

Bridal Bargains: Secrets to Throwing a Fantastic Wedding on a Realistic Budget

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By Amy McGheeI was skeptical when I first read about this book, because I was afraid it was another one of those guides with money-saving "tips" like how to sew your own wedding gown or bake your own wedding cake--things that are not at all practical for me given my limited free time and even more limited "crafty" skills. However, I decided to give it a try, and I'm really glad I did. For me, this book was primarily a "how to not get ripped off" guide. At the beginning of our engagement, my fiance and I agreed on two things: to pay for our wedding ourselves, and to stick to our wedding budget. Although there really is no way to have a "cheap" wedding (and you'll be disappointed if that's your goal when buying this book), it does provide invaluable information on how to get the most for your money and avoid common pitfalls. The section on wedding gowns alone made it worth the money I spent on the book--very eye-opening! Although the authors do provide information on my two dreaded topics (sewing your gown and baking the cake), they wisely do not rely on these tactics to help you remain within your budget. Instead, they provide a variety of strategies for minimizing your costs and more importantly, getting the best value for your money. The most helpful portions for me were their suggestions on how to identify the best vendors in each category, and how to rule others out. I wouldn't recommend this book as a complete wedding planning guide, but it nicely complements a more general wedding planning book by providing the nitty-gritty details you don't always get from other sources.
5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. So helpful, even for a natural bargain-hunter
By Trillium03As a natural bargain-hunter and former event planner (not weddings, but other types of social events), I was skeptical about how much this book could save me. I thought I already knew all the tricks and pitfalls of the event industry, and already knew all the ways to save (use a sheet cake behind the scenes, print your own invitations, etc.). But I was amazed and pleasantly surprised at how much I DIDN'T know! You can RENT a wedding cake?! Wedding flowers are a DIY option?! This book not only gave me great money-saving tips, but also gave me a lot of other information about wedding basics. It also provides a list of great questions to ask your vendors to avoid potential pitfalls and hidden costs. When I bought this book, I was also worried that this book would provide a list of ways to save money by cutting corners, therefore resulting in a "cheap" wedding (like buying your decorations at the Dollar Store). Not at all. This book provides information on how to save money, even if you're ordering engraved invitations and fancy floral centerpieces. This book is well worth its cost and I would highly recommend it to any bride, extravagant or conservative budget, that doesn't want to be taken to the cleaners by the bridal industry.
0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. The best advice for getting wedding value!
By LindyLouMore than any other wedding planning book I bought, this book really gave my daughter and I all the information we needed to understand how to get the best value for every wedding decision. With the advice given here, we were able to sidestep several potential messes and be confident we were asking all the right questions and getting the highest value for our dollars spent. Well worth the purchase!

Bridal Bargains is the best-selling book on weddings in the United States, showing thousands of brides, grooms, and beleaguered families how to have an affordable wedding. In this newly expanded edition, readers will find current, comprehensive information on keeping this important event reasonably priced and fun. Using a simple, informative list format, the book includes such topics as how to save on bridal gowns and wedding pictures; three costly myths about wedding catering plus seven delicious trends in affordable wedding cakes; twelve creative ways to save money on flowers; how to negotiate the best deal on a ceremony and reception site; who offers the best buys on elegant invitations; plus many money-saving tips on wedding videos, entertainment, and party favors. Detachable checklists with questions for prospective vendors help keep things organized. This new edition includes 101 new tips to personalize a wedding, how to get married abroad, reviews of new bride couture, and more.

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