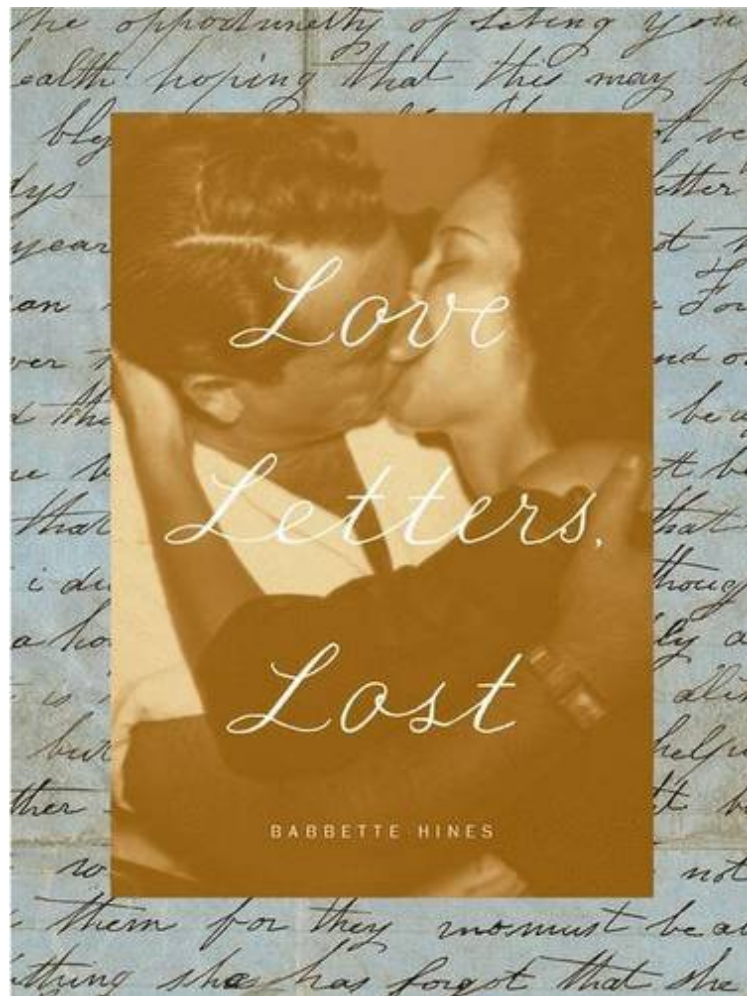


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Lovers SecretsBy Lara423This is a great book to get lost into, just wondering about the lover's lives and loves. There are many letters that are just surprising and wonder what state of mind these people were in. I lent it to my mother and she hasn't given it back! Its a nice book to look in on when want to see some humanity.12 of 18 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expectedBy CustomerI like looking at old pictures and old letters, but I thought when I bought the book that I would actually be looking in the history of someone's life with pictures to go with it but that was not the case. It is just a random bunch of pictures and a random bunch of letters put together in a book. The pictures aren't necessarily the pictures of the people who wrote the letters, so you know nothing of the authors, no explanation of the times they lived in or the place they lived in or

anything. In other words, no story behind it whatsoever. Just a disappointing collection. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. Lost and found By Reader The beauty of this book, beyond the romantic nostalgia inspired by vintage photographs and handwritten letters, is that it is a collection created from discarded or "lost" memorabilia. The images and letters were once, we can reasonably believe, very important to the anonymous beholder before they were set adrift in estate sales, flea markets, and junk stores. The author performs a service of social research and cultural reclamation by taking these things in, preserving them, and creating an outlet for them to be rediscovered by other people. I highly recommend this book for anyone at all interested in being part of that process or anyone who is moved by the sentimentality of others.

My Dear Sweetheart: There now: have I made myself clear, and do you see between the lines that I love you very dearly and more constantly from day to day? I am going to turn in now and take this to town with me early tomorrow and tonight I will hug you very close to me and love you ever so much, Sweetie dear. Fondly and affectionately, Kenton (I do love you dear) Love letters. Passionate, sad, ardent, goofy, serious, bittersweet, angry, tragic, frantic, embarrassing, and -- of course -- romantic. We've all written them at one time or another. Some were saved; some were tossed out (the nerve!). Love Letters, Lost is a collection of amorous letters whose fates were, alas, scattered to the wind. Salvaged from flea markets, garage sales, swap meets, and Internet auctions by Babbette Hines, author of our best-selling title Photobooth, they are here paired with vintage photographs of love-struck couples holding hands, laughing, smiling, dancing, and otherwise mugging for the camera. In this age of generic email cards and text messaging, this beguiling little book reminds us of the simple beauty of an epistolary romance. And just in case you need a little help, Hines has included suggestions from a 1919 booklet on how to write your own letter of love. xoxo

"Why text him that dirty thought when you can put it on paper for the grandkids to find in 2078?" -- Glamour, February 2005 "will delight the hopeless romantic on your list. Watch out though . . . a few of the selections are decidedly venom-tinged. . . . Snap!" -- Time Out New York, December 16, 2004...gorgeous...Touching glimpses of other peoples' lives and hearts, the letters are equally fascinating for what they don't say. -- Tango, July 2005 History buffs will crave Love Letters, Lost. [It's] touching and in many cases sweetly hilarious. -- People Magazine, February 14, 2005 The love letter most likely to achieve its objective, (Hines) believes, is about its subject, not so much about the person writing it. -- Sun, Feb. 11, 2007 Those looking for some Valentine's Day romance between the covers are certain to find it in Love Letters, Lost. -- Associated Press, January 31, 2005 missives from ardent lovers, circa 1850-1950, whose words still seduce, cajole, scold, amuse, and enrapt with surprising power. -- LD Beghtol, The Village Voice, February 2-8, 2005 About the Author Babbette Hines is a collector of and dealer in vernacular photography. Her gallery Found: Photo is located in Los Angeles.