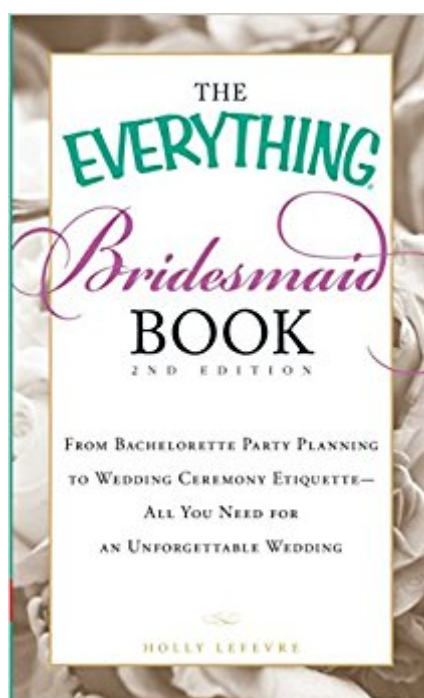


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# The Everything Bridesmaid Book: From Bachelorette Party Planning To Wedding Ceremony Etiquette - All You Need For An Unforgettable Wedding (Everything®)



## Synopsis

The first edition of The Everything® Bridesmaid Book has sold more than 60,500 copies. Includes a new chapter on de-stressing the bride (and bridesmaids!), as well as updated information on nontraditional weddings, cost information, budget-minded ideas for hosting parties, and more. Everything® wedding titles have sold more than 1.5 million copies! Who plans the bridal shower? Does the dress have to be ugly? How much will all of this cost? Today's bridesmaids are finding their brides expect lots of help and enthusiasm when planning the big day. This is the perfect handbook for bridesmaids looking for practical advice on their integral role in the wedding. Featuring no-nonsense, updated information on how to:

- Help her find the perfect dress
- Keep the bride calm on her big day
- Throw an unbelievable bridal shower
- Make a memorable toast to the happy couple

From knowing the proper etiquette to handling any and all responsibilities, this is the one guaranteed go-to resource for bridesmaids. With The Everything® Bridesmaid Book, 2nd Edition, they'll help plan a wedding to remember--and have fun doing it!

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## Customer Reviews

I got this today, it appeared smaller than I had expected, unfortunately. the book seems very helpful but when I opened it, the binding is cheaply made, and had already started to let loose on some of the pages. I do like how helpful the stuff is, I'm just afraid i will be picking up pages soon, and it won't even last the entire year of the planning period for my Best Friends Wedding...

great item

My sister liked it but said a lot of it was common sense. Still, she found it to be useful.

Great guide, if you a 1st time maid of honor. I love it, read it in 2 day. Very helpful.

I'm a little wedding obsessed, so I feel that i knew most of the information that was in the book. But I think this is a great read, would make a great gift from a bride wanting to "ask" a friend(s) to be bridesmaid(s).

Love that this book gives guidelines and lists so that every member of the bridal understands their duties and expectations.

PLEASE do not "gift" this to your bridesmaids. That shows up a bride as a greedy person whose friendship comes with a price tag attached: "You're a bad friend if you don't do these things for me." The title of "bridezilla" didn't come out of nowhere. Kicking a maid out of your wedding if she can't/doesn't do these things is also a guaranteed way to end the friendship. These books and "lists of duties" should be taken with a HUGE grain of salt. I don't know much about the writer, but I suspect she's either got ties to the wedding industry, or was hoodwinked by industry-sponsored websites. Weddings are a huge industry, and everyone wants a piece of the pie. Dress shops, shoe stores, jewelers, cosmetic technicians, hair salons....anyone who can grab a piece of the industry pie. These people have a financial interest in making the bride believe THIS! IS! THE! MOST! IMPORTANT! DAY! OF! YOUR! LIFE! and it's all about her. They want her friends to believe they're bad friends if they don't purchase matching dresses, shoes, purses, evening wraps and jewelry, and host and expensive shower and bachelorette party. See where I'm going with this? The tradition of bridesmaids is rooted in superstition. A bride's friends accompanied her to church to protect her identity from watching demons, so they couldn't curse her marriage. Over time it evolved into a way

to honor special friends and relatives - the folks you wouldn't dream of making this milestone stop in life unless they're by your side. THAT has not changed. Bridesmaid does NOT mean "bride's maid." They are chosen - or SHOULD be - to honor special friends, not to get a free staff. God invented the professional wedding coordinator for brides who need help planning and working their weddings, since modern weddings are no longer planned by the bride's family as part of a parental duty. Showers and bachelorette parties are a GIFT, \*not\* a right. No one is ever entitled to have a party hosted for them at someone else's time and expense. Usually the wedding party hosts a shower, but this is certainly not REQUIRED. The guru of REAL etiquette, Judith Martin aka Miss Manners, says so as well. Think about it: Do you want your wedding party beside you because they are your dearest friends and relatives, or to be fussed over and get free wedding worker bees? Telling a bridesmaid she has duties, and is a bad friend if she can't do all the things suggested in this book, is a good way to get everyone to decline to be in the wedding. Not everyone can do all this. A bride could also end up disappointed and hurt because her friends mistakenly believe they have all these "duties" and decline her invitation to be in her wedding. Working your wedding is not an honor to the friend. It's a convenience to the bride. A considerate bride never, never loses sight of the fact that her bridesmaids are her friends. It's great if your wedding party OFFERS to help, and it's just fine to take advantage of their offer. It's wrong to EXPECT it. Ask your fiancé if you need help with the wedding. After all, you're marrying him, not your bridesmaids. Sorry, but this is bad advice, and the etiquette advice is false. Get Miss Manners instead.

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