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### Abstract

Since the end of the eighteenth century, the pursuit of 'true love' has been enshrined in the expectations that we regard this pursuit as our right, and organize our lives around it. However, the possibility that love is beyond achieve in the West has begun to attract considerable attention. The consensus is that love is both deep and extremely difficult to find. This highly original book explores two aspects of the nature of the apparently of love. The first theme concerns the sources of our ideas about love: where the concept originated and its relationship has been to morality and moral systems. The second theme is our determination to find and personal costs, the desire for identification with another person drives us to impossible expectations and damaging alternatives. In a compelling critique, this book rejects the high romantic version of love as well described as a contractual version of love. In their place, it describes a love that depends upon reason and argues that we should abandon love in its romanticized and commercialized form.

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