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Whether you want your wedding to be just a little bit different or so nontraditional it doesn't feel like a wedding, this book will give you ideas and tips to get your creativity flowing. Through a discussion of wedding traditions and common variations on those traditions, this book will help each couple decide for themselves which traditions they care about and which to throw out. It also gives creative ideas to inspire you to think about how to incorporate your personality and interests into your wedding.

With an eye on budget, *Something Old*, *Something New* will give you valuable information, tips, ideas and suggestions about:

- Setting a wedding budget and sticking to it
- The pros and cons of destination weddings, and tips for success if you have one
- Unique ideas for your wedding registry
- Ideas for personalizing your invitations
- Detailed tips for involving each of the five senses in your wedding ceremony and reception
- The pros and cons of holding an outdoor wedding, and how to deal with unpredictable weather
- Tips for throwing a multicultural wedding
- How to make your wedding more eco-friendly
- Tips for choosing a wedding meal
- How to deal with guests' food preferences and allergies
- Tips for choosing the right flowers for your event
- Ideas for personalizing your reception for exactly the wedding you've always wanted
- Things to keep in mind when choosing a signature cocktail or cocktail menu (it's not as easy as it seems!), plus three crowd-pleasing recipes that are perfect for weddings
- Tips for making your out-of-town guests feel at home
- Ideas for choosing gifts your wedding party will love
- Information on pre-wedding events you may wish to have
- Tips for bachelorette (or bachelor) party planning to pass on to your maid of honor
- Ideas for creative wedding favors that won't end up in the trash
- Tips for choosing a honeymoon destination and activities, even if you and your partner have very different tastes
- 36 ideas for unique locations for shooting your wedding portraits and why you might prefer to wait until after the actual wedding
- And nine photos and first-person accounts by couples or wedding vendors of real nontraditional weddings
 that perfectly fit the couples involved from getting married in a tattoo parlor, to exchanging vows on an
 underwater shipwreck, to eloping on a sailboat, to hosting a cooking class during the wedding reception,
 and more.

The chapters in this book were originally published as articles in *Austin WeddingDay*, *Long Island Bride and Groom*, *San Antonio Weddings*, and *Nebraska WeddingDay* magazines. They have been revised, re-edited and updated for this book, and the real weddings stories are published here for the first time.

Nontraditional doesn't mean breaking from all wedding traditions. It doesn't mean being different simply for the sake of being different. It means having a wedding your way, and doing what is meaningful to you. This book aims to help you figure out how to do just that.

About the author

Leila Kalmbach has published over 200 wedding-related articles in print magazines around the United States, and a total of over 600 articles for magazines and businesses around the world, primarily in the area of health and wellness. She lives in Austin, Texas, and is a graduate of Reed College.



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