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Brittany says

The chapters in the book are written by different authors. I liked some chapters better than others.

***** I would give 4-5 stars to my top three favorite chapters:

- 5) Keeping Marital Love Alive
- 6) Ministering in Marriage
- 9) Resolving Marital Differences

There are some gems found throughout the book. I had fun highlighting and putting stars next to the things that were most applicable to me. The book inspired me to be a better spouse. I plan on sharing the things that stood out to me the most with my husband so that we can continue strengthening our marriage together.

Jessica says

This book is by far one of my favorites. I recommend it to anyone who is married, has been married, wants to get married, or knows anyone that is married (so yea..that should cover everyone!) This book clearly defines the difference between just being married and living a COVENANT marriage. I absolutely loved it and should probably read it once a year to remember what marriage is about.

Heather says

Great for anyone to read who wants to "freshen-up" their eternal marriage (that we so often take for granted...right ladies??). This book actually has a great section on marital intimacy that was a real eye-opener with great information. I thought it was over-all a great book.

Kellen Madsen says

Gives a fantastic perspective developed from a lot of experience from the contributors. From their years of working in the field of counseling and their mesh with the gospel they give powerful suggestions on how to have a happier marriage. This book however wouldn't only benefit members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, but every marriage. It really will benefit any relationship because it forces you into your spouses shoes and that is eye opening throughout the book.

Christina says

Things got busy and I'm returning this one only 2/3rds read, but I have to say of all the marriage books I've

read in the last few years, this is one of the best, though not every chapter, coming from different authors, is fabulous.

Laura says

The beginning chapters make the book seem like it was telling you things you already knew... however, towards the end, there were wonderful concepts I hadn't thought of before. It was well worth it to read all of it, and it is great to make sure that things are still in check (or hopefully really helpful to others who may need more help).

Tanis says

Erich and I read this book together when we were newlyweds. Recently, I had a very strong feeling that I should read it again, and I'm so glad I did. It was so refreshing to read and to know that Heavenly Father cares about my marriage and the success of our family. I would say that I have a fantastic relationship with my husband, but there is always room for improvement. Reading this book helped me to see that I can make changes for the better in my marriage, but they have to come from within me. It's about taking every teaching of the gospel and applying it to marriage, and it's about taking my *many* imperfections to the Lord and humbly asking for forgiveness. I do try to do better each day - it was so nice to remember why it is important to try so hard. That the plan of salvation is about families being together forever, and families start with a husband and wife. Amazing book!!!

Hilary Roberts says

Wow, I really liked this book! The chapters are written by different people and are on different aspects of marriage. Some chapters were better and more applicable to me than others. The chapters that spoke to me, however, REALLY spoke to me! There was so much good advice and nuggets of information. I'll just share one thing here: I always knew that marriage was a three-way relationship between husband, wife, and God; but I'd never thought of it in terms of actual covenants. In civil weddings, the husband and wife write vows to say to each other as a covenant to each other. In a temple marriage, however, the husband and wife each make covenants with Heavenly Father. Just one of those things that I know but that I'd never really thought about in those terms before. Great book to help you feel closer to your spouse (and to know how to feel closer)!

Tiana says

While there was some really good stuff in here, I felt like the title was misleading. "Practical advice"--not so much. Lots of good theoretical and doctrinal stuff that was interesting, but I was hoping for more day-to-day tips.

Melissa says

"We all have feelings, someone makes us sad, mad, embarrassed, but how we choose to react to those feelings, our emotions, is what can create a good or bad situation."

This book helped me analyze myself in how I react to life and the people in it. I was really sceptical at first, but it was the type of "counseling" I needed in my life right now in not only dealing with how to make myself better in my marriage, but in understanding other situations with family around me.

Michelle says

I love to read books, articles, and essays that will improve upon what I consider is an already successful marriage. I know there is always room for improvement in everything. I minored in Marriage and Family Studies in college and have considered becoming a Marriage and Family Therapist so I love books in this category.

Rochelle says

I really am enjoying this book. This has wonderful insights on having a successful Marriage. It's helping me and my spouse become better and realize some of the selfish detrimental things we are doing to each other.

Kristin says

I am so loving this book. I think anyone who has been married for one year or more should read this book. I'm really understanding so much more about the doctrine of eternal marriage and the importance of it. It is a compilation on marriage from several different excellent authors, so you can kind of select what topic you want to study about. It talks about how to stay strong in the relationship even with many differences that come along in marriage. I've learned many things that one would have thought I'd have picked up long ago, but things that I can do to help strengthen the marriage relationship even more.

Angee says

There were parts of this book I loved; chapters that I felt spoke just to me. Then, there were other parts that had no application so I found the chapters boring. I will admit that the authors are very knowledgeable though, which made for some interesting info. It was a good book overall and one I would recommend to any married couple.

Em says

This is another one I'm slightly biased on, because I helped with the editing and research on some of it before it went to publication. If you're looking for great psychologists advice on marriage coupled with intelligent christian advice this is a great book!
