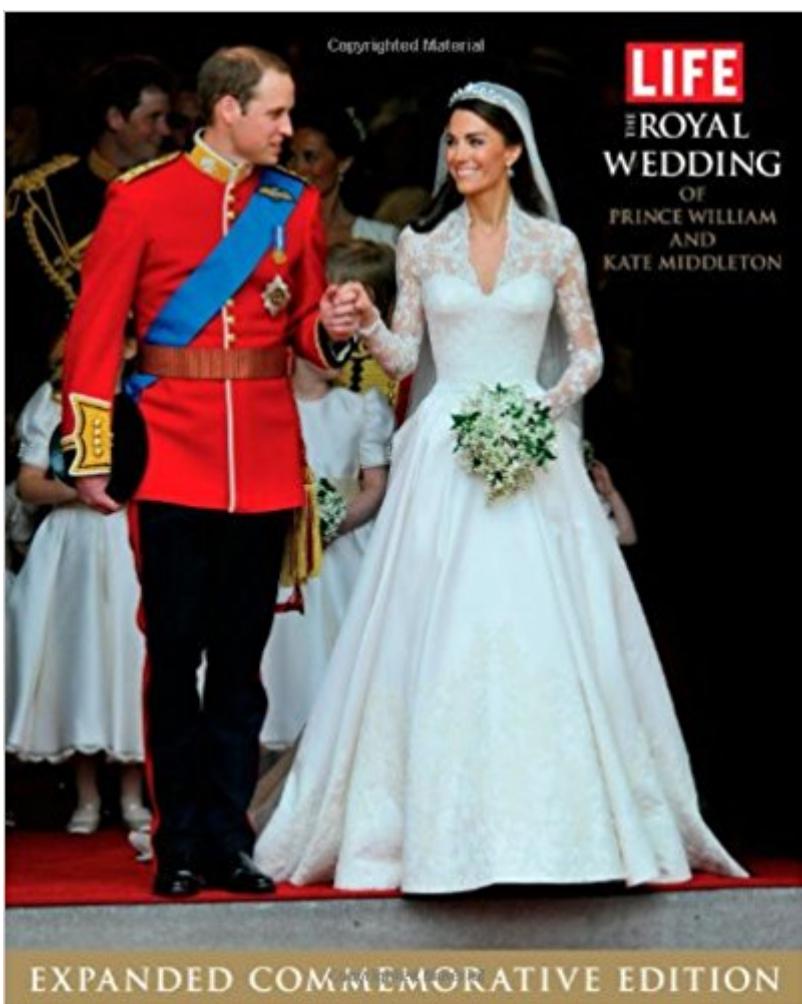


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# LIFE The Royal Wedding Of Prince William And Kate Middleton: Expanded, Commemorative Edition (Life (Life Books))



## **Synopsis**

An intimate account of the Royal couple, featuring breathtaking photos from the April 29th Royal Wedding. LIFE has covered all of the lavish royal weddings since even before Queen Elizabeth II wed in 1947, and of course the magazine documented in splendid, intimate detail the "wedding of the century," that of Prince Charles and Lady Diana, years later. Now LIFE celebrates the royal engagement of Prince William and Kate Middleton. This book includes intimate pictures of William and Kate as they grew to be the splendid adults they are today. The best photographs of royal weddings that have already been, including those of Charles and Diana, Grace Kelly and Rainier of Monaco, Fergie and Andrew, and many others. A detailed look at the Middletons and the Windsors-the latter, royal family dating back to Queen Victoria. Photography from Buckingham Palace insiders, including pictures from Litchfield and Lord Snowdon.

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## **Customer Reviews**

The editors at LIFE vigorously carry on the traditions of excellence in photography, in journalism, and in telling the story of our country and our world which began with LIFE magazine in 1936 by founding editor and publisher, Henry R. Luce. They have published books on a broad range of subjects, including New York Times bestsellers One Nation, LIFE Picture Puzzle and The American Journey of Barack Obama.

As an avid Royal watcher I was very excited to see that Life had put together a Royal Wedding. Although Life is a well respected media outlet I was greatly disappointed in the book I received. For one, the book is 'thin' for a commemorative edition. Secondly there were about 5 pictures of the wedding, making majority of the book about Will & Kate's life leading up to the wedding. If you want a nice collector's edition on this historically epic event I would strongly suggest the commemorative editions of Newsweek, US magazine (one of the best out!!), & TIME magazine. LOTS of wedding photos! Also, their family history & of course their university days. More tastefully done. Bottom line. LIFE is a disappointment & I will be returning my copy.

I preordered this book with great expectations that at least 90% of it would contain pictures from the wedding. To my chagrin, this was not so at all. I think you should include this "little" fact in your description of the book. I am sure that most of the people who ordered this book will be equally disappointed. I may yet return it because it was certainly NOT what I wanted.

This LIFE production was much more appealing than the "Diana at 50." I was thoroughly disappointed in the later, but was pleased with the William and Kate wedding book. It is not strictly their wedding, however, and in fact, only perhaps 1/5 of the book is dedicated to the wedding itself. This did not bother me, as I did not have any specific expectations for it, but I could understand that someone wanting a thorough recap (and many pictures) of the wedding would probably be disappointed with this book. I enjoyed many photos of William that are not regularly circulated, as well as getting to see photos of Kate growing up. I gave only 4 stars, because I felt the writing was lacking and sometime faulty. The writing was much better (in style and content) than "Diana at 50" but was still lacking. There is still an undertone of ridicule concerning all the Royals and all things Royal, aside from William, Harry and Diana, and a glorification of Kate being a "commoner". At times the writing feels juvenile and as if it were a friend talking to you instead of a professional publication. Additionally there is a strange fascination for an uncle of Kate's, without any real information (or relevance!) on him. And finally, there are many, many tidbits of information that are unfounded, inaccurate and speculative, but all being presented as fact. I have found this the case in many other LIFE publications and believe they should do a more appropriate and accurate job of sharing information...not passing personal opinion as fact Overall, I enjoyed the book and am very pleased to have it. I think it is a very nice memento of William and Kate's wedding.

I returned my copy of the soft cover version to the bookstore that went on sale before the wedding

because I discovered that it is the same but without the updated wedding photos in this book, of which there are 32 including the front and back cover. This book is geared more to the lives of the William and Catherine with a brief royal wedding historical synopsis, and I bought it because of Life's reputation. I wasn't left wanting more as some have stated in their reviews because I purchased the wonderful BBC DVD of the wedding, and there is only so much of that one can enjoy. I also knew what this book would be about before I purchased it. However, the disappointing part for me is a slight wavy ripple at the top and bottom of each page reminiscent of a bargain book but with heavier paper. Maybe this only happened to my book, and maybe they hurried it whilst it was still wet or something. It's only a little irritating. The quality of the photos are quite nice, and it's beautifully designed with a readable, larger typeface than most publications these days. I prefer the hardcover edition of anything like this, and, under the dustcover, has a blue paper covering (no cloth) with gold typeface on the spine. I'm not disappointed otherwise, and am quite happy with its price. I'll live with the slight wavy ripple.

The title is "The Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton," so I thought the book would be about the wedding. Except for a few pages, it isn't: it's pictures of Will and Kate's childhood and ancestors. That's interesting TOO, but I wanted a book that was JUST about the wedding. If I'd known what it was actually like, I never would have bought it. I give it two stars instead of one because this is partly my fault for pre-ordering before there was a description, and if I was looking for a book about each of their family histories and how they came together, I think it was pretty okay (though the writing was awkward and unengaging).

This Royal Wedding of Prince William and Kate Middleton book by Life has been published only a few hours after the wedding. One might expect a volume with a large number of paparazzi photo's and a very superficial accompanying text but the contrary is true. The book presents a well balanced text on the past and present of the Windsors, beautifully illustrated by excellent photographs of the past and the present. The 2011 Royal Wedding is therefore placed in the context of the history of the British Monarchy to elicit feelings of satisfaction, admiration and support amongst a vast audience. Absolutely to be recommended!

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social security money are just gone. I never even got to read them once even though I had paid for them. Kindle for the PC would not install on some of our computers, for reasons unknown, so even that was a bust. In is NOT the next best thing!

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