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**Erma Bombeck : A Marriage Made in Heaven... or Too Tired for an Affair** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Marriage Made in Heaven... or Too Tired for an Affair:

5 of 6 people found the following review helpful. Never too tired to read Erma's books!By BusyMomI miss Erma. I really do. I miss her style of writing, her humor and her wit. She is probably the only writer from my childhood that I have read faithfully of. Her columns were the highlight of our day when it appeared in our newspapers. Reading this book is like going down memory lane. I remember some of her stuff, but not all of them. This one is a honest and true look at marriage.Marriage isn't happily ever after. We spend our lives changing our partners, resisting the changes that life throws our way, staying married through thin and fat, through children, through illness and career changes ~~ through death, death of a father and friend. It's a wonderful little book full of wisdom and insights. I love her chapter titles: A House Morally Divided Cannot Stand Each Other or Living on Love.She offers insights to her own life and marriage oftentimes, poking fun at herself and her family. She is never mean but instead she is inspiring. She makes you think even while laughing at some of the silly things we all do in our own lives. I have not been married as long as she has but already, I see some of the things she has pointed out such as trying to change your husband.If you're looking for a wonderful book to read ~~ don't miss this one. It's beautifully written and so poignant in some places. Erma writes about life because she has lived it. Her stories are still true today as they were fourteen years ago.5-11-060 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Five StarsBy Kindle CustomerErmas book makes light our precious life12 of 12 people found the following review helpful. Laugh out loud funny....By SnigletMomThis book is full of wit and one liners from a woman who knows family. I myself only have a husband and no kids but her writing

is still hilarious to me. It reminds me of things my own mother used to say in her own funny and sarcastic way. When she talk about her husband and his "ways" of packing a suitcase or talking about the kids I laughed out loud while reading in bed and scared my husband. I sure do miss her and only wish she could have spent a little more time on earth to make us laugh. I bet God is having a ball with her in heaven.

The author of *Family: The Ties That Bind . . . and Gag!* turns her eye on the institution of marriage, charting her own wedded bliss from "Living on Love" to the stage of "Get a (Mid) Life." 500,000 first printing. \$350,000 ad/promo.

From Publishers Weekly Costarring Erma and Bill, the author's ( *Motherhood* ) 12th book tops her previous hits as it traces the couple's lives since they wed in 1949. Told in Bombeck's comic, no-nonsense style, the story combines suspense, pathos and high humor as the years bring the inevitable moments of "for better and for worse." One of the funniest, and most sobering episodes occurs during the 1960s when the couple's children turn into hippies and at the same time Betty Friedan announces, in Bombeck's paraphrase, that "The roles for which our mothers had groomed us--taking care of a husband and family--were wrong." Not long after that, Bombeck (who early in her marriage had responded to her husband's singsong "Ring-around-the-collar" with a withering "So why don't you wash your crummy neck") got a job as a "housewife-columnist" at a suburban weekly newspaper earning "three bucks a column." Though she has managed to combine a spectacular career with a successful family life, Bombeck makes clear that having it all means giving one's all. 500,000 first printing; \$350,000 ad/promo . Copyright 1993 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal This program, read by the author, is classic Bombeck. She begins with recollections about her wedding and continues through the marriage of one of her children. She enlarges on various aspects of marriage with humor, sarcasm, and innuendo. Ranging from struggling beginnings to changes wrought by the arrival (or non arrival) of children, Bombeck meanders through changes in residence, career moves, to the inevitable aging process, all the while successfully evoking the fitful essence of marriage. She describes scenarios common to many couples, which will likely elicit "I know what you mean" from listeners. Bombeck's narration is a definite plus. She delivers the lines as only one who wrote them can, successfully providing the inflection, emphasis, and speed that best convey her meaning. Recommended for general collections.- Joanna M. Burkhardt, Univ. of Rhode Island Coll. of Continuing Education Lib., Providence Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Kirkus s Bombeck (*When You Look Like Your Passport Photo, It's Time to Go Home*, 1991, etc.) is in top form here, detonating snappy one- liners throughout this account of her 40-plus years of marriage. And there are some unusually serious moments as well: the death, at age 33, of a close friend--the first intimation for Bombeck and her husband that life is finite and for real; a late-life and much- wanted pregnancy that ended in miscarriage; the pathos of reversing roles as the author cared for her aging, ailing mother; Bombeck's breast cancer and mastectomy. The author married Bill Bombeck in the 50's. They had three children, and family life was both satisfying and something of a letdown: "I hid my dreams in the back of my mind. It was the only safe place in the house." The dreams were of writing, and a lecture in the 60's by Betty Friedan galvanized Bombeck to ask her local newspaper if she could write a column. Syndication followed, then bestselling books, and, suddenly, the equilibrium of the Bombeck marriage shifted, as Bill, a teacher, held down the home front and Erma jetted off to talk shows, book tours, and speeches. How did the couple survive such a shift? Bill, in his 50s, found something (marathon running) to excel at independent of his wife, while Erma found that "when the applause died down....I had someone real to go home to." The trials of raising teenagers; of grown kids coming home to freeload in order to afford a fancy car; of offspring delaying marriage and childbearing into their 30's, much to the exasperation of prospective-Grandma Bombeck ("If it doesn't happen soon, my grandchild and I will be in diapers together")--all are described with the author's trademark wit. A few jokes misfire, a few phrases are repetitious. Overall, though, this is as light as a feather--and could float to the top of the lists. (First printing of 500,000) -- Copyright ©1993, Kirkus Associates, LP. All rights reserved.