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To Oboe Linic. Thank you for all of the kisses, buddy.  
*Who's a good boy? Who's a good boy?*

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*A lit agent star*                      *Sent red pen edits*  
*More rare than Halley's Comet*    *Nerd warrior of our dreams*  
*Come to lift us up*                      *Kisses and kisses*

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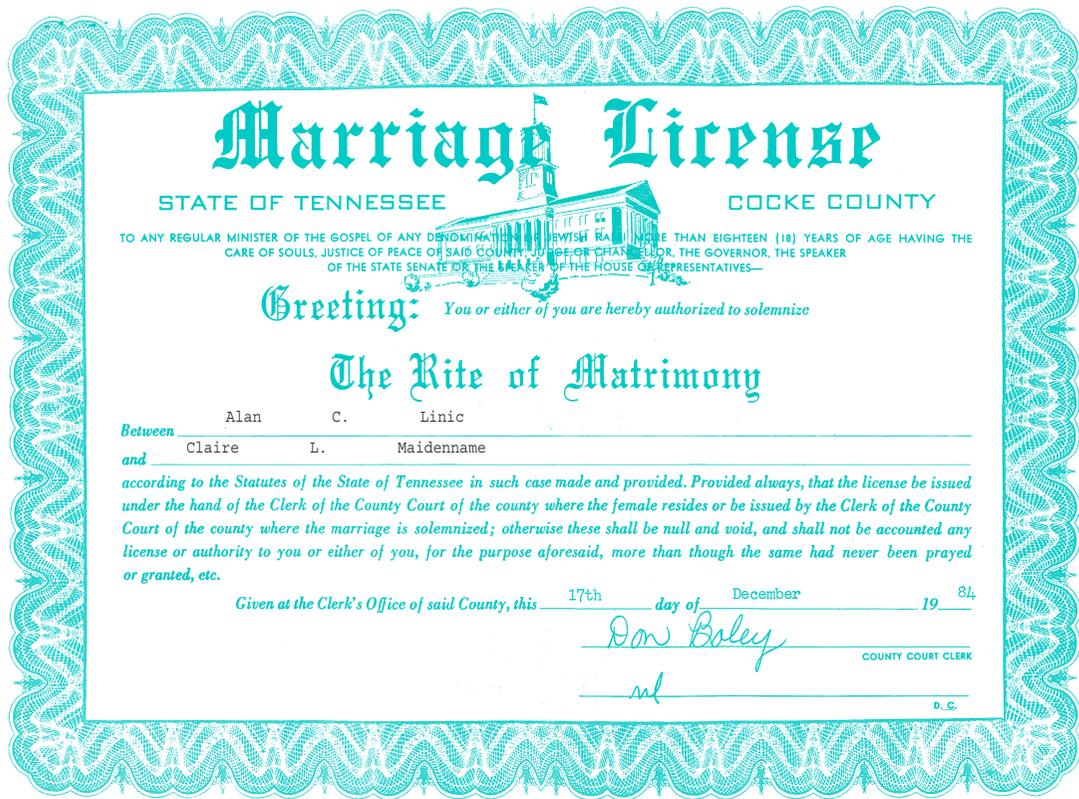
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PROOF THAT WE ARE QUALIFIED TO WRITE THIS BOOK



# Introduction

**CONGRATULATIONS, YOU CRAZY KIDS.** You have embarked on the grand adventure of marriage—the most trying and allegedly rewarding milestone in the human experience, short of having a baby. You put on rings. You said the vows. You made your parents cry because the wedding was “not what they expected.” And now you have *Our Perfect Marriage* (unless you’re reading someone else’s copy, in which case please stop being a cheap weirdo and buy your own). Consider this book a blank canvas upon which to paint your marital masterpiece—well, it’s not *technically* blank, but you know what we’re saying.

Now for some real talk: just like marriage, filling out this book is work. You will both make sacrifices to become something greater than an individual. There will be tears, there will be confusion, and there will be many breaks for seven-hour Netflix and cuddle sessions. But somewhere along the way, there will come the *magic*—the ineffable and inevitable result of taking two people and fusing them into a single unit, like Jeff Goldblum and the fly in the 1986 romantic comedy *The Fly*. Unity and self-knowledge are a big deal, and they come from the disasters just as much as from the accomplishments. Don’t hold back.

This book helps you remember every moment and milestone of your marriage that transformed “you and me” into *we*. The finished project should be just as unique and wonderful as the couple who made it together. There will be instructions along the way, but feel free to ignore them. Who are we, anyway? Literally, no one knows.

We love you and good luck.

Alan Linc      Claire Linc

P.S. Sorry we said “I love you” so soon. We’re just excited about where this is going. Don’t make it weird.

## HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

**FOLLOW THE DIRECTIONS.**  
Or if you have a better idea, do that instead. We’re not the boss of you.

**KEEP IT PRIVATE.**  
Privacy begets honesty, and honesty is the wellspring of truth, and truth is the cornerstone of trust, and trust is essential if you’re ever going to commit a major crime together. The only people who should see the inside of this book are you, and maybe the federal prosecutor if it’s subpoenaed into evidence.

**SKIP AROUND.**  
Maybe open the book to a random page every couple of days and see what sounds like fun to do. You can do it forward, you can do it backward, you can do it upside down . . . *if* you know what we mean.

**SKIP A PAGE.**  
Not all marriages are alike, so if a section or page doesn’t apply to you, feel free to paint an impressionist landscape over it. It’s as simple as that.

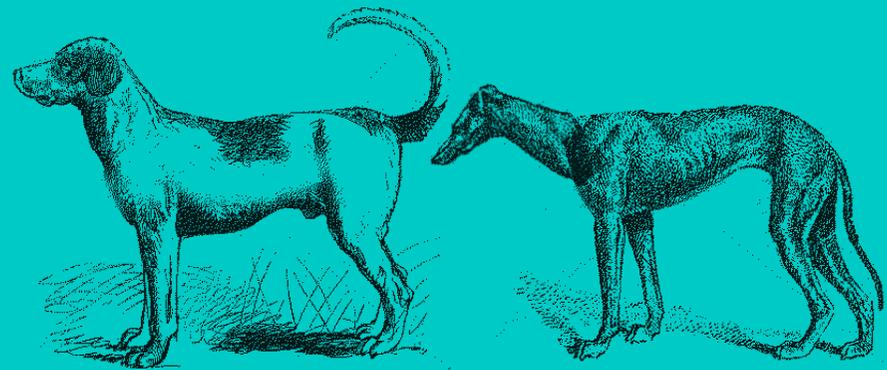
**WRITE NEATLY, YOU SLOBS!**  
It’ll make it easier for your snooping guests to read.

**DO IT TOGETHER.**  
The book is about the two of you, and it’s something to do as a couple. For maximum togetherness, we recommend sitting on each other’s laps and/or writing with your arms linked like you’re drinking champagne.

**BE DETAILED.**  
Love is in the little things, and hopefully this book will give you a place to record some of those little things so it’ll be easier to wax nostalgic about them later or use them in a fight.

CHAPTER ONE

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*Getting to Know  
Each Other*

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I used to rush into things a lot. That didn't work too well.  
Now I take it slow—get to know the girl and stuff. I found that it works better.

But if it's really awesome, I'll jump into it.

—NICK JONAS

# Getting to Know Each Other

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Before there was *we* there was *you* and *me*.  
So who is who in this book?

ME

PLEASE PRINT

SIGN HERE

DATE

YOU

PLEASE PRINT

SIGN HERE

DATE

NOTE By signing your names, you guarantee that you will invite us to all your future dinner parties as well as pay for our subscription to any current or future magazine with Ellen DeGeneres on the cover.

# Meeting Me

Date of Birth: .....

Height: .....

Weight (in pounds): .....

Signature Scent: .....

Celebrity Doppelganger: .....

*LOL no, really:* .....

Star Sign: .....

First Pet: .....

Favorite Planet: .....

Karaoke Song: .....

Life Goal: .....

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STUNNING PHOTO

EXTRA CREDIT:

Biggest Accomplishment: .....

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# Meeting You

Date of Birth: .....

Height: .....

Weight (in kilograms): .....

Allergies: .....

Blood Type (*circle one*): A B AB ABBA O+ O-

SSN: .....

Average Grade in Gym: .....

Plastic Surgeries: .....

Deepest Regret\*: .....

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DECENT PHOTO

EXTRA CREDIT:

The One That Got Away: .....

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\* NOTE Regrets can be expanded upon in more painstaking, excruciating detail by stapling additional pages to the back of this questionnaire.

# All about Me According to You

Let You fill out this page about Me!  
It's okay if you have to guess.

## FORGERY OF MY SIGNATURE:

ENDORSE CHECK HERE



DO NOT WRITE, STAMP, OR SIGN BELOW THIS LINE

Age you think  
I lost my virginity:

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MY FAVORITE CANDY:

(Did I eat some immediately after losing virginity?)  YES  NO



MY FAVORITE MOVIE(S):

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Did I like  YES  NO  
**Titanic?**  
(the film)



Did I like  YES  NO!  
**Titanic?**  
(the ill-fated ocean liner that sank tragically in the Atlantic?)

MY MOST ANNOYING HABIT:

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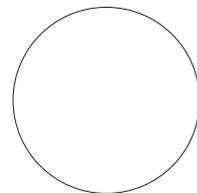
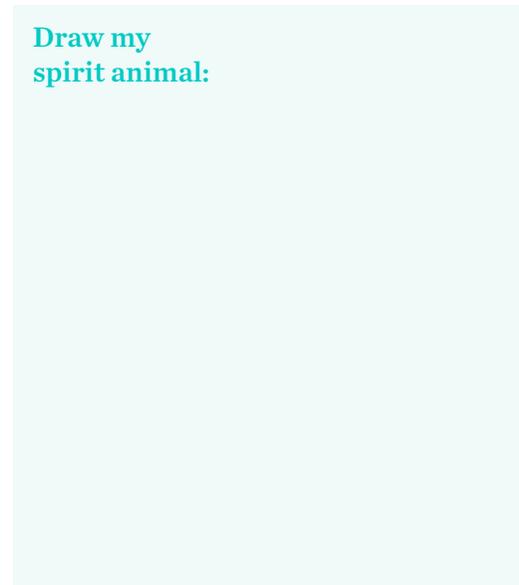
MY FAVORITE FOOD:

MY FAVORITE DRINK:

My Favorite Position (sexual or otherwise):

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Draw my spirit animal:



MY FAVORITE COLOR

# All about You According to Me

Let Me fill out this page about You!  
Don't worry about it; just do your best.

MY FAVORITE FOOD:

MY FAVORITE DRINK:

I tend to thoughtfully leave our car's gas tank at:



MY FAVORITE BOOK(S):

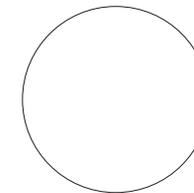
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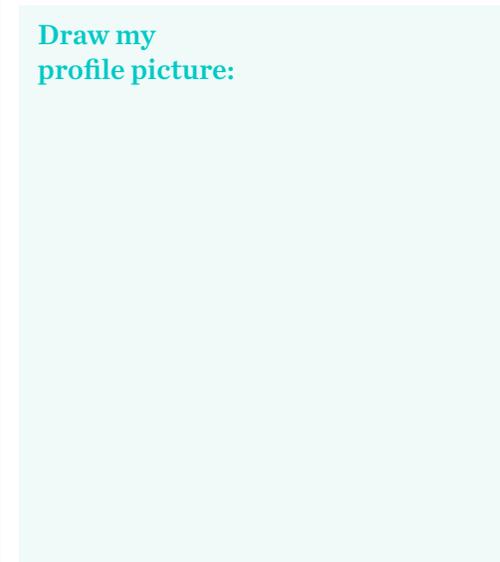
Exes I'm Still in Contact With:

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MY FAVORITE COLOR

Draw my profile picture:



Did I like **The Godfather?**  
 YES  **YOU BROKE MY HEART!**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Record Date \_\_\_\_\_

Initials \_\_\_\_\_

STEREOTYPE I FIT MOST:

- Hooker with a heart of gold
- Chatty hairdresser
- Scheming politician
- Plucky intern
- Antagonistic mail carrier
- Kindly grandparent
- Other: .....

My Net Worth:

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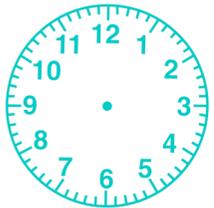
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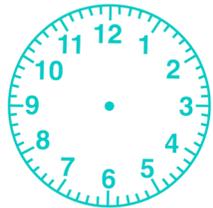
# All about Me According to You

Okay, You! Here are some hard-hitting questions about your spouse.

THE TIME I SET MY ALARM FOR IS:



THE TIME I ACTUALLY GET OUT OF BED IS:



MY MORNING ROUTINE:

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MY LAUGH SOUNDS LIKE:

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How I Feel About Children: (circle one):



OMG ADORBS



HEH! CUTE!



PLEASE PUT THAT DOWN



?#@\*%!



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DEATH, TAKE MY HAND



My Worst Dinner Party Story:

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Describe the way I eat:

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Me finds this manner of eating:

- Endearing
- Fascinating from an anthropological standpoint
- A good appetite suppressant

# All about You According to Me

Good luck, Me!  
These are some real zingers.

EXISTENTIAL QUESTIONS THAT KEEP ME UP AT NIGHT:

MY FIRST KISS WAS (check all that apply):

- Sweet
- Awkward
- Captured on a Jumbotron
- Illegal in some states

Other: .....

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★★★ MAKE QUESTIONNAIRES GREAT AGAIN ★★★

Indefensible Political Views:

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THINGS I CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT:

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Draw the worst present I've ever given you:

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I smell like:

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