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 Reader: Judy Schuler
 Rating: 4 Hearts

Shoko and Mutsuki got married to get their parents off their backs. Shoko suffers from depression and is mentally unstable. Mutsuki is gay and has a lover. What kind of marriage can these two make? Does it have a chance of success? What about children? Shoko's parents want to be grandparents. Neither set of parents knows about the problems of the in-law child. Shoko wants it that way, but Mutsuki is beginning to think honesty might be better.

The challenges these two very different people face and how they meet them makes for an enthralling novel. Ms. Shimokawa captures the characters deftly and makes us root for this unconventional marriage to succeed. Twinkle is an excellent literary novel. We give it four hearts.