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Rebecca Eckler shows women everywhere that while they're busy offering not-so-casual advice and reprimands to the men in their life, they've lost sight of an important fact: they're not dating a boyfriend, they're raising a boyfriend.

He wandered away from the checkout, leaving her to cope with an overflowing shopping car. He dashed in front of her to cross a busy intersection without so much as a backwards glance. He forgot — forgot! — to meet her at the airport after a trip. And then an inescapable truth settled in: Rebecca Eckler already had a six-year-old daughter, so what was she doing with a boyfriend who was even worse behaved? There were only two options. Dump the sucker and concentrate on raising her child. Or raise her boyfriend, too.

From making introductions, to offering compliments, to saying you're sorry, boyfriends need to be raised with the same lessons we use on our kids. As Rebecca writes, "If I can raise a child — a smart, kind and polite one — surely I can raise a boyfriend, too."

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Renee says

This book was a good light read. It was great to know that other women feel and go through the same things with their boyfriends/husbands. There were examples given in the book that seem unbelievable, but makes you think, if there's a guy out there that really do/say those things, my man might not be that bad! :)

Overall, a fun and easy-to-pick-up kind of book. But i wouldn't recommend it to someone that is looking to 'cure' their relationship.

Jodelene says

Thought this was an awesome book! Highly recommended for Women and Men!

Louise says

Total nonsense. A book on dog training would work better....

BookCupid says

Does your man cancel last minute plans? Says you are acting too clingy? Farts in front of you or refuses to do housework? If you said yes to any of these questions, it's time for a relationship makeover.

Ecckler provides 45 lessons, all including men behaving badly stories (like a guy who left his girlfriend at the supermarket with a cart filled with his food because he was bored), then proceeds to give us a male therapist opinion, her exes' opinion, her crushes opinion, her bikini esthetician's opinion, and finally combines all the information into tactics that a woman should use to remedy the situation.

Although some things, like last minute cancellations or getting stuck at a restaurant alone because he fell asleep warrant more of a dispute than "hey, let me teach you how to respect me" lessons, many other are superfluous. This book needs to be taken with a grain of salt. There is no such thing as the perfect man and applying several of these:

- Play the "If the tables were turned" game next time and then ask him how it feels.
- Over the top say "Oh, it's good to see you too" with a big smile.
- Tell him you have low self-esteem and need to hear I love you.

Won't change him. He might do it once, but eventually he'll just go back to the same pattern as before. Unless you establish some grounds rules the first time he disrespects you, I'm afraid these tactics won't do

anything more than make you look controlling.

Jennifer Rayment says

The Good Stuff

- * Extremely funny at times
- * Self deprecating author, which regular readers of this blog will know I love
- * Before requesting the book for review I had read tons of negative reviews on this book and I think a lot of people missed the point about this -- humour -- If you don't have one -- get one!
- * Very wise commentary on the fact that we should stop complaining about some of our men's less than stellar qualities and do something about them (and vice versa -- us girls also have our own faults to look at) And also that we shouldn't settle with bad behaviour
- * The obvious love for her daughter. BTW, Rebecca I got a polite and well trained 9 yr old boy for your daughter. I also have a charming 2.5 yr old boy, but he is too much of a tramp like his daddy was and will not be good marriage material until at least 35.
- * Love the advise from "Freud", the man has some very wise advise and some very valid points
- * The Winnie the Pooh quotes are cute
- * Like the clever tactics on Page 80 for shopping with a man
- * Chapter 24 -- also my pet peeve -- but not just men - always look behind you before you let the door close -- just hold it open. It only takes a freakin second!!!!
- * Loved the part about her snoring brother -- I have felt like smothering my man when he snores too

The Not so Good Stuff

- * A little mean spirited at times -- but hey it sounds like many of them deserve it
- * I know its a small thing, but I really got irritated by the constant mention of "She does my Brazilian Bikini waxes. She knows, Hears, and Sees it All". All you have to do is mention that once and then in every other chapter just write "Wise Words from Helena". I'm a women, I got it the first time LOL!
- * I have a bad feeling this one is going to get slammed a lot --but guys come on it's funny -- she is not man bashing

Favorite Quotes/Passages

"Okay, I'll admit I was 5 percent asking because I can be a royal nag and jealous bitch. But 95 percent of me was asking because I was genuinely interested in what he got up to."

"Actually, I have pretty good relationships with my exes, in the sense that because I'm no longer with them, they don't annoy me so much.)

"And I'm her role model. I just know by the time she starts dating, the man in my life will be consistently achieving at or above the expected level. I expect no less for me, and certainly no less for my daughter."

What I Learned

- * I've got a pretty good hubby, although he definitely could use some remedial courses. I guess I am a pretty lucky women
- * That as a women I take the compromising thing a little too far
- * Wow I am far too passive aggressive

Who should/shouldn't read

- * I don't think I am going out on a limb when I say, most men will not enjoy this
- * Unfortunately, I don't think this book will be for everybody. I can see quite a bit of negative press from those who don't get her sense of humour or some of her very valid points.

3.75 Dewey's

I received this from Random House in exchange for an honest review. BTW, I have read tons of stuff from Rebecca. She is tremendously funny - I recommend that you pick up Wiped by her

Liisa says

I read this book in the mistaken belief it would be funny, instead it was silly and gave a lot of rather useless and cliched advice, not recommended!

Tiana says

Pointless, fluffy, silly and awesomely full of men who behave worse than my ex.

Reading this was like eating a box of chocolates - fun and tasty in the beginning, but you end up feeling sick by the middle and have a hard time finishing it.

Suzanne says

Read and reviewed for Quill & Quire, April 2011 issue.

Carmen says

Such a funny book! A quick read, but Eckler does share insights from both men and women and why there is a disconnect in the things we do.

PrairieReader says

While not a Rebecca Eckler fan, I found this book to be pretty entertaining and certainly easy to read (like, three days easy to read!). I could see myself in some of her behavior and the love of my life in some of her boyfriends' behavior, but she honestly came across as a bit of an unlikeable character. When I read the LOML some of it, his only comment was, "Surely she must be single."

Jennifer says

I really wanted to like this book, but it was just annoying. I had to skip over most of her sections. I only liked the advice from the dr. I also skipped a few chapters because those things just don't bug me! I wouldn't waste your time reading this...

Eve says

Piece of fluff. Taken in the right way, it can be funny at times and I do appreciate some of her humor. Would never read it again, wouldn't pay money for it, etc. but it was kind of fun reading about all the ridiculous things her boyfriends have done/said.
