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Royal Weddings (English And German Edition)



Synopsis

Few occasions have the power to thrill us like a royal wedding. This spring, the world watched as Prince William and Kate Middleton exchanged their vows. Both as public events and personal milestones, these ceremonies are storybook endings--and bright beginnings. Whether she carries the charisma of Sweden's Crown Princess Victoria or the allure of Lady Di, each bride is a living fairytale. And on the 29th of April, 2011, Princess Catherine joined the tradition of royal beauties. Of course, we mustn't overlook the royal grooms--every prince from Felipe to Rainier is a legendary knight in arms. Royal weddings provide the opportunity for nations to celebrate their age-old customs. These grand events embody a young couple's love, and a country's faith in its own future.

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Customer Reviews

* This magnificent volume will fascinate all interested by lavish indulgence fit for a king * This richly illustrated volume offers a unique impression of the most spectacular royal weddings --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Wonderful coffee table book with lots of beautiful photos. What is especially interesting, is the inclusion of several "generational" weddings. For example, the book includes the royal weddings of Britain's William/Catherine, Charles/Diana, ElizabethII/Phillip, and Victoria/Albert. The book also includes two generations of weddings for Sweden, the Netherlands, and Spain. And "current" generation weddings of Norway, Denmark and Japan. One rather glaring omission is the wedding of

Prince Albert and Charlene Wittstock. Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly are included, but not Albert/Charlene. That would have made this book more "complete." I would love to see the authors bring out future books that feature "lesser" royal weddings (siblings, other royal relatives). So many countries, so many relatives--their weddings could fill many volumes, and create a wonderful set of treasured books.

I enjoy reading about royalty and this book doesn't disappoint. It is a compendium of select royal weddings and you could classify this as a photographic book. The weddings covered are relatively recent except for several (e.g., King Juan Carlos of Spain). Many photos have not been published in the U.S. so it was fun to see the wedding dresses, guests, some pre-wedding festivities, etc. The book is printed on good quality paper. Each royal wedding has its own chapter and within the chapters there is a brief write up about the wedding -- in German on one side and in English on the other. This book would be a great bridal shower gift or just a fun book to have where you can go back to it periodically and see how royals celebrate weddings.

Beautiful book, not so much text, nice photos. I bought it for the love for wedding photography, but these are more candid photos of the weddings, which was a nice surprise. I enjoy it.

This 2011 Second Revised Edition of "Royal Weddings" features the famous photograph of William kissing Kate, next to the crabby little flower girl on its cover, but theirs is only one of fourteen royal weddings in this beautifully illustrated, oversized book. The others include: Victoria & Daniel (Sweden, June 19, 2010); Carl Gustaf & Silvia (Sweden, June 19, 1976); Haakon & Mette-Marit (Norway, August 25, 2001); Frederik & Mary (Denmark, May 14, 2004); Willem-Alexander & Máxima (The Netherlands, February 2, 2002); Beatrix & Claus (The Netherlands, March 10, 1966); Charles & Diana (Great Britain, July 29, 1981); Elizabeth & Philip (Great Britain, November 20, 1947); Victoria & Albert (Great Britain, February 10, 1840); Rainier & Grace (Monaco, April 19, 1956); Felipe & Letizia (Spain, May 22, 2004); Juan Carlos & Sofia (Greece, May 14, 1962); and Naruhito & Masako (Japan, June 9, 1993). If you are as fond as I am of horses, jewels, and romance, this book is a multi-course feast to be savored rather than gobbled up at one sitting. The official wedding photographs are included, but there are also candid shots taken by various royal relatives. As for the text, the authors don't exactly dish up the royal dirt, but there are usually several telling anecdotes included in the otherwise decorous and romantic narratives. For instance, there were 1,600 journalists at the wedding of Rainier & Grace--more journalists than wedding

guests--and the official palace spokesman suffered a nervous breakdown while trying to handle all of their questions. A public relations man from MGM finally had to take over the task of satisfying the ravenous hordes of writers and camera men. The PR man obviously wasn't yet in charge when the future princess arrived in Monaco after an eight-day sea voyage. A photograph shows her walking down the gangplank, cuddling her poodle, Oliver, while a dismal Prince Rainier trails several feet behind her. Be sure to check out the family tree on page 122 that shows the descendents of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert. All of the royal couples (with the exception of Monaco and Japan) in this book seem to have at least one member who is part of Victoria and Albert's family tree!

Miscellaneous awards:

- Most mouth-watering jewelry: Queen Silvia of Sweden's parure of table-cut pink sapphires, surrounded by diamonds.
- Most complicated wedding costume: Princess Masako of Japan wore twelve layers of kimonos weighing a total of 22 pounds.
- Most unusual wedding entertainment: Prince Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands had orange-colored smoke bombs set off at his own wedding, to commemorate a political protest that marred his parents' wedding day.
- Most beautiful wedding gown: Crown Princess Mette-Marit of Norway's dress was created from over 350 feet of white silk.
- Oddest wedding gift: Alfred Hitchcock gave Rainier and Grace a shower curtain, an allusion to the murder scene in 'Psycho.'
- Ugliest hat worn by a wedding guest: you guessed it--Princess Beatrice's concoction that looked like someone had glued a bunch of gigantic lifesavers to her forehead. She later redeemed herself by selling it on eBay for a whopping \$131,428 and donating the proceeds to charity.

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