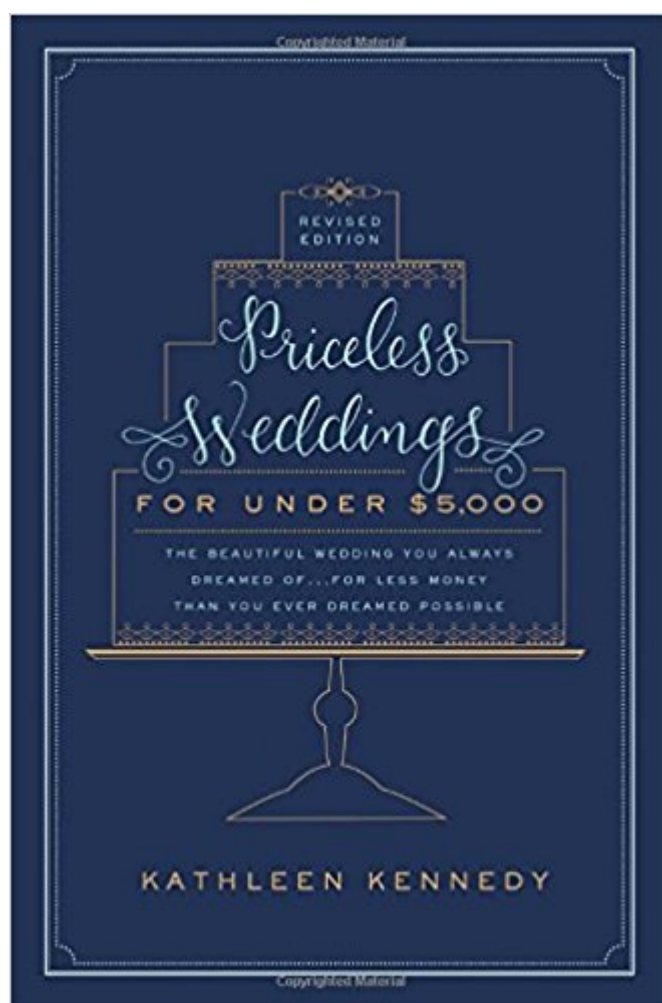


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# Priceless Weddings For Under \$5,000 (Revised Edition): Your Dream Wedding For Less Money Than You Ever Thought Possible



## Synopsis

Become your own budget wedding planner with this classic book—fully revised and expanded to include advice on personalizing your event and using online planning tools. Designing a wedding that is priceless and perfect for you has never been easier. No matter how many guests you hope to invite or what kind of setting you choose, you don't have to take on big debts to achieve your big day. For more than a decade, *Priceless Weddings for Under \$5,000* has helped couples craft unique and meaningful celebrations while saving money on every aspect—even the high-ticket items. Completely revised, updated, and expanded with more than 25% new material, this edition reveals the secrets and resources for planning a wedding like a pro. You'll learn how to make every detail and every dollar count with:

- All-new chapters on envisioning your ideal event as well as using online resources and apps to find the most creative options and the best deals
- A questionnaire to help you decide—as a couple—on your top priorities for the day
- Strategies for making—and keeping to—a budget
- Dozens of unexpected ideas for booking a low-cost venue
- Tactics for negotiating with caterers, florists, musicians, and photographers
- Advice on which elements you can DIY to save thousands (without risking your sanity)
- Menu plans, recipes, and many other low-cost alternatives for the food and drinks
- Tips for finding stylish attire at a fraction of the cost
- Real-life couples' wedding stories, including complete budget breakdowns

*Priceless Weddings for Under \$5,000* proves you can create a celebration that everyone remembers forever, and still end up with plenty of money for the happy future.

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## Customer Reviews

A priceless wedding is one that emphasizes the unique personalities of the couple getting married. "Priceless Weddings for Under \$5,000 proves that you can celebrate the spirit of love, hope, joy, and community -- without spending a fortune. Caterer and event planner Kathleen Kennedy offers insights on how to personalize a wedding inexpensively. She shares her savvy, insider techniques and tips to help couples save money on the many high-ticket items on their to-do list, showing where to cut corners and where to go all out. Included are: \* A questionnaire to help the bride and groom decide on their top priorities Tips on how to find and book a great low-cost wedding site Guidelines on how to determine a budget, and stick to it \* Negotiation tactics for dealing with caterers, florists, musicians, and photographers. "Priceless Weddings for Under \$5,000 covers every single aspect of your special day, including strategies for finding the perfect dress, great ideas for what to serve for the reception, sample wedding vows and readings, innovative decorations and invitations, and ways to incorporate children into the ceremony for second marriages. Throughout the book, inspiring stories of real-life priceless weddings, with complete budget breakdowns, show how resourceful couples around the country created their own unique celebrations. "Priceless Weddings for Under \$5,000 is the ultimate guide for couples who want their special day to live on in memory, not through bills.

Kathleen Kennedy is a wedding planner, chef, and stylist who trained at the Culinary Institute of America and taught at the California Culinary Academy. She has designed and catered weddings and special events ranging in size from 2 to 600. Her award-winning cuisine has been featured in restaurants, catering venues, print publications, online, and on television. For more information and innovative ideas visit [PlanAPricelessWedding.com](http://PlanAPricelessWedding.com).

This book provides a great start for those people doing a wedding on a tight budget. It gives sound advice that can help the bride & groom put together a wedding that is original yet affordable. The

strongest feature is the author's discussions of specific weddings. Each wedding highlighted provides a detailed list of all the wedding expenses and the total wedding cost. The weddings also run from a little under \$2000 to almost \$5000, so it does give a wider, more practical array than other similar books. It gives indepth information on specific items, how they saved money on some items and what they did to make their wedding special. The author also points out how important it is to set priorities in your budget. She gives samples and this notes you should focus your budget accordingly on the items that are most important to you. May seem simple, but it is key to success. Overall, the books is a good starting point for planning the wedding of your dreams without breaking the bank. I would also suggest "How to Have an Elegant Wedding for \$5000 (or Less)" as it has some more practical suggestions as well.

Was concerned at first that this book would be outdated, but found many ideas and tips that are still VERY practical. Loved how it included real weddings and how they saved \$. Perfectly describes step-by-step how to come up with a budget and stick to it. This was very useful!

Excellent advice for creating a great experience without breaking the bank.

The book is called Priceless Weddings not Perfect Weddings. The book is for realistic brides that dont expect to have everything that they want and expect this book will tell you some secret formula. The book gives great ideas to make your wedding unique and makes great suggestions on finding friends of friends or family that will give you a discount. There is nothing wrong with using connections to get a great deal. I had a wedding with over 100 people, it was professionally catered, a professional photographer, a professional florist, a huge professionally made wedding cake, a professional DJ, and it was all under \$5000. Friends and family said we must have spent a fortune and said it was one of the greatest weddings that they had ever attended.

This book was a helpful tool for staying within my budget. There were lots of ideas and alternatives to the traditional \$25,000 wedding budgets.

This book was a total waste of money. The elegant weddings cost so little because the brides have family or friends who provide food, liquor, photos, reception sites, etc. If you have an aunt who is a professional wedding photographer, you probably don't need to spend money on a book that tells you to ask her to take your photos. If you don't have family who can provide these services, or you

don't want to ask your friends to provide a dish for a potluck reception, then do yourself a favor and save the money you planned to spend on this book for your wedding itself. It should receive zero stars.

I didn't think this book was all that great. It did have some good information, but nothing that I hadn't already read on a wedding website or in a magazine. The information contained in this book is useful if you are on a budget, but like I said, you can get the same information on many websites.

While the day is not yet upon us, I know it won't be long before my daughter will be planning the day of her dreams. While I want her to have a day that she will remember forever because of how special it made her feel, we will definitely be on a budget and can in no way compete with all the wedding shows she faithfully watches when she has school breaks on TV! Nor do I want to feel pressured to "keep up with the Joneses". But is it possible to have the "day of your dreams" for under \$5000? I am still going to have to wait to see if my daughter jumps on board with the idea but *Priceless Weddings for Under \$5000* by Kathleen Kennedy has given me the tools to at least consider options rather than my daughter having to work for years to pay off her wedding just like many work to pay off school loans. Perhaps she will be able to work within the budget we allow her? I loved the testimonials in the beginning of the book. So many "how to" books are theory so it is wonderful to know that someone has actually made this work. You may not be able to have a wedding that will be written up in the Post or featured on Four Weddings but I think if you follow the guidelines and prioritize what you really do want, a budget of \$5,000 could be enough. The key, as usual, is who you know. Do you know someone who can make your wedding cake? Take photos? Alter your dress? Is spending thousands on a dress a priority for you or is something more affordable an option? I guess some of the suggestions just won't work for many people but weddings used to be a time when friends and family all worked together to make it happen and be such a special day. If that time has passed, perhaps you won't find much use for several of the ideas. However, personally, I would like to see those days return. Even if you don't have family and friends ready to roll up their sleeves and help with your day, I think reading through the book offers a bride and her family much to consider and covers all the areas of planning the day of your dreams. You won't discover any magical formula but you will find wise options in one place with advice and thoughts given by someone who has more experience than I or anyone else I have access to. I did receive this book free from the publisher in exchange for an honest review and am in no way obligated to write a positive one.

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