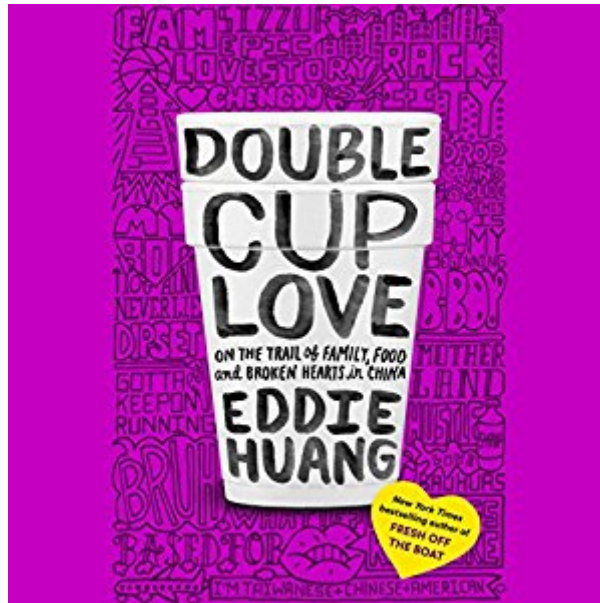


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Double Cup Love: On The Trail Of Family, Food, And Broken Hearts In China



Synopsis

From the author of *Fresh off the Boat*, now a hit ABC sitcom, comes a hilarious and fiercely original story of culture, family, love, and red-cooked pork. Eddie Huang was finally happy. Sort of. He'd written a best-selling book and was the star of a TV show that took him to far-flung places around the globe. His New York City restaurant was humming, his OKCupid hand was strong, and he'd even hung fresh Ralph Lauren curtains to create the illusion of a bedroom in the tiny apartment he shared with his younger brother, Evan, who ran their restaurant business. Then he fell in love - and everything fell apart. The business was creating tension within the family; his life as a media star took him away from his first passion - food; and the woman he loved - an All-American white girl - made him wonder: How Chinese am I? The only way to find out, he decided, was to reverse his parents' migration and head back to the motherland. On a quest to heal his family, reconnect with his culture, and figure out whether he should marry his American girl, Eddie flew to China with his two brothers and a mission: to set up shop, to see if his food stood up to Chinese palates - and to immerse himself in the culture to see if his life made sense in China. Naturally, nothing went according to plan. *Double Cup Love* takes listeners from Williamsburg dive bars to the skies over Mongolia, from Michelin-starred restaurants in Shanghai to street-side soup peddlers in Chengdu. The book rockets off as a sharply observed, globe-trotting comic adventure that turns into an existential suspense story with high stakes. Eddie takes listeners to the crossroads where he has to choose between his past and his future, between who he once was and who he might become. *Double Cup Love* is about how we search for love and meaning - in family and culture, in romance and marriage - but also how that search, with all its aching and overpowering complexity, can deliver us to our truest selves.

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Customer Reviews

I would rate it a 3.5. I really enjoyed reading Fresh Off the Boat. Double Cup Love focuses more on his cooking, his brothers, the food and cooking in China, his friends/people he meets in China, and of course relationships. What bothered me in Fresh Off the Boat is that he writes exactly as how he would talk. That is no different in this book. Now that can either be a good thing or bad thing for you. For me, it bothered me a bit only because maybe I'm not used to all that slang. He has a lot to say and I enjoyed reading it, but sometimes I felt he jumped from one subject to the next and then back to it again. Overall a great read if you are a fan of Eddie Huang, love food and have a sense of humor.

I wasn't even going to review this book but then it kinda bugged me when I started reading other reviews and saw so many that clearly don't "get it" that Eddie isn't some family-friendly sitcom writer. I loved Fresh Off the Boat (the book!) and was pretty skeptical about the TV show taking off until I saw how much they got it twisted, and was not a bit surprised to hear about his reaction to it. I'm not focusing on that topic here though -- still loved that book, and I DO genuinely like Eddie Huang's writing style, all of the slang and "foul language" included. I think it's authentic and refreshing and for me it's pretty funny and easy to follow. However. I've gotta be real and admit that I just didn't really enjoy Double Cup Love. It took me several weeks to finish what should have been a two-day read because I just kept getting kind of bored with the endless descriptions of quite similar sounding dishes. I felt like this book touched on so many things without ever really getting down to business. On the topic of his relationship, especially, I just didn't "see it"...it seemed like there were tons of details and anecdotes missing or edited out that made the impact of the story practically nil. It was like someone telling me how they fell in love with a guy because he had blue eyes, smelled nice, and loved a band they also loved. I'd be like, "Oh yeah? That's too bad". Boring! Maybe it's just me. I dunno. Three stars is about as high as I can go.

I don't think this book was as clear and crisp as the first one, but Eddie even stated that this. Felt this book is kinda like a contractual obligation. He brought it together and as a Chinese America I can relate to a lot of it. Eddie brought it together his way... my generation's Amy Tan, Eddie is building out his own brand, look forward to his next work.

I loved the honesty and humor in Huang's writing. Great book, I do recommend! His show Huang's World on Vice Channel is also a great show and will bridge any background gaps.

If you read *Frwsh off the Boat*, then you know what to expect. If not, you might find the book profane and hard to follow. Eddie Huang does a great job examining identity, culture, family and love, albeit in a hip hop fashion. It's a wild ride and I'm looking forward to the inevitable 3rd book.

As a Chinese American, this book really hits the spot. I love how Eddie writes and describe his story. I can relate to a lot of what he has gone through, and definately enjoy all the twists and exciting experience that Eddie has gone through.

I really enjoyed the book as well as his first. both are great reads.

Powerful and funny and human. It geeks amazing to read the story of a misfit who finds himself in the most remarkable of ways: by looking back and looking inward. And making delicious food. :)

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