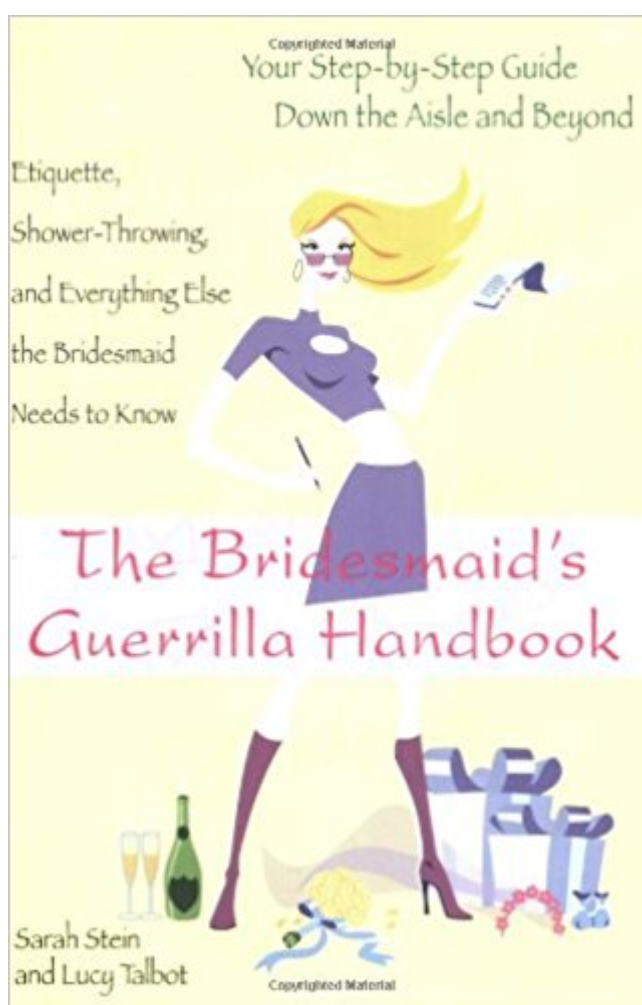


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# The Bridesmaid's Guerilla Handbook: Etiquette, Shower-Throwing, And Everything Else The Bridesmaid Needs To Know



## Synopsis

In weddings as in war, it always helps to be well prepared. With "biting good humor" (Indianapolis Star), *The Bridesmaid's Guerrilla Handbook* leads the bridesmaid through her tour of duty. Armed with this guide full of smart strategies and useful maneuvers, the bridesmaid will feel a little less frantic...and have a lot more fun. Answers the questions: \* Who should give the shower? \* What's expected of me during pre-wedding preparations? \* Am I allowed to object to that hideous dress? \* How much is this going to set me back? \* Can I just say no? Now, the armed bridesmaid can make the most of a harrowing ordeal-from dress fittings, to pink organza, and back to civvies. \* Includes innovative ideas, such as preparing a bridal emergency kit \* Plus worksheets to help limited budgets

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The bride is the commander-in-chief - and you're on the front lines (in pink organza). But how do you know what you're supposed to do? Everyone has advice for the bride - but you're standing around helplessly, wondering... Who should give the shower? How much can I expect to spend? Where do I sit? Where do I stand? When do I walk? What if I trip? What kind of help is expected of me during the prewedding preparations? Do I really have to wear that ugly dress? Can I just say no? In weddings as in war, it always helps to be well prepared. *The Bridesmaid's Guerrilla Handbook* can help you get ready for your tour of duty. It's the one and only guidebook for bridesmaids, full of smart strategies and useful maneuvers to help you feel a little less frantic...and have a lot more fun.

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I gave a copy of this to each of my bridesmaids. I found it a great read when I was recently in a wedding and it helps point out lots of things that just seem to be lost on people these days.

I discovered this book when my best friend was getting married. For my wedding, I bought a copy for my sister (my matron of honor). It is a valuable resource for any bridesmaid, and funny to boot!

I was looking for a book of useful information on being a member of the wedding party, however found only outdated and stereotypical information in this book. The premise of the book seems to be that although it is an honor to participate, being in a wedding is like going to war, which is really a silly comparison. A main theme running through the book is you must forgive the bride of almost anything because she is the bride and therefore not her usual sane and sensible self. But each bride is different and they don't all play toilet paper games at their showers or pick out big, fussy bridesmaids' dresses or fight with their mothers-in-law. After all, this is the 21st century and not the 1950's. However, there was helpful information on different religious ceremonies and the question and answer section was interesting so there were some interesting nuggets of information between its covers. But in summary, this book seems to be stuck in a time warp and does not have in mind the modern bride who has good taste and good manners and displays both from her engagement through to when she has written her last thank you note.

My bridesmaids absolutely love this book. There are some awesome tips inside and it serves as both a comical "thank you" gift and an informative guide.

Once for me and once for my own maid of honor. This book will make sure you know the proper etiquette for every step!

This book seems very dated & a bit sexist. It has a strong underlying message of "being a bridesmaid will get you a man of your own." The excerpts on The Knot's website are funny, but the book as a whole is rather pathetic.

I thought this book would be a fun gift for my bridesmaids. I bought one copy and realized that it was more of an instructional manual with tips on where bridesmaid's stand in the processional etc. (information we will cover at the wedding rehearsal). Other tips include a shower game called "The Clothespin Game," which is so outdated my grandmother must've played it at showers when she was young. Mrs. Cleaver or Aunt Bee would be perfect hostesses for this type of game. I can't see anyone born post 1940 being entertained. Overall this book reads like an outdated Emily Post primer filled with information which is obvious. The title is cute, and had me expecting the book to be cute. The attempt at engaging the reader consists of a series of "war" metaphors. I thought this book would bore my bridesmaids, so I chose not to give it.

I thought this book had a fun title, so I bought it for my maid of honor for my wedding, and then for myself when I was in her wedding. It is not full of all of the practical advice I had expected. This book does have some useful tips, but it is way too light on covering protocol for traditional weddings. It glosses over important points too quickly, without the explanation and emphasis they deserve. Also, it gave some bad advice. It suggested this: if your intended Maid of Honor is married, to make her Matron of Honor, and appoint an additional Maid of Honor! Although I believe in complete flexibility and customization, this was very impractical, and has only led to confusion in my friend's wedding. Also, it seemed to often take a high-society attitude, and to assume that everyone wants an absolutely traditional wedding (I certainly didn't). I want to be guided by tradition, but everything should ultimately be what the bride prefers (barring "bridezillas", of course). I hoped that a "guerrilla handbook" might be in line with these ideas, but it wasn't. I am going to look around for other books. There has to be something better.

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