

THE WORST BRIDESMAID EVER
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BOOK PROPOSAL

At least once in her life, every girl has been, will be, or is currently in the throes of becoming... a Bridesmaid. Thus, the potential audience for this book is huge. But mathematics aside – literature, cinema, and, of course, taffeta, never go out of style. With “tongue firmly in cheek” books like *101 Uses for a Bridesmaid Dress* by Cindy Walker, the erotic tales in *Bad Girl Bridesmaids* by Susanna Carr and box-office hits *The Wedding Crashers*, and *27 Dresses*, it is obvious that people love the inherent drama weddings provide.

We envision our book, like Amy Sedaris’ “I Like You,” to be an informative, illustrated, wickedly entertaining tale replete with pull-out activity cards, photos, musical sidebars and, of course, advice. Inspired by true events in the authors’ lives, we follow our protagonist Natalie as she first learns that her best friend has become engaged:

“Natalie! It’s Brooke! I’VE GOT THE MOST AMAZING NEWS! NICK ASKED ME TO MARRY HIM!!! NATALIE YOU’RE GOING TO BE A BRIDESMAID! Now we only have seventeen months to get this wedding together Nick’s parents wanna have it in the Adirondacks I think they said maybe it was the Outer Boondocks but that’s not the important thing the important thing is...”

Then the book is broken up into four chapters:

- I. The Initial Shock and How To Prepare For The Months To Come
- II. Slave Duties And How To Make Them Fun
- III. Fight For Your Right To Party
- IV. Now That It’s All Over, What Do You Do With The Dress?

Following is some wisdom imparted in said chapters:

- * Treat the days you spend with your bride-to-be as if they were about YOU.
- * Mention how many starving children in Africa could eat for a year for the price of her ring.
- * Express doubts about the groom; a list of possible problems will follow.
- * When she asks for your opinion on table settings/dresses/flowers/etcetera, tell her you’re color-blind.
- * Tear-out cards offer instructional disguises for avoiding your friend. Cards include change of hair color, altering your weight, plastic surgery options including nose job, breast implants, cheekbone augmentation.
- * Arrive late to the wedding and preferably, half-in-the-bag.
- * Ask someone related to the bride or groom where you “can score.”
- * Mention to the bride’s mother that you think she (your friend) looks wonderful pregnant and that you think it’s swell of him (the groom) to have married her even though it isn’t his (the groom’s) baby.
- * Toast yourself. Everyone already knows the bride so why not talk about something more interesting?
- * During the photography session, pretend you’re the star of a Bruce Weber shoot.
- * Grab the closest catering waiter and roll around on the ground while singing, Chris Isaak’s “Wicked Games”.
- * Stick with tradition-decorate the getaway car with old shoes and beer cans.

These ideas and more will fill the book with humor, pathos, and a lot of really good advice. It’s sure to be a hit with brides and bridesmaids alike!

Please check out the sample pages!

The **WORST** *Bridesmaid* **Ever**

*Self-love, my liege, is not so vile a sin,
as self-neglecting.*

—*William Shakespeare*

Most couples who become engaged choose a wedding date so far in the future that you could train for the triathlon, run it, win it, start drinking, become an alcoholic, go to rehab, win your sobriety chip, change careers and have a baby and name it all before the glory day rolls around. Why do these people plan so far in advance? The reason is simple. It's to torture you. The Bridesmaid. Yes, being a Bridesmaid is not fun. People say it is but people also say that giving birth is beautiful so we all know people lie.

The Worst Bridesmaid Ever gives you a fool-proof plan for enjoying the process of being a Bridesmaid while showing you how to systematically enact revenge on all those who believe that their wedding will be “different”.

We guarantee that if you follow this simple guide, you will never EVER get asked to be a bridesmaid again.

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THE SHOWER

From Invite to Inviting Food!

- super-impose your head on Pamela Anderson's body en flagrante with Jenna Jameson and the title: *Can't wait to spend time with the gals!*
- At the shower, tell everyone a little too much about yourself, i.e., your obsessions, your abortions, etcetera.
- Create a believable (see: fake) charity for the guests to contribute to in lieu of presents. Have them make their checks out to CASH. Pocket the money.
- A fun Bridal Quiz - each question revolving around one of the bride-to-be's ex's.
- Food for the shower courtesy of The White Trash Cookbook: Uncle Willie's Swamp Cabbage Stew, Boiled Peanuts, Spud's Hot Potato Salad.

The Bachelorette Party

Match the bride's personality with the appropriate fun:

- * Crunchy Granola Vegetarian...dinner at a steak house, a male revue, 8 ball.
- * Right-Wing Career Gal...a hardcore concert, followed by a lesbian revue, 8 ball.
- * Party Girl...a quiet night of manis and pedis and a viewing of *On Golden Pond*. When she asks, *where's the party dude?* Remind her that she has traded her free-wheeling life for marriage. Sip your tea (secretly spiked with Jack Daniels).
- * Make a friendship book with photos of the bride-to-be and every one of her ex-boyfriends. If you don't have photos of her ex-boyfriends, call them and ask for one (includes a list of ways to contact hard-to-find ex's).
- * While you have above ex's on the phone, casually let it slip when and where the wedding will be. Maybe even ask one to go as your date. Definitely gather some stories for the toast. Roast. What the hell's the difference?...

TIME TO HIT THE DANCE FLOOR!

So grab the mic and let the dedications begin!

1. **Highway To Hell** - AC/CD -dedicated to the couple.
2. **Darling Nikki** - Prince - dedicated to the groom's sister.
3. **Fuck And Run** - Liz Phair -dedicated to yourself.
4. **Simple Man** - Lynyrd Skynyrd -dedication for the groom.
5. **Who's Crying Now** - Journey -while performing a sexy striptease, shout this one out to the Best (married) Man who will never have you.
6. **You're So Vain** - Carly Simon -to the bride.
7. **Big Ten Inch** - Aerosmith - dedicated to the bride's brother who you slept with last night.
If she doesn't have a brother, the groom's brother, if he doesn't have a brother, his sister. And if he's an only child, ask for a volunteer who fits the (big) bill. File information away for later.
8. **I Didn't Like You Anyway** - The Donna's -to your fellow bridesmaids
9. **Use Me**- Bill Withers - **dedicated to all the hotties out there!**
WOO-HOO!!!
10. **Oh Bondage Up Yours!** - X-Ray Spec, For Grandma.

Or be inspired! Write your own!