

A Love Story

In 1918 DeWitt Wallace developed a new idea for a magazine. It would consist of a collection of condensed articles and he would call it *The Reader's Digest*. He put together a proposed sample and sent it to publishers throughout the country. Nobody seemed interested. DeWitt was terribly discouraged.

About the same time he met Lila Bell Acheson, the daughter of a Presbyterian minister. Before long the two fell in love. Lila encouraged him to keep trying his wonderful idea for a magazine. Boosted by her faith in him, DeWitt started mailing circular letters to potential subscribers.

In October 1921 Lila married DeWitt. On returning from their honeymoon, they found a bundle of letters from interested subscribers. Together they worked on Volume 1, Number 1, which appeared in February 1922. DeWitt Wallace included Lila Bell Acheson as his co-founder, co-editor, and co-owner. Over the years their little magazine grew. Now printed in seventeen languages, *Reader's Digest* sells over twenty-eight million copies a month . . .

DeWitt and Lila were friends. They encouraged, supported, and believed in each other. They worked side by side to make their dream come true . . . DeWitt once said, "I think Lila made the *Digest* possible." I can imagine that Lila would probably say the same about DeWitt.

from Dr. Steve Stephens' book
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The Meaning of Marriage by Tim Keller



RESOURCES FOR COUPLES

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It is a challenge to build a strong, God-honoring relationship. Whether you are 18 or 80, dating, engaged, or married, there is a class or seminar for the two of you.

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