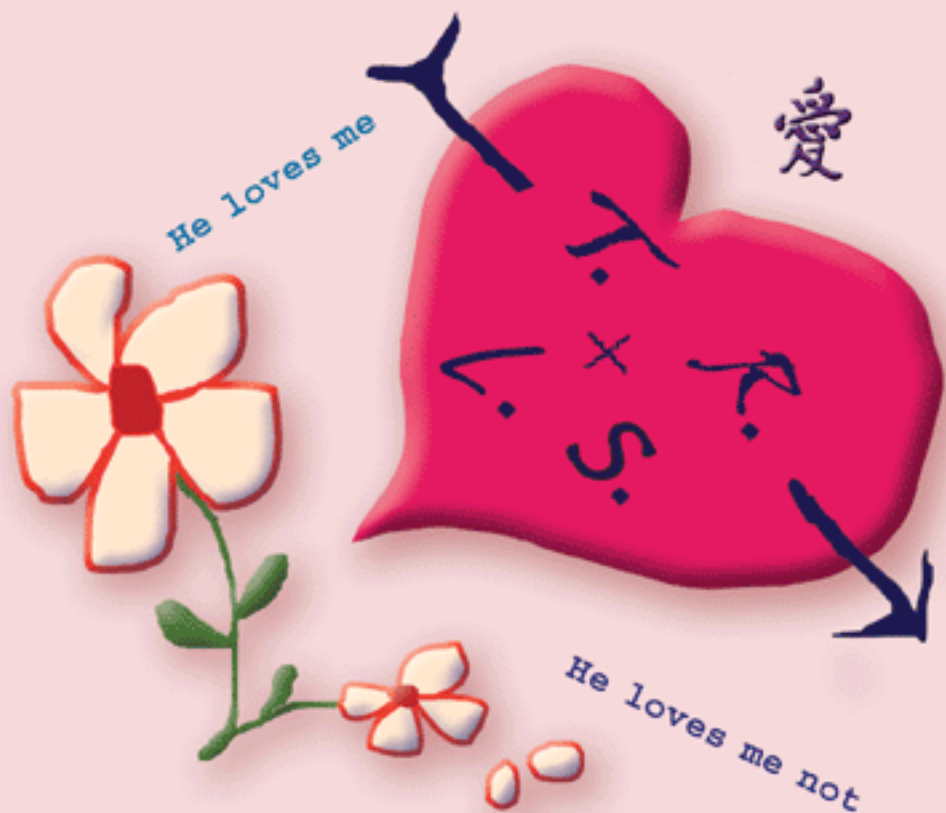


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and other important matters



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*Once upon a time . . .  
most boys treated girls with respect*

Believing that chivalry was an unnecessary and antiquated behavior, as well as a back handed way to keep women in their place, feminists once claimed that they were perfectly willing to trade chivalry for equality.

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boys with the power of your own  
femininity, modesty, and virtue



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## *A Confident Young Woman*

When you look closely at the young woman on the back cover of this book, you will see how sure she is of herself in the presence of her suitor. Notice how attentive he is to her. It is she who is in charge of the situation. It is she who holds the fate of the young man in her hands.

The painting, entitled *The Proposal* by Lawrence Alma-Tadema was painted nearly one hundred years ago.

Now, imagine her being transported into the present day. Chances are that she would not be likely to call or text boys repeatedly on her cell phone. And she would not be likely to wear clothing that was meant for boys. She would never do a boy's bidding in the name of being popular, or because she was afraid that he wouldn't want to see her again, if she didn't do what he asked her to do.

In her day, girls were taught that being feminine, virtuous, and modest were the most effective ways to earn the respect and admiration of young men. They liked being girls. They had their own feminine realm that boys did not enter. Ironically, from this same era

came some of the most creative and confident women in the history of the world in the fields of business, medicine, and creative endeavors like interior design, film production, and literature, like Margaret Mitchell, who wrote *Gone With the Wind*.

The adults in your life are encouraging you to do your best in school, and they tell you that when you grow up you can have whatever career you wish, and they encourage you to work hard at your studies because they want you to be prepared with education and skills in order to survive in today's world. This is all well and good. However, preparing yourself to become a self sufficient adult is one thing. Making yourself into the kind of woman for whom a man would be willing to go out into the world and slay dragons is an entirely different matter. That is the purpose of this book—to give you the special skills you will need to handle not only boys, but when you are older, men.

## *Knights on White Horses*

### *What is a chivalrous man?*

Once upon a time, not so really long ago, men in civilized countries treated women with respect. Boys grew up understanding that girls were not to be called names, nor were they to be touched inappropriately or harassed. Men knew it was their responsibility and duty to support their wives and children, and to shelter them from the harshness of the real world.

The word chivalry was originally used to define the attributes of gallant knights who roamed the countryside in medieval days courageously and nobly protecting women and poor people. Even after gallant knights stopped roaming the countryside of Europe, defending those in need, a code of gentlemanly manners continued to exist for many years.

To this day, girls and women still like to fantasize about modern day versions of chivalrous knights who come along, and sweep damsels off their feet. Fictional knights are portrayed over and over again, on page after page of one romance novel after another.

One version of the chivalrous knight originated

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from stories of the wild and untamed American West, where gentleman cowboys treated women with respect. The chivalry of the Western cowboy is so legendary that the best selling romance novels are often set against a Western background. Publishers of these novels have no problem getting them sold to millions of love hungry women and girls.

### *Do modern day chivalrous knights exist outside of literature?*

They do. There are very few men who don't possess the capacity to be modern day chivalrous knights.

There is only one problem with chivalry. Men and boys will only behave in a chivalrous manner if they are compelled to do so. Unfortunately, not all girls and women of today are doing their part to encourage chivalrous behavior. As a consequence, the sad truth is that unlike the heroes in romance novels who are good and kind to women, many boys and men are no longer as chivalrous as they were just a few years ago. In fact, among some men, an ugly attitude towards women has replaced chivalry, making some women's lives even more dangerous and difficult.

Would you believe that not so long ago, a girl could go all the way from elementary school through high school, and not have a boy (or another girl) call her a name, or touch her in a disrespectful way? In my case, there was only one such incident, when a boy spit at me, in the seventh grade. But this was nothing compared to what happened the summer after I graduated from high school.

One fateful day when I was attending a rock

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concert, I left my seat at the concert to go to a restroom and on my way, it happened. A boy, walking from the opposite directly, suddenly came up to me, passed one of his hands from my pubic area to my breasts, and then walked right past me. I didn't even see him coming. It happened so quickly, that he had already committed his dastardly deed before I realized what had happened. Never again could I count on men treating me with respect in public places. Needless to say, this was not the action of a chivalrous male.

Only weeks before, I was with some girlfriends who told me all about a women's liberation movement afoot in the nation. Just as I did not realize what had happened to me until it was over, we are just now beginning to understand the far reaching consequences of what the messages, propagated by the feminists of this movement, has had on men, women, children, and especially teenagers.

Over the years, girls and women have been treated with less and less respect, not only in public situations, but in private ones as well.

### *How do girls and women destroy chivalrous behavior?*

A Japanese philosopher from the thirteenth century once said that women can be responsible for the downfall of a nation. The feminists of the women's liberation movement spread the message to men that women did not need their support or protection. They even went so far as to say that children really didn't need fathers. This attitude is the greatest destroyer of chivalry. When men are made to feel useless, they

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have no reason to act in a chivalrous manner.

Men have taken the movement's harmful message to heart and are now less inclined to stay in a marriage, or marry at all. More young women than ever are ending up with broken hearts at the hands of boyfriends who simply don't care and don't feel obligated to commit themselves to a lasting relationship. This means that in the romance and relationship department, many women now find themselves in more difficult circumstances than ever. Instead of getting married, they often settle for a man who will at least live with them, even though they know that they are running the risk of a man walking out on them at any time. A man who merely lives with a woman because he is afraid of a commitment, and has no intention of marrying her, is not a chivalrous man.

Broken hearts are not the only consequence of this movement. As a result, more children than ever are growing up in fatherless homes. Many of these fatherless children experience neglect and poverty. They often grow up to lead a life of crime.

The angry and hateful women who started the feminist movement considered chivalry an antiquated behavior that merely consisted of such things as having men open doors for women and pay restaurant tabs. They had no idea just how important it was for men to have a gentlemanly attitude towards women.

They claimed that men who were chivalrous placed women on pedestals to be worshiped like goddesses and kept them from becoming equal to men. They said that they were perfectly willing to trade chivalrous treatment by men in exchange for complete equality in the workplace and everywhere else, as well.

There is a well known saying: "Be careful what

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you ask for, you might just get it.” As a result of what was suppose to be a liberating movement, more women than ever have no choice but to work outside the home, whether they like it or not. This is the reason girls are now expected to choose a career outside the home (just like men) when they grow up, over and above the career of motherhood.

Due to the demand that feminists made of men to not treat them in a chivalrous manner, boys are now less likely to show girls any special consideration. Unlike the past, when boys were taught that girls were different and needed to be treated in a protective, respectful manner, the “treat me as an equal, not as a feminine woman” message has rightfully given boys free license to do around girls what they have always done in the company of other boys.

The basic, inborn nature of boys is to play rough, get into fist fights, and call each other names. Teaching boys that girls are equal has changed how boys view girls. They now see girls as their competition, and not to be given any special consideration. It is a step backward in civilization. Ironically, civilization was built not only to protect mankind from the forces of nature, but in particular, to make life better for women and children.

There is a good word to describe what so many young men and boys have become and it's how all men were before the days when women first began to compel men to be chivalrous. They can now appropriately be called boors. A boorish man is an ill mannered man, who is insensitive to the special needs of anyone.

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*Why is it important to understand the days when women were protected, and treated with greater respect?*

The answer is simple. Because too many women and children have suffered, and the suffering needs to stop. Men have a basic instinct to use their strength to protect women and children, and yet the feminists pounded in the message to both sexes that women and children could get along without men just fine, thank you very much.

Forcing men to treat women as their equal competitors, has not only robbed boys and men of one of their most basic purposes, and it has left many women no choice but to take on masculine qualities in order to fend for themselves.

*What brings out the chivalrous nature in a man or a boy?*

That is what you will learn as you continue to read each chapter. The wisdom in this book will show you how to bring out the gentle, protective, and devotional nature in boys. Then, one enchanted evening, across a crowded room, you will see your prince and . . .