



The Magic Room

Jeffrey Zaslow



The author should have titled this book "Lessons of Love That I Learned in Raising My Three Girls."

Most of the books our club has reviewed have been woman-focused. This one is a sensitive, heartfelt and touching one from a father's powerful experience. I was filled with tears as he wrote about bridal dress shopping and his interpretations of love amid the lace and fabric of a wedding dress. One of his lessons offers us the reminder to "cherish every moment," as he wrote, "You never know how long you'll have your children to love."

It reminds me of a patient I was working with who started her session crying as she had overheard a mother and father in the waiting room voicing their displeasure in their child ... she had just lost her son. A father's love is powerful in the lives of his children. ~ **Dr. Michele Winchester-Vega**



This is a rich story told in a style like a novelette. I liked the male author's detailing of how the staff and bridal shop impact the small Michigan town. The author chronicles the lives, loves and dreams that he reflected through a multimirrored "magic room."

He discovers the "dress cemetery," which contains paid-for and altered gowns of weddings called off, which connects to my professional and personal reality of the national trend of failed marriages. Read it. It isn't the typical bridezilla story. ~ **Diane Light-Spiro**



Having worked at a children's hospital for almost 10 years, I learned very well about Lesson No. 2: "Love doesn't ask for anything in return."

Watching parents give their fragile children all the love, hugs and kisses they could, not knowing when it would be the last time, teaches you to appreciate all that you have — every second of it.

Somehow it is so hard to do that with adults. When working with couples, I have them think about the first time they met and how much they gave each other, not really asking for much in return. Basically wanting to impress the other, tickling each other's hearts. Keep tickling. ~ **Nancy Arocho-Mercado**



The author shares the heartfelt stories he learned spending time at a local bridal shop that he breaks down into five lessons of love. The stories are relatable and touch the heart. This is a fun and enjoyable read. ~ **Dianna Chillo**



Zaslow does a phenomenal job capturing the essence of relationships. In a time when many are dissatisfied with their lives, this book reminds us about the important things.

The five lessons on love are simple and profound. I would recommend this book. ~**Susan McVey**



I enjoyed this book and found it relatable to the work that I do with families. I often help parents understand how different the world is to their children than it was to them. The important thing is to help them navigate throughout life and relationships. As an adult, it allows us to reflect on moments of our life. ~**Victoria Sullivan**