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Love, the strongest and deepest element in all life, the harbinger of hope, of joy, of ecstasy; love, the defier of all laws, of all conventions; love, the freest, the most powerful molder of human destiny; how can an all-compelling force be synonymous with that poor little State - and Church - begotten weed, marriage?

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PouDa Sabry says

“Thus Dante's motto over Inferno applies with equal force to marriage. "Ye who enter here leave all hope behind." ? Emma Goldman

Kersplebedeb says

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Ariel says

An elegant indictment of matrimony.

Galicius says

A angry anarchist and atheist harangues against marriage mostly without giving much explanation for her sermonizing. She paints a grim picture of suffering children as if they all came from failed marriages.

Annarhika says

We have not yet outgrown the theologic myth that woman has no soul, that she is a mere appendix to man, made out of his rib just for the convenience of the gentleman who was so strong that he was afraid of his own shadow.

Perchance the poor quality of the material whence woman comes is responsible for her inferiority.

Vai, absolut superb.

Marts (Thinker) says

Goldman's feminist views on love and the marriage institution, also expressed in her book Anarchism and other essays...

Fluencer says

Its the grim truth, which even the society in which I currently live in, will not accept.

Sharayu Gangurde says

Since everyone I know keeps talking of the 'right' marriageable age these days as I attend wedding ceremonies almost every other week, it seemed relevant to read a book titled, *Marriage and Love* by Emma Goldman, a well-known feminist from late 19th century written in 1911. I felt initially it read like an angry woman rant but gradually as I progressed through the text, the core ideas about the vain connection we as society link between marriage and love, became crystal clear.

This is one of those few books with utterly honest, upbeat and lucid revelations about the necessity of marriage in a woman's life a hundred years ago and which are quite comparable to today's times. Is it tragic then that we can still relate women's position in a marriage with the same brutal reality today as Goldman did back then? Sadly and unfortunately, the answer is yes. I loved her writing. This is one of the most significant books I've read so far on women, written by a feminist.

Rikki says

Excellent short read. Its sharp wit and cutting rationale have given me much to think about as I sit uncertain in the midst of my own engagement. Living in an age in which marriage and the pursuit of patriarchal ceremony is celebrated even as it culminates the death of woman as free agent, I might think one hundred years hadn't passed since the publication of this essay. Feminist progress is indeed better measured in geologic time.

Lara Morgade says

De 10 esta mujer.

Samir says

An honest look at one of the world's oldest institutions Marriage and how it differs from Love - an emotion that can't be captured in confines of something as vain as a marriage...

Croe says

Fantastic.

Reginacm says

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Tendo em conta a época em que foi escrito, este ensaio constitui um marco na literatura feminista.

Free love? As if love is anything but free! Man has bought brains, but all the millions in the world have failed to buy love. Man has subdued bodies, but all the power on earth has been unable to subdue love. Man has conquered whole nations, but all his armies could not conquer love. Man has chained and fettered the spirit, but he has been utterly helpless before love. High on a throne, with all the splendor and pomp his gold can command, man is yet poor and desolate, if love passes him by. And if it stays, the poorest hovel is radiant with warmth, with life and color. Thus love has the magic power to make of a beggar a king. Yes, love is free; it can dwell in no other atmosphere. In freedom it gives itself unreservedly, abundantly, completely. All the laws on the statutes, all the courts in the universe, cannot tear it from the soil, once love has taken root.

Cindy says

Though I'd like to get married one day, I 100% agree with Goldman's notions.

*It's only 200 characters so I don't consider this one of my 75 books for the year but I do want to add it here since I did read the essay.

Nazirah Idris says

Beautiful and elegant, but so awkward to read if you're married, with kids.
