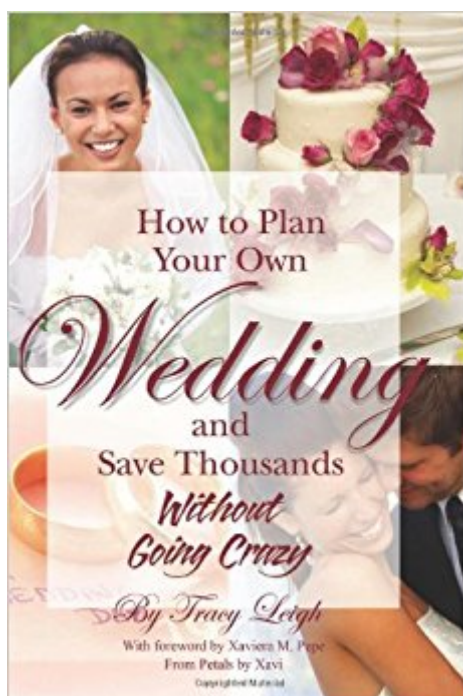


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# How To Plan Your Own Wedding And Save Thousands - Without Going Crazy



## Synopsis

Congratulations! You are getting married and want a beautiful, memorable event, yet you need to stick to a tight budget. Don't despair! There are hundreds of proven ways to have your dream wedding without breaking your budget. The average cost of a wedding in the United States is approaching \$30,000, a 73 percent increase since 1992, according to a recent study. What's astonishing is how quickly all the other smaller expenses those you don't immediately think of add up. The stationery, invitations, announcements, thank-you notes, postage, make up, hair stylist, limousines, menus, and so on, not including the cost for an engagement party, rehearsal dinner, gifts, honeymoon, engagement ring, and bridal consultant or wedding planner. Just imagine what you could do if you could save \$30,000 as you start out your new life together. Whether your budget is \$1,000 or \$50,000, in this easy to read and comprehensive book you will learn hundreds of simple ways to cut down on your wedding expenses without serving a roomful of guests hamburgers and hot dogs at your reception. Reducing your wedding costs doesn't have to mean plastic forks and pitching a tent on your aunt's front lawn. This new book will teach you hundreds of insider secrets to nip the overcharges out of your wedding budget. The author tackles invitations, facility, catering, gifts, bar-liquor, tables and chairs, decorations, napkins, centerpieces, flowers, limousine, dishes and glasses, music, candles, photography, videographer, ring pillow, linens, guest favors, tents, dance floor, cake, matches, place cards, thank you notes, and dozens more. Atlantic Publishing is a small, independent publishing company based in Ocala, Florida. Founded over twenty years ago in the company president's garage, Atlantic Publishing has grown to become a renowned resource for non-fiction books. Today, over 450 titles are in print covering subjects such as small business, healthy living, management, finance, careers, and real estate. Atlantic Publishing prides itself on producing award winning, high-quality manuals that give readers up-to-date, pertinent information, real-world examples, and case studies with expert advice. Every book has resources, contact information, and web sites of the products or companies discussed. This Atlantic Publishing eBook was professionally written, edited, fact checked, proofed and designed. The print version of this book is 288 pages and you receive exactly the same content. Over the years our books have won dozens of book awards for content, cover design and interior design including the prestigious Benjamin Franklin award for excellence in publishing. We are proud of the high quality of our books and hope you will enjoy this eBook version.

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## Customer Reviews

How to Plan Your Own Wedding and Save Thousands Without Going Crazy is indeed an awesome, step-by-step how-to book that assists brides and grooms in making their wedding a memorable occasion instead of a financial burden. As a wedding consultant, after reading this book, I found it to be a great research tool for brides, as it gives couples basic knowledge about wedding planning.

Tracy, job well done! --Michelle Flores Wedding Consultant, Flore' Events, NY 212-920-9234

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I was looking for a wedding planning book that would help me save money without sacrificing the style of my special day. This book, and the reviews, made it seem like this would be the book for me. Sadly when I received it I found that all (and I mean ALL) the information and tips in the books were things I had already done or just plain common sense. I guess I might be type A in that sense. For example, she mentions that you should "comparison shop", and for me that was a no brainer. This book didn't present me with any new information that I hadn't already thought of. I ultimately

returned this book because I didn't find it useful. That said, if you're not a planner like me (I had my wedding planning binder put together within 4 days of getting engaged) this book could offer some useful tips and tools for you. If you're looking for interesting ways to make your wedding your own without breaking the bank I would suggest "Your Wedding Your Way" by Sharon Naylor. It walks you through do's and don'ts of planning your day your way and how to communicate that to your parents and vendors while also saving money and time.

This is the perfect DIY wedding planning book. It provides examples and different methods to make the planning stress free. It ensures that you are able to budget without feeling overwhelmed. It also recommends different ways to save on your wedding. With the average cost of weddings being \$35K, this is the perfect book to read and implement the information into your own planning.

This book provides every detail of what you will encounter as you begin to plan your wedding. As a consultant for wedding planning on a budget, I encourage brides and grooms to review this book and then reach out to me for services that will make the best time of your life, even better.

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As a bride-to-be, I have read multiple books on planning and saving money. My fiancé and I are trying to squeeze every penny, while still having a memorable event for ourselves and our guests. I have found that many of the money-saving tips in wedding-planning books are often impractical or more hassle than they are worth in the end. Tracy Leigh's book, *How to Plan Your Wedding and Save Thousands (Without Going Crazy)*, let me know that sometimes it's okay to do things myself--like making favors, arranging flowers, baking a cake, creating invitation or decorating. Not everything needs to be done by a professional. The Web sites she provides are invaluable--it's hard to find good discount wedding Web sites because any bridal vendor wants you to use their recommendations. The helpful lists and checklists can be copied and handed out to members of a wedding party, or anyone else who may be helping you plan. The concise language makes an easy-to-use guide for each person involved, while still keeping everything interesting. Leigh's questions for each vendor hit on topics I would have completely overlooked--she reminds readers that you can't assume a vendor knows exactly what you want, and you can't assume they have what you want. If you're on a tight budget for your wedding, you NEED this book. If you have an unlimited budget, read it anyways. Some of the personal touches you can create for your special

day are perfect for everyone on any budget.

This practical book describes how to plan a wedding. The author, Tracy Leigh, empathize the idea of setting an overall budget and individual item expense budgets ahead of time as a task that will keep your wedding budget on plan. This guide is very well written and researched especially to a bride who is a novice at wedding planning. Christian and Jewish wedding traditions are mentioned in areas such as wedding ceremony planning. Wedding details that include location, catering, wardrobe, entertainment, flowers and accessories give the reader a sense of options to choose from. Advice such as to how to choose the size, formality level, method, location, photographer, invitations and music are in this guide that also includes online wedding vendor contact information. Tracy Leigh used resourcefulness to help the reader select wedding apparel that would be elegant, yet affordable. The idea of renting tents, dresses or other supplies can save money for their special day. This book contains options for very stately, elegant weddings, more informal weddings or justice of the peace officiated ceremonies.Â Â How to Plan Your Own Wedding and Save Thousands: Without Going Crazy

This book is a very comprehensive guide to planning your own wedding. The checklists are great and help keep you focused on what is important and when things need to be completed. The author covered questions to ask vendors, which is helpful in discovering hidden fees. She also mentions the best ways to save money and gives great advice for budgeting your wedding. Both traditional and nontraditional styles are covered in this book, so it should fit into almost any bride's style of wedding. Tips for searching for more information and helpful websites (including discount websites) are included and were a great help. Every aspect of planning a wedding is covered--styles and fabrics of wedding dresses are even described. This book even offers tips for what style dress is best for your body type. I love that the book is both a cost savings guide and a guide to general wedding planning. Whether you have a large or small budget, this book will help you plan a great wedding while sticking to your budget. The organized bride will love this book. The order of the chapters, the checklists, the lists of questions to ask are all great tools to keep on track. Those brides that balk at organization should do their best to follow this guide, although they might feel some details are overkill. My only complaint is that the case studies, although helpful to hear advice from experts, were a bit long and sometimes repetitive. I would recommend this book to any bride wanting to plan her own wedding.

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