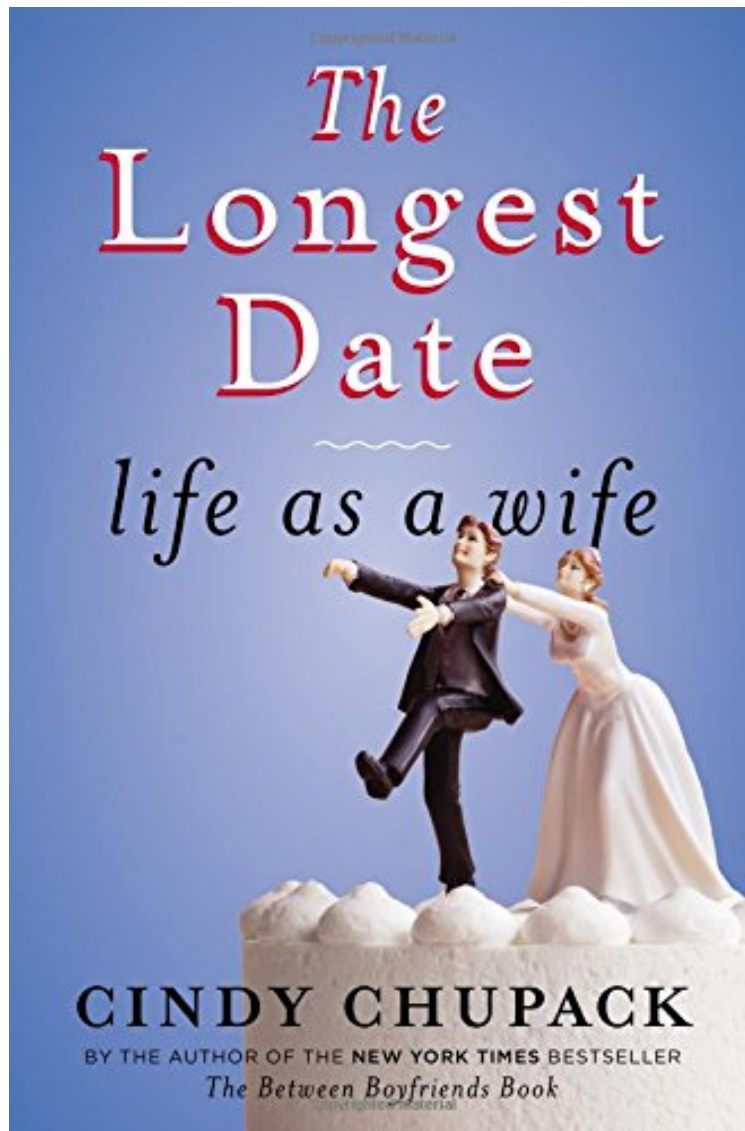


The Longest Date: Life as a Wife

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Cindy Chupack : The Longest Date: Life as a Wife before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Longest Date: Life as a Wife:

2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Change title to "My husband is the best." Bleh.By KristinPretty good. Finished it because I liked some of her stories and became curious about how things would turn out for her with starting a family. As a woman in my third year of marriage I expected/hoped to read more about a woman's honest struggle to make marriage work. Instead, I found a manifesto on why her husband is so perfect and dreamy, and I found that annoying. I did appreciate her honest discussion of her own challenges and shortcomings in her

relationship, but didn't really learn anything applicable, except maybe that my own relationship is far worse off than hers on her worst day, and that left me feeling pretty s***ty. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Beautiful! Its everyones real life experiences in a book. You sit there while you read it and just can totally relate to whats happening. I read this book on my way to Europe and I cried with it and laughed and just all the emotions came out of me while I read this book, my husband thought I was probably going crazy until I told him about the book. Its all just beautiful and real life in a book! Loved it!!!! 6 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Gobbled it up in one sitting. Worth a re-read in small bites. By Mary Romeyn, M.D. Extraordinary book. Offers a surprisingly open and revealing view of the author's first years of life-after-marriage in her late thirties, which keeps the polished writing fresh. Sex and the City fans will relate to Chupack's curiosity, capacity for self-observation and eye for the absurd. But this book does more, moving beyond issues of how to get together and be together to address some of the most difficult parts of making a life and a family for the long haul. In the strongest part of the book, Chupack and her husband each reflect on their long and arduous effort to have a child. This and other issues are addressed with honesty and rigor, but also humor, humanity and acceptance. They offer hope to all of us that sometimes, just sometimes, relationships can survive and strengthen and just get better and better.

The bestselling author of *The Between Boyfriends Book* and an award-winning writer for *Sex and the City* and *Modern Family* takes a hilarious, heartbreaking look at marriage. Cindy Chupack has spent much of her adult life writing about dating and relationships for several hit TV series and as a sex columnist for *O, The Oprah Magazine*. At the age of thirty-nine, she finally found *The One* and a wealth of new material. Marriage, Cindy discovered, was more of an adventure than she ever imagined, and in this collection of essays she deftly examines the comedy and cringe-worthy aspects of matrimony. Soulful yet self-deprecating, *The Longest Date* recounts her first marriage (he was gay) and the meeting of Husband No. 2, Ian. After the courtship and ceremony, both Cindy and Ian realized that happily ever after takes some practice, and near constant negotiation over everyday matters like cooking, sex, holidays, monogamy, and houseguests. *The Longest Date* takes a serious turn when it comes to infertility. *The Longest Date* is the perfect companion for anyone navigating a serious relationship, be it newlyweds or couples moving in that direction.

From Booklist Television producer and writer Chupack (*Sex and the City*, *Everybody Loves Raymond*) gifts readers with an inside look at her messy marriage in a memoir that is alternately laugh-out-funny and surprisingly poignant. There are passages that come close to oversharing (attending a sex show together in Thailand is likely outside the milieu of most couples), but Chupack is so upfront about her emotions that she quickly becomes more an old friend than the author (this will resonate strongly with fans of *Carrie*, *Samantha*, *Miranda*, and *Charlotte*). Her previous marriage to a man who turned out to be gay is ripe for much hindsight, and the infertility struggles she and current husband Ian endure are especially heartfelt. Chupack is most compelling, however, when she focuses on the ordinary hard truths of coupledness. She talks man caves, old flames, and uneven earning potential and ponders the allure of bad boys, the acquisition of a pet (a St. Bernard!), and blending households. Chupack's engaging page-turner is a natural for book clubs, and there's already talk of a TV series. --Colleen Mondor "Laugh-out-funny and surprisingly poignant." ~Booklist "A straight-talking, funny and poignant memoir." ~Kirkus s The characters on *Sex and the City* (for which Cindy Chupack wrote) could never wait to get together and share the most scintillating details of their romantic triumphs and tribulations. Opening Cindy's book is like getting invited to lunch with those women the details are keenly observed, laugh-out-loud funny and you never want the meal to end. ~Cynthia Nixon If you need a new best friend look no further! Cindy Chupack's wonderful book will make you laugh, cry, and feel less alone. ~Winnie Holzman Cindy's essays are dizzyingly good. They're funny, they're meticulously crafted, and you hardly notice she's doing a comedic equivalent of a ballerina's masterful pirouette. I laughed, I commiserated, I wanted more and more. Marriage is laid bare, negotiations, passion, uncertain leveraging, children, dogs and even boob-jobs are all covered with affection and brutal honesty. ~Julia Sweeney About the Author Cindy Chupack has won three Golden Globes and an Emmy for her work as a writer/executive producer of HBO's *Sex and the City*. She also wrote for *Everybody Loves Raymond*, *Coach*, and a bunch of series only her parents would watch. She has written about dating and relationships for many magazines and had her own column in *Glamour* and *O, The Oprah Magazine*. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband, her St. Bernard, and . . . you'll just have to read the book.