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Rob and Kristen Bell are brutally honest about their own struggles, their ups and downs, as together they pass along what matters most for couples. In this wise book, they explore the secret of what makes a happy union—probing the mystery at the heart of the extraordinary emotional connection that binds two people. With his down-to-earth charm, a dose of whimsy, and memorable stories, Rob, writing with his wife Kristen, changes how we consider marriage, providing insight that can help all of us create satisfying and sacred unions of our own.

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Review

“The Bells wield their heartfelt words and honest voices to cheer on couples of all kinds. . . . This is a ‘feel good’ book, not because it skirts the issues, but precisely because it delves so deeply into them. . . . Married or not, read this book.” (*Publishers Weekly* (starred review))

“The Bells’ marriage manual... aims to help couples recognize that what they’re creating together is something energetic, light-filled and unknowably deep.” (Guideposts)

“The book, rather than giving you a five-point prescription for how to make your marriage work, instead manages to fill you with hope, possibility, and even excitement, for your own relationship.” (*Faith Forward, Patheos*)

From the Back Cover

There is a mysterious, indescribable, complex exchange that can happen in the space between you and your partner. You find each other. Your centers of gravity expand as your lives become more and more entwined. You create space for this other person to thrive while they’re doing the same for you. This creates a flow of energy in the space between you. This energy field is at the heart of marriage. It flows in the space between you, space that exists nowhere else in the universe. You can become more familiar with how this energy field works. You can develop language between you to identify what’s happening in the space between you. You can sharpen your abilities to assess it. You can act in certain ways to increase the flow. You can identify what’s blocking the flow, and then you can overcome those barriers. Years into your marriage, you can continue to intensify this energetic flow between you.

It is risky to give yourself to another. There are no guarantees, and there are lots of ways for it to fall apart and break your heart. But the upside is infinite.

—from *The Zimzum of Love*

New York Times bestselling author Rob Bell and his wife, Kristen Bell, explore a whole new way of understanding our most intimate and powerful relationship: marriage. The concepts behind *The Zimzum of Love* open ways for us to transform and deepen how we love.

About the Author

Rob Bell is a *New York Times* bestselling author, speaker, and spiritual teacher. His books include *Love Wins*, *How to Be Here*, *What We Talk About When We Talk About God*, *Velvet Elvis*, *The Zimzum of Love*, *Sex God*, *Jesus Wants to Save Christians*, and *Drops Like Stars*. He hosts the weekly podcast *The Robcast*, which was named by iTunes as one of the best of 2015. He was profiled in *The New Yorker* and in *TIME Magazine* as one of 2011’s hundred most influential people. He and his wife, Kristen, have three children and live in Los Angeles.

Kristen Bell is trained as an occupational therapist, cofounded Mars Hill, an innovative church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and runs the 2Day leadership events. She and Rob live with their three children in Southern California.

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