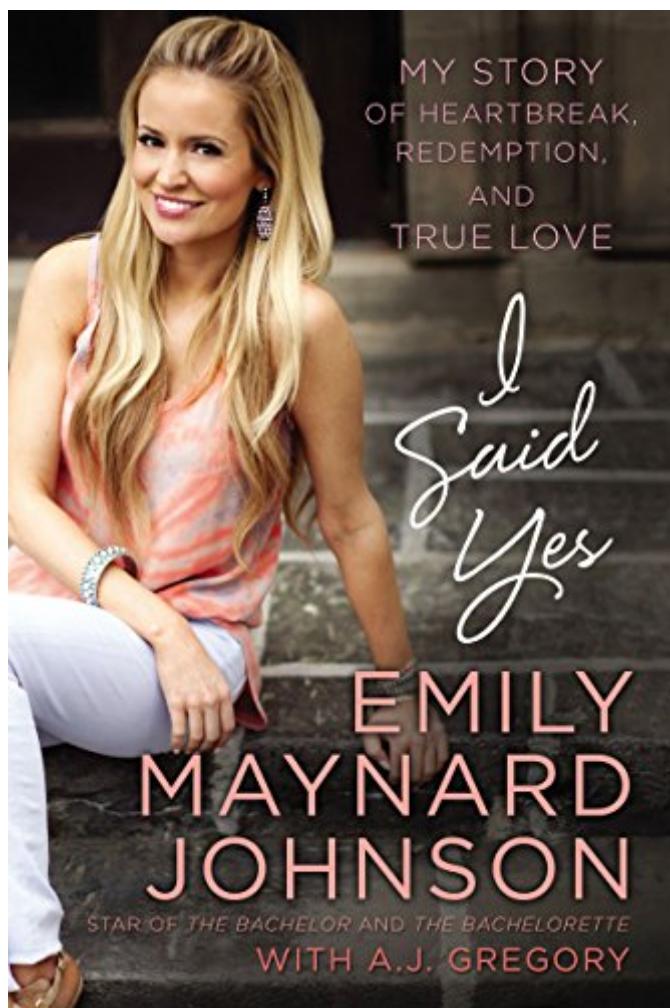


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# I Said Yes: My Story Of Heartbreak, Redemption, And True Love



## **Synopsis**

When her high-profile search for romance led Emily Maynard to dead end after dead end, real love finally found her. Millions know Emily Maynard Johnson from her unprecedented double appearances on *The Bachelor* and *The Bachelorette*. Millions also know that neither of the relationships from those shows lasted much longer than a commercial break. Overcome with embarrassment following her nationally televised failures at romance, Emily finally committed her heart to the only one she knew would never leave her empty and alone. Abandoning her desire to be chosen by men and finding peace in the fact that she was already chosen by God, Emily found the joy she had been looking for in serving God. In *I Said Yes*, Emily tells the story of her life before and after reality TV fame, describing the profound new reality she discovered when she forsook fame in favor of the Lord. At the end of a long, fruitless search for a man, this courageous young woman found the truest love of all waiting right in front of her. To that love, Emily said yes.

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## Customer Reviews

I read this book for many personal reasons. Living just outside of Austin, I was already aware of Brad Womack and immediately got swept into the tidal wave of Southern genteel and sweetness that Emily brought to The Bachelorette in Charlotte. After she picked Jef, I got to meet her (well I said hello to her!) in the Mormon church in Myrtle Beach when she, Ricki and Jef attended with Jef and all of his family. My daughter in law sang for them in the church that day. However when Emily chose Jef on The Bachelorette and was rejecting Arie, I was one of those people, sitting on my living room sofa, bawling my eyes out. I had fallen so hard for Arie, I've never reacted to a show like that before or since. I started to follow Arie and got to know him via the off road truck racing circuit. I had heard the rumors about what happened on and after the show, and I got my curiosity satiated in Emily's book. Arie is a wonderful and vibrant man. I hope he someday finds what he is searching for as well. I'm grateful that Emily went through what she did on The Bachelor and The Bachelorette and then wrote her book, for me. I'm not a young girl, I'm a grandmother, but her message still rang clear to me. I've been a Christian for a long time, I live in faith, but I need to pick up my Bible just a little bit more. I'm happy Emily's life took a blessed turn. God bless you Emily and as for your book, Thank You.

I was a little disappointed. A huge chunk of this book is a review of her days of The Bachelor and The Bachelorette. If you've already seen both shows, then you may find this a little boring. That aside, some parts were incredibly touching and brought tears to my eyes.

Emily gives us an honest glimpse into her life before, during & after her time on the Bachelor & Bachelorette. I enjoyed hearing about the Bachelor & Bachelorette from her perspective and hearing how things 'really' work behind the scenes as a longtime fan of the show. I also was taken with her story and (Don't worry I won't give anything away) it was encouraging and inspiring to see how it all came together for her. I'm happy for you Emily! It's a must read!

While you won't really get any juicy details on her split from Brad and Jef, Emily does open up on her journey to finding her faith in God. It's encouraging and makes you happy to see that she found her happily ever after in her faith in the Lord.

I have loved Emily before she was on ABC or in the spot light. As a local Charlotte native, she has been around the NASCAR family for years. I love that she is very honest and transparent in her

book. She talks about some issues that most people prefer to run from and does so with grace and class. I got through this book fairly quickly and am glad that she finally got her happy ending that she so deserves. I'm not sure I could be as gracious and kind having faced all of the adversity that she has. If you are a fan of The Bachelor/Bachelorette shows or HMS in NASCAR, you will enjoy this book. I will even add if you are a female who has been unlucky in love or faced some hard times in life, you will enjoy this book!

Emily Maynard writes with candor in sharing her life with us. She mentions her ups and downs of being on "The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette", but does so in an ethical way, so as not to hurt her suitors. We realize that God had a bigger and better plan for Emily. Once she listened and stayed TRUE to Him, Emily Maynard Johnson found her true loves - God, her husband and children. This book is inspirational and convinces the reader that what's on the outside is not what matters - rather what's on the inside, and that FAITH and HOPE in God lead to deep, everlasting LOVE.

I am obsessed with this book! Emily can add great writer to her list of talents now. This book gave us all of the missing background information I've been wanting to know about her. She really doesn't leave many details out about her run on the Bachelor and Bachelorette or anything else for that matter. Her honesty was unreal in this book and I loved it! The only thing that I would ask for improvement on would be the ending of the book...it was kind of quick and I wanted more! Oh well! This was still an amazing book.

I really enjoyed this book. I liked that Emily spent time talking about her time on the Bachelorette and the Bachelor as well as her relationship with Ricky before his accident. She also talked a lot about her relationship with God so it did have a religious tone.

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