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How to get hitched, without a hitch... The Rough Guide to Weddings

Planning the dream wedding can take months of preparation, from booking the venue to finding the perfect dress and organising the hen and stag dos - and that's before you've got to the table plans and speeches. Keep your inner Bridezilla or grumpy groom under control and get your wedding planning off to a flying start with *The Rough Guide to Weddings*, packed with everything you need to know from popping the question to the big day itself.

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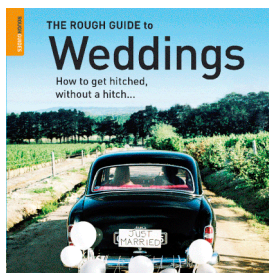
- Budgeting and practicalities, including credit-crunch-busting tips.
- How to handle emotional curveballs, from mutineering bridesmaids to cold feet.
- “Green” weddings, Civil Partnerships or getting married abroad.
- Real-life anecdotes and tips from recent brides and grooms.
- Advice on everything from designing invites, to asking your parents for money.
- A groom's perspective - how and why to get involved in the wedding.

The no-play list – 6 songs NOT to pick for the first dance....

- **“Every Breath You Take” by The Police** - Believe it or not, this is a popular first dance song. Sung from the perspective of a creepy obsessed stalker, this track suggests a restraining order isn't far down the line.
- **“I Loved Her First” by Heartland** - One of the more popular selections for the daddy–daughter dance, this supposedly loving ode comes across as a thinly veiled warning to the new son-in-law.
- **“I Will Always Love You” by Whitney Houston** - Usually associated with undying love and devotion, Whitney's enduring ballad is actually about a love that can never be.
- **“You're Beautiful” by James Blunt** - Unbearable falsetto aside, this is a classic example of getting lost in the chorus: Blunt's pop poison is about never, ever, being with the person you might possibly love, after having only really caught a glimpse of her.
- **“Let's Stay Together” by Al Green** - Everyone loves Reverend Al, but this song might be a little more pleading than it is reaffirming. A borderline choice you could probably get away with.
- **“Butterfly Kisses” by Bob Carlisle** - About a father's struggle to accept that his innocent little girl has, at this exact moment, transformed into a woman.

ABOUT THE AUTHORS

Former brides and grooms Nadine Kavanaugh, Ruth Tidball, Peter Buckley and Sean Mahoney have all survived wedding ceremonies in the last 5 years (though not to each other...) and felt it was high time to share their wealth of knowledge.



NOTES FOR EDITORS:

*Rough Guides have the pleasure of inviting you to witness the union of no-nonsense practical advice with sound emotional guidance in the long awaited **The Rough Guide to Weddings** 1st February 2010.*

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