

A stylized, high-contrast portrait of a woman with long, wavy pink hair. She is wearing a blue top and has a bright smile. Her right hand is raised to her head. The background is a solid pink color. Overlaid on the right side of the image is the word 'Dear' in a large, white, cursive font, followed by a large, white, stylized letter 'K' that partially obscures the woman's face and hand.

Candid, honest, straightforward,  
no-nonsense responses from  
divergent but relatable women

Dear

K

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GIN ESTRABON**







*When life throws you lemons,  
it's time to get a bottle of mojito!*

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## Dear G

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*So, here's  
the tea!*



*That's  
hot!*





Ask.

There is always an answer.

*Ginny dedicates this book to her sisters,*

*Penny and Tina.*

*Thank you for your support all these years.*

*Gin dedicates this book to her father who gifted her with  
a Japanese diary in 1981. Write! He seemed to say.*

*She has not stopped writing since then.*



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Whoa! Wait! This looks like a list of empowered women!

Simply awesome.

*Ginny & Gin*





One fine day in 2019, two divergent editors and writers—Ginny and Gin—met for the first time, and they hit it off right away. Their first collaboration was a corporate advice column that highlighted their contradictory opinions.

Little did they know that their advice would be helping professionals who were going through some difficult times.

Fast forward to 2023. Ginny and Gin meet again and decide to write a book that will collate their answers to questions on just about anything—relationships, finances, love, sex, and more.

These two women may not have the obligatory educational background to answer anyone's question, but what they offer are full experiences from which they draw their sweet, candid, and (sometimes) blunt answers.



Dear G

Dear G,

## *A Cougar-to-be*

Help! I'm falling for a guy who is nine years my junior. He is so like my dad and seems perfect for me, but we work together, and I don't even know if he's interested in me. Maybe this attraction is all in my head.

What do I do?

**Cecilia**



Dear Cecilia,

Congratulations on finding someone you seem to truly like. Finding the right person is not always easy, so this is something to celebrate.

Age, after a certain point, is just a number. How old is he? If he is already past 30, he is old enough to know what he's doing if he chooses to get involved with an older woman. Have fun! If he's less than 30, you need to season him a little. He's still young and not necessarily steady enough. Still, have fun.

A possible issue may arise if you work together. If you are not at the same level, the optics may be of concern. If you are on the same level, just move with discretion. Life is short. Have fun!

Good luck!



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**Dear Cecilia,**

I follow three rules when dating and falling for a guy:

- Do not fall for a married man.
- Do not go out with a married man.
- Do not give favors to a married man.

Married men are so adept at flirting if you must know. They carry a certain *je ne sais quoi* that attracts women from all age ranges. For them, it is but a test of their virility to flirt with women.

Now, why am I telling you this? And why is there no mention of age? Because age should not be a limitation to dating or falling for a guy except when he is—yes, you guessed it—married!

See my point? If this younger guy is not married, and you observe that he is attracted to you, then, by all means, go ahead and ask him for a date. I assume that he is not your superior (not that it matters), so I now present you with the key to his life. Get to know him more. Ask him out. Let him know how you feel.

And that father-figure thing? Studies have shown that daughters are attracted to men who resemble their fathers, physically and otherwise.

Grab him!

**Plough on!**



Dear G

## Always Tardy

**Dear G,**

I know someone who is always late. She makes an appointment with me but will arrive 30 minutes up to an hour late every time. It has become really annoying. What can I do to get her to come on time?

**Alice**



**Dear Alice,**

Being on time is a sign of respect. That said, people have different ideas of what it means to be on time. Be honest with your friend and let her know why you are frustrated.

You should also accept that she has a different sense of time. Do use the “waiting time” to be productive yourself instead. You can do a lot in 30 minutes.

Also, you can’t change other people. We can only change ourselves. First of all, have you expressed your concerns? Are they aware of the impact their being late has on you?

It may sound like excuses, but have you listened to their reasons? There may be other, more pressing issues causing last-minute conflicts in the schedule. It may simply be a case of poor communication.



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Set clear expectations. If they have gotten used to everyone waiting, even if they are late, they'll keep doing it.

So, set the deadlines and move without them if needed. It will save you time and frustration, and there will be no hard feelings since the expectations were stated clearly beforehand.

**Good luck!**



**Dear Alice,**

I'm a graduate of a state university, and, in my time, we did a lot of waiting for professors to register us in their classes and basically waited for them just so we could request a favor, like signing our student loan applications.

Moving forward, it has been three decades since I finished university, and I have learned to not waste precious time waiting for someone who does not value my time. But I have also learned to be patient and understanding.

Listen, the first rule is that you should know what the meeting is all about. If the agenda excites you and you have to commute at least two hours to go to the meeting place, then you can possibly wait.

Second, if you have no other meeting, then you can wait.

Third, if this someone is a friend, you probably should wait. If this someone is a client and you want the job, then wait. But if this

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someone is a colleague and you don't mind making her agitated once or twice until she comprehends, try making her wait for 30 minutes so she gets a taste of her own medicine.

Be patient.





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