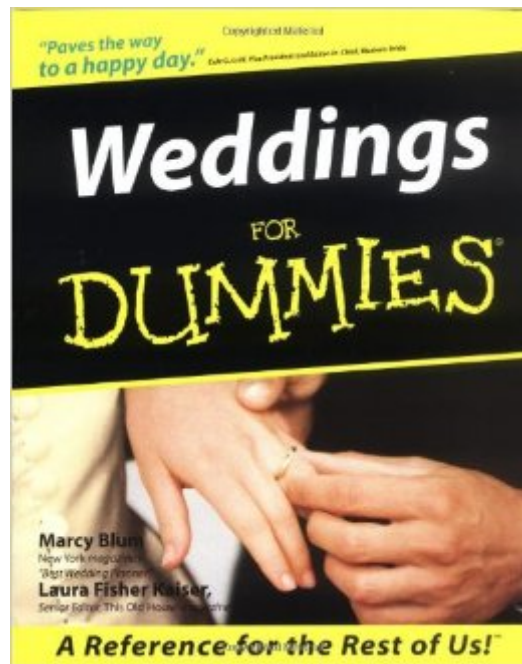


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# Weddings For Dummies (For Dummies (Lifestyles Paperback))



## Synopsis

A wedding, whether it's a quiet civil ceremony in a judge's chamber or a pull-out-the-stops spectacle, requires equal parts planning, diplomacy, and nerve. After all, of the three most profound rites of passage—being born, getting married, and dying—getting married is the only one a person might have any say in or be able to remember once it's over. The whole thing can seem overwhelming at times, but do not freak out. This is not another book filled with strict rules of "weddi-*qu*ette" or ways of having the perfect wedding. Its mission is to demystify the scary stuff and provide an antidote for befuddled brides, anxious grooms, and frenzied parents and family. Weddings For Dummies is also for those who are planning: Engagement parties Bridal showers A wedding involving children An interfaith ceremony Renewing your vows This book can be picked up at any stage of your wedding plans. Rather than laying out a strict chronology, the authors have organized this book according to what makes sense. A wedding can be two years or two months in the making. Either way, success depends on thinking through every detail before slapping down one red penny. This easy-to-understand guide covers the following topics and more: Getting organized with timelines and to-do lists Choosing your locations Choosing the members of your wedding party Planning a meaningful ceremony Selecting music and entertainment Interviewing caterers Decorating with flowers, lights, candles, and more Finding a photographer The marriage license and other technicalities Wedding traditions from around the world Saving money (and your sanity) There is, generally speaking, no single right way to plan a wedding. What makes you and your intended happy is the right way for you, and this book is designed to help you create your dream wedding to fit your budget and timeframe. Congratulations!

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## Customer Reviews

I had four months to plan a wedding for 200 guests (my fiance insisted that we do it soon because he didn't want me to wait until next summer to do it), so I had four months to stress instead of twelve. My fiance also would not give me any direction ("If I were to plan it, I would let an Elvis impersonator marry us in Vegas"), and I was working full-time as well. I read those Budget Brides books, but who has time to scavenger hunt for the cheapest dress? I needed some basic help...and fast. I found *Weddings For Dummies* \*extremely\* helpful because I didn't know where to start. This book told me when to contact the photographer, videographer, and reception place, and it gave me tips on questions to ask. The book was an easy--and fun--read. The pictures were gorgeous; I loved what they did with the flowers. After my wedding, I gave this book to a friend who was getting married in the Carribean; she even forwarded it on to another friend!

As a magazine editor who covers the gift book trade, I see all forms of wedding guides. I found this one to be the most helpful, however, because not only does it cover every conceivable detail a bride must consider in planning her big day, the information is nicely organized into different chapters (cake, flowers, caterer, dress, etc.) for easy referencing. Even better, within each chapter, paragraph-length tidbits are marked with icons symbolizing messages such as "Caution!" or "Plan Ahead!", definitely an aid to those dealing with short attention spans or high levels of stress.

While I wouldn't say that this book is the most complete book for planning a wedding, I do feel it is a great starting point. Its hard trying to figure out where to start once you're engaged and this book is really helpful because it helps point you in th edirection of where to start. Also filled with great, relatively simple yet elegant ideas for your wedding.

I loved it. It was so informative, funny and helpful that I breezed through the wedding to the envy of all my friends. I have never found a book to be so helpful,easy to read and now give it to all my friends. There was nothing that this amazing book didn't cover. I can't recommend this book highly enough. It's the best.

I thought this was a good deal like a lot of the wedding books I bought for my recent wedding. It has

lots of cool ideas and much good information on wedding planning. What it \*lacks\* (like so many other books) is \*any\* sense of proportion: the sense that most brides are working with a limited budget and have limited time that they are willing to devote to the wedding planning. Come on--for most of us it's a wedding, not the invasion of Normandy! Perfectionistic princesses have enough wedding planners. What we need is one for the rest of us. The only book of that type I've seen is "Weddings for Grownups," which I DO unconditionally recommend for all brides.

I read this book recently while trying to plan my own wedding, and came away with very little useful information. The authors have no sense of perspective or proportion; for many of us, planning a wedding is something we do on top of a full-time job and a full-time life, not something we do instead of having a life. In addition, many of the chapters emphasize a lot of small and largely useless details - do I really need to fret about matching the stamps on my invitation and RSVP envelopes? - instead of pointing out that the details which make a wedding memorable are variable, and depend on each couple. This is another wedding guide that promotes the "more is more" philosophy, urging brides (but never grooms) to spend money if they're unsure about some aspect of the ceremony and reception. Unfortunately, the book does little to help a prospective bride or groom harness their taste and resources and use them to plan a memorable wedding. Those who are looking for a sane guide on planning a wedding are better served by buying "Weddings for Grownups."

Weddings For Dummies is the only guide you'll need to making your big day perfect. The authors have a sensible approach and they provide all the details and tricks of the trade that would take a lifetime of wedding planning to learn. If that wasn't enough, the material is presented in a easily accesible format and with enough humor to keep things in perspective. A great gift for the bride (or groom) to be. Get an extra one for the parents. They'll thank you for it. You will get a big return on your investment in this book. I practically wore the covers off of mine.

No pretty cover and no pretty pictures which may be considered marketing suicide for a wedding planning book. But yet this one wedding planning book is jam packed with information! This information is written to a diverse readership with various wedding budgets. Budgets dictate one's priorities and one's priorities determine which information is useful and which is useless. Here is a wealth of information for brides to decide for themselves how they want their Wedding Day to be! I have been professionally photographing weddings for 19 years and have been called upon for

planning advice and even directing weddings. I'm now providing Weddings for Dummies to all my clients. My clients are happier and I'm spending more time dealing with their photography needs.

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