

## The Wedding That Changed Everything A Gorgeously Uplifting Romantic Comedy

-Who plans the bridal shower? -Does the dress have to be ugly? -How much will all of this cost? Today's bridesmaids are finding their brides expect lots of help and enthusiasm when planning the big day. This is the perfect handbook for bridesmaids looking for practical advice on their integral role in the wedding. Featuring no-nonsense, updated information on how to: \* Help her find the perfect dress \* Keep the bride calm on her big day \* Throw an unbelievable bridal shower \* Make a memorable toast to the happy couple From knowing the proper etiquette to handling any and all responsibilities, this is the one guaranteed go-to resource for bridesmaids. With *The Everything Bridesmaid Book, 2nd Edition*, they'll help plan a wedding to remember--and have fun doing it! AUTHOR: Holly Lefevre is the author of *How to "I Do": Planning the Ultimate Wedding in Six Weekends or Less*. She has worked as an editor for *Brideworld Magazine*, and has been featured in *Wedding Bells* and *Bridal Guide* and on numerous wedding websites including *Bridalocity* and *BrideWorld*. Visit her blog at [www.hipweddings.blogspot.com](http://www.hipweddings.blogspot.com). SELLING POINTS: \*The first edition of *The Everything Bridesmaid Book* has sold more than 60,000 copies \*Includes a new chapter on de-stressing the bride (and bridesmaids!), as well as updated information on non-traditional weddings, budget-minded ideas for hosting parties, and more \* Everything wedding titles have sold more than 1.5 million copies!

Live every day with the hope of heaven! A shattered leg, kidney stones, and a lump diagnosed as hyperplasia. Times were tough, money was scarce, and the bills and frustrations were piling up. It was into this kind of stressed out life that God sent Todd and Sonja Burpo the interruption of a life-threatening illness and emergency surgery for their almost four-year old son Colton. An interruption that included his unforgettable journey to heaven. How did they cope? And how can they help us keep thoughts of eternity in mind in the midst of our own overly busy, stressed out lives? In fifty unique inspirational readings based on excerpts from their story, Todd and Sonja share their family's responses and reactions to the Heaven Is for Realexperience. They answer questions about what it's like to struggle with and question God, to doubt, even get angry with Him. And offer new insights into what God might be doing with those interruptions he allows into our lives. Each reading closes with a scripture to provide biblical reinforcement of the ideas shared and a take-away thought or action point to help readers incorporate the reading's inspiration into daily life. Keep the hope of heaven alive in your life. Heaven truly is for real, and it changes everything!

Haley Sullivan's relationship with Vin Brooks hasn't always been smooth sailing, but when Vin proposes, Haley knows he's meant to be her forever. As she transitions into the next phase of her life, it isn't the perfect "happy ever after" she dreamed it'd be. With friends leaving and new families forming, it's hard to hold on to anything permanent, especially after the one iconic landmark that holds their crew together is torn down. So when the corporate surf world turns her wedding into a PR event, Haley's not so sure there's anything she can do to save the day. But little does she know, she's got a friend in a deep blue place ready to help her out. ? \*\*\* Follow Haley on her coming-of-age adventure to a beach town, Crescent Cove, in this exciting, drama-filled YA contemporary romance. *Chasing Forever Down* is the first installment of the COMPLETED Drenaline Surf series! Other books in the series: *Chasing Forever Down* (#1) *Rough Waters* (#2) *Always Summer* (#3) *With You Around* (#4) *Deep Blue Forever* (#5) ?\*\*\*\*\* Want more Drenaline Surf? Check out the spin-off West Coast Hooligans series! *Chasing Swells* (#1) *Chasing Aloha* (#2) *Chasing Islands* (#3) *Chasing Sunsets* (#4) - Coming soon! *Chasing Vibes* (#5) - Coming soon! *Chasing Sapphires* (#6) - Coming soon!

Plan your wedding without the weight of outdated customs and get hitched in a way that is authentic, fun, and true to who you are. From the minute couples become engaged, they are pressured to buy into a one-size-fits-all wedding. By breaking down the antiquated traditions of that #blessedweddingday, *The New Wedding Book* will help you and your betrothed throw those icky traditions to the curb in honour of having the wedding of your actual dreams — not the one you've been force-fed for decades by the wedding-industrial complex. Inspiring couples to plan their wedding in a way that is meaningful to them, Bilodeau and Cleveland debunk the manufactured traditions, advocate for realistic budgets, offer brilliant advice from real-life couples, and confront the crushing pressure for weddings to be perfect.

Rev. ed. of: *The everything wedding checklist: the gown, the guests, the groom, and everything else you shouldn't forget* / Janet Anastasio and Michelle Bevilacqua; with Leah Furman and Elina Furman. 2000.

An acclaimed historian chronicles the birth of weapons of mass destruction during World War I, including the use of poison gas by the Germans at Ypres, the torpedoes that sunk the *Lusitania* and an aerial bombardment of London by a zeppelin.

Hallie Cavanagh's interview for a much-needed position at ARK Enterprises goes belly-up when she forgets who is boss. CEO Aaron Knight is not only ruthless and arrogant but the sizzle between them knocks her right off her feet. Aaron answers to no one. When he meets Hallie, he's impressed by her cool confidence and ideals but stunned by his out-of-control attraction to her. He doesn't want a woman in his life. Why would he? He doesn't believe in love. Hallie knows what she wants, but business deals, Aaron's secrecy, and his disbelief in love can wreck her plans before she even gets to stage one.

In every person's life, there comes a moment in time when circumstances or events require decisions and responses that greatly determine the future. This book has no design to be another volume on leadership techniques. Rather, it is a candid exploration of those unexpected turns birthed out of the experience of being confronted with a reversal of circumstances in the life of an individual. Frankly, it is a study about the drama of life. The intention of the author is to give a sincere and straightforward examination of why turnabouts often get high-jacked and fail to live up to people's expectations. Even more, individuals will find a plea for courage and faith when things do not occur as they once

envisioned they would. Consequently, it is a clarion call for courage to go further than some would desire, but also a caution to impatient leaders to be watchful of their own intentions to push a change further than would be wise. In the end, some leaders must be willing to consider a more contemplative life built on valuing people above their own ideological mindset. Dr. Wallace R. Pratt is an administrator, minister, teacher, and writer. He lives in Salem, Oregon and has been married thirty-eight years to his wonderful wife Judy. They are blessed with two daughters, two great son-in-laws and five grandchildren. Dr. Pratt serves as a regional supervisor in the Northwest for his church organization, while also serving as an adjunct professor for Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. His leadership experience has included thirty-three years of pastoral ministry and approximately eighteen years of teaching in sixteen nations. He has been serving on the Doctrine and Polity Committee of his church organization for fourteen years and presently holds the position of chairman for this international body.

From one proposal...to another! Laurel Sommers's world crumbled when she discovered her father's other family. Now she's been roped into organizing her famous half sister's wedding... Plus, Laurel's ex-fiancé is invited. So when the groom's gorgeous brother proposes he play her convenient boyfriend, she agrees! Stuntman Dan Black's relationships are like the roles he steps into—temporary. But it's soon clear his and Laurel's chemistry is here to stay, and Dan starts considering a more permanent proposal...

Throughout Church history, a lack of clear thought has been the chief cause of heresy: wherever indifference to doctrine and theology has arisen, neglect and rejection have soon followed. Christianity today faces a crisis in thinking: there is both an indifference toward, and neglect of, serious thought about Christian doctrine and theology. Instead, personal experience has been given primacy. Thinking Christianity attempts to reverse this popular attitude and forestall the rejection of the Christian gospel that will otherwise inevitably follow. Author Daniel Klassen covers two aspects of thinking in the Christian faith: the necessity for thinking, and the need for proper thinking. Addressing the first aspect, he answers questions such as “Why should Christians think?”, “Is faith reasonable and rational?”, “How do we know God?”, and “How do we know the truth?”. Addressing the second aspect, he explores foundational beliefs for the Christian faith, covering questions such as, “What is salvation?”, “What is sanctification?”, “How do we gain assurance?”, and “What does it mean to worship God?”. Throughout the book, he attempts to answer these questions with clarity and truthfulness by expounding Scripture, using historical examples from the Reformation, and exploring philosophical ideas. This clearly reasoned, timely book will help Christians live in assurance and confidence in God—and preserve the gospel for future generations.

Vladimir Nabokov, one of the 20th century's greatest novelists, is particularly remembered for his masterpiece *Lolita*. The present work examines the enduring themes of *Lolita* and places the novel in its biographical, social, cultural and historical contexts. Of particular interest are questions of love in all of its manifestations, the central problem of time in the book, and memory as it is explored in fictional memoir or, in this case, the central protagonist's “confession.”

*The Developmental Science of Adolescence: History Through Autobiography* is the most authoritative account of the leading developmental scientists from around the world. Written by the scholars who shaped the history they are recounting, each chapter is an engaging and personal account of the past, present, and future direction of the field. No other reference work has this degree of authenticity in presenting the best developmental science of adolescence. The book includes a Foreword by Saths Cooper, President of the International Union of Psychological Science and autobiographical chapters by the following leading developmental scientists: Jeffrey Jensen Arnett, Robert Wm. Blum, Jeanne Brooks-Gunn, B. Bradford Brown, Marlis Buchmann, John Bynner, John Coleman, Rand D. Conger, James E. Côté, William Damon, Sanford M. Dornbusch, Nancy Eisenberg, Glen H. Elder, Jr., David P. Farrington, Helmut Fend, Andrew J. Fuligni, Frank F. Furstenberg, Beatrix A. Hamburg, Stephen F. Hamilton, Karen Hein, Klaus Hurrelmann, Richard Jessor, Daniel P. Keating, Reed W. Larson, Richard M. Lerner, Iris F. Litt, David Magnusson, Rolf Oerter, Daniel Offer, Augusto Palmonari, Anne C. Petersen, Lea Pulkkinen, Jean E. Rhodes, Linda M. Richter, Hans-Dieter Rösler, Michael Rutter, Ritch C. Savin-Williams, John Schulenberg, Lonnie R. Sherrod, Rainer K. Silbereisen, Judith G. Smetana, Margaret Beale Spencer, Laurence Steinberg, Elizabeth J. Susman, Richard E. Tremblay, Suman Verma, and Bruna Zani.

Are you a material girl? The truth is that, as women, we all have a unique relationship with money. We strive for financial security to support our family, ensure we can retire comfortably, create independence separate from our partners, and along the way, buy some nice purses. As much as we are motivated to make money, we often do not consider the crucial relationship between what we do today and how it WILL impact our life tomorrow. From your Roaring 20s, to your Thrifty 30s, and all the way to your (hopefully) Smooth 60s, *Money Queen Ladywill* work to guide you through each of these financial decades and provide insight and detailed guidance into the steps you can take, and the decision you should make to build a financially responsible future. Financial security is an exciting journey we can take together. So pack your purse and get ready for the ride . . .

A new biography of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, shaped and structured around the story he himself tells in his most famous poem, 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner'. Though the 'Mariner' was written in 1797 when Coleridge was only twenty-five, it was an astonishingly prescient poem. As Coleridge himself came to realise much later, this tale - of a journey that starts in high hopes and good spirits, but leads to a profound encounter with human fallibility, darkness, alienation, loneliness and dread, before coming home to a renewal of faith and vocation - was to be the shape of his own life. In this rich new biography, academic, priest and poet Malcolm Guite draws out how with an uncanny clarity, image after image and event after event in the poem became emblems of what Coleridge was later to suffer and discover. Of course 'The Rime of the Ancient Mariner' is more than just an individual's story: it is also a profound exploration of the human condition and, as Coleridge says in his gloss, our 'loneliness and fixedness'. But the poem also offers hope, release, and recovery; and

Guite also draws out the continuing relevance of Coleridge's life and writing to our own time.

"After years of debate and inquiry, the key to a great marriage remained shrouded in mystery. Until now..."—Carol Dweck, author of *Mindset: The New Psychology of Success* Eli J. Finkel's insightful and ground-breaking investigation of marriage clearly shows that the best marriages today are better than the best marriages of earlier eras. Indeed, they are the best marriages the world has ever known. He presents his findings here for the first time in this lucid, inspiring guide to modern marital bliss. *The All-or-Nothing Marriage* reverse engineers fulfilling marriages—from the "traditional" to the utterly nontraditional—and shows how any marriage can be better. The primary function of marriage from 1620 to 1850 was food, shelter, and protection from violence; from 1850 to 1965, the purpose revolved around love and companionship. But today, a new kind of marriage has emerged, one oriented toward self-discovery, self-esteem, and personal growth. Finkel combines cutting-edge scientific research with practical advice; he considers paths to better communication and responsiveness; he offers guidance on when to recalibrate our expectations; and he even introduces a set of must-try "lovehacks." This is a book for the newlywed to the empty nester, for those thinking about getting married or remarried, and for anyone looking for illuminating advice that will make a real difference to getting the most out of marriage today.

Shortlisted for the Arabic Booker Prize in 2010, this finely constructed epic traces the turbulent life of Aisha, an Egyptian girl raised in a Christian convent beyond the reach of a predatory uncle. With her English education, Aisha crosses paths with Lord Cromer, British consul-general of Egypt, and famed archaeologist Howard Carter, with whom she will trek to locate Tutankhamen's tomb. Fate briefly favors Aisha when she falls in love with the Egyptian sculptor Mahmoud Mukhtar, until events conspire to move her life along a darker path. Part allegory, part magical realism, this novel is threaded with aspects of Egyptian antiquity, including semihistorical accounts of the excavations of ancient Egyptian relics and the tortured jealousies that accompanied them. A deftly written journey through momentous occasions in world history, *A Cloudy Day on the Western Shore* explores questions of Egypt's identity and history, and the implications—for better or worse—of European exploitation of the treasures of pharaonic civilization. Novelist Qandil skillfully allows readers to encounter complex questions of colonialism, gender, and sectarianism—all through the symbolic lens of an unlikely Egyptian heroine.

'A charming and delightful read!' *Pretty Little Book Reviews* on *The Little Bed & Breakfast by the Sea* Love happens when you least expect it...

Tired of being in the shadow of her prettier, more popular sisters, Charlotte Patterson decides to leave Manhattan behind and discover just what Italy's *la dolce vita* has to offer—good food, fine wine...delicious men? But even Charlotte's Roman holiday can't help her escape a devastating family secret back in Larkville, Texas, and she finds herself seeking solace in the arms of mysterious widower Lucio Constello. Unable to deny their attraction, they share one intensely passionate night together—a night that will affect them more than they could possibly imagine....

Turned from best man to baby's guardian in one shocking moment, bad-boy billionaire Connor North intended to stake his claim. If maid-of-honor Victoria Sutton wanted any part in the child's life, she would have to play by the billionaire's rules. So Victoria moved into Connor's mansion. She even agreed to become his wife. And despite her initial disdain for the powerful businessman, she eventually succumbed to his charms. The bond they formed—to the baby and to each other—was an outcome neither had expected. But would a surprising truth destroy all they had finally found?

A novel that became an award-winning play and a major film, and that has charmed generations of readers, *The Member of the Wedding* is a story of the inimitable twelve-year-old Frankie, who is utterly bored with her life until she hears about her older brother's wedding. Bolstered by lively conversations with her house servant, Berenice, and her six-year-old cousin—and her own unbridled imagination—Frankie takes on an overly active role in the wedding, even hoping to go (uninvited) on the honeymoon. This story is a marvelous study of the agony of adolescence and of wanting to be part of something larger and more accepting than yourself. *The Member of the Wedding* showcases Carson McCullers at her most sensitive, astute, and lasting best. Penguin Random House Canada is proud to bring you classic works of literature in e-book form, with the highest quality production values. Find more today and rediscover books you never knew you loved.

Millions of couples getting married have pledged to "love and to cherish, until death do us part." Most of us understand and get the love part... but what does it mean to cherish our spouse? Why do we say it once at the wedding and then rarely even mention it again? In this six-session video Bible study (DVD/digital video sold separately), bestselling author Gary Thomas draws on personal stories and teachings from the Bible to show how cherishing can have a powerful effect on marriage. Learning to truly cherish each other turns marriage from an obligation into a delight. It lifts marriage above a commitment to a precious priority. Cherish is the melody that makes a marriage sing. Many couples today survive by gritting their teeth and holding on. Or they find themselves just "going through the motions" in their relationship. But cherishing our spouse can reverse this pattern. Cherishing can breathe light, hope, and new life into a marriage—even one marred by neglect and disrespect. The *Cherish Study Guide* includes video discussion questions, Bible exploration, and personal study and reflection materials for in-between sessions. Sessions include: *To Love and to Cherish Your Honor Taking Your Marriage to the Next Level Cherishing Your Unique Spouse This Is How Your Spouse Stumbles Keep on Cherishing* Designed for use with *Cherish Video Study* (sold separately).

The intimate story of a unique marriage spanning the heights of British glamour and power that descends into infidelity, manipulation, and disaster through the heart of the twentieth century. **DICKIE MOUNTBATTEN:** A major figure behind his nephew Philip's marriage to Queen Elizabeth II and instrumental in the royal family taking the Mountbatten name, he was Supreme Allied Commander of South East Asia during World War II and the last Viceroy of India. **EDWINA MOUNTBATTEN:** Once the richest woman in Britain—and a playgirl who enjoyed numerous affairs—she emerged from World War II as a magnetic and talented humanitarian worker who was loved throughout the world. From British high society to the South of France, from the battlefields of Burma to the Viceroy's House, *The Mountbattens* is a rich and filmic story of a powerful partnership, revealing the truth behind a carefully curated legend. Was Mountbatten one of the outstanding leaders of his generation, or a man over-promoted because of his royal birth, high-level connections, film-star looks and ruthless self-promotion? What is the true story behind controversies such as the Dieppe Raid and Indian Partition, the love affair between Edwina and Nehru, and Mountbatten's assassination in 1979?

It's all fun and games until someone loses a heart... The first three full-length books in the *Uptown Brides* series in one set! *Fake Marriage To Her Best Friend* They promise each other they won't let it get weird. But they do. And it does... Nomi Hannon is sick of losing. First, she failed to get her brother off on fraud charges. Then, she lost the practice they built together. She's not about to lose the city council election. Too bad she just accidentally starred in a compromising photo that her squeaky-clean opponent is all too willing to use against her. Surely marrying the guy in the photo—her best friend, the only stable force in her life—will solve the problem...right? Malone DuMar's luck hasn't been

any better than Nomi's. He's not looking for a wife, not after his ex-fiancée stole his company. But Nomi has always been the one person he could count on. There's no way he's going to turn his back on her when she needs him the most. It's a simple plan. Only pretend. That's what they told themselves, anyway. But that was before they realized their friendship was on the line if their marriage of convenience went south. Before the kiss that changed everything... Fake Marriage To Her T.V. Husband On camera, they're the perfect bride and groom Too bad she doesn't know who he really is... When Lilith Parker's business is threatened, it's a no-brainer to gain extra publicity by appearing on a reality TV show that marries her to a complete stranger. Her fake groom, Dane McClarren, has undergone a total makeover which guarantees Lilith won't recognize him as the nerd she rejected in high school—it's the perfect revenge. But in an unforeseen plot twist, Lilith is a lot different than he remembers. When he falls for her, can he stop the scheme he's put into motion before it's too late? Fake Marriage To Her Bodyguard She's his best friend's sister. Off-limits for so many reasons. So why did he agree to a fake engagement that will make it impossible to keep his feelings for her a secret? Shiloh Anderson is done with men who can't spell "commitment." She'd rather focus on opening her own business instead of wading back into the dating pool in hopes of meeting a unicorn of a man who won't run the other way the moment things get serious. But that was before someone starts stalking her. Her brother plunks down a solution in the form of a fake engagement to his best friend, the one man he trusts to keep her safe. Suddenly she has a pretend fiancé who's treating her like his cherished bride. It's all an act. Right? Except someone needs to explain to her lonely, commitment-starved heart that none of this is real. "Contains material originally published in magazine form as Fantastic four #150 and annual Incredible Hulk ? Avengers #59-60 and Amazing Spider-man annual #21 and X-men #30"--P. 2 of cover.

Could you and your friends change the world? This book will inspire you with 15 true stories of groups of amazing humans who've changed the world. Discover the astonishing things humans can achieve: from the campaign for women's votes, to the efforts to heal the ozone layer. Or travel back to the start of democracy in Ancient Greece, and into space to see the incredible teamwork on the international space station. Above all, uncover just some of the MANY ways we can work together to change our world - all brought to life with astonishing story-telling and illustration.

Offers a practical guide to buying, selling, and bidding on auctions online, covering the latest eBay formats, screens, and etiquette and offering advice on how to navigate the Web site, put items up for sale, and set up a business.

The characters you met in and loved in the Green Mountain Series are back in this continuation of the Abbott/Coleman/Stillman family story. In this collection, read about cousin Grayson Coleman in Every Little Thing, Cameron's dad, Patrick Murphy, in Can't Buy Me Love and Wade Abbott in Here Comes the Sun! Set in the mountain town of Butler, Vermont, and with the family's Green Mountain Country Store business at the heart of the series, come along as these characters find love and other things, such as Fred the town moose, on their way to happily ever after.

This is the first biography in twenty years of James Clerk Maxwell, one of the greatest scientists of our time and yet a man relatively unknown to the wider public. Approaching science with a freshness unbound by convention or previous expectations, he produced some of the most original scientific thinking of the nineteenth century — and his discoveries went on to shape the twentieth century.

He vowed to always be there for her... But not as her husband! Winona Sheehan and Grant Culhane have been BFFs since childhood. So when Winona's sort-of boyfriend ditches their ill-advised Vegas wedding, Grant is there...with his sexy smiles and way too much consolation! Suddenly, Winona trades one groom for another—and Grant's baby is on the way. With buddy boundaries crossed and a yearslong secret crush fulfilled, Winona wonders if her husband is ready for a family...or firmly in the friend zone. From Harlequin Special Edition: Believe in love. Overcome obstacles. Find happiness. The Culhanes of Cedar River Book 1: When You Least Expect It Book 2: The Soldier's Secret Son Book 3: The Nanny's Family Wish Book 4: The Secret Between Them Book 5: The Night That Changed Everything Book 6: The Family She Didn't Expect

The heart-warming and romantic SUNDAY TIMES bestseller: the perfect escape One little mistake and nothing will ever be the same again! On the one hand, if Essie hadn't written that letter - the one that only her best friend was meant to see - then she'd still be living like an actual proper grown-up, tucked up with Paul in his picture-perfect cottage, maybe even planning their wedding... On the other hand (if her true feelings hadn't accidentally taken the internet by storm, that is) she wouldn't have moved into the attic flat on the square. She would never have met Conor. Or got to know Lucas... And she wouldn't have found herself falling in love with someone she really, really shouldn't fall in love with... 'One of my favourite writers' Katie Fforde 'The queen of witty, heart-warming, feel-good love stories' Red 'Reading Jill is always such a joy!' Veronica Henry 'Jill Mansell just gets better and better' Heat \*\*\*\*\* 'A fab, feel-good read' Prima 'A page-turner' Look

Dr. Samantha Brooks is having a midlife crisis. Her twin sons are about to go off to college, leaving her struggling to find direction. On top of that, she's being deposed for a lawsuit. And just when it can't get any worse, she finds out her lawyer is Kirby Fielding, the woman she had a brief but dazzling affair with just before starting medical school. Sam didn't have the courage to follow her heart back then, or to reach out to Kirby since, but now she's ready for a change. She only hopes Kirby will give her another chance to prove that love changes everything.

A year's worth of novellas from twelve inspirational romance authors. Happily ever after guaranteed. In a moment of total panic, Brendan left Alyssa at the altar. What will it take for him to win her back? When Brendan Meyers became a "runaway groom," Alyssa Pennington's heart broke. But she's returned the unopened gifts, exchanged the dress, and is ready to get on with her life...and forget Brendan. The problem is, Brendan can't forget. He can't forget the love he and Alyssa shared and can't forgive himself for what he put her through on their wedding day. He can never undo his actions, but at least he can try to win Alyssa's forgiveness. And maybe, someday, another shot at her love. Dalton Landreth was the only person not disappointed about that botched wedding. He had been eyeing Alyssa since high school—with his gorgeous, magnetic blue eyes—and when Brendan ran out the church doors, Dalton heard opportunity knocking. Within months of being jilted at the altar, Alyssa finds herself being simultaneously wooed by the love of her life and the best-looking man she's ever seen. Not bad for a small-town girl with a broken heart.

Tia Simmons can't wait to be Mrs. Charles Robinson. She has everything planned, from the venue to the caterer, making everything completely perfect. Or, so she thought. When she hires Camille to be her wedding coordinator, paranoia comes into play when she thinks her best friend is trying to sabotage her wedding. Along with the issues she's having with Camille, she also has to deal with her new extended family, making her wonder if she's going nuts. But when unexpected news shatters Tia's world, she's not sure if she should tell anyone about it or if she should keep it to herself until the wedding is over. Charles Robinson is totally in love with Tia and would do anything for their special day.

Whatever Tia wants, he's in agreement with. Except hiring Camille as their wedding coordinator. When issues clash between the three, will it test their friendship? Along with the issues he's having with the reappearance of his father and a brother who can't be trusted, Charles has to wonder which is more important – trying to do the right thing or being happy.

On September 3, 1971, Michael McConnell and Jack Baker exchanged vows in the first legal same-sex wedding in the United States. Their remarkable story is told here for the first time—a unique account of the passion and energy of the gay liberation movement in the sixties and seventies. At the dawn of the modern gay movement (while New York's Stonewall riots and San Francisco's emerging political activism bloomed), these two young men insisted on making their commitment a legal reality. They were already crusaders for gay rights: Jack had twice been elected the University of Minnesota's student president—the first openly gay university student president in the country, an election reported by Walter Cronkite on network TV news. They were featured in *Look* magazine's special issue about the American family and received letters of support from around the world. The couple navigated complex procedures to obtain a state-issued marriage license. Their ceremony was conducted by a Methodist minister in a friend's tiny Minneapolis apartment. Wearing matching white pantsuits, exchanging custom-designed rings, and sharing a tiered wedding cake, Michael and Jack celebrated their historic marriage. After reciting their vows, they sealed their promise to love and honor each other with a kiss and a signed marriage certificate. Repercussions were immediate: Michael's job offer at the University of Minnesota was rescinded, leading him to wage a battle against job discrimination with the help of the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union. The couple eventually reached the U.S. Supreme Court with two precedent-setting cases. Michael and Jack have retired from the public spotlight, but after four decades their marriage is still their joy and comfort. Living quietly in a Minneapolis bungalow, they exemplify a contemporary version of the American dream. Only now, with marriage equality in the headlines and the Supreme Court decision to make love the law of the land, are they willing to tell the entire story of their groundbreaking experiences. *TIME* magazine listed the twenty-five most influential marriages of all time and included Michael and Jack, and they were recently profiled in a cover story in the *Sunday New York Times*. Their long campaign for marriage equality and insistence on equal rights for all citizens is a model for advocates of social justice and an inspiration for everyone who struggles for acceptance in a less-than-equal world.

Gary Thomas, bestselling author of *Sacred Marriage*, believes that one word can bring hope, light and life into any marriage: Cherish. "Most marriages survive by gritting teeth and holding on. But marriages can and will not only survive but thrive when husbands and wives learn to cherish one another," Thomas says. And in a world desperate for marriage redemption, the act of cherishing is needed now more than ever. Thomas shows that although there are a countless number of marriages consisting of two people just going through the motions, there are real ways this pattern can be reversed: when husbands and wives learn to cherish one another in proven, loving, and everyday actions and words. Through personal stories and real-world examples, Thomas proves what husbands and wives can begin doing today to turn their marriage around - even a marriage marred by neglect and disrespect. So how do you cherish your spouse? Thomas will show you how going out of your way to notice them, appreciate them, honor them, encourage them, and hold them close to your heart will bring hope, light, and life into your marriage. Also available: Cherish small group video study and study guide, Spanish edition, and more.

Everyone at St. Piran's Hospital is holding their breath... The last thing Dr. Megan Phillips did before leaving St. Piran's was to save the lives of tiny twins: the babies of the man she loved—the man with whom a future was impossible. Now, with Megan forced to come home, back to St. Piran's, she's turning single father Josh O'Hara's world on its head...again! But for these two star-crossed lovers is forgiveness really possible? They've been through so much—will St. Piran's ever really see the wedding they've been waiting for? The wedding of a lifetime....

?A wedding... Two exes... What could go wrong? All promises come at a cost, and Aiden has made many he cannot break. Especially the one made to a man on his deathbed. Take care of our Savannah. Now he must learn to parent a teenage daughter he barely knows... without the benefit of the woman he loves. Once he navigates the two weekends at his best friend's wedding, he intends to embrace the future. Without Emily. Emily may have regrets, but she also has a career and life in Chicago and refuses to pursue a man to another state, no matter how perfect he seems. After watching the implosion of relationships around her, she's learned the art of self-preservation. If she could avoid Aiden, life would be so much easier, but first she has to get through her bridesmaid's duties in her friend's wedding. One where her ex-boyfriend is the best man and his ex-wife is the maid of honor. Both vow to be on their best behavior to avoid ruining their friends' extravagant dream wedding. But saying that final might be harder than they imagined. What would you sacrifice for love?

Expert advice for the perfect wedding day! She's met "the one" and set the date - now she needs your help to plan the big event! The *Everything Mother of the Bride Book*, 4th Edition is completely updated and revised with the latest information you need to get your daughter down the aisle in style. Wedding planner Katie Martin explains everything you'll need to know, including: Planning showers and engagement parties Meeting the future in-laws Navigating sticky situations like ex-spouses and former family members Picking out the perfect dress Knowing when to speak up - and when to keep quiet! Complete with new sections on social media etiquette, this practical guide covers everything you'll need to make sure your daughter has the perfect - and stress-free - day of her dreams.

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