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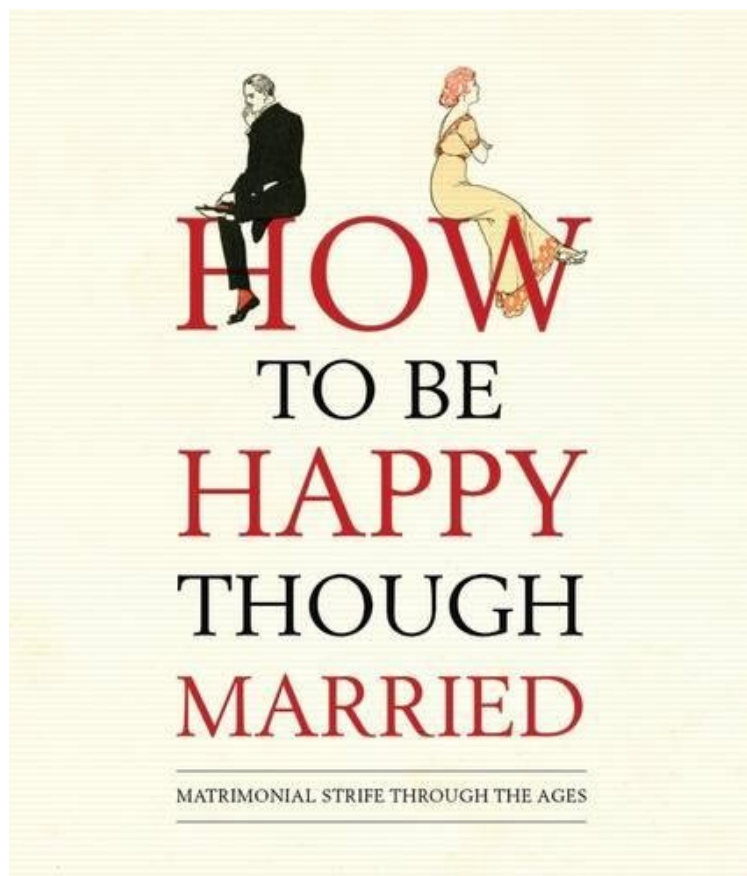
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## **How to be Happy Though Married**

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About the AuthorOld House BooksExcerpt. Reprinted by permission. All rights reserved.Excerpt from How to be Happy Though MarriedChapter One: The Pleasures of Marriage"Single women have a dreadful propensity for being poor, which is one very strong argument in favour of matrimony."Jane Austen, c.1816Romantic love is a species of drunkenness even dullards are aware of this; they are aware of it when they are not in love, and either forget it or disregard it when they are.The Art of Making a Perfect Husband, 1929There is no road to wealth so easy and respectable as that of matrimony.Anthony Trollope, 1858Chapter Two: The Pains of MarriageThere are three things

that drive a good man from home: a roofless house, a smoky chimney, and a quarrelsome woman. Medieval peasant proverb A good marriage would be between a blind wife and a deaf husband. Michel de Montaigne, c.1580- Men marry women with the hope they will never change. Women marry men with the hope they will change. Invariably they are both disappointed. Albert Einstein Chapter Three: Hints for Husbands According to the old custom, Egyptian women did not wear shoes; this was so that they should spend all day at home. With most women, if you take away their gilded shoes and bracelets and anklets, their purple dresses and their pearls, they too will stay at home. Plutarch One shouldn't be too inquisitive in life... Either about God's secrets or one's wife. Geoffrey Chaucer, The Canterbury Tales