WTBBL Book List: Books with Weddings

Dearly beloved, we are gathered here today to talk about wedding books. I vow that I will suggest to you books that contain a wedding, for good and for ill. Do you take these books to be your next reads? I do!

The Wedding People by Alison Espach, 2024. (DB123160)

It's a beautiful day in Newport, Rhode Island when Phoebe Stone arrives at the grand Cornwall Inn wearing a green dress and gold heels, not a bag in sight, alone. She's immediately mistaken by everyone in the lobby for one of the wedding people, but she's actually the only guest at the Cornwall who isn't here for the big event. Phoebe is here because she's dreamed of coming for years—she hoped to shuck oysters and take sunset sails with her husband. Only now she's here without him, at rock bottom, and determined to have one last decadent splurge on herself. Meanwhile, the bride has accounted for every detail and every possible disaster the weekend might yield except for, well, Phoebe and Phoebe's plan—which makes it that much more surprising when the two women can't stop confiding in each other. — description from publisher's website

Save the Date: The Occasional Mortifications of a Serial Wedding Guest by Jen Doll, 2014. (DB079436)

Jen Doll charts the course of her own perennial wedding guesthood, from the ceremony of distant family members when she was eight to the recent nuptials of a new boyfriend's friends. There's the first trip home for a childhood pal's big day, in which she learns that her first love has eloped to Hawaii. There's the destination wedding attended with little baggage beyond a suitcase of strappy sandals and summery party dresses. Regrettably, there is a series of celebrations that mean the end to a valued friendship. Wedding experiences come in as varied an assortment as the gowns at any bridal shop, and Doll turns a keen eye to each, delivering a heartfelt exploration of contemporary relationships. – description from Goodreads

Nothing But Blackened Teeth by Cassandra Khaw, 2021. (DB105453)

A Heian-era mansion stands abandoned, its foundations resting on the bones of a bride and its walls packed with the remains of the girls sacrificed to keep her company. It's the perfect venue for a group of thrill-seeking friends, brought back together to celebrate a wedding. A night of food, drinks, and games quickly spirals into a nightmare as secrets get dragged out and relationships are tested. But the house has secrets too. Lurking in the shadows is the ghost bride with a black smile and a hungry heart. And she gets lonely down there in the dirt. – description from library catalog

Dial A for Aunties [#1, Aunties series] by Jesse Q. Sutanto, 2021. (DB103081)

What happens when you mix 1 (accidental) murder with 2 thousand wedding guests, and then toss in a possible curse on 3 generations of an immigrant Chinese-Indonesian family? You get 4 meddling aunties coming to the rescue! When Meddelin Chan ends up accidentally killing her blind date, her mother calls for her aunties to help get rid of the body. Unfortunately, a dead body proves to be a lot more challenging to dispose of than one might anticipate, especially when it is inadvertently shipped in a

cake cooler to the over-the-top billionaire wedding Meddy, her Ma, and aunties are working. It's the biggest job yet for the family wedding business and nothing, not even an unsavory corpse, will get in the way of her auntie's perfect buttercream flowers. – description from library catalog

The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo by Taylor Jenkins Reid, 2017. (BR024491, DB088665, en español DB121389)

Aging and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for the job, no one in the journalism community is more astounded than Monique herself. Regardless of why Evelyn has chosen her to write her biography, Monique is determined to use this opportunity to jumpstart her career. Summoned to Evelyn's Upper East Side apartment, Monique listens as Evelyn unfurls her story: from making her way to Los Angeles in the 1950s to her decision to leave show business in the late 80s, and, of course, the seven husbands along the way. – description from library catalog

The Guest List by Lucy Foley, 2023. (<u>DB099917</u>, en français <u>DBG19861</u>)

On an island off the coast of Ireland, guests gather to celebrate a marriage. The groom: handsome and charming, a rising television star. The bride: smart and ambitious, a magazine publisher. The cell phone service may be spotty and the waves may be rough, but every detail has been expertly planned and will be expertly executed. But as the champagne is popped and the festivities begin, resentments and petty jealousies begin to mingle with the reminiscences and well wishes. And then someone turns up dead. –description from library catalog

The Wedding Date [#1, Wedding date series] by Jasmine Guillory, 2018. (BR022416, DB090130)

Agreeing to go to a wedding with a guy she gets stuck with in an elevator is something Alexa Monroe wouldn't normally do. But there's something about Drew Nichols that's too hard to resist. On the eve of his ex's wedding festivities, Drew is minus a plus one. Until a power outage strands him with the perfect candidate for a fake girlfriend. After Alexa and Drew have more fun than they ever thought possible, Drew has to fly back to Los Angeles and his job as a pediatric surgeon, and Alexa heads home to Berkeley, where she's the mayor's chief of staff. Too bad they can't stop thinking about the other. – description from Goodreads

The Ghost Bride by Yangsze Choo, 2014. (DB077227)

Li Lan, a young Chinese woman, lives in 1890s colonial Malaya with her father, who returns one evening with a proposition — the fabulously wealthy Lim family want Li Lan to marry their son. The only problem is, he's dead. After a fateful visit to the opulent mansion, Li Lan finds herself haunted not only by her ghostly would-be suitor, but also by her desire for the Lim's handsome new heir, Tian Bai. Night after night, she is drawn into the shadowy parallel world of the Chinese afterlife, with its ghost cities, paper funeral offerings, vengeful spirits, and monstrous bureaucracy. Li Lan must uncover the Lim family's darkest secrets, before she is trapped in this ghostly world forever. — description from author's website

The Unhoneymooners by Christina Lauren, 2019. (<u>BR024578</u>, <u>DB095304</u>)

Olive is always unlucky: in her career, in love, in everything. Her identical twin sister Ami, on the other hand, is probably the luckiest person in the world. Her meet-cute with her fiancé is something out of a romantic comedy (gag) and she's managed to finance her entire wedding by winning a series of internet contests (double gag). Worst of all, she's forcing Olive to spend the day with her sworn enemy, Ethan, who just happens to be the best man. Olive braces herself to get through 24 hours of wedding hell, but when the entire wedding party gets food poisoning from eating bad shellfish, the only people who aren't affected are Olive and Ethan. And now there's an all-expensespaid honeymoon in Hawaii up for grabs. – description from Goodreads

Bride by Ali Hazelwood, 2024. (<u>BR025436</u> – in process, <u>DB118895</u>, en español <u>DB123923</u>)

Misery Lark, the only daughter of the most powerful Vampyre councilman of the Southwest, is an outcast—again. She has been called upon to uphold a historic peacekeeping alliance between the Vampyres and their mortal enemies, the Weres, and she sees little choice but to surrender herself. Weres are ruthless and unpredictable, and their Alpha, Lowe Moreland, is no exception. It's clear from the way he tracks Misery's every movement that he doesn't trust her. If only he knew how right he was. Because Misery has her own reasons to agree to this marriage of convenience, reasons that have nothing to do with politics or alliances, and everything to do with the only thing she's ever cared about. And she is willing to do whatever it takes to get back what's hers, even if it means a life alone in Were territory...alone with the wolf. – description from Goodreads

The Fiancée Farce by Alexandria Bellefleur, 2024. (DB118425)

Tansy Adams' greatest love is her family's Seattle bookstore, passed down from her late father. But when it comes to actual romance...Tansy can't get past the first chapter. Tired of her stepfamily's questions about her love life, Tansy invents Gemma, a fake girlfriend inspired by the stunning cover model on a bestselling book. Yet when real-life Gemma crosses Tansy's path, her white lie nearly implodes. Gemma van Dalen is a wild child, the outcast of her wealthy family, and her inheritance comes with one tiny condition: she must be married in order to inherit. When Gemma discovers a beautiful stranger has been pretending to date her for months, she decides to take the charade one step further—and announces their engagement. – description from author's website

Vision in White [#1, The Bride Quartet] by Nora Roberts, 2009. (BR021633, DB069355)

With bridal magazine covers to her credit, Mackensie "Mac" Elliot is most at home behind the camera—ready to capture the happy moments she never experienced while growing up. Her father replaced his first family with a second, and now her mother, moving on to yet another man, begs Mac for attention and money. Mac's foundation is jostled again moments before an important wedding planning meeting when she bumps into the bride-to-be's brother...an encounter that has them both seeing stars. Mac thinks a casual fling is just what she needs to take her mind off dealing with bridezillas and screening her mother's phone calls, butut a casual fling can turn into something more when you least expect it. – description from Goodreads