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The Wedding Book: The Big Book For Your Big Day



Synopsis

It's the wedding bible: the most complete, lively, handholding, step-by-step guide to help every couple have a perfect wedding—no matter their budget, taste, or personalities. Celebrity wedding planner Mindy Weiss covers everything: announcing the engagement, and what to do when someone isn't happy about the news; creating a budget; the pros and cons of destination weddings. Drawing up the guest list; planning the ceremony (and how to personalize your vows); menus to inspire; contracts and wedding insurance. Shopping for the dress, six great hairstyles, tuxedo vs. dinner jacket, the etiquette of invitations. Style tips for flowers, the tabletop, linens; a cake that says "you"; the crucial "Sixty Days Until I Do"; rehearsal dinner strategies; plus freezing the cake and preserving the bouquet. Today the average cost of a wedding is \$25,000—at \$22.95, The Wedding Book is the smartest investment a bride-to-be could make.

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Customer Reviews

I'm glad I bought this book, because it really is COMPREHENSIVE. She details things like what to eat the week before your wedding, what kind of eye shadow works well in different lighting situations, good arm exercises, as well as the normal things about how to word invitations and things like that. In the introduction, she says that what she set out to do was to put all of the information any bride would need in ONE place. I think she does a really great job at that. But if you're having a non-traditional, DIY, or lower-budget wedding, this won't be the only book on your bookshelf. Two things to note: 1. This book prepares you for traditional weddings, assuming you'll be hiring a florist, makeup artist (though she does give other options), and things like that. That said, people who want non-traditional or DIY weddings shouldn't be put off, though, because she has

plenty of wisdom about things that will still be relevant to you, and it's all in one spot. I've read a lot of wedding books at this point, and this one is the most complete.² This book won't help you if you're trying to work on a smaller budget (under \$15,000). For budget help, I can't recommend enough is *Bridal Bargains: Secrets to Throwing a Fantastic Wedding on a Realistic Budget*, by Denise and Alan Fields, which is the best book out there for it. (You might need to find the most recent edition). But "Bridal Bargains" isn't sufficient; you probably need a book like this one, too.

I had read other reviews of this book on here that called it stuck up and not realistic for a bride on a budget. Being one myself, I was turned off and decided that the book would not be worth it for me. However, after hearing a number of other people talk about this book with nothing but glowing reviews, I decided to give it a shot. I am SO glad that I did! This book covers every single aspect of a wedding, top to bottom & start to finish, and the advice contained therein is useful for a wedding being planned on a \$5k budget or \$50k. The authors cover every aspect of the day- announcing your engagement, invitations, catering, music, photography... everything!- but they never pressure you to spend a certain amount or say that one option is better than the other. Instead, they present you with ALL of your options, including some cultural or religious points you may not have thought of, in order for you to make a fully informed and thoughtful decision. They also include lots of helpful charts and indexes in the back regarding seating, budgeting, lists of questions to ask vendors before you book them, etc. I would definitely recommend this book to anyone involved in the planning of a wedding!

I am the type of girl who loves to educate herself on anything new going on in my life. Any new endeavor I consider trying, I need to buy 20 books on the subject beforehand! I was the same way when I got engaged. I went online and made a list of about 30 books (ridiculous, I know!) that I planned to buy about weddings. I purchased a wedding planner and then this book. As soon as I got it I threw away my list of other wedding books to purchase (I may end up purchasing one of those books of lists, though, simply because I am a list-aholic). This book really does have it all! Granted, Mindy Weiss is used to planning weddings of a certain caliber and not all of the information may be geared toward you specifically. Most of the information in the book (and there is a lot of it, this book covers EVERYTHING) is general and not specific to "fancy" or "celebrity" weddings, though. All in all, it's fun to read and extremely informative. She includes drawings of different dress styles, different tuxedo styles, etc. The best thing about this book is that it covers absolutely everything wedding-related and you can use what you need and just consider yourself well-informed regarding

the rest. Happy Wedding Planning!

While I appreciated the information in the book, if you are considering a medium to small event then this is not the book for you. The author specifically states that weddings of around \$5,000 can not be done and look good. This is a good book if you are going extravagant, but not if you are looking for simple.

I bought this book as a gift for my fianc   (mostly so she would stop bugging me to get it for her). I actually read some of it too and really found it helpful. The book even had some sections geared towards guys which I thought was kinda cool - especially the list of what to stock the bar with and the different types of suits to wear since that's all I will get a say in anyway.

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