

My Day As A Bridesmaid

"An entertaining beach read... [and] a nice way to provide your besties with reading material for the bachelorette weekend."—Lauren Conrad

WHAT DO A FORMER FASHION MODEL, AN EX-NUN, AND A FRAT BOY HAVE IN COMMON? VIRTUALLY NOTHING, EXCEPT THAT EACH HAS EXPERIENCED A UNIVERSAL RITE OF PASSAGE: BEING A BRIDESMAID. Each year 11 million bridesmaids lead their best friends down the aisle. Most wear matching dresses, and nearly all have a thing or two to say about the bride. In this uproarious oral history, editor and journalist Eimear Lynch offers us an intimate glimpse at the moments the wedding photographer failed to capture. From the accidental bridesmaid who helped sew the bride into her "designer" gown to the tomboy who struggled to carry Princess Diana's twenty-five foot train, *The Bridesmaids* lifts the veil on the Big Day. Opening with her own experiences as a five-time 'maid, Eimear gives us stories that are by turns heartfelt, funny, scandalous, and sometimes downright strange. An ode to the good, the bad, the strapless chiffon, and the occasional three-piece suit—and, above all, to the supporting actresses and actors who wore them—*The Bridesmaids* is a colorful walk down the aisle that you won't want to miss, and the perfect companion for every bridesmaid-to-be.

Best man Rafe Cameron's feelings are aroused all over again at the sight of Ally Kinross, so amazingly beautiful in her bridesmaid's dress.

This time he's determined not to give in to them. They loved one another passionately five years before, but Ally needed to escape the Outback and pursue her dream of a career in Sydney. Realizing that what they had is more important, Ally has come back to win Rafe's love again, challenge him to risk his pride and his heart--and maybe, just maybe, persuade him to lead her up the aisle.

She's a professional bridesmaid... Who's suddenly reunited with her ex! Gina Bongino was almost a bride—but she said no. Now she works as a professional bridesmaid, providing brides with whatever they need on their big day as discreetly as possible. Shane Callaghan, however, is anything but discreet. After ten years, he's now raising his niece and making wedding cakes...for the exact same wedding Gina is working!

'Bursting with heart' Lindsey Kelk 'Filled my heart with joy' Paige Toon Sophie Breeze is a brilliant bridesmaid. So brilliant, in fact, that she's made it her full-time job. As a professional bridesmaid, Sophie is secretly hired by brides to be their right-hand woman, ensuring their big day goes off without a hitch. From wrangling rowdy hen dos to navigating last minute portaloo cancellations, there's no problem she can't solve. So when she's employed by an actual Marchioness to help plan the society wedding of the year, it should be a chance for Sophie to prove just how talented she is. Of course, it's not ideal that the bride, Cordelia, is rude, difficult and determined to make Sophie's life a nightmare. It's also a bit inconvenient when Sophie finds herself drawn to Cordelia's posh older brother, who is absolutely off limits. And when a rival society wedding is announced, things get even more complicated . . . Can Sophie pull off the biggest challenge of her career, follow her heart and maintain her reputation - all while keeping her true identity hidden? _____

Everyone is talking about *The Secret Bridesmaid* 'Total escapist fun!' *Fabulous* magazine 'An absolute treat' Katie Marsh 'Will have you laughing down the aisle' *My Weekly* 'Vivid and heartwarming . . . a fun, fresh romantic comedy' Holly Miller 'A unique, hilarious spin on wedding mayhem' *Publishers Weekly*

The billionaire bachelor's baby! When party planner Eliza Dunne meets billionaire Jake Marlowe at a wedding, she decides to finally give in to the sparks that have always fizzed between them! The connection is so intense that Jake can't resist Eliza—but with the divorce only just final after his unhappy marriage, he's not ready for anything serious. But when Eliza tells him her shocking news—she's pregnant with his baby!—he

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has one certainty: he wants to be at the center of his new family, as a husband and father...

A laugh-out-loud look at the most underrated supporting role in today's maxed-out wedding world, featuring "bad bridesmaids" who've had enough taffeta to last a lifetime I just can't have any negative energy around my wedding." This is what Siri Agrell's best friend told her just before kicking her out of the wedding that Agrell had spent many months—and dollars—preparing for. Her offense? It's not that she slept with the groom, or even the best man. She didn't get drunk at the shower. She didn't buy the cheapest casserole dish on the registry. But she did question the role of today's much-maligned bridesmaid in an article she wrote for a national newspaper. Despite the bags of fan mail the piece generated, the bride was not amused. Agrell was booted from the bridal party in favor of a similarly sized cousin—and no, she did not get reimbursed for the \$100 gold shoes she'd already bought to match the bridesmaid dress. Now she's putting all that experience and fan mail to good use: like no other book on the market, *Bad Bridesmaid* is a hilarious tale of weddings gone wild, full of anecdotes and advice from women worldwide, and the perfect gift to get former, current, and future bridesmaids ready for action (or therapy). It's time to give the bridesmaid back her voice, her independence, and the natural waistline that has long been hidden under layers of responsibility and badly constructed tulle!

My day as a bridesmaid is a beautiful record of a very special day. This book filled with beautiful Victorian illustrations and with spaces for pictures and comments, it is simple and fun to complete. For further publications in the range visit www.busybags.biz

Every bachelorette party has a surprise... Angie Lawson is in *Bridesmaid Hell*—if Hell was a strip club filled with screaming women in stilettos. But her night's about to get a whole lot worse. Now her ex-boyfriend is standing right in front of her—every sexy, delicious inch of him—and Cole Foster isn't the kind of guy that any woman can just ignore.... Cole's working undercover, but he certainly wasn't expecting the intimate reminder of the wicked heat that he and Angie always shared. But when the maid of honor—silver stilettos and all—is knocked unconscious, Cole realizes he needs Angie's help to get into the bridal party. And if getting there means getting her in bed, too, then he's definitely the best man for the job!

In the tradition of Sloane Crosley, Mindy Kaling, and Katie Heaney, a hilarious and insightful memoir about one New York City Millennial's journey to find herself, her dream career, and true love, all while juggling a truly unique job as the world's only professional bridesmaid. *Previously published as *Always a Bridesmaid (for Hire)* After moving to New York City in her mid-twenties to pursue her dream of writing—and not living on the “Upper East Side” of her parents' house anymore—Jen Glantz looked forward to a future of happy hours and Sunday brunches with her besties. What she got instead were a string of phone calls that began with, "Jen, I have something exciting to tell you!" and ended with, "I'd be honored if you would be my bridesmaid." At first she was delighted, but it wasn't long before she realized two things: all of her assets were tied up in bridesmaid dresses, and she herself was no closer to finding The One. She couldn't do much about the second thing (though her mother would beg to differ), but she could about the first. One (slightly tipsy) night, Jen posted an ad on Craigslist advertising her services as a professional bridesmaid. When she woke up the next morning, it had gone viral. What began as a half-joke suddenly turned into a lifetime of adventure for Jen—and more

insight into the meaning of love than she was getting from OKCupid—as she walked down the aisle at stranger after stranger's wedding. Fresh, funny, and surprisingly sweet, *Always a Bridesmaid (For Hire)* is an entertaining reminder that even if you don't have everything together, you can still be a total boss—or, at the very least, a BFF to another girl in need. When her starlet sister makes Dodie her bridesmaid, she becomes determined to drop at least two dress sizes for the wedding—a daunting task given her insatiable addiction to chocolate. Fortunately for Dodie, her best friend is the manager of a resort hotel renowned for its ability to slim down the rich and famous. But when a twist of fate makes Brad Morgan—a man more tempting than even chocolate—her live-in personal trainer, Dodie finds herself burdened with a whole new addiction! This work is originally colored.

Getting noticed by the gorgeous best man is every bridesmaid's dream. Especially if he's her old crush. Lucy McKenty knows she should be wary of Will Carruthers. All she wants is to finally settle down and have a family—and that's a far cry from this globe-trotting wanderer's life plan.... Caught up in the swirl of confetti and romance, Lucy finds herself in Will's arms. Discovering she's pregnant thrills her—but is Will going to stay to meet his baby?

How to be the Perfect Bridesmaid: a) Smile and pretend to love your horrible dress. b) Be patient as your best friend turns into Bridezilla. c) Do not fall for the groom! Thrilled to be Bella's bridesmaid, Zoe throws herself into her duties. But meeting the groom himself, stop-and-stare-sexy Kent Rigby, ruins everything.... What happens when you find the man of your dreams and he belongs to someone else?

This unexpected reunion with you is the beginning of my miracle... As all her friends begin settling down, Eliza takes a vacation to think about her future. At the airport she meets Jake, a wealthy, world-famous playboy. She'd met him six months ago at her best friend's wedding, and though they'd hit it off then, she never heard from him again. After their chance reunion, Jake invites Eliza to his villa, and she surrenders herself to a sweet affair with him. Can this girl with a painful past enjoy a miraculous future?

THE STORY: In this hilarious comedic romp, four friends have sworn to keep the promise they made on the night of their Senior Prom: to be in each other's weddings...no matter what. More than thirty years later, these Southern friends-for-life are still making

This time a bridesmaid... Dodie has just been asked to be chief bridesmaid at her sister's huge celebrity wedding! She's always felt inadequate next to her slim, beautiful, famous sister--so there's only one thing for it: Dodie's going on a diet and she needs a personal trainer's help! Next time a bride? It's going to take a miracle for Dodie to lose two dress sizes in time for the wedding, especially given her major weakness--chocolate! But she soon discovers another weakness--her live-in personal trainer, Brad Morgan. He's absolutely gorgeous and determined to prove to Dodie that the ultimate

reward would be finding someone who loves her just as she is. In other words--him!

Ditch the storybook wedding, banish Bridezilla, and walk down the aisle in truth and in style: You are a Stone Fox Bride and this is your bridal guide. Molly Rosen Guy founded the brand Stone Fox Bride as an alternative to outdated, plastic-princess wedding culture. Her stylish and subversive approach is being embraced by creative, modern brides who believe in love and romance, but have no interest in running off into the sunset. In an inspiring mix of intimate storytelling, gorgeous visuals, and candid advice, with an aesthetic that channels Bianca Jagger in a white tux rather than Cinderella in a frilly gown, Molly Rosen Guy—your cool, hippie chic guide through the wilds of wedding planning—encourages brides-to-be, and their ladies in tow, to say no to all things phony, frilly, and silly. Featuring personal essays that explore the nuances of the process, including a raw, unairbrushed look at the realities of the early days of marriage, she tells us that a Stone Fox Bride should never sacrifice her style, her story, or her sanity to please others; she reassures us that weddings don't have to be free of confusion, shades of gray, or cellulite; and reminds us that marriage, like love, is equal parts complicated and beautiful. Praise for Molly Rosen Guy and the Stone Fox Bride phenomenon “The current wedding-wear darling of the jammin’ and Instagrammin’ set [offers] an insouciant, antiestablishment approach to weddings.”—The New York Times “[Molly Rosen Guy is] making waves in the bridal industry thanks to her eclectic eye and refusal to conform to clichéd traditions.”—W “Molly Rosen Guy built a business filling the needs of women who long for something more than your run-of-the-mill, princess-y flou for their big day.”—Vogue

What do you do after you walk down the aisle in four weddings in a few months—none of them your own? What's left after you've donned the must-have-not dresses of the season, forked over your cash, and fake-smiled your way through countless photos? After you've dealt with the smashed guest, the smooshed cake, the dashed hopes, and the missed bouquets? That's what Cate Padgett is starting to wonder, as she embarks on stint after stint on the sidelines, watching friends swap bar-hopping for baby-naming...while her own love life goes nowhere fast. But is Cate unwilling to settle down—or just unwilling to settle? And can anyone really judge her if they haven't walked in her dyed-to-match shoes? Wild, witty, and full of weddings to cry over, *Always the Bridesmaid* is an endearingly romantic comedy about standing out in the crowd even when everyone's wearing the same celery-green dress...and daring to make every day *The Happiest Day of Your Life*.

Sundown in the Outback As the shadows grow long and the sun melts behind the hills, it's just another day for cattleman Mark Winchester. But nothing has been the same since he was best man at a wedding in London six weeks ago and met bridesmaid Sophie Felsham.... A rainy morning in London On the other side of the world, city-girl Sophie is about to make the most difficult phone call of her life. The one beautiful night she shared with rugged Mark has resulted in

pregnancy—and now it's time to tell Mark that he's going to be the father of her child....

Bridesmaids today face an average expense of more than \$3,000 when they accept the invitation to be in a bridal party. Add in the cost of travel and lodging—which is increasingly becoming necessary, with the growing popularity of destination weddings—and that \$3,000 climbs to an even higher price tag. It's hard to say no when a friend asks you to be a part of their wedding, but in this economy, most bridesmaids just don't have the money to participate—not without ending up with a handful of maxed-out credit cards and a whole lot of resentment, anyway. In *Bridesmaid on a Budget*, Sharon Naylor—the author of multiple best-selling budgeting books for brides—offers women advice on how to beat the system. Naylor gives tips on where to find the best, most affordable dresses and accessories; planning fantastic (but low-cost) showers and bachelorette parties; giving a great wedding gift without emptying your pocketbook; minimizing the extra expenses of a destination wedding; and more. For the almost 10 million women per year who become one, *Bridesmaid on a Budget* is an indispensable guide to being a brilliant bridesmaid—without breaking the bank.

Will you be my bridesmaid? It's flattering, isn't it? A romantic celebration, and you'll be playing a supporting role. But what if being a bridesmaid means committing to a year of party planning and splurging on an unflattering dress you'll wear at the wedding--and never again? How does a friendship survive strained budgets, bridal duties, and toilet paper games? Bridesmaid veterans Sarah Stein and Lucy Talbot are here with a manual that will prepare you for one of the greatest tests of female friendship. From dress shopping (for hers and yours) to budgeting for and planning the out-of-town bachelorette weekend (it's her only request!) to delicately declining other bridesmaids' bad ideas, you'll learn how to accomplish all your duties without an ounce of bitterness and with total grace. With the advice, tips, timetables, and lists provided here, you'll confidently slip into your new role and look forward to creating amazing memories of this exciting time in both of your lives.

Being a bridesmaid is all I've ever dreamed of . . . Tilly can't believe it when her best friend Matty is asked to be a bridesmaid. In Tilly's favourite daydream, she's wearing the most beautiful bridesmaid dress and walking down the aisle behind a bride. The one wedding she'd really love to attend is her own mum and dad's - but it seems like that's never going to happen. So Tilly decides to make her own dream come true, and puts a notice in the local shop, advertising her services as a bridesmaid. And to her amazement, she gets a reply . . . A fabulous, funny and moving story about finding family and friendship in all sorts of places, from the mega-bestselling author of *Tracy Beaker*, *Hetty Feather* and *Katy*. They've helped orchestrate the perfect day for countless couples. Now twelve new couples will find themselves in the wedding spotlight in the second *Year of Weddings* novella collection. Mari wants her sister Crystal's wedding to be perfect. But a poorly-chosen maid of honor may turn it into a disaster. Mari Hays's older sister Crystal is getting married, and Mari is ecstatic to be part

of the wedding. But she soon finds her expected role of maid of honor has been delegated to the worst possible choice: Sienna Jameson. She's catty, selfish, and totally into herself, and when Sienna discovers handsome professional baseball player Derrick Richardson is the best man, she sets her sights on her next boyfriend instead of on the wedding plans. Meanwhile, Mari is determined to keep the glamorous event afloat. Wrapped up in dress fittings, bridal showers, and baking teacup-shaped cookies, she is shocked when Derrick has taken notice of her. In fact, he treats her like she's a home run. With the wedding day looming, an emotional and sensitive sister, a selfish maid of honor, and intense pressure from Crystal's soon-to-be in-laws, Mari fears her attempts to make her sister's wedding perfect will be for naught. Can Mari keep the waters calm until the bride and groom jet off for their honeymoon? And will she allow herself to be caught by Houston's most eligible bachelor?

The moment chic magazine editor Jackie arrives for her sister's Italian wedding and sees her old boyfriend Romano, her groomed facade slips... Romano Puccini's spectacular palazzo is an idyllically romantic setting! But before Jackie Patterson can join in the frenzy of last-minute wedding preparations and don her exquisite bridesmaid dress, she must brave Romano's heart-stopping effect on her. And unburden the seventeen-year-old secret from that fateful, sultry Italian summer...

Bella Carew is dreading going home to England for her sister's wedding! In New York she has a glamorous job, a whole new circle of friends. Best of all, nobody knows anything about her love life... Gil de la Court interrupts a major business deal to go to his friend's English wedding. Still, a dance with the beautiful bridesmaid feels like more than adequate compensation! But why does Bella seem to be working so hard to pretend she's having fun? Gil suspects this bridesmaid has a secret....

A delightfully practical book that guides bridesmaids through the whole wedding experience, showing how special and fun their role is. It explains what duties they may need to perform before, during and after the big day, from trying on bridesmaid outfits and the who's who of potential guests and a step-by-step guide to the day itself to writing thank-you letters afterwards. Each section includes pages for the reader to stick down photographs or draw pictures, and blanks to fill in with their own details and memories of the event. There are also ideas for things to practise in preparation for the big day, which will be sure to soothe any nerves! With charming, classic illustrations, this is a brilliant book of advice for bridesmaids as well as a memento to treasure for years to come.

USA TODAY BESTSELLING AUTHOR This bridesmaid's been blacklisted... So why is he risking everything for her? It was the perfect wedding—until the groom spontaneously announces he's in love with bridesmaid Bonnie Windsor! Now Bonnie's being ostracized by the entire town. The only person willing to stand up for her? The bride's superhandsome brother, Aaron Cole. And he'll risk everything—including his family—to prove that this pretty woman deserves a happily-ever-after of her own.

He was at the Rancho Pintada for a wedding—and a reunion with the father and four grown brothers Cruz Declan had never known he had. Meeting Aria Charez was just a bonus. The warm, sensual architect made him feel he belonged...and made him want to share a lot more than a fleeting kiss. The tall, sexy engineer attracted Aria from the moment they met, making the perennial bridesmaid long to settle down. But the Garrett clan's long-lost brother wasn't the stick-around type, and Aria needed more than a fleeting affair. Could she afford to risk heartache with a man like Cruz? It was her turn to find out....

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Covers everything from etiquette and finances to showers and attendant duties, in a chronologically arranged reference that includes referral checklists, survival strategies and anecdotes of memorable events.

Walk down the aisle with Sarah Whitehouse on his arm? Shoot, Dean Parrish had dreamed of that for as long as he could remember. But sexy Sarah wasn't the bride, he wasn't the groom-and they weren't even speaking! Sarah had always known Dean would come back to sleepy Sweetbranch one day. But she'd expected him to be the rogue who had broken her heart-not the charmer who'd stolen it in the first place. With their siblings' wedding looming, the last thing she needed was to rekindle a romance with the best man-and risk him discovering her shocking secret....

Every summer has a story... READERS ADORE KAREN KING'S UTTERLY HILARIOUS AND CHARMING TALES: 'Such a brilliant book could not put this book down' ***** Reader Review 'Just a lovely excellent romantic story set in Cornwall. Didn't want to put it down or end' ***** Reader Review 'Another delightful story from a really enjoyable writer' ***** Reader Review 'An enjoyable, easy read with characters that jump off the page and a story that keeps you intrigued' ***** Reader Review 'I loved this book. The characters, the storyline and the setting. It made me want to book my next holiday' ***** Reader Review 'A good story line with a twist that really added to the plot, don't want this book to end' ***** Reader Review _____ Fun-loving travel rep Jess doesn't want to be chief bridesmaid at her snooty cousin's wedding, but it will cause a family feud if she refuses. She doesn't want to fall in love either but when a raucous stag party arrives at her Majorcan hotel, Jess hits it off instantly with best man, Eddie. A summer romance is exactly what commitment-phobe Jess needs and, as the stag-do draws to a close, so does the holiday fling. She has no intentions of carrying on the summer fun but when Eddie turns up again, Jess is faced with a big dilemma. Will this bridesmaid get the happy-ever-after she never knew she wanted...

New York, 1961: the dawn of the commercial Jet Age and a golden era of air travel. Betty Riegel spent her early childhood hiding in air-raid shelters as bombs dropped all around. From humble working-class roots, growing up with a mother who struggled to make ends meet and a father away at war, she had always dreamed of bigger things. After responding to an advert in the local newspaper she secured herself an interview for the Pan Am training programme, and at just 22-years-old was selected from thousands of eager young British women to begin a career that would change the course of her life. Betty said goodbye to everything she knew and boarded a plane to New York, a city full of noise, towering skyscrapers and promise. Under the watchful eye of her 'housemother', Dottie, Betty mastered the art of being the perfect Pan Am stewardess; everything from faultless etiquette, geography and safety to seamless make-up application, how to charm influential passengers and preparing five-course Parisian cuisine at 37,000 feet. But no amount of training could have prepared her for the rollercoaster of life in the air. Up in the Aircharts the gruelling yet fabulous life aboard the most iconic airline there has ever been, and how a young woman from Essex opened her eyes to the world and lived her dream.

Violet Abrams may have been a bridesmaid no less than seven times, but her wedding day was near—she could feel it. Until her longtime boyfriend left her for someone else. That's just fine—she has her photography and a new project redesigning her sister's bakery to keep her happy and fulfilled. Fast-forward to the day of his wedding, though, when Violet might have accidentally, totally not on purpose, started a fire. And... Officially the worst day ever. Firefighter Ford Maguire thought he'd seen it all. Until he's called out because someone tried to set the

local bakery on fire...with a wedding magazine? The little arsonist might be the cutest woman he's ever seen, but he's too career-focused to consider something serious. Still, Violet seems like a great person to help him navigate his upcoming "man of honor" duties in his best friend's wedding. Pretty soon, not only is Violet giving him lessons on all things weddings, she's helping him train his latest rescue-dog recruit puppies and weaving her way seamlessly into his lone-wolf lifestyle. But forever is the last thing on Ford's mind, and if there's one thing a perpetual bridesmaid knows, it's the importance of a happily ever after. Each book in the Getting Hitched series is STANDALONE: * Just One of the Groomsmen * Always a Bridesmaid

Join the Sleepover Club: Frankie, Kenny, Felicity, Rosie and Lyndsey, five girls who want to have fun – but who always end up in mischief. A daughter's poignant search to understand her mother - once a bridesmaid to Princess Grace and a world-renowned Ford model, who spent her final years in a homeless shelter. Nyna Giles was picking up groceries at the supermarket one day when she looked down and saw a woman on the cover of a tabloid beneath the headline: 'Former Bridesmaid of Princess Grace Lives in Homeless Shelter'. Nyna was stunned, afraid that someone would know the woman on that cover, Carolyn Scott, was her mother. Nyna's childhood had been spent in doctor's offices. Too ill, she was told, to go to school like other children, she spent every waking moment at her mother's side at their isolated Long Island estate or on trips into the city to see the ballet. The doctors couldn't tell her what was wrong, but as Nyna grew up, her mother, who'd always seemed fragile, became more and more distant. Now Nyna was forced to confront an agonising realisation: she barely knew the woman on the magazine in front of her. She knew that her mother had been a model after arriving in 1950s New York, staying at the Barbizon Hotel, where she'd met the young Grace Kelly, and that the two had become fast friends. Nyna had met Grace and seen the photos of Carolyn at her wedding, wearing the yellow bridesmaid gown that had hung in her closet for years. But how had the seemingly confident, glamorous woman in those pictures become the mother she knew growing up - the mother who was now living in a shelter? In this powerful memoir of friendship and motherhood, Nyna Giles uncovers her mother's past to answer the questions she could never ask.

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