

Healing from Infidelity

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Chapter 1 Introduction

IT'S HAPPENED. THE last thing either you or your spouse could ever have imagined. One of you had an affair.

Perhaps you just discovered that your spouse has been unfaithful. Maybe you've been suspecting it for a while, but now you know for sure. You may have been innocently looking through some of your mate's belongings and found information that sent you



Michele Weiner-Davis reeling in shock and broke your heart. Or you might have been snooping for evidence because you've noticed some personality changes in your spouse. You've heard more excuses for being gone. And you've realized that he or she frequently leaves the room to check phone messages.

It's possible that your spouse finally decided to tell you about his or her actions because living a double life, the lying to someone they love, the loss of integrity... has become too painful to bear. Maybe someone else- a friend, an anonymous person,

a family member, or even the affair partner, spilled the beans. In any case, the truth is out; your spouse has broken your marital vows and you can hardly breathe. The pain is unspeakable. You don't know which end is up.

No matter how suspicious you've been about the possibility that your partner may be straying, when suspicions of unfaithfulness are confirmed – it can send you reeling. Something deep inside you wants to believe that your spouse could never really, actually, break the sacred vow between you. Intimacy with anyone else? Unreal, Unthinkable.

Or perhaps you've discovered the truth, but your mind simply can't process what's happened. You feel like a person caught in a flood, your brain clinging to the driftwood of denial to avoid drowning in the rushing river of pain that comes with facing new and excruciating realities. "This can't possibly be happening to me. It can't be real. There must be some mistake. Maybe I'm reading too much into what I've discovered, allowing my imagination to run wild." But deep down inside, you know the truth. And now you have to deal with it. You feel caught in a nightmare from which you want to wake up. But it's not a nightmare. It's real. And it's really devastating. You're not sure what you want to do next. You're not even sure you can go on. For that matter, you're not sure about anything at all at the moment.

Or perhaps you're someone who found out about the infidelity a while ago and though the initial shock of discovery has passed, you feel like you're not functioning well. You're obsessed with thinking about the affair. "How could he do this to me,?" "Doesn't she know that this is the one thing I could never accept, a deal breaker?" "Was the other woman a better lover than I was?" "How could my wife love me and still sleep with another man?" The questions persist, in spite of all your best efforts to move on, and you feel no sense of peace or calm. You wish you could just turn back time and go back to the old you, the one who actually had a life. You can't believe you're still feeling so bad and so

confused after all this time. You want help but you don't know where to turn.

At times, you want your spouse to comfort you. But often, when she or he does, you feel resentful, angry and distraught. You don't want to be close. You can't act as though everything's okay when it's not. Your insides feel as though they've been whirled in a blender, and sometimes the emotional pain is so bad it physically hurts. By now, you thought you would be feeling better, but you're not. Shock may have turned to despair and what feels like chronic, low grade depression.

If this happens, it feels like you're stuck in a rut, or worse - a dark hole that often feels more like a grave. You just want to feel better! But you're losing hope that feeling normal and happy will ever be possible again. In short, my friend, you are grieving. Only there is no physical body to bury, no time-honored period of mourning, and no funeral. Something very precious and real has died; and yet you and your mate are still alive, breathing, moving through the days.

Whether you found out about the affair five minutes or a year ago, you may have a roller coaster of ambivalent feelings about whether or not to stay in your marriage. There are days when you are ready to call it quits and get an attorney, believing this might put an end to your misery. But when you think about what divorce really entails: ending your marriage, breaking up the family, splitting your finances, living alone, starting over from scratch—it gives you pause. You are living "in between trapezes," when life feels on hold, or suspended in mid-air between the Life You Knew and the Life to Come. This emotional space, between a rock and a hard place, is not

only disorienting and sometimes crazy-making, it can hurt like hell.

Or perhaps you're the person who had the affair. The temptation was so great, the pull of secrecy so sensual – almost like a drug – that it may have felt impossible to resist. You didn't think beyond the thrill at hand. Your affair may have been an exciting break from a life you'd allowed to spiral into a boring routine.

You wanted to feel the old spark, and to have an adventure, to feel alive. Or perhaps you were having marital problems, feeling discouraged, disillusioned and even feeling unheard or unseen, so you sought solace from someone other than your mate. It felt comforting and confirming. Or, your marriage may have been on firm ground, but the impulsive draw of doing something new, something fun or illicit in the moment, overwhelmed common sense and commitment.

But now your spouse knows about the affair, and all hell has broken loose. The last thing you wanted was to hurt him or her. And you certainly don't want a divorce. You had no idea that the fallout of your decision to be unfaithful would be so devastating. You have tried to help your spouse feel better, to assure them that what happened is over and in the past, but nothing you say seems to comfort them for long. They feel the anger and hurt all the time. Your whole relationship is focused on the infidelity. You understand why your spouse is in pain, but you could never have predicted that life as you knew it would be suspended; you never talk about anything else, you don't do anything fun together, there's always an undercurrent of anger or hurt. Your spouse's mood swings are palpable. You don't know what to do. It's not that you're unwilling to be supportive; it's just that anything you've tried doesn't seem to be effective.

You love your spouse and you want your marriage to work, but you are also beginning to wonder if she or he will ever be able to forgive you for straying. And although you understand why this is so, you worry that you'll spend the rest of your life repenting for your sins. When will it truly be "over," so you can live together in love and trust, the way it used to be, again? You don't want to spend the rest of your life and marriage in some emotional waiting room. You don't want to end your marriage but you're really at a loss. You wish there were a road map to help the two of you out of this adultery abyss.

Well, the good news is that there is a road map to help you both recover from infidelity and heal your marriage. And you happen to be reading it right now.

My name is Michele Weiner-Davis. I am the Founder of the Divorce Busting® Center in Boulder, Colorado and the website, www.healingfrominfidelity.com. I am also the best-selling author of seven other books including DIVORCE BUSTING and THE SEX-STARVED MARRIAGE. For more than 3 decades, I have been specializing in work with couples who are teetering on the brink of divorce. But it wasn't always that way.

Before my book, DIVORCE BUSTING was published, I was doing family therapy with adolescents and their families. During that time, I observed the toll that divorce took on the lives of families. It became obvious to me that divorce, except in the most severe cases such as ongoing physical abuse or addiction, created more problems than it solved. The ripple effect was devastating. I knew I had to do something about it.

I decided to write a book to help couples avoid divorce and keep their families together. When DIVORCE BUSTING was published, I was a lone voice; therapists are supposed to be neutral. The standard protocol was that a therapist should suspend any personal biases about the choices couples make to leave or stay in their marriage. A therapist should not voice his or her opinion, but rather draw out and support whatever the people involved in the marriage really wanted.

Without belaboring this issue, the truth is, when you go to a therapist, there is no way for that therapist's personal biases to be checked at the door. A therapist's values, beliefs and opinions about marriage and divorce always guide the sessions. So, in reality, there is no such thing as value-free therapy!

And since all therapy is value-laden, I felt the urgency to take a stand. I wanted to help couples find solutions to the problems they were facing so I decided to be bold and shout my decidedly biased "pro-marriage" opinion from the rooftops.

When the media learned about my counter-cultural and controversial book, I was invited to appear on every talk and news show imaginable including Oprah, The Today Show, 48 Hours, Good Morning America, 20/20, The Bill O'Reilly Show, and so on. My work was showcased in nearly every prominent newspaper and magazine as well. DIVORCE BUSTING became a best-seller.

As a result, requests for marital help came rolling in. I was so busy, I had to quit doing family therapy and narrow my focus to marriage-saving instead. This decision became a labor of love, a choice leading to what felt more like a meaningful, joyful calling than a job.

The couples in my practice were learning relationship skills, putting aside their differences and reconciling their marriages. I was ecstatic.

During the last few decades where I've specialized in working with couples, I've learned an enormous amount about what it takes to make a marriage thrive. I've also learned a lot about what stressors place marriage at risk of divorce. And without question, I can tell you that infidelity is on top of a very short list of risk factors when it comes to rebuilding and sustaining loving, healthy marriages.

In my practice, I offer couples two-day intensives. They fly in from all over the world to work with me. And I would estimate that 85-90% of the couples in my practice are dealing with infidelity. I have been in the trenches with people whose lives have been turned upside down because of affairs. Because I'm determined to help people make their marriages work, I have developed a specific, doable and successful program for helping couples heal from infidelity and make their marriages strong again, and in fact, usually much stronger than the marriage was before the betrayal.

You may have heard the saying that, "We are stronger in broken places." In truth, when a bone breaks and then heals, the scar tissue is actually of stronger constitution than the bone itself. Eventually, a marriage can heal in the same way, and emerge even stronger in the broken places.

That said, healing from infidelity isn't easy. It's not for sissies. It's hard work. You have to be willing to do whatever it takes to turn things around. Sometimes, people have plenty of motivation to work on the relationship and to

make things better but they just don't know how, they've no clue where to begin. And when what they've been doing isn't working, they feel like giving up, throwing in the proverbial towel of effort. Totally understandable. Look, if you haven't healed from infidelity before, how can you know what to do? Where to start? Finding a path out of the dark woods of despair is daunting.

That's where I come in. I have written this book because I want to walk you, both of you, step-by-step down the path to feeling better and more connected to each other. I want to help you put the infidelity in the past. I want to guide you toward rebuilding trust and confidence in one another and in your marriage. I want to share everything I've learned in the last few decades about how to navigate from the crisis of betrayal you are in, to loving each other completely again. I've done it for countless other couples over the years and now I want to do it for you. I'll coach you as if you were sitting in my therapy office!

This book is written for both you and your spouse. Although things between you are probably quite rough right now, I'm assuming that if you picked up or ordered and downloaded this book that you're both committed to working things out. I envision you working as a team and reading this book together. As you do, you'll notice that the book is organized in such a way that there are separate chapters for you and for your spouse.

That said, I still want you to read each other's chapters. It's important that you both read the whole book so you can grasp the big picture, and get a vision for where we are going. Then you can go back and carefully re-read sections targeted for you, and apply the suggestions.

So, why are there separate chapters for each of you? Well, here's one of the tricky parts about recovery from an affair. Typically, each spouse is in a very different emotional place when they come for help. The person who has come clean about the affair usually is finally feeling better about being truthful and stepping into the light. They are ready to do the work. They just want me to tell them what to do.

On the other hand, what feels like "old news" to the spouse who had the affair, is very much "new news" to the betrayed partner and in fact, most feel they are at the lowest point in their lives when they come into my office. One person feels relieved and the other, devastated. Therefore, your journeys to feeling better are very different and require different interventions. Hence, the different chapters. But again, it's essential that you read each other's sections because there is information that will relate to you, and also help you understand what both of you need to heal and get back in a happier marriage groove. Okay?

If, at the moment, your spouse is less committed than you to improving things in your marriage, I've devoted two chapters to help you figure out what you need to do to improve things singlehandedly. Eventually, you will need each other's support to truly heal from betrayal. But in the meantime, there are things you can do- or stop doing- to enhance the chances of a positive outcome for your relationship.

Here's something else you should know before you get started. No matter how badly you might be feeling now, I promise your feelings will change. When you're going through a tough time, it's hard to imagine that you're ever going to feel differently, but you will. If you follow the steps outlined in this book, bit by bit, little by little, you will begin to feel lighter and more optimistic about the future. Here's what one

client had to say about my program for helping couples heal from infidelity:

After I found out about my husband's affair, I wanted to walk away. We tried years of "traditional" therapy and still, we were going nowhere. I thought I was ready to give up and move on, but I knew deep down inside it wasn't what I really wanted for myself, or my family.

Then we decided to see Michele to give it one last ditch effort. Addiction, infidelity, and zero trust were the core ingredients that made up our recipe for disaster.

We focused on what we needed to do to move forward, and learned how to effectively communicate. Wow, what a transformation! Not only did we not divorce, but we have been "honeymooning" since. That was several years ago. The word "divorce" has never been spoken in our household again! Thank you, Michele, for the direction and focus to put our lives back together!

Here's what another client said about my method of helping couples heal from infidelity:

Our marriage was shattered by an affair. My wife and I decided immediately after the discovery of the affair that we both wanted to try to save the marriage.

Unfortunately, neither one of us really knew what to do next. We did what most people do. We hired a 'marriage counselor' in our hometown. While I am sure that there are some great local marriage counselors out there, our

Michele was our last hope. I found Michele on the internet during a 'this can't be over' search for help. I was skeptical that anything or

anyone could help but I couldn't give up. I didn't want to give up.

My wife and I spent two days with Michele in October. She helped us make a tangible, solution-focused plan to save our marriage. We did the work and I can honestly say that our marriage is better than it has been except for maybe the honeymoon phase we enjoyed 17 years ago. I will forever be grateful to Michele.experience with our local counselor nearly destroyed the already fragile marriage my wife and I had left.

Here we were doing everything our counselor was telling us to do, yet nothing was getting better at home. We were talking about the marriage and our problems a lot; but nothing changed. It was starting to feel as if our marriage couldn't be saved. Our counselor finally advised that we needed to face the possibility that divorce may be the best option. It was devastating.

The shrapnel from the affair isn't gone. We still both hurt and will be dealing with the scars of the affair for a long time; but we have hope. We have confidence. We have each other. Michele helped us change the course of our marriage and because of that, our future, our two daughters' futures, and hopefully many generations to follow futures. My heartfelt prayer for you if you're reading this, is that your future can be changed too.

A 'thank you' to Michele feels so inadequate. I can only hope that these words will help you open your heart to believe that Michele can help you too.

So, now it's your turn. You don't have to struggle any longer. I am here to lead the way.

I'll take the mystery out of putting the pain in the past. I will teach you what you need to know to create a new, more loving marriage with each other. Care to join me?

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Here's a sneak preview of what's to come.

In Chapter 2, "Boosting Your Infidelity I.Q.," - you will get answers to the most commonly asked questions about affairs such as, "My spouse and I disagree about the meaning of betrayal. So, what is betrayal,?" "How long does it take to heal,?" "Should we talk about the affair or not,?" "Should I discuss the affair with friends and family,?" and "What if I feel hopeless about my marriage,?" and many more.

Chapter 3, "Tasks for the Betrayed Spouse," outlines the preliminary steps to get your life on an even keel. Your whole world has been turned upside down and you need compassionate, honest direction and support to begin feeling better. This chapter will teach you specific, doable tasks and skills that will relieve much of your grief and pain. You'll learn how to decide whether or not to ask detailed questions about the affair. You'll learn how to help your spouse understand the depth of your despair. You'll put an end to destructive ways of interacting about what happened. You'll discover methods for coping with intense mood swings.

Chapter 4, "The Unfaithful Spouse's Tasks," offers concrete suggestions for the partner who had the affair. It describes the important initial steps you need to take to begin to heal, and also help your husband or wife to heal as well.

You are undoubtedly hurting too. You may feel lost and overwhelmed. Even with the best of intentions, your efforts to repair your marriage and feel better may be failing miserably. If you haven't yet ended the affair, you'll be given specific feedback about how exactly to say goodbye. And if you've had a difficult time dealing with your own moods, you'll better understand why this is happening. I'll help you figure out what you should or shouldn't share with your spouse about the betrayal. You will learn the best ways to be emotionally available to your spouse, even when it is hard. You'll receive tools to help you demonstrate the sincere remorse and regret you feel that will really make a difference to your partner. And finally, you'll gain some insight into the possible reasons you've strayed so you can avoid any temptation in the future.

Chapter 5, "Rebuilding: More Tasks for the Betrayed Spouse," outlines what you need to do when the worst of the initial crisis period is over. Although things are a bit better, the information in this chapter will help you feel more trusting and emotionally connected to your spouse.

In this chapter, you will also get help in identifying exactly what changes need to be made in your marriage to get it on solid, "affair-proof" ground. You'll get tips on how to better communicate your needs to your partner and learn what it means to do real giving in your relationship.

Additionally, you'll discover the power of positive reinforcement and the importance of empathy. Looping, intrusive thoughts usually go along with discovering an affair and each time you go down the same mental path, it hurts and slows down healing. I'll share a helpful strategy for eliminating those intrusive, obsessive thoughts that can so easily sabotage

a good day and forward progress. Finally, healing involves personal work: steps you must take on your own to restore your self-esteem and belief in yourself. I'll help you do that.

In Chapter 6, "Rebuilding: More Tasks for the Unfaithful Spouse," you will identify specifically, how you'd like your marriage to be different. You'll investigate what, for example, would make you feel happier and more alive? I'll help you create a vision for a new, improved and healthier marriage. Also, I'll offer tools for avoiding triggers that might lead to unhealthy choices down the road. You'll be encouraged to talk with your spouse in ways that will inspire confidence in a brighter future. If you have lingering sadness or grief about the affair, I'll offer tips for working through this stage. Lastly, because you deserve it, if you haven't already done this, I will walk you down a path to forgiving and loving yourself.

Chapter 7, "Becoming Sexual Again," will offer you both guidelines for revitalizing this very important part of your relationship.

Sometimes people start having sex right after the discovery of infidelity and other times, it feels nearly impossible to break the ice and be intimate again. This chapter will help you figure out what you need to do to feel sensually connected again. And if you're still having trouble dealing with the demons in your head, you'll learn some ways to work through this together.

Chapter 8, "When Your Spouse Won't End the Affair," is designed to give you a plan to save your marriage even though your partner may be ambivalent and unwilling to end the affair. If your spouse is not committed to working on the marriage, many of the strategies outlined in this book need to be tweaked, and I'll share which ones, and how to apply them in your particular situation. You'll need to be strategic in how you approach him or her. You'll

also need emotional support because of the huge amount of patience that's required while your spouse sorts things out. This chapter will offer you that support.

In Chapter 9, "When Your Betrayed Spouse Wants Out," you'll discover some of the primary reasons a partner may feel they want to end the marriage during this process. But more importantly, you'll receive concrete suggestions for ways to approach your spouse to increase the odds that he or she will reconsider and reconcile.

Unfortunately, many of the things people do (often called, "what comes naturally") when their spouses are threatening to leave only make matters worse. I'll pinpoint these unhelpful actions and tell you what to do instead- actions that will serve you and your goals much better. I've developed a program called, The Last Resort Technique that will help you turn things around, even at the 11th hour.

Chapter 10, "Ten Tips for Affair Proofing your Marriage," will outline field tested strategies for strengthening your marriage and providing "love insurance" for the future. You'll learn 10 tips to insure that your marriage will stay strong, and that you're both "all in" and fully committed to a future together.

In Chapter 11, "Parting Thoughts," you'll read my final reflections about our journey together.

So, let's get started! I'm thrilled you're on the path to healing. I'm delighted to be walking with you down this road. Take your time. Go slowly.

Take my advice to heart because I know it works. Countless others before you have moved from pain to loving again. I know you can do it too. I'll show you the way.

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Editorial Reviews

"Healing from Infidelity is by far the most optimistic, pro-marriage book for couples dealing with infidelity. Michele's crucial message is that most couples can and do survive infidelity and can develop a stronger marital and sexual bond. The relapse prevention

chapter " Ten tips for affair-proofing your marriage" should be read by all couples." Barry McCarthy, Ph.D. is author of *Rekindling Desire* and Enduring Desire

"Rebuilding a marriage after an affair is one of life's biggest hurts and challenges. Weiner-Davis' nononsense advice is clear, insightful, and can save your marriage."

Daniel G. Amen, MD Founder, Amen Clinics, Co-author of, The Brain Warrior's Way

"With great compassion, courage, insight, and a wonderfully practical wisdom for addressing a topic so sensitive, Michele Weiner-Davis has provided a powerful means for transcending one of life's most painful challenges. Her empathy and clinical experience are evident on every page, and her ability to establish realistic expectations for walking a hard road makes the journey far more bearable. Therapists need to recommend this book and those suffering the hurt of betraval need to read it."

Michael D. Yapko, Ph.D., Author, Depression is Contagious and Breaking the Patterns of Depression

"Divorce Busting therapist, Michele Weiner-Davis is an able guide for couples experiencing the pain and heartbreak of infidelity. Her important book offers compassionate and non-judgmental help for both the betrayed spouse and the unfaithful partner. Any couple seeking to bring their relationship back from the brink should start with Healing from Infidelity. "Ask Amy" advice columnist Amy Dickinson, Syndicated Columnist

"In a paradoxical sense, Healing from Infidelity, another brilliant book by Michele Weiner-Davis, is a call for fidelity to marriage regardless of commitment challenges. Filled with wisdom from years of clinical experience, case histories that document the healing process and practical guidance for all the stages on the journey to recovery, this book will be useful to every couple who has experienced an affair and therapists who want to help them."

Harville Hendrix, Ph. D. and Helen LaKelly Hunt, Ph. D,

Co-authors of, Making Marriage Simple

"I know of no better person to guide you through the toughest relationship issues than Michele Weiner-Davis. Her skill, knowledge, and proven track record put her in the rare class of the most successful therapists in the world."

Pat Love, Ph.D Author of, Hot Monogamy

"This book can be used as a standalone for couples, as well as an adjunct to therapy. Its even-handed orientation will appeal to both the unfaithful partner and the injured spouse. It is book of "how to;" not a book about "why."... There is a path to success, and as a tireless advocate of marriage, Michele Weiner-Davis provides a roadmap to recovery in Healing from Infidelity."

Jeffrey K. Zeig, PhD. Founder and Director of the Milton H. Erickson Foundation

"Weiner-Davis helps anyone who has experienced infidelity identify what needs to change in their marriage if they want to keep going, including learning what will trigger them emotionally, examining the reason the affair happened in the first place, and learning empathy for one another. ..Anyone reading this book can find the hope that they need to heal after infidelity."

Tammy Nelson, Ph.D, Sex and Relationship Therapist, Author of The New Monogamy

"Whether you did the cheating, or were cheated on, Weiner-Davis is fair, empathetic and doesn't take sides. It's really the closest thing to having a master therapist take your hand and walk you through the process every step of the way!" lan Kerner, PhD, LMFT, NYTimes Best-selling Author of, She Comes First

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Feedback from Readers:

Amazon Review 5.0 out of 5 stars This is a MUST HAVE book!! February 28, 2019

Format: Paperback <u>Verified Purchase</u>

This book is exactly what I needed. It is written with such wisdom and compassion for both partners. It gives real advice that can be followed to find your way back to one another. It is also extremely validating and helps you understand why you are feeling the way you do. It was EXTREMELY helpful!!

5.0 out of 5 stars A MUST READ FOR ANYONE SUFFERING THE EFFECTS OF INFIDELITY February 26, 2017

Format: Kindle Edition Verified Purchase

This book has done more for me after my husband's affair than any other book or person could. It gave me insight into the why's and the how's, it offered me reassurance and most importantly it gave me hope. Hope that maybe everything can be ok again, possibly better than before. Michele knows this subject backwards and forwards and will help you understand and give you a real plan that works! I cannot recommend this book enough. I am three months out from discovering my husband's affair and between this book and another of her books, "Divorce Remedy" I have read them over and over. I believe that my marriage is headed back in the right direction and I am not sure that would be so if I had not had the help and insight Michele offers. Thank you Michele. Thank you so much!

Amazon Review 5.0 out of 5 stars Better Than Marriage Counseling July 12, 2018

Format: Paperback Verified Purchase

This is such a beautifully written, empathetic, and practical tool. I believe that it has saved many a day

for me and I'm sure many others! I'm starting to see that this is what healing is: a daily journey, just as the author describes; trying for more than that can be overwhelming and harmful. Most importantly, the chapters are structured in such a way that couples are able to focus on their own healing while learning to communicate and empathize with each other. Wiener-Davis offers advice that is focused often on small kindnesses to oneself and each other, which, in my opinion, has been the most helpful part of all. I truly believe this book is a marriage saver - even for couples who have all but given up.

Amazon Review
5.0 out of 5 stars Help when I didn't know where to go...
February 5, 2018

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This is an EXCELLENT resource for anyone who is dealing with infidelity. No one tells you how to feel or act when this happens, but Michele helped me understand my feelings and actions in a way that made me hopeful for the next day. Thank you! Not just for helping me save my marriage, but for helping me through many dark days.

Amazon Review 5.0 out of 5 stars This is a Page Turner February 14, 2019 Format: Paperback Verified Purchase

Great book for Clinicians. Super helpful for my patients

Amazon Review 5.0 out of 5 stars Great Book January 7, 2019 Format: Paperback Verified Purchase I recently found out that my husband had an emotional affair with a coworker. While I am very devastated I still want to heal my 30 year marriage. I read this book in about 5 hours and it was full of great information for both he and I. We are going to re-read it together. I have also ordered 2 of her other books which I'm hoping to get read in the next week or so. Divorce Busting & The Sex Starved Marriage. I will reread this book any time I feel I need a refresher. I would totally recommend this book to anyone in an affair situation.