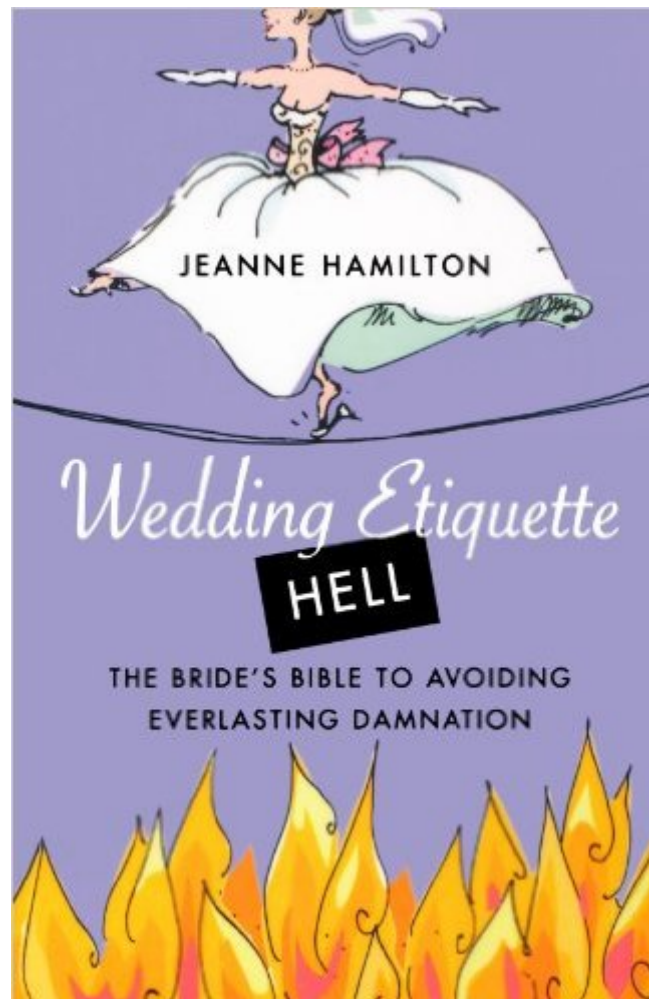


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Wedding Etiquette Hell: The Bride's Bible To Avoiding Everlasting Damnation



Synopsis

Covering such wedding staples as attendants, invitations, registries, showers, the ceremony, the reception, and thank yous, Etiquette guru Jeanne Hamilton will give numerous examples of bad etiquette that should be avoided at all costs, such as:-No bride owns the calendar. Insisting that everyone within your acquaintance had not dare schedule their wedding anywhere within a six month time period labels you as a classic Bridezilla. -Sponsored wedding, at which vendors who donate their services are offered the opportunity to put their logos on various wedding related paper products. -It is never wise to make bridesmaid offers while in the grip of fluttery, just-engaged emotions. You may have to rescind those offers later when you realize you were just a bit too hasty. Once having made the offer, it is extraordinarily ungracious to rescind it, unless you want a seething friend or sister using your engagement photo as a dartboard. -Enclosing a blank deposit form for a bank account bearing the names of the bride and the groom with the invitation. And much more! This is a hilarious exploration of how weddings can literally drive people mad.

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Customer Reviews

Clearly from many of the reviews I've read here, many of her sychophantic minions from Etiquette Hell have written their own "reviews" to bolster sales of their mascot's book. There is nothing in this book that cannot be read for free from your public library. Jeanne Hamilton is too full of herself and mean spirited for my taste and many of the tales are just a retelling of what has already been posted on her website. Some of the stories are quite old and can be looked up online and read for free. Save your money towards your wedding instead of wasting it on buying an unnecessary book.

Wedding Etiquette Hell contains stories of supposedly bad wedding etiquette from the editor's well-known Etiquette Hell website. The book started off great, but then I got to the one that purported to show "bad taste" but which in reality was a smug, very subtle put-down of a non-WASP tradition. Soon I realized that many of the stories Ms. Hamilton chose from her website for this book aren't actually poking fun at individual foibles but at other cultures and peoples. It's all coded bigotry - bigotry against men, against non-WASP cultures, against non-Americans (especially the English - oh how does she loathe the English), and even against the poor. It's really unsettling to find so much coded bigotry in a book purporting to be about avoiding bad taste. I mean, laughing at people who do stupid things is fine, but laughing at them because they don't fulfill the unspoken expectations of the rich, white, American elite? I can't think of anything less funny, or in worse taste. The sad part about this is that the coded bigotry in this book could (and probably does) leave people thinking that good manners have more to do with contempt for other people than about not treating other people badly. Miss Manners does it better and without the undercurrent of contempt: she's funnier too. I hardly have to add that this book doesn't actually give any advice that a bride could use: it's mainly just "point a finger and laugh at the stupid men/foreigners/poor/English; aren't we smug white female Americans better and smarter than they are?".

Wow. I was a huge fan of her site and facebook page along with her books. But then I read a few links on her and seen how hateful she has become and how rude she really is. Check out her forum announcements in her forum, [...] for the few remaining posts. She deleted most of the others. Search for Ehelldame to read her own responses. Edited to add, her website [etiquettehell dot com](http://etiquettehell.com) forward slash smf Also check out this link on her views, google It's polite to blame the victim from within this mind. First on the results. I will no longer recommend her books or site.

This book is nothing more than mean spirited, bigoted commentary. Throughout her internet history, Ms. Hamilton has been shown to be a condescending, rude, egotistical woman and this shows in her novel. As others have said, both in this book and on her webpage, if you are not a white, straight, Christian female of the upper class - you are doing it wrong. Stories of her mocking foreign and domestic traditions both display her level of egotism and superiority complex. I hope people from outside the country don't read this book, written by a supposedly "etiquette expert", and think this is how we perceive cultures other than our own. This book will add nothing to your wedding planning and will only make you sad that Ms. Hamilton got published in the first place.

This is not a guide, it's a collection of wedding horror stories other people have submitted to the author's website. You can read those stories for free. The author's attempt at wit falls far short of the mark...she comes across as a mean-spirited boor. For real wedding advice, pick up Peggy Post's updated edition of Emily Post's Wedding Etiquette instead.

I was shocked when I read the "most helpful" reviews listed for this book because I am an avid devotee of etiquettehell.com and I seriously reconsidered my purchase despite looking forward to reading this book for some time. I took the allegations against Jeanne Hamilton seriously although I couldn't fathom they were accurate as I would never spend time on a website administered by such a hateful, elitist snob. HOWEVER, I could be wrong, so I definitely wanted to read the book regardless to find out if the charges were substantiated, and if indeed Jeanne Hamilton is hiding a hideous persona that somehow the website conceals but the book reveals. I take reviews seriously and finally decided I needed to judge for myself as to the allegations of racism and elitism. Having read Wedding Etiquette Hell at long last, I see Bridezillas are the authors of those reviews. Any time ethnicity or cultural traditions are mentioned in the book, it is when money grubbing entitlement practices are being discussed. If I am wrong about this, and there are in fact reproducible passages in the book that can be quoted in a future review, please do so. I see that did not occur in the scathing reviews, but my inferences of where the allegations arise from are absolutely accurate, I am positive. Bridezillas HATE this book, lololol. I found it hysterical and dead-on accurate. Sickeningly so!!! I recommend this book for all wedding party members who have any integrity whatsoever, but it will be wasted on those who have none and will write negative reviews after having been exposed to themselves through the book lololol. Matrimony for the money --- how much of the divorce rate occurs from that TRUE motivation for marriage.

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