

Beyond Mars And Venus Relationship Skills For Today S Complex World

Rediscover the most famous relationship book ever published Once upon a time Martians and Venusians met, fell in love, and had happy relationships together because they respected and accepted their differences. Then they came to Earth and amnesia set in: they forgot they were from different planets. Based on years of successful counseling of couples and individuals, Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus has helped millions of couples transform their relationships. Now viewed as a modern classic, this phenomenal book has helped men and women realize how different they can be in their communication styles, their emotional needs, and their modes of behavior—and offers the secrets of communicating without conflicts, allowing couples to give intimacy every chance to grow.

Draws on extensive research, counseling workshops with couples and the authors' own 30-year relationship to distill basic, provocative truths about marriage and provide essential tools for rendering a marriage more rewarding and positive. 50,000 first printing.

Men tend to compartmentalize their lives into boxes (like waffles), while women often let their thoughts intersect (like spaghetti). But waffles and spaghetti can make an excellent dish! Discover the ingredients for loving, working, and winning together.

This straight-from-the-hip handbook by bestselling author and self-made millionaire Harvey Mackay spells out the path to success for readers everywhere. They will learn how to: Outsell by getting appointments with people who absolutely, positively do not want to see you, and then making them glad they said "yes!" Outmanage by arming yourself with information on prospects, customers, and competitors that the CIA would envy - using a system called the "Mackay 66." Outmotivate by using his insights to help yourself or your kids join the ranks of America's one million millionaires. Outnegotiate by knowing when to "smile and say no" and when to "send in the clones." This one-of-a-kind book by a businessman who's seen it all and done it all has sold almost 2 million copies, and is the essential roadmap for everyone on the path to success.

An accessible, transformative guide for couples seeking greater love, connection, and intimacy in our modern world Nate and Kaley Klemp were both successful in their careers, consulting for high-powered companies around the world. Their work as mindfulness and leadership experts, however, often fell to the wayside when they came home in the evening, only to end up fighting about fairness in their marriage. They believed in a model where each partner contributed equally and fairness ruled, but, in reality, they were finding that balance near impossible to achieve. From this frustration, they developed the idea of the 80/80 marriage, a new model for balancing career, family, and love. The 80/80 Marriage pushes couples beyond the limited idea of "fairness" toward a new model grounded on radical generosity and shared success, one that calls for each partner to contribute 80 percent to build the strongest possible relationship. Drawing from more than one hundred interviews with couples from all walks of life, stories from business and pop culture, scientific studies, and ancient philosophical insights, husband-and-wife team Nate and Kaley Klemp pinpoint exactly what's not working in modern marriage. Their 80/80 model of marriage provides practical, powerful solutions to transform your relationship and open up space for greater love and connection.

The author of the phenomenal # 1 New York Times bestseller Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus, John Gray has helped millions of men and women achieve lasting love and happiness. Now he turns his wisdom and expertise to one of the most sensitive and essential issues in a relationship: sex. In Mars and Venus in the Bedroom, he explains how we can use advanced relationship skills to keep the fires of passion burning and achieve much greater intimacy. Romance can thrive when we accept that men and women have very different, yet complementary, emotional and physical needs. Dr. Gray shows us how we can make small but important adjustments in our attitudes, schedules, and techniques so that both partners are happy in the bedroom -- and in the relationship. From learning advanced skills for greater sex to achieving greater confidence in the bedroom, discovering the joy of quickies to rekindling the passion and keeping romance alive, John Gray has the answers for you.

Continuing the themes in the author's earlier books, such as 'Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus'. The author generalises about differences between men and women, emphasises the need to work at relationships, gives hints on how to do this in specific situations, and describes achieve ways to clear communication and unconditional love.

The problem is too many get lost and off course. Now, you have a Master Guide in your hands. Relationship Rules will show you how to: Create harmony in your relationships Ask for what you want and get it Understand what your partner is really trying to say Argue without harming your partners feelings How to say I love you in creative ways Increase your attraction in your partner Will I Ever Find My Soul Mate? Whether you are recently separated, divorced, or you have been in the singles scene for longer than you want, this insightful guide will help you navigate the dating maze and find that special person you've been waiting for. By discussing the differences between men and women, Mars and Venus on a Date provides singles with: A thorough understanding of the five stages of dating -- attraction, uncertainty, exclusivity, intimacy, and engagement How to know what kind of person is right for you Answers to burning questions such as why don't men call, or why do some women stay single? The best places to meet your soul mate And advice on creating a loving and mutually fulfilling relationship Filled with practical guidelines, inventive techniques, and witty insight, Mars and Venus on a Date will help single men and women explore the world of dating, understand how to make good choices, and discover the secret to finding a soul mate.

For more than twenty years, John Gray's Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus has helped couples deepen their intimacy and rejuvenate their love lives. Men and women, it revealed, communicate so differently, we might as well be from different planets. By learning to speak each other's language, millions of people dramatically improved, even saved, their relationships. But the world has changed. Today, what it means to be a man or a woman is more nuanced and complex than ever. Both men and women are moving beyond stereotypes and embracing their true natures--with important implications for today's relationships. In Beyond Mars and Venus, Gray provides a more modern look at the keys to healthy relationships. As the roles of men and women evolve, relationships must evolve as well. Beyond Mars and Venus takes the Mars-Venus framework to

the next level, helping readers to take their relationship to a more profound level of intimacy. Through real-life examples and simple exercises, Beyond Mars and Venus shows you how to bring you and your partner closer than ever before.

Men and women are different -- there's no denying it. So why do we constantly expect the same actions and feelings from them? This enormously helpful book not only enables you to recognize the differences between you and your loved one but also leads you toward an acceptance of those differences, thereby paving the way for a stronger relationship. With his characteristic wit and wisdom, relationship expert John Gray explains the different ways men and women communicate, cope with stress, resolve conflicts, and experience and give love. Once you understand these differences, you'll be better equipped to handle inevitable bumps in the road, and be on your way to a long-lasting and truly loving relationship.

World-renowned experts on gender intelligence Barbara Annis and Keith Merron suggest it's time to move beyond arguments based on politics and fairness, building an economic business case for gender diversity in the workplace. Despite forty years of laws, quotas, diversity training, and legal expenses aimed toward equalizing pay, opportunities, and working conditions between the sexes, the glass ceiling remains firmly intact. For too long, companies have played the "numbers game"—attempting to tackle gender imbalance by forcing affirmative action policies and numeric standards on organizations to increase the representation of women in management. Yet, these efforts have rarely been sustained. In this groundbreaking comprehensive analysis, based on more than twenty-five years of in-depth surveys involving 100,000 men and women across dozens of Fortune 500 companies, Barbara Annis and Keith Merron provide a deeper understanding of the multiplicity of forces that have combined to create and perpetuate gender inequality. Gender Intelligence exposes common false assumptions that prevent men and women from successfully performing together at work—myths exacerbated by worn-out theories of gender blindness and sameness thinking. It shows how a small but growing number of courageous, leading-edge companies have broken through the barriers to successfully advance women, making the remarkable transformation from compliance to choice—from pressure to preference—and show how it can be done in any business. Gender Intelligence features 17 illustrations.

Provides daily reminders of the differences in behavior and communication styles of men and women

Explains how to use astrology to define one's romantic profile, determine compatible partners, and identify unsuccessful relationship patterns

Is it possible to find love again after a breakup, death, or divorce? The end of a relationship can sometimes feel like the end of the world. Devastation, loneliness, and bitterness are some emotions that exist due to a breakup, divorce, or the loss of a loved one. But with the help of this compassionate guide, Dr. John Gray expresses that you will survive and tells you how to find love again. While the process of healing is similar with both sexes, there are distinct differences between the ways men and women heal their bruised hearts. In Mars and Venus Starting Over, Dr. Gray offers gender-specific advice on how to: Deal with pain Find forgiveness Discover the strength to let go Rebuild confidence Rise to the challenge of finding fulfillment again Filled with gentle guidance, healing practices, and compassionate wisdom, Mars and Venus Starting Over will help men and women explore the meaning of loss, find their way through the healing process, and discover the secret to moving on.

For busy professionals and lifelong learners seeking practical strategies for reaching new heights, Master Mentors distills 30 essential learnings from Seth Godin, Susan Cain, Trent Shelton, General Stanley McChrystal, and other top business minds and thought leaders of our time. Mining the best and brightest revelations from FranklinCovey's global podcast, On Leadership with Scott Miller, Scott personally introduces you to 30 Master Mentors, featuring the single most transformative insight from each of them. Depending on where you are in your journey, Master Mentors will: Challenge your current mindset and beliefs, leading to what could be the most important career and thought- process shifts of your life! Restore you to the mindset and beliefs you find effective but aren't currently living in alignment with. Validate that you are on the right path with your current mindset and beliefs and empower you on your way forward. Whether you are challenged, affirmed, informed, or inspired—Master Mentors guarantees you will experience a transformative shift in your personal mindset, life skillset, and career toolset.

Conscious Men guides a man to look within and discover his purpose and mission; to be in touch with his feelings but not ruled by his feelings; to live a life that is in pursuit of his path, while honoring the commitments he made during that pursuit. This book is a practical roadmap to support every man to discover and live his unique calling. Conscious Men explores 12 qualities of the New Masculinity. Each chapter offers a vivid portrait of each quality, with insights about how it is influenced by biochemistry. It presents a road map for the challenges men face today in living their fullest potential, as well as dozens of suggested practices for how to develop each quality. The book also has a "To Women" section for each chapter: offering women insight about how to recognize a good and trustworthy man, as well as how to support a man to bring the best out of himself.

"One of Paul Celan's most important books of poems, Threadsun follows the Green Integer press publication of Breathturn, which received international critical acclaim.

Consisting of 105 poems, arranged in five cycles, Threadsun was composed between September 1965 and June 1967. If Breathturn was the opening gambit of Celan's "turn," the entry into the late work, then Threadsun - the volume that may have received the least amount of commentary and analysis to date - may be said to be not only an extension or continuation of the previous volume, but the full-blown realization of Celan's late work."--BOOK JACKET.

Popular assumptions about gender and communication - famously summed up in the title of the massively influential 1992 bestseller Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus - can have unforeseen but far-reaching consequences in many spheres of life, from attitudes to the phenomenon of 'date-rape' to expectations of achievement at school,

and potential discrimination in the work-place. In this wide-ranging and thoroughly readable book, Deborah Cameron, Rupert Murdoch Professor of Language and Communication at Oxford University and author of a number of leading texts in the field of language and gender studies, draws on over 30 years of scientific research to explain what we really know and to demonstrate how this is often very different from the accounts we are familiar with from recent popular writing. Ambitious in scope and exceptionally accessible, *The Myth of Mars and Venus* tells it like it is: widely accepted attitudes from the past and from other cultures are at heart related to assumptions about language and the place of men and women in society; and there is as much similarity and variation within each gender as between men and women, often associated with social roles and relationships. The author goes on to consider the influence of Darwinian theories of natural selection and the notion that girls and boys are socialized during childhood into different ways of using language, before addressing problems of 'miscommunication' surrounding, for example, sex and consent to sex, and women's relative lack of success in work and politics. Arguing that what linguistic differences there are between men and women are driven by the need to construct and project personal meaning and identity, Cameron concludes that we have an urgent need to think about gender in more complex ways than the prevailing myths and stereotypes allow. A compelling and insightful read for anyone with an interest in communication, language, and the sexes.

Is it really possible to be in love forever? New York Times bestselling author John Gray will show you how in *Mars and Venus Together Forever*. This resource guide contains relationship skills that will help you and your mate sustain a lasting relationship that only grows richer with time. *Mars and Venus Together Forever* educates the different sexes on: What your mother couldn't tell you and your father didn't know What women need most and men really want How men and women think and feel differently The language barrier -- men speak "male" and women speak "female" The seven secrets of lasting passion And much more Filled with lively anecdotes, revealing exercises, and profound common sense, *Mars and Venus Together Forever* will help men and women explore new frontiers in their relationships, communicate effectively with each other, and discover the secret of "happily ever after."

Do you feel like you are too nice? Sherry Argov's *Why Men Love Bitches* delivers a unique perspective as to why men are attracted to a strong woman who stands up for herself. With saucy detail on every page, this no-nonsense guide reveals why a strong woman is much more desirable than a "yes woman" who routinely sacrifices herself. The author provides compelling answers to the tough questions women often ask: · Why are men so romantic in the beginning and why do they change? · Why do men take nice girls for granted? · Why does a man respect a woman when she stands up for herself? Full of advice, hilarious real-life relationship scenarios, "she says/he thinks" tables, and the author's unique "Attraction Principles," *Why Men Love Bitches* gives you bottom-line answers. It helps you know who you are, stand your ground, and relate to men on a whole new level. Once you've discovered the feisty attitude men find so magnetic, you'll not only increase the romantic chemistry—you'll gain your man's love and respect with far less effort.

Rhea is a renowned psychologist, sexologist and relationship coach. While on a holiday, she meets Rohan, a famous Indian actor who chances upon her notebook and believes she is the only one who will be able to help him with his issues. Rohan has cold feet as his wedding day approaches. But is that all? He embarks on a therapeutic journey with Rhea with the support of her fiancé Siddhartha. This begins the unravelling of many childhood secrets and emotions. Will he overcome these overpowering emotions that have become a part of him? Can he rise above deep, long-term wounds and bonds? Will he go through with the marriage? Siddhartha and Rhea set some interesting relationship goals for every couple. The book elucidates how important it is to destroy the old psychology and develop a new one. A heavy and sensitive subject is presented in the simplest and most light-hearted manner possible. #NewHuman Today's mankind is a product of the culture of thousands of years. From the time we are born, we are socialized into playing traditional gender roles. Certain differences between the sexes are natural while the others are cultural and social (manmade). The book explores men and women's relationships with each other—mother-son, father-daughter, mother-daughter, father-son, brother-sister, girlfriend-boyfriend, husband-wife—and themselves. Be it any relationship, there are men and women involved. The kind of relationship we share with the same or opposite gender stems from our very first relationship with that gender, that is, with a mother and a father. And this is what the book deals with. Delving into the dynamics of these relationships, it brings forth a new definition of what it means to be a man or a woman through the characters Rhea, Siddhartha and Rohan.

Popular marriage counselor and seminar leader John Gray provides a unique, practical and proven way for men and women to communicate and relate better by acknowledging the differences between them. Once upon a time Martians and Venusians met, fell in love, and had happy relationships together because they respected and accepted their differences. Then they came to earth and amnesia set in: they forgot they were from different planets. Using this metaphor to illustrate the commonly occurring conflicts between men and women, Gray explains how these differences can come between the sexes and prohibit mutually fulfilling loving relationships. Based on years of successful counseling of couples, he gives advice on how to counteract these differences in communication styles, emotional needs and modes of behavior to promote a greater understanding between individual partners. Gray shows how men and women react differently in conversation and how their relationships are affected by male intimacy cycles ("get close", "back off"), and female self-esteem fluctuations ("I'm okay", "I'm not okay"). He encourages readers to accept the other gender's particular way of expressing love, and helps men and women learn how to fulfill each other's emotional needs. With practical suggestions on how to reduce conflict, crucial information on how to interpret a partner's behavior and methods for preventing emotional "trash from the past" from invading new relationships, *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus* is a valuable tool for couples who want to

develop deeper and more satisfying relationships with their partners.

The author of the most well-known and trusted relationship book of all time returns with an updated guide for today's generation. Two decades ago, *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus* revolutionized the way we thought about love and partnership. John Gray's work has helped countless readers improve and even save their relationships. But as society evolves, relationships do, too. It's time to move beyond Mars and Venus, toward a new relationship model for modern couples. Today, men and women are no longer trapped by rigid societal roles. Now more than ever, we have the freedom to be our authentic selves. Women can access their masculine side, and men can embrace their feminine side. This new freedom is a good thing, but it also brings new challenges. Men and women still need the right tools and skills to help build stronger relationships. While previous generations sought "role mate" relationships, based on the more rigid gender roles of the time, today's couples need a new kind of relationship: a "soul mate" relationship. These more emotionally satisfying relationships require a deeper understanding of our partners' individual needs. In *Beyond Mars and Venus*, Gray teaches you how to strengthen your bond and grow in love together, so you and your loved one can meet each other's needs in the best way possible, bringing you lasting happiness and a fulfilling partnership.

This guide to personal achievement provides advice about setting goals, taking what you need and remaining true to yourself, achieving success without sacrificing happiness and recognising emotional blocks barring the way to success. The author's other publications include *Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus* and *Mars and Venus Starting Over*.

In *What You Feel You Can Heal* John Gray discusses the idea of finding feelings that have been 'lost' and regaining the respect and love for yourself that is a necessary prerequisite to giving and receiving love from others, in sexual and all other relationships. In his encouraging way, Gray also offers simple and do-able techniques to help achieve this state of 'unconditional love' and move on to develop fulfilling and lasting relationships. Find out how to:--Improve communication--Increase self-esteem and self-love--Transform negative feelings into positive ones--Enrich loving relationships

From first look and first date to first fight, breaking up and making up, the world of dating can be a minefield for the unprepared. International relationship guru, John Gray turns his expertise to the language and behaviour of dating couples. Asking questions such as: -How should you act on your first date? -How can you tell if your partner means what he says? -Is this love or just lust at first sight? John Gray helps new couples figure out whether they are partners for life or just enjoying a brief encounter. His approach will help both men and women play the dating game with its complex rules of etiquette and behaviour, and explains how to separate fact from fantasy in conversation, body language and future expectations. His humorous insight and practical advice will help young and old alike to reach closer understanding, love and commitment, and have fun on the way!

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Rocking relationships with your family and friends. A soulmate who gets you on the deepest level. And the best soulful sex of your life. Anything is possible with Melissa Ambrosini by your side! From the bestselling author of *Mastering Your Mean Girl*, *Open Wide* is the definitive guide to fulfilling and intimate 21st-century relationships, delving into everything from cultivating self-confidence, to unleashing your inner goddess, to forming lasting friendships . . . and even to experiencing toe-curling orgasms on demand. Called a "self-love guru" by *Elle* magazine, Melissa is a voice for the modern woman. Rather than the preachy tone that plagues many relationship guides, she's your supportive best friend sharing her wisdom in a way that makes your journey fun and simple. Full of electric insights, deeply personal stories, and genuine 'aha' moments, *Open Wide* serves up real tools and relatable advice that you can put into action immediately for lasting results. A powerful, life-altering read, *Open Wide* gives you practical tools you can start using immediately to rewrite your future, create authentic connections, and experience heart-bursting love.

A marriage therapist and pastoral counselor explains that most of the feelings of receiving inadequate love come from unresolved childhood conflicts and describes how adults can learn to flourish as loving and loved people, in a new edition of the best-selling handbook. Reprint. 50,000 first printing.

Work with Me is the timely collaboration of two of the world's foremost authorities on gender relations—Barbara Annis and John Gray. Here they team up to resolve the most stressful and confusing challenges facing men and women at work, revealing, for the first time, survey results of over 100,000 in-depth interviews of men and women executives in over 60 Fortune 500 companies. Readers will discover the 8 Gender Blind Spots: the false assumptions and opinions men and women have of each other, and in many ways, believe of themselves. Also unveiled are the biology and social influences that compel men and women to think and act as they do, and direct how they communicate, solve problems, make decisions, resolve conflict, lead others, and deal with stress, enabling them to achieve greater success and satisfaction in their professional and personal lives. *Work with Me* is the definitive work-life relational guide, filled with "aha!" moments and discoveries that will remove the blind spots and enable men and women to work and succeed together.

Internationally bestselling author and relationship expert Arielle Ford offers the keys to re-discovering love, passion, respect, and renewed commitment, years after the simple act of falling in love and getting married. It's one thing to fall in love and get married. It is quite another thing to have a marriage you love. This is the true purpose of *Turn Your Mate Into Your Soulmate*. Author of the international bestseller *The Soulmate Secret*, Arielle Ford unlocks the wisdom learned in her own marriage along with expertise gleaned from friends and experts such as Harville Hendrix, John Gray, Dr. Helen Fisher, Neale Donald Walsch, and Marianne Williamson, to help readers find a happy middle ground between the rare, precious, and unattainable romantic notion of love, and the reality that happens when restlessness, anger, or disappointment set in and act as a stubborn barrier to happiness and fulfillment. *Turn Your Mate into Your Soulmate* explores and reveals: What love really is and is not, and how to infuse your life with richer, fulfilling love. Why we yearn to be connected to another person; Our soul and our sacred contracts around love. Why giving up perfectionism is the key to happiness. The purpose and benefits of marriage. Components of a healthy relationship. Moving beyond ourselves to infuse our relationships with God/Spirit/devotion. Breathing new life into old love by kick-starting the fun; Why changing partners may not be the answer and why re-envisioning the partner you have can

be the path to happiness. Arielle lays the groundwork for the purpose and work needed for a healthy relationship, proving that marriage is not as simple as Happily Ever After—but that real love can be even better.

Once upon a time, Martians and Venusians functioned in separate worlds. But in today's hectic and career-oriented environment, relationships have become a lot more complicated, and men and women are experiencing unprecedented levels of stress. To add to the increasing tension, most men and women are also completely unaware that they are actually hardwired to react differently to the stress. It's a common scenario: a husband returns home from work stressed out and eager to kick back on the couch and watch television. A wife returns home from work stressed out and wants to talk about it with her husband. What happens? Neither is on the same page, anger and resentment set in, and Mars and Venus collide. Using his signature insight that has helped millions of couples transform their relationships, John Gray once again arms the inhabitants of Mars and Venus with information that will help them live harmoniously ever after. In *Why Mars and Venus Collide*, Gray focuses on the ways that men and women misinterpret and mismanage the stress in their daily lives, and how these reactions ultimately affect their relationships. "It's not that he's just not into you; he needs to fulfill a biological need," Gray explains. "And it's not that she wants to henpeck you; she also has a biological drive." He shows, for instance, how a husband's withdrawal is actually a natural way for him to replenish his depleted testosterone levels and restore his well-being, and how a woman's need for conversation and support helps her build her own stress-reducing hormone, oxytocin. Backed up by groundbreaking scientific research, Gray offers a clear, easy-to-understand program to bridge the gap between the two planets, providing effective communication strategies that will actually lower stress levels. Whether in a relationship or single, this book will help both men and women understand their new roles in a modern, work-oriented society, and allow them to discover a variety of new and practical ways to create a lifetime of love and harmony.

This shining collection brings you inspiration and comfort in special chapters on marriage, motherhood, aging, bridging the generations, attitude, self-esteem and higher wisdom. Stories honor the strength and reveal the beauty of the feminine spirit. Included are incredible stories from Oprah Winfrey, Leo Buscaglia, Linda Ellerbee, Robert Fulghum, Kathie Lee Gifford and many others.

A new book about parenting from the prolific author of *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* John Gray's *Men Are From Mars, Women Are From Venus* is a history-making bestseller with more than 7 million copies in print in hardcover. This new book on parenting will round out the relationship mega-brand that John has created. Focusing on children ages 1-9, John explains that this is the period of dependence in a child's life when character and sense of self are shaped. Parents everywhere are sure to breathe a sigh of relief that they now have a John Gray book they can turn to help children reach their fullest potential.

A magnificent new collection of stories by "the contemporary Hungarian master of apocalypse" (Susan Sontag) In *The World Goes On*, a narrator first speaks directly, then tells eleven unforgettable stories, and then bids farewell ("for here I would leave this earth and these stars, because I would take nothing with me"). As László Krasznahoraki himself explains: "Each text is about drawing our attention away from this world, speeding our body toward annihilation, and immersing ourselves in a current of thought or a narrative..."

A Hungarian interpreter obsessed with waterfalls, at the edge of the abyss in his own mind, wanders the chaotic streets of Shanghai. A traveler, reeling from the sights and sounds of Varanasi, encounters a giant of a man on the banks of the Ganges ranting on the nature of a single drop of water. A child laborer in a Portuguese marble quarry wanders off from work one day into a surreal realm utterly alien from his daily toils. *The World Goes On* is another amazing masterpiece by the winner of the 2015 Man Booker International Prize. "The excitement of his writing," Adam Thirwell proclaimed in the *New York Review of Books*, "is that he has come up with this own original forms—there is nothing else like it in contemporary literature."

Two outstanding late novellas from one of America's most beloved and critically acclaimed authors. A brilliant rendering of two men striving to find their way in the world, written with freshness, abundant wit, and profound humanity, *The River Swimmer* is Jim Harrison at his most memorable. In *The Land of Unlikeness*, sixty-year-old art history academic Clive a failed artist, divorced and grappling with the vagaries of his declining years reluctantly returns to his family's Michigan farmhouse to visit his aging mother. The return to familiar territory triggers a jolt of renewal—of ardor for his high school love, of his relationship with his estranged daughter, and of his own lost love of painting. In *Water Baby*, Harrison ventures into the magical as an Upper Peninsula farm boy is irresistibly drawn to the water as an escape, and sees otherworldly creatures there. Faced with the injustice and pressure of coming of age, he takes to the river and follows its siren song all the way across Lake Michigan. *The River Swimmer* is a striking portrait of two richly-drawn, profoundly human characters, and an exceptional reminder of why Jim Harrison remains one of America's most cherished and important writers, on a par with such literary greats as Richard Ford, Anne Tyler, Robert Stone, Russell Banks, and Ann Beattie. "Trenchant and visionary . . . Harrison is a writer of the body, which he celebrates as the ordinary, essential and wondrous instrument by which we measure the world. Without it, there is no philosophy. And with it, of course, philosophy can be a rocky test. . . . I could feel Jim Harrison grinning . . . in his glorious novella *The River Swimmer*." —*The New York Times Book Review*

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