

## DAD HATES MY BOYFRIEND

I've been seeing my boyfriend for over a year and our relationship is fantastic. We get along beautifully and have a great deal in common. This man gives me love, support, understanding, and companionship. He is the man I have been waiting for

all my life. There is, however, one problem: My parents hate him. Though my mother struggles to be civil to him, my father won't allow his name to be mentioned in the house. I myself trying to work this out and am having very little success. When holidays come around my boyfriend is never included. This puts me in an awkward position because when I don't attend these functions I hurt my family. His family is wonderful to me, and they enjoy having me around. I plan to marry this terrific man, but I'm terrified about what the wedding will be like under these circumstances. My parents need to know how much they are hurting me and the person I love.

## **Questions:**

- 1. How long have they been seeing each other?
- 2. What is wrong with their relationship?
- 3. Does her mom hate her boyfriend?
- 4. Is he usually invited to their home on holidays?
- 5. What about his family? Do they like her?
- 6. Can you blame parents who are strict with their children in choosing their friends? Why or Why not?