoyed the author's exploration of this popular theory. I both listened and read which is what I recommend to others because of the author's pleasant narration as well as the illustrations included in the text by artist Geoff McFetridge.

Audra says

Good Read

Cute but very interesting. I wasn't sure how I would like this book but I have a huge interest in Psychology based studies. By the middle of this book I wanted to make my own list! I "loved" the end where the author thought maybe the Universe was speaking to her with the themed hats and shirts. Definitely worth the time it takes to read.

MarytheBookLover says

My Opinion:

This was a kindle in motion free audiobook from Audible. I enjoyed this relationship superstition. The author describes how writing a list of the person you want to be with, will come true. She talks of others that having written a list and of wondering if she should write a list. I enjoyed this tale. She goes through talking about people who have written the list and claim that it has worked for them and they have found love using this method.

I am not sure that this will work or not as I have never written a list. But this author searches for the answer of writing the list. She states that maybe it's your mind that can get you what you want not exactly writing a list alone. Maybe it's magic, maybe it's just because you can conjure it up? By writing it, it comes true. Listen to the book and find out for yourself if she has written a list.

I did enjoy the author narration of the book.

I enjoyed this short tale of maybe's. I thank the author and Audible for the book to enjoy!

I give this book 3.5 of 5 stars!

Bookphile says

Decent little read. Some parts of it made me laugh, even though I admit I roll my eyes at the very idea that writing a list will somehow result in some cosmic force bringing you and your true love together. Still, this was an interesting little foray into how much some people buy into the idea of the power of positive thinking. My favorite part was her interjection of cultural differences, when she talked to her parents about Taiwanese traditions. I would have liked to read more about that.

Otis Chandler says

Fun short read. I would believe in making The List but only if it were things that were first principles.

Tara Brown says

Audiobook and Kindle in Motion!

The List by Jade Chang is the first piece in The Real Thing Collection. Each book is short enough to read in one sitting. I listened to the audiobook on Audible, and it was about 50 minutes long. The plot description tells you exactly what this story is about so I won't bore you with my own extra details. :-) I randomly came across this series on Amazon as I was aimlessly browsing. It sounded good to me, and because it was also available on Audible, I grabbed it. I sometimes enjoy listening to shorter books and stories in between the longer ones, and this one fit the bill perfectly. If liked it, I could easily move my way through the collection, as they are all fairly short. Each story is written and narrated by a different author and can be read in any order.

I really wanted to love The List, but, truthfully, I wasn't overly impressed. To me, the story was just kind of "blah," and the narration wasn't bad, but it wasn't super good, either. Basically, it just gave me something to listen to while I did some organizing.

My original plan was to give the audiobook a rating of 3-3.5 stars, but after reading some of the reviews on Amazon in regards to the Kindle version, I decided to give that a try, as maybe I misjudged it. It is a Kindle in Motion book, which means you are able to view animated illustrations and videos on some of the pages as you read. You also have the option to turn them off, making the format the same as other books in your Kindle library. I thought the Kindle in Motion features added to my overall reading experience, so I bumped my rating up a star. For those who are going to get this book, I recommend you give this version a try.

Because each of the pieces in this collection are short, I'm going to give the next one a try. I like being able

to sample writing from various authors because I might find a new favorite!

Thank you for reading my review. I hope it was helpful. :-)

Christina says

Yaaaaassssss

Nailed it. I'm a sucker for some magical intervention but Wang successfully breaks down these concepts in practical ways I can completely understand. We're going to be alright. Yes we are!

Paola Quiros says

Interesting approach to those "lists" we all make up on our minds, worth reading!

Charles says

This is one of several freebies I got from Amazon. They're all short and so far pretty solid reads.

The List talks about the concept of writing a list of desirable traits you want in a partner and then waiting for the universe to deliver said partner. The idea of the list goes deeper than love and I had heard of this concept in relation to personal development and seeking a dream job.

It's short and well written. Well worth checking out.
