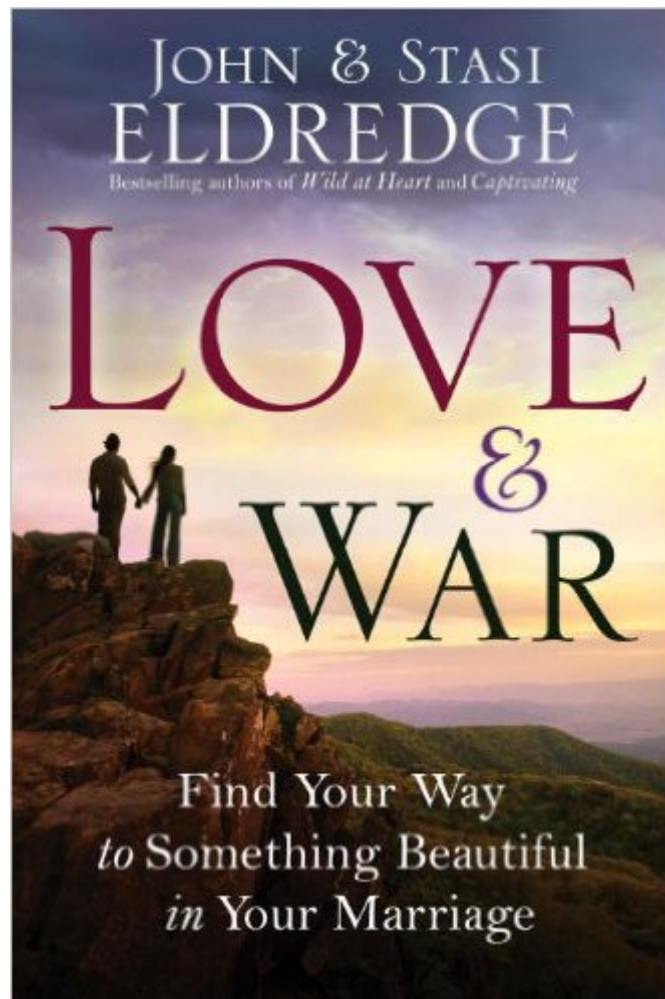


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# Love And War: Find Your Way To Something Beautiful In Your Marriage



## Synopsis

With astonishing vulnerability that engages readers from the first page, John and Stasi Eldredge openly discuss their own marriage and the breakthroughs they have won from the challenges they've faced. Each talks to the reader about what he and she have learned, providing a balance between male and female perspectives that has been absent from previous books on this topic. John and Stasi begin *Love & War* with an obvious confession: Marriage is fabulously hard. But beneath and behind the inevitable tensions a man and woman are locked in the same submarine are going to have, the real battle is against the work of the Enemy, who plots and schemes to tear love apart. The Eldredges show how couples can win by fighting for each other, instead of against each other. As they say, "We live in a great love story, set in the midst of war." This is a book of wisdom and hope a beautiful labor that will move your marriage to far deeper joy. Dan. B. Allender, author of *The Wounded Heart*

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## Customer Reviews

This is the most honest book on marriage that I've ever read, and the one that has the most promise to be truly helpful. I've read marriage books that basically say follow these principles, or just learn these handy techniques, and all your troubles will melt away. And I've read other well-meaning books that are some variation of a Bible lesson: here's what God intends for you to be as a godly husband and wife, so just obey all these verses to guarantee you a picture-perfect relationship. John & Stasi Eldredge take a different approach: that marriage is hard, and that it is hard because of our own sin & brokenness, and that no principle, technique, or even Bible verse will magically fix the

mess that is our souls. Eldredge writes, "So long as we choose to turn a blind eye to how we are fallen as men or women, and to the unique style of relating we have forged out of our sin and brokenness, we will continue to do damage to our marriages." What is the solution? It is first to realize the nature of the battle and the nature of what marriage can be, then to let God use the crucible of marriage to change you, transform you into the holy man or woman that He has intended you to be, while battling against the Enemy. Eldredge summarizes it thusly: 1. Find life in God. 2. Deal with your brokenness. 3. Learn to shut down the spiritual attacks that come against your marriage. Love & War contains a lot of Biblical wisdom, a lot of honest, hard, and humorous stories, and a lot of very blunt tell-it-like-it-is-in-your-face challenges. It's unlike any other book on marriage I've come across, that lays out the true nature of the soul ugliness behind marital dysfunction, and shows a path to growth and healing. You need this book: for you, for your spouse, for your friends. Get it, read it, and have the courage to move forward with your marriage and your life.

I am a fan of John Eldredge's books. I like his writing style. I like his take on the message he conveys. I like his vulnerability. I like it that he is real. And in all of these areas, this book does not disappoint. "Love & War" is their best book to date! One of the things I like best about this book is that it stands on its own. One does not need to have read or even be familiar with any of their other books to get what John and Stasi are saying in "Love & War." Chapter 12 "Learning to Love" is among my favorite parts of the book. It is so refreshing and real to have a book that does not try to boil everything down to a 7-steps-to-being-perfect-like-me approach, so prevalent today. It felt so liberating reading the Eldredge's words without a strong dose of guilt and shame oozing out through the pages. Many of us are so jacked up with our histories...sexually and in so many other ways. I'm glad John and Stasi tackled this, too. I particularly like it that they included some prayers to model in the Appendix, especially "A Prayer for Sexual Healing." This book is the real deal! No fluff. No hype. No filler. For those of us who want more...desire more...in our marriage this is now my #1 recommended read.

A marriage that bears the signature of God's heart is an incredible gift, and it is worth fighting for. In their book, Love and War, John and Stasi Eldredge walk the reader into the larger story that God has for us in marriage. With wisdom and transparency, they encourage the reader with the heart of Scripture and the stories of life. This is a book of hope that draws us to step out of the small stories and battles that often fill our lives, and into the more that God has for us in marriage. Don't expect tips and techniques in this book that make it seem up to us to "do it right". Expect instead the

courage to step into the larger, wonderful story of hope and love; expect also a call to be authentic with your heart and your life. From that place, God's love is compelling and can bring deep healing and new life. The hope that is found in this book is not only for those who have lost hope in their marriage, though it is for them. It's also for those whose marriages are strong and for those who are just beginning on the journey. Perhaps also for those not yet married, because what this book does is to let us see and know more of God's heart of love for us all. Don't miss this book, and after you've read it, don't hold onto it. Give it away -- everywhere you can. 20 years in ministry/23 years in marriage and I say "It's time" for this book and the access to life it brings.

Love and War is one of the best books on marriage that I have read. Unlike many other books written to help one change actions only, this book reveals to readers the spiritual aspects of marriage. Most importantly, that Satan wants marriage to fail and having a loving, Godly marriage requires diligent Spiritual Warfare. Love and War is co-authored by a husband and wife and can be read individually or together as a couple. I am so thankful for the hope and renewal the Eldridges reveal is possible for every marriage. I also appreciate reading the differing perspectives written from the hearts of this man and his wife. They are candid, and humble, and very easy to relate with. This book is a powerful tool! Read it and pray. And pray. And pray. Our God is an awesome God who wants every marriage to be amazing. Love and War will help you build up your covenant spiritually-which will lead to improvement in every aspect of your marriage. 10 thumbs up! This book was provided for review by WaterBrook Multnomah.

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