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Bill and Giuliana Rancic are now the hosts of NBC's *Ready for Love*, a new relationship show featuring three of America's most eligible guys searching for their soul mates.

Five million viewers tuned in to The Style Network for Giuliana DePandi and Bill Rancic's fairy tale wedding in Italy, as the passions, tears, and champagne flowed. But what happened once the honeymoon was over? After all, she's been stationed in Los Angeles as one of E! Entertainment's most popular personalities, and he's kept his home in Chicago, where this handsome winner of *The Apprentice* has been busy running an empire of his own. How, we've wondered, is this marriage *really* working out?

With all the funny, frank, and characteristically down-to-earth personality that fans of their hit reality show, *Giuliana & Bill*, have come to adore, this glamorous couple takes you behind the scenes of their real-life marriage. Like all newlyweds, they've faced the *big* issues that wedlock manages to invite, including money (to merge or not?), household chores (she's disorganized, he's a neat freak), arguments (without staying mad), and trying to have a baby (it's not as easy as they thought!). Sharing their newfound and sometimes hard-won insights, they offer suggestions on such topics as communication, giving and receiving support, trust and jealousy, quality time, friends and in-laws, fighting fair, and sex and romance.

A must-read for newly married couples, or those about to take the plunge, or anyone who wants to know the secrets of everlasting love, *I Do, Now What?* is an upbeat real-world resource for the most ambitious journey of a couple's life: marriage!

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Sue Owen says

CHECK PAPER MUSTANG (www.papermustang.com) REVIEW SITE FOR GIVE AWAY OF THIS BOOK UNTIL NOV. 4TH

This story is written deep in the heart of science fiction. From the beginning, it's easy to tell this is going to be a life-changing story and certainly is for the very believable Andy McDougal. Try as you might, even if you don't like sci-fi that much you will be drawn into Andy's story.

Whether you feel sorry for him or want him to fail, it doesn't matter. The author leaves that up to you and just strings you along to find out what in the world is happening.

The question of what is under the bed that Andy struggles with during parts of the book is one that every kid wonders. If the lights go out is there something that comes alive under the bed or in the closet? Why is it that we are unable to not think things are different in the dark?

Richardson spins a wonderful tale full of heroes, villains, and mystery in this book and I believe it will end up being a classic. It's a great 'read to me' story, too, as long as your children are not too prone to night mares. I loved this book and the way it wove in and out of reality and fantasy and kept me interested throughout. I believe the age group chosen will be delighted with this book and consider it a must read.

Stephanie says

I became helplessly addicted to the reality show "Guiliana & Bill" while out on medical leave from teaching because of the love and friendship shared between these two people. I even cried along with Guiliana as they faced infertility issues. (I am a softie and I just hate to see people hurt!) When their book came out I knew I would be reading it, and I must say for what it is, it is a five star read for me. Most people that know me know this isn't my usual genre, but I think the thoughts about marriage and being newlyweds presented by the Rancics are sincere and provide good food for thought. The little anecdotes made me smile, and I really couldn't get enough of the words of wisdom passed on to Bill from his deceased father.

As a newlywed myself (three years this July!) I appreciate and see the value in learning how to constantly assess and improve my marriage with my husband. We are a team, and I see that in the Rancics. Unlike many books on the subject of marriage and starting a life together, this book wasn't full of itself or preachy.

Beyond that, we just can't relate to some of the issues the Rancics have. Juggling two homes, making huge purchases, and jetting off at a moment's notice is not part of our life and never will be. (Remember, I teach high school.) I don't have much sympathy for the L.A. mentality when so many are struggling - when good, hard-working people are struggling. Sometimes anecdotes that reflected this irritated me, but I went with it.

All in all, it's an interesting look at a marriage that provides a platform for discussion with a partner. I still

love the Rancics and I hope they get their big family.

Kirstin says

I know some of the criticism this book received was that these two have not been married long enough to write a book on marriage, but obviously its not going to be the older couples who have been married for 30+ years that are interested in this book. I thought it was a good book for a young couple, maybe not the most profound book on marriage, but they had some good tips.

I think my favorite parts of the book were hearing the inside scoop on their private life- like Giuliana's dating past. I didn't really know who she was linked to in the past, and she doesn't name names in the book, but I figured it out and its a pretty interesting story between her and her ex Jerry O'Connel.

If you don't like these two on their reality show or her on E! News, then you won't like the book because its written exactly the way they talk, which is why I liked the book as much as I did. I got a little bored around the chapter with their fertility issues, but maybe it'll be helpful for other couples having those same issues. They seem like a good couple for the most part, but you always have to wonder about those in Hollywood, so I really hope they survive! I will be crushed if they don't!!

Heather Mathers says

I picked up this book because I LOVE Giuliana & Bill! Very cute personal anecdotes about marriage and relationships in general.

Jessica says

Can you say over-compensating? We get it. They're in love. But truly secure couples don't need to advertise.

Speaking of security...why do they feel the need to share text messages and email passwords with one another and actually use them "when we're bored"? I'm sorry, but you can have a wonderful marriage and still be an individual person with individual interests and opinions.

In terms of the financial advice, they offer a lot of common sense tidbits, as well as a lot of hot air that would be better provided by a PF blog or two. Not to mention the fact that we're being advised not to fight about money by two high-powered professionals who probably don't really have anything to worry about.

Kind of like how we're being advised about how to decide who does which chores by people who have a cleaning lady.

Another thing that bugged me is how Bill seemed to keep implying that every problem they'd had was because of Giuliana. She's the messy one who needed to change. She's the shopper who needed to curb her spending. She's the fiery Italian who needs to learn not to interrupt and to control her temper. She lied about her age when they first started dating. Jeez, nobody is perfect but the book didn't seem very fair to her.

The end of the book offered some ok advice about how to behave maturely during disagreements, but I'm not sure I needed to hear it from these people.

Charlotte Gross says

I have to say, I felt this book was fantastic. Yes, it was super specific to their lives and their marriage but I enjoyed it and I might not agree with everything they said but it was well written and I'd recommend it.

Kim says

I just love Giuliana and Bill, so I don't know if I can be impartial.

I've wanted to read this book for some time. I really enjoyed the look at another couple's marriage and what works and doesn't work for them. Though a lot of it is common sense, it did give me a few ideas of things that I could incorporate in my marriage to help keep it strong for years and years to come. I liked the "inside" look at their marriage. It's nice to read about a couple so dedicated to their marriage... especially in Hollywood.

Lara says

Ok, I'll admit it. I like the Rancic's. Sure, they are celebrity jet-setters with seemingly everything that anyone could want. Fame, fortune, clothes lines, their own shows, houses in L.A. & Chicago. But, from what I see, they really do have a close, happy marriage with advice for every married couple, no matter how long or little time you have been married. They offer advice that is relevant in all relationships. Life is short, have fun and enjoy those around you. There are much bigger issues to deal with, why not have fun with your spouse while you can? Though their advice has probably been offered by many before them, they offer it in a funny, personal style that strikes home for the couples of today. They are great reminders of how to treat each other amidst the day-to-day grind. The resounding theme is really, do you want to have fun and enjoy each other or squabble over minute issues that are meaningless? They choose to have fun, as I think we all should.

This is a quick, easy read with funny stories that I think most will be able to relate to. Bottom line from the Rancic's is, why shouldn't the person you vowed to spend the rest of your life with be your best friend and one that you enjoy being with more than anyone? Isn't that the point of marriage really? Be happy, have fun and treat them the way you want to be treated and, most of all, communicate!

Leah says

I went back and forth between "it was okay" and "I liked it". I actually really like Giuliana- I watch her on E!News and on her show Giuliana and Bill. But even so- I didn't love the book. Even though the couple has been through some challenges (e.g., infertility), they have only been together for 4 years and married for 3. Therefore, it is a bit hard to believe that they have already figured out all the secrets to a long happy marriage and we should all listen.

It also felt a little "preachy". They spoke a lot about their "check-in" times and how they always respect each other and never say anything to hurt their partners, etc etc. That's great! But in real life people are flawed and we get frustrated and have long days at work and unfairly yell at our partners occasionally about their socks on the floor. So that felt a little unrealistic.

They have some fun anecdotes about their relationship that are interesting, especially if you have been following them on their shows...so you'd probably enjoy it if you genuinely like them.

Amber says

I really liked it, I really like them in general. Although they have some super good advice on marriage, it is apparent in certain areas when dispensing advice that 1)they do not have to worry about a budget and can spend money more than the average bear can and 2)they don't have kids! It is a lot harder to be whimsical and spontaneous when you have to worry about what you are spending on a date and arranging for children to be cared for. I do love these two so I won't hate, I'm just saying.

Cathy says

I marked it as "did not want to finish" not because it isn't good, but because it doesn't really apply to me as a permanent singleton and because I really have to get it back to the library. I read about half and skimmed the rest.

The book is frequently cute, generally thoughtful, but kind of preachy. It's as much a product of Bill's motivational speaker career as an autobiography - too self-help book for me, but many people will like that aspect. They set it up so that each chapter has a theme, and they explain their theory of how that theme helps create a stronger marriage through stories from their relationship. They aren't shy about telling tales that make each one look bad, which I appreciate in a book that is supposed to help people and not just be entertaining; it makes them more relatable than if they seemed perfect all of the time. Bill frequently comes off as pretty rigid (and preachy) but I think this is partly because he's so entrenched in his motivational career; he seems to feel like every story had to tell a lesson or make a point, and it doesn't always come off well on the page where we can't see his shy grin or self-deprecating shrug. He also seems extremely loving and devoted, and very thoughtful as well of both his wife and his family. Giuliana admits to occasional flightiness in the past and some Hollywood shallowness, but generally she was more relatable to me. She also comes across as very loyal and loving. Overall they're the same very cute and genuinely caring couple from their TV show. She seems to have gained more maturity from their relationship and marriage than he seems to have relaxed, but this is, of course, only one representation of their life. Where the TV show is more light with a great deal of heart, this is more serious with a lot of levity. The book would make a great gift for couples or single people with hopes of being part of a successful couple some day.

Katie says

This book was given to me as a wedding gift, and I knew nothing about Giuliana or Bill going in. With that said, it was painful. I honestly stopped about 20 pages in to look them up online to find out if they are still together because I couldn't imagine them lasting more than six months based on what I had read. Giuliana

boasts about her little white lies all throughout the book, and let's be honest...a lie is a lie. She thinks it's funny to waste Bill's money, and she insults his intelligence left and right. She can't even be bothered to learn what he likes or wants so she can give him thoughtful gifts. She basically just admits she doesn't care and he'll get what he gets. Her personality was just such a turnoff for me. There was no way I could find any part of their marriage to be relatable to my own, I'm happy to say. If you're into their show or their dynamic already, you may enjoy this. I just could not move past what a stuck up brat she was. I don't understand why anyone would tolerate this behavior from their spouse, but I guess there really is a match for everyone out there.

Rebecca says

Marriage advice and stories from the stars of the reality show, Guiliana & Bill. I enjoyed the stories and banter between the two of them -- as it reads exactly like an episode from their show -- but the marriage advice was anything but rocket science. This could be because I've been married for almost 17 years while they'd been married only 3 when they wrote this book.

"If the grass looks greener on the other side, it's because they take care of it." - Cecil Selig

"Marriage is the one choice that will impact every decision you'll make for the rest of your life." - Bill Rancic

"Once you go down ... a path of disrespect, it's hard to know the difference between what's acceptable and what's not because you become a little more permissive with your words each time you violate your commitment." - Bill Rancic

"Women prefer to give and receive emotional support. Men like to give and receive suggestions about how to fix a problem." - Guiliana Rancic

"That's what life is about: knowing you're loved and knowing someone carved time out of their busy day to make your day better. I try to demonstrate this to Guiliana as often as I can." - Bill Rancic

Aimeekay says

No, this is not an adult book, yet it's not a little kid book either. I'd say geared more towards middle school/junior high age children, maybe even as low as 4th or 5th grade in interest level. But some parts may be a bit too scary/creepy for the younger ones. (Yes, I regularly read kids books. I figured out early on it is a great way to see what my kids are reading and what is influencing them.)

As the title says this book is a the beginning of a series, and a very good beginning at that. Andy McDougal has lots of mysteries in his life. What happened to his classmate Donnie who disappeared? What's his Gramma hiding in the chest in the attic? More importantly will he be able to avoid being killed by the school bully Hugh Dinkley, or at least hold him off long enough, so he can finish reading *Crypt of the Chimera*? Andy is an average middle-schooler. He loves to draw and he loves to read Ian Warwick's books, despite his father's disapproval of these hobbies. Andy is even able to combined them when the publisher of *The Crypt*

of the Chimera offers a contest for young artists to illustrate the next copy of the book to be printed. But Donnie could draw too, and he disappeared. Plus ever since he began reading the new book strange similarities between it and his daily life keep occurring. The biggest of these is the chest in Warwick's book that is identical to the one in his grandmother's attic.

I liked this book, it was entertaining, and I am looking forward to the next book in the series. This is the first book, and it is a mystery, so there were quite a few unanswered questions at the end, but I think it was a strong start. I also think it is a great read if you are looking for a book to help encourage a younger reader, especially one who isn't too into puppies or kittens. Or one who might not be interested in some of the more serious middle school classics. As I said before it's not for very young kids, people go missing and get turned inside out, so please keep that in mind if you have a young person in mind to give it to for some summer reading. It also comes in paper-back so if you don't feel like handing over your e-reader you don't have to. (I personally am already planning to order it for a few children I know.) Even if you think it is a bit out of your age bracket still, I encourage you to read it too. Compared to some of the other things I've read lately it was a nice change of pace, but still kept me interested in seeing where the story was going and how it was going to turn out.

Jake says

I have to say I didn't have super high expectations but this book really surprised me. It was fun to read and had a lot of common sense advice and tips that I think are helpful.
