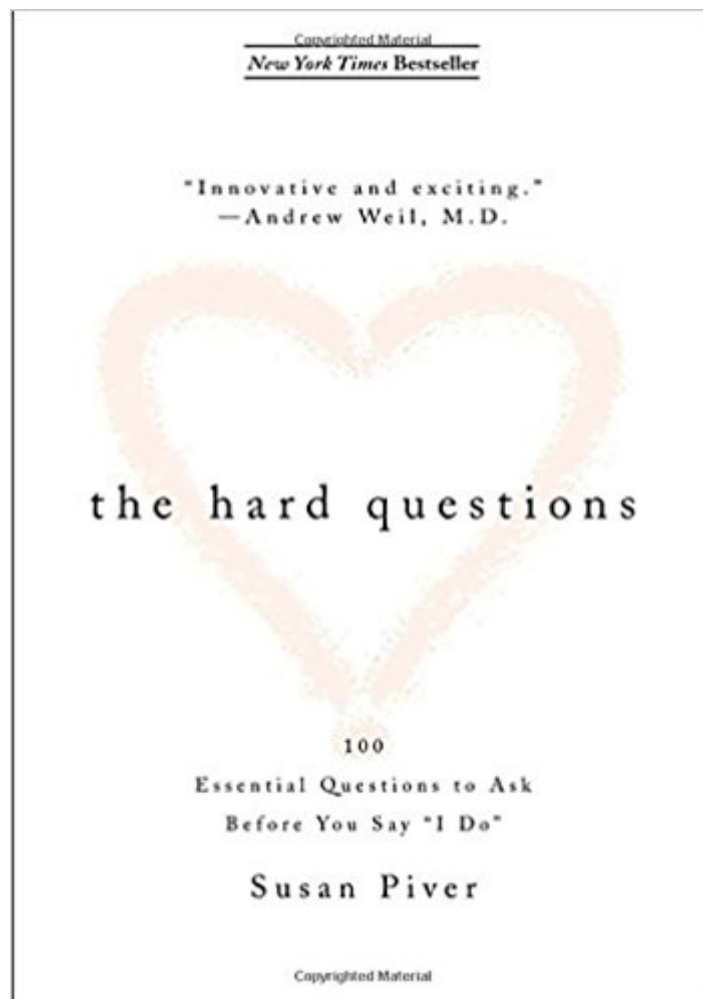




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# The Hard Questions: 100 Questions To Ask Before You Say "I Do"



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Just in time for Valentine's Day 2008, a gorgeous new edition of this classic relationship book. Here is a simple yet profound relationship tool that can forge and strengthen lasting, intimate bonds between engaged couples, newlyweds, and all those in long-term relationships. Focusing on key areas such as home, money, work, sex, community, and family, The Hard Questions contains one hundred thought-provoking questions that challenge and inspire couples to gain a deeper understanding of each other. Together with your partner, you'll discuss matters such as: - What will our home look like? - What will we do if one of us is seriously attracted to someone else? - Will we try to have children, and if so, when? With a cover printed on elegant thick and uncoated stock with debossing and French flaps, this new edition of The Hard Questions will be the perfect gift for that special person in your life this Valentine's Day.

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"Susan Piver is a deeply intuitive and innovative thinker. I could not recommend her more highly." Julia Cameron

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bestselling authors.

My husband and I read this book when we were dating. We've been married for seven years. Now we gift it to anyone thinking about getting married. It poses trivial questions about daily life that you probably would not think of on your own. Sometimes the same questions are worded differently. This can be annoying or get you to approach the same subject from a different perspective. For some of my friends, this book allows one partner to discuss a sensitive area (spending habits, family) without the other person feeling attacked. We went through the questions during road trips as a way to pass time. Not only did we get to know each other better, it was a confrontational way to discuss issues for which we had strong feelings. Plus, when the eldest of four marries an only child, holiday spending and family priorities are important topics. Eventually we would have gotten to most of these topics on our own, but it helped create a stronger foundation for our marriage. One commenter wrote that this book doesn't ask philosophical questions. That's true. Hopefully, those types of things are discussed while you're enjoying a meal. This book will ask if it is okay to lend money to family or where to spend holidays. Topics that are better discussed before marriage than argued after the nuptials.

My fiancée and I are separated by thousands of miles, due to his military career, I'm on the east coast and he's on the west coast, so this book has really been a blessing to us. Because of the physical distance, this book has given us a lot to talk about that we wouldn't have even thought of, due to the separation. When we are together, we're too excited to have those in depth conversations. With the book though, it makes us feel closer together, and makes us talk about so many things we may have overlooked. The book is a good size front. Plus easy to slide in your purse so you can take it with you. It's well written. Quickly shipped. Both of us enjoy the book and would purchase it again. Definitely recommended

Give this to every friend that you have who is engaged to be married. These are the questions that people are often too uncomfortable to ask, but are absolutely central to a successful marriage. I've given this book to at least five people since I read it with my now-wife five years ago.

I have seen some great success with this book in my personal relationship and highly recommend it to others! I am currently in a long distance relationship in which my partner lives 730 miles away. We had come to the point in our relationship where we had been discussing marriage and the possibility

of me moving to be with him and his son. Uprooting my life has been a difficult pill to swallow and I wanted to make sure I was making the right choice before making such a move. I purchased this book so we might cover those make or break relationship moments before actually making the move and I have to say I was pleasantly surprised. My partner was not only more than willing to participate, but excited as well! I was thrilled at his enthusiasm as well as at his answers! We were able to have some riveting conversations on those tough relationship questions and I currently making moves to relocate!

I disagree with previous writers who say the questions are childish, or for people with a short engagement. We had a long engagement, and found this book to be quite stimulating. I will agree that some of the questions you hopefully have talked about before becoming engaged, but others we hadn't thought of. Also, the book is supposed to spur discussion, contemplation, and conversation, and the questions are not supposed to elicit just at one sentence answer. Developing good communication is a must for any marriage, and this book is great at sparking discussion and debate. It is nice that it has questions like "What do you think a father is supposed to do?" as the answer to these can vary greatly from person to person. If you discuss these types of questions before even getting married, you will be able to have realistic expectations of your future spouse, knowing better his/her beliefs and expectations of you too. The point of this book is to find out if there are huge discrepancies in your backgrounds, morals and values, so that you can work through them before they become an issue, and destroy your relationship. The thing I liked best about this book, is that while reading it, in answering a question, we would often get into conversation about things that were related, but not necessarily asked in the book. I think this book is great for married couples, as well as engaged couples.

I love this book! I have given it to at least 6 couples before their marriages (and they all still got married)... None of these questions were even thought about before I married, and the answers can be so important to the peace and happy-ness of couples and their future together. So many of the questions might be answered by 'hmmm...I never thought about that'. Why not ask them before the wedding, instead of being caught by surprise after...when one might be assuming the outcome, or thinking it would be like their parents' choices? I might not have married my husband had I read this book and discussed it with him before the wedding :-). But then, I would've missed out on 4 wonderful kids, who are now adults! Yes, I love this book...everything we know is something we know. Why leave something so life-changing as a lifelong partnership to chance? Makes for lots of

thinking, sharing, and getting to know one another and one's own self better! How could that not be a good thing? Thanks for asking :-) Peace to you~Jaynie Allee

This book should be required reading for anyone contemplating marriage. I wish I had had it some 45 years ago before I married. It would have made a huge difference in the learning curve in going from the single, carefree life to "wedded bliss." It is not all about the wedding, dress, gifts and party. It is about the life you live afterward.

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