

The Bookworm

'Marriage Book' Will Wed A Smile To Your Face

"The Marriage Book" by Lisa Grunwald & Stephen Adler; © 2015, Simon & Schuster. 537 pages

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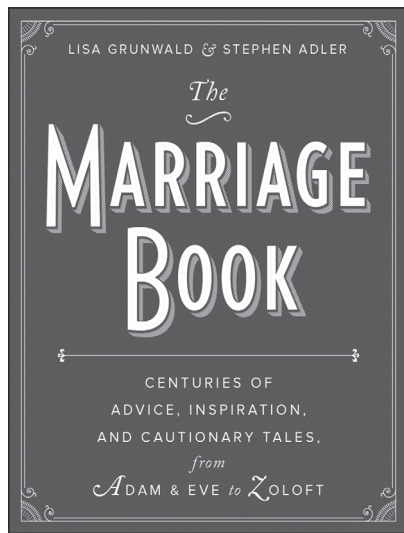
April showers bring May flowers. May flowers, they say, bring June brides — and July and August, and, well, your mailbox is filled with invitations this summer. Bottom line, what do you give to the newlyweds who have everything? How about "The Marriage Book" by Lisa Grunwald & Stephen Adler?

When are you two going to tie the knot?

It's a simple question often asked of starry-eyed couples, the answer of which is complicated and surprisingly defining. Because of marriage's intricacies, therefore, one could expect that the institution itself would be a common subject for pundits, grumps and romantics throughout history.

Take, for instance, Sir Winston Churchill. He was famous for non-sense words and his service to his office, but Churchill's wife particularly cherished tender love letters — complete with blushing nicknames — that he penned to her while he was away. Oh, and speaking of Brits, you'll also read about the man who gave away a kingdom for "the woman I love."

Maybe being in the public eye makes



marriage more of a challenge, especially when infidelity becomes an issue: Bill and Hillary Clinton once went on TV to defend their love for each other, and Jimmy Carter took a lot of grief for admitting that he "committed adultery in [his] heart many times." Famous or not, though, when you read what Paul Newman said about his wife, well, you'll envy Joanne Woodward ...

Still, being a good spouse can be a lifelong process, and this book offers a rating chart and do's-and-don'ts advice on how to stay married and in love. You'll also read directions on finding a millionaire and being a "total woman," and an 1880s ad for marital bliss through patent medicine.

Here, you'll find a postcard from a

1940s-era honeymoon suite, and an article filled with reasons to avoid starting a family. Learn what not to say on "The Newlywed Game," who "Midnight Train to Georgia" was written for, and how to propose at Yankee Stadium. You'll read about gay marriage, arranged marriage, TV marriages, and a grief-soaked letter from a wife whose marriage ended too soon. And you'll learn about divorce from the POV of a 1970's magazine, a 6th-century law, a wife auction (true!) and from Richard Burton.

Advice for the newlyweds? Everybody's got some, and that includes what's inside "The Marriage Book" — but that's not all you'll find.

Infinitely browsable, sometimes shocking but always amusing, this huge collection of thoughts, warnings, and words of wisdom for the lovestruck is one of those things you'll want to pass around at the bridal shower, just for fun. Married authors Lisa Grunwald & Stephen Adler scoured online sources, magazines, and books for "treasures," some of which seem quaint, many of which are useful. What I like is the balance here; there's something for everyone, from romantic to realist.

Her something old came from Grandma. Her something new is a beautiful dress. Her something borrowed belongs to her beloved, so give the newlyweds "The Marriage Book." This something blue will make them smile.

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trees used for shelterbelts are very hardy for our climate, they still require management from a young age (watering, weeding, fertilizing) to an advanced age (pruning, thinning, and weed tree removal). Weed trees that are commonly found seeded in established shelterbelts include: Common Buckthorn, Sumac, and others. Each tree specifically named in this section will be used in this project to test the viability of mushroom growth on South Dakota shelterbelt trees. Many of these trees can be cultivated or sourced in cities as well.

The local foods movement is one that can be profitable and beneficial to communities. Small scale farmers provide a variety of products to consumers from vegetables and fruits to value-added goods like jellies and maple syrup. Consumers desire locally grown products at a reasonable price and mushrooms are a unique product that can capture their attention by novelty, nutrition, and price.

This project will work in conjunction with a local foods producer, Foodtopia Farms, in Toronto (S.D.). This producer serves local counties and the state through the South Dakota Local Foods Cooperative. Marketability and production of mushrooms has been very successful in nearby Minnesota and is promising throughout this state. It is speculated that demand for gourmet mushrooms will be a sustainable venture and allow consumers to have regularly stocked, fresh and locally produced gourmet mushrooms seasonally.

There are other smaller-scale options for a home grower as well. Mushroom growing kits are available for a variety of mushroom species. Basically the kit includes mushroom spawn or mycelium that is growing in sawdust or some other growing media. Generally you open the bag and moisten the growing media to help get the mycelium to grow and begin fruiting. In a short time you should have mushrooms growing out of the medium that you can harvest and enjoy.

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July 4 Concert Set For Park

Yankton Area Arts, with the support of the City of Yankton, will present Saving Vinyl City and Livin' Free in concert from 8-10 p.m. at Riverside Amphitheatre to kick-off the community July 4 celebration at Riverside Park.

Saving Vinyl City is a five-piece, all good looking, pop-funk band from Minneapolis featuring Yankton native Hunter Baugh. Every show is wild, fun, and energetic with heavy amounts of crowd participation. SVC plays original music but also likes to put their own spin on the songs they cover making every song and show they perform very unique. SVC strives to create music that will effect lives and generate real emotion.

Livin' Free is the house band at First Assembly in Yankton. Although they have primarily a rock flavor, they enjoy many genres of music. Music is universal and brings people together across different backgrounds and experiences. This high energy band loves the Yankton community and they're excited to light up the park on the Fourth of July.

This concert is a part of the free Tuesday Summer Concert Series sponsored by Yankton Area Arts and the City of Yankton in which the Yankton Summer Band performs six Tuesday concerts and is followed by five subsequent pops concerts through Aug. 4.

In addition to the July 4 concert, remaining concerts in the series are: Yankton Area Summer Band (YASB) with guest conductor Aaron Schmeling on June 30; YASB with guest conductor Dan Carlson on July 7; the 1890 Band on July 14; C.J. Kocher Little Big Band on July 21; Not Yet Almost Famous Bassoon Band on July 28; and Main Avenue Warehouse on Aug. 4.



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Livin' Free will perform at the Riverside Park amphitheatre in Yankton on Saturday night, July 4. The event is sponsored by Yankton Area Arts.



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Saving Vinyl City (shown) and Livin' Free will perform at the Riverside Park amphitheatre in Yankton July 4 as part of the city's holiday festivities.

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