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# Something New: Tales From A Makeshift Bride



## Synopsis

In 2010, Lucy and her long-term boyfriend John broke up. Three long, lonely years later, John returned to New York, walked into Lucy's apartment, and proposed. This is not that story. It is the story of what came after: *The Wedding*. DIY maven Lucy Knisley was fascinated by American wedding culture . . . but also sort of horrified by it. So she set out to plan and execute the adorable DIY wedding to end all adorable DIY weddings. And she succeeded. This graphic novel, *Something New*--clocking in at almost 300 pages of humor, despair, and eternal love--is the story of how Lucy built a barn, invented a whole new kind of photo booth, and managed to turn an outdoor wedding on a rainy day into a joyous (though muddy) triumph.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

"[This] graphic-novel memoir from First Second Books follows Lucy Knisley's own decade-long saga toward the altar, as well as her own keen and amusing observations on the marital industry she curated along the way." —The Washington Post

Lucy Knisley is the author and illustrator of beloved graphic novels about memory, identity, food, and family. Her Alex Award-winning graphic novel, *Relish: My Life in the Kitchen*, tells the story of her childhood steeped in the food industry. It was a New York Times bestseller and has been translated into five languages. Her travelogues (*French Milk*, *An Age of License*, and *Displacement*) and web comic series (*Stop Paying Attention*) have been lauded by critics, and her combined work

has built her a devoted readership for her honest and thoughtful true-life stories. Her recent graphic memoirs include *Something New: Tales from a Makeshift Bride*. She lives and works in Chicago, with her new husband.

I went into this being super excited for an off-beat kind of approach to weddings and the "wedding complex" - but, soon enough, I was met with a lot of "normal" stuff that made it a bit hard for me to connect with her tale. Nevertheless, I enjoyed the graphic novel and the events leading up to their nuptials. If you're planning a wedding and looking to reflect on your own wedding and/or events leading up to your wedding, this is a light and easy read. This book pairs well with sunny porches and hoppy IPAs.

I follow Lucy on Instagram and she is so funny and warm, and such a talented individual! I just knew I had to buy this as soon as I got engaged. The wedding world is tough to navigate, especially when you're an alternative-anti-everything-shy bride, like myself. This book is so heartfelt and so beautifully illustrated and written, that it makes you feel as though you're having a discussion with a dear old friend, whom is offering you comfort and advice. Highly recommend for the nerdy or shy bride or groom to be...or for somebody looking for good feels!

I've been a long time fan of Lucy Knisely, so seeing such a talented and hilarious person tackle the wedding industry leaves me more than a little giddy. I'm not in the process of getting hitched, but reading her tales of conflict, humor and eventual acceptance of the oddities that a wedding entails lifted my spirits immensely. I feel whenever my girlfriend and I get to that stage of our lives, I'll be a bit more prepared... maybe. Only time will tell. I more or less devoured this book the day it arrived, relishing (badump tish) in the colorful pages, amusing anecdotes and strange tidbits of wedding history. If anything I highly recommend this book to everyone. Even if you aren't in the market for wedding advice, it's a personal slice of auto-bio comic that invites you into Lucy's life. The only complaint I have lay in my copy of the book having odd smears on certain pages. The colors in panels themselves were fine, but had an occasional gray smudge on the gutters surrounding panels. A bit disheartening, but I'm willing to assume it was a misprint on my copy's part. Nothing too distracting from the main content of the book itself.

I've always been a fan of Lucy's work and her very clean style of drawing. I think what drew me was its similarity to Herge, but this book is an amazingly thick volume, documenting all the events

leading up to her marriage. Peppered with the usual calamities one would expect in a rom-com movie, Knisley IMHO helped to knock the myth of the perfect wedding down a peg and that every wedding no matter what happens is special in its own way and that it's the people who matter. As always, I always look forward to the next book!

I always love Lucy's work. I love how she always includes every detail about food and the weird quirky details few people would notice. I have a very similar view of marriage and reading her account makes me feel like I could ford that river when my time comes (and that I'm not alone in wanting eclectic wedding food). Thanks Lucy! And I can't wait to read your book about your adventures in pregnancy/motherhood. Good luck!

Love this book. Illustrations are amazing.

Gave this to my sister who was recently married and brought back all the memories of my own wedding and how stress free it was, lol. I can't get enough of this artist's comics and this is definitely a happy addition to my Knisley collection

Enjoyed.

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