MODERN MARRIAGE IN ITS MANY FORMS

Marriage and love in modern society can be intense, loving, and surprising. And, marriage can be very complex as related in this listing of memoirs and biographies.

The books on this list are in the collection of the Newton Free Library. The call numbers for these books are listed after the book titles. The Newton Free Library and the Minuteman Library Network libraries have many other biographies and autobiographies. Ask a librarian, if you need help in locating a particular book.

Ausiello, Michael. **Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies: A Memoir of Love, Loss, and Other Four-Letter Words.** BIO A932 .AU 2017

A journalist tells the story of his final year with his partner of thirteen years while revisiting the many memories that preceded it, and describes how their powerful bond carried them through all manner of difficulties, with humor always front and center of the relationship.

Benvenuto, Christine. **Sex Changes: A Memoir of Marriage, Gender, and Moving On.** E B447 .BE 2012

A wife's memoir of her husband's sex change describes how she endeavored to salvage their family life and protect her children.

Braly, James. **Life in a Marital Institution: Twenty Years of Monogamy in One Terrifying Memoir.** 2013. 828.09 B731 .BR 2013

Inside a manic, messed-up marriage, from the point of view of the tortured husband.

Cannon, Dyan. **Dear Cary: My Life with Cary Grant.** 791.49 C164 .CA 2011

The actress shares the heartwarming and heartbreaking story of her magical romance and stormy marriage to screen legend Cary Grant.


An inspiring story of a former US Senator and a former model and television journalist of different racial and religious backgrounds who managed to overcome the long and troubled history of race and romance in the U.S.


Filled with humor and surprising wisdom, Journal is a candid story of self-improvement, a view of living with an autism-spectrum condition, and proof that a true heart can conquer all.

Franzese, Cammy. **This Thing of Ours: How Faith Saved My Mafia Marriage.** BIO F858 .FR 2012

Life takes unexpected turns when a devout Christian marries a mobster who drags her across the country and then leaves her to go to prison. She didn't expect him to come out of prison and embrace her religion and her lifestyle.


Gaston reveals the glamorous yet painful story of her marriage to one of the world’s wealthiest men.

Gilbert, Elizabeth. **Committed: A Skeptic Makes Peace With Marriage.** 306.81 G37C 2010

The best-selling author writes about the extraordinary circumstances that surround her love of a man she swore never to marry.
Hadas, Rachel. **Strange Relation: A Memoir of Marriage, Dementia, and Poetry.** 821.09 H117 .HA 2011  After her husband was diagnosed with early-onset dementia, Rachel relates how they were affected by this stunning news and how reading and writing aided her in this story of love, companionship, and heartbreaking illness.

Howard, Margo. **Eat, Drink & Remarry: Confessions of a Serial Wife.** BIO H83S .HO 2014  The daughter of Ann Landers and a popular syndicated columnist tells of her winding journey through three divorces to everlasting love in this well-written candid memoir.

Kidd, Christy. **A Modern Marriage: A Memoir.** 306.84 K53M 2014  In this candid memoir about a marriage that risked everything to emerge stronger than ever, one couple takes us outside the bounds of monogamy and into one of the most fascinating and secretive subcultures in the nation—swinging.

Mailer, Norris Church. **A Ticket to the Circus: A Memoir.** 823.09 M282 .MA 2010  The sixth (and last) wife of Norman Mailer recalls her 27 years of marriage.

Plump, Wendy. **Vow: A Memoir of Marriage and Infidelity.** 306.736 P73V 2013  The author delivers a searing, confessional story about the challenges of marriage from the view of both betrayer and betrayed.

Roberts, Cokie and Steve Roberts. **From This Day Forward.** 306.8 R54F 2000  Veteran journalists Cokie, who is Catholic, and Steve, who is Jewish, tell the story of their long and successful marriage.

Scarboro, Elizabeth. **My Foreign Cities: A Memoir.** 823.09 S285 .SC 2013  A modern love story finds Scarboro choosing to stay with Stephen and live an entire marriage in the ten years he has to live with reckless abandon and love of life.


Sipe, Beth. **I Am Not Your Victim: Anatomy of Domestic Violence.** 362.829 S611 2014  The author vividly details the evolution of domestic violence during her 16-year marriage to a serial abuser.

Thomas, Susan Gregory. **In Spite of Everything: A Memoir of Divorce, My Messed-Up Childhood, and the Fight To Make Everything Right.** E T367 .TH 2011  In this poignant, and often laugh-out-loud-funny memoir, Thomas reflects on her marriage, her divorce, and her worries about her children.

Waite, Jen. **A Beautiful, Terrible Thing: A Memoir of Marriage and Betrayal.** BIO W134 .WA 2017  Waite intimately shares with readers her experiences of both falling in love and realizing, terrifyingly, that her husband might be a psychopath.

Wolf, Sharyn. **Love Shrinks: A Memoir of a Marriage Counselor's Divorce.** E W831 .WO 2011  Wolf tells the story of her marriage that range from poignant to terrifyingly, that her husband might be a psychopath.

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