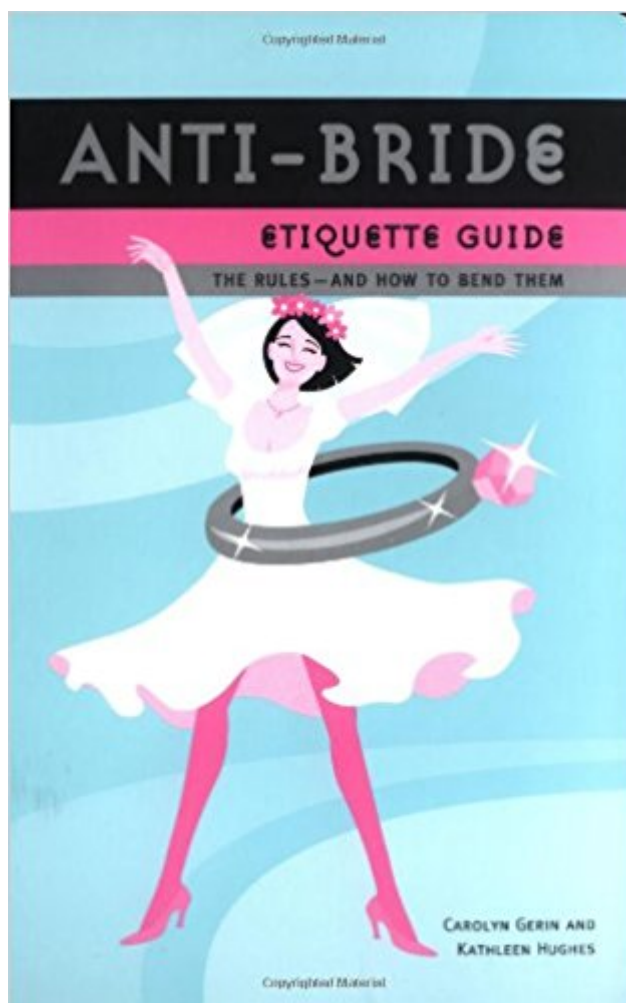


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# Anti-Bride Etiquette Guide: The Rules? And How To Bend Them



## Synopsis

Following the best-selling Anti-Bride Guide and Bridesmaid's Guide down the aisle comes the essential, smart, and sassy etiquette guide for the not-so-traditional bride. This feisty and straightforward advice book fills a huge gap in the wedding etiquette market. A riot to read and packed with bold illustrations, it walks the bride through everything from invitations and seating arrangements to money matters and family feuds. Whether fielding classic conundrums who pays for what or decidedly modern situations the maid of honor is a man Anti-Bride Etiquette Guide offers sensitive advice for skillfully navigating the rough spots. Inventive solutions for dodging outmoded traditions ensure that brides will keep everyone from grooms to grandmothers happy. For the bride who doesn't want to sacrifice the wedding of her dreams or her loved ones' feelings, Anti-Bride Etiquette Guide has the answers.

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## Customer Reviews

Carolyn Gerin is the principle of her own graphic design firm in San Francisco. She is the co-author of Anti-Bride Guide .Kathleen Hughes is a freelance writer based in San Francisco. Turned off by traditional weddings, she discovered her inner Anti-Bride when her sweetie of many years got down on one knee.

The advice in this book is nice, but still very "mainstream". It doesn't provide advice on how to deal with more unusual situations. For example, it doesn't talk about how to deal with explaining why certain family members were not invited to the wedding. It still contains advice that would be

considered helpful to people who still want to have more traditional weddings.

I actually liked this book. It was useful when I needed certain types of information and to help me organize my wedding. I planned the whole thing so this had good checklists to refer to

This book is exactly what I was hoping for. It has great suggestions for for the modern bride who might be paying for most of the wedding along with her groom to be. Instead of old school rules and focusing on stuff one could care less about, like many of the books I have seen or have purchased. Great book and at a great price. It is not the only book one would need, but it is perfect in addition to another guide or organizer.

This is a fun, easy to read etiquette book, but there is nothing "anti-bride" about it. The advice in the book is no different from other modern wedding etiquette books, but it *\*does\** present the information in a fun, youthful way with lots of charts, tables and illustrations. However those who consider themselves "anti-brides" should be aware that this book does push traditionalism and even big spending pretty heavily.

I have recently become engaged, and I'm dreading planning a wedding. I picked up this book because the questions are already beginning, and I was hoping to find some polite ways to tell people to back off. This book does offer some suggestions there, and overall, it helped me become a bit more excited about the process without drowning me in details. I do wish that they had included more than they did in this book. For example, they give some suggested text for invitations. They tell you that "request the honour of your presence" is only to be used for ceremonies held at a place of worship. However, "request the honour of your presence" is used in *\*all\** of their suggested formal wordings. They didn't provide a single example of the etiquette for a formal wording for a wedding held outdoors or in a banquet hall or other non-religious location. Considering that they suggest alternate locations in several places (and even recommend destination weddings as an option, which I found refreshing as I'm figuring on having one), this omission was glaring. There's several other little things like that where I feel a few more pages would have made this book perfect. Still, I do recommend this book. I haven't looked at any other wedding guide or book, and I feel like I have a grasp of what is needed, what obstacles may come up, etc. The tone is terrific, and the structure is easy to follow when read as a whole or in tidbits here and there.

This book, the third in the "Anti-Bride" guide, is an alternative to all the Martha Stewart, cookie-cutter do-it-by-the-book books on weddings. This book is incredibly helpful if you, like me, were the first of your friends to get married. Clueless about how to handle your divorced parents and that black sheep uncle? Do you have to invite your boss you hate? Do you have to invite your friend's evil girlfriend he just met? How do you make a seating chart? What if the bride's parents aren't paying, or the maid of honor is a dude? All of these questions and tons more are answered in this book, and it'll tell you whether your crazy ideas are considered socially acceptable in a modern world (and generally, they probably are.) Special thanks to Jennifer, my bridesmaid extraordinaire and BFF 13 years strong, who bought me this book when my fiance and I were wallowing knee-deep in wedding planning ignorance.

I received this book from a friend as an engagement gift, and was truly happy that I didn't pay my own money for it! I found the title to be pretty misleading. I am planning a small destination wedding, and am planning on forgoing many wedding traditions. I was hoping for some ideas on how to personalize my wedding and make it fun for a slightly offbeat crowd, and almost none of the information in the book pertained to me. Really, this book would be great for someone planning a large, traditional wedding, who needed a little reassurance that things like not doing a garter toss or a conga line were a-o.k. nowadays. I give it two stars because there are a couple of handy references, such as a tip chart for vendors, included.

The problem with Wedding Etiquette is that it's requirements just don't work for everyone. So how do you get around those that don't suit your needs, but still keep your manners? This book is the answer. It tells you which etiquette rules you can break without offending or appearing ill-mannered, and how you can bend others so they work for you, the unique couple. It's also a fun read.

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