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In a world of 72-day celebrity marriages, a 73-year marriage is nearly unimaginable. Against all odds, Cutie and Harry Cooper persevered through seven decades of marriage, enjoying triumphant milestones and enduring devastating losses, all while keeping their sense of humor and connection intact. Here, Cutie chronicles their story and extracts time-tested advice on how to know if you've met "the one," the art of fighting fair, and everything else that goes into staying blissfully bonded. With vintage photos charting their relationship from newlyweds to nonagenarians, this nostalgic and romantic gift book is a practical resource for anyone who dreams of falling in love for life.

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## **From Reader Review Fall in Love for Life: Inspiration from a 73-Year Marriage for online ebook**

### **Barbara says**

Barbara "Cutie" Cooper's advice actually stands the test of time. What was relevant to marriage back then is still totally relevant for current marriages. Even when things weren't always going so well the thought of giving it all up just wasn't something they considered. Their's was a love that really will never die and she definitely recounted her life with inspiration for us all. If you take nothing else from this story, take the fact that no matter what was thrown her way in her in her 93 years she is still living, and enjoying, life to the fullest!

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### **Jennifer says**

This was a "quick read" for me. I have been trying to get through a stack of books and was interested in this sweet handbook of life experience. I consider this a thoughtful and straightforward manual of wisdom for a new (or older) couple. The book is a great reminder that life and relationships are precious and should be handled with care. I appreciated the gratitude and love which were echoed through each page. I love Cutie's great advice for wisely embracing each stage in life.

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### **Jennifer says**

Due to her long marriage, Cutie Cooper was often asked for relationship advice. This is part autobiography and part advice book. Cutie and her husband Harry raised a family and owned a business together. Their marriage was not perfect (which is impossible since people are not perfect) but had it's problems and successes. They dealt with tragedy and always found a way to get through everything together. There are no earth shattering revelations in this book, just a simple love story with some common sense advice.

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### **Debbie says**

Married seventy-three years, Cutie Cooper tells her life story with the writing help of her two granddaughters. Each short chapter describes her view of life on a topic such as money, falling in love, and growing old. At the end of each chapter, Cutie's Counsel suggests several ideas to follow on that topic such as express gratitude for good fortune. Full of great old fashioned advice. Cutie maintains a blog -- Ask Grandma Anything -- which reminds me of Anne Landers/Dear Abbey. A sweet story.

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### **Dundee Library says**

I mainly picked this up because I love looking at old photos! Readers get to see Barbara and her husband, Harry, when they were newlyweds at 20 and 25, and then in their golden years. Barbara shares her insight on

how to make a good marriage last and other wise tidbits throughout the book. The Coopers were married until Harry died in 2010. Barbara continues to delight fans on the website her granddaughters helped create at [www.the-ogs.com](http://www.the-ogs.com).

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### **Ann Gibson says**

I purchased this book on Kindle for a V day gift for myself, and husband a few years ago. I started and stopped several times, and just recently managed to finish it. We read it together. Advice is sweet and timely.

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### **Dana Jennings says**

This book is so sweet, it's impossible not to smile from ear to ear while reading it. Barbara is a gem. Great, simple, feel-good advice.

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### **Ashley Hebert says**

This book was such a treat to read! "Cutie" shared advice about marriage that seemed so sensible and simple, yet in our crazy world today, is rarely seen! She portrays how beautiful marriage is meant to be and how when two people keep their eyes on each other in the midst of this whirlwind we call life, nothing could pull them apart. I loved every second of reading this book and appreciate her wisdom. I think whether a person was married or not, they could still truly benefit from this read. It's become one of my true, heartfelt favorites!

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### **Gabbie says**

Barbara's advice seems applicable to many people. There's a reason she's gotten famous for giving people advice. She does it well. This story is sweet and touching. Although a 73-year marriage may seem like a fairy tale, she touches on real problems (ones that existed in her own relationship) and acknowledges that marriage--or in a broader sense, relationships--are work. You have to be dedicated to being a good partner and work through those challenging situations and times that are inevitable. What really resonated with me was Barbara's tenacious optimism and positivity. I already have two people in mind that I want to buy this book for--one is a newly engaged person and the other is someone who has recently lost their spouse. As a person who is in a relatively new relationship, I also found Barbara's advice and wisdom helpful. I feel that people of all ages (whether gay, straight, bi, etc) would find things in this book that they could relate to and apply to their relationships. I see myself returning to this book again and again in the future to remind me what it takes to have a happy, lasting relationship and to live life to the fullest.

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### **Meg says**

I highly recommend this to anyone that is newly wed, engaged, or just in love. It is truly inspiring. (They

definitely named this one appropriately!) I fell in love with this couple and couldn't put this little gem down once I started it - which says a lot for me, as I am not an avid reader by any stretch of the word. If this book does not make your heart yearn for simpler times and one true love to take you into your golden years - then I feel sad for you. Bah humbug!

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### **Cathy Holland frueh says**

Oh my goodness! They don't call her "Cutie" for nothing! What a sweet book! I really delighted in reading her life story of her 73 year marriage to Harry. I laughed, I cried, I was sad, I pondered. I took to heart her advice on raising children, then teens, then "letting go" of your adult children. I loved her continued outlook on life, I mean, she's 98 yrs young! 'If you can count your blessings, that's a good activity. I'd much rather focus on the sweet than the sour stuff. If it's a beautiful day and the breeze is ruffling my hair, that's a great feeling. I can walk down the street without limping, and that's marvelous. I look into the mirror and ask, "Is that old lady really me?" Then I reply, "Barbara Cooper, that's you, and you are almost 100 years old. You are in good health. Your family that you have left, you love. Your family that are gone are in God's hands. You'd better be happy with what you've got!" Well, I have no complaints. Thank you, God.'" And she has an advice blog. And a Facebook. What a hoot! I like relational books, and this was a good one.

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### **Tracey says**

What a wonderful and inspiring book of love, life and lessons. A true love story of two kids who grew old together and learn about life and marriage along the way. This book is a refreshing look into the lives of real life love and the joys, tests, hardships that comes with it. Wonderful story and great advice!

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### **Cher says**

**2.5 stars - It was alright, an average book. Not great, but certainly not bad.**

You cannot help but admire "Cutie", the author, and the 73 year long marriage she had with "Pop Pop". In this day and time, a long and happy run such as theirs is a truly wonderful and rare thing to behold.

Sadly though, this book fell flat for me. It is a book which could be described as part memoir and part relationship advice, how-to guide. The couple led a simple and honest life which makes the memoir aspect a little boring, and the advice is comprised of cliché snippets of what is solid, but well known guidance. I personally believe that so many marriages fail because people choose to not do what they need to do to keep their relationship strong, not because they don't know how to keep it strong. That belief was reinforced by seeing her words of common sense being given as guidelines. Each chapter had bullet points marked at the end, which gave the book a dry, textbook feel and took away from the charm factor.

What was most interesting to me were the generational differences being explored (but not very deeply) and snippets of how things were following the depression and in the 40's and 50's. Things like her husband's boss telling him he would get about a 20% raise once he was married (in the late 30's) - I enjoyed those little windows being opened into another time where things were so radically different than they are today. The pictures that the author shares of her and her sweetheart through the decades were also sweet additions.

The author comes across as a very kind and sweet lady, but honestly, the "inspiration" that so many other reviewers found, I did not. While I certainly respect her and her impressive long-run marriage, the book was a disappointment overall due to the slowness and common sense, textbook style guidelines. The couple's story is charming, but it is covered in the intro and on their blog. The charm does not carry over into the rest of the book which is a bit dry and has a lecture feel overall. I would recommend trying to borrow it or check it out from the library if interested.

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Favorite Quote: When your life is nearly over, you will regret it if you look back and recall too many nights when you made excuses instead of making love.

First Sentence: When I met Harry, in 1937, I was a very sophisticated twenty-year-old girl who thought I knew it all and really knew nothing.

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### **Pam says**

This is a charming book written by a 93 year old woman(with the help of two of her granddaughters). In it, Barbara "Cutie" Cooper shares her advice and wisdom on love and marriage. Full of common sense and anecdotes from her 73 year marriage, the book reads like a long conversation with a beloved grandmother. Apparently, this book is an extension of a blog (The OGs) written by Cutie and her (late) husband, Harry, with the help of their granddaughters. I haven't checked out the blog yet, but apparently it (and Cutie's Facebook page!) have an element of advice column to it. A fun read that is full of humor, great insight and some great advice. 4 stars - I really liked it.

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### **Jill says**

Cutie offers a delightful look into a traditional marriage commenced during the 1930s. Her attitude is optimistic with realism thrown into the journey.

Awareness of different times today is not left out and much of her advice, even though she admits to being "square" many times, is relevant today. She is open to new lifestyles without judgment while graciously stating her own views without apologizing for them.

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