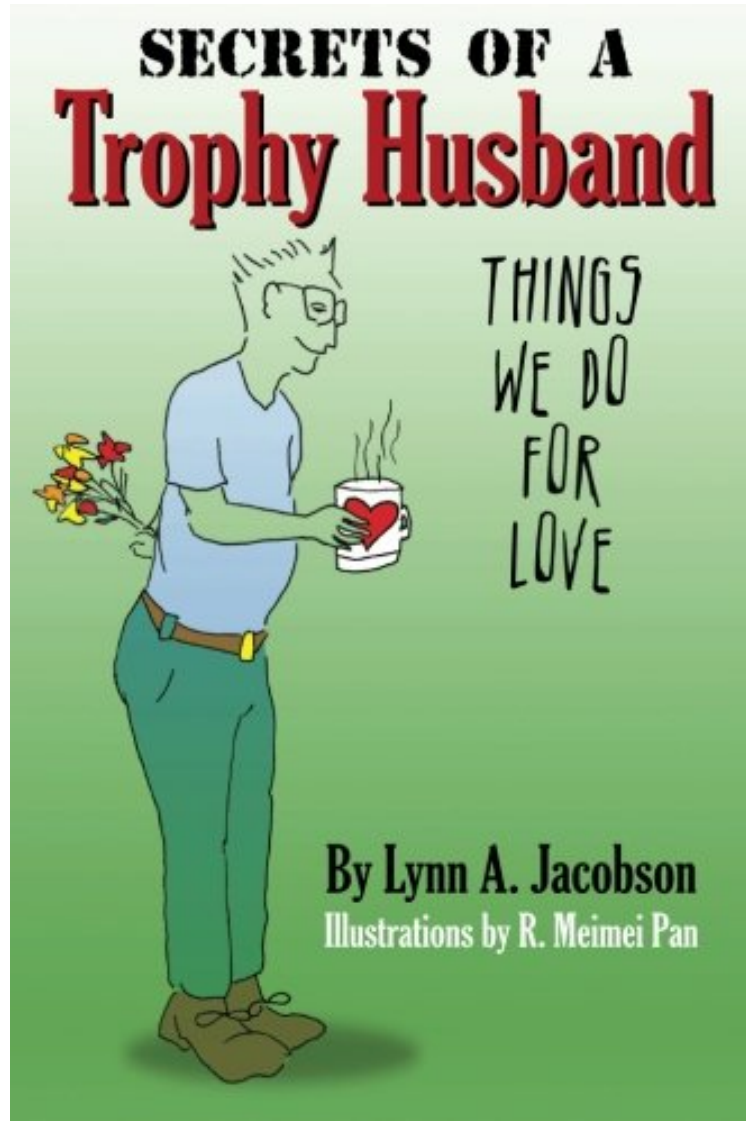


## Secrets of a Trophy Husband

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**Lynn Jacobson : Secrets of a Trophy Husband** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Secrets of a Trophy Husband:

7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. married life, with humor and insightBy Enlin PanThis book was not about being a trophy husband. It is about being open to life, and sharing this life. It is a love story. And it is about your life -- every reader will find items hitting close to home. It is also funny.Early on, the author broaches the most important point, so that you won't miss it: that when your partner asks a question, the issue is not the answer. It is about attention, and communication. Factual information ranks rather further down on the list. This insight (one of

many) is hard for men to take -- it is certainly hard for me. Yet somehow, as in other chapters, the telling can make you squirm and laugh at the same time. I don't know how the author does it. (There is a humorous anecdote before each chapter title. These suggest subtly that the need for communication and attention might be symmetrical.) The chapters are short and entertaining, so it's enjoyable to read a couple now, a couple later. The remarkable four chapters beginning with "Smittenism" constitute the finest depiction I have ever seen of that quivering experience when you see that someone and things just flip-flop inside you and all around you and the world will never be the same again. This sequence is beautifully written. In "Lights", the title word is an acronym of the six criteria for being a good Trophy Husband prospect -- a prospect, mind you. The author does not claim to satisfy all these criteria consistently or simultaneously -- I doubt that anyone can -- but he does give examples throughout the book of each element. Many chapters do not seem to involve being or not being a trophy husband, but in retrospect they do reflect one or another of these criteria. I'm not sure that the author consciously realizes this; some chapters on first glance merely seem to record humorous incidents that he is bubbling to share. I would say that all six criteria are subservient to one overriding principle, which is the true theme of the book, and trophy husband-hood is just a literary conceit to catch the eye. (Several chapters don't involve the husband at all!) The theme, I believe, is being open to life. After you realize that, then everything hangs together. Just as in the author's previous book, "Surviving Five Daughters", the illustrations by Meimei Pan are themselves worth the price of admission. And, in common with the earlier book, this one is a gem.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A wonderfully entertaining escape! By Tracey I absolutely loved this book! It is a charming collection of wonderful "nuggets"... sweet and honest lessons applicable to everyone. Each chapter paints a charming picture that illustrates its message clearly with delightfully humorous simplicity. I really enjoyed this! I found myself sharing it with my husband over and over again. He's planning to read it too. I think he finds the chapter on "Wife Speak" the most interesting... I'm not sure what to think about that! :) I purchased "Surviving Five Daughters" also and look forward to reading it too. I would recommend this book to just about anyone for a light, fun, insightful and entertaining escape.

0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Refreshingly credible honesty that is both funny and informative. By Phil This book is a "must read" It will tell both parties of a relationship what "practicing" (in the same sense that Doctors use the term) really is. The book is in the format of a series of situational essays--each complete in its own right and very funny at the same time. One or both of the parties of every relationship must once have really wanted it. Lynn's book gives us a light hearted opportunity to remember the commitment that both partners originally felt. Every chapter recounts a situation from his own life, which he describes in a humorous way. If we are willing to laugh at ourselves, we get to see ourselves plainly through his sometimes very funny descriptions. Just in It is really a romantic tale that reveals how much he invests in his partnership. Just maybe we would like to do likewise. Its fun to remember our own lives together and say again, "What if..." I repeat: It is a "must read."

Although unfashionably late for your boss's important dinner, your wife stops to ask you, Should I wear my brown shoes or my blue shoes? Careful. Most rushed responses will land you in various degrees of doghouse-ville, but don't lose heart; one answer will make her love you forever. How do you respond to The Look from the object of your eternal affection for your one tiny male-clueless misstep? One flower given to say, I love you is worth two-dozen roses that say, Im sorry. Above all else, women want attention. Trophy Husbands comprehend these vital issues, but others need guidance from Secrets of a Trophy Husband to navigate the confounding gender gap. The guidance given with laugh out loud advice and a veritable king's wealth in pearls of wisdom. Casting a wry and seasoned eye on every imaginable aspect of the age-old, boy-girl puzzle, author Lynn Jacobson offers up sixty-two chuckle-worthy chapters and nineteen cartoons that demystify everyday marital pratfall, offering wise and wise-cracking advice on how to emerge triumphantly (or at least breakeven) from any tte--tte. Throughout, Jacobson delivers droll and dead-on truisms, such as No matter how significant a message a husband conveys to his wife, she will always comment on his shirt stain first, to The only way to have safe sex at the office is to either have your wife be your secretary or work out of your home, and Im trying to get obey back into the marriage vows but not where my wife wants it. Secrets of a Trophy Husband also introduces The Trophy Husband Club, which is dedicated to uniting potential Trophy Husbands in their mutually shared endeavors to keep their partners happy, ecstatic, and blissful. The club charter includes nine rules that so-deemed THs must follow to remain in good standing. For example, When a wife, whispers, murmurs, or even thinks "coffee" first thing in the morning, a skilled TH has forty-five seconds to bring her coffee in bed at the correct temperature and in the theme mug of the day; that birthdays are replaced by eight-day birthday weeks; flowers are given on a random bases; and under no circumstances, is the TH ever permitted to count the number of shoes in his partner's closet. In addition, The Trophy Husband University schools novitiates on topics such as laundry folding, optimal dishwasher loading techniques and of course, strategies for keeping one's partner in total bliss. In short, the practiced Trophy Husband comes to understand that their partners above all seek attention, and, while this cadre of men is not comprised of wimps, they are well-versed in fixing their focus. Rich in humor, frequently poignant, and brimming with plain good advice, page after rollicking page of Secrets of a Trophy Husband doles out light-hearted, loving angles on wedded happiness that offer sound guidance and serious fun.

About the Author Lynn Jacobson is a former engineer; among his achievements are three MIT engineering degrees, numerous professional journal articles, and a few patents. He has designed satellite experiments that measured solar plasmas and intergalactic Gama rays for MIT professors (verifying the Big Bang Theory), as well as engaged in three tours at the U.S. army's missile reentry range in the Marshall Islands. However, he claims his formal education was minuscule compared to what he learned raising three daughters. In the midst of doing so, he followed his girlfriend to Palo Alto, CA, and, after he finally convincing her to marry him, added two more daughters to the chaos. After thirty years of honing his affinity as a storyteller, he wrote his first book, *Surviving Five Daughters*, which he now follows with *Secrets of a Trophy Husband*. He writes while maintaining his trophy husband responsibilities for his wife, who ironically is the one with a literature degree (she fixes their computers).