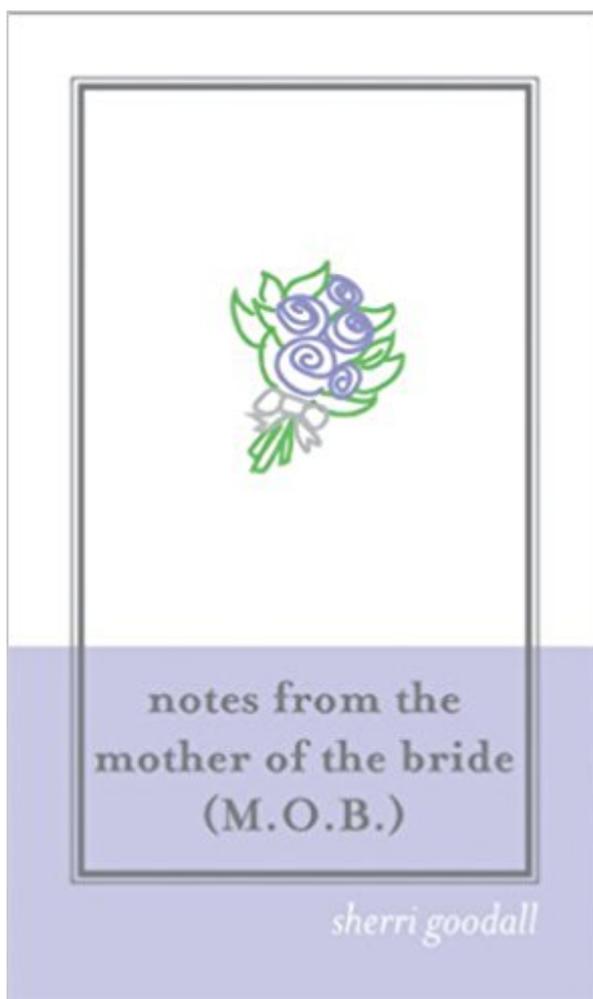


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Notes From The Mother Of The Bride (M.O.B.), 2E



Synopsis

The Mother of the Bride's Essential Guide You may be producing the largest party of your life, so here's the magic formula that allows you to remain sane and sensible, both during the planning process and on the great day itself. Professional event planner and wedding day veteran Sherri Goodall guides you through it all, including:--Advice to save your sanity--The Ten Commandments for the Mother of the Groom--Checklists and tips, plus a bonus section of Really Useful Tips!--Worksheets for budgeting and organizing it all Know the secrets of:--When to speak up, when not to--Surviving the guest list--Staying on good terms with the bride

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Customer Reviews

Sherri Goodall knows from whence she speaks. She owned a party store for several years in Tulsa and was a sought-after party planner. The ultimate test came when she planned her daughter's wedding in 1994. Utilizing her creativity to the maximum, she unearthed the most efficient and effective ideas and resources necessary to produce a wedding unique to the bridal couple...a wedding with panache, dazzle, sophistication, and originality. Goodall was among the wedding-planning veterans on wedding details.com. Her expert M.O.B. advice was sought by hundreds of inquiring brides, their moms, their grooms, and others concerned with the M.E. (the Main Event). Goodall is the Editorial Advisor and a Contributing Editor for Oklahoma Bride Magazine, which debuted in January 1999. In August of 1998, Goodall became a M.O.G. (Mother of the Groom) and found that she could wear beige, but keeping her mouth shut was a stretch. (There is a well-known maxim among wedding literati that mothers of the groom are expected to wear

beige and keep their mouths shut.) Goodall is a freelance writer, specializing in travel. Her articles have appeared in several publications including Departures, Travel News, Nostalgia, and Tycoon magazines. She writes for Tulsa People, Tulsa Kids, and Tulsa Woman. A grandmother of three, Goodall has written several humorous essays on grandmotherhood, which have appeared in 50 Plus, Metrofamily, 55 and Better!, and Senior Magazine, to name a few. "I have ridden elephants in Chiang Mai, tuk tuks in Bangkok, hot-air balloons over Kenya, camels in Eilat, rafts on the Colorado River, the Eastern Oriental Express through Malaysia, cabs in reverse in Mexico City (when the transmission ran in one direction only-reverse)," says Goodall, "but the most thrilling ride of all was the one in the elevator down to my daughter's wedding!"

The Challenge My work is cut out for melt's ninety degrees in Oklahoma. The special candy from New York is being shipped. "Dry ice in October...what, are you crazy?" from the mouth of the C.O.W. (Candy-Maker of the Wedding). So it goes. I continue to write and laugh in hopes that this little tome will provide a few sorely needed chuckles and lots of helpful advice for other M.O.B.s.

Several of my friends who had read the book raved about how funny it was and how they referred to the book several times during the wedding planning process. Since none of them were able to locate the book, I decided to buy my own copy. The author definitely has a very comical, easy to read style of writing. I enjoyed reading the book and have now loaned it to my friend who is the mother of the bride. Is it the best wedding planning book out there? Probably not, but none the less there were some valuable points that I have gleaned from the book. If you want some comic relief while undergoing some stressors involved with wedding planning, then by all means, buy this book.

Was not what I expected, or needed- I thought it would be a planner for the mother of the bride!

This book is a winner; all Moms I gave it to loved it and I would highly recommend it to anyone contemplating a stint as a M.O.B.!

What a brilliant little book. I loved it, loved it! Why? Humor and sage advice, that is why. Amidst life stresses laughter is the saving grace. Her 10 Commandments for the M.O.G., mother of the groom, and the F.O.B., father of the bride, are priceless. I recited them to my husband and there was shock and whining about #4. "Thou shalt not expect an invitation to the bachelor party; thou shalt not grumble and whine about it." These things simply must be said. Then the glorious #7 " Thou shalt

understand fathers never truly "give their little girl (aka the bride) away." The sage advise for the M.O.G.? "Thou shalt not expect a postwedding, next morning phone call from thy baby boy." and the very reasonable #8 "Thou shalt ferry thy son to the altar in one reasonably sober piece, especially if there has been a bachelor party the night before." Above and beyond the humor there is such heart in this little gem. The author and her husband did such beautiful heart felt things for their precious child, and we are inspired to do the same. Amidst the whirlwind, "the F.O.B. did a splendid thing: he invited B. to a weekend get-away for a prewedding father-daughter meaningful experience...there is very little room, if any, during the plan-a-thon for fathers and their little girls about to become brides to have alone time. My bride-to-be and my husband went to an island, walked on the beach, reminisced and allowed me my last sane weekend." There is such heart in this book that other mother of the bride books miss, skirt, or perhaps simply do not care about at all. A wedding isn't just having everything together, it is about coming together in heart and spirit. What gentle, great, bonding can you do that takes an event and makes it so much more? How do you fit in the loving, personal memories? This couple did such loving, thoughtful, gracious and bonding things with the daughter. Thus I am inspired with tools I would not have thought of before and for that I am truly thankful. Sweet M.O.B., for example, took her daughter and the bridesmaids for a day at the spa, another sweet bonding experience...some time out. A day of sharing, laughter, and relaxation. Brilliant! Personally, I did not know about a bridal gown mecca in New York called Kleinfeld's but I do now. My daughters and I are planning on making a weekend of New York, bridal gown shopping at Kleinfeld's, mother daughter photos sessions, Broadway plays. It will make a beautiful memory in the Book of Life. I would never have thought about it had I not read this book. This woman has class, laughter, love and inspiration flowing in her veins. I want to give my daughter more than a wedding and if you do too, then buy this gem of inspiration and sanity. Amidst all of the things that will make you laugh and cry there are short "grayed in" spots of vital information. Order extra boutineers, flowers,...have an emergency kit for the wedding, needles, thread, bandaids...wear your shoes a lot before the wedding, break those suckers in so that the wedding party is not crippled, hobling and wounded by nights end. Ms Goodall reminds the M.O.B. constantly that her mantra must be, "Whose wedding is this anyway?" It is your daughters and this book simply is a gem to help you arrive at the 1st anniversary sane, happy, with beautiful heartfelt memories, and a lot of laughter. I smile everytime I think about this book, and Sherri Goodall's sweet, heartfelt, loving, great, jovial advise. Where else can you go to get such advise as The Big Picture, or Trying to stay focused while flinging away money? If I have a choice between laughing or crying myself through this event, please Lord, let me laugh and Sherri Goodall has been my saving grace.

This is the best how-to that I have found to date - it is complete, covers every "if" - I am giving it to my friends whose daughters are getting married to avoid some pitfalls and headaches. Be sure to promote it as much as you can...- thanks Ms Goodall - Mexico City

Witty and charming, the advice should help me and my daughter plan a wedding we both love. The fear of failure is removed and the fun of planning and dreaming is kept. Can't wait to put it all to use.

I witnessed Sherri's skill first hand, she knows of what she speaks, or writes in this case. The ultimate guide to planning the perfect wedding

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