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In *Love That Lasts*, *New York Times* bestselling author of *Jesus > Religion* Jefferson Bethke and his wife, Alyssa, expose the distorted views of love that permeate our culture and damage our hearts, minds, and souls.

Drawing from Jeff's "prodigal son" personal history and from Alyssa's "True Love Waits" experience, the Bethkes point to a third and better way. Blending personal storytelling with biblical teaching, they offer readers an inspiring, realistic vision of love, dating, marriage, and sex.

Young people today enter adulthood with expectations of blissful dating followed by a romantic, fulfilling marriage only to discover they've been duped. They learned about love and sexuality from social media, their friends, Disney fairy tales, pornography, or even their own rocky past, and they have no idea what healthy, lifelong love is supposed to be like. The results are often disastrous, with this generation becoming one of the most relationally sick, sexually addicted, and divorce ridden in history.

Looking to God's design while drawing lessons from their own successes and failures, the Bethkes explode the fictions and falsehoods of our current moment. One by one, they peel back the lies, such as the belief that every person has only one soul mate, that marriage will complete you, or that pornography and hook-ups are harmless.

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Katherine Yeung says

I COULD NOT STOP READING!! This book is amazing if you're single, in a relationship, engaged, married.. anything! Every chapter has something that you can relate to, whether you are male or female; everyone goes through similar trials and our stories can help each other grow in multiple ways. Though their book is all about their own life stories, I found that I could see myself in their shoes at one time or another and I loved that I could feel so relatable to them! The honesty and the openness that they were able to share really showed me how close we can be as a Christian community even though we are miles apart from each other. 100% recommended to any of my friends who are looking to self-reflect, strengthen their own relationships or just looking for a great book to read!

Ashley says

Wow. Just finished reading this book and although I'm bummed it's finished, I feel like I'm now well equipped to take what I read and apply it to something that seems to always make or break the human race: relationships. This book truly is for anyone. From ages 0-99, any walk of life and relationship status, gender, cultural background, etc. The author and his wife truly poured out their hearts in this book and the product was not only an amazing read, but what I like to call it, a "flashlight." Flashlight because the topics they cover expose dark areas that need healing and that aren't talked about, but are essential to have the knowledge and wisdom in these areas.

Kinda like in school- you may not have paid much attention to the Professor/Teacher (main source) but a friend comes along who has already been through the course and tells you, "Hey, I can give you pointers and you can even borrow my notes so that you can have the info in written form." You pass up the offer and once you start the exam, the real deal, you quickly learn and think, "I should've considered what my friend had to say. He's already been through this!"

Kinda how I see the book. 52 days before I say "I do" and I'm grateful to have had knowledge and wisdom passed down to me. That's how we grow as people- through a loving community. And it's apparent that the authors wrote this book produced out of love, obedience, and a deep yearning to want to empower the audience/community they have gained.

Definitely a must read for a society and generation that is suffering because of a lack of knowledge and teaching in such an important area of life.

I received an Advance Reader Copy from the publisher.

Alexa says

I was fortunate enough to receive an Advanced Reader Copy from the publisher. This book is truly amazing and gets down to the nitty gritty of your life and it really makes you think. It is a wonderful read and funny too! Jeff and Alyssa share their stories and much of it you can relate with. Whether you are single, married, divorced, widowed, or dating, this book is a must read!

Caleb says

This book could use a more accurate title. It possesses the story of two people and how they feel in love. What little advice given can be seen on the authors' YouTube page. Also unfortunately compared to his past books, there is a real lack of scripture. This book makes me feel like I'm listening to someone's story, and God just happens to be there on the side. The current title leads you to believe that there will be much advice about life, marriage, and sex. Honestly it's a story of two people who fall in love and give a little piece of advice at the end of each chapter.

Cara Riker says

Wow! If you feel like your love life is not in line with God's best - pick up this book! Jeff and Alyssa are open and honest about how they've worked on finding 'God's Better Way' and let me tell you, it's amazing. Don't think you can't learn from this book if you are not married or dating. As someone who recently became single, I took so much away from reading this! I really believe that reading this book and learning about their own story can help anyone in whatever walk of life they're in. I received an Advance Reader Copy from publisher.

Erika Contreras says

I enjoyed reading this book. It made me both laugh and cry but more importantly it reminded me how important it is to keep God first in your life whether single, dating, or married. Jefferson's writing has a way of drawing you in just as his YouTube videos do (I'm a fan!). Alyssa's writing is so intriguing, it was hard to put this book down!

I received an Advanced Reader Copy from the Publisher

Christina Zahniser says

This is really more of an autobiography than a "how-to" book of any sorts, but it's impossible not to learn from Jeff & Alyssa's experiences! I think most people can relate to either Jeff OR Alyssa, but even if you find yourself somewhere in the middle, the lessons they've learned - and how they've learned to process events throughout their lives is inspiring and challenging.

Besides it being an incredibly applicable, Jeff and Alyssa's writing is hilarious, relatable, and comforting. It's impossible to feel like you aren't sitting across a table from new friends, drinking a latte talking about life and love.

I received an Advance Reader Copy from the publisher.

Jeff Rynning says

I was lucky enough to have received an Advance Reader Copy from the publisher and have to say, this is seriously one of the best books I have ever read. Jeff and Alyssa's openness and vulnerability give you a front row seat into their marriage, which is not only so great of them to do, but that vulnerability helps you feel open enough to look within your own heart and see where God might be leading you. Reading this made me feel like I was sitting down and talking with some of my oldest friends! I can confidently say that this is a book for everyone. Whether you are single, married, divorced, young, middle, or old, wherever you fall on the relationship timeline, this book is for you, and will no doubt help deepen your relationship with Christ; helping you learn more about who God is and who he created you to be in this world. I'm definitely recommending this to all of my friends and family!!

Lizz says

This book has the potential to change the thinking of the younger generations in how they look at love! This was a phenomenally written book, giving insight into relationships in the 21st century and how to 'unlearn' what our culture and even our churches are feeding us when it comes to love, marriage, sex, etc. This is a book that I will make each of my children read before they start dating, when they get to that age. It is a book that is great for everyone and anyone, regardless of what stage you are in in life...single, dating, engaged, newlyweds, been married 50 years....this book is for you!

The way it was written with Jeff and Alyssa alternating chapters, made it feel like you were sitting in the same room while they told you their story! Their writing reached inside me and completely made me question most everything I had been taught, or thought I knew, about love. It turned me inside out and helped me make some needed realizations of where I needed to change my thinking and my understanding. I honestly can't recommend this book enough. I want to give it to every single person I know!

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Chloe James says

This is a MUST READ for ANYONE! Young, old, single, dating- you can relate to it. The authors are two imperfect people who are simply sharing their story to glorify God! You did to order yourself a copy of this book. I received an Advance Reader Copy from the publisher.

Abby Stoker says

I am so grateful I was selected to receive an advanced reader copy. I enjoyed every second I got to read and experience the joy, hardships, struggles, and realizations that Jeff and Alyssa share. They are so vulnerable and real and relatable. I can't wait to get my own physical copy and get to mark it up, share it, and read it

over and over.

I have followed the Bethkes for years now, since before they were married, and I have loved every bit of content they have shared with the world. They have such a passion and a heart for God, for His kingdom, and for other couples. It is so encouraging to know their stories, individually and apart, and be able to learn and better myself and my relationships from it.

I would strongly recommend this book to people of all relationship statuses. It is not just for married couples or even dating couples. Several chapters focus on how to examine yourself and where you are in your walk with God before you get in a place of dating or marriage. Their podcasts are a good listen as well! I hope you read it when it comes out in October and enjoy it as much as I did!

Kelly Fisher says

Every now and then you come across a book that is just so real and raw, so bare and honest, that you have to finish but you don't want to finish it all at the same time. This book is that. Intertwining the need for community in our relationships, as well as God's redeeming love in each of their personal lives, Jeff and Alyssa have created not a 'How-to' book, but a funny, tear-jerking, honest look at what, Who, we find true contentment and fulfillment in in order to have grace and love-filled relationships, and also where and who we won't find it, as they tell their story. I never imagined that I'd recommend a book as often as I have this one already.. to my kids, my friends, everyone in my circle and my circle's circle.. I don't read relationship books, but this time, I'm so glad I did.

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Shay Fort says

Jeff and Alyssa Bethke beautifully weave together a story of perfect love as exemplified in Christ's love and sacrifice for us. With this picture in mind, they vulnerably describe their successes and struggles and the crucial turning points in their own lives and marriage. Their story is intensely encouraging to anyone who values relationships built on mutual trust, acceptance of flaws, and forgiveness. Lifelong commitment to a single person may be hard, but the Bethkes illustrate it is not impossible, even in a culture that is increasingly moving away from face to face conversations and true vulnerability.

While Love That Lasts is a timeless book, perfect for any audience, I especially appreciated that it is written by two people that have navigated the age of technology and struggled and persevered through the challenges it presents. In other words, Jeff and Alyssa are OUR age, if you're a twenty-something/"young" (in quotes because of course I believe that many are also young at heart). Honestly, there are not a lot of books out there on marriage, faith, theology, and life that are written by youngsters, for lack of a better word, and I was so encouraged to read a book that spoke to my generation. At the same time, it's not just my generation that can benefit from this book, because the world we live in uses the internet, iphones, facebook, instagram, etc. on a daily basis and living out our faith in those realms is very much the same, but also a little different. We need to be Christ to the world, and the world is now so close to our fingertips.

Love That Lasts comes out October 10, 2017 and I really urge you to get a copy. I promise, you will benefit so much from the sweet words Jeff and Alyssa share. Get a cup of coffee or tea, a cozy spot, and this book and prepare to be challenged at the heart level as you laugh, cry, and soak up God's promises for good lasting

relationships.

(I received an Advanced Reader Copy from the publisher.)

Alexandra Yearley says

A little backstory on my husband and I before I jump right into my review. He and I both were not raised religious. We never went to church with our families, nor did we discuss religion. It just wasn't a part of our lives. As we got older, we both experienced church a bit through our friends, but nothing in depth by any means. In April of 2017 we briefly discussed faith and that same day a pastor showed up at our door. We were stunned. A week later, Easter Sunday, we attended church and fell in love. We have not missed a Sunday since. We even volunteer once a month for set up and tear down. We have found such a love for the Lord. It has been the most incredible experience and to say that it wasn't God knocking on our door that day would be a gross disregard for the truth. His truth. In my journey to the Lord, I stumbled across the Bethke's on YouTube. Their videos were everything. I knew that I needed more. My husband and I have both sets of their relationship workbooks and we have really learned a lot from both. When I received this book, I had high hopes. I was prepared to be mind blown at least once. But this book did SO MUCH MORE. I am completely enamored with the way the Jeff and Alyssa share not only their personal stories of live, life and relationships but with how they share the Lord with their readers. As a developing infant Christian I am still learning a lot. My battles with faith have always stemmed from not knowing if I'm doing the right thing or if I'm even worthy of God's love and grace. This book reaffirmed MANY times how amazing and powerful God's love truly is. It has been a breathe of fresh air for my own journey as well as my journey with my husband in our marriage and in our collective faith. In reading this book I found so many instances where I was blown away by the content and found myself bookmarking a section to share with someone I knew who would deeply benefit from the content. I am surrounded by so many people in different seasons of life and I found something that would touch EACH AND EVERYONE OF THEM. My single friends, my married friends, my divorced friends, my parents, my church, my non religious friends and family, my acquaintances, EVERYONE. There is something for everyone in here. There are not only lessons, but there are affirmations that no matter what the circumstances, God is with us, loves us with this deep unconditional love, and is always for us. Even when we think we know better than He does, He stands next to us waiting for the moment where we jump into His arms. I am AMAZED by this book and cannot imagine the numerous ways in which this book will become a staple in my life and in my marriage. I was truly blessed with the opportunity to read this book before the release so that I can share it with everyone that I know. I guarantee that even if the entire book doesn't move you the way it did me, at least *something* will. Trust me when I say, it is worth it! Shout out to the Bethke's for creating such a gem! I am so insanely grateful and look forward to the next book! (;

I received an Advance Reader Copy from the publisher. (Because God knew I needed this book right now! (:
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Amanda says

If you're wanting Godly advice or to read about a Godly couple's experiences in navigating dating, life as newlyweds, and etc., I highly recommend this book. Jeff and Alyssa are so relatable. They hold nothing back and share some of the deepest parts of their stories, both as individuals and together. If you struggle with singleness or even an eating disorder/porn and similar things, you'll want to read this. Whether you've never

been in a relationship or have been married for years, there is something for you on these pages. Jeff and Alyssa are full of wisdom. I'm a sensitive person, but their words touched me and made me cry. I received an Advance Reader Copy from the publisher.
