

HOW WOMEN TEND TO PERCEIVE THEIR PARTNER'S BEHAVIORS (STRICTLY FOR MEN)

Most wives and girlfriends perceive and **remember** their husband's or boyfriend's behavior in full narrative style. No shorthand is utilized to catalogue the event. Feelings are recorded first and foremost, with thoughts about the event evolving just a "tad" later. No detail is left unnoticed.

The majority of women seem to have an amazing capacity for recall. We men are consistently amazed and often annoyed by women's ability to recall detailed pictures of an event....You see, we men only go for the highlights and don't remember the details. It is remembering the results that count for men. The following is a helpful way for men to deal with the differences between women's and men's memory function.

THE BLACK AND WHITE BOOKS

When "our" woman brings up an event – positive or negative – from five, ten, twenty years ago, the man is startled and often responds with a "What?" Advantage – woman, the man is completely caught off guard. We men begin to flail about seeking some sort of foot hold to halt the downward slide. We use delaying tactics that don't work. We forget that actions, particularly negative ones, get recorded in a "Big Black Book", in which nothing ever gets erased.

We men often cause entries to be made in this book without having the slightest awareness that this is occurring. Some of reasons why are: 1. our insensitivity 2. behaving in a manner that is seen as inappropriate or even abusive 3. being self-centered..."Me first, you Jane second" syndrome 4. not knowing how to communicate with women. 5. not willing to admit when we are in the wrong...and making excuses.

Most men are logical and emotionally stupid (Stupid Is as Stupid Does), while women are so much better at knowing how they feel ...many conflicts occur because this simple difference is ignored. For women, feelings are paramount and need to be acknowledged by the man. Unfortunately for we men, each time we fail to honor our woman's feelings, the greater likelihood that another entry gets entered into "The Black Book". (Another One Bites the Dust!)

IT IS FUTILE TO TRY GOING ABOUT GETTING AN ENTRY ERASED FROM THE BLACK BOOK. All attempts to defend or shift blame only conveys to the woman that we men are only thinking about ourselves... that we are trying to avoid being accountable for what we've said or done...Guilty Is As Guilty Does. It is better to swallow the bitter pill rather than trying to defend oneself.

Fortunately, for the survival of our species, women seem to have a corresponding

“Big White Book”, in which positive experiences with their partner get recorded. However, the routine (expected) behaviors are not necessarily recorded, only the out-of-the-ordinary actions do, such as a surprise gift of flowers, remembering and celebrating anniversaries and such, offering a massage, willingness to spend extra quality time, sharing more about what we’ve done and how we’ve felt, being complimentary about her looks, etc. counts. Doing the laundry, cleaning the house, cleaning her car, etc. does not have enough personal touch for most women to warrant an entry. It’s going “above and beyond” that matter. So...doesn’t it make sense to attempt to create as many entries as possible in her Big White Book to offset what’s recorded in the Big Black Book? (Original source by: Myron Adams)

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