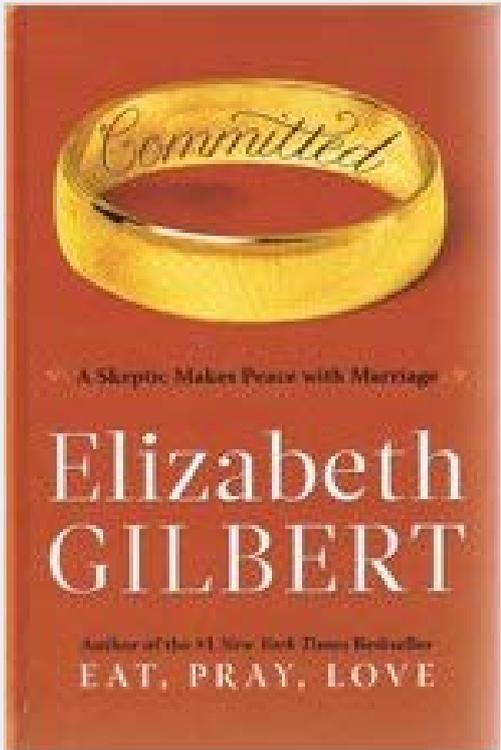


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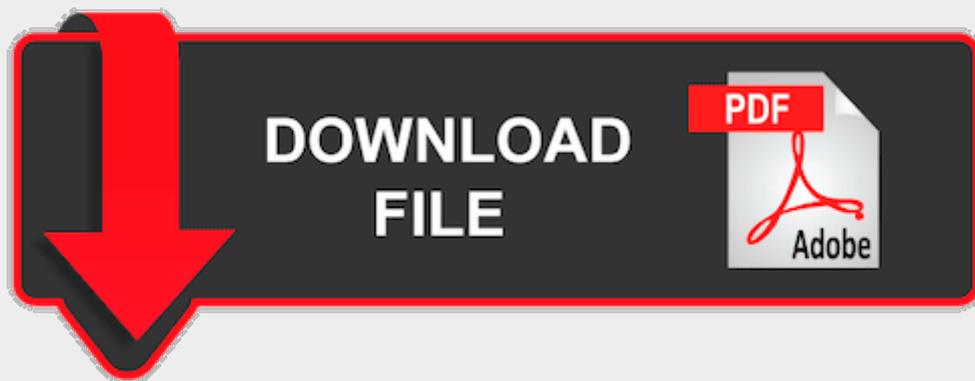
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## Reviews of the **Committed**

### 1. Anarawield

I'm a big fan of Elizabeth Gilbert. I happen to really enjoy her style of writing and absolutely love her voice in the books I've read from her so far. She is funny, forward, and has no time for beating the bushes. I love her attitude towards life and her curiosity of the world. She allows us to remember that we are all more alike than you think. This book is sweet, charming, and perfect for a morning read with coffee and a soft blanket. Okay, seriously though just don't get into this book with high hopes of it following Eat, Pray, Love because it is kind of different. This book revolves

around cultures and perspectives on marriage with some historical aspects what constitutes marriage. It's all very interesting! I am glad I gave this book a chance and went into it with the right mindset. This book happens to align with me in some ways and I am sure it will with you too- in one way or another. Whether you're young and have thought of marriage, about to get married, or just flat out over it because there's just too much when it comes to marriage to the point where you don't want to do it anymore.

## 2. Vojar

After reading *EAT, PRAY, Love* by this author, I had high expectations. In this book Ms. Gilbert takes the reader through her struggle with the idea of marriage even though she has fallen in love and the only way she can really have a life with him is to marry him. She takes us on a world tour as they travel the earth together waiting for him to get a visa to enter the country, but the thing I learned and admired about this author is how much research and thought she gave to her decision to marry and what finally encouraged her to become comfortable with the idea of matrimony.

## 3. Gunos

Whether you are divorced, getting married, or even happily married, you just have to love how Liz looks at Marriage from every possible angle...especially from the perspective that since she'd been unlucky at it once, she was sure she never wanted to make that mistake again! Her absolute obsession with deconstructing marriage will entertain you and make you think about it long after you've finished reading it. She gives a cross-cultural examination to how people view and feel about marriage, and still, she can't conclude why some marriages work and some don't...only that she's terrified of being unhappy. The love of her life, Felipe, whom we met in *Eat, Pray, Love*, is unable to enter the USA and unless she marries him the miles of red tape will keep him out of the US for ever. In the mean time, they travel the world in order to stay together while working on making a life together in the US. She seems to think that

if she turns herself inside out and reveals all her shortcomings, it will be best in terms of full disclosure. It doesn't matter, when someone you love so much loves you back the way you need to be loved, and that's what Liz discovers while wearing Felipe out and finally figuring out how best to be what he needs and how to provide that for him. They are a precious couple even if they don't fit the perfect rubric of what it takes to make a perfect and lasting marriage. Nobody does, nobody ever will, and in the end, this is a love story, built on the love stories of her parents and the strong women in her life. Marriage is not for the faint of heart, and this should be required pre-Cana reading.

#### 4. Zargelynd

I avoided this book for the longest time because I had the huge assumption that it would be a sellout, that she spent EPL trying to find herself, fell in love, now this "sequel" would be about the wonder of being in love and "committed." Well, I would be the first to admit that I was wrong to have made that assumption.

I find the entire journey of the book very relatable. As a woman who's about to get married, who is constantly bombarded with questions about babies, and who has reservations about the institution of marriage and a woman's role in procreation, I was sure glad to see that someone shared similar feelings/thoughts, and better yet, she had the literary talent to voice them. The words were so honest and frank, that at times, I felt uncomfortable. I felt as if I just said out loud my deepest secrets that weren't meant to be shared with the outside world.

I read some reviews who said the book was whiny. I see where that's coming from. But guess what, doubts are whiny, uncertainties are whiny. The only difference is that, Gilbert was brave enough to say it out loud.

#### 5. Brazil

I thoroughly enjoyed Eat, Pray, Love but I enjoyed this book even more! I

love Elizabeth's style of writing -she can circle a theme, investigate and unpack it. She can look at it from many angles to serve it up with an alternative perspective.

This book made me look at marriage and commitment in a whole new light. So interesting to learn how less Westernized cultures view the dynamic of marriage and the role it plays in their personal lives and in the community - all while following her personal journey and the thoughts she wrestles with. There are points of merit and value to be taken to heart from these societies, which I loved.

Looking forward to more writing from Elizabeth Gilbert!!

#### 6. Cerar

While I liked the premise of this book, I assumed it would read more like a memoir than a history book. It would have been great to see more of Liz throughout the pages but I learned a few interesting things along the way. I'd recommend reading with a critical eye, it is an interesting viewpoint from someone that is not convinced that the institution of marriage is a recipe for love, happiness, or fulfillment.

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