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## Communication Workbook for Couples

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Revealing where the real conflict lies in a relationship—and resolving it \* Breaking the Argument Cycle is a book for all those who've ever found themselves arguing with their significant other, again and again, about money, sex, or even a seemingly trivial topic—when, at its core, the conflict is about something completely different. A longtime marriage and family therapist, Sharon Rivkin has helped hundreds of couples fix their relationships by understanding why they fight. Here, she shows how anyone can use the tools of therapy to break the cycle of destructive fighting—namely, by resolving the core issues of early arguments, which have their roots in childhood and get repeated over time. Presenting real-life stories and easy exercises, Rivkin sets forth a simple, three-step process—Peel, Reveal, Heal—to empower couples to identify and then resolve their core issues themselves, shedding light on what they're really arguing about. This is then followed up with healing exercises. By thus breaking the argument cycle, confusion and chaos turn into clarity and healing—and everyone can learn how and why they get hooked into an argument, how to unhook, and how to develop lasting tools to turn conflict into intimacy . . . even after years of fighting.

## **Conflict Resolution for Couples**

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### **Essentials of Premarital Counseling**

Booklet - Biblical Perspective, identifies the manifestations of pride, the attributes of humility and defines the "put on and put off" counseling approach.

### **How to Communicate Effectively and Handle Difficult People**

Slide open the pages to reveal what's really happening in Pontypandy and help Fireman Sam complete his rescues. Will he save the day?

### **Marriage Counseling**

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Strengthen communication skills and gain a deeper connection--a marriage workbook for couples  
Communication is the key to any successful relationship. But sometimes, creating an open line can be challenging. Communication in Marriage Workbook gives you the tools you need to build more effective communication patterns with your partner to navigate common conflicts in a positive and supportive way. From open-ended discussion prompts to quick quizzes, this complete communication in marriage workbook for couples can show you how to use simple, actionable exercises to improve your marriage by working together or separately to work through issues. Get on the path to breaking barriers and building a more honest, open, and authentic relationship through compromise and clear communication. Inside the Communication in Marriage Workbook, you'll find: Accessible to all--Couples of all kinds are welcome, including newlyweds, couples who have been married for a while, and married couples with kids. Inclusive approach--This communication in marriage workbook is gender nonbinary and open to all couples in the LGBTQIA+ community, varying socioeconomic backgrounds, and ages. Simple exercises--These activities can be completed individually or worked on together. Communicate better and make your bond stronger with this communication in marriage workbook.

## **The End of Anxiety**

Just as Masters and Johnson were pioneers in the

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study of human sexuality, so Dr. John Gottman has revolutionized the study of marriage. As a professor of psychology at the University of Washington and the founder and director of the Seattle Marital and Family Institute, he has studied the habits of married couples in unprecedented detail over the course of many years. His findings, and his heavily attended workshops, have already turned around thousands of faltering marriages. This book is the culmination of his life's work: the seven principles that guide couples on the path toward a harmonious and long-lasting relationship. Straightforward in their approach, yet profound in their effect, these principles teach partners new and startling strategies for making their marriage work. Gottman helps couples focus on each other, on paying attention to the small day-to-day moments that, strung together, make up the heart and soul of any relationship. Being thoughtful about ordinary matters provides spouses with a solid foundation for resolving conflict when it does occur and finding strategies for living with those issues that cannot be resolved. Packed with questionnaires and exercises whose effectiveness has been proven in Dr. Gottman's workshops, *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* is the definitive guide for anyone who wants their relationship to attain its highest potential. *The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work* is the result of Dr. John Gottman's many years of closely observing thousands of marriages. This kind of longitudinal research has never been done before. Based on his findings, he has culled seven principles essential to the success of any marriage. Maintain a love map. Foster fondness and admiration. Turn toward instead of away. Accept

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influence. Solve solvable conflicts. Cope with conflicts you can't resolve. Create shared meaning. Dr. Gottman's unique questionnaires and exercises will guide couples on the road to revitalizing their marriage, or making a strong one even better.

### **Eight Dates**

The SAGE Encyclopedia of Marriage, Family and Couples Counseling is a new, all-encompassing, landmark work for researchers seeking to broaden their knowledge of this vast and diffuse field. Marriage and family counseling programs are established at institutions worldwide, yet there is no current work focused specifically on family therapy. While other works have discussed various methodologies, cases, niche aspects of the field and some broader views of counseling in general, this authoritative Encyclopedia provides readers with a fully comprehensive and accessible reference to aid in understanding the full scope and diversity of theories, approaches, and techniques and how they address various life events within the unique dynamics of families, couples, and related interpersonal relationships. Key topics include: Assessment Communication Coping Diversity Interventions and Techniques Life Events/Transitions Sexuality Work/Life Issues, and more Key features include: More than 500 signed articles written by key figures in the field span four comprehensive volumes Front matter includes a Reader's Guide that groups related entries thematically Back matter includes a history of the development of the field, a Resource Guide to key associations, websites, and journals, a

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selected Bibliography of classic publications, and a detailed Index All entries conclude with Further Readings and Cross References to related entries to aid the reader in their research journey

### **8 Keys to Stress Management (8 Keys to Mental Health)**

Easy strategies for dealing with the near-universal experience of stress. Stress has become a near-universal experience as well as a rising public health concern. According to many measures, people today are dealing with stressors that are greater in number and severity than in the past several decades, and this stress is taking a toll on our collective wellness. Bringing considerable content from her popular stress management Web site on About.com, Elizabeth Scott distills information about stress management into central ideas and strategies for consumers. These include learning to reduce the stress response and stressors, practicing long-term resilience habits, and putting positive psychology research into action. These various perspectives provide a multilayered framework for understanding stress and approaching stress management that is inspirational, action-oriented, and backed by foundational and recent knowledge in the field. The quick-to-read "8 keys" format of the book can be utilized on many levels so that busy readers can quickly find relief from stress.

### **Marriage Counseling**

"What the heck is my partner thinking?" is a common

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refrain in romantic relationships, and with good reason. Every person is wired for love differently, with different habits, needs, and reactions to conflict. The good news is that most people's minds work in predictable ways and respond well to security, attachment, and rituals, making it possible to actually neurologically prime the brain for greater love and fewer conflicts. *Wired for Love* is a complete insider's guide to understanding a partner's brain and promoting love and trust within a romantic relationship. Readers learn ten scientific principles they can use to avoid triggering fear and panic in their partners, manage their partners' emotional reactions when they do become upset, and recognize when the brain's threat response is hindering their ability to act in a loving way. By learning to use simple gestures and words, readers can learn to put out emotional fires and help their partners feel more safe and secure. The no-fault view of conflict in this book encourages readers to move past a "warring brain" mentality and toward a more cooperative "loving brain" understanding of the relationship. Based in the sound science of neurobiology, attachment theory, and emotion regulation research, this book is essential reading for couples and others interested in understanding the complex dynamics at work behind love and trust in intimate relationships.

### **Behavioral Couples Therapy for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse**

This hands-on guide addresses conflict resolution; uses introspective quizzes to expose more of couples'

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inner lives, and suggests ways to change bad habits which threaten the viability of the relationship.

## **The High-Conflict Couple**

What separates happy marriages from miserable ones? Surprisingly, it's not healthy communication. It's not conflict resolution skills. It's actually the size of the marriage's joy gap . Joy Gap/joi gap/ (n.)-1. The length of time between moments of shared joy When the joy gap gets bigger, problems are more likely to overwhelm you, resentment creeps in, and you start to feel distant and alone in your marriage. When the joy gap is smaller, you regularly feel connected and happy, problems feel manageable, and your marriage becomes a reliable source of joy. But how do you ensure that you're experiencing joy regularly? Marcus Warner and Chris Coursey have studied relationships (and neuroscience) and discovered four habits that keep joy regular and problems small. Some couples do them naturally, but anyone can learn. That's why each chapter includes 15-minute exercises that boost joy and re-train your brain to make joy your default setting. You'll learn new skills including how to: return to joy more quickly after disconnection create stronger bonds and elongate times of happiness boost your enjoyment of physical and emotional intimacy Find out what your marriage looks like after a little work and a whole lot of joy.

## **Getting the Love You Want**

You hear and read a lot about ways to improve your

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relationship. But if you've tried these without much success, you're not alone. Many highly reactive couples—pairs that are quick to argue, anger, and blame—need more than just the run-of-the-mill relationship advice to solve their problems in love. When destructive emotions are at the heart of problems in your relationship, no amount of effective communication or intimacy building will fix what ails it. If you're part of a "high-conflict" couple, you need to get control of your emotions first, to stop making things worse, and only then work on building a better relationship. The High-Conflict Couple adapts the powerful techniques of dialectical behavior therapy (DBT) into skills you can use to tame out-of-control emotions that flare up in your relationship. Using mindfulness and distress tolerance techniques, you'll learn how to deescalate angry situations before they have a chance to explode into destructive fights. Other approaches will help you disclose your fears, longings, and other vulnerabilities to your partner and validate his or her experiences in return. You'll discover ways to manage problems with negotiation, not conflict, and to find true acceptance and closeness with the person you love the most.

### **The SAGE Encyclopedia of Marriage, Family, and Couples Counseling**

Couples in Conflict describes the nature of the emotional processes leading to difficulties and how a minister/ counselor can be a resource to help couples in conflict. The minister/counselor will be able to help them improve their lives personally, as well as their

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relationship and family life. By extension, couples will also develop skills that will improve their work life and their life in community. The book provides practical and specific approaches to helping these couples and the issues that a minister must deal with in order to be useful to them.

### **The Seven Conflicts**

The main purpose of this book is to be useful in daily practice to clinicians, including less-discussed subjects that are frequently encountered in practice. For this, it was aimed to explain the formulation of the disorder in light of the basic CBT model in each chapter and then to present the treatment approach of the disorder with case examples. We believe that the case examples, which came from the authors' own practices, are the strength of the book.

### **Wired for Love**

A resource on marital infidelity for all involved, even onlookers Written by respected pastor and marriage counselor Dave Carder, this revised and expanded version of *Torn Asunder* sorts through the factors that contribute to infidelity and then maps out a recovery process for both partners. With compassion and wisdom rooted in the Bible, Carder offers insight for the victims of adultery, the perpetrators, and those who seek to help hurting couples. Along the way Carder also answers questions like: Why did this happen? We didn't actually sleep together, so is it still an affair? Can I trust my spouse again? Should I

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reveal a secret affair? What if my spouse doesn't want me back? What do we tell the kids? This refreshed and updated edition is an excellent resource for pastors, leaders, and lay people. Pair this with the Torn Asunder Workbook to for extra guidance in applying the book's advice to your marriage.

### **The Science of Trust: Emotional Attunement for Couples**

### **Fight Your Way to a Better Marriage**

Tired of bickering with your partner about chores and money, scheduling, the kids, the house? Tired of the draining disagreements, the silent treatment, the passive-aggressive comments, the arguments that loop and loop and never seem to get resolved? Want to bring more peace into your relationship--and also get back that "spark" that's been missing? Reading this book will help you Look at your relationship challenges from a fresh perspective, get unstuck, and see options you hadn't considered before. Learn that it's possible to coexist happily with your partner, even if you have very different preferences and views about the world. Learn techniques to settle your nervous system (stop the "panic/fight or flight" instinct) during tense moments with your partner, so that you can think clearly and find solutions together. Break the frustrating cycle of conflict > apologizing (or caving in) > making up > brief period of calm > then, exact same conflict again. Learn how to take a conflict about something big (money, parenting, sex)

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or small (laundry, dishes, dinner plans) and shift from the conversation from "stressful" to "inspiring and exciting." Create more intimacy and passion with your partner and build a relationship where both of you feel vibrant and alive. Readers who love books like *Mating in Captivity* (Esther Perel) and *The Five Love Languages* (Gary Chapman) will enjoy this book about how to create a long-term relationship that's full of excitement, not friction.

### **From Conflict to Resolution**

If God is All-powerful, Why Doesn't He Eliminate My Anxiety? Instead of asking this, perhaps we should ask why God is allowing it in the first place. Join pastor and biblical counselor Josh Weidmann on a journey through Scripture and his own vulnerable stories of discovering God's ultimate purpose in pain. *The End of Anxiety* is designed for individuals or small groups; each chapter begins with Scripture and finishes with practical steps you can apply for immediate relief. Your anxiety, fear, stress, and panic are not the end of you—but facing them could be the start of something great! "Read this, apply it, and find freedom from fear—forever." Ray Johnston Senior pastor of Bayside Church in Granite Bay, California

### **Do-It-Yourself Conflict Resolution for Couples**

In this counter intuitive book, author Dr. Greg Smalley maintains that fighting is actually good for a marriage. Couples will learn how to fight their way to

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a better marriage, using the skills, concepts, and exercises shared in this remarkable book.

### **Hope-Focused Marriage Counseling**

As a husband, father of four, and family counselor, Wayne A. Mack knows what makes families tick. Here he offers biblical insight and practical wisdom into two crucial areas of family life: communication and conflict resolution. Alerting us to the pitfalls of faulty communication, such as "undertalk," "overtalk," poor listening, forms of falsehood, and "circuit jammers" to communication, Mack examines why families fight and explains the key to turning family discord into harmony. Firsthand success stories and highly practical application questions give hope and clear direction to all who wish to build stronger families God's way. - Back cover.

### **The Power of Two Workbook**

Marriages are under increasing strain these days, with over half of them ending in divorce. Conflict is seen as grounds to end a marriage, rather than an opportunity to grow closer to each other and to God. The Seven Conflicts is an excellent resource for equipping couples to learn to understand the true nature of their conflicts and deal with them in a way that will actually help their marital fulfillment. Couples will learn to identify their mutual dreams, put differences into perspective, understand each other's underlying motives, and work together as partners who are more in love than ever.

## **Communication and Conflict Resolution**

A must-have for anyone who wants to end their depression, anger, addictive habits, or anxiety--and especially for those who want to alleviate these difficulties with psychological savvy instead of medication.

## **The Heart of Couple Therapy**

A New York Times best-selling marriage book making a difference! More than one million copies sold! Based on over three decades of counseling, as well as scientific and biblical research, Dr. Emerson Eggerichs and his wife, Sarah, have already taken the Love & Respect message across America and are changing the way couples talk to, think about, and treat each other. What do you want for your marriage? Want some peace? Want to feel close? Want to feel valued? Want to experience marriage the way God intended? Then why not try some Love and Respect. A wife has one driving need?to feel loved. When that need is met, she is happy. A husband has one driving need?to feel respected. When that need is met, he is happy. When either of these needs isn't met, things get crazy. Love & Respect reveals why spouses react negatively to each other, and how they can deal with such conflict quickly, easily, and biblically. What readers say about Love & Respect "I've been married 35 years and have not heard this taught." "This is the key that I have been missing." "You connected all the dots for me." "As a counselor, I have never been so excited about any material." "You're on to something

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huge here." Partner Love & Respect with the Love & Respect Workbook for Couples, Individuals, and Groups for an added experience. Love & Respect is also available in Spanish, Amor y Respeto.

### **The Beauty of Conflict for Couples**

Countless married couples end up living alone - in the same house. Over twenty-eight years of conducting "Weekend to Remember" conferences have convinced Dennis and Barbara Rainey that isolation is the number-one problem in marriages today. But they believe it's possible to overcome "marital drift" and experience the miracle of oneness. This book provides a positive, workable strategy for keeping your marriage vital and intimate. Included are proven principles and hands-on exercises to help you: understand the personal and cultural forces that isolate you from your spouse manage your schedules, workloads, roles, and responsibilities without losing sight of each other allow for (and enjoy) individual differences while maintaining unity build an atmosphere of cooperation by meeting each other more than halfway "affair-proof" your relationship (or heal it after the fact) grow closer during hard times instead of letting your troubles pull you apart create a "safe" atmosphere for transparent communication discover the secrets of a mutually rewarding sex life leave a legacy of love and unity to your family and friends Previous Edition: 0-8499-3343-9

### **Communication in Marriage Workbook**

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Whether you're newly together and eager to make it work or a longtime couple looking to strengthen and deepen your bond, *Eight Dates* offers a program of how, why, and when to have eight basic conversations with your partner that can result in a lifetime of love. "Happily ever after" is not by chance, it's by choice— the choice each person in a relationship makes to remain open, remain curious, and, most of all, to keep talking to one another. From award-winning marriage researcher and bestselling author Dr. John Gottman and fellow researcher Julie Gottman, *Eight Dates* offers an ingenious and simple-to-implement approach to effective relationship communication. Here are the subjects that every serious couple should discuss: Trust. Family. Sex and intimacy. Dealing with conflict. Work and money. Dreams, and more. And here is how to talk about them—how to broach subjects that are difficult or embarrassing, how to be brave enough to say what you really feel. There are also suggestions for where and when to go on each date—book your favorite romantic restaurant for the Sex & Intimacy conversation (and maybe go to a yoga or dance class beforehand). There are questionnaires, innovative exercises, real-life case studies, and skills to master, including the Four Skills of Intimate Conversation and the Art of Listening. Because making love last is not about having a certain feeling—it's about both of you being active and involved.

### **Love and Respect**

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methods of combating this trend are less evident. Counselors, pastors and social workers need more than mere theories or mere moralizing. They need a practical and comprehensive model for understanding couples and their problems. They need a thoroughly Christian perspective that is biblical, compassionate and human. Everett Worthington provides this in an integrated, biblically based theory of marriage and marriage therapy with analysis at three levels: the individual, the couple and the family. The model he has constructed, with techniques drawn from the major psychological schools, is standard enough to guide counselors in actual interventions and powerful enough to produce change. A thoroughgoing overview of the assessment process includes practical, workable guidelines for: creating realistic, mutually-agreeable goals for counselor and clients; estimating the number of sessions needed to reach those goals; and planning the actual assessment, intervention and termination sessions. Next Worthington offers specific techniques for enhancing cooperative change, intimacy, communication, conflict resolution and forgiveness within the marriage. But keeping couples from slipping back into old patterns is one of the counselor's most difficult tasks. So Worthington concludes with suggestions for solidifying change and effectively concluding the counseling relationship. Here is a text that will be a standard for counselors, pastors and mental health professionals in the years to come.

### **A Lasting Promise**

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If You Want Your Spouse To Stop Arguing All The Time And Understand What You Really Mean Read This Book Together! Do conversations with your spouse often go in the wrong direction? Do you keep hurting each other with uncontrollable emotional outbursts? Do you wish there was a way to fix your misunderstandings for good? Good communication is the key to any successful relationship - and definitely the foundation of a happy marriage. However, once the honeymoon phase is over, most of us notice that our communication skills need improvement. All of a sudden, every conversation has the potential to escalate into a full-blown argument, and every attempt to solve your conflicts only creates more conflicts. But what if it didn't have to be this way? This book will help you save your relationship by using dialectical behavioral therapy, a scientifically proven method used in marriage counseling. Here's what you'll find in this book: Simple therapeutic techniques to get your marriage back on track The right questions to ask each other if you want to save your marriage Strategies for boosting your conflict resolution skills A comprehensive guide to difficult conversations And much more! As you go through the questions in the book, you'll have some very honest and emotional discussions with your partner. Even though these conversations may feel scary at first, they'll help you see the real cause of your misunderstandings - and work together to eliminate it. Are you ready to take the first step towards saving your marriage? "Buy Now" and Get Your Copy Now!

### **Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and**

## **Clinical Applications**

This step-by-step guide is for couples who want to enhance their communication skills and maximize their relationship's potential for mutual support and growth. Troubled spouses will discover how to hear without becoming defensive, clean up after verbal toxic spills, and convert moments of anger into opportunities for growth.

## **The 4 Habits of Joy-Filled Marriages**

Everett L. Worthington Jr. offers a comprehensive manual for assisting couples over common rough spots and through serious problems in a manner that is compassionate, effective and brief.

## **The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work**

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### **Torn Asunder**

A marriage therapist and pastoral counselor explains that most of the feelings of receiving inadequate love come from unresolved childhood conflicts and describes how adults can learn to flourish as loving and loved people, in a new edition of the best-selling handbook. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

### **Staying Close**

Grounded in a deep understanding of what makes intimate relationships succeed, this book provides concrete guidelines for addressing the complexities of

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real-world clinical practice with couples. Leading couple therapist Ellen Wachtel describes the principles of therapeutic intervention that motivate couples to alter entrenched patterns, build on strengths, and navigate the “legacy” issues that each person brings to the relationship. She illuminates the often unrecognized choices that therapists face throughout the session and deftly explicates their implications. The epilogue by Paul Wachtel situates the author's pragmatic approach in the broader context of contemporary psychotherapy theory and research.

### **Relationships and Patterns of Conflict Resolution**

Most therapeutic approaches, especially those of a cognitive orientation, are not very effective in dealing with high conflict relationships--couples often heading toward divorce by the time they seek help.

Counseling Couples in Conflict is a resource for counselors and therapists who want to be ready for these uniquely difficult cases. Utilizing a relational conflict and restoration model Mark Yarhouse and James Sells point the way beyond the cycle of pain towards marital healing.

### **Breaking the Argument Cycle**

The revised edition of the bestselling Christian guide to a happy marriage For more than fifteen years, Scott Stanley's A Lasting Promise has offered solutions to common problems—facing conflicts, problem solving,

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improving communication, and dealing with core issues—within a Christian framework.

Thoroughly revised and updated, this new edition is filled with sacred teachings of scripture, the latest research on marriage, and clear examples from the lives of couples. The book's strategies are designed to help couples improve communication, understand commitment, bring more fun into their relationship, and enhance their sex lives. Lead author Scott Stanley is co-director of the Center for Marital and Family Studies at the University of Denver and coauthor of *Fighting for Your Marriage*, which has sold more than a million copies. Offers reflections on how to enhance anyone's marriage over the long term and avoid divorce. Covers recent cultural shifts, such as dealing with the endless technological distraction and issues with social networking. New themes include the chemistry of love, the life-long implications of having bodies, and how to support one another emotionally. Uses illustrative examples from couples' lives and rich integration of insights from scripture. This important book offers an invaluable resource for all couples who want to honor and preserve the holy sacrament of their union.

### **Your Family, God's Way**

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## **Couples in Conflict**

In a dramatic theoretical breakthrough, psychologist Susan M. Heitler unties various schools of therapy with a powerful insight. Emotional healing depends on movement from conflict to resolution, as the title suggests.

## **Conflict Resolution for Couples**

This self-help guide by an experienced marriage counselor is designed to give couples new insights - support - and skills for making their relationships the best they can be.

## **Counseling Couples in Conflict**

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A professor of psychology details a five-step process called "emotion coaching" that allows parents to raise a child better able to cope with his or her emotions. 35,000 first printing.

### **Prescriptions Without Pills**

An eminent therapist explains what makes couples compatible and how to sustain a happy marriage. For the past thirty-five years, John Gottman's research has been internationally recognized for its unprecedented ability to precisely measure interactive processes in couples and to predict the long-term success or failure of relationships. In this groundbreaking book, he presents a new approach to understanding and changing couples: a fundamental social skill called "emotional attunement," which describes a couple's ability to fully process and move on from negative emotional events, ultimately creating a stronger relationship. Gottman draws from this longitudinal research and theory to show how emotional attunement can downregulate negative affect, help couples focus on positive traits and memories, and even help prevent domestic violence. He offers a detailed intervention devised to cultivate attunement, thereby helping couples connect, respect, and show affection. Emotional attunement is extended to tackle the subjects of flooding, the story we tell ourselves about our relationship, conflict, personality, changing relationships, and gender. Gottman also explains how to create emotional attunement when it is missing, to lay a foundation that will carry the relationship through difficult times.

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Gottman encourages couples to cultivate attunement through awareness, tolerance, understanding, non-defensive listening, and empathy. These qualities, he argues, inspire confidence in couples, and the sense that despite the inevitable struggles, the relationship is enduring and resilient. This book, an essential follow-up to his 1999 *The Marriage Clinic*, offers therapists, students, and researchers detailed intervention for working with couples, and offers couples a roadmap to a stronger future together.

### **The Heart of Parenting**

This eminently practical guide presents an empirically supported approach for treating people with substance abuse problems and their spouses or domestic partners. Behavioral couples therapy (BCT) explicitly focuses on both substance use and relationship issues, and is readily compatible with 12-step approaches. Provided are all the materials needed to introduce BCT; implement a recovery contract to support abstinence; work with clients to increase positive activities, improve communication, and reduce relapse risks; and deal with special treatment challenges. Appendices include a session-by-session treatment manual and 70 reproducible checklists, forms, and client education posters. The large-size format and lay-flat binding facilitate photocopying and enhance the book's clinical utility.

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