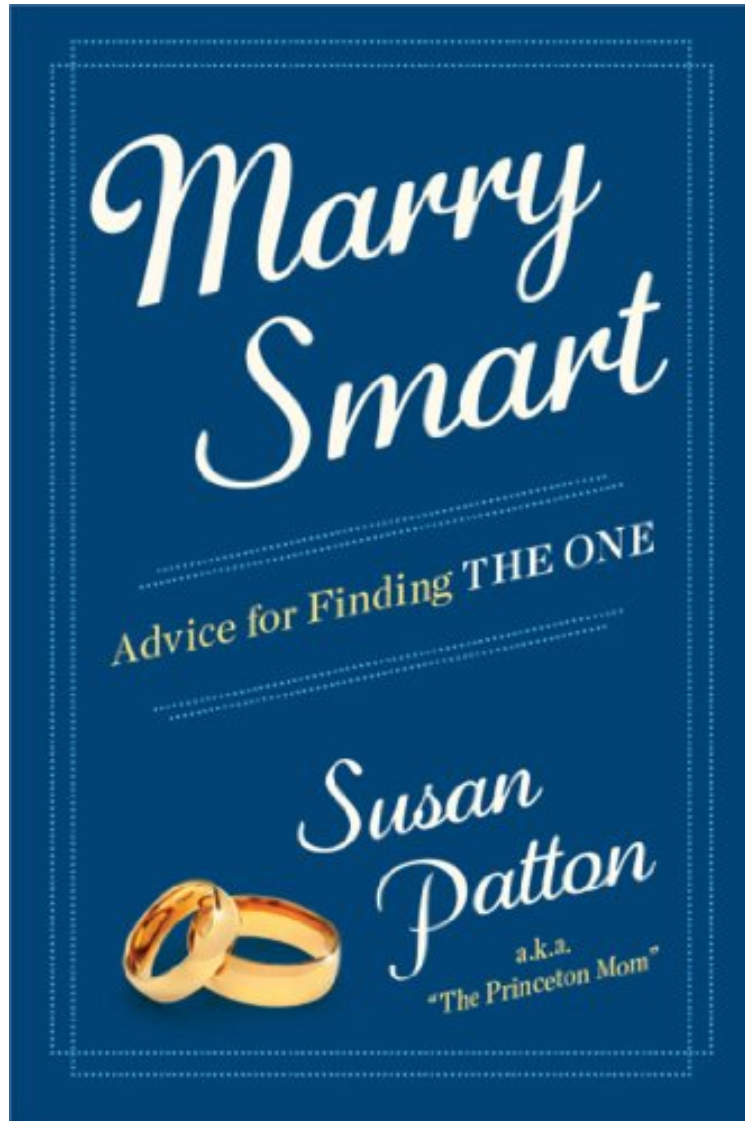


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**Susan Patton : Marry Smart: Advice for Finding THE ONE** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Marry Smart: Advice for Finding THE ONE:

15 of 18 people found the following review helpful. She has one good point. Yea you won't be surrounded by as many eligible man as in college. SO WHAT?By Victoire CapdevielleI'm pretty sure that is you were to take a poll of all marriages that those that met in college would be a small fraction of the whole. Especially considering that 50% of all marriages begin online.Tried to give her a shot, to hear a different perspective. Got 47% through the book and requested a refund. I have never requested a refund for a book!Save your time, your brain cells, and money.Instead

make a list of things that you enjoy doing, or would like to do that are social and look for clubs, community events, and organizations where you can do those things. Get yourself out there. Meeting someone is all about the numbers. The more interactions you have with others (especially new people) the more likely you are going to meet someone. 1 + 1 = 210 of 15 people found the following review helpful. In 1958 I was happy just to be going to college at all. By Nancy McMurtrie I went to an all girls Catholic college which was my only choice at the time. In 1958 I was happy just to be going to college at all. At the end of my sophomore year I met a young man on the local tennis court. He had just finished 4 years in the Air Force and was about to start college. We fell in love, married 2 months after I graduated, and waited until we were 25 and 28 to start a family. We had so much fun together during those early years of our marriage. We called it our adventure. Looking back I feel like we grew up together. My husband eventually finished college in 1980. By 1991 we had finished educating our two daughters and could start saving for retirement. I had gone back to teaching in 1975 and by 2002 we were both retired and ready for even more adventures. If I had to do it all over again I would not change one thing. There is a definite advantage to marrying young and having your family at young ages. We were empty nesters for 11 years even before retirement and that was also a great time for us. We have traveled the world and continue to do so now that we are half way through our seventies. Reading this book was so revealing as to what heartache I had missed in the world of finding a mate. Yes, there were divorces among my friends who also married early, but there were many more marriages that worked out well even among those who had been sweethearts in high school. Life is so full of twists and turns that no one can ever discover the perfect way to go through it or expect to be accompanied by the perfect mate. I knew I was not perfect in so many ways and was happy to be loved and adored by my also not so perfect mate. Now with 7 grandchildren we are very happy and young enough to be able to enjoy them and yes, do things with them. If we were in our eighties, I am not so sure we would be having the same opportunities. When reading this book I was not so concerned about the Marry Smart part as I was about the marry young part. I was lucky to have a good marriage, but if I had not been so lucky, there would have been time to move on, but by then I would have the children I so dearly wanted to have no matter what. To those who can read this book with an open mind, Susan does make a young woman think about what her priorities in life should be. As they say this is not a dress rehearsal. Grab a chance at happiness as soon as the opportunity is presented. Waiting to find Mr. Perfect may get out of hand and the best years of life do go by more quickly than any young person can believe. 7 of 12 people found the following review helpful. An Honest Opinion....By Collegiate Misfit This book is very insightful and well written. As a young woman in my twenties I feel Old-fashioned at times because I really see myself as more of a traditional woman. I realize that I should want to "Lean-in" and own my sexuality and all that other stuff but I have come to accept the fact that I do not meet the modern criteria of "super-women" and I am okay with that. Family values are deeply rooted in me and give me direction on who I want to be. This book is specifically for women like myself who might need a little reaffirmation that what we want is perfectly normal and is our right to have should we wish. But I must say this book pulls no punches and is not for those who cannot handle it.

The "Princeton mom" who caused a stir with her controversial letter to the Daily Princetonian offering advice to young women at Princeton about marrying early delivers more unvarnished truths in this smart, straightforward, and witty book of life lessons. You're single and you know what you want in your life. And if your dreams include getting married and having children, this fresh new approach to finding the right one at the right time shows the way to make those dreams a reality. A graduate of one of the first classes of women at Princeton University, Susan Patton has heard smart young women admit they aspire to marriage and motherhood but have no model for pursuing those goals; reflecting on the choices she made in her early twenties, she's boldly turned the tables on our "career first" conditioning and suggests that you seek out the golden opportunities right in front of you, right now. In *Marry Smart*, she shares the wisdom of her experience with warmth, humor, and very straight talk. But this is not your mother's dating guide—*Marry Smart* celebrates the vital achievements of traditional marriage and motherhood, and gives you the essential life strategies that no one's talking about, including how to: • strike while the greatest number of single young men is available to you • attract a man who is your intellectual and emotional equal • date to find a mate—and how to spot a diamond in the rough • find total satisfaction in your roles as a wife and mother. Whether or not you are in college, whether your future plans are clear or still undecided, *Marry Smart* is a must-read for all young women who want to get the most out of love and life.

"Every smart young woman should seriously consider Susan Patton's commonsense advice. Sure, it's controversial—but only because it's so vital." (--James Taranto, *The Wall Street Journal*) "Like a trip to the carwash, where the dust of antagonistic feminist doctrine about sex and marriage gets blasted off the windshield so they can see clearly." (--Charlotte Allen, *The Wall Street Journal*) About the Author Susan Patton is a first-generation American and was in one of the first classes of women to graduate from Princeton in 1977. She is a first-time author, a human resources consultant, and an executive coach in New York City. She is the proud mother of two Princeton sons, a daughter-in-law who also graduated from Princeton, and a long-haired red dachshund named Lucille. Excerpt. © Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved. *Marry Smart It's Harder for Us Smart Women IF YOU ARE A WELL-*

EDUCATED woman hoping to marry a man who is at least your intellectual equal, you have almost priced yourself out of the market. Honestly, where do you think that you will find super-smart men once you are no longer a student? At a bar? Online? You know that the men on your campus are just as smart as you are—they got into the same school that you did! They take the same classes. You see them in the library, pulling all-nighters studying, taking exams. Once you enter the real world, you'll be stunned by how smart the men are . . . not. In fact, the collective erudition of most of the people you meet (men and women) out of an academic environment will distinctly disappoint you. They may have many other things to recommend them, but it will probably be a mistake to attempt to engage most of them in the kind of serious discussions about esoteric subjects you can chat about in college. After all, 22 percent of the American public believe that Elvis is still alive. You don't have to marry a man who is as smart, capable, and accomplished as you . . . but tell the truth: Don't you want to? Clearly, your admission to college was not by accident. You've invested yourself in academic achievement, and your discipline, hard work, and character are what earned you a place at that institution you are justly proud of. Of course you want a husband who shares those values and that work ethic. You'll find some of these men after you graduate, but you'll never again have this many wonderful men who are single and age-appropriate to choose from as you do on your college campus. Can you be happily married to a man who isn't as smart as you? It depends on what you want from marriage. If your priority is financial security, a huge bank account may be enough to satisfy you. And then of course, there are some very self-sufficient women who marry slightly unintelligent, ultra-studly men just for the sex. Okay, but the likelihood is that after a while even the most Thrilling Circus Sex with Mr. Macho will become Mechanical Boring Sex with Annoying Dumb Guy. And that's not something that's likely to get better. The sex won't improve and he definitely won't ever get smarter. The big thing is that you want to form a lifelong union with a man who will celebrate and encourage your achievements and never be threatened by your capacity for greatness, simply because he has a similar track record and those same capacities. But it's the little things that continue to surface that will remind you of why you should marry a smart man. You will either have to regularly explain your references to things like Fermat's Last Theorem or Diaghilev or the Bayeux Tapestry—or else get used to that glazed look that comes over his face when he just doesn't get it. There is a wonderful scene in the movie *Swingers* where Mike (Jon Favreau's character) tries to impress a waitress in a Las Vegas diner. The menu says, "We serve breakfast any time." He asks her for an omelet in the Age of Enlightenment. The waitress walks away in disgust and Mike rues having used a time frame that was "over her head," and wishes he referenced the more commonly known Renaissance. A few minutes later, the waitress returns with his order and says, "Here's your eggs, Voltaire." Okay, so Mike underestimated the woman's intellectual prowess, but if your date doesn't understand why this is funny, he's not smart enough for you. Beyond your frustration at his not getting cultural references, you will want a man who can express himself as elegantly and as eloquently as you can. Command of the English language is important, and a limited vocabulary, bad grammar, and the inability to construct a proper sentence will drive you crazy. It is comical to watch Meadow Soprano's reaction to her uneducated boyfriend Jackie Aprile Jr.'s objection when he thinks she is using a Spanish word in their Scrabble game. If your man doesn't recognize oblique as a proper English word, you won't think that is at all funny. While some men might find it adorable that their little wife doesn't know about high finances, or global perspectives in government and politics, you will not experience making excuses for your husband as in any way adorable. And neither will he. The chances are that he is smart enough to know that he isn't smart enough for you. Recognizing that you and your friends know things that he doesn't, he may ask you to buy him a copy of *Ulysses* or *The Fountainhead*. But he'll never actually read them, and probably wouldn't understand them if he did. Most men's egos are fragile. If you can imagine the stress that is associated with your being smarter than he is, just think about what will happen when you outearn him, which, unless you purposefully hold yourself back, you probably will.

Smart Advice • Look for a man who will celebrate and encourage your achievements.  
• Look for a man who will not be threatened by your capacity for greatness. • Beware of marrying a dumb guy for good sex: The sex won't improve and he'll never get smarter.