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Something New: Wedding Etiquette For Rule Breakers, Traditionalists, And Everyone In Between



Synopsis

WEDDING MANNERS FOR MODERN TIMES FROM THE ETIQUETTE EXPERT FOR THE POPULAR WEDDING WEBSITE INDIEBRIDE In *Something New*, etiquette columnist Elise Mac Adam tackles every wedding question, from the frivolous to the frightful, demonstrating how etiquette is designed to make people feel comfortable and offering a road map for how to behave in any sticky situation...even how to deal with people who, themselves, could use a little remedial etiquette assistance. Mac Adam offers easy cheat sheets for the rules of traditional comportment, elaborates on ways to manipulate or jettison traditions to suit your modern life, and -- using real-life case studies -- shows etiquette at work in practically every nuptial-related circumstance, including:

- What do you do if your best man is dog phobic and the ring bearer is your bride's Alaskan malamute?
- HOW MANY BRIDAL SHOWERS IS TOO MANY?
- HOW DO YOU COMPOSE AN INVITATION THAT MENTIONS ALL OF YOUR PARENTS AND STEPPARENTS?
- CAN YOU DECLINE THE HONOR OF BEING A BRIDESMAID AND PRESERVE YOUR FRIENDSHIP?
- CAN YOU REGISTER FOR PRESENTS IF YOU ELOPE?
- WHO IS IN CHARGE OF THE REHEARSAL DINNER GUEST LIST?
- WHAT IS THE PROTOCOL WHEN ONE FAMILY DRINKS (A LOT) AND THE OTHER DOESN'T (AT ALL)?
- CAN YOU HAVE A CHILD-FREE WEDDING?
- WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOUR HOSTS FORGET TO INVITE YOUR WIFE?
- DO YOU HAVE TO INVITE YOUR BOSS?

Exploring the nuptial maze from every angle, *Something New* demonstrates how everyone involved with a wedding (and even people who are left out) can use etiquette to suit his or her needs -- for better, never for worse.

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Customer Reviews

This book was very helpful in justifying my feelings that my wedding day is my day and my fiance's day and that I don't need to obsess about pleasing everyone. Ultimately, you can't make everyone happy. It's all about minimizing the future grief from family and friends by approaching things diplomatically and knowing what you absolutely are unwilling to budge on. The book was well-written and humorous (very important when you've forgotten how to laugh due to unruly in-laws-to-be). I was hoping for more insight into some of the traditions surrounding weddings, though many traditions were included.

I loved this book because it is exactly the voice of wisdom you need when you're planning a wedding: smart, down-to-earth, funny (but never flippant) and--while respectful of wedding traditions--by no means beholden to them. At a time when weddings have more potential than ever to become surreal, this book is a great way to keep your footing. It's utterly modern, in that it acknowledges frankly all the weirdo issues that come up (a dog as a best man? a bridesmaid who grew too fat for her dress?), but is grounded in an understanding that the rules of etiquette still apply whether you want to go formal or free-form. And, furthermore, that etiquette is not a punishing, restricting set of conventions, but time-tested guidelines that really do make everyone's wedding experience more comfortable. I particularly liked the "Dear Elise" questions from real people that end each chapter...they have a wonderful "oh my god, what are they going to ask her next?!" quality that is quite suspenseful. And the advice is terrific.

I wish I had this book when I planned my wedding. Elise MacAdam's advice will help brides cut through all of the conflicting and outmoded advice about wedding rules and etiquette so they can focus on planning the wedding that's right for them, not the one that would make Emily Post happy. Elise tells you all about the rules so you can decide which ones you want to ignore or break. I think this will be my go-to engagement present for friends from now on.

This book is a great help to brides everywhere. I liked the different suggestions and the traditional information. It works for both my daughter (creative but traditional) and future daughter-in-law (creative but quirky).

I bought this for a friend because the #1 thing I had to look up during wedding planning was etiquette for certain situations. I think this is a great guide that covers a ton of issues - but isn't so traditional and proper that you won't find it relevant.

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