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The Green Bride Guide: How To Create An Earth-Friendly Wedding On Any Budget



Synopsis

Your Wedding: Beautiful and Sustainable. Just Like Your Marriage The Green Bride Guide has everything eco-conscious couples need to make their event more sustainable. Green wedding veteran and environmentalist Kate L. Harrison offers hundreds of eco-friendly choices in one handy reference. Emphasizing elegance and individual taste, The Green Bride Guide covers all aspects of the big day and beyond. Engagement Location Invitations Bridal party attire Flowers The ceremony The reception Gifts The honeymoon Whether you want to include just a few green elements in your decor or have a carbon-neutral wedding with local organic food and a peace silk dress, you'll find the resources you need to pull it off with panache. And you can plan a gorgeous green event on any budget - Kate offers options in every price category. Paired with a website and complete with vendor worksheets, The Green Bride Guide is an invaluable reference for anyone interested in planning an elegant, exciting, eco-friendly wedding. Say "I Do" and Save The Planet

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"The Green Bride Guide: How to Create an Earth-Friendly Wedding on Any Budget is nothing short of a goldmine of information for any couple. Kate did a fantastic job writing it and deserves mammoth amounts of attention and thanks." - Victoria Everman blog "If you're in the early stages of planning your green wedding, grab this book and read it from cover to cover - you'll be buzzing with eco-inspiration! If you've got just a few months (or weeks, or days!) to go, get a copy anyway and you can dip in and out of the clearly labelled chapters to find the tips you need." - Ethical Weddings Blog "In this book you'll find out how YOU can plan our 'special day' without sacrificing style or the

environment!" - Made by Girl "If you're a green person through and through and in the process of planning a wedding, I'd definitely recommend this book. But, I'd also say it's a helpful resource for the "green" environmentally friendly couple, new to the idea of leading a green lifestyle together or planning an eco-chic wedding. You can't go wrong with showing a little love for the earth! " - WeddingFrantic.com "Kate does a great job of explaining both the why and the how of green wedding planning, and she covers everything from the engagement and bridal shower to the wedding location, transportation, ceremony, reception, food, flowers, and even the honeymoon! I really can't think of a single thing she's missed here." - MissMalaProp.com "Well organized and easy to read, The Green Bride Guide is full of suggestions for every wedding budget. Even though I'm rapidly heading toward my five year wedding anniversary, I still enjoyed reading this book and marveled at how creative Kate is. " - Allie's Answers "Her book is an excellent resource for any couple who wants to plan their special day with fabulous style and without harming the environment." - Sweet Greens "When it comes to creating a green event, it doesn't have to be all or nothing: trying your best is what counts, says Harrison. And The Green Bride Guide will help you do just that." - Intimate Weddings "makes it clear that going green does not have to mean going broke makes it easy to know at a glance what will or will not be realistic. Budget need never be sacrificed to inject a lot or a little green, nor does style, creativity, comfort or fun. simplify the interview process " - BookPage

Kate L. Harrison (Connecticut) graduated from Vassar College with a major in Environmental Conservation and Sustainable Development. After school, she moved to Berkeley, CA, where she worked in environmental education and outreach. She holds a J.D. from Pace Law School and is currently finishing her master's degree in Environmental Policy, Law, and Economics from the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies. She wrote The Green Bride Guide after she and her husband Barry planned their own green wedding in 2007.

This book goes into depth and gives some really good advice that I hadn't even thought of! I've recently taken the plunge into living a green life right around the time that my fiance proposed and this is the first book that I found and I couldn't be happier!

I bought this book to get ideas for my sister's wedding and then I flew on a couple trips. People commented, oh congrats, to me as they saw me reading. Its understated cover apparently got some attention in airports! This book has great ideas varying from VERY crunchy and (IMHO) too stupid

for any real people to actually do, to ideas that are quite feasible and realistic for any bride, even one who doesn't even recycle much!! There are plenty of contacts for different vendors and ideas, all in one place. In the age of the internet, you could certainly find all these things, but this puts it in a compact area. The tone of the writing is effective and congenial.

Bought this book as it was written by an alum of the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies (my alma mater). Fairly helpful for things to think about. I think it's a bit basic and might be more helpful for friends and family or wedding planners for the bride to use to get on board with the reasons that brides and grooms pick or don't pick particular things. A good place to start if you're newly engaged and looking at planning, wedding ideas, where to start. The website is also great - but most of the recommended products are out of my price range.

My rating is for the book as a whole but my review only addresses photography, on which I would rank this book with only ONE star. Full disclosure: I'm a Green Bride Guide certified vendor (photographer). I'm very happy with the information in this book about how to "green" your wedding but I'm highly disappointed with the author's advice about photographers, which is far more concerned with budget than it is with educating brides on green photography. Photography is one of the most critical aspects of a wedding and the photographs and albums that are created not only remind the couple of their highly anticipated day (much of which they miss because they are so busy) but they also become cherished family heirlooms that are passed along over generations. There are many valid reasons for professional wedding photography being so expensive and there are many ways that photographers are becoming more environmentally and socially responsible in their business practices (like my business: [...]). I hope that an updated edition of this book will be released that focuses on these green aspects of photography. By the way, [...] does a better job of this in their green photographer vendor listings where you can see specific green practices that vendors use (though, it too could benefit from updating).

This book gives great ideas on having both an environmentally conscience wedding and honeymoon. I used this book to plan my locally themed wedding.

Amazing. Chock full of ideas and resources for anyone planning a wedding and trying not to break the earth in the process.

The Green Bride Guide is a great read for any bride with an eco-conscious brain. I was able to page through it and use its handy worksheets during my planning process. My favorite part was that it outlined different options and their price ranges. I was hoping that the guide would help me in locating green businesses around me but what was mentioned wasn't near me. Author Kate Harrison does have her website up and running with a few good resources on it but this too needs a face lift. I would recommend this to any green bride and would use it as a good starting point for someone looking for options not answers.

This is a nice primer on green wedding ideas, nicely divided by general topic (the bride, the flowers, reception, etc.) Each chapter is then chock full of ideas and suggestions for making your wedding's footprint smaller. These suggestions range in terms of relatively inexpensive to relatively spendy are marked with \$, \$\$, or \$\$\$ to denote those estimates. Thus you can flip quickly to a section where you might want to improve, and quickly evaluate the options based on budget. There are nice little boxes that note things to particularly avoid or offer more specific discussion on why some choices should be avoided. Overall a wonderful book and proves that you don't need to be super-rich to have a down-to-earth green ceremony and reception.

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