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In the tradition of the #1 best-seller *SeinLanguage*, Bantam Books proudly presents the first book by Paul Reiser, television's sharpest, funniest observer of love, marriage and other mysteries of life. A veteran comic performer, Reiser is best-known as the co-creator and star of the highly-rated NBC comedy, "Mad About You", which *Time Magazine* called "The season's best new sitcom" in its 1992 debut.

Every Thursday night more than twenty million viewers watch as Paul Reiser reveals the most intimate and hilarious scenes of a marriage. Now for the first time, Reiser brings his trademark wit to the page in a book that will delight his eagerly-awaiting audience, and anyone else who has ever fallen in love--or tried not to. In *Couplehood*, a *New York Times* bestseller for more than 40 weeks, Reiser reflects on what it means to be half of a couple -- everything from the science of hand holding, to the technique of tag-team storytelling, to the politics of food and why it always seems to come down to chicken or fish.

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Mary says

I reread this over the weekend after running across it in a used bookstore recently. I just like Paul Reiser. There are no great insights, particularly, just his quirky brand of humor, but the thing that stands out for me, the thing that meant that I almost bought the book for the second time after all this time, is how straightforward it all is for him. How grateful he is and how lucky he feels to have met his wife and to have ended up with her. I think that's what I've been looking for all this time, is someone who said "really? You're picking me? Awesome." not because they're insecure or self deprecating but because they see something unique and wonderful in me. I like that spirit about Paul Reiser's humor--- yes, it's funny the things that make you fight or the tiny annoyances in the everyday, but the important thing in your relationship is that you still see that something amazing in your partner and think "how did I get this lucky."

Mia says

I read this book in TWO DAYS! I just honestly couldn't put it down. It was almost impossible! I loved every second of it. He keeps you on your toes laughing. I have NEVER laughed out loud at a book so many times. I'm pretty sure I laughed on every page. It is just a beautiful piece.

Jacob O'connor says

Very charming. Reiser is a favorite if only because his role in my favorite movie. I never got into his comedy. My loss.

This was written in 1994. I was curious if Reiser was still married. To my delight, he is! Easier than ever to admire him.

Cheryl says

A quick, funny read. No plot, but more like a bunch of stand-up routines strung together. I enjoy this type of humor, so I liked the book. Some laugh-out-loud moments, alot of chuckles, and a few that were only ok. Good for an enjoyable few hours of reading.

Theresa says

This is a fav of mine. The funny thing about it is all the true events. He "talks" to you in this book. If you watched Mad About You and know his voice. It seems to come out in the book. Some books i have read and end up tossing away eventually, but yet this one tickles my funnybone and I just can't part with it. It's a quick

fun read. Good for couples, newlyweds, and those of us who have been together for a lifetime.

Sarah says

Have you ever thought you'd like to go back to the early 1990s and hear Paul Reiser do edgeless stand-up, but you can't be bothered to invent a time machine or even, really, to get out of your sweatpants and go out at night? Pick this up at any library sale or used-book store (Literally. Any of them.) and snuggle up with it on your couch. "Oh, Paul Reiser. It's so true that men don't know how to fix things anymore. And how poignantly that anecdote has captured the mutual unintelligibility of the genders. I *also* think my spouse is charming but mysterious. Don't we all? Time for some ice cream. Or a nap."

Sandy says

I seem to have gone through a period of books that were meant to get me through certain "times", with some humor.

This one was a riot.
I absolutely LOVED Mad About You on TV and his humor comes through in his books too.

I particularly loved the way he reacted to a noisy child on an airplane ride and how it relates on when you read BABYHOOD- and he is now the father of a child on a plane.

Molly says

This book was in the bathroom of Eric's parents' house and I read it each night when I brushed my teeth, over the three weeks that I stayed with them. Ug. Paul Reiser is so unfunny and nineties. And then, when he did make me laugh, I felt very nineties, and sort of like I had a yuppie sense of humor. A terrible experience all around. I will say that it did sound very much like him--I even sort of heard his voice in my head while I read it--which I guess is an accomplishment of some sort. Hence, the two stars.

Indah Threex Lestari says

Tenang aja, meski tercatat buku ini berakhir pada halaman 348, tapi buku ini dimulai pada halaman **145!!!**

Jadi sebenarnya buku ini terdiri dari... halaman *males cari kalkulator*

Anyway, Paul Reiser cuma mau memotivasi orang yang tidak hobi baca, biar baru baca halaman pertama aja serasa udah berhasil baca setengah buku, hehehe...

Buku ini seperti kumpulan monolog *stand up comedian* yang menelanjangi kebiasaan2 buruk kita (dan

pasangan kita). Sangat universal, berlaku untuk semua ras dan gender, dan sangat menohok, hok, hok...

Heidi says

I remembered reading this as a somewhat newlywed couple and us finding it hilarious. However, 16 years later...not so much. It was him doing stand up in a book and I like stand up and I like Paul Reiser however, I barely chuckled a time or two in the entire book. Maybe that's what marriage and kids have done to me :) I just wonder if I'm past this phase in my life and can't remember that any of this is or ever was true at one time.

Leah says

GUFFAW-out-loud hilarious! A few times I couldn't catch my breath (might have been the asthma). Paul Reiser is a master at seeing the quirks in relationships..how things REALLY are...and seeing the funny in them. This is a very quick read (especially because the book starts out on page 145. "Don't be alarmed, this is not a mistake. Don't try to get your money back. You didn't miss anything. It's just that I know when I'm reading, I love being smack in the middle of the book. Pages behind me, pages ahead of me. It's too overwhelming to know there's so much left and you're only on page 8. This way, you can read the book for two minutes, and if anybody asks you how far along you are you can say, I'm on 151--and it's really flying. It just sails, baby!"")

Thu N says

He's pretty much a stand up comedian in a book. He talks about the ups and downs you get in a relationship, particularly marriage. Almost all the reviews said this book would be laugh out loud funny. Sure it was funny, but it didn't live up to the hype for me. He definitely has the kind of humor most stand up comedians have, where they have to embellish their story with obviously unbelievable points just for the sake of being funny. I find that kind of humor to be tiring and somewhat desperate. There's no real story to the book; it's just a series of mini stories--just like in stand up comedy. Which is fine, but it doesn't keep me coming back for more. I can drop the book whenever I want, and if I feel like a chuckle or two, I'll pick it up again. All in all, I did feel the need to analyze my own relationship in the end, and so I guess the book did have some impact on me.

Clauderocks says

I thought that this book was very funny. It had many anecdotes about marriage that seem to be universal, obviously Paul Reiser and I do not have parallel marriages, but his wit and comedy shine through the sometimes far-fetched jokes he tells.

Suggested for non-newlyweds not because they wouldn't get it, but I feel that the longer someone has been

married, the funnier they will find the book.

Bthideman says

This is one of my favorite books ever!! I have read this book 3 times which is rediculous but it is over a period of 12 or so years so I forget some parts and then when I read it I honestly laugh so hard, I cry. One time I read it on a plane going to Mexico and I had tears running down my face from laughing and the stewardess came to check if I was alright. You will relate to almost everything in this book if you are married or have children. This would also be a great book for a wedding gift.

Kelley says

Update Jan 2016: Time and experience since my last reading have made me appreciate this book as much as I did as a teenager. Funny observations about relationships with significant others and also friends and people in general.

Review from Nov 2011: I read this as a teenager and remembered enjoying it, so I decided read it again. It has some laugh-out-loud parts, which actually were not really related to being in a couple but just show the humor of Paul Reiser. Although the subject matter of couplehood is timeless, overall the material felt dated.
