

The Marriage Plot

This collection brings together three novels from one of America's great modern writers.

Simplified Chinese edition of Anything Is Possible

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Prince Jeremy must marry within the month or lose the throne. He would much rather not be king, but if he must, then he will go about it in the least convenient way possible for the council: holding an open call for a man to marry. Not everything is as it seems, and there are plans within plans. But sometimes even princes get caught in their own clever little plots. 15,000 words A "Marrying Men" story. These pseudo-historical tales feature men marrying one another in various worlds and ways. Happy ending are to be expected.

Simplified Chinese edition of An American Marriage

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The Marriage of Minds examines the implications of the common Victorian claim that novel reading can achieve the psychic, ethical, and affective benefits also commonly associated with sympathy in married life. Through close readings of canonical texts in relation to the histories of sympathy, marriage, and reading, The Marriage of Minds begins to fill a long-standing gap between eighteenth-century philosophical notions of sympathy and twentieth-century psychoanalytic concepts of identification. It examines the wide variety of ways in which novels were understood to educate or reform readers in the mid-nineteenth century. Finally, it demonstrates how both the form of the Victorian novel and the experience supposed to result from that form were implicated in ongoing debates about the nature, purpose, and law of marriage.

"The Nun in the Garret" engages the topic of dissent, both in the sense that it dissents from the theory of the secular novel, and is informed by the Dissenting faiths of Victorian England and their compatibility with a scriptural hermeneutics that privileges questioning. I observe how religion and form intersect in the novel through this lens of dissent, arguing that the realist novel consistently uses the marriage plot as a staging ground that pits civil society against privately held religious belief. As a means of exploring this formal concern, I employ a way of reading I've termed "faithful reading," which does not treat religion's influence on the marriage plot and, hence, the novel as something symptomatic or repressed, but as something that is openly and even didactically treated. Faithful reading is a germ of a way of looking at the text that revives hermeneutics's context by acknowledging its religious roots and looking at the way these roots can assist readers in pursuing the problems or liabilities of presentism; restoring

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Times Book Review • NPR • The New Republic • Salon • The Seattle Times • Houston Chronicle • The Miami Herald • Publisher's Weekly "Remind[s] us with uncommon understanding what it is to be young and idealistic, in pursuit of true love, and in love with books and ideas."—Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times "A grand romance in the Austen tradition."—USA Today Are the great love stories of the nineteenth century dead? Or can there be a new story, written for today and alive to the realities of feminism, sexual freedom, prenups, and divorce? It's the early 1980s. In American colleges, the wisecracking kids are inhaling Derrida and listening to Talking Heads. But Madeleine Hanna, dutiful English major, is writing her senior thesis on Jane Austen and George Eliot, purveyors of the marriage plot that lies at the heart of the greatest English novels. As Madeleine studies the age-old motivations of the human heart, real life, in the form of two very different guys, intervenes---the charismatic and intense Leonard Bankhead, and her old friend the mystically inclined Mitchell Grammaticus. As all three of them face life in the real world they will have to reevaluate everything they have learned. Jeffrey Eugenides creates a new kind of contemporary love story in "his most powerful novel yet" (Newsweek).

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Questioning a literary history that, since Ian Watt's *Rise of the Novel*, has privileged the courtship plot, Kelly Hager proposes an equally powerful but overlooked narrative focusing on the failed marriage. Hager maps the legal history of marriage and divorce, providing crucial background as she reveals the prevalence of the failed-marriage plot in eighteenth- and nineteenth-century British novels. Dickens's novels emerge as representative case studies in their preoccupations with the disintegration of marriage, the far-reaching and disastrous effects

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Examines how and why marriage plots became the English novel's most popular form in the eighteenth century. This book will be of interest to students and researchers of eighteenth and early nineteenth-century English literature and culture as well as feminist literary history.

The first collection of short fiction from Jeffrey Eugenides, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Virgin Suicides* and *Middlesex*. Jeffrey Eugenides's bestselling novels have shown him to be an astute observer of the crises of adolescence, self-discovery, family love, and what it means to be American. The stories in *Fresh Complaint* explore equally rich—and intriguing—territory. Ranging from the biting reproductive antics of “Baster” to the dreamy, moving account of a young traveler’s search for enlightenment in “Air Mail” (selected by Annie Proulx for Best American Short Stories), this collection presents characters in the midst of personal and national emergencies. We meet a failed poet who, envious of other people’s wealth during the real-estate bubble, becomes an embezzler; a clavichordist whose dreams of art flounder under the obligations of marriage and fatherhood; and, in *Fresh Complaint*, a high school student whose wish to escape

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the strictures of her immigrant family lead her to a drastic decision that upends the life of a middle-aged British physicist. Narratively compelling, beautifully written, and packed with a density of ideas despite their fluid grace, these stories chart the development and maturation of a major American writer.

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Simplified Chinese edition of *Between Sisters*

Brown University, 1982. Madeleine Hanna, incurable romantic, is studying Jane Austen and George Eliot - authors of the great marriage plots. A madeleine contemplates the age-old motivations of the human heart, real life, in the form of two very different men, intervenes. The charismatic Leonard Bankhead attracts Madeleine with an intensity she feels powerless to resist. Meanwhile her old friend Mitchell is certain of only one thing in life - that he and Madeleine are destined to be together. As all three leave college, they must decide the ending of their very own marriage plot [Source : 4e de couv.].

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