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*Framing the Bride*  
Columbia University  
Press

A lavish wedding marries two of the most sacred tenets of American culture - romantic love and excessive consumption. This work offers a look at

the historical, social and psychological strains that come together to make it the most important cultural ritual in contemporary consumer culture.

*Celebrate Everything!*  
Routledge

Your wedding day is a unique opportunity to show the world just who you are as a couple. The Knot Yours Truly helps you

envision your celebration—from the big decisions like venue to the small stuff like escort cards—and show off your particular style. Chock-full of fresh ideas for your ceremony, centerpieces, wedding cake, *The Knot's Yours Truly* also includes 20 craft projects for personalizing your day. From invitation embellishments to a macrame leash for your four-legged ring bearer, this book has everything you need for the most extraordinary day.

### **Indianapolis Monthly**

Grand Central Publishing  
For the 2 million monthly followers of powerhouse wedding blog [StyleMePretty.com](http://StyleMePretty.com), the major mainstream hit

with serious indie cred (think Domino meets Etsy meets Martha Stewart Weddings), and for all brides looking for fresh new inspiration, editor in chief Abby Larson offers an eagerly awaited, entirely unique, and gorgeously photo-rich wedding resource. Joyful, love-filled weddings are created with the details that make the couple unique. These touches—letter-pressed table cards with a pet bulldog cameo; a chandelier to which the bride and groom tied hundreds of colorful ribbons; a photograph of the bride's grandparents fastened around her bouquet—elevate a beautiful day into a deeply personal, unforgettable celebration. *Style Me Pretty* has become a

go-to destination for planning your own ecstatic wedding. Now, the founder of this beloved site, Abby Larson, offers this gorgeous resource, which includes:

- Abby's step-by step guide to determining your couple style, gathering inspiration, and threading it through each element of the celebration • 17
- never-before-seen Real-Life Weddings—with details on all their special and handcrafted touches, and advice from the brides • 5
- Style Blueprints to help you custom-craft your own Classic, Rustic, Whimsical, Modern, or Al Fresco wedding, from paper goods to the cake • 15
- Do It Yourself projects, such as glittered vases, linen favor bags, and

dip-dyed ombré napkins Full of lively and oh-so-lovely ideas, and more than 250 photographs, this swoonworthy volume will help you distill the wide world of wedding inspiration into the most meaningful, utterly original day you can imagine.

*Bridal Guide (R) Magazine's How to Plan the Perfect Wedding...Without Going Broke* Clarkson Potter

Four talented women, one glossy wedding magazine: life should be as perfect as a bridal catwalk... right? Lucky Quinn writes up weddings for one of the hottest bridal magazines. And it wasn't easy to get there. From humble beginnings, she outsmarted her way into the center of New

York's glamorous magazine industry – making up for her background with a sharp mind, whip-thin physique, and ceaseless ambition. Then, in one day, her life is utterly transformed; two of the magazine's major competitors fold, and Lucky is named Editor-in-Chief, replacing the formidable, but aging Grace Ralston, who had been at the magazine's helm from day one. Grace taught Lucky everything she knows, but now it seems that she taught her too well... As the ripples of Lucky's promotion spread, the intricate lives of four women begin to unfold. Felice, Your Wedding's elegant and unshakeable Art Director is now being shaken for the first

time by troubles at home. Sara, the Fashion Director, is famed for her eagle eye for fashion trends and exquisite hair. But, for all her know-how, "the Angel of Bridal" has never come close to starring in a wedding herself – she's picked the dress, but where's the groom? Grace, recovering in the wake of her sudden, humiliating fall from power, must learn to accept herself – and love – after a life dedicated to fulfilling other women's dreams. And, through it all, Lucky begins to discover just how lonely the top really is. *Equally Wed* Univ of California Press Detailed fashion guide containing illustrations and information about wedding wardrobes and etiquette from the

1880s to 1908. Also featured are authentic bridal advertisements from magazine greats such as Delineator and Ladies Home Journal. 270 illustrations plus special doll bridal wardrobe pattern pullout for 22-inch (56cm) dolls.

In the Hands of Fate  
Grand Central Life & Style

An exquisite collection of nearly 400 iconic, inspirational wedding photographs of royalty, models, artists, actors, musicians and designers who have appeared in Vogue through the magazine's storied history. Showcasing the work of legendary photographers such as Cecil Beaton, Patrick Demarchelier, Jonathan Becker, Norma Jean Roy, Mario Testino, Irving Penn, Arthur

Elgort, Richard Avedon, Helmut Newton, and Annie Leibovitz, Vogue Weddings transports you to a myriad of romantic settings around the world, from storied castles, palaces, and cathedrals, to weddings by the sea or in the countryside. Here are the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge in London; Sofia Coppola and Thomas Mars in Italy; Kate Moss and Jamie Hince in the Cotswolds; Lauren Bush and David Lauren at the RRL Ranch in Colorado; Marina Rust and Ian Connor in Maine; Lauren Davis and Andrés Santo Domingo in Cartagena, Colombia as well as such iconic photos as Bianca and Mick Jagger in the car after their wedding in St. Tropez. A chapter

on models' weddings includes portraits of Natalia Vodianova, Coco Rocha, Maggie Rizer, Stella Tennant, Lara Stone and Cindy Crawford among others in their own wedding dress choices. *Vogue Weddings* also features behind-the-scenes details from Hamish Bowles; personal wedding stories from Mario Testino, Plum Sykes, Marina Rust and Sarah Mower; and fashion portfolios created by the magazine's editors of bridal photo shoots, many including couture.

[The Complete Book of Jewish Weddings](#)

Palgrave Macmillan  
 "Do not be misled by the title of this book. It is a study of Taiwan's bridal industry but it is also a fine ethnography of marriage in

contemporary urban Taipei. With great subtlety, Bonnie Adrian shows us how much marriage in Taiwan has changed and how many of the old ways it has retained. She does so with wit and humor."—Margery Wolf, author of *A Thrice-Told Tale: Feminism, Postmodernism, and Ethnographic Responsibility* "Faced with the puzzle of the ubiquitous bridal photography in Taipei, Bonnie Adrian has produced a model ethnography of media-saturated contemporary life. Ethnographically adventurous, analytically smart, and warmly human, this book cleverly unpacks the ways women's canny choices in Taiwan are forged at

the intersection of everyday worlds of inter-generational tension, fantasies fed by a keenly competitive local culture industry, and global imagery tied to the transnational beauty industry. Unlike many who work on globalization, Adrian has not lost sight of the ways that gender and family are still at the heart of people's social worlds and women are not victims."—Lila Abu-Lughod, author of *Veiled Sentiments and Writing Women's Worlds*

### **One Perfect Day**

Macmillan

Bridal magazines have become increasingly popular in Western society, proliferating the idea of a 'princess bride' on her 'big day'. Yet little has been written on how the

ever-expanding wedding media and the popular wedding culture constructs gender and affects the ways women live and experience their weddings. Offering a critique of contemporary wedding discourse, this book marries together analyses of media texts and their reception to propose a new approach to media discourse. The analysis richly illustrates how women are invited to embrace not only the stereotypical idea of bridal femininity but also a consumptive way of experiencing it. Through examination of brides' accounts of their 'big days', the book observes the imprints of the popular gender imagery on their self-portraits and self-narratives, and

describes the women's diverse approaches to them. Based on insights from gender and critical discourse studies, sociology and audience research, this exploration illuminates the ongoing debate on 'media and gender' and its methodological approaches.

**Brides, Inc.** Springer  
Offers a detailed cultural history of weddings in America from 1945 to 2000, exploring the political, social, economic, and demographic events that influenced the traditions and cost associated with weddings in the post-war years.

### **White Weddings**

Knopf  
By and large, most wedding books in the market are still centered around one bride and one groom.

And yet, the advent of full marriage equality in the United States has made a new, polished wedding planning book dedicated to guiding LGBTQ couples both timely and essential. Kirsten Palladino will fill that need with this definitive book to inspire couples everywhere who are seeking a meaningful, personal ceremony and a momentous beginning to legally married life. Equally Wed brings author Palladino's expertise as the founder and editorial director of the world's leading online resource for LGBTQ wedding planning to the page. Palladino walks readers through every step of the notoriously costly and arduous planning process with wisdom



and accessibility. From how to incorporate hot trends among LGBTQ couples to advice on how to incorporate children into a ceremony to more serious hurdles like dealing with homophobia among family members, Equally Wed has it all. The author importantly includes an accurate picture of wedding budgets for couples from all backgrounds, and shares her invaluable insider tips for making the most of each vendor; she also addresses fashion advice specific for LGBTQ readers, such as suiting up as a nonbinary newlywed or attending fittings as a butch lesbian or a transgender woman. And best of all, she does it with the celebratory, joyful

approach that all couples deserve. With a beautiful 2-color package, a total absence of heteronormative terms and assumptions, and a wealth of advice on every wedding-related topic imaginable, Equally Wed is set to be the go-to LGBTQ wedding guide just as every couple is finally free to wed.

Modern Bride Complete Wedding Planner Univ of California Press Drawing on 15 years' experience of designing wedding flowers for royalty and celebrity clients, with Wedding Flowers Paula Pryke guides you through planning the floral arrangements for your own wedding day. Beginning by helping you choose a theme for your wedding, Paula then looks at each

element of the day in detail. She shows how different flower types and colours can be used to create an overarching theme, and how blending seasonal choices with cultivated flowers can help achieve your chosen look. From the reception centrepieces and ceremony flowers, through the bridesmaids' and other attendants' accessories, to the bridal bouquet itself, Paula helps you find the style that is perfect for you. The bridal bouquet is a key part of the bride's outfit and Paula devotes an entire chapter to looking at this in detail. She shows how to match the bouquet shape and colour scheme to the bride's dress and accessories, using a series of case studies

in modern and traditional styles. Throughout the book, exquisite photography shows the fine details of each arrangement, while the text describes exactly which flowers you need to recreate any of the bouquets featured within. In subsequent chapters Paula has tips on designing flowers for the bridal party to compliment the bouquet, including planning decorations for child attendants. She gives a host of ideas for embellishing entrances, pew ends and chair backs to create a beautiful overall effect and shows how flowers can help your reception to sparkle, with the simplest of floral napkin rings or the most elaborate of buffet table focal

points. Finally, for those readers who wish to contribute to the event themselves, a series of step-by-step arrangements are included, demonstrating how to recreate some of Paula's most popular wedding flower designs. With Paula Pryke to guide you, your wedding day is guaranteed to be one to remember.

Girls Cambridge Scholars Publishing Advice and inspiration for the wedding of your dreams from Neil Lane, celebrated "Jeweler to the Stars" In this gorgeous book, Neil Lane guides couples through the process of selecting and refining their own wedding aesthetic. Rich photography highlights six key wedding styles: romantic, lavish,

modern, elegant, rustic, and vintage, with Neil's personal take on what makes each style distinct and how couples can turn their big day into something uniquely and very decidedly their own. Neil's insight and advice will encourage and inspire—from how to determine personal wedding style and what to look for in a reception venue, to the basics of stationery and how it sets the tone for a wedding, to selecting centerpieces, bouquets, and boutonnieres. He has many years of experience working with engaged couples and shares everything that's needed to execute one of the most important days of their lives. Beautifully finished with foil

accents, *Style Your Wedding* with Neil Lane makes the perfect gift for you, or for any couple dreaming of their walk down the aisle.

**Bride's Guide to Freebies** University of Pennsylvania Press  
In this fascinating work, Louise Purbrick offers an alternative analysis of contemporary domestic consumption. She investigates the ritualized presentation of objects upon marriage, and their subsequent cycles of exchange within the domestic sphere. Focusing on gift-giving in Britain from 1945 to the present, comparative context is provided by material from North America and Europe. Presenting new material on the enactment of

exchange relationships within everyday domesticity, the book makes significant historical, theoretical and methodological contributions to the analysis of contemporary consumption. It also re-evaluates consumption theory as well as examining the methodology of recent studies in consumption and domesticity, pressing for a more rigorous approach to the use of case studies. By considering how the specific contexts in which consumption occurs, such as married domesticity, can limit possible versions of selfhood, *The Wedding Present* tests the assumption that consuming creates individual identities. Thus, the book argues, consumption cannot be

isolated as an explanation of individual or social formation.

*A Christmas Miracle for Daisy Warner Books (NY)*

Astutely observed and deftly witty, *One Perfect Day* masterfully mixes investigative journalism and social commentary to explore the workings of the wedding industry—an industry that claims to be worth \$160 billion to the U.S. economy and which has every interest in ensuring that the American wedding becomes ever more lavish and complex. Taking us inside the workings of the wedding industry—including the swelling ranks of professional event planners, department stores with their online registries, the retailers

and manufacturers of bridal gowns, and the Walt Disney Company and its Fairy Tale Weddings program—New Yorker writer Rebecca Mead skillfully holds the mirror up to the bride's deepest hopes and fears about her wedding day, revealing that for better or worse, the way we marry is who we are.

*Bridal Guide (R) Magazine's How to Plan the Perfect Wedding...Without Going Broke* Rowman & Littlefield

It is the aim of this edited volume to take a hard look at gender and visual culture. Gender and visual culture traverse in quite unique and often fascinating ways. On the one hand, gender functions as an interdisciplinary

approach and critical tool to analyse and investigate several subject fields. As such, gender contributes to establishing a much-needed theoretical and functional platform spanning across many fields of enquiry from where gender practices can effectively be critiqued and ideally changed. On the other hand, the growing popularity and ubiquity of visual culture in a global context create the increasing need to reflect on and interrogate this phenomenon in an academic manner. Although Visual Culture Studies is an established subject at many Northern institutions, it is fairly new and relatively under-theorised in the South. In response to the growing need to

investigate issues dealing with gender and visual culture and particularly how they creatively intersect, this selection of chapters (first presented as papers at the Taking a Hard Look: Gender and Visual Culture international conference, 20-21 June 2007, Institute for Gender and Women's Studies, University of Pretoria, South Africa) are collected here in the hope to make a purposeful contribution to the burgeoning discourse. However, by addressing the creative intersection between gender and visual culture this edited volume is no novelty. In fact, the topic of gender and visual culture has been addressed over the past decade in several

edited volumes. It is in this proud tradition that this book aims to take its place and to create a dialogue with international theory on gender and visual culture studies from a South perspective. Key questions that are explored in the volume: What type of gendered visual culture is being presented and created in the South particularly (but not exclusively)? How is visual culture gendered? Can one refer to a move beyond gender in terms of a trans-gendered visual culture or are we still caught up in the same debilitating role models? How does one address the ever-increasing alienation between gender studies and the younger generation of students and scholars

moving into higher education? What is the role of gender as interdisciplinary tool in the academic analysis of visual culture as it spans across several subjects, such as science, social work, technology, psychology, medicine, philosophy, sociology, engineering, communication, economics, religious studies, business management, anthropology, geography, historical studies, cultural and media studies, visual studies, art history and literature studies?

**Reading Bridal Magazines from a Critical Discursive Perspective**

Routledge

"Filled with fascinating details about the art world and colorful real-life characters, this

novel may appeal to historical fiction fans who enjoyed Natasha Solomons's *The House at Tyneford* and Tatiana de Rosnay's *Sarah's Key*."--Library Journal An exquisite, haunting exploration of the complex mind of Marc Chagall through the eyes of his daughter -- great for fans of Mrs. Poe and *The Paris Wife* Beautiful *Ida Chagall*, the only daughter of Marc Chagall, is blossoming in the Paris art world beyond her father's controlling gaze. But her newfound independence is short-lived. In Nazi-occupied Paris, Chagall's status as a Jewish artist has made them all targets, yet his devotion to his art blinds him to their danger. When *Ida* falls in love and Chagall

angrily paints an empty wedding chair (*The Bridal Chair*) in response, she faces an impossible choice: Does she fight to forge her own path outside her father's shadow, or abandon her ambitions to save Chagall from his enemies and himself? Brimming with historic personalities from Europe, America and Israel, *The Bridal Chair* is a stunning portrait of love, fortitude, and the sharp divide between art and real life. "Only Gloria Goldreich could write a novel so grounded in historical truths yet so exuberantly imaginative. *The Bridal Chair* is Goldreich at her best, with a mesmerizing plot, elegant images, and a remarkable heroine who...will remain with



you long after the last page."--Francine Klagsburn, Jewish Week columnist and acclaimed author of *Voices of Wisdom* "In prose as painterly and evocative as Chagall's own dazzling brushstrokes, Gloria Goldreich finely evokes one of the most significant masters of modern art through the discerning eyes of his] loyally protective daughter."--Cynthia Ozick, award-winning author of *Foreign Bodies*

**Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give** Citadel Press

Everyone dreams of the perfect wedding... And for nearly seven decades, *Bride's* magazine has been the leading authority on the subject, with advice that is both practical and

sympathetic to the needs of the bride, the groom, their families and friends. Now in a completely revised edition, *Bride's Book of Etiquette* offers the most up-to-date information on engagement and wedding planning, and realistic solutions for any problem that couples may encounter. In this trusted classic, you'll find out: How to draw up—and pare down—the guest list How to word invitations for every circumstance How to get his family to share wedding expenses, and who pays for what Where to seat divorced parents, and how to make sure they'll get along How to dress the bride, groom, mothers, and bridal party at every hour for every type of

wedding Contemporary ideas for a long-weekend wedding, a destination wedding and more How to handle last-minute glitches, include children in a second wedding, and answer the tough question: "Am I invited to the wedding?" Registering on the Internet, the dos and don'ts Updated etiquette for a second wedding The new honeymoon rules—romantic trips in today's world  
*Bridal Guide Magazine's New Etiquette for Today's Bride* Tule Publishing - This is the third book in Bridal Guide's wedding series. How to Plan the Perfect Wedding...Without Going Broke! was published in 1/03 and has gone back to press three times. How to

Choose the Perfect Wedding Gown was published in 2/04. - There are over 2.5 million weddings per year in the US, and women everywhere need advice on wedding traditions. This guide answers all the customary etiquette questions and also tackles the thornier, more modern problems today's bride faces. - Bridal Guide is the #1 bridal magazine for female readers 18-34. Editor in Chief Diane Forden is highly promotable, and has appeared on Good Morning America, the Today shows, and E! Style, among others. The magazine is committed to in-magazine advertising and bridal market promotions, including launch parties, tie-ins with advertisers,

contests, and bridal fashion shows.

**Bride's Book of Etiquette** St. Martin's Griffin

Seven essays celebrating the beauty of the imperfect marriage. We hear plenty about whether or not to get married, but much less about what it takes to stay married. Clichés around marriage—eternal bliss, domestic harmony, soul mates—leave out the real stuff. After marriage you may still want to sleep with other people. Sometimes your partner will bore the hell out of you. And when stuck paying for your spouse's mistakes, you might miss being single. In *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give*, Ada

Calhoun presents an unflinching but also loving portrait of her own marriage, opening a long-overdue conversation about the institution as it truly is: not the happy ending of a love story or a relic doomed by high divorce rates, but the beginning of a challenging new chapter of which "the first twenty years are the hardest." Calhoun's funny, poignant personal essays explore the bedrooms of modern coupledness for a nuanced discussion of infidelity, existential anxiety, and the many other obstacles to staying together. Both realistic and openhearted, *Wedding Toasts I'll Never Give* offers a refreshing new way to think about marriage as a brave, tough,

creative decision to stay with another person for the rest of your life. "What a burden," Calhoun calls marriage, "and what a gift."

*The Wedding Present*  
Penguin

Every bride wants to feel beautiful and wants to have her dress express the essence of who she is. Now choosing the perfect thing to wear on that special day is easier than ever!

Drawing on his experience as fashion director at Kleinfeld Bridal, Randy Fenoli has written a guidebook bursting with insights and inspiration for helping

brides-to-be determine what story they want their dress to tell. It's All About the Dress covers: -Suggestions on flattering cuts, fabrics, and styles for every body type -Price ranges and budget -Trains, veils, headpieces, undergarments, and accessories -Insider secrets on managing the bridal dress appointment -Options for bridesmaids, mother of the bride, and more! Featuring 100 inspiring photos plus invaluable tips on how to deal with bridal dress 911's, It's All About the Dress is the ultimate sourcebook no bride-to-be should say "I do" without!