

THE TRUTH READING LIST

Below are just a few of the books I read, and in some cases skimmed (and in a few cases just looked at the cover), while researching *The Truth*.

I've divided them into several categories, depending on your area of interest. Note that all the books may not fit perfectly into the category I provided, but this is the way in which I thought of them as I wrote the book.

Note that just because I read a book doesn't mean I liked it. An example of this is Alain de Botton's On Love, which read like a memoir written by a love avoidant who wasn't aware that he was one.

And note that I didn't read every book. I just liked the title of Joe Quirk's *Sperm Are From Men, Eggs Are From Women*, but I had moved on from the idea of embracing hypothesized gender differences as a solution to relationship problems before ever cracking it open.

I have included only books here, not the voluminous research papers I pored over or the many articles that seemed to come out every week as I was writing.

Finally, because this is an exhaustive list, I've bolded and added links to the ten books that I most strongly recommend for your own journey in the psychology & trauma healing list, as well as the single book that influenced me the most in each section that follows.

Ready to dive in?

PSYCHOLOGY, TRAUMA, & HEALING

Lean On Me – Dr. Marion Solomon *The New Peoplemaking* – Virginia Satir *The Road Less Traveled* – M. Scott Peck, M.D.

Fear of Intimacy – Robert W. Firestone

The Fantasy Bond : *Structure of Psychological Defenses* – Robert W. Firestone

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The Client's Guide to Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: How to Live a Healthy, Happy Life...No Matter What! – Aldo R. Pucci, MA, DCBT

Facing The Shadow: Starting Sexual and Relationship Recovery – Patrick Carnes, Ph.D.

Reclaiming Virtue: How We Can Develop the Moral Intelligence to Do the Right Thing at the Right Time for the Right Reason – John Bradshaw

Facing Codependence - Pia Mellody and Andrea Wells Miller

Breaking Free: A Recovery Workbook for Facing Codependence – Pia Mellody and Andrea Wells Miller

'It Will Never Happen to Me!' Children of Alcoholics: As Youngsters - Adolescents - Adults – Claudia Black

The Myth of Sex Addiction – David J. Ley

The Art of Loving – Erich Fromm

Meeting the Shadow: The Hidden Power of the Dark Side of Human Nature – Connie Zweig and Jeremiah Abrams

Thrilled to Death – Dr. Archibald D. Hart

Mending a Shattered Heart, 2nd Ed. – Edited by Stefanie Carnes, Ph.D.

Transformation Through Intimacy: The Journey Toward Awakened Monogamy – Robert A. Masters

The Gifts of Imperfection - Brené Brown, Ph.D., L.M.S.W.

Stop Overreacting – Judith Siegel, Ph.D., L.M.S.W.

The Wizard of OZ and Other Narcissists – Eleanor Payson

Attached.: The New Science of Adult Attachment and How I Can Help You Find – And Keep – Love – Amir Levine, Rachel Heller

Trauma Through A Child's Eyes - Peter A. Levine, Maggie Kline

Waking the Tiger: Healing Trauma – Peter Levine

Games People Play: The Basic Handbook of Transactional Analysis – Eric Berne, M.D.

The Monogamy Myth: A Personal Handbook for Recovering from Affairs – Peggy Vaughn

Healing The Child Within: Discovery and Recovery for Adult Children of Dysfunctional Families – Charles L. Whitfield, M.D.

When He's Married To Mom - Kenneth M. Adams

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Lust, Anger, Love: Understanding Sexual Addiction and the Road to Healthy Intimacy – Maureen Canning Silently Seduced: When Parents Make Their Children Partners – Kenneth M. Adams, Ph. D. Healing The Shame That Binds You – John Bradshaw Bradshaw On: The Family – John Bradshaw Under Saturn's Shadow – James Hollis *The Eden Project* – James Hollis Facing Love Addiction – Pia Mellody and Andrea Wells Miller *The Intimacy Factor* – Pia Mellody Don't Call It Love – Patrick Carnes, Ph.D. *Out of The Shadows* – Patrick Carnes, Ph.D. *Post-Romantic Stress Disorder: What To Do When The* Honeymoon Is Over – John Bradshaw The Drama of The Gifted Child: The Search for the True Self -Alice Miller *The Betrayal Bond* – Patrick J. Carnes, Ph.D. Never Satisfied – Michael Baisden *The Secret Life Of Men* – Steve Biodulph *Fire In The Belly* – Sam Keen *I Don't Want To Talk About It –* Terrence Real The Tao Of Recovery – Jim McGregor *The Fear Book: Facing Fear Once and For All – Cheri Huber Erotic Intelligence: Igniting Hot, Healthy, Sex in Recovery* From Sex Addiction - Alexander Katehakis *The Flying Boy: Healing The Wounded Man – John Lee Growing Yourself Back Up* – John Lee *The Body Keeps the Score* – Bessel Van Der Kolk, M.D. *The Emotional Incest Syndrome –* Dr. Patricia Love with Io Robinson Why Walk When You Can Fly – Isha Judd

Loving What Is: Four Questions That Can Change Your Life – Byron Katie

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You Can Heal Your Life – Louise L. Hay *The Six Pillars Of Self-Esteem* – Nathaniel Branden Every Man's Battle – Stephen Arterburn, Fred Stoener The Knights In Rusty Armor – Robert Fisher Letters to My Son: A Father's Wisdom on Manhood, Life, and Love – Kent Nerburn The Language Of Letting Go: Daily Meditations for Codependents (Hazelden Meditation Series) – Melody Beattie *Co-Dependent No More: How to Stop Controlling Others and* Start Caring for Yourself - Melody Beattie When I Say No, I Feel Guilty – Manual J. Smith Ph.D Unchain Your Brain - Daniel A. Amen, Ph.D. Family Therapy Techniques – Salvador Minuchin & H. Charles Fishman Families & Family Therapy – Salvador Minuchin Male Sexuality: Why Women Don't Understand It – And Men Don't Either – Michael Bader He: Understanding Masculine Psychology – Robert A. Johnson She: Understanding Feminine Psychology – Robert A. Johnson A Return to Love: Reflections on the Principles of "A Course in Miracles" - Marianne Williamson Internal Family Systems Therapy – Richard Schwartz Love & Addiction - Stanton Peele & Archie Brodsky Towards an Emancipatory Psychoanalysis: Brandchaft's Intersubjective Vision (Psychoanalytic Inquiry Book Series) -Bernard Brandschaft *Taming Your Gremlin: A Surprisingly Simple Method for* Getting Out of Your Own Way - Rick Carson Mindsight: The New Science of Personal Transformation – Daniel J. Siegel

THE SCIENCE OF SEX & LOVE & BEING HUMAN

The Selfish Gene – Richard Dawkins

A General Theory of Love – Thomas Lewis, M.D., Fari Amini M.D., Richard Lannon, M.D. http://amzn.to/1R0aICW http://amzn.to/1R0aKe9 http://amzn.to/1R0aOuh http://amzn.to/1UhB29r

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Manwatching: A Field Guide To Human Behavior – D. Morris	http://amzn.to/1ZABhAh
Genetic and hormonal Influences on Affiliative Behavior in Humans (Thesis for Doctoral Degree (Ph.D) 2012) – Hasse Walum	https://goo.gl/uWdLQs
Sex At Dawn: The Prehistoric Origins of Modern Sexuality – Chistopher Ryan and Cacilda Jetha	http://amzn.to/1ZAD20m
The Life and Behavior of Living Organisms – Elliot Jacques	http://amzn.to/1SlJhD9
<i>The Red Queen: Sex and the Evolution of Human Nature –</i> Matt Ridley	http://amzn.to/1SlMpPl
Sperm Wars – Robin Baker	http://amzn.to/1SlMyCv
Why Women Have Sex: Women Reveal the Truth About Their Sex Lives, from Adventure to Revenge (and Everything in Between) – Cindy M. Meston, Ph.D. and David M. Buss, Ph.D.	http://amzn.to/1SlKc6z
Mating Intelligence: Sex, Relationships, and The Mind's Reproductive System – Glenn Geher, Geoffrey Miller	http://amzn.to/1SlKLxg
<i>The Moral Animal</i> – Robert Wright	http://amzn.to/1SlKZnY
<i>The Brain in Love: 12 Lessons to Enhance Your Love Life –</i> Daniel G. Amen, M.D.	http://amzn.to/1ZAK19q
What Do Women Want?: Adventures in the Science of Female Desire – Daniel Bergner	http://amzn.to/1ZALwof
Anatomy of Love – Helen Fisher	http://amzn.to/1SoSlHo
<i>Why We Love: The Nature and Chemistry of Romantic Love –</i> Helen Fisher	http://amzn.to/1YShT4Q
Sperm are from Men, Eggs are from Women – Joe Quirk	http://amzn.to/1YSi1RU
<i>The Female Brain</i> – Louann Brizendine, M.D.	http://amzn.to/1PA7a7e
<i>The Male Brain</i> – Louann Brizendine, M.D.	http://amzn.to/1PA7gvL
The Selfish Gene – Richard Dawkins	http://amzn.to/1OvviEF

ALTERNATIVE RELATIONSHIPS & NON-MONOGAMY (non-narrative non-fiction)

Becoming Partners: Marriage and its Alternatives – Carl R. Rogers	http://amzn.to/1SlJ8j2
<i>Getting Back Together</i> – Robert Houriet	http://amzn.to/1ZAEj7m
Intimate Life Styles: Marriage and its Alternatives – Jack R. DeLora, Joan S DeLora	http://amzn.to/1SlKtGq
The Lifestyle: A Look At The Erotic Rites Of Swingers – Terry Gould	http://amzn.to/1SlKNVD
Polyamory – The New Love Without Limits: Secrets of Sustainable Intimate Relationships – Dr. Deborah Anapol	http://amzn.to/1SlL8b9

The Ethical Slut: A Practical Guide to Polyamory, Open Relationships, and Other Adventures – Dossie Easton, Janet W. Hardy

The New Intimacy – Ronald Mazur Hot & Cool Sex: Cultures in Conflict - Robert T. Francoeur Communes USA: A Personal Tour – Richard Fairfield Opening Up: A Guide to Creating and Sustaining Open *Relationships* – Tristan Taormino *The Myth of Monogamy* – David P. Barash, Ph.D. and Judith Eve Lipton, M.D. The Monogamy Gap: Men, Love, and the Reality of Cheating -Eric Anderson Lust In Translation: Infidelity from Tokyo to Tennessee – Pamela Druckerman *Mating in Captivity: Unlocking Erotic Intelligence – Esther Perel* Thy Neighbor's Wife - Gay Talese The Polygamous Sex – Esther Villar Polyamory in the 21st Century: Love and Intimacy with Multiple Partners – Deborah Anapol *Uncommon Arrangements* – Katie Roiphe Love in Abundance: A Counselors Advice In Open Relationships – Kathy Labriola More Than Two: A Practical Guide to Ethical Polyamory – Franklin Veaux *The Polyamorists Next Door : Inside Multiple-Partner* Relationships and Families – Elisabeth Sheff Open Marriage: A New Life Style for Couples – Nena & George O'Neill *Redefining Our Relationships: Guidelines For Responsible*

Open Relationships – Wendy-O Matik

ALTERNATIVE RELATIONSHIPS (Fiction & Memoir)

The Moon Is A Harsh Mistress – Robert A Heinlein *The Harrad Experiment* – Robert H. Rimmer *Proposition 31* – Robert H. Rimmer *Stranger In A Strange Land* – Robert A. Heinlein http://amzn.to/1ZAHDPT http://amzn.to/1ZAHRqe http://amzn.to/1ZAI2BW http://amzn.to/1SlLZs8

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http://amzn.to/1OvAJ6E http://amzn.to/1OvAKaM http://amzn.to/1OvAM2g http://amzn.to/1krIPW2 *The Source: The Untold Story of Father Yod, Ya Ho Wa 13, and The Source Family* – Isis Aquarian with Electricity Aquarian

The Bolter – Frances Osborne

Island – Aldous Huxley

SEXUAL FREEDOM, INFIDELITY, SEX ADDICTION, & PROSTITUTION (Older & Literary Works)

The History & Philosophy of Marriage – or Polygamy & Monogamy Compared – Joseph Hyrum Parry

Cupid's Yokes: Or the Binding Forces of Conjugal Love – Ezra Heywood

Sexual Revolutions: Psychoanalysis, History and the Father – Edited by Gottfried Heuer

Sexual Life In Ancient Greece – Hans Licht

My Life & Loves – Frank Harris

The Carnal Prayer Mat – Li Yu

My Secret Life – Walter

Sex Fulfilment In Married Women – Helena Wright

Women Confidential – Lee Mortimer

An Enquiry Concerning Political Justice – William Godwin

The Complete Works – Percy Bysshe Shelley

The Sexual Revolution: Toward a Self-Regulating Character Structure – Wilhelm Reich

The Origins of Sex: A History of the First Sexual Revolution – Faramerz Dabhoiwala

Sex in History – Reay Tannahill

Conjugal Love: Delights of Wisdom Relating to Conjugal Love Followed by Pleasures of Insanity Relating to Licentious Love – Emmanuel Swedenborg

Madame Bovary – Gustave Flaubert

The Unbearable Lightness of Being: A Novel – Milan Kundera

Laughter in the Dark – Vladimir Nabokov

Memories of My Melancholy Whores – Gabriel Garcia Marquez *Butterfly Stories* – William T. Vollmann http://amzn.to/1ZABpzu http://amzn.to/1OvBk8s http://amzn.to/1OzO83J

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RELATIONSHIP ADVICE & THEORY

Love's Hidden Symmetry: What Makes Love Work in Relationships – Bert Hellinger

Lovestyles – John Alan Lee

Why Him? Why Her? - Helen Fisher

His Needs. Her Needs.: Building An Affair Proof Marriage – Willard Harvey

Getting the Love You Want: A Guide For Couples – Harville Hendrix

Undefended Love – Jett Psaris & Marlena S. Lyons

The 5 Love Languages: The Secret To Love That Lasts – Gary Chapman

Nonviolent Communication: A Language Of Life – Marshall Rosenberg

Impossible Love: Or Why The Heart Must Go Wrong – Jan Bauer

The Love You Deserve: A Spiritual Guide To Genuine Love – Dr. Scott Peck, Shannon Peck

Intimate Communion: Awakening Your Sexual Essence – David Deida

Love Is Letting Go Of Fear – Gerald G. Jampolsky

The New Rules of Marriage: What You Need to Know to Make Love Work – Terrence Real

Love Is Never Enough: How Couples Can Overcome Misunderstandings, Resolve Conflicts, and Solve Relationship Problems Through Cognitive Therapy – Aaron T. Beck M.D.

Conscious Loving: The Journey to Co-Commitment – Gay Hendricks, Ph.D., Kathlyn Hendricks Ph.D

The Truth About Cheating: Why Men Stray and What You Can Do To Prevent It – M. Gary Neuman

What Women Want–What Men Want: Why the Sexes Still See Love and Commitment So Differently – John Marshall Townsend

Relationship Strategies: The E & P Attraction – John G. Kappas

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Love Sense: The Revolutionary New Science of Romanti Relationships – Sue Johnson

The Seven Principles for Making Marriage Work: A Practical Guide from the Country's Foremost Relationship Expert – John M. Gottman, PhD.

The Mastery of Love: A Practical Guide to the Art of Relationship: A Toltec Wisdom Book – Don Miguel Ruiz

How to Improve Your Marriage Without Talking About It – Patricia Love & Steven Stosny

Reconcilable Differences – Andrew Christensen

Take Back Your Marriage, Second Edition: Sticking Together in a World That Pulls Us Apart – William J. Doherty, Ph.D.

OTHER BOOKS ON LOVE, MARRIAGE & SEXUALITY

Against Love: A Polemic – Laura Kipnis

Love Illuminated – Daniel Jones

Perv: The Sexual Deviant In All Of Us – Jesse Bering

What Is Marriage For?: The Strange Social History of Our Most Intimate Institution – E.J. Graff

Marriage, a History: How Love Conquered Marriage – Stephanie Coontz

Wild Nights - David Deida

In Favor of the Sensitive Man And Other Essays – Anais Nin

Monogamy – Adam Phillips

Investigating Sex: Surrealist Discussions – Jose Pierre

Married: A Fine Predicament – Anne Roiphe

The Bridge Across Forever: A True Love Story – Richard Bach

On Love – Alain de Botton

The Portable Anais Nin – Anais Nin, edited by Benjamin Franklin V

The Double Flame: Love and Eroticism – Octavio Paz, Helen Lane

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The History of Sexuality, Vol. 1: An Introduction – Michel Foucault

The History of Sexuality, Vol. 2: The Use of Pleasure – Michel Foucault

The History of Sexuality, Vol. 3: The Care of Self – Michel Foucault

The Missing Piece and The Big O – Shel Silverstein

Erotism: Death & Sensuality – Georges Bataille

Hos, Hookers, Call Girls, and Rent Boys: Professionals Writing on Life, Love, Money, and Sex – David Henry Sterry

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