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## **Editorial Review**

From Publishers Weekly

An estimated 43 percent of marriages in the U.S. end in separation or divorce, a grim reminder that most all of us experience at least one painful breakup in our lifetimes; speaker and certified grief therapist Elliott has come to understand that many aren't successful in overcoming that pain, which can stall anyone's personal and professional life indefinitely. Using her personal experience and stories from her practice, Elliott provides sound advice for those still driving by the ex's house or obsessed with self-blame. She advises a cold-turkey, "No Contact" blanket rule, but doesn't ignore the reality of situations involving mutual friends or a shared workplace, and provides seven rules for making things easier on the kids. As the end of a relationship can be much like the death of a loved one, Elliott also reviews the grief process and its importance in processing loss. While working through grief and putting time into serious self-examination won't necessarily "transform your life into everything you've always wanted it to be," the payoff should be steady progress toward a mended heart, a clear conscience and a stronger sense of self.

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Review

**YourTango.com, "Top 5 Breakup Books of 2009," 1/1/10**

"This practical book offers useful tips about how to get through the depressing post-breakup stages of loneliness and desolation. If you can't afford a therapist, this useful tome will help you take charge of your life instead of giving way to grief."

**Midwest Book Review, August 2010** "What sets this book apart from other self help titles is the fact that the author has suffered the same type of heartache...If you are getting over a failed marriage, or a breakup of a relationship, then this is the must have book that will get you past your pain and suffering...[It] offers hope to those who are suffering. It will show you how to change a life altering experience into something that will change your life for the better." **Kansas City Star, 9/29/10** "If you're in recovery from a relationship that ended... read this book."

**"Bookworm Sez"**

"From the devastation that comes at the end of a relationship, through the reeling, dealing and healing, Elliott worms her way around all aspects of a broken heart...Getting Past Your Breakup will help you see a crystal-bright future."

**ForeWord This Week, 4/22/09**

"Each of the book's steps has been thoughtfully developed from the author's personal experience and her training and experience as a grief counselor."

**Bookviews, 6/09**

"This book identifies the frequent mistakes people make during the early days of a breakup and explains how to avoid them. [Elliott] shows how to use the pain to grow, reassess your goals, and create a healthier life."

**Publisher's Weekly, 6/8/09**

"Provides sound advice for those still driving by the ex's house or obsessed with self-blame."

## **InfoDad.com**

“Tell[s] people who have suffered relationship devastation how to get through the stages of grief associated with romantic implosion—and how to pick themselves up afterwards and come out of their distress better than they ever were before...Elliott's comments on the stages of grief, although scarcely new, can be helpful to just about anyone who feels devastated by the end of an intimate relationship.”

## **Midwest Book Review, June 2009**

“An effective book any general lending library will find popular.”

## **Midwest Book Review, June 2009**

“A recommended read for those looking for more reasons to embrace better health.”

## **Curled Up with a Good Book**

“Elliott delivers the goods with a book that can help anyone get past a broken heart, and be stronger for it...The book provides solid, usable information told with compassionate understanding that really jumpstarts a heart that is on standby...The tools are priceless, and the inspiration to come out on top is what really makes this book stand out in the ocean of other self-help titles out there.”

## **About.com, “Top Breakup Books,” 1/1/10**

“An excellent breakup book that assists not only in dealing with the shock of a relationship ending, but also how to move past the breakup to become a stronger, better person in spite/because of it. Topics such as dealing with breakup myths (“I need closure!”) and boundaries (how do I not get into this situation ever again) are refreshing and well-suited to the tone and style. Highly recommended.”

## **About.com, 1/1/10**

“A well thought out and surprisingly thorough book about dealing with a breakup...With chapters on learning new boundaries and how to tell the kids, Elliot has covered topics that most books of this genre ignore outright. Chapter 2, The Rules of Disengagement, are a must-read for anyone who has ever suffered a bad breakup, particularly the list of items that keep folks stuck in their grief—most notably the concept of needing closure after a failed relationship...Well written and thorough. Practical how-to's in every chapter. Warm and friendly tone that never comes across as condescending or judgmental.”

## **About the Author**

**Susan J. Elliott JD, MED** is the creator of the Getting Past Your Past blog, bootcamps, radio show, and seminar series. A sought-after media relationship commentator, motivational speaker, certified grief counselor, and attorney, she has appeared on national and local (NYC) television and radio programs and has been interviewed and quoted in mainstream papers and magazines as well as websites and blogs. She lives in New York.

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