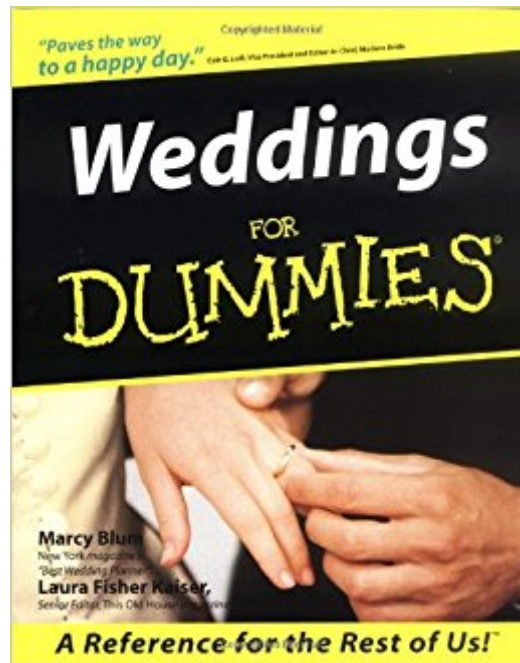




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Weddings For Dummies (For Dummies (Lifestyles Paperback))



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

It's hard to imagine any wedding detail that could have escaped inclusion in the pages of *Weddings for Dummies*. How to build a chuppah, how to anchor a comb in the bride's hair, who dances with whom and when--everything you ever wanted to know about getting hitched is right here.

Fortunately, Marcy Blum and Laura Fisher Kaiser aren't afraid to give an opinion or two (there's a list of "Ten Tacky Temptations We Beg You to Resist"), but most of the information is entirely nonjudgmental. It's best to have a much-married older sister plan your wedding, but if you have to do it yourself, this is the perfect book to tell you how.

"Paves the way to a happy day." Cele G. Lalli, Vice President and Editor-in-Chief, *Modern Bride* "No one knows wedding planning like Marcy Blum." Ed Koch, former Mayor of New York City Praise for *Weddings for Dummies*® "Planning made simple — even fun; from invitations to reception, and everything in between." —In Style "Weddings For Dummies … tells us all we need to know about the subject. Ms. Blum … coordinated nuptials for the Rockefellers, Kyra Sedgwick and Kevin Bacon." —Liz Smith, *Newsday* "Puts a fun and funny twist on planning a wedding while providing sage advice and proven methods." —Atlanta Constitution Packed with inspiring drawings and color photos Ready to give up and head for Las Vegas? Let *Weddings For Dummies*® come to your rescue! Filled with expert advice from New York's premier wedding consultant, this unique guide unveils everything you need to make your wedding day a success. Discover how to: Create your wedding-day schedule Scout the perfect location Design your own invitations Plan your reception like a pro Select a caterer and create a memorable menu Stick to your budget without skimping Get smart! www.dummies.com

This does not go in chronological order of what to do when you get engaged. It skips all over the place. Some parts seem outdated as well; it leans traditional in terms of etiquette (who does at-home cards?!!) and is definitely for the more mainstream bride. Overall not the most helpful book by any means. Just go on blogs!

It certainly covers a lot of ground, evenly and fairly concisely. I am an older male and I read a lot, but knew absolutely nothing about weddings. My partner suggested I buy the book, wise woman. If you

are a man and feel trepidation around this largely female undertaking, read this book, and read it well. It is up to date and as a core virtue is not attached to selling you something you do not want or cannot afford. It only asks that you be satisfied and happy with your informed choice. Besides covering the rather effete items such as dress, and who goes where when, the nitty gritty on prenups, how to handle the caterers and who gets paid when, are also included. Read it again as the wedding details and decisions start to fall into place and you will be of some help to yourself as well as her. Occasionally you will be asked what you think. Occasionally you will have to weigh in to save your sanity. These things do need planning input by guys, and it's a life learning experience - for most of us pleasantly, I hope! If you put yourself out of the loop, you really are a dummy. Together you actually can do it, and this is a good exercise.

Really helpful! As the first in my family to have a "real" wedding and only being in my 20s, I felt a little lost and overwhelmed. It walks you through everything, from how much to tip vendors to invitation etiquette to wedding traditions of different religions and cultures. Definitely made me feel like I had a handle on wedding planning and could breathe a little easier.

When I was planning my wedding, I worked at one of the largest, most popular wedding planning web sites so I obsessively planned my wedding. I literally read 50+ wedding planning books. This was the best one overall and whenever my friend gets engaged, this is the book I buy for them. It has everything you need to know from the start of your engagement to your perfect honeymoon. Etiquette, questions to ask your vendors, checklists, all the little details we tend to overlook, etc. I highly recommend this book for anyone planning the perfect wedding.

This book was a life saver to me as I planned my wedding . It covers everything that you can think of from invitation etiquette, to wedding ceremony set up, to how plan your reception. I found this guide to be indispensable! It offers loads of sound advice, direction, and suggestions--it gets down to the specifics like what the difference is between a Pomander bouquet versus a Nosegay bouquet, or how to set up a Chuppah etc.. The authors give fantastic advice on how to handle all kinds of tough wedding situations and dilemmas. For those that have no clue and not the foggiest idea of where to begin to those that have a good amount of wedding know how-- this book will be an enormous amount of help!

I bought this book as a joke for a recently engaged high school friend that always had an

instructional book for everything while we were growing up. Turns out it is an invaluable resource full of great information. Can you plan a wedding without it? Absolutely, but this will prompt you to plan ahead for many of the little things that always pop up at the last minute!

This book had everything that most wedding books are missing: Examples! It shows examples about how the wording of your invitation is supposed to be, the wording for wedding programs, how to treat your out of town guest, and more. I don't think this book tells you how to save money but how to plan a wedding. I have tons of budget wedding books but a lot of them do not cover the items that this book covers. I am extremely happy with this purchase!

After spending months of watching television shows, reading magazines, browsing online, attending bridal shows and reading other books, I found this book and I LOVE it. If you're planning your own wedding, and can't afford a wedding planner, this book is fantastic. It has TONS of details, large and small, on how the typical wedding works right down to the order of who walks down the aisle when depending on what type of ceremony you're having, and nice personal touches you can add to your wedding (if you choose to) like using matching stamps on your invitation and RSVP envelope. If you don't have time to plan every detail of your own wedding, maybe you should be hiring a wedding planner so you don't have to worry about the small stuff, but if you're doing it yourself, this has a TON of useful info. It will tell you what elements are traditionally included, and then you can modify them to your own tastes. I've been leaving sticky notes on pages I want to refer to later, and for my wedding with under a \$10,000 budget, I have about 50 sticky notes in the book, and I'm not even done reading yet!

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