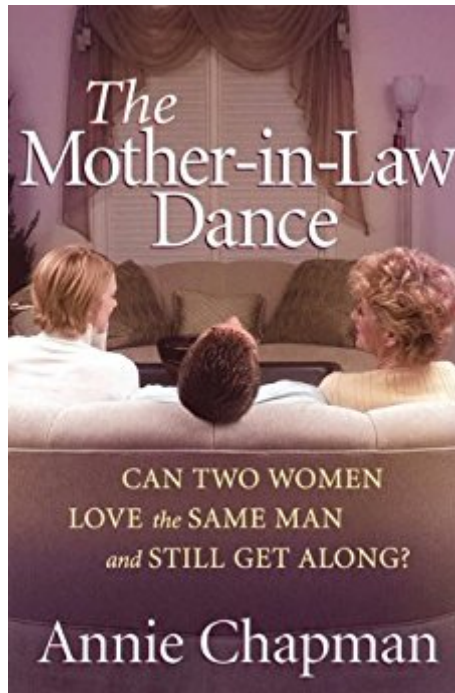




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# The Mother-in-law Dance



## Synopsis

Can two women love the same man and still get along? Absolutely! Annie Chapman believes that a mother-in-law and daughter-in-law can become friends—even close friends. However, this connectedness often takes years to develop. Now that journey can be a joyful one! Offering practical advice and biblical wisdom, this book helps mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law nurture their relationships. Readers will learn how to dance together on topics that include dealing with traditions and activities, managing differences in handling money, handling intrusive comments and actions, accepting and rejecting child-rearing advice, coping with differences in faith. Through thoughtful ideas, real-life insights, and humor, *The Mother-in-Law Dance* helps mothers-in-law and daughters-in-law experience a dynamic, loving relationship.

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## Customer Reviews

I think this book gave a new perspective on the mother-in-law/daughter-in-law relationship. This would be a great book to have read before gaining a daughter-in-law. Forewarned is fore-armed. It

occurred to me that the threat that comes from daughter in laws is that they were reared with entire different "laws of nature". Even when the challenge from the mother-in-law isn't overt, it appears that someone has infiltrated her camp with another set of rules. Her natural impulse is protect her family and attack the "enemy" in a very subliminal way. The mother in law feels attacked and feels hurt and a rift begins. This book gave way to a healthy way of thinking about building a good relationship with a daughter-in-law. Most mother-in-laws want to embrace their daughter-in-laws and feel that nothing they do seems to bring them closer. This is a great book on how to mend it before it becomes broken.

This was hard read for me because I am one of those mother-in-laws who does not have a great relationship with their daughter-in-law. As much as I wanted us to be close, over time my daughter-in-law became very controlling and found ways to isolate my son and granddaughter from our family. I know I can't change her, so I pray for them and hope in time maturity will bring them to a new understanding. I bought this book to try to find new ways of looking at our relationship to overcome the resentment I was feeling and strategies that might help us accept our differences. My ultimate goal is to find a way to bring us back together as a family. The old adage is true - a daughter is a daughter the rest of her life, a son is a son until he takes a wife. If your desire is to maintain a healthy relationship with your son after he gets married you must learn how to make things work with your daughter-in-law. This book is a great start and would highly recommend both mother and daughter-in-law read it together as a first step toward honoring and celebrating the new family.

Religious not me I am atheist didn't speak to me at all

Before I read this book, I was having a difficult time being a Mother-in-Law. Before they married she seemed to love and respect me. The day after and from then on for the next several months not so much. No matter what I said to son or DIL it was wrong with a capital W.. This book gave me great insight as to how to deal with this difficult situation. I have used several of the suggestions already and wow, they work!! My heart was in the right place, but I had to learn to dance from the beginning!!

Reading this on advice of a friend. Only son got married and need to learn to let go.

Just as promised!

yes, it has biblical references but i don't think it interferes w/ the points that the writer tries to make. it's great because it gives insight into what your mother-in-law might be thinking/feeling and why and therefore gives you a better understanding of their actions, but it does a really good job of identifying or empathizing with your own feelings and needs. the book doesn't take sides and is non-offensive so its a book you can actually give to your mother-in-law to read in order to get a better understanding of where YOU stand and how to act accordingly. Again, some references are biblical but often can apply to anyone. ie. "He who opens his mouth less is wise" referring to "the less advice/suggestions you shell out voluntarily, the more likely your advice will be heeded". Still reading it but finding it helpful so far.

Not much practical advice.

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