

**Synopsis**

A world-renowned relationship expert shares his research about love and what it takes to develop a trustful, intimate, and emotionally fulfilling bond. In this insightful book, celebrated research psychologist and couples counselor John Gottman plumbs the mysteries of love and shares the results of his famous ‘Love Lab’: Where does love come from? Why does some love last, and why does some fade? And how can we keep it alive? Based on laboratory findings, this book shows readers how to identify signs, behaviors, and attitudes that indicate a fraying relationship and provides strategies for repairing what may seem lost or broken.

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**Customer Reviews**

While writing mine HOME FINANCES for COUPLES. Resolve Money Problems in Marriage and Learn Easy Steps to Manage your Family Budget I’ve read several relationship books, this one is in TOP 3. Here is my review: Loving partnership gives us wonderful gifts that make life worth living: a sense of purpose, greater health and wealth, and, of course, loving care and nurturance. We all desire to have it. But, how to make it last for decades? “What Makes Love Last” is very different from any other relationship book I’ve read before. Dr. Gootman knows his subject in depth. POSITIVE IMPRESSIONS- Conclusions and recommendations are based on the objective data from scientific studies- Number of useful assessment metrics and tests (measure trust metric, accessing sex and romance, "is this a real thing" quiz, etc)- A perfect balance between scientific and general writing style.- Lots of valuable advice (I took about 3 pages of notes) SOME VALUABLE NOTES- The Zeigarnik effect about unresolved issues (people remember uncompleted or interrupted tasks better
than completed tasks)- Negative comparisons lead to betrayal- Relationship killers are founded on two building blocks: deception (not revealing your true needs to avoid unpleasant conflict) and a yearning for emotional connection that seems unavailable from the partner- Attunement: ability to understand each other at a deep level and lovingly express that knowledge to each other- Not to give advice unless asked.

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