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Is the idea of a lifetime commitment inside the sacred institution of a marriage an antiquated notion? Does the current marriage contract need amending to keep it viable rather than remaining as an agreement that will inevitably be broken more than fifty percent of the time? These are the fundamental questions that are asked in the fast-paced, darkly comedic novelette entitled *The Marriage Lease*.

The topic of marriage consistently fills the headlines of today's newspapers debating who should be able to get married and who should not, all the while ignoring the enormous flaws in a social contract that is still regarded as the bond that holds society together. The story of *The Marriage Lease* has addressed these concerns with a nod to the absurd, though there is no doubt that some readers might find the notion of putting a cap on the timeline of a relationship appealing. Who can't commit to a six month pre-agreed upon relationship knowing it could be re-newed or rolled over into a much more attractive newer model?

Through the eyes of Nick, a lawyer who specializes in Contract Law and facing the reality of pending nuptials himself, the character confronts the issue of marriage in the modern age. However will this re-negotiating of the terms of marriage cost him everything or is he actually preserving the existence of the committed relationship? The deeper Nick delves into these disconcerting ideas, the more he realizes what is at stake has direct implications for the world at large.

At 52 pages the densely packed book will be read through fairly quickly, though the concepts will linger indefinitely inspiring debate, revulsion and discussion. Will this usher in a new enlightenment or hasten the death of romance?

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Emily Leathers says

(Disclaimer: I read only the kindle sample.)

This seems like a parable about marriage and the future. The completely (and awkwardly) overwrought language and horrible dialogue will probably keep me from completing the full book.

Can't decide between a 2 and a 3. It's just the okay side of readable, so I'm sticking with a 3 for now. Barely.
