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## Miss A Love Life



**Melissa Curtin** has been a passionate elementary educator for over thirteen years. After teaching in the Maryland public school system for almost a decade, she left the conservative East Coast environment in

Washington, DC for West Coast living. Eager for adventure, inner growth, and a new environment, she interviewed for a position at a private school in Los Angeles, with which she quickly fell in love. Packing her car and taking the open road on her own, she landed in her new home - Hollywood, California. As a Connecticut Yankee at heart, she has now lived in Los Angeles for four years surrounded by the stars. Melissa graduated from Gettysburg College with a double major in psychology and art history. Soon after, she earned a Master's Degree in education. Melissa traveled around the world on Semester at Sea, and earned a Fulbright Scholarship which enabled her to teach in England. A lust for travel and learning has fueled her globe trotting ever since. Some of her favorite destinations are Fiji, Morocco, Vietnam, Belgium, Italy, Sicily, Prague, Egypt, Australia, Greece, and Paris. Currently, she is taking a year off to write a book about education in America. Melissa can also be found designing kid's fun vocabulary T-shirts, taking an English course at UCLA, tutoring children privately, and teaching tennis. Los Angeles has won over her heart. She is constantly taking advantage of what LA LA Land has to offer - new salons and restaurants, finding great deals, discovering new hikes and beaches, music, and West Coast fashion. If you have a LA event, restaurant, boutique, art or cultural event that you would like covered on Miss A, please contact Melissa at [mcurtin230@aol.com](mailto:mcurtin230@aol.com). Also feel free to connect with Melissa on issues pertaining to children and education.

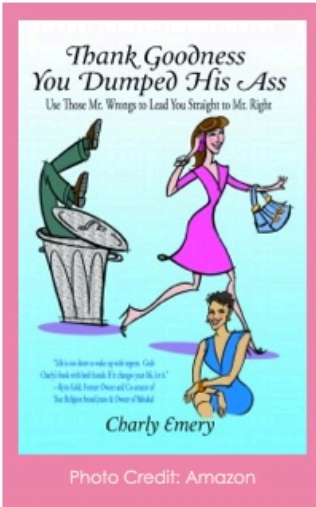


## Critiquette

### Review Of Thank Goodness You Dumped His Ass By Charly Emery

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Thank Goodness You Dumped His Ass! How many times have your friends made that clear to you AFTER you got out of the relationship? This book written by **Charly Emery** teaches you how to use those Mr. Wrongs to lead you straight to Mr. Right. For those looking for love and not sure how best to find and maintain a successful healthy relationship with not just a chemically induced body from the beginning throes of passion, read this book!

Several ideas that stood out to me after reading this book are that you should treat your life partner like a business plan. Be smart about how you choose. Also, like Charly says, the beginning of a relationship is always the possibility, what you experience daily once the relationship is established is the REALITY, so choose wisely, pay attention, put yourself first, and the rewards will be great.

The purpose of this book is to not get you married or change who you are, but to help you get what you want – the ultimate relationship. This means that your partner should "get you" and you should "get" your partner. "When you have a natural and organic connection, loving each other and building a strong bond are simple. You won't have to work hard at understanding and accepting each other." Pg. 6

The classy, confident and sweet author who I had the pleasure of meeting at a networking event has had her own share of heartache and break-ups, which she learned from. She often shares her own personal insights. The book is neatly organized into ten chapters, such as Chapter 3: Update your Business Model: Find a man for all seasons, Chapter 5: Performance Review: Bounce your baggage to the curb, Chapter 9: Beware of False Advertising: Move beyond the myths, and ends with chapter 10: The Ultimate Relationship Reference Manual with a summary of each chapter and her own "Charlyisms."

Charly Emery uses what she calls "Charlyisms" in bold font to remind you of the important points, such as Charlyism #3-4: A great guy who doesn't fit your inner criteria is not a great guy for you. A guy can be handsome, financially successful, and nice, but there is more to consider. His attitude, approach to life, the way he deals with things not going his way, his problem solving abilities will all affect the nature of your daily interactions together. Charlyism #4-6: If the thought of your ex alters your state of being —the relationship is NOT yet behind you. Work it out —a fabulous love life awaits you. Here is another one I like from Charly's recent Facebook post: The flashy guy may look enticing but "All that glitters isn't gold" —Keep the bling in your wardrobe & when it comes to men get a solid guy who helps you shine.



Charly Emery (Photo Credit: [www.successimo.com](http://www.successimo.com))

Since Charly says emotion and logic rarely go hand and hand, you need to reset, not rebound when giving another shot for love. I like this quote on page 132 – "A relationship can thrive only as much as the individuals within it. If you inspire and bring out the best in each other, the level of excitement and romance increases rather than fades." Each chapter reminds you of the specific steps you need to take to empower yourself to take a straightforward approach to life and love.

Since I met the author probably eight months ago, I have followed her on Facebook. She has been speaking all over the United States on many talk shows about her book to help women own who they are and out of the dating process attract successful relationships. Check out her incredible website to listen to life-enhancing videos tips, read her blog, Charly's Q & A, and more, about mastering the business of relationships at [www.charlysense.com](http://www.charlysense.com).

You can purchase **Thank Goodness You Dumped His Ass** at [www.Amazon.com](http://www.Amazon.com), in paperback and on Kindle.

" You are the ultimate source of power to get what you want." – Charly Emery Pg. 8