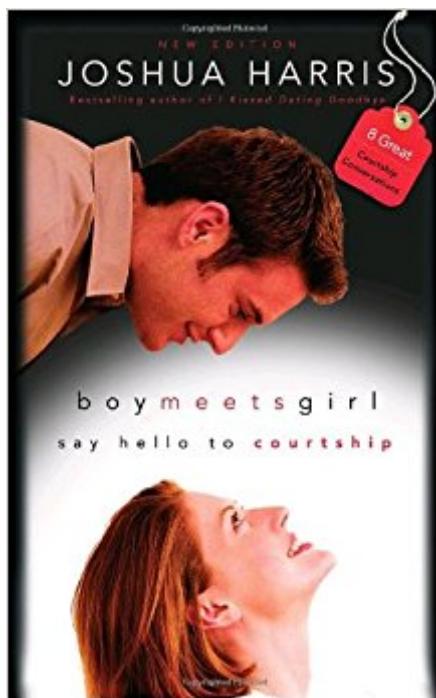


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# Boy Meets Girl: Say Hello To Courtship



## Synopsis

Purpose Driven Romance The last thing singles want is more rules. But if you're looking for an intentional, God-pleasing game plan for finding a future spouse, Joshua Harris delivers an appealing one. A compelling new foreword, an all-new "8 Great Courtship Conversations" section, and updated material throughout makes this five-year revision of the original Boy Meets Girl a must-have! Harris illustrates how biblical courtship—a healthy, joyous alternative to recreational dating—worked for him and his wife. Boy Meets Girl presents an inspiring, practical example for readers wanting to pursue the possibility of marriage with someone they may be serious about. Are you ready for "romance with purpose"? If you're fed up with self-centered relationships that end in disillusionment, it's time to rethink romance. Finding the loving, committed relationship you want shouldn't mean throwing away your hopes, your integrity, or your heart. In Boy Meets Girl, Joshua Harris—the guy who kissed dating goodbye—makes the case for courtship. As old-fashioned as it might sound, courtship is what modern day relationships desperately need. Think of it as romance chaperoned by wisdom, cared for by community, and directed by God's Word. Filled with inspiring stories from men and women who have rediscovered courtship, Boy Meets Girl is honest, romantic, and refreshingly biblical. Keep God at the center of your relationship as you discover how to:

- Set a clear course for your romance
- Get closer without compromise
- Find support in a caring community
- Deal with past sexual sin
- Make the right decisions about your future

Courtship Conversations Eight ideas for great dates that will help grow and guide your relationship.

Story Behind the Book "I wrote I Kissed Dating Goodbye to challenge singles to drop the worldly approach to serial dating and reconsider the way they pursued romance in light of God's Word. Since then, I've received letters asking questions like, So, what comes between friendship and marriage? and, How can you know when you are ready for marriage? Boy Meets Girl answers those questions. Now as a happily married man I can look back on my courtship with Shannon and see from personal experience that God is faithful. If you trust Him enough to wait on romance in dating, He will lovingly guide you as you pursue it in courtship—right to that wonderful moment when you kneel together at the altar."

—Joshua Harris

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## **Customer Reviews**

Joshua Harris follows up his bestselling *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* with *Boy Meets Girl*, the story of how he met and married his wife, Shannon. Where Harris's first book encouraged readers to throw off modern ideas of romantic fixation, *Boy Meets Girl* goes to the next level and urges single Christian men and women to pursue courtship, and ultimately marriage, thoughtfully and prayerfully. Knowing that many readers will balk at the idea of premeditated courtship, Harris insists that dating should not be emotional recreation but rather a careful decision rooted in obedience to God. While the anecdotes used to reveal true-to-life scenarios about dating pitfalls are somewhat elementary (and geared to those in their 20s), Harris succeeds in hammering home the point that obedience to God's word, selfless love, community, purity, and satisfaction in God are the most important aspect of any relationship. The last section of the book is particularly practical, discussing forgiveness of past sexual sin, questions to ask before tying the knot, and how an understanding of our sinful nature can lead to conflict resolution. For Harris's mere twentysomething years of life experience, his maturity and devotion to God are sincere evidence that he has indeed practiced what he has preached, resulting in a passionate relationship with the love of his life. --Jill Heatherly --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

In 1997, Harris's *I Kissed Dating Goodbye* became a phenomenon both in the publishing world and the Christian singles scene. Dating, Harris suggested, was an ungodly and unbiblical activity that Christians should reject in favor of a more old-fashioned, marriage-driven courtship. In this follow-up book, Harris guides Christians who are eager to say "I do" through the maze of finding a mate. His

practical tips are set against the autobiographical backdrop of his own successful courtship with Shannon, now his wife of two years. Harris's words of wisdom aren't terribly innovative; they are the bread and butter of Christian relationship books claiming that good communication, sexual abstinence, friendship and fellowship are at least as important as romance. But lack of originality is the least of this book's problems. Harris's self-conscious attempts to be cute quickly grow tiresome (the Courtship Cop who "pulls over" a couple thinking about marriage too early in their relationship is only the most glaring example). Also, many readers who would otherwise find Harris's message compelling may be put off by the strict "God-given" gender roles he lauds in chapter 6: a man should initiate everything in a relationship, while "ladies" are supposed to "make room for him to lead." This slim sequel will no doubt delight Harris's thousands of devoted fans, but its banalities won't win any new devotees. (Oct.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

I purchased this book to read with a guy that I recently began a courtship with. It is really a great read, and has practical advice from biblical principles. Reading this together has helped us set appropriate boundaries that honor God. The book has been a big reminder of the importance of truly getting to know each other, and not creating expectations prematurely. If you are single, and tired of dating culture's way, this book is for you. After years of being a non-believer and dating as society teaches I knew I needed a change. This book, in addition to many others, really helped me create a foundation that I hadn't previously had.

I was excited to get this book, but a little disappointed with the content. I was hopping it would be all about Joshua Harris's courtship with Shanon, their difficulties, struggles, how it brought them closer to God, etc. It did have little blips of their story, but it was mostly about other people and how they struggled and eventually survived. So overall it was a great book and I would highly recommend it, but I wish there would have been more of Joshua and Shanon's experience.

I enjoyed this book so much! I was skeptical when this was first suggested to me as a read, but after seeking counsel on how to guard myself physically, emotionally and spiritually this book provided detailed ideas on how to institute proper boundaries that would help with purity. I would recommend reading before you enter in to a friendship that could develop into a courtship to help develop guidelines for yourself before you enter in to the situation, but it is also useful to read with your person of interest. (It helps with "being on the same page" with Joshua's detailed stories marking

good and bad decisions made.) Definitely a recommended resource.

A good follow up on Joshua Harris' 'I Kissed Dating Goodbye' Nice guide for those who are going to the next step of their established relationship. Must read for those who are thinking about getting engaged.

I wish that my husband and I had done things this way--50 years ago. We're still together and still happy that we are, but this would have made things easier to understand than to wander through a maze, wondering if this was the right way or not. God is good--even with a little light, He guides! I highly recommend the book and the ways it teaches.

I read this book without having read Joshua Harris' famous "I kissed dating goodbye". I was just 15 at the time, and everything he said confirmed what I felt God had been putting in my own heart about relationships--specifically forming "the relationship" with the man God had for me to marry. It was twelve years before I would even meet that man, and another year before he proposed, but we went all the way to the altar following our own convictions and shared our first kiss there (despite some criticism from some who thought we were being prudes). Neither of us would change that for anything now. I think this book is so valuable, not because it says "this is the way", but because Joshua shares his own experiences and says "don't be afraid to let God lead you down your own path of purity." Priceless.

This was recommended to me by a pastor who was my youth pastor years back and is now the head pastor of his own church and still recommends Joshua Harris to christian singles, or couples of all different ages. It is not a book aimed strictly at youth, or young adults, I am 32 years old and found every chapter relative. It seems like Joshua Harris has matured a lot from the production of his first book on courtship to this one. It is written from a pastors heart, and one who clearly has had a lot of experience counseling couples, and singles, to go with his own personal testimony. I would strongly recommend it for all.

I was truly surprised how much I loved this book. Honestly I refused to read a Josh Harris book due to the rumors I heard regarding his first book "Kissing Dating Goodbye" I didn't another book telling me all the reasons I am not married. I didn't need another book that made me feel like I am just doing evil and being unmarried is my punishment. This book encouraged me that everyone is

different and God's sovereignty trumps all human assumptions. I love how Josh and Shannon didn't have the picture perfect story. I was able to find myself in Shannon's pain and truly pray to God for answers. Thanks Harris Family for your wisdom and encouragement.

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