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How To Have A Big Wedding On A Small Budget



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Customer Reviews

Hopefully the more recent editions of this book have more accurate prices. Otherwise, it is an invaluable reference for anyone who is on a very strict budget. Note that this is not a book about how to save a little money. It is most useful for the under \$5000 budget range, with ideas for do-it-yourself, rental and other very low-cost options. If you want to work with a consultant, use full-service vendors, and not do a lot of work, this isn't going to help you much. But for those with extremely low budgets, it is probably the most useful book published.

The previous review is a bit harsh. To be fair, the book has a number of different price categories with suggestions on how to achieve them. You can go for the full boat and they give great high end suggestions. You can also cut corners in places and they have those suggestions as well. I didn't go for a foam cake, but if you don't care about the cake why the heck not? If it saves you money and you have a great wedding, who care? And as for using amateurs: florists, photographers, DJ's, etc., they are very clear about getting recommendations and checking out their work BEFORE hand. Saving money means putting in extra work, that is the deal.

While reading this book, I couldn't help but think that the first line should have been "if you're looking at this book in a bookstore, put it down and try to find it at your local library". Almost all the rest of the advice in the book is like that. Much of it is really clever. Some of it is downright tacky. However, I'm certain that just about all of it will save you money, just as the title boasts.

I checked this book out at my local library and decided to buy it. I agree with some of the other reviews that some of the suggestions are tacky. I think most people wouldn't rent their wedding dress or use a fake wedding cake, but hey to each his own. While some of the ideas are tacky, there really are some great ideas in here. Specifically, I liked the first chapter that talks about how to make your own wedding organizer. There are many great suggestions, definitely for the \$5000 or less, DIY type weddings. You may want to check this book out first to see if you like it. I personally really liked this book and it is really well written.

I paid ten bucks so..... It had information that I may not have thought of on my own, although I thought it lacked some specific ideas. Also photos would've been nice. Maybe of a few weddings that had been planned using it, etc...

This book is an EXCELLENT companion while planning your wedding. It gives wonderful suggestions for cutting cost without cutting the elegance of your wedding.

I've used this book twice to plan my children's Bar Mitzvah festivities. Not all the ideas are suitable, but many are and help the planner get out of the rut of what "everyone does." Basically, reading this book helps you think in a new and creative way. So, for the same price as balloons, for our next kid's luncheon, I'm going to carry through with a "trees" theme and for example, rent ficus trees (\$15 - \$20 each) for the buffet tables which will also be used in the sanctuary to decorate the front of the synagogue before the luncheon. More bang for the buck. It also works that "Trees" figure in the Torah (Bible) portion that my son will chant that Saturday. I think the result should be elegant and a breath of fresh air in dreary March. Why not use some hand-me-down clothes -- some other boy's outgrown, once-worn Bar Mitzvah suit tailored to fit my kid? Or borrow friend's indoor plants to decorate my house that weekend? Or hire a high school kid who is a piano virtuoso to play music at the house? The book gives a good organizing scheme and has lots of ideas from which to pick and choose.

Most of the advice in this book was pretty repetitive... Basically every item you need for your wedding you can either: buy full price, buy discount, rent (no thanks, I don't want to rent my wedding dress), have someone make for you, or make yourself. There, I saved you the cost of the book. Also the whole book just seems really dated and reflects wedding trends reminiscent of the 80s and 90s with lots of white lattice/wicker, crazy fashion and just not very elegant. Some good tips, but nothing

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