

SEX FROM SCRATCH

Making Your Own Relationship Rules by SARAH MIRK

"Finally a book about relationships and sex that reflects the world we live in today—not the one of defined by religion and tradition.

Sex From Scratch is a smart read on the current state of relationships. Sarah Mirk digs deep deep into the way our love lives have changed since the days when people were trading livestock for brides." —**Matt Bors, Pulitzer Prize-nominated political cartoonist**

"We all know there isn't one right way to be in love—the world needs more books like this, which offer role models for happy modern relationships of all kinds." —**Wendy O'Matik, author of Redefining Our Relationships**

Modern life calls for modern relationship advice. *Sex From Scratch: Making Your Own Relationship Rules* is a love and dating guidebook that gleans real-life knowledge from smart people in a variety of nontraditional relationships. Instead of telling people how to snag a man and find "true love," the book sums up what dozens of diverse folks have learned the hard way over time—life advice from people making open relationships work to people who've decided they're never going to have kids—that is helpful to anyone, in any type of relationship. This is an essential, fun, insightful resource whose time has come.



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- More and more Americans are deciding to never have kids: 18 percent of women over age 40 have no kids, an 80 percent increase since 1976.
- 1 in 10 Americans identify as LGBT
- 50 percent of marriages end in divorce—marriage isn't a smart idea for all people all the time.

Sex from Scratch is engaging, non-judgemental, real-life insight on relationships that most people don't ever discuss except behind closed doors.



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