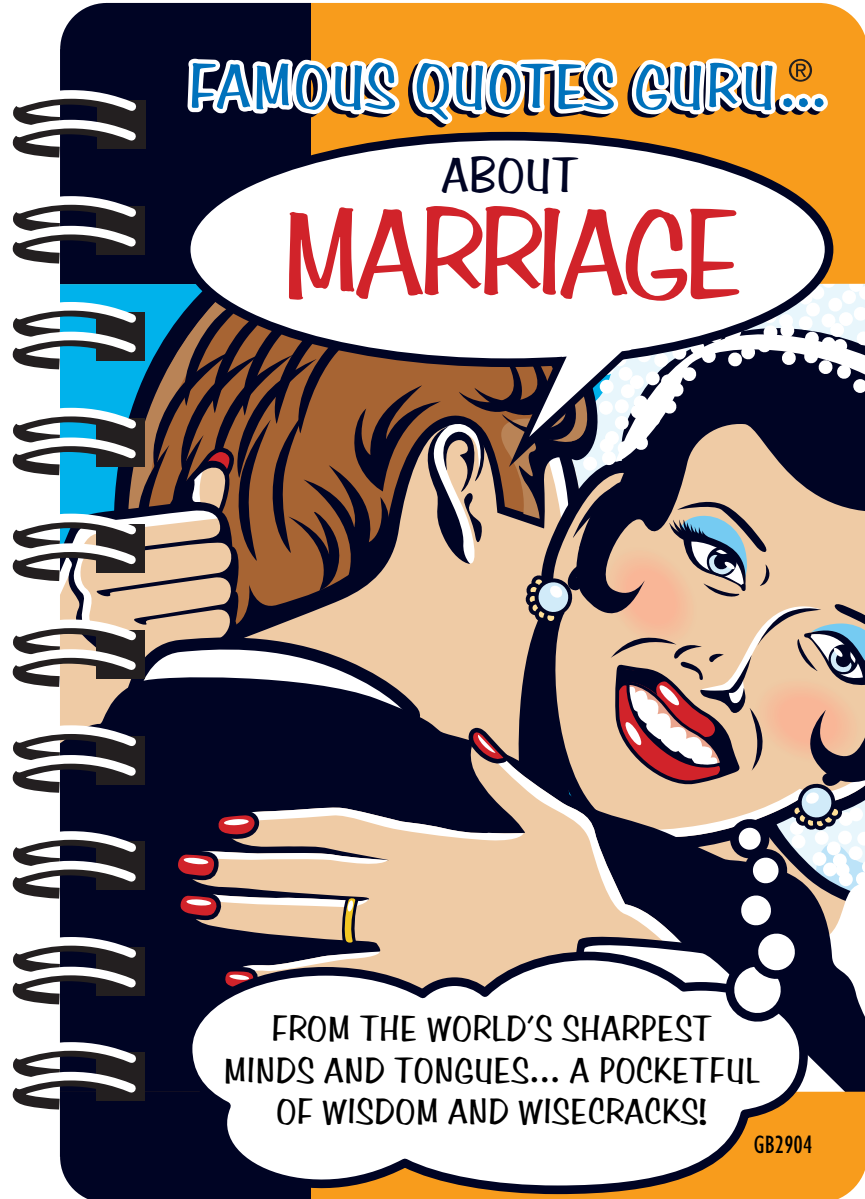




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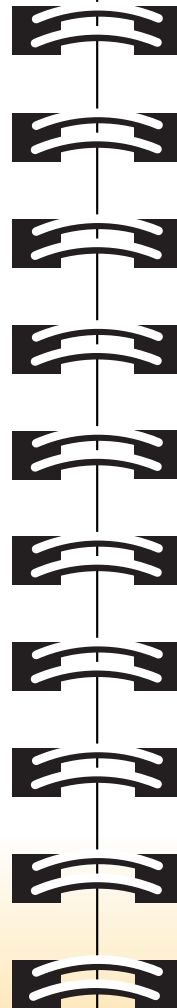
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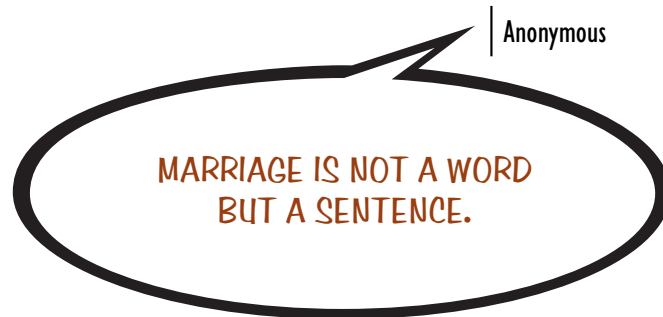
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When a match has equal partners, then I fear not.
Aeschylus (525-456 BC), Greek playwright

Love seems the swiftest, but it is the slowest of all growths. No man or woman really knows what perfect love is until they have been married a quarter of a century.
Mark Twain (1835-1910), US novelist



When a woman gets married it's like jumping into a hole in the ice in the middle of winter; you do it once, and you remember it the rest of your days.
Maxim Gorky (1868-1936), Russian writer

There is nothing nobler or more admirable than when two people who see eye to eye keep house as man and wife, confounding their enemies and delighting their friends.
Homer (9th century BC), Greek poet, *Odyssey*



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*You can bear your own faults,
and why not a fault in your wife?*

Benjamin Franklin (1706-1790) US statesman, inventor, scientist

*The sum which two married people owe to one
another defies calculation. It is an infinite debt,
which can only be discharged through all eternity.*

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832),
German poet, novelist, and playwright

*In matrimony, to hesitate
is sometimes to be saved.*

Samuel Butler (1612-1680), British poet and writer

NEVER GO TO BED MAD.
STAY UP AND FIGHT.

Phyllis Diller
(1917-1974)
US comedienne.

*Quarrels are the dowry which
married folk bring one another.*

Ovid (43 BC-AD 17), Roman poet

*Wedlock -- the deep, deep peace of the double bed
after the hurly-burly of the chaise-lounge.*

Mrs. Patrick Cambell (1865-1940), British actress



*Marrying a man is like buying something you've
been admiring for a long time in a shop window.*

*You may love it when you get it home,
but it doesn't always go
with everything else in the house.*

Jean Kerr (1923-), US writer and playwright

*The majority of husbands remind me of an
orangutang trying to play the violin.*

Honoré de Balzac (1799-1850), French novelist

*Nothing lovelier can be found in woman, than
to study household good,
and good works in her husband to promote.*

John Milton (1608-1674), British poet and prose writer
Paradise Lost (1667)

*If it were not for the presents,
an elopement would be preferable.*

George Ade (1866-1944), US writer and playwright

*Marriage isn't a tram.
It doesn't have to get anywhere.*

Iris Murdoch (1919-1999), Irish novelist

*A man who marries a woman to educate her
falls a victim to the same fallacy as the woman
who marries a man to reform him.*

Elbert Hubbard (1856-1915), US businessman and writer



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A man running after a bat is not half so ridiculous as a man running after a wife.

G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936), British journalist, writer, and poet

I'm an excellent housekeeper. Every time I get a divorce, I keep the house.

Zsa Zsa Gabor (1919-), Hungarian-born US actress

The man who discovers a woman's weakness is like the huntsman in the heat of the day who finds a cool spring. He wallows in it.

Jean Giraudoux (1882-1944), French playwright and writer

A light wife doth make a heavy husband.

William Shakespeare (1564-1616), English playwright and poet
The Merchant of Venice (1596)

The way to a man's heart is through his stomach.

Fanny Fern (1811-1872), US writer

Those marriages generally abound most with love and constancy that are preceded by a long courtship. The passion should strike root and gather strength before marriage be grafted on it.

Joseph Addison (1672-1719), British writer and poet

I married the first man I ever kissed. When I tell this to my children they just about throw up.

Barbara Bush (1925-), US first lady (1989-1993)



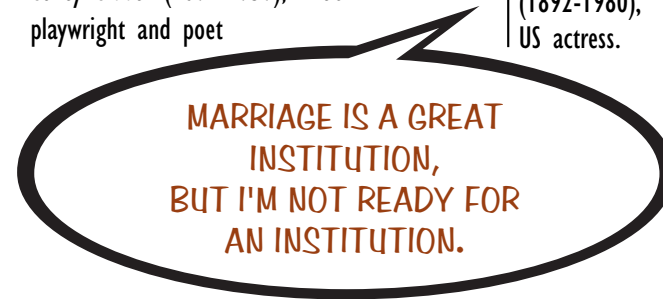
Garth, marriage is punishment for shoplifting in some countries!

Wayne Campbell (Mike Myers), *Wayne's World* (1992)

Oh! How many torments lie in the small circle of a wedding-ring!

Colley Cibber (1671-1757), British playwright and poet

Mae West (1892-1980), US actress.



MARRIAGE IS A GREAT INSTITUTION, BUT I'M NOT READY FOR AN INSTITUTION.

Marriage (noun): A master, a mistress and two slaves, making in all, two.

Ambrose Bierce (1842-1914), US journalist and writer
The Devil's Dictionary

Women become attached to men by the favors they grant them; men are cured by these same favors.

Jean de La Buryère (1645-1696), French writer

For every quarrel a man and wife have before others, they have a hundred when alone.

Edgar Watson Howe (1853-1937), US journalist and novelist



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Marriage indeed may qualify the fury of his passion, but it very rarely mends a man's manners.

William Congreve (1670-1729), British playwright

If the heart of a man is depressed with cares, the mist is dispelled when a woman appears.

John Gay (1685-1732), English poet and playwright

The Beggar's Opera (1728)

Charlotte Brontë
(1816-1855)
British novelist.
Jane Eyre

Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing.

Proverbs

READER,
I MARRIED HIM.

Women -- one half the human race at least -- care fifty times more for a marriage than a ministry.

Walter Bagehot (1826-1877), British economist and journalist

A good marriage is that in which each appoints the other guardian of his solitude.

Rainer Maria Rilke (1875-1926), German poet

Having once embarked on your marital voyage, it is impossible not to be aware that you make no way and that the sea is not within sight -- that, in fact, you are exploring an enclosed basin.

George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans, 1819-1880), British novelist

Marriage is three parts love and seven parts forgiveness of sins.

Langdon Mitchell (1862-1935), US playwright and poet

It is a truth universally acknowledged, that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife.

Jane Austen (1775-1817), British novelist
Pride and Prejudice (1813)

Marriage is the only adventure open to the cowardly.

Voltaire (François-Marie Arouet, 1694-1778)
French writer and philosopher

The woman who is known only through a man is known wrong.

Henry Adams (1838-1918), US historian and scholar

All tragedies are finished by a death, all comedies are ended by a marriage.

Lord Byron (1788-1824), British poet. *Don Juan* (1819-1824)



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It should be a very happy marriage -- they are both so much in love with him.
Irene Thomas (1920-), British writer and broadcaster

I should like to see any kind of a man, distinguishable from a gorilla, that some good and even pretty woman could not shape a husband out of.
Oliver Wendell Holmes (1809-1894), US physician and professor

It takes two to make a marriage a success and only one a failure.
Herbert (Louis) Samuel (1870-1963), British statesman and philosopher

Marriage is not a simple love affair, it's an ordeal, and the ordeal is the sacrifice of ego to a relationship in which two have become one.
Joseph Campbell (1904-1987), US writer

Marriage may often be a stormy lake, but celibacy is almost always a muddy horse-pond.
Thomas Love Peacock (1785-1866), British novelist

There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion or company than a good marriage.
Martin Luther (1483-1546), German founder of Protestant Reformation

A man's wife has more power over him than the state has.

Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), US poet and writer

Strange to say what delight we married people have to see these poor fools decoyed into our condition.

Samuel Pepys (1633-1703), British statesman and writer

Shelley Winters (1922-)
US actress.



Marriage is a feast where the grace is sometimes better than the dinner.

Charles Caleb Colton (1780-1832), British writer and clergyman

His designs were strictly honorable, as the phrase is; that is, to rob a lady of her fortune by way of marriage.

Henry Fielding (1707-1754), British novelist and playwright
The History of Tom Jones, A Foundling (1749)

Can two walk together, except they be agreed?
Bible, Book of Amos



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Bachelors should be heavily taxed. It is not fair that some men should be happier than others.

Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Irish poet, playwright, and novelist

An archeologist is the best husband a woman can have; the older she gets, the more interested he is in her.

Agatha Christie (1891-1976), British detective-story writer

A husband is a man who two minutes after

Marcel Achard (1899-1974) *his head touches the pillow is snoring like an over-loaded omnibus.*

French playwright. Ogden Nash (1902-1971), US writer

WOMEN LIKE SILENT MEN.
THEY THINK THEY'RE LISTENING.

The best way to get husbands to do something is to suggest that perhaps they are too old to do it.

Shirley MacLaine (1934-), US actress and writer

Love is moral even without legal marriage, but marriage is immoral without love.

Ellen Key (1849-1926), Swedish writer and feminist

I'm saying that the right man for you might be out there right now and if you don't grab him, someone else will, and you'll have to spend the rest of your life knowing that someone else is married to your husband.

Marie (Carrie Fisher), *When Harry Met Sally* (1989)

Man's best possession is a sympathetic wife.

Euripides (480-405 BC), Greek playwright

No man knows what the wife of his bosom is until he has gone with her

through the fiery trials of this world.
Washington Irving (1783-1859), US writer and historian

Marriage cannot be a job as it has become.

Germaine Greer (1939-), Australian-born British writer

Between a man and his wife nothing ought to rule but love. Authority is for children and servants, yet not without sweetness.

William Penn (1644-1718), British Quaker, founded Pennsylvania

Love is blind -- marriage is the eye-opener.

Pauline Thomason

Alan: *Are you married?*

Malcolm: *Occasionally.*

Dr. Ian Malcolm (Jeff Goldblum), *Jurassic Park* (1993)



... "ABOUT MARRIAGE"

We study ourselves three weeks, we love each other three months, we squabble three years, we tolerate each other thirty years, and the children start all over again.

Hippolyte Taine (1828-1893), French philosopher and historian

There isn't a wife in the world who has not taken the exact measure of her husband, weighed him and settled him in her own mind, and knows him as well as if she had ordered him after designs and specifications of her own.

Charles Dudley Warner (1829-1900), US writer and editor

Marriage is an Athenic weaving together of families, of two souls with their individual fates and destinies, of time and eternity -- everyday life married to the timeless mysteries of the soul.

Thomas Moore (1779-1852), Irish poet

When a girl marries she exchanges the attentions of many for the inattention of one.

Helen Rowland (1876-1950) US writer and journalist

Marriage is based on the theory that when a man discovers a particular brand of beer exactly to his taste he should at once throw up his job and go to work in the brewery.

George Jean Nathan (1882-1958), US writer and editor

Marriage is a lot of things -- an alliance, a sacrament, a comedy, or a mistake; but it is definitely not a partnership because that implies equal gain. And every right-thinking woman knows the profit in matrimony is by all odds hers.
Phyllis McGinley (1905-), US writer

WOE TO THE HOUSE
WHERE THE HEN CROWS
AND THE ROOSTER KEEPS STILL.

Spanish Proverb

Maidens! Why should you worry in choosing whom you shall marry? Choose whom you may, you will find you have got somebody else.

John Hay (1838-1905), US statesman

I would advise no man to marry who is not likely to propagate understanding.

Samuel Johnson (1709-1784), British writer

Love and marriage, love and marriage, Go together like a horse and carriage.

Sammy Cahn (Samuel Cohen, 1913-), US songwriter



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It is a matter of life and death for married people to interrupt each other's stories; for if they did not, they would burst.
Logan P. Smith (1865-1946), US-born British literary expert

A MAN IN LOVE IS INCOMPLETE UNTIL HE IS MARRIED. THEN HE IS FINISHED.

Zsa Zsa Gabor (1919-)
Hungarian-born US actress.

I suppose I shall marry eventually. One does that, one drifts into stability.

Peter De Vries, (1910-1993), US novelist

Marriage is one long conversation, checkered by disputes.

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894), Scottish novelist and poet

The American girl makes a servant of her husband and then finds him contemptible for being a servant.

John Steinbeck (1902-1968), US novelist

Marriages are made in heaven.
Proverb

Let men tremble to win the hand of woman, unless they win along with it the utmost passion of her heart!

Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864), US novelist and writer
The Scarlet Letter (1850)

An ideal wife is any woman who has an ideal husband.

Booth Tarkington (1869-1946), US novelist and playwright

Choose a wife rather by your ear than your eye.

Thomas Fuller (1654-1734), British physician and writer

The married state, with and without the affection suitable to it, is the completest image of heaven and hell we are capable of receiving in this life.

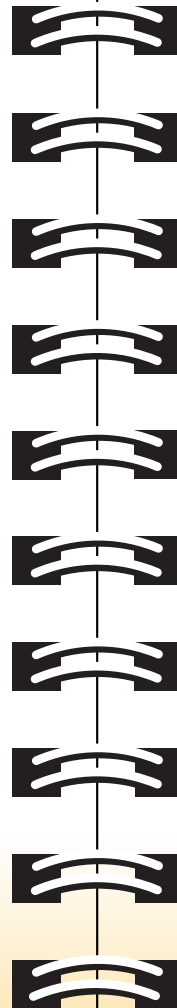
Richard Steele (1672-1729), Irish playwright and writer

The innumerable conflicts that set men and women against one another come from the fact that neither is prepared to assume all the consequences of this situation which the one has offered and the other accepted.

Simone De Beauvoir (1908-1986), French writer

The trouble with some women is that they get all excited about nothing -- and then marry him.

Cher (Cherilyn Sarkisian La Pierre, 1946-),
US singer and actress





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If married couples did not live together, happy marriages would be more frequent.
Friedrich Nietzsche (1844-1900), German philosopher and writer

[Marriage] can be compared to a cage: birds outside it despair to enter, and birds within, to escape.
Michel de Montaigne (1533-1592), French writer

He promised me earrings, but he only pierced my ears.
Arabian proverb

The men that women marry, and why they marry them, will always be a marvel and a mystery to the world.
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-1882), US poet

Marriage is the only evil that men pray for.
Greek Proverb

Marriage resembles a pair of shears, so joined that they cannot be separated; often moving in opposite directions; yet always punishing anyone who comes between them.
Sydney Smith (1771-1845), British clergyman and writer

Take my wife... please!
Henny Youngman (1906-1998), US comedian



I married once. Now I just lease.
Trabucco (Walter Matthau), Buddy Buddy (1981)

Marriage is the only war in which you sleep with the enemy.
Anonymous

I was married by a judge. I should have asked for a jury.
Groucho Marx (1895-1977), US comedian

English Proverb



If I ever marry it will be on a sudden impulse, as a man shoots himself.
H.L. Mencken (Henry Louis, 1880-1956), US newspaperman and writer

Marriage is popular because it combines the maximum of temptation with the maximum of opportunity.
George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright

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