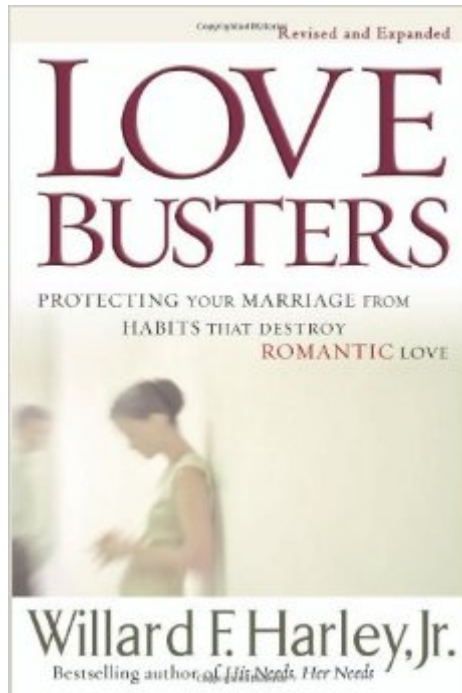


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# Love Busters: Protecting Your Marriage From Habits That Destroy Romantic Love



## Synopsis

How spouses treat each other has a tremendous bearing on the success and failure of marriage. In this completely updated and revised edition of *Love Busters*, Willard F. Harley, Jr., helps couples identify and overcome the most common habits that destroy the feeling of love, including selfish demands, disrespectful judgments, angry outbursts, dishonesty, annoying habits, and thoughtless behavior. Harley also explains how to resolve common marital conflicts such as career choices and financial planning. You can't eliminate conflict altogether, but once these Love Busters are eliminated, conflicts can be resolved with love and grace. With Harley's expert guidance, couples will be able to avoid those behaviors that tear a marriage apart and focus instead on building their love for each other. This companion to *His Needs*, *Her Needs* and *Fall in Love, Stay in Love* is perfect for pastors, counselors, and couples.

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## Customer Reviews

I bought this book years ago and have given it away ever since. The update version is even better and is IMHO one of the best marriage books out there. In fact you can not go wrong with any of Dr. Harley's books but a must to have are *His Needs* *Her Needs* and *Love Busters*. Dr. Harley gives principles for guiding a marriage into harmony and explains how to use these principles to feed or deprive love. He moves on to explain how to use the same principle to address and rectify almost every issue you'll ever face together by showing the most common injuries that hurt your mate. I've read hundreds of marriage books and this by far beats 99% of them.

"If you want to be in love with each other, you should place far more importance on mutual enjoyment than on trying to follow through on commitments that cause one of you to suffer." ~ pg. 214

Staying married can at times be very difficult in our modern age. You may feel like throwing your hands up and taking the easier route: divorce. If divorce is however not a feasible option for you then "Love Busters" may have a lot to offer. Willard F. Harley, Jr. explains the dynamics at work in the typical relationship. He explains how our internal "taker" or "giver" encourages a variety of positive and negative behaviors. Throughout the book he gives real-life examples from his own practice. These are very revealing and help to paint a portrait of a successful or unsuccessful relationship. Some of the topics in this book include a serious discussion about radical honesty, a revealing look at annoying habits and an extremely helpful look at financial conflicts. Whether you are constantly arguing with your partner or you are in a new relationship that you hope will be successful, this book has a lot of good advice. I would especially recommend this book to newlyweds who want to beat the odds and stay married. You can either learn everything in this book from personal experience (the hard way) or you can use the wisdom in this book to build a very strong relationship. ~The Rebecca Review

This is one of the most amazing books I have ever read!!!! I feel like it was written just for my husband and myself about our marriage. It explains things so easily and anyone can understand it. I have been married for 34 years and have been verbally and emotionally abused for a good portion of this time. I have tried many times to convey this to my husband, but have always been unsuccessful. When I was to the point that our marriage was doomed for failure I purchased this book and have been unable to put it down. My husband is also reading it, which is an especially good plus!!!! We had hit rock bottom and are trying to pull ourselves back up. I love Willard Harley and his expertise....its like he has been looking at our marriage and he is telling us how to fix it. I will read and reread this book many times and recommend it to all the married couples I know. I only wish my husband and I could meet with him in person, but I am hoping this book will work just as well. Thank you so much Willard Harley for such a great book and also for your website Marriage Builder's that got me moving in the right direction, and also for helping me to see that my way of thinking wasn't all wrong after all. And thank you for restoring hope to our marriage.

We were at a crisis point in our marriage and I randomly picked this up at the library. It resonated so much with both of us that I bought a copy from to have to refer to in the future. We are also seeing a very expensive therapist but this book may be one of the best investments we'll ever make for our

marriage.

Many believe that as the years pass people grow apart. That's all wrong. I understand why some might say the advice in this book is obvious especially to newlyweds. What they don't realize is that couples that have been together for a decade or longer forget that even a tiny amount of dishonesty (Lies told to avoid hurting someones feelings for example) can build up a huge wall that seems impossible to overcome. Years cause changes in priorities and you forget to put each other first due to kids, finances and other distractions. We have to re-learn what it was that made us fall in love and rebuild that long lost relationship. If you embrace the steps and are truly willing to make some scary, sometimes traumatic, changes then you will succeed. Both spouses need to read this to work. At first it seemed hopeless. Within 4-6 weeks we worked through the bumps in the road of negotiations and started falling in love again. We went from seriously considering breaking it off to finally getting things on a happy track.

This book, really makes you think about love, and puts everything into perspective. It helps couples to realize that staying in love does take conscious effort. I plan on giving this book, and "His needs, Her needs" to every newlywed couple I know so that they don't "fall" out of love with each other. This book is totally worth the time it takes to read it!

Keep the romance going - that's the secret of long-lasting marriages. Now in a newly revised and expanded edition, "Love Busters: Protecting Your Marriage from Habits That Destroy Romantic Love" is a guide to keeping the spark alive in marriages by avoiding certain habits that drive wedges in between people, and starve the love that brought them together in the first place. Focusing on important matters such as the value of compromise, dealing with criticisms, managing one's temper, and the severe threats of lies or erratic behavior, "Love Busters" is an ideal read for any married couple. "Love Busters: Protecting Your Marriage from Habits That Destroy Romantic Love" is highly recommended for community library relationship collections.

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