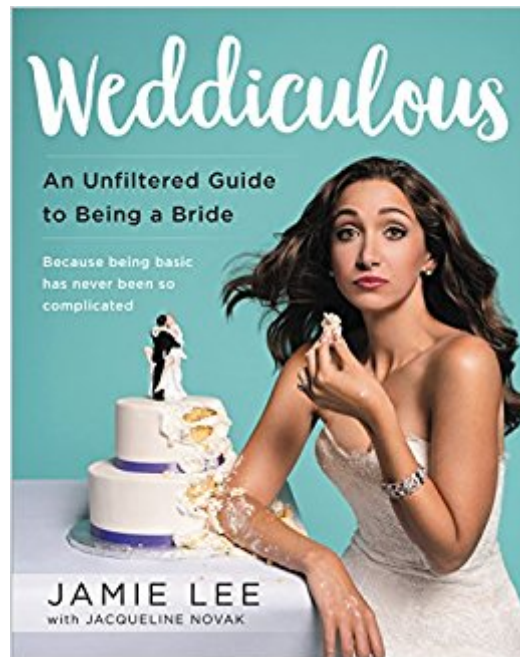




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# Weddiculous: An Unfiltered Guide To Being A Bride



## Synopsis

In this irreverent wedding guide, MTV's wedding planning guru and star of *Girl Code*, comedian and bride-to-be Jamie Lee, offers practical advice and hilarious insights on how to stay sane while planning your "big day." Weddings. What was once a beautiful celebration of a couple coming together for a lifetime of happiness has become a bit ridiculous, complete with the whimsical monogrammed mason jars and unconventional photo shoots. The Epic task of creating that special event can be nightmarish—a dizzying maze of minutiae and seemingly endless choices that might tempt you to say yes to a quickie drive-through chapel in Vegas. But weddings don't have to be stressful. You don't have to give in to the crazy—or give up completely. Famous funny gal Jamie Lee learned much more than she counted on pulling together her own wedding, and in *Weddiculous* she shares her first-hand experiences and hilarious hard-won insights with every girl who just said "yes." Jamie gives you the real low-down, puts the madness into perspective, and walks you through the process step by step in a calm, realistic, and highly entertaining way. *Weddiculous* includes helpful checklists, timelines, and suggestions on everything from what questions to ask vendors to how to handle difficult bridesmaids to what's worth the extra cost (and more importantly, what's not). Throughout, Jamie provides guidance on when you should trust your gut and when you need to listen to others. What Amy Sedaris has done for hospitality and crafting, Jamie Lee now does for weddings. *Weddiculous* will help remind you what's really important about your wedding day: it's just the first day in a long and happy marriage.

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A Q&A With Jamie Lee, Author of Weddiculous Q: What motivated you to write a humorous yet practical guide to wedding planning? A: When I first got engaged, I turned into a social-media psycho where I would flip through The Knot hunting for dresses, take photos of them, and post them to Instagram, asking my followers, "What about this one? Pretty or too dramatic?" A day or two after I announced my engagement, my friend and fellow comedian Jacqueline texted "Congrats!!!" followed by, "That's the book, btw." We'd wanted to collaborate on a book together for some time, so we decided to write a laugh-out-loud book about weddings.

Q: In Weddiculous, you talk about the unrealistic expectations that 'Big Bridal' sets. How would you define 'Big Bridal', and what are some of those unrealistic expectations brides should be aware of? A: 'Big Bridal' is an amalgamation of all of the wedding magazines and blogs available to the newly engaged. The emphasis on 'Details, details, details!' is fear-based and therefore overwhelming. There's an unspoken pressure for brides to show their guests a wedding like they've never experienced before, and to show who they are as a couple through details like mason jars and chair covers, diminishing the beautiful tried-and-true simplicity of flowers, dancing, food, and booze.

Q: Money is a big factor when planning a wedding. How do you address this topic in Weddiculous? A: I actually think some of the "cheaper" options are better than the more expensive ones. For example, I'm a big fan of DJs, not so much live bands. DJs play the song the way you like it and know it. I had a band at my wedding and the way the lead singer put his own spin on 'Shake It Off'; made me want to yell, 'Knock It Off'.

Q: Family is another potential stressor during wedding planning. What's your advice for brides dealing with family drama? A: Stand up for yourself. Tell everyone that you appreciate them so much, but that you will let them know when you need their help. And if someone wants to help out financially, tell them up front that if they want to help pay, that is a very kind and generous gift. But it's just that: a gift. You've never given someone a coffee mug for their birthday and then said, "Now, let me drink out of that whenever I want because I gave it to you!" No, that's not how gifts work.

Q: What was one of your favorite and least favorite things about planning your own wedding? A: My favorite thing was the first time I went to try on dresses. I drove with my mom and my matron of honor to Lewisville, Texas, about an hour outside of Dallas, my hometown. Lewisville is a tiny Texas town with tons of wedding-related stores—from a dress store, to a stationery store, to a cake bakery, to a caterer, all on the main strip. It's literally Wedding Land. I had died and gone to Pinterest. My least favorite thing was fighting with my husband about who would take our photos. That's something that hardly anyone will tell you about wedding planning: You're

going to fight. You won't always know which battles are worth picking, so you'll just pick all of them. You're supposed to be blissfully happy, but instead you find yourself screamsplaining to your husband-to-be that having a random photographer from Texas DOES make sense even though the wedding is in California "because she's the only photographer you've found on Pinterest who has really nailed that rustic, 'we're two hippies wearing flower crowns in the woods' style you love.

I wish I had this book when I got married because it's not one of THOSE bridal books. I mean it's A bridal book but not one of THOSE bridal books. You know what I mean? • (Rachel Bloom, Golden Globe-awarded actress, star of "Crazy Ex-Girlfriend") • Single? Read this book. Engaged? Read this book. Your wedding's next week? Read this book. Getting married in an hour? Read half of this book. • (James Cordon, host of The Late Late Show) • I guarantee you that Weddiculous is the funniest, most honest book about wedding planning anyone has ever written. I devoured this book even though no one wants to marry me! • (Nikki Glaser, stand-up comedian, podcast host, and star of the television series Not Safe with Nikki Glaser) • A helpful guide for soon-to-be brides • practical and hilarious. • (Splitsider) • The book is less must-do, more do-what-you-want, with advice about skipping the stress of color schemes and facing the fact that your big day will not be the best day ever "probably...a helpful hand-up that reads like it's been written by your funniest friend. • (The Phoenix New Times) • Every bride should read comedian Jamie Lee's uproarious and relatable wedding guide, WEDDICULOUS. Filled with practical advice about wedding planning and plenty of personal wit and humor, this unconventional handbook will put the big day in perspective for even the most stressed out bride. • (Bustle)

Jamie Lee is a stand-up comedian, TV writer and actress, and one of the core cast members on the hit MTV show *GirlCode*, as well as the host of *10 Things* on TruTV and the podcast *Best of the Worst*. Jamie has appeared on Conan, Chelsea Lately, The Late Late Show with James Corden, Comedy Central's *@Midnight*, MTV's *Ridiculousness*, John Oliver's Stand Up Show and was a semi-finalist on Last Comic Standing. She has also written for The Pete Holmes Show, E!, Lifetime, and the new Judd Apatow show on HBO, *Crashing*. She currently lives in Los Angeles with her husband and a labradoodle named Dennis.

As a recovering bride, I so wish I'd had Jamie Lee's hilarious guide to help me through the whole stressful, maddening, absurd, and crazy emotional process. This is a perfect gift for any bride to be,

especially if she has a sense of humor.

Super funny. Gave me a realistic voice in my head when I was worried about our centerpieces looking cheap or when picking a dress/venue/catering. The wedding industry is totally out of control and being real about that helped me be more happy with planning.

At this point, I appreciate anything that doesn't make me feel like I'm the one being ridiculous for thinking everything about wedding planning is ridiculous. It's funny, it's personal, I recommend it.

This book is hilarious. There are a lot of books for brides that tell you what you want to hear. This isn't one of them. This one tells you how it really is. A must read for any one who is getting married or has ever been married. Jamie Lee is a hysterical comedian and brilliant writer.

Awesome book! Funny and insightful, everyone (not just brides) will enjoy this entertaining look at the insane world of weddings. Lots of great, realistic tips. Highly recommend this!

As great as you could have hoped from a comedian as funny as Jamie! Perfect pre-wedding gift for any engaged friends or family... or fiancée's

A really fun wedding planning book that reminds you to have fun even though most parts of wedding planning are ridiculous

I didn't agree with some of her advice, but overall it was a very funny book and a nice way to break into planning a wedding.

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