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Finally, Graham's many U. S. fans can laugh at—and benefit from—his drily hilarious *Daily Telegraph* advice columns

"Remember that sleeping with friends is lazy and selfish: we don't cook our pets just because we're hungry and they're sitting right by the oven." —Graham on troublesome relationships

"Dogs and DIY are where relationships end up, not where they start." —Graham on looking for love

"Stay on the moral high ground—it's much easier to swing a baseball bat from there." —Graham on forgiving betrayal

Graham Norton is not only a hilarious and fearless television host, but a weekly agony uncle, advising readers of the *Telegraph* on a weekly basis. Here, his witty, entertaining, helpful responses are collected for everyone to benefit from his words of wisdom. With a new foreword by Graham and many responses updated since they first ran in the newspaper, this book of inimitable advice covers a range of subjects, including ungrateful spouses, errant partners, failing relationships, problems in the workplace, and social etiquette. Each perfectly-pitched response includes just the right mixture of sound advice, humor, and, occasionally, reprimand.

Ask Graham Details

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Alicia says

Graham Norton is hilarious. I love that his advice isn't always just what the person writing the letter wants to hear in return. He is honest, snarky (but let's be honest, only when people deserve it), and creative! The book reveals not just how well Graham can read people but how utterly insane, self-absorbed, or love-starved most people are.

Smh624 says

Although this book is a compilation of advice columns written for a UK newspaper, you'll enjoy this if you are a fan of The Graham Norton Show. The wit he displays on the show is abundant in the columns and he dispenses a surprising amount of wisdom too. This is a great book to read a few pages of each day.

Zara Pemberton says

Sorry this sounds rude especially as it's real life problems. I found this book through my local library's ebook service. Reading through the letters distracted me from my chronic pain, was a easy book to read especially if tired and couldn't face reading a traditional fiction or nonfiction book.

Debbie says

I am a huge fan of Graham Norton. I've known for some time now how hilarious and witty he is, but I was a bit surprised at how good his advice to people is! I think I expected this book to be funnier and a lot more tongue in cheek than it was. Don't get me wrong, it's by Graham Norton after all! It definitely had its sarcastic, laugh-out-loud moments, but I was pleasantly unprepared for the excellent advice contained in his Agony Aunt responses to people's pleas for help in it.

Well done, Mr. Norton. I'm more of a fan than ever before!

Hazel Went says

This has been a thoroughly entertaining read: with a mixture of humour and common sense, Graham's answers to people's problems are absolute genius. In fact, in facing a problem I now almost ask that important question WWGS? What Would Graham Say? He puts petty problems into perspective, tries to knock sense into people who have clearly lost the plot and offers a sensitive response to those who are genuinely struggling in life.

This is one of those books you can read on and off... although it's hard to just read one problem at a time. It's sometimes laugh-out-loud, sometimes thoughtful and always an interesting read.

Nicole says

I got this when I was over in the UK a couple weeks ago. It's an advice book taken from his column in a newspaper. I thought it was great, and the advice was blunt and to the point. People may not like that, but sometimes not sugar coating something is the only way to make it sink in.

Literary Ames {Against GR Censorship} says

Bluntly telling it like it is as only gay comedian, chat show host and now agony uncle Graham Norton can, with wit and wisdom. *Ask Graham* is a collection of letters and responses from Norton's column in the very middle class and conservative *Daily Telegraph*. If you're looking for a gentle agony aunt who sensitively guides you to the solutions to life's problems without judgement, turn back now. Not that he is ever mean to the genuinely vulnerable; he saves his mocking for the clearly stupid and those who've made diamond encrusted mountains out of simple, mundane molehills.

Bizarre problems do make an appearance, like the husband worried about his wife's desperation for a boob job so ludicrous that she wanted to have one breast done, then furiously save money for the other months later. This next one I can sympathize with. A woman's father had had a heart attack. She rushed to the hospital only to discover his mistress and second family in the waiting room with the children possessing the same names as her own. My grandfather did something similar. I have two uncles with the same name, slightly different spelling.

Ask Graham isn't a book to be consumed in one sitting but many. Reading a few letters everyday whenever one has a spare five minutes is an amusing way to spend those moments too short to do anything useful.

I've been a Norton fan for many years, watching the gleefully rude *So Graham Norton* later poached from Channel Four by the BBC and toned down, and reading his first autobiography *So Me*. Delightfully, he writes like he talks on TV. There's never a dull moment. His language is clear and concise - no waffle here.

I'll leave you with the woman unhappily addicted to bodice-ripping romances.

Dear Graham,

I'm an addict. No, it's not drink, drugs or (sadly) sex, but all those cheap, bodice-ripping novels that clog up the shelves of supermarkets and public libraries. Even though I have a perfectly good brain, I just can't read enough of the kind of books you cannot be seen with in public.

As with eating too many vanilla cupcakes or drinking one too many Cosmopolitans, I always feel a bit disillusioned and tawdry the next day, ashamed of myself for having such pathetic illusions and for being led astray by such nonsense. I know it should be a simple matter of marching towards the Classics section and picking up something by Dostoyevsky, but I always get ambushed by those marshmallowy covers. How can I beat my addiction?

Tara A, Middlesex

Dear Tara,

So you're attracted to the wrong sort of books? There is no shame in that. We have all chosen to watch an episode of Hollyoaks over The Sopranos, but to do it constantly is, I suppose, a bit of a waste of time.

Why don't you upgrade to the top of your genre? Jackie Collins or Jilly Cooper will, I'm sure, satisfy your addiction. Then move on to Maeve Binchy. Next try lowering the sugar content with a few Barbara Vines and, before you know it, you'll soon be wading through all the titles from Richard and Judy's book club.

The other thing you could do is to put down the book with a picture of Fabio dressed as a pirate on the cover and leave the house. Maybe the you could run your hands through the coarse dark hair of a real man while your heart beats wildly and you feel the rain soaking through your thin cotton dress.

You may get arrested for attempted rape, but at least you won't have turned into a crazy old lady who smells of lavender.

Jennifer Oberth says

Graham Norton is so funny! This book was heartwarming and fun and perhaps, some of it was a little mean. I thought some of his advice came across as a bit harsh, but I'm a really sensitive person! Mostly, though, it was quite enjoyable to read his advice to seemingly clueless individuals. It's so easy to see other people's problems for what they are! It's so easy to see that people cause their own problems but truly think other people are causing them.

Graham had great lines and tells it like it is and I found myself wishing I could follow up with some of these people and see what they actually ended up doing.

This was such a fun read and I recommend it to anybody.

Caroline says

If I had a problem I would definitely "Ask Graham". Not only are his answers to the various problems in this book helpful, they are also extremely witty. Graham pulls no punches. If he finds the problems ridiculous he says so. this is a funny and, at times, poignant read.

M-n says

Great advice with humour and quirkiness impressed an informative and amusing read about real life probs.

Laura says

I adore Graham Norton!

Dawn says

Hysterical. A compilation of agony aunt letters from his newspaper column. Whenever I need a giggle or some light reading I open this book

Michael Giff says

So funny, I was in stitches all the way through.

Doria says

Graham Norton at his best!
Copies of his “ask Graham” column (like, Dear Abby)
From a popular paper in the UK

Norma says

This collection of letters written to Graham is so funny. His responses are priceless. If you need a laugh this is a tonic. I didn't read this in one go. I dipped into it over the space of a couple of weeks. I recently read his novel Holding which was also a good read.
