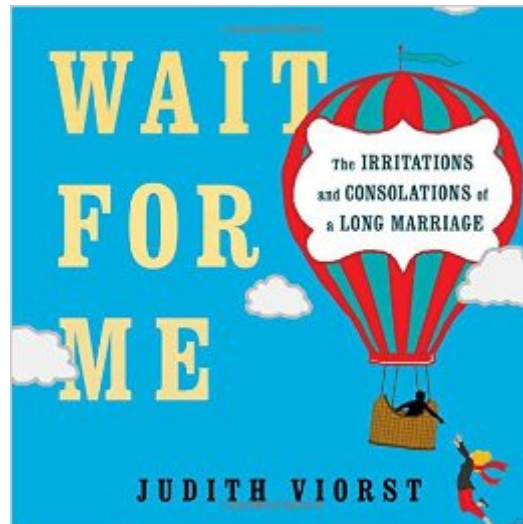


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The legendary author of *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day* turns her attention to marriage in a collection of poems that explores the peevish and pleasures of a long marriage...and what lies beyond. Judith Viorst began publishing poetry in the 1960s in *New York* magazine, and since then, her works have celebrated life's milestones with wit and poignancy. Married for fifty-five years, she now casts a rueful, experienced eye on the amusing annoyances and deep satisfactions of a long marriage...and what a couple must inevitably confront together. Enriched by Stephen Campbell's charming, full-color illustrations, this touching, wise, and funny book will surely bring a smile of recognition to anyone who has been in a long marriage. A wonderful gift for a parent, a grandparent, or your own eternal someone, *Wait for Me* is a celebration of the lasting power of married love.

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Customer Reviews

Judith Viorst's books of poetry about life's milestones have long been my gift of choice for friends who are experiencing a significant birthday (It's Hard to be Hip over Thirty through How Did I Get to be Forty, Forever Fifty, Suddenly Sixty, I'm Too Young to be Seventy, and Unexpectedly Eighty). Her latest short book of poems, *Wait for Me and Other Poems about The Irritations and Consolations of a Long Marriage*, looks at another aspect of life, marriage, in a similar vein, and I am delighted to find in it the characteristics that have made her other books so popular: her wit, her way with words, and her insight into people. A nice touch is that each poem is preceded by a quote from sages like Kahlil Gibran, Oscar Wilde, and Gloria Steinem. Viorst writes many kinds

of works: science books, children's books, adult fiction and non-fiction, magazine columns, and even musicals. Always, though, her subject is people, and like any serious scholar, she has endeavored to learn as much as she could about her subject, even going so far as to graduate from the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute. Her knowledge and commitment show---even while I am reacting emotionally to a poem or admiring the use of words, another part of me is so often reacting, "How true; how true". As one might guess from the titles of her books, Viorst's explorations of life are laced with enough humor to provide many smiles, although this volume may have a bit less jocularity than some of her other work (We are talking about marriage, after all.), especially in a poignant poem called The Widow. One feature of Viorst's poetry that I especially enjoy is that, in this era of poetry that strikes many people as more like poetic prose, her poems have a discernible structure .

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