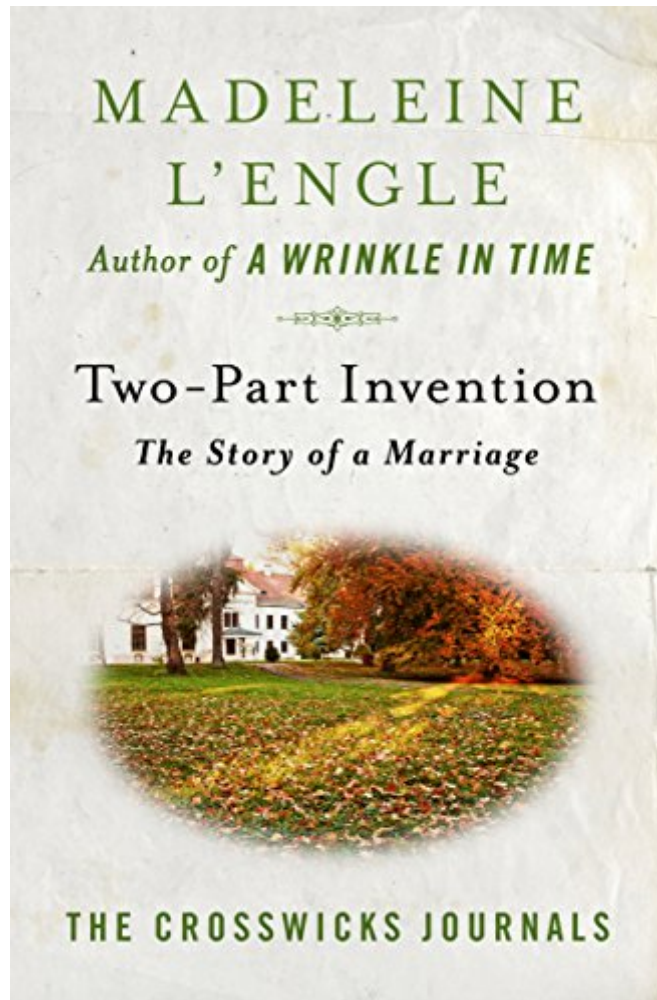




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# Two-Part Invention: The Story Of A Marriage (The Crosswicks Journals)



## Synopsis

In the final memoir of her Crosswicks Journals, the author of *A Wrinkle in Time* paints an intimate portrait of her forty-year marriage. A long-term marriage has to move beyond chemistry to compatibility, to friendship, to companionship. As Newbery Medal winner Madeleine L'Engle describes a relationship characterized by compassion, respect, and growth, as well as challenge and conflict, she beautifully evokes the life she and her husband, actor Hugh Franklin, built and the family they cherished. Beginning with their very different childhoods, L'Engle chronicles the twists and turns that led two young artists to New York City in the 1940s, where they were both pursuing careers in theater. While working on a production of Anton Chekhov's *The Cherry Orchard*, they sparked a connection that would endure until Franklin's death in 1986. L'Engle recalls years spent raising their children at Crosswicks, the Connecticut farmhouse that became an icon of family, and the support she and her husband drew from each other as artists struggling "separately and together" to find both professional and personal fulfillment. At once heartfelt and heartbreaking, *Two-Part Invention* is L'Engle's most personal work—the revelation of a marriage and the exploration of intertwined lives inevitably marked by love and loss. This ebook features an illustrated biography of Madeleine L'Engle including rare images from the author's estate.

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This story interested me most when L'Engle was writing about medical ordeals--pregnancy, childbirth, illness, and death. By the end of the story I was crying. I really identified with her beloved husband Hugh's poignant story. There were very few details about the marriage itself--a tidbit here and there which made me understand how their marriage lasted forty years. I would have been more interested in the story of how her husband's acting career progressed if I'd been familiar with his work. But I didn't know him--never even saw him on a soap opera. So parts were a bit mundane for me, but it was a pleasant book and I found that I was looking forward to returning to it each evening before bed. It did make me fall asleep many times, but on the plus side it was a story which exuded warmth, peace, and love. Even when her husband was very ill, she managed to enjoy both her moments with him and her moments alone and with her family. L'Engle aspires to "being in the moment," and she is successful much of the time.

L'Engle writes so beautifully. Her passions are evident, but are depicted with such clarity and calmness. Her marriage to the acclaimed actor Hugh Franklin was filled with highs and lows, and ended with an extremely painful, wrenching death to, basically, cancer. I don't know when I've been more moved by descriptions of hospital horrors. Reading these pages feels somewhat voyeuristic, because L'Engle reveals so much of her inner self, but she is sharing, and taking us with her on an agonizing journey. Beautiful book.

I loved this book for its portrayal of a woman faithful through her life to her God, her marriage and her family. I love L'Engle's musings on the mysteries, joys, and sorrows of life. I will read this book again.

The last of L'Engle's Crosswicks Journals, a well-written thoughtful human interest/autobiography now in Kindle format. Thanks!

I read this book for a class on "Family Systems". I found it to be one of the most inspiring insights to a successful marriage I had ever read. "Know thyself and love your spouse for who they are" is the

theme. Everyone who is in a life-long marriage or partnership should be required to read it.

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I love all of Madeleine L'Engle's books.

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