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Author of the bestseller *More than the Tattooed Mormon*, Al Carraway and her husband, Ben, remind you that marriage isn't supposed to be "serious and hard." A successful marriage is one that you build as a team--emphasizing constant communication, working through hard times together, and (above all) remembering to put God first. Written for singles, newlyweds, and marriage veterans, *Cheers to Eternity* will help you bring new insights into your relationships, keep life in perspective, and make the rest of your life here and in eternity exciting, amazing and meaningful.

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Lauren says

Before this book I hadn't read much written by Al Fox Carraway, nor have I ever heard her speak. This book will be more meaningful to someone who already knows and follows her, but for me I had to get used to her style of writing/speaking. There were several small pieces of advice and scripture references that I could appreciate, and just reading this made me more mindful of improving my relationship with my husband, but I do feel that this book will be more beneficial to a newlywed, or an unmarried person.

If you're looking for a quick, light read with insights into another young couple's marriage (and you already are a fan of Al) go ahead, read, and enjoy. But don't expect "therapy" or anything backed by extensive research.

Ashley says

Once again, Al's upbeat and optimistic personality shines throughout the book. Her and her husband share very simple but powerful insights into what a successful marriage requires and entails. Similar to her first book, I found the writing style to be a bit unpolished and repetitive. But it was enjoyable and I feel like I walked away with several solid takeaways.

Brett Hinton says

This is a quick engaging read. I love the conversational nature of the book and Al and Ben share many interesting anecdotes to illustrate the principles they are trying to communicate. I loved the emphasis they shared on the temple, but each section of the book was helpful and a great reminder about not taking for granted the little (and big) things that when done frequently help make a marriage great.

Cathy says

This book is so much fun! It's not often that you read a non-fiction book and can't keep yourself from smiling, but this is that kind of book!

I love the way it's written. The first section is just a conversation between the two authors, husband and wife Ben and Al. And they are hilarious! They talk about pretty much everything from their backgrounds to how they met to how they get over their arguments. I love how they are just so honest and open about everything. Even if it's a topic that embarrasses them, they still talk about it in an open way.

After their conversations, they talk about specific topics in each of the following chapters. I loved each of the chapters and learned a lot. Here's the chapter titles: It's Not About You;

Communication; Always Have Time for Love; God's Will; Do Hard Things Together; God First, Bro; and Not Taking Things So Seriously.

I loved that I personally learned things from each and every chapter. I loved that they included not only their personal stories and ways they learned each of the lessons they learned, but they also use personal stories from other couples and they are discreet and tasteful about it.

This book is not a very long one, it is really an enjoyable read. I'm pretty sure it took me under an hour to read the whole thing, but it really resonated with me. I know I'm thinking of ways that I can take the lessons that Al and Ben have learned and apply them in my own life and marriage.

Thanks to Al and Ben for opening up their lives and allowing us a peek inside! Check this one out, you'll love it as much as I did! And I just had to include the pictures they sent me of themselves, because aren't they just adorable!

Rachel Hansen says

Hope

I am a YSA of divorced parents. This book gave me hope for a happy marriage. Having been old enough to understand my parents divorce, it has been hard for me to believe that it was possible for me to have a strong happy marriage, Ben and Al were honest, positive, and hopeful about their marriage and all marriages. I loved it! So so single, dating or married people should definitely read this book!

Ashley says

This was a really cute book. It's fun to see how other people see the importance of marriage, God and learning together. I don't know much about Ben, so it was cool to get to know him a little at the beginning of the book.

They share the same love I have for the Temple so the last chapter of the book was my very favorite. Cute and fun read!

Amy says

I've got to say that this book has something for everyone. Even though I am not married, nor seriously dating someone I found this book very insightful. It had plenty of great advice for marriage and most importantly things to consider before marriage. I also found the lesson on communication to be able to be applied to any type of relationship. Loved this book, I'd read anything that Al or Ben wrote.

Valerie says

This book was a good reminder to put God and my husband first. It is easy to slip into the routine of taking care of kids and just going through the little things in life. But it is a good reminder of priorities. I was a smidge annoyed when they acted like the "perfect" couple. They had been married only 4 years and wrote like they had it all figured out. It wasn't a big thing but it just bugged me a bit. But really, it was good advice and reminders!

Kevin says

I think it's great that the Carraways have such a strong marriage (I bet when they talk on the phone they have one of those cute arguments over who will hang up first) but, let's be honest, their marriage is just beginning and it seems kind of prententious for them to be giving marital advice at this stage of their marriage. Everything in the book is common sense and can be found in any book on building a stronger marriage.

IMO they should have waited 20 years (I pray they make it that long) and then their words might carry more wisdom and depth.

Nicky says

"It's life that should be hard, not marriage. It's marriage that should make the hard things in life easier because you have each other and because you have God."

Nashelie says

I really enjoyed this book I think they both did a wounderful job. I'm going to gift this book to my brother who is getting married and buying myself a copy aswell.

Sheridan Mullen says

LOVE this book! Al and Ben are hilarious but also so REAL! I started reading this into my third year of marriage and it has opened my eyes as well as comforted me in where my relationship is at. You don't have to be married or even in a relationship to read this, it is for anyone at any stage in their life! Definitely a book I will give as a gift to my friends though.

Brooklyn says

Not really any "new" info on improving your marriage, but it was a sweet easy read. Al was married just a few days after my husband and I were so it was fun to hear them talk about their marriage and I felt like we

have experienced similar things. An uplifting book that encouraged me to improve my marriage.

iLa says

Before I read the book I read reviews that stated this book was only a good book for dating/engaged/early married couples.

While I can see where that is coming from and do agree this could be a great resource for those groups, I think there are great reminders in here for those that have been married longer as well. Out of the mouths of 'babes', right? The newness in their marriage, I feel, keeps their suggestions pure and simple. And we know that out of small and simple things, great things can be brought to pass!

They aren't professional marriage counselors, but they offer basic ideas that can strengthen a marriage no matter how long you've been together. It is obvious they have a genuine love for each other and for God.

Jessica says

I would not say Al Carraway is an amazing writer. But she is real and she's so passionate that you just about can't help but be touched by the things she shares. This book is just full of real, honest, deeply-heartfelt advice about having a meaningful relationship with your spouse. It's simple stuff really, but it's the simple things that both make a big difference and get forgotten. I'd say it would be a good book as a gift for newlyweds.
