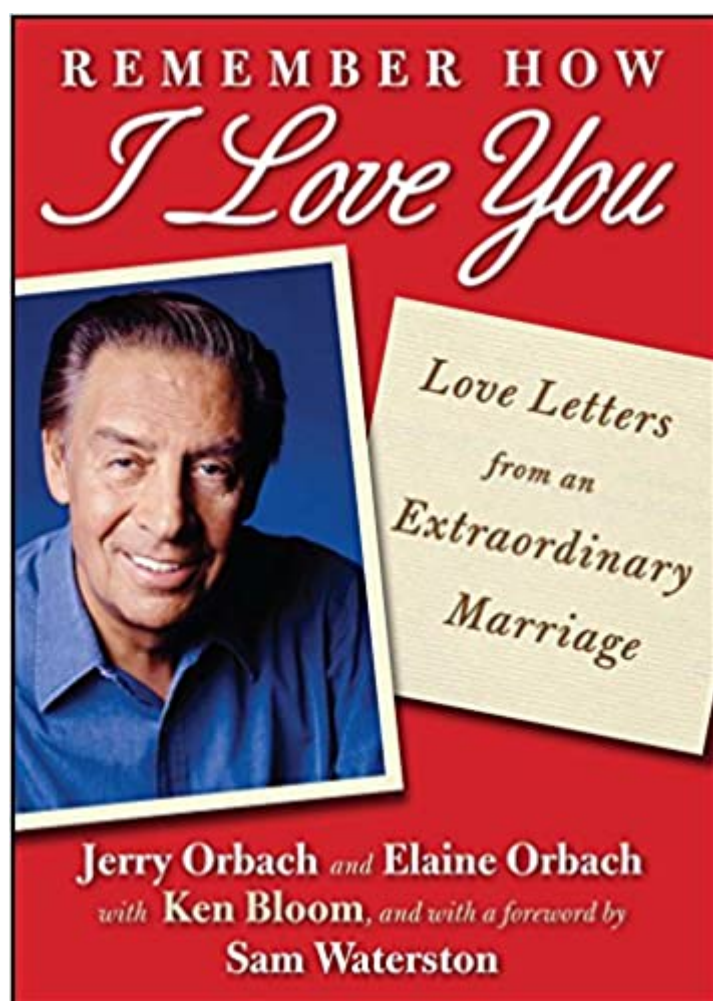


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# Remember How I Love You: Love Letters From An Extraordinary Marriage



## Synopsis

Every morning for the thirteen years he was on Law & Order, Jerry Orbach wrote his wife a short love poem and placed it next to her coffee cup before he left for work. Over the years Jerry wrote hundreds of notes - all of which Elaine cherished and preserved. Now dozens of Jerry's most meaningful poems to Elaine, along with stories from his amazing career and their enduring romance, tell the tale of their life together. With essays from some of Jerry's dearest friends and a foreword by Sam Waterston, Elaine created a collection of funny and moving poetry and a tribute to a wonderful marriage and a dearly loved man. The world remembers Jerry as a legendary Broadway actor, Baby's father in Dirty Dancing, and of course the wisecracking detective Lenny Briscoe on Law & Order. But to his widow, Elaine, Jerry was a poet . . . and the love of her life.

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Actor Orbach (Law & Order), who died in 2004, wrote hundreds of poems to his wife, Elaine. During predawn hours before filming, he scribbled on sheets torn from a page-a-day cat calendar.

Awakening alone, she found poems by her coffee cup: I would read and enjoy each one, then toss it into the big soup tureen given to us by producer David Merrick. After years, the tureen overflowed.

When Orbach's poems were read at his funeral, several suggested she do a book. Along with biographical chapters, she puts the poetry in context, explaining relationship references and showbiz buzzwords in a marriage memoir many will find appealing. The poems are all light verse, and more than a few could be labeled ultralight verse. Orbach had a penchant for playful rhymes,

and he could be clever, as in this poem about film locations: Today I've a pickup at 7:45 / in less than a hiccup / I'm at Riverside Drive! / Then Zabar's for coffee / and back down to here / on West 52nd, the QE2 pier! Orbach's love for his wife is evident throughout these cheerful, lyrical tear sheets, a calendar of cats chased by doggerel. (Nov. 3) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Jerry Orbach appeared on Broadway more than any actor in Broadway history, appearing in >, >, and >. He appeared in several films, including >and >. On TV, he starred in his own series before joining the cast of >. Jerry passed away in 2004. Elaine Orbach attended George Balanchine's School of the American Ballet. After a year of training, she headed to Broadway for a twenty-year career. When Bob Fosse asked Elaine to stand by for the role of Velma Kelly in the original production of Chicago, she met Jerry Orbach. Three years later they were married and she chose to hang up her dancing shoes.

My husband would never pick up and read a book like this, but we both love Law and Order and I gave it to him as a gift. He read it in 2 evenings and I read the whole thing in one evening. He was really a special guy not to many like him around and I think it was so sweet of his wife to have put this together and shared it. Sadly he died way to soon before his time, and she as well. I sent it to a friend of mine who lost her soulmate not to many years ago and they had this kind of love and marriage, she too read it in one day and loved it. Makes a great gift.

Such a sweet and loving book, and since the book is based on Jerry Orbach's life w/ his wife, the poems show a side us regular people never saw and so refreshing that he was as good a man off the screen as he was an actor, w/ no diva-ish attitudes so many in show business think is owed to them. Knowing he was doing theater for so long and because it was before the internet, the only way we admirers know is through this book. I hope he is remembered LONG after he has passed on, I will miss his acting for many yrs to come. RIP.....

I gave this book to my sister, who is a huge Jerry Orbach fan. She absolutely loved it and recommended that I read it myself, which I hope to do soon.

This was a really sweet memoir by his wife and it was interesting to read about Jerry Orbach's life,

how he met his wife, and his law and order interactions. The poems/limericks are very sweet.

Was given to my mom as a gift. I believe she likes it as she writes poetry herself. Book love poems Jerry wrote his wife every morning while on the set of law and order.

I always loved Jerry Orbach as an actor and besides watching him in every episode of "Law and Order", I also got to see him on Broadway in 42nd Street. His wife wrote this book, but passed away suddenly just before it was published so she is not around to promote the book. It's a quick read about Jerry and Elaine's life together filled with lots of letters he wrote to her daily. I recommend the book for any fans of Jerry Orbach.

Really shows us how loving and kind Jerry was. I really enjoy watching Law and Order and now see him as a very kind human being.

I loved Jerry work on Law and Order. This look into his love and life was so wonderful. He was a loving husband and never forgot to let his wife know it.

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