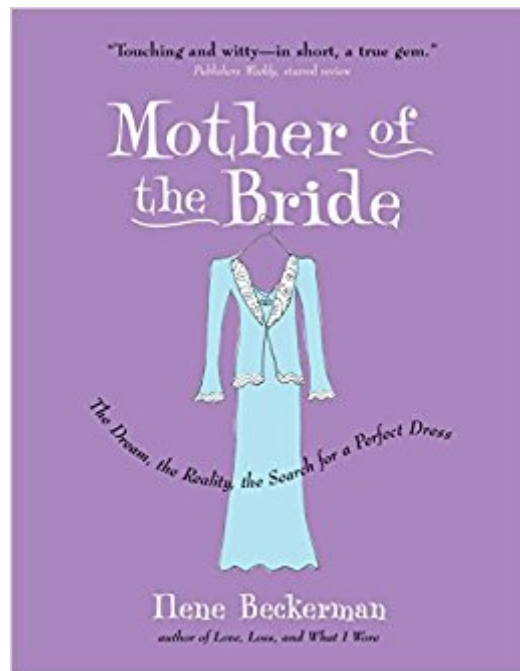


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# Mother Of The Bride: The Dream, The Reality, The Search For A Perfect Dress



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As the mother of a recently engaged daughter (my first, so this is very new to me!), I’m heading for the bookstores and the libraries to read up on how to plan a wedding. In the midst of books about what the maid of honor’s duties are, lists of lists, pages of worksheets, and tomes about every single thing that a successful wedding...There stands a small pink book that has a cover illustration which communicates as succinctly as the subtitle “The Dream, the Reality, the Search for a Perfect Dress.” This book is 156 pages long, but can be read in an hour or so (including time to linger over illustrations and time to laugh some hearty laughs and shed a few tears). Ilene Beckerman is not only the author of this book, but its illustrator as well. And that’s part of the beauty of this book; the drawings are so perfectly entwined in the text. It’s a rare and very special author who can have you

laughing one second and crying the next - especially when the author doesn't use a lot of words! Ilene succeeds beautifully in this wonderful combination. From the book: "What do five girls - one short, one tall, one buxom, one flat, one who gave birth a month ago - have in common? A bridesmaid's dress they all hate." Throughout the book, Ilene zigs and zags from telling about planning her daughter's wedding to writing about her daughter as a little girl and their very special relationship during her grown-up years. In a world where way too many people can't wait for their children to grow up and leave home, this type of writing is both poignant and refreshing. Here's a letter that the author wrote to her daughter as the wedding grew nearer "I never knew before I had you that I could love anyone so much.

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