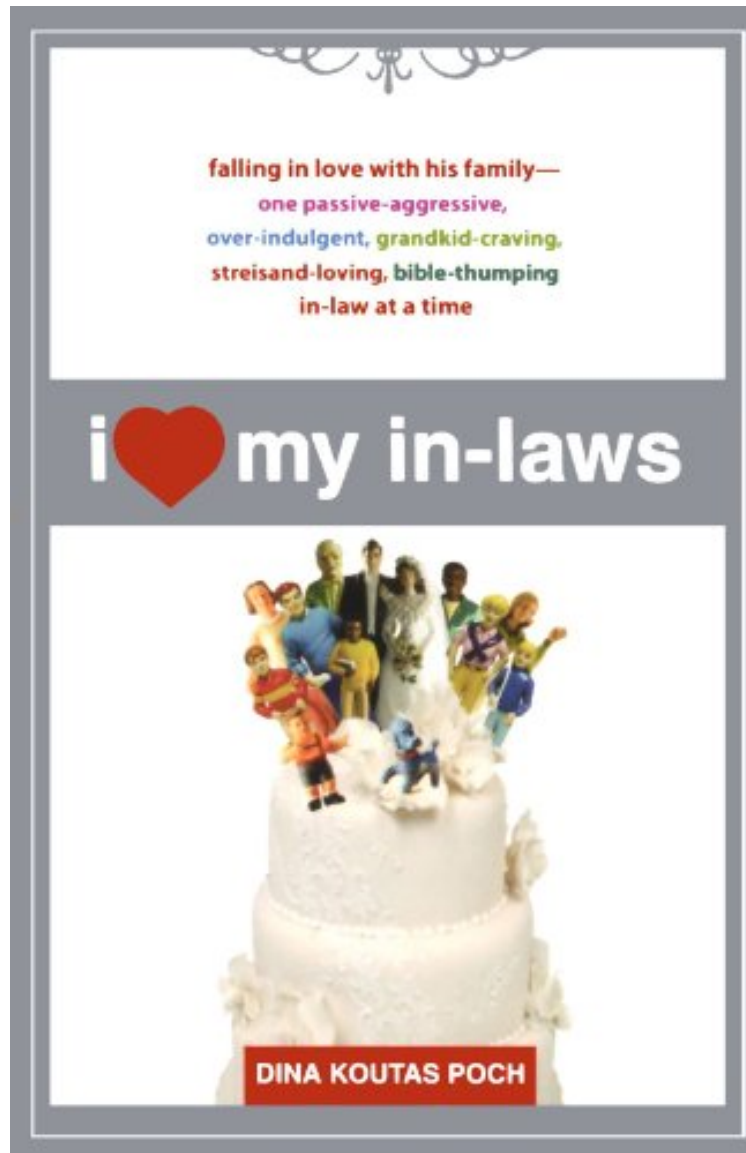


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By GoldenAgeDCI had been dating my girlfriend for about 6 months and was very nervous about meeting her parents. I bought this book after seeing Dina Koutas on the Today Show and thought it would be another chic lit type book - how wrong I was! The book is witty and enjoyable, but more importantly, gave me an idea of not just how to act, but what to expect. Definitely recommend this for guys that are meeting parents for the first time who also want a good laugh and appreciate a well penned book.
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By Denis Blot You've spent your life thinking your parents, aunts, uncles, cousins all have "bizarre quirks" that you've learned to embrace but surely you've avoided telling anyone else about for fear they might just think that weirdness is genetic and you might be one step away from the looneybin yourself. Then comes the day when you meet someone who loves you no matter how crazy you might be and you meet their family and come to the realization that your family is vanilla compared to the rainbow sherbert that will be your future in-laws. "I Heart My In-Laws" is a humorous take on all the different varieties (and several you may not have thought of) of in-laws you could end up with and how to navigate the treacherous waves of expected familial bonding that awaits you. The author's filmmaking sensibilities are noticeable as she is quite deft at conjuring up descriptive scenarios that read like you are watching a scene from a film unfold. Everything from slapstick to moments of drama are present and the author does an excellent job of keeping these incidents in perspective of the larger goal of creating an amicable relationship with your in-laws. While the text is certainly geared more towards female readers, boyfriends and future husbands will undoubtedly get some laughs from reading it, and more importantly learn a thing or two about dealing with their future in-laws as well. The book also has some witty charts and quizzes that will definitely put a smile on your face as you realize not only what kind of in-laws you have, but what kind of parents you have as well. Definitely makes a great engagement present.
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A practical, laugh-out-loud guide to adopting your man's family?from your first date to your firstborn
Girlfriends, fiancées, and wives rejoice! Here, at last, is a book you can turn to in times of stress, panic, and family vacations to the smallest cottage ever built on the island of Nantucket. Mirroring the natural progression of a relationship and incorporating interviews from women just like you, this hilarious, savvy guide will help you survive your first meeting with future in-laws, from the holidays, weddings, and new babies, to the day they retire to the house next door because "it's a great real estate investment." Discover a wide array of sanity-retention techniques and tips on scoring major points with each and every in-law. Learn how to sweet-talk his sister, mollify his mother, and defuse potentially explosive situations?like when your pumpkin pie gives Nana a bad case of hives. Stories range from the tragic "my father-in-law just pinched my ass and not in that sportsmanship kind of way," to the triumphant "I'm now CEO of my grandfather-in-law's cement company? Thanks Pupup!" Offering handy translation charts with curse words in Persian and compliments in Cantonese, a list of gifts and how to interpret their hidden meaning, tips for reclaiming the holidays one Bastille Day at a time, and your very own set of Mother-in-Law Mad Libs, I Heart My In-laws embodies the old saying, "It's funny because it's true."

"Skip the champagne flutes and buy this for your soon-to-be-wed friends instead!" ?Minneapolis Star-Tribune
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Introduction
Yours is the story of true love. You met at eHarmony.com. You both like pugs. Your second date was a private tour of the planetarium. Now you share a cell phone plan, shop for organic bread at Whole Foods, and faithfully watch America's Next Top Model together. Happily, you've tossed away your highlighted copy of He's Just Not That Into You, because now you've met someone who is totally into you. Congratulations on finding your soul mate—an impressive task in a world of six billion men and women. He understands your ritual of trying on at least three shirts before you leave the house. And you overlook his ponytail, even though you hint that 1995 called and wants its hairstyle back. The rose-tinted glasses are firmly affixed, because you're head-over-heels in love. And then, the unbelievable happens. He arranges for a romantic dinner. He fills your home with roses, and on bended knee, he pops the question: "Do you want to meet my family?" You sweat. You panic. You rub your clammy palms along your pants and nearly vomit into the foie gras terrine. Then you smile: "Of course, I'd love to meet your family. When?" ... because I need enough time to lose ten pounds, retouch my highlights, get a pedicure, and study up on twelfth-century maritime trade practices, not to mention the early Picasso charcoals. A brief look at history will tell us that Adam and Eve were the luckiest couple in the world. Yes, they were tempted by a serpent, banished from paradise, and parented sons who murdered each other. But they did not have in-laws. You will. Sure, you seek guidance from: Esteban, a.k.a. magic hands, your hairstylist, whose boyfriend's parents don't know he exists. Maya, your coworker, who hasn't even had a boyfriend in five years and has no idea what you're yammering

on about. Rick, the self-help radio host, who advises to look inside yourself for answers. But do these people really know what to wear, what gifts to buy, and what to do when vacationing with your entire in-law family next week? Because when you're suspended a hundred feet in the air on a chairlift with your mother-in-law and she asks you about your ten-year plan, you're on your own. And yet, you don't have to be. In your hands, you are holding the bedrock of practical advice on how to deal with your in-laws. A guidebook. A road map. A beacon of hope and light when, for the fiftieth time, you've told your in-laws what you do at your computer hi-tech company and that your name is Christy, not Crispy. Finally, desperate daughters-in-law, girlfriends, and fiancées can draw upon a full array of sanity-retention techniques for your first meeting straight through to the day your sweetie's family sells all their worldly possessions as part of spiritual cleansing, and then calls to borrow your coffeemaker. You can now sidestep pitfalls, blunders, and awkward situations that hundreds of daughters-in-law have stumbled into unaware. Statistics show that—along with money—in-law problems are one of the top causes of divorce. A beaten path lies before you. So, enjoy standing on the shoulders of others who have stood before you. Relish being told stories of in-laws worse than your own! And, savor the next time your sister-in-law challenges you to the game of "who is smarter," because you are. Copyright © 2007 by Dina Koutas Poch. All rights reserved.