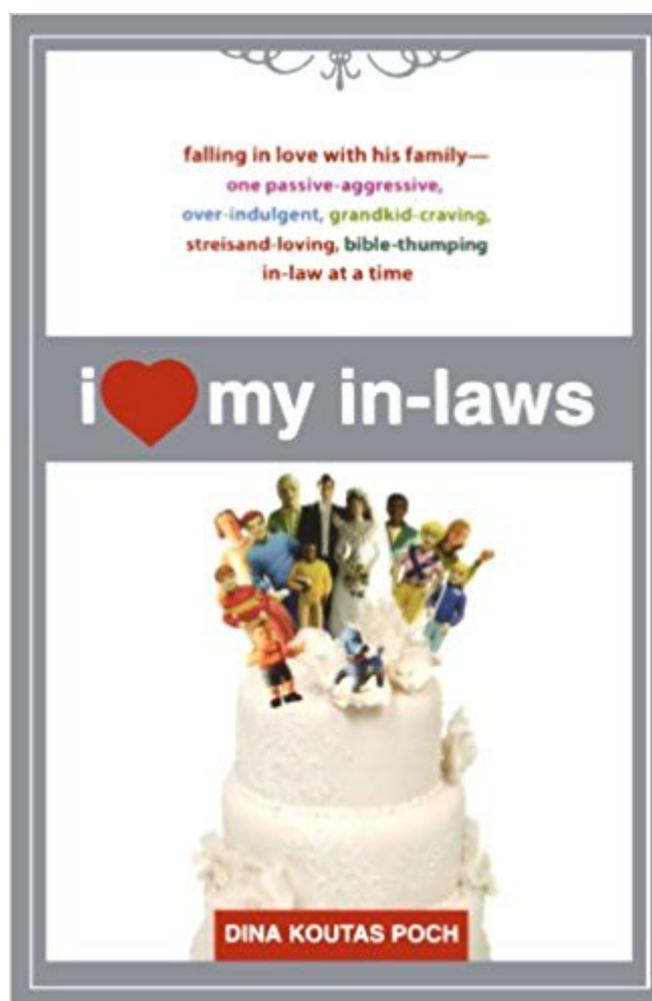


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I Heart My In-Laws: Falling In Love With His Family--One Passive-Aggressive, Over-Indulgent, Grandkid-Craving, Streisand-Loving, Bible-Thumping In-Law At A Time





Synopsis

A practical, laugh-out-loud guide to adopting your man's family — from your first date to your firstborn. Girlfriends, fiancées, and wives rejoice! Here, at last, is a book you can turn to in times of stress, panic, and family vacations to the smallest cottage ever built on the island of Nantucket. Mirroring the natural progression of a relationship and incorporating interviews from women just like you, this hilarious, savvy guide will help you survive your first meeting with future in-laws, from the holidays, weddings, and new babies, to the day they retire to the house next door because "it's a great real estate investment." Discover a wide array of sanity-retention techniques and tips on scoring major points with each and every in-law. Learn how to sweet-talk his sister, mollify his mother, and defuse potentially explosive situations — like when your pumpkin pie gives Nana a bad case of hives. Stories range from the tragic "my father-in-law just pinched my ass and not in that sportsmanship kind of way," to the triumphant "I'm now CEO of my grandfather-in-law's cement company." Thanks Pupup! Offering handy translation charts with curse words in Persian and compliments in Cantonese, a list of gifts and how to interpret their hidden meaning, tips for reclaiming the holidays one Bastille Day at a time, and your very own set of Mother-in-Law MadLibs, *I Heart My In-laws* embodies the old saying, "It's funny because it's true."

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Customer Reviews

“Skip the champagne flutes and buy this for your soon-to-be-wed friends instead!”
— Minneapolis Star-Tribune

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This book was comical and had some important suggestions! However, it is not what I expected to read. I wouldn't have chosen this book!

I had been dating my girlfriend for about 6 months and was very nervous about meeting her parents. I bought this book after seeing Dina Koutas on the Today Show and thought it would be another chic lit type book - how wrong I was! The book is witty and enjoyable, but more importantly, gave me an idea of not just how to act, but what to expect. Definitely recommend this for guys that are meeting parents for the first time who also want a good laugh and appreciate a well penned book.

You've spent your life thinking your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins all have "bizarre quirks" that you've learned to embrace but surely you've avoided telling anyone else about for fear they might just think that weirdness is genetic and you might be one step away from the looney bin yourself. Then comes the day when you meet someone who loves you no matter how crazy you might be and you meet their family and come to the realization that your family is vanilla compared to the rainbow sherbert that will be your future in-laws. "I Heart My In-Laws" is a humorous take on all the different varieties (and several you may not have thought of) of in-laws you could end up with and how to navigate the treacherous waves of expected familial bonding that awaits you. The author's filmmaking sensibilities are noticeable as she is quite deft at conjuring up descriptive scenarios that read like you are watching a scene from a film unfold. Everything from slapstick to moments of drama are present and the author does an excellent job of keeping these incidents in perspective of the larger goal of creating an amicable relationship with your in-laws. While the text is certainly geared more towards female readers, boyfriends and future husbands will undoubtedly get some laughs from reading it, and more importantly learn a thing or two about dealing with their future in-laws as well. The book also has some witty charts and quizzes that will definitely put a smile on your face as you realize not only what kind of in-laws you have, but what kind of parents you have as well. Definitely makes a great engagement present.

Spending a week at the beach house with your in-laws sounded like a good idea back in March when you planned it, but after 36 hours you're ready to burn the place to the ground just to escape...well, don't commit arson. Get this book instead. It's hilarious, but real in talking about relationships, in-laws and coping with the madness it brings on. And the different stories and anecdotes give you the same zip of schadenfreude that Dear Abby does - man, I thought I had it bad, but these stories are much worse! The next time the eight hour epic discussion about how to cook the Thanksgiving turkey makes you crazy, retreat to a corner with this book for some quiet reading time. It's a genuinely fun book that lots of people can identify with, and I totally am giving it to married friends for Christmas - and engaged gals can plan on getting it from me for their showers! (Buying a stack of like ten of the same book and keeping them on hand to give out for various birthdays and holidays is a technique I picked up from...my father-in-law! But don't tell him. I'd never hear the end of it.)

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