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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Platitudes abound in Blyth's marriage primer follow-up to *The Art of Conversation*. "For many couples marriage is not the choppy water, but the vessel to carry them through life's voyage." Also present here are Blyth's sweeping, undocumented statements, like "most divorcees report being less happy after a break-up than before," and pat conclusions: Millionaire Chef Jaime Oliver's wife, Jools, for instance, has "enlisted in the cult of the mother goddess" because she gets up to make her children porridge. References are often outdated and observations about sex in marriage, such as "the most contented couples also have well-matched libidos" or, if getting into the sack at all is a problem, to "Just Do It," lack insight. Though Blyth notes that she surveyed a number of couples for her new book, her examples are either vague, weak, or undocumented. She seems to write from a far-away place, where feminism has not yet reared its mighty head: "There is plentiful evidence that men feel emasculated if they earn less than their wives or do women's work." For Blyth, the solution to fixing that rotting relationship is no more complicated than this: husbands, kiss your wives.

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Review

Praise for *The Art of Conversation*:

"Sleek Catherine Blyth is undoubtedly a delightful dinner party companion"

-*The Washington Post*

"In this handy guide to civilized banter, Blyth reintroduces the craft of modern discourse"

-*Elle*

The Art of Conversation "will make your next foray into a bar or business reception much more entertaining [...] it will help both wallflowers and those lost in cyberspace achieve conversational connections"

-*Los Angeles Times*

"Blyth makes a spirited pitch for old-fashioned talk"

-*Salon.com*

"Witty, eloquent and insightful, Blyth's books is a delightful encouragement to rediscover conversation as the best communication technology."

-*Publishers Weekly*

"Mixing up science with psychology and philosophy with literature, she argues the case for banter and badinage. It's free, fun and gets your brain cells firing like the prettiest of firework displays."

-*Marie Claire*

"A witty and thoroughly entertaining guide to the noble art of conversation."

-Katie Hickman, author of *The Aviary Gate*

"Modern man - and woman - have forgotten how to engage larynx and ears. Catherine Blyth teaches the lost art with wit and charm."

-Harry Mount, author of *Carpe Diem: Put a Little Latin in Your Life*

"Get off that bloody computer and read this bloody great book. Reclaim the orgasmic pleasures of a bloody good conversation. Don't let modern technology turn you into an uncommunicative ninny: ingest this book and start conversing...and then start living."

-Simon Doonan, author of *Eccentric Glamour*

"Take the wittiest, most spellbinding dinner companion and put her between book covers; that's *The Art of Conversation* by Catherine Blyth. ... By turns arch, humane, historical, and hysterically funny, she's the person you hope you'll find at the next cocktail party-or the person you'd like to be."

-Margaret Shepherd, author of *The Art of Civilized Conversation*

About the Author

Catherine Blyth is a writer and editor. Her work has appeared in numerous British publications, including *The Times* and *The Daily Telegraph*. Despite her marriage to a mischievous gossip columnist, she still manages to enjoy a thriving social life.

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