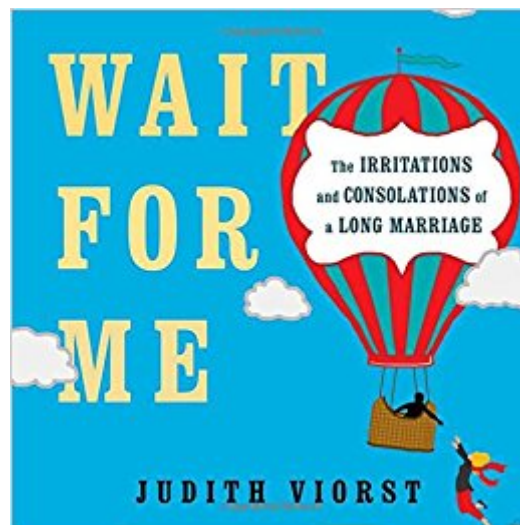




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# Wait For Me: And Other Poems About The Irritations And Consolations Of A Long Marriage



## Synopsis

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 peeves 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 was born and brought up in New Jersey and has lived in Washington, DC, since 1960, when she married Milton Viorst, a political writer. A graduate in 1981 of the Washington Psychoanalytic Institute, Viorst writes in many different areas: science books, children's chapter and picture books—including the beloved *Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day*, which has sold some four million copies; adult fiction and nonfiction including the New York Times bestseller, *Necessary Losses*; poetry for children and adults, and four musicals. Her most recent book of poetry for children, *What Are You Glad About? What Are You*

Mad About? was published in 2016. Lulu Is Getting a Sister is the fourth book in the Lulu series.

This isn't really a story; it's a collection of poems about marriages of long-standing and how they develop. Most poignant is the discussion of how the second to die is going to locate his/her spouse in the afterlife and not wanting to spend countless hours/days/years searching all over when he/she gets there and wants to be reunited with his/her loved one..Judith Viorst is a master of capturing the finer points of all relationships and the aging process (she started writing poems about turning 30, then 40, 50, 60, 70 and 80). I've read them all except for the "80" one - not there yet! When my husband and I first started reading her books we were in the 40-year old range ... then 50, then 60, and now 70. She pegs the things we talk about, worry about, dislike about at each stage to a "T." I highly recommend all of her books for giving you insight into each decade of our lives.

Long-lasting couples will recognize themselves in virtually every one of Viorst's poems. No sappy love sonnets, these -- she's all about the little irritations and baffling quirks that we all have, and how our partners deal with them (patiently... sometimes) and still love us. Mostly. The starry-eyed newly-in-love will be appalled (and horrified!!) that the years will turn their newly-minted devotion something so... mundane. Only if you're lucky, kids. Only if you're lucky.

Written for those who are left behind by their spouse, in hopes of meeting them again in the afterlife. Nicely done. Some humor, some pathos.

Wait For Me is a thoroughly delightful collection of Judith Viorst's poems on the subject of long marriages. It will be a gift to my husband on our 67th anniversary, and he will roar with laughter as he recognizes some familiar "irritations and consolations of a long marriage".

Love her book, as I do all of her poetry, as well as the "serious" stuff. Truly a gifted writer.

could be funny with a little effort. redo of her old books

Love Judith Viorst and love adding this book to my collection.

I purchased this book for my husband on our 41st wedding anniversary. It is so right on for any long-term marriage. I love Judith Viorst because she is able to speak the truth of our lives in such a

loving & succinct way.

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