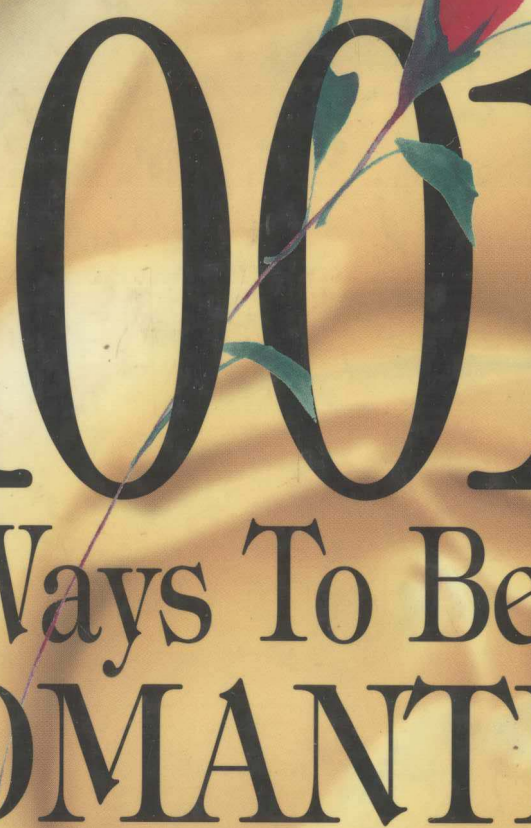


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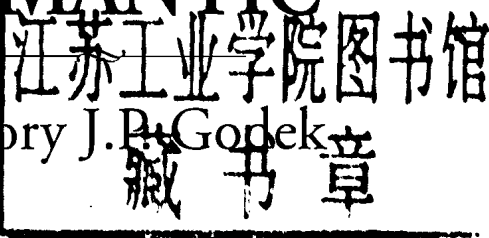
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who asked that it be written . . . and to the millions of men
who desperately need it.

And, of course, to my Bride . . .
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Gregory J.P. Godek is a writer, professional speaker, newlywed and incurable romantic. He was romantic by inclination long before it became an avocation, then preoccupation—and finally—occupation. Greg has been researching relationships and teaching his acclaimed Romance Seminar for more than 15 years. ∞ This book was written at the request of thousands of women. ∞ Greg once said that the world doesn't need yet another advice book offering the latest psychological cure-all. We also don't need another "cute" book on *Love* (which men would never read, anyway). What people *do* need—and keep asking for—is a return to the basics: In this case, Good Old-Fashioned Romance (with appropriate updates for the modern world). What people need is a *practical* book filled with *specific* ideas—because they don't need to be coddled, they need a handy reference and (occasionally) a good swift kick-in-the-pants. This book is both. ∞ Greg's also said that this book *could* be called "My World And Welcome To It" (with a friendly nod to James Thurber)—because it's *really* a book about himself: His view of life, his personal philosophy, his love for women (one in particular, and all of them in general), his observations about relationships, and his mighty collection of articles, resources, references, personal notes and comics. ∞ This book is for everyone who wants to bring more joy, happiness, peace, fun and passion into their lives. Greg isn't so bold as to believe that romance is THE answer, but suggests that it is ONE of the answers. It is his Way.



Since the first edition of this book was published five years ago, Greg has: Taught romance on *Oprah*; sold 1 million books; discussed "Is Your Lover 'Romantically Impaired?'" on *Donahue*; taught romance to the U.S. Army; written five *more* books; been published in five foreign countries; and planned the biggest book tour in history—the 50-state/150-city/21-month "Romance Across America" tour. ∞ Greg is a rarity—A celebrity who actually practices what he preaches: He really *does* have a happy marriage. For Greg, romance isn't about academic theories, trendy concepts or advice dispensed from On High. It is about *life*—living it well, experiencing it fully, and sharing it lovingly.



Author's Note

Welcome to the 5th Anniversary Edition of *1001 Ways To Be Romantic*. You are entering a world of romantic love, inspired fun, renewed hope and creative expression.

❖ To new readers—a warm *Hello*.

❖ To old friends—*Welcome back!*

This edition is expanded, revised, and 64 pages longer than the earlier editions of the book. It includes a new section of LoveStories—true and inspiring stories from regular people; plus a bonus section with an *additional* 101 ways to be romantic. The publisher wanted me to save them for a future book, but I insisted on sharing them with you *now*. ∞ I extend a personal invitation to all of you to participate in one of my Romance Seminars as I travel through all 50 states during 1996 and 1997 in the “Romance Across America” tour. (See page 323 for more info.) ∞ Thanks for picking-up *1001 Ways To Be Romantic*. If you enjoy reading it *half* as much as I enjoyed writing it, I’ll consider myself quite lucky. And if you enjoy *living* it half as much as I enjoy living it, then I . . . well, I think I will have fulfilled some kind of Higher Purpose. Your suggestions and ideas for future books and *The LoveLetter Newsletter* are most welcome!

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Publisher's Note

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of information in this book. Errors will be gratefully corrected in the next printing. To express our gratitude, we'll send you a free copy of *The Lovers' Bedside Companion*, if you'll send us any corrections. Really! ∞ Please note: Punctuation and odd word choice are off-limits, since Mr. Godek insists on bending the Basic Rules of Grammar and Usage to his own artistic purposes. Our apologies to language purists, William Safire, and English teachers everywhere.

Foreword

By Mark Victor Hansen

Co-author of the New York Times Best-selling series

Chicken Soup for the Soul



Greg Godek personifies the love that he so eloquently and persuasively writes about in *1001 Ways To Be Romantic*. He loves himself positively and correctly. His healthy self-love and self-esteem allow him to pour deep and profound love into his writings. He so thoroughly believes in his work that after publication he enthusiastically spreads the word to attract the widest possible readership. He sells *millions* of books, helping millions of us to better understand our most important value—LOVE. ~ Helping millions of readers to embrace love and live in an exalted state of love makes the world an infinitely better place in which to live, thrive, move and have our being. I'll just bet that if Greg could, he would have *everyone* read, understand and act on his reflections on the enchanted state of love. ~ If that were to happen, we could cease war because individuals like Hitler and Sadam Hussein, who were abused early in their lives and lack love, create war. Hussein's internalized assumption is that if he had enough power and control over enough people, he would be *loved*. Nothing could be further from the truth. ~ Greg teaches the truth. The truth is that love comes from the inside-out, not the outside-in. When we have internalized enough self-worth, self-acceptance and self-love we create the mirror equivalent of that in our outside world. ~ Greg's thoughtful, loving books are exciting and intoxicating . . . may we all become blissfully drunk on love.



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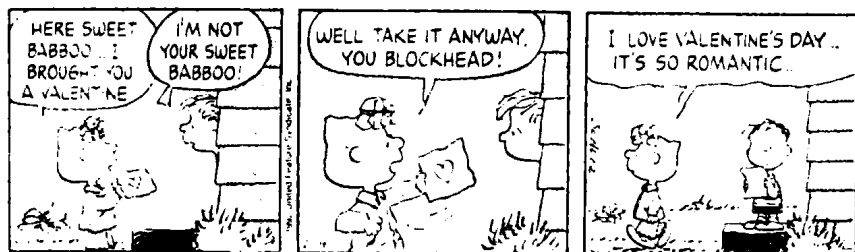
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