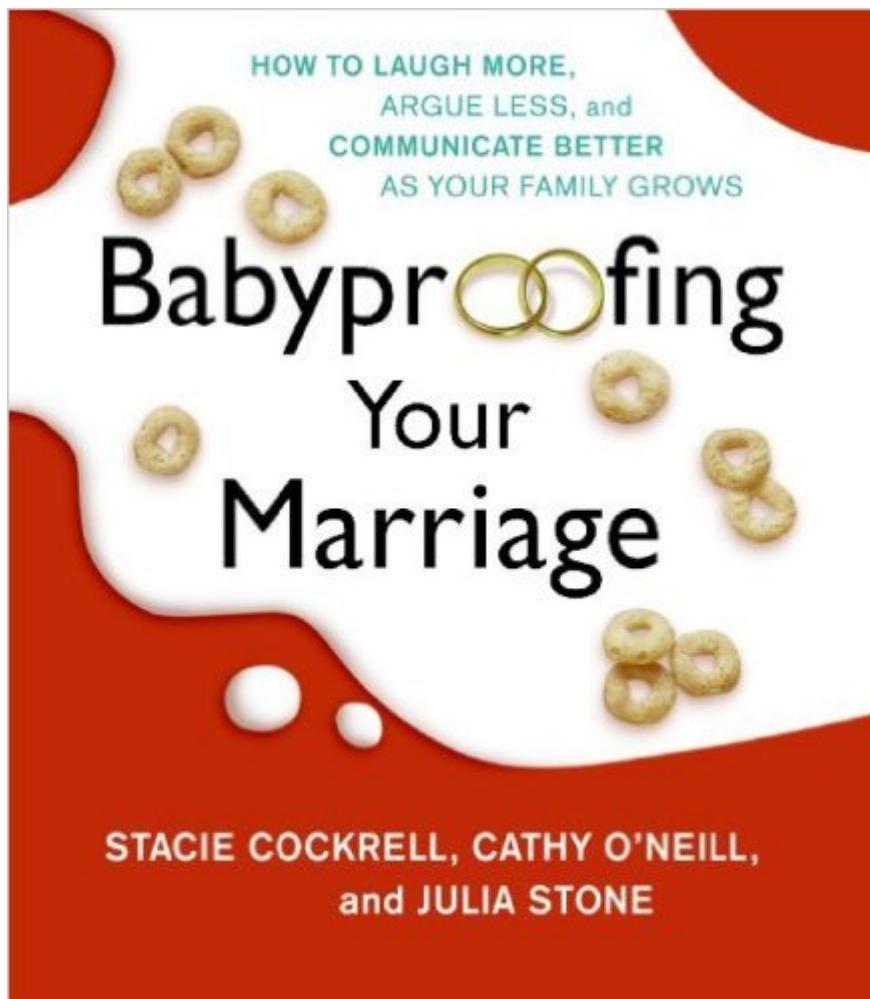


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Synopsis

Warning! New parents are likely to experience: Scorekeepingâ "An exceedingly complex, often relentless, tit-for-tat war waged by husbands and wives over the division of parenting responsibilities and domestic chores. The Ten O'Clock Shoulder Tapâ "Considered by many men to be a form of foreplay. A paw on a wife's shoulder is how some men indicate their desire for sex. The Tap is rarely accompanied by a term of endearment or any other verbal form of communication and is seldom well received by the often-sleeping/almost-always-exhausted wife. The frustrated husband, meanwhile, wonders if his wife has pulled a Bait and Switch in the bedroom. Clash of the Granniesâ "A high stakes "who will have the greatest influence on the grandkids" tournament played by each set of grandparents. Competitive categories include: the Title Championship (who gets to be called "Grandma"), the Battle for Floor and Wall Space, the Battle for Face Time, and Gratuitous Grandparental Gift-Giving. The Babypoolers are three women who wouldn't trade their roles as mothers for anything, and they love their husbands deeply. But after living through it and hearing the stories of hundreds of other couples, they know that with young children in the house, you need to block the stairs with baby gates, put plastic covers over the outlets, AND take the necessary steps to safeguard your marriage. Babypooling Your Marriage is the warts-and-all truth about how having children can affect your relationship. The authors explore the transition to parenthood in light of their own experiences, with input from their husbands and commentary from men and women across the country. Their evenhanded approach to both sides of the marital equation allows spouses to understand each other in a whole new way. With loads of humor and practical advice, the Babypoolers will guide first-time parents and veterans alike around the rocky shores of the early parenting years. Don't fall prey to common relationship pitfalls: Babypool Your Marriage!

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Customer Reviews

This is a needed book on an important topic, and I recently picked it up, hoping to gain insights as we prepare for the birth of our second child. It started out as a funny and well-written page-turner. A couple of chapters in, though, it became problematic. The book really would have benefited from having a male co-author. It comes across as unbalanced and, occasionally, like a husband-bashing fest. Even my wife felt the same way - rather than taking sides with the authors, she thought it was pretty critical and unfair to men. After reading the Scorekeeping chapter, we just looked at each other and commented on how sad it sounded. It focuses too much on the staggering workload of childcare and not enough on the rewards. Some chapters paint so bleak a picture of the post-children landscape of a marriage that it might discourage undecided readers from even wanting kids. I'm very glad I didn't read this before we had our first child. Efforts are made to focus the content on both genders. The book is divided into topical chapters, each of which contains a "What She Thinks" and a "What He Thinks" section. Those sections mostly do a good job of summarizing common thinking patterns and backing them up with anecdotal quotes from both men and women. However, the women authors sometimes couldn't resist using their platform to take sides (and digs) when sharing the quotes from the men. These sections feel very unbalanced and, as a male reader, I felt frustrated and defensive at points. The authors belittle any major undertaking that a father might want to attempt outside the home, and insinuate that little or no weekend "free time" should be expected.

This book is phenomenal and I wish I could give it 10 stars. Not only is it smart, well-written and organized, and highly entertaining, it's also insightful and solution-oriented. I've read a number of books on marriage and parenting, but none that ever combined the two the result is one of the best books I've read in years. This book will clearly be bought and read predominantly by women, but I'd say it gives near-equal billing to men (not bad for female authors) and does an excellent job of telling the male side of the story. The authors seem to truly empathize with the largely untold story of men having their worlds turned upside down (albeit not nearly as much as women) by parenthood. One day they are the center of their spouse's universe (and vice versa) and the next they are relegated to secondary status. The book does an excellent job of describing why this is necessarily (and temporarily) so. Simply stated, if moms didn't focus 100% of their attention on

babies, the human species wouldn't survive. Similarly, if males were not so focused on sex (before and after having kids), the human species wouldn't survive either. This powerful idea arguably explains the bulk of male-female disconnect, post-kids. Speaking of sex, the chapter on that subject is amazing and well worth the price of the book alone. The 5-minute fix, which some people might take issue with, is probably not for everyone. But it takes up 1 page out of nearly 300, and as with every suggestion in the book, it's soft-pedaled and clearly stated as something to think about rather than a strong recommendation. The other chapters are full of excellent and entertaining advice - from managing in-laws and multiple kids to striving for life balance (yeah right).

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